



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Pairs winners

England's Howard Melbourne and Mike Pomfrey won the Gold Coast Pairs yesterday, after a tight tussle with Sydneysiders Colin Baker and John de Ravin.

Rob van Riel and Felicity Beale won the Plate comfortably, leading all the way.

Howard and Mike have been coming here for the past few years as part of the EBU team. Predictably, they play Acol. Howard notes that system regulations for pairs events are much tighter in England.

Mike showed me this hand from the last set:

Final 3, Bd 4

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

Pomfrey	Melbourne		
1♠	No	No	Dbf
2♣	No	3♠!	No
4♠	End		

This made 11 tricks. The other EBU pair, Bill Hirst and John Hassett, had a similar auction, infected by the local fast and loose style.

Early start tomorrow

Just a reminder that we start at 10.30 am tomorrow morning. The evening is free.



Howard & Mike
Pairs winners from England

Escaping the crocodile

Pablo Lambardi of Argentina noticed this defensive slip:

Final 3, Bd 21

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

Most pairs played 3♥ NS, making between 8 and 10 tricks. Pablo played 3♠/W on a heart lead.

He won the ♥A and ran the ♠9 to North's ace. After a heart to the queen, South led a diamond to part-

Pairs – Major results

Most of these pairs win cash prizes, to be presented at the dinner dance, or collected earlier.

Championship

- 1 H Melbourne & M Pomfrey
- 2 C Baker & J De Ravin 20 PPs
- 3 T Jacob & R Jedrychowsky
- 4 B Hunt & N Van Jole 15 PPs
- 5 I Del'monte & A Bach 10 PPs
- 6 C & J Rothfield 5 PPs

Best Women's:

- V Goldberg & S Gerdan

Plate

- 1 R Van Riel & F Beale
- 2 I Afflick & T Strickland
- 3 R Kaplan & J Foster
- 4 R Brightling & G Halberg

Seniors

- 1 A Jackman & T Hutton
- 2 A Chaudhry & T Skinner
- 3 T Wells & B Mare

Restricted

- 1 Hood & Murray
- 2 O'Dempsey & Macleod
- 3 Gillespie & Brooks

ner's ace. Declarer won the diamond exit, played a club to the king and drew trumps, finessing.

Then diamonds were cleared and a club led towards dummy's ♣8-3. When North played low, South found himself on lead with the ♣Q and no place to go. 9 tricks.

To shoot it, North needs to rise with the ♣A to swallow South's queen.

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

Check out

bar piazza

beneath the ANA.

Low priced drinks (with happy hour 5pm to 8pm), cappuccinos and light meals.

Open late for bridgeplayers

Marriage guidance please

Final 3, Bd 22, E/EW

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

Nicoleta Nick
 No ? Dbl No 4♥
 No ?

She reckons I'm too strong to pre-empt. I pointed out that we were vul vs not. I thought she should raise at some stage (10 trumps, 10 tricks). Please help!

Final 3, Bd 24

W/Nil ♠ K 2
 ♥ A J 9 7
 ♦ K Q 7 5
 ♣ A Q 4

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

 ♠ Q J 10 4 3
 ♥ 10
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ 10 9 6 3

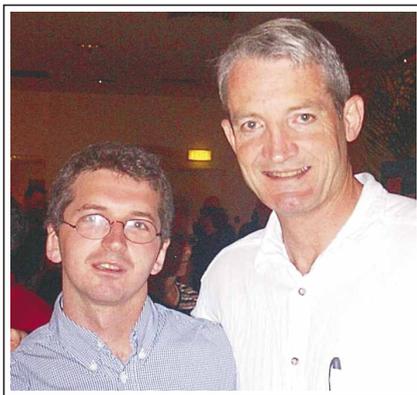
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pomfrey		Melbourne
No	1♥	No	1♠
No	2NT	No	3♣
No	3NT	No	4♠
End			

Looks like a good hand for weak jump shift responses. As it was, Howard couldn't escape below game.

