



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Teams starts tonight

There are around 300 teams in the three events which start tonight, spread over two venues.

Here are just some of the more favoured line-ups:

Beauchamp - Fordham, Antoff - Simpson. Strong favourites for Loss of Grace early on.

The 5-person *Noble* team. I'll bet Prescott is taking to Polish Club like a duck to ice-skating.

Ziggy's six, with Ash in and Burgess on the outer.

The *EBU* team, though 18 holes before breakfast can take its toll.

Finish of the Pairs

The final is close at two-thirds distance. At the close of play on Monday, Englishmen Howard Melbourne and Mike Pomfrey snuck into the lead for the first time. Second and third are/were Tony Nunn - Michael Wilkinson and Colin Baker - John de Ravin, soon to be teammates. Menacing in fourth are last year's winners, Tom Jacob and Richard Jedrychowsky.

Here's a neat game:

Final 1, Bd 7

S/Both ♠ 6 5 3
♥ K Q J 9 8
♦ 2
♣ A Q 3 2

♠ Q J 10 7 4 ♠ A K
♥ A 7 4 ♥ 10 5 3
♦ A K 10 4 3 ♦ J
♣ — ♣ K 10 9 8 7 6 5
 ♠ 9 8 2
 ♥ 6 2
 ♦ Q 9 8 7 6 5
 ♣ J 4

West plays 4♠ on the ♥K lead. Simplest is to ruff two diamonds with the ♠AK, using club ruffs as entries. Then the 3-3 spade break sees you home. (Could also have spades 4-2 with the long spade hand having 4+ diamonds).

It's plausible to try to cash both top diamonds before cross-ruffing but the 6-1 break kills you. Unlucky because it looks a slightly better line.

An alternative is to duck the lead then cross to the ♠A to run the ♦J. Draw trumps while ruffing two clubs. This reduces the West and South hands to diamonds, allowing declarer to exit a low diamond at trick 11 from K-T-x. Deep.

Tuesday Night Seafood

Last chance!

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.

Hold the top suit in reserve

Final 1, Bd 13

N/Both ♠ 8 5 4 3
♥ 5
♦ K Q 8 6 4 2
♣ A 2

♠ Q ♠ K J 10 9 7 6 2
♥ J 10 8 6 2 ♥ Q
♦ J 7 5 ♦ —
♣ K Q 8 4 ♣ J 10 9 5 3
 ♠ A
 ♥ A K 9 7 4 3
 ♦ A 10 9 3
 ♣ 9 7

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 No 4♠ ?

South should double then decide whether to raise 5♦ to six. It's too committal to bid 5♥ directly.



Why not converge on the Crown, midway between the ANA and GCI.

50% discount on drinks 5-8 pm
Monday - Friday.

Special \$15 bridge meals.

Crown Towers, 5-19 Palm Avenue.

Gold Coast Pairs

Tue 1.30 **Finals Rd 3**
5.30 pm Carinya / Patio 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
10 pm ? Speedball !
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

Strangely, it's more of a problem if East opens 3♣. Now it's more tempting to simply bid 4♥ for -100, because you don't fancy bidding 5♥ over partner's possible leap to 5♣.

Final 1, Bd 26

E/Both ♠ 4
 ♥ Q10 9 6 3 2
 ♦ 6 4
 ♣ Q J 4 2

♠ 10 6 3 2 ♠ 8 5
 ♥ A K 7 ♥ J 8 5 4
 ♦ A 10 ♦ Q J 9 7 3
 ♣ K 9 7 3 ♣ 8 5

♠ A K Q J 9 7
 ♥ —
 ♦ K 8 5 2
 ♣ A 10 6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		No	1♠
No	?		

Most North's will bid 1NT then South will have a crack at 4♣. The best spot is 3NT by South, cold on any lead if you pick it. It's a good hand for a strong club system.

West cashes a top heart then exits with a spade. Declarer cashes some of these then plays a club to the jack. West has to duck this but then ♣A-another does the trick.

4♣ is also interesting. Again West leads a top heart. Declarer ruffs, draws trumps then tries the same gag in clubs. So long as East keeps four diamonds, the defence has no problems.

On to the last board:

Final 1, Bd 27

S/Nil ♠ Q10 7 5 4
 ♥ 5
 ♦ J10 9 8 2
 ♣ Q 9

♠ A 9 6 2 ♠ 8 3
 ♥ A10 9 8 4 ♥ K J 2
 ♦ A 5 3 ♦ Q 7 6 4
 ♣ 8 ♣ J 4 3 2

♠ K J
 ♥ Q 7 6 3
 ♦ K
 ♣ A K 10 7 6 5

A common spot was 3♥ doubled on the ♣Q lead. Leigh Gold made it against Ash and Ish.

After club-club, declarer ruffed and played ♠A-another. South won and led another club, ruffed again.

