



# Gold Coast Bulletin

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## Over half way

As we move into the home stretch, the second floor is tight while *Antoff* and *Chadwick* have a small break upstairs. In the Seniors', the defenders are yet to make the leader board.

One small change this year is that teams play at the same tables throughout the event. This incurs a slightly greater risk of fouled boards but maybe shortens the turnaround between matches. Some hands ..

### Still in Pairs mode ...

Match 4, Bd 24

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

John Dennis as North led a diamond against the cold 3NT. Declarer ran the diamonds, pitching a spade and three clubs. Rather than just claiming 9 tricks, he then led the ♥J to tempt a cover. South obliged and John dropped the queen! Declarer crossed the ♠K (without cashing the ace first) to lead the ♥8 for a marked finesse. John won his ♥9 and cashed four club tricks for one off!

*David Read*

### Another postcode

Teams 1, Bd 7		
S/Both	♠ 9 6	
	♥ 9 8 2	
	♦ A 10 8 2	
	♣ K J 9 6	
♠ J 2		♠ A 7 5 4 3
♥ A K J 10 7 3		♥ Q 6 5
♦ 7 4		♦ 5
♣ A 10 4		♣ Q 7 3 2
	♠ K Q 10 8	
	♥ 4	
	♦ K Q J 9 6 3	
	♣ 8 5	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Baumanis		Tuxworth
1♥	No	2♥	No
No	2NT	No	3NT
Dbl	Rdbl	End !	

-2200 and a trip to Bankstown. Harry meant 2NT for the minors but partner didn't get the gag.

### Triple finesse

Observed by *Ron Klinger*.

Match 4, Bd 25

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

Against Bruce Neill's 3NT, East led a club to the queen and king. The ♦A

revealed the break so declarer tried the ♥8. West helped out by covering with the nine so now there were four heart tricks.

Against David Beauchamp, Kieran Dyke had bid 2♣ Aspro before leading a club, so declarer ran the ♥8 at trick two! for +550.

You don't need to go that deep. You make if you simply finesse the ♥J because East is strip-squeezed. Just cash some diamonds then throw in East with a heart or a club to lead away from the ♠A.

### Own up if you let this one slip by

Match 6, Bd 27

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

You are West. North bids 3NT over your 3♥ opening and partner leads the ♥5, declarer ducking your jack. You woodenly clear the suit and watch declarer wrap up nine tricks. Is it so hard to switch a spade a trick 2?

Teams prize-winners who played at the GCI may collect prize envelopes at the ANA Functions Desk after 5pm Friday, or at the dinner-dance.

If you have not made arrangements with Gerald or Noelene for the dinner-dance, it is almost too late. Go quickly to a Functions desk.

Once you have provided a table list, tickets will be available at the ANA desk (on Friday).

Remember – No ticket No entry

## Gold Coast Teams (Senior & Restricted Tms at GCI)

Thu	10.30 & 3.30	<b>Swiss Rds 7 - 10, don't sleep in</b>
	9 pm	Semi-finals start, night off for the rest of us
	10 pm ?	Speedball !
Fri	10 am ?	Semis continue
	12.30	<b>Swiss Rds 11 &amp; 12, finishing at 5 pm</b>
	1.30 ?	Final starts
	8 pm	Vu-graph, last 20 boards of final
Sat	9 to 9.30	<b>ANA Shield starts, walk-in, 9.30 cut-off</b>
	7.30 for 8 pm	Dinner/Dance

## Appeal #1

Director: L Kelso

Appeal Panel: B Neill (Chair), C Snashall, R Parker, P Fordham, P Gue

Pairs Final 1, A Con, Bd 19

S/EW    ♠ QJ  
           ♡ A932  
           ♦ K5  
           ♣ AK953

♠ A1084            ♠ 9532  
 ♡ 6                    ♡ KJ754  
 ♦ AQ103            ♦ 876  
 ♣ J862              ♣ Q

          ♠ K76  
           ♡ Q108  
           ♦ J942  
           ♣ 1074

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	1♣ <sup>1</sup>	2♦ <sup>2</sup>	No
4♦	DbI	4♡	No
4♠	DbI	End	

- 1 15+ Any shape  
 2 Intended as "majors or diamonds"