West led the ♦J so the defence soon had two diamonds and the ace of trumps in the bag. In the endgame, South led the ♣9 (better than the 10) and West sleepily played low. That was +420 and a clear top instead of a near bottom. In defence of EW, they had been just as generous in their round against Colin and JDR.

Colin just missed the double, having won the Australian Open Pairs last month in Canberra, playing with Michael Ware.

They get the 20 PPs (Playoff Points) as the leading Australian pair. This is a bit strange. It's not clear why success at matchpoints should be a factor in selecting the Australian team. Perhaps the ABF simply wanted to further reward a successful event.



Colin & JDR – Runners Up

Dealing doubts

If you look at the previous three hands, you'll see that one player had a suit of 9-8-x-x. Jonathan Wurth says there heaps of them, far more than expected.

Last hand slam

Final 3, Bd 27

S/Nil ♠ K 10 8 7 3
 ♥ 9
 ♦ Q 5 3 2
 ♣ 9 5 4

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

 ♠ J 6 5
 ♥ 10 8 5
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ J 7 6 3 2

7♥ is quite a good spot. On a spade lead, you rise, cash ♥AQ, then start on diamonds. As the cards lie, there are no problems because South can't get rid of enough clubs. There were quite a few +1510s.

Played by West, or on a passive lead, here's also a neat double squeeze line, found by Malcolm Mayer. I'll leave you to 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 your tough hands analysed by **Deep Finesse** at the GCI

More Pairs winners

A Con

- 1 Havas & Wyer
- 2 Walsh & McDonald
- 3 Askew & Powell

B Con

- 1 Robson & Lee
- 2 Moren & Strong
- 3 Daws & Schwabegger

C Con

- 1 Lees & Ginsberg
- 2 Fleischer & Gal
- 3 Watts & Moir

D Con

- 1 Palmer & Sykes
- 2 Waszyrowski & Hardie
- 3 Dick & Dick

E Con

- 1 Ozanne & Ozanne
- 2 Hume & Stening
- 3 Wilcox & Watson

F Con

- 1 Rutkowski & Whitby
- 2 Geursen & Jones
- 3 Cornell & Blackham

G Con

- 1 Snow & Yovich
- 2 Ahrens & Pelly
- 3 McNeill & McNeill

Restricted - Plate

- 1 Dormer & Ashwell
- 2 Sutherland & Harrison
- 3 Lopata & Hauer

Restricted - A Con

- 1 Keating & Wenham
- 2 Moschner & Hildebrand
- 3 Jewell & Dougherty

Restricted - B Con

- 1 Edelstein & Collins
- 2 Seaborn & Mickevics
- 3 Bendelstein & Bendelstein

Seniors' Plate

- 1 Choy-Show & Watson
- 2 Farr-Jones & Taylor
- 3 Mcgeary & Everingham

Seniors' A Con

- 1 Davis & Nagy
- 2 O'Malley & Natrass
- 3 Baldry & Robinson

Kurt Cobain was born on this day in 1976. Let's all be on the lookout for suicide squeezes.

Today is a special day

A Palindrome is a word or phrase that is the same whether you read it forward or backward. For example "refer" or "Glenelg" in SA. It also works for dates. The 20th of February will be one such date. 20-02-2002 It is the second this millennium. 20-01-2001 was last year. There are 58 others this millennium, all of them during this and the next century. 29-02-2092 will be one (yes, it's a leap year). All of them will be in February or December. Last one in the last millennium was 29-11-1129, yes just over 800 years ago.

Andrew Halmos

More palindromes from Coleta:

aibohphobia

(can you guess what that means?)

Dammit, I'm mad!

Dogma in my hymn: I am God.

God save Eva's dog.

Never odd or even.

No, it is open on one position.

Rise to vote, sir.

So many dynamos.

Name no one man.

my favourite:

No, son! Onanism's a gross orgasm sin – a no-no, son.

Nobel winners

As Laurie Kelso and Warren Lazer pointed out, here have been a few multiple winners, Linus Pauling for one. Perhaps Marie Curie was the only female dual winner.