A spade was ruffed with the ♥K as South pitched the ♦K. Ish ruffed a

low diamond off table to lead another club. Declarer ruffed again then led the ♦A in this position:

♠ Q
 ♥ 5
 ♦ J 10 9
 ♣ —

♠ 9 ♠ —
 ♥ A 10 ♥ J 2
 ♦ A 5 ♦ Q 7 6
 ♣ — ♣ —

♠ —
 ♥ Q 7 6
 ♦ —
 ♣ 7 6

Ish ruffed the ♦A and returned a trump but the last trump squeezed North for +530.

Well done but South can shoot it by pitching a club on the ♦A. Declarer will ruff a spade with the ♥J but South can overruff and lead the last club which brings partner's singleton ♥5 into play!

Going back a few tricks, West can succeed by ruffing a spade with the ♥J. South can overruff but the same squeeze still works.

Declarer can make on an initial trump lead but it's tough. Surprisingly, there's no play on the ♦J lead. How do I know all this? I just ran the hand through **Deep Finesse**.

Some people live for hands like this:

Final 2, Bd 3

♠ K 6 2
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ K Q J 8
 ♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ J 3 ♠ Q 10 5 4
 ♥ J 10 9 3 2 ♥ 7 6 5
 ♦ 7 3 ♦ A 10 5 4
 ♣ Q 10 8 4 ♣ K 3

♠ A 9 8 7
 ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ 9 6 2
 ♣ A J 9

South's 12-14 (or 14-16) notrump is raised to game. West leads the ♥J and declarer has chances in three suits. Say you win the ♥A, drive out the ♦A and win the heart return in hand.

You can fiddle about in the minors but to make the hand you have to make three spade tricks. Run the ♠7 from hand. Next time the king pins the jack allowing a finesse against East's queen. A classy intra-finesse.

Who made it?

Can your methods handle this:

Final 2, Bd 5

♠ A 9 ♠ 8 6
 ♥ 3 ♥ A K Q 10 9 7 6
 ♦ K J 9 3 ♦ 10
 ♣ A K Q 9 5 3 ♣ 10 7 4

Wilkinson Nunn
 3NT

6♥!

3NT showed some solid suit and Michael guessed it was hearts. At many tables, East would have open 4♥ without a care in the world and West would have agonised before passing.

Surround play

Final 2, Bd 12

♠ A K 10 4 2
 ♥ A Q 9
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ 8 5 4

♠ Q J 9 8 ♠ 7
 ♥ J 8 4 ♥ K 3 2
 ♦ A 7 ♦ K 10 9 8 5 4
 ♣ K Q J 6 ♣ 9 7 3

♠ 6 5 3
 ♥ 10 7 6 5
 ♦ J 3 2
 ♣ A 10 2

East competes to 3♦ over North's 2♠ and South leads a dutiful ♠3. North has to switch to the ♥Q to shoot it now. Come on down if you did that.

Say South leads a heart instead. Again North must withhold the ♥A to shoot it. Work it out!

Postfree Bridge Books

The bookstall is at the GCI this year and open most days, from 12.30 to 1.30 and 5.30 to 8pm.

Check out Paul and Denise's vast array of books and software.

Have you tough hands analysed by **Deep Finesse** at the GCI

Table tally

Number in the ANA bar at 3am Tuesday morning:

0 still. Hmmm

Answers

Who, in 1918, became Czechoslovakia's first president?

Tomas Masaryk. Two weeks after leaving Surfers last year, Mike Pomfrey featured on Britain's *Who wants to be a millionaire*. He declined this one but still walked away with a laaaarge sum of money.

Who is the only person to win two Nobel prizes?

Marie Curie. One for physics, one for chemistry.

Riddles answers

My life can be measured in hours.

I serve by being devoured.

Thin, I am quick;

Fat, I am slow.

Wind is my foe.

What am I?

A candle

What is soft as can be but harder than all;

Can cut like a knife or write on a wall;

Can shine as the day or be black as the night;

Can divide us asunder, or be used to unite?

Carbon

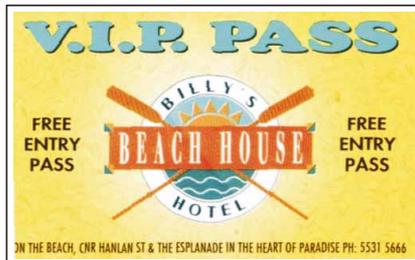
Absolutely nobody of note was born on 19th February. In fact, the internet site that lists these things puts Prince Andrew at the top of their list. I rest my case.

"Play Bridge"

A Workbook for the Absolute Beginner

was launched by its author, **Joan Butts**, QBA Official Bridge Teacher, on Monday morning.

Copies will be available during the week



Billy's Beach House

Cnr Hanlon & The Esplanade



Rusty Pelican Seafood

Cnr Elkhorn & Orchid



Gold Coast Hwy at Trickett

Bites Restaurant

Orchid Avenue

(next to Costa D'Oro)

People watching is a popular pastime in Surfers, and Bites is the place to get started. A new arrival at the coast it has quickly become a favourite with tourists and locals alike.

Al fresco dining, delicious seafood, steak and pasta served promptly by courteous staff at very reasonable prices. The food is light and fresh with wicked spaghetti including the flavours of the sea such as pan sealed prawns, freshly marinated seafood's and Moreton bay bugs in a light tomato base sauce. There are also supremely tender steaks served with a variety of sauces. Robustly recommended for the Bridge fanatic.

Quick bites are available for hasty diners and lazy lunches.

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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	Centrepont 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



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Scoring Queries

All our national championships are teams events or Butler pairs, so regulations and scoring software naturally focus on IMPs.

However, Bruce Neill points out that a major feature of any Pairs event should be the easy ability to check one's scores.

This was easy enough when Joan McPheat ran the scoring. Travellers and recap sheets were available during the qualifying. In the finals, players could inspect paste-ups of the pickup slips.

Doubtless this will happen in years to come. Certainly in Canberra personal scoresheets were available. Perhaps its too tough at this stage in a field of this size.

I think I hear Martin approaching. I better get out of his way.

Postcodes

Kieran pointed out that every bridge player should know where 2330 is. It's Singleton.

Colin Baker had a chance here:

Final 1, Bd 6

E/W	♠ K 3	
	♥ A K J 10 7 5 3	
	♦ A J 7 6	
	♣ —	
♠ Q J 10 7 5 2	♠ A 8 4	
♥ 4	♥ 8 2	
♦ Q 8 5	♦ 9 4 2	
♣ Q J 3	♣ A K 10 5 2	
	♠ 9 6	
	♥ Q 9 6	
	♦ K 10 3	
	♣ 9 8 7 6 4	

The rest of the room were playing 5♥, making 11 or 12 tricks but Malcolm Mayer to the vul vs not save in 5♠x. After Baker started with two top hearts, this scored a routine +850. Cashing two diamonds is only +200 and a poor score but underleading in either red suit brings in +500 (conceivably +1100!). Would those 25 matchpoints be missed?

Bidding problem

	♠ 8 4 3 2	
	♥ K 8	
	♦ A K Q J	
	♣ A K 10	
WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1♠	?
		SOUTH

What did you do? I think nearly everyone doubled, postponing the decision about what to do over 2♥. Cue then settle in the 4-2 fit perhaps?

It's not silly to pass 1♠, while Trev Nunn tried the rubber bridge overcall of 2♦.

Loose Lips

by Michael Phillips

Pairs Q2, Bd 16

	♠ A 9 4 3	
	♥ A J 7	
	♦ 8 6 3 2	
	♣ K 6	
♠ J 8 7 2	♠ 6	
♥ 10 5 3	♥ K Q 9 4 2	
♦ J 5	♦ 9 7 4	
♣ 10 9 8 7	♣ Q J 5 3	
	♠ K Q 10 5	
	♥ 8 6	
	♦ A K Q 10	
	♣ A 4 2	

Looking at the North-South cards, This looks like a fairly straightforward slam in spades. With normal breaks declarer should make four trumps plus a club ruff, four diamonds, two clubs and a heart. Unfortunately this is the losing line as the cards lie, since after ruffing a club in the North hand a trump has to be lost to the jack.

Shirley was declarer at our table and had the benefit of a (somewhat light) 1♥ overcall from East to help her find the winning line.

North opened a Power 1♠, East overcalled 1♥ and South bid 2♦, artificial and forcing to game. North bid 2♠ then RKCB did the rest.

Deducing from the bidding that if either defender had long trumps it was likely to be West, declarer decided to opt for the riskier line of ruffing a losing heart in the dummy. She took the opening lead with ♥A, led a spade to the king, and continued with the queen, learning the bad news. A heart was ducked to East, who returned a diamond, taken in dummy with the ace.

Now declarer played a small trump to hand, finessing the nine, and ruffed her last heart with dummy's ♠T. She returned to hand with a club to the king, drew the last trump, and claimed.

From subsequent chat we understood that very few pairs bid or made

the slam.

Yesterday's slam

Monday's Bulletin featured a 6♣ played by Theo Antoff against a 5-0 break.

Bill Hirst did one better, chalking up +1540 when the hand with five trumps doubled.

Go find your carefully preserved copy of yesterday's bulletin and compare the two lines of play.

Bill won the diamond lead, cashed three rounds of spades, played ♥A, heart ruff, diamond ruff, heart ruff with the king (100% line), etc. East could make the ♣Q only.

In fact, 7♣ by South is cold on any lead for another 2330. Not such a great double.

Leading at 2/3 distance

1	Melbourne & Pomfrey	805
2	Baker & De Ravin	800
3	Nunn & Wilkinson	789
4	Jacob & Jedrychowsky	780
5	Rothfield & Rothfield	770
6	Konig & Wallis	767
7	Francis & Rose	761
8	Hunt & Van Jole	759
9	Parker & Hainsworth	753
10	Klinger & Neill	737

In the Plate

1	Van Riel & Beale	840
2	Kaplan & Foster	805
3	Brightling & Halberg	797

Contacting the Editors

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Fill out a "What happened" form if you can find one, throw it in a Bulletins Contribution box or hand it to a passing director.

We'll be in the ANA bar for half an hour after each session.