Table result:: 4♠X by W; down 3, 800 to N/S

All players were present. (Yes, but who were they? - Ed)

Tournament Director's Report and decision:

After North's 1♣ bid, East looked at the face of the opponent's ABF (4 page) "standard" system card. The front page showed 1♣ 13+any. South opened up the card for East and pointed to the supplementary area inside, where it indicated 1♣ 15+ any in 3rd/4th seat. East then called 2♦, intending it to be their agreement over a "strong" 1♣ (single suit diamonds, or both majors). West still believed 1♣ was 13+ any and that their agreement over an "omnibus" 1♣ is natural (weak 2♦). West maintained that if he had been aware that 1♣ was 15+ he would have interpreted 2♦ correctly and called 2♠.

The directing staff believed that this problem arose due to a deficiency of the N/S system card, in that the front cover of the card did not mention the stronger 3rd seat structure. The directors believed that over 2♠ N/S would compete to 3♣ (down 1). Score adjusted to N/S -50.

### Appellants' claim

When East consulted the card South

pointed out the supplementary notes and explained verbally on inquiry that 1♣ in 3rd/4th seat was 15+. North also opened the card for West. West looked only at the face of the card. Our partnership considers that West should have paid attention to the explanation and not relied on his memory (we played in the qualifying when 1♣ was opened in 1st /2nd seat). He commented that he remembered we played 1♣ 13+ in 1st/2nd.

Our system card in pre-alert section clearly shows 1♣ to 3♣ opening bids should be inquired. The system card was completed electronically from the ABF web site and no room is provided for additional notes beyond a very skimpy description of 1♣. Because of our system, we are accustomed to making full explanations of the meaning of bids and being helpful to opponents to provided a complete understanding. We believe the position at the table was reached through West's inattention or failure to understand the explanation provided.

### Appeal Committee decision

A majority decision, 3-2, that there was an infraction and that the failure to pre-alert the 1♣ opening had led to damage to East/West. A unanimous decision that 3♣ would be the likely final contract and that 3♣ would make 9 tricks.

Score adjusted to 3♣ making, N/S +110.

### Take that, partner

Match 5, Bd 14

E/Both    ♠ 10 9 7  
           ♡ A J  
           ♦ A 5 3  
           ♣ AKQJ 8

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

          ♠ AQ5  
           ♡ 63  
           ♦ Q10 7 6 2  
           ♣ 10 5 4

West might open 2♡ or a multi in third seat, encouraging partner to lead the ♡K against North's 3NT.

Kiwi Sandy Brown made it against Jim and Ellie Fitz-Gerald. She won the first heart and cashed five clubs,

reducing West to:

♠ K 8    ♡ 10 9 8    ♦ K 8    ♣ —

The spade finesse lost but when the defence cashed three hearts, East was forced to pitch a spade or bare the ♦J, allowing it to be pinned. A nice fratricidal squeeze. To have a chance, West must bare the ♠K early.

### Standings After 6 of 10 Rnds

2nd Floor			
1	6	Noble	121
2	8	Brifman	121
3	3	Rothfield	119
4	2	Hirst	119
5	13	Dravitzki	115
6	10	Goldberg	114
7	24	Boulton	114
8	1	Cornell	111
9	4	Van Riel	111
10	5	Walsh	110

4th Floor			
1	3	Antoff	130
2	2	Chadwick	125
3	1	Konig	121
4	4	Cummings	118
5	6	Chen	117
6	106	Han	117
7	7	Delivera	116
8	5	Baker	116
9	17	Weber	113
10	23	Gaspar	109

Seniors'			
1	6	Croft	120
2	4	Ali	117
3	3	Varadi	114
4	39	Cohen	110
5	5	Ezra	110
6	13	McGeary	108
7	7	Goodyer	107
8	14	Abbenbroek	105
9	22	Shaw	104
10	11	Winestock	104

Restricted			
1	74	Clark	130
2	83	Hoffman	121
3	91	Dormer	119
4	84	Richmond	111
5	108	Palethorpe	108
6	107	Stack	104
7	118	Cornell	104
8	96	Millar	104
9	87	Althaus	103
10	68	Singley	102