"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



La Rustica
3118 Gold Coast Hwy



3114 Gold Coast Hwy

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.

Tel: 5538 8931

Review by Cheryl Simpson



Costa D'Oro – 27 Orchid

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



Corner Cavill & Gold Coast Hwy

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**.

A complaint

Why is it directors feel free to sneak up behind a player who is obviously concentrating on a difficult hand and shout a time warning?

It might be that they feel this punishment fits the crime of slow play but they may not know who committed the crime. Maybe it was the defending pair on a previous hand.

It would be better if our overwrought directors would act a little less like whip-wielders on a Roman galley.

Michael "Molasses" Macrossan



Crown Café

This casual Gold Coast Café offers the kind of laid-back service and comfortable ambience that can force even the most travel (bridge) weary into relaxation mode. There no need to dress up - simply sit back and feel your stress levels drop with the tide. The licensed Crown Café is run by Ken Cooper and his menu offers a wide list of home-made gourmet pizzas with delicious toppings. Why not try his Char-grilled salmon with mash, asparagus and Broccoli or his Scallops with Avocado and Salsa or may be just coffee and Lemon Meringue Pie.. An all day grazing menu is available to enjoy next to the palm lined pool.

A print from

Da Lozzo Art Gallery

has been donated as a door prize at the Victory Dinner.

It's on display on the 2nd floor of the ANA.

Making Leigh famous

Teams 1, Bd 11

S/Nil ♠ J 10 7 6 5 3

♥ —

♦ A J 5 3

♣ K Q 3

♠ A 4

♥ K J 10 8

♦ Q 8 7 4 2

♣ 10 2

♠ Q 8 2

♥ 7 6 5 2

♦ 10 6

♣ 9 7 5 4

♠ K 9

♥ A Q 9 4 3

♦ K 9

♣ A J 8 6

Leigh Gold arrived in 4♥ after bidding stuff-up. West led ♠A-another. Declarer played ♦K-A and ruffed a diamond with the ♥3 then crossed to the ♣K-Q to ruff with the ♥4. West ruffed the club exit and led his last diamond, ruffed with the ♥9. He had to ruff the next club as well to lead round to declarer's ♥A-Q. Declarer had made all five heart tricks.

Quite cute but really shocking defence. East simply has to ruff in with the ♥5. Likewise West could have exited with a trump rather than the last diamond. Should be two off.

Contacting the Editors

Nicoleta and I are at Moroccan - Elkhorn Apt 16A if you're keen.

The mobile is 0414 876 175, or email to

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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.

Teams after 2 rounds

Open - Level 2

1=	24	Boulton	49
1=	4	Van Riel	49
3	23	Silcock	46
4=	10	Goldberg	44
4=	8	Brifman	44
4=	67	Tyms	44
7	32	Fields	43
8=	39	Valentine	42
8=	20	Tishler	42
10=	2	Hirst	41
10=	1	Cornell	41
10=	19	Finikiotis	41
10=	41	Nielson	41

Open - Level 4

1=	3	Antoff	50
1=	107	Hutton	50
3	12	Urbach	48
4	106	Han	47
5	36	O'Neill	46
6	32	Kelly	45
7	1	Konig	44
8	97	Sharp	44
9=	34	Hunter	43
9=	17	Weber	43

Restricted

1	74	Clark	48
2	95	Young	45
3	86	Calcino	44
4	83	Hoffman	44
6	108	Palethorpe	42
5	94	Sarten	42
7	89	Houlton	42
8	115	Lopata	41
9	71	Mitchell	41
10	63	Ritney	39

Seniors

1	2	Kent	48
2	5	Ezra	47
3	19	Watkinson	46
4	11	Winestock	42
5	12	Raaphorst	41
6	3	Varadi	39
7	7	Goodyer	38
8	42	Melchior	38
9	16	Natgrass	37
10	39	Cohen	37

Table tally

Number in the ANA bar at 3am Wednesday morning:

- I give up. The crowd's moved on.....