



# Gold Coast Bulletin

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## Semis Under Way

The semis were completed this morning (that is, after we went to print). After 20 of 40 boards, SERES and ASBI (the Indonesians) are level while CUMMINGS has/had it all to do this morning against CORNELL.

When you get this, the finals will be under way with the final 20 boards on VuGraph tonight at 8 pm, Level 2 of the ANA. In the Seniors final, WESTWOOD play KAHLER.

Make sure you collect your victory dinner tickets (not transferrable) from the ANA desk then line up a partner for the ANA shield. It should be someone you rarely play with. It starts at 9 am Saturday morning. You can enter up to 9.30am.

Winners of minor prizes can collect them from the ANA desk after 5pm today or at the VD. Remember, No ticket, No entry.

## Thursday hands

In the last qualifying round on Level 2, the Indonesians were comfortable while CUMMINGS smashed CHADWICK 25-3. They averaged 21.5 VPs over the qualifying. This was part of the carnage:

Teams Match 10, Bd 20

W/Both ♠ 9 8 4  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ K 8 6  
 ♣ K Q 9 8 6 5

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

♠ A K Q 10 6 3 2  
 ♥ 7 3  
 ♦ 10 3  
 ♣ A 7

Gumby - Lazer were +1460 in 6NT/N while Val Cummings found herself on lead against 6♠/S. She led the ♦Q for 17 IMPs.

Another last round board:

Match 10, Bd 26

E/Both ♠ J 3  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ A Q 10 9 5 3  
 ♣ A 10 6 3

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

♠ Q 10 7 6 5 4  
 ♥ Q 9 8 5 4  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ 8

It's normal to reach the ungainly 3NT and it should make. Certainly, Leigh Gold had no problems. North led ♦A-another. He won the ♦K and played a club to the queen, ducked. After a heart to the ace and the ♣K, North had a problem. He won and played ♦Q-another to kill the club suit but declarer simply switched to the majors, endplaying South. After the ♥K, ♣J and ♠K, South was thrown in with the ♥Q to provide

### Caddies

This year's caddies have been efficient and unobtrusive, despite record entries and somewhat cramped playing areas. We played all our boards in sequence and missed boards were quickly located.

Congrats from Jim & Ellie Fitz-G

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

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

## Top 10 after 10 Rounds

Level 2			
1	4	Cummings	215
2	13	Asbi	196

3=	6	Antoff	185
3=	14	Caplan	185
5	41	Djurovic	183
6	5	Rothfield	179
7	7	Baker	179
8	1	Ziggy	177
9	40	Lee	176
10=	58	Young	174
10=	59	Tootell	174

Level 4			
1	3	Seres	207
2	2	Cornell	195

3	6	Walsh	187
4	1	Noble	186
5	4	Otvosi	180
6=	8	Dalley	179
6=	17	Rawkins	179
8=	10	Robson	178
8=	36	Sarten	178
10	15	Van Riel	176

Seniors			
1	1	Westwood	195
2	4	Kahler	193

3	5	Smee	185
4=	3	Krishan	174
4=	2	Varadi	174
6	17	Hill	172
7	6	Croft	171
8	21	Ezra	166
9	8	McCormack	162
10	28	Goss	158

Restricted			
1		Ashwell	204
2		Torelli	196
3		Bond	180
4		Dawe	178
5		Lindsay	177
6=		Rozier	176
6=		Seaborn	176
8=		Kotzander	174
8=		Foots	174
8=		Moschner	174

access to the ♠A. Declarer made 2 spades, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds and 2 clubs for +750. Can't blame North for having a swing at it.

In another match, McGLASHAN picked up 21 IMPs on this board. A reasonable +500 from 5♣x by East and an amusing +2000 from 5♣x by South! You can guess how it went: East opened 1♣ and South meant her 2♣ as Michaels, North thought it was natural, etc, etc .....

Here's a classic bidding problem with a unique Courtney solution:

Teams Match 9, Bd 5

N/NS ♠ KQ1095

♥ J 4

♦ K103

♣ Q72

♠ J

♥ A10862

♦ Q54

♣ 10986

♠ A72

♥ KQ97

♦ AJ762

♣ 3

♠ 8643

♥ 53

♦ 98

♣ AKJ54

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ ?

If we polled our 1400 players, we'd get votes for pass, double, 2♦, maybe even 2♠ Michaels, 1NT & 2♥. Jill passed 1♠, which South raised to 3♠. When this came back to her, she ventured 4♥! Bidding a

Waiting to start a session, I was sitting at a table as a lady came by looking for her opponents. "She asked "Are you 102?" I said, "No, I'm much younger." She said "You don't look it."

John Sarjeant

4-card suit at the 4-level is a family favourite.

Much anguish on this next offering:

Teams Match 9, Bd 10

E/Both ♠ 1097

♥ J107632

♦ Q53

♣ 5

♠ A65

♥ 4

♦ AKJ8

♣ K10987

♠ KQ842

♥ 5

♦ 1097642

♣ 2

♠ J3

♥ AKQ98

♦ —

♣ AQJ643

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
Antoff Weston Simpson Harkness

2♥\* 2♥\* Dbl

2NT\* No 3♦ 4♦

4♠ 5♥ No No

5♠ No No Dbl

2♥ showed a major-minor 2-suiter. Weston led the ♣5 against 5♠x. Iwana won the ♠A, plucked up her courage and led the ♥9. Partner won the ♥10 and returned a sadistic trump. Much agony opposite but the result was the same. I like it!

In another match:

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

No 1♣

1♦ No 1♠ 4♥

4♠ No No 5♥

No No 5♠ No

No 6♥ No No

Dbl End

It went something like that. It's 2am so I won't go banging or doors to check. Rena Kaplan swung the ♦A for -1660. Even on the ♠A lead, it's easy to go wrong. Just another 25 IMP swing.

## Bad bidding, worse play

Teams Match 7, Bd 5

N/NS ♠ Q852

♥ A10743

♦ J75

♣ 4

♠ J974

♥ K95

♦ KQ6

♣ Q86

♠ AK

♥ Q862

♦ A1093

♣ AK7

♠ 1063

♥ J

♦ 842

♣ J109532

West reached the poor 6NT on the lead of the ♣4 by Tom Jacob. This can make because of the magic heart position but a member of our team (not Coleta, Bobby or Ted) went down. He won the ♣A and pulled a heart to the king. Jacob won the ♥A and immediately shot back the ♥3. The ♥J is much more likely to be from stiff jack than J-10 tight but declarer hopped the ♥Q and went down. He claimed that he thought hearts 5-1 was unlikely on