



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Our Fifth Decade

Tony Jackman, Convenor

We must be doing something right! Despite the tragedy of September 11, the demise (and apparent rebirth) of Ansett and the related troubles with Traveland, the 2002 Gold Coast Congress has again a record entry.

This, the 41st Congress, will be our fourteenth at the **ANA Hotel** and our second with another great hotel, the **Gold Coast International**. All possible first class space is in use at the ANA while extra room has been booked for the teams at the GCI. All the Senior and Restricted events will take place at the GCI - everything else will be played at the ANA. A new event, the Seniors Pairs, along with an expanded Restricted Pairs (now 0-299 masterpoints), has been added with the same timetable as the Open Pairs.

To all the field, old friends and new,

Aussies, Kiwis and Poms and those from other exotic spots, I extend a warm welcome. Great to see the English Bridge Union's representative team back for another go at the title. This year it is Bill Hirst/John Hassett and Howard Melbourne/Mike Pomfrey. They're looking to do better than their cricketers.

On the hospitality front we look forward to sharing a drink with as many as possible through the event. The sites will be the Tilba rooms (2nd floor, ANA) and, at the GCI, the Moreton Room, also on the second floor. Come along following the afternoon session of play on the appropriate day shown. To break up the numbers try, as best you can, to make your visit as indicated.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Captain's Name</i>
Sunday	A to C
Monday	D to J
Wednesday	K to Q
Thursday	R to Z

Laurie Kelso heads our directing team and Kim Ellaway our admin. I'm confident they will provide a great Congress. Happy Bridging to everyone - I'd like all your suits to break and finesses work (except against my team). Go to it.

Tuesday Night Seafood

Smorgasbords at Café Carinya, ANA or Patio Restaurant, GCI.

If you plan to attend you need to purchase your ticket from Gerald Schaaf or Noeline Rossiter at their function desks at the ANA and GCI. \$27 per person (subsidised to about \$10 by the Congress) includes a glass of wine. Tickets are not transferrable between the two venues and numbers are limited at both venues.

Please arrange to arrive between 5 and 6pm so that you can easily return to the bridge tables for the 8pm start.

Paid your entry fees?

If not, please go directly to the **Functions Desk** at either the ANA or the GCI and settle up with either Gerald or Noeline, by Sunday.

Dinner / Dance

Saturday night, 7.30 for 8 pm

If you plan to attend you need to pick up a table-list from the Functions Desk at either the ANA or the GCI and return to them asap for best table selection.

Dinner/dance attendance is complimentary if you have played in both pairs and teams. If you have played in one event only, admission is \$30, or \$60 if you have played in neither. Payable in advance to Gerald or Noeline. Tickets are **not transferrable**.

Bridge Teachers

The Teachers' Seminar at the Gold Coast Congress will include talks by some of the visiting international players, on topics of interest for you both as players and teachers.

Sat **7 to 7.30** Complimentary Drinks & Carinya Walk-in Prs

Gold Coast Pairs (Senior & Restricted Pairs at GCI)

Sun **1.30 & 8 pm** **Qualifying 1 & 2**

Mon 10am Teachers' seminar with Joan Butts and PO Sundelin. \$5.

Tue **1.30 & 8 pm** **Finals Rds 1 & 2**

10.30 - 12.30 Teachers' Seminars on 4th floor
Lorraine Harkness & Mike Pomfrey. \$5.

1.30 **Finals Rd 3**

5.30 pm Carinya Buffet dinner, tickets from Level 2

Gold Coast Teams (Senior & Restricted Tms at GCI)

Tue **8 pm** **Swiss Rds 1 & 2, 2 x 14 bds**

Wed 9.15 Walk-in Pairs (\$10)

10 am Directors' workshop on 4th Floor

1.30 & 8 pm **Swiss Rds 3 - 6**

Thu **10.30 & 3.30** **Swiss Rds 7 - 10, don't sleep in**

9 pm Semi-finals start, night off for the rest of us

Fri 10 am ? Semis continue

12.30 **Swiss Rds 11 & 12, finishing at 5 pm**

1.30 ? Final starts

8 pm Vu-graph, last 20 boards of final

Sat **9 to 9.30** **ANA Shield starts, walk-in, 9.30 cut-off**

7.30 for 8 pm Dinner/Dance

"Play Bridge"

A Workbook for the Absolute Beginner

to be launched by its author, **Joan Butts**, QBA Official Bridge Teacher

Monday 18th Feb in the Tatiara Ballroom, 2nd Level ANA

10.00-10.30 am

tea & coffee provided. Guest speaker is **PO Sundelin**, well-known Swedish player & teacher

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Numbers game

	00	01	02
Open Pairs	302	325	248
0-149 Pairs	38	70	113
Senior Pairs	-	-	73
Open Teams	260	175	189
Senior Teams	-	51	50
0-299 Teams	-	59	60

No, the Pairs isn't shrinking. In fact, numbers have gone up from 370 to 395 to 434 pairs. Likewise, it's record numbers (300) in the Teams.

A few changes

The new event is the Seniors' Pairs, at the GCI. Remember, all Senior and Restricted events are at the GCI.

For the first time, Martin Willcox is in charge of the scoring, taking over from Reg Busch. Qualifying for the Pairs events will be **across the field**.

Olympic News

The luge, biathlon and curling are weird enough but do we have to have bridge as well? Hard to imagine portly American bridge



Sponsoring Restaurants

Carinya section winners get dinner for two at one of these:

Bavarian Haus	Cavill / GC Hwy	5592 0882
Beachhouse Café	Esplanade/Hanlon	5531 5666
Bites	Orchid Ave	5538 8931
Carinya Café	ANA Ground floor	5579 1000
Costa D'Oro	27 Orchid	5538 5203
D'Arcy Arms	2923 Gold Coast Hwy	5592 0882
La Paella	3114 Gold Coast Hwy	5527 5940
La Rustica	3118 Gold Coast Hwy	5570 1153
Patio Seafood	GC International	5592 1200
Royal Thai	Centrepoint 3290 GC Hwy	5538 0205
Rusty Pelican	Elkhorn / Orchid	5570 3073
Search & Rescue Club	Mark Centre, Orchid Ave	5526 8500
Tandoori Place	GC Hwy/Trickett	5592 1004
Waves, Watermark Hotel	3032 Gold Coast Hwy	5588 8333

players marching proudly behind the stars and stripes, alongside finely tuned athletes. Apparently it's going to happen in Turin in 2006.

Australia competed in the IOC bridge event at Salt Lake City and actually led early on, fading to finish at the bottom. In a surprise, Canada defeated Poland in the final, having accounted for world champs Italy in a semi. France won the Women's.

Canadians also did well in the recent NEC Cup in Tokyo, losing narrowly to the "English" team of Brian Senior, John Armstrong, Pablo Lambardi and Brian Callaghan.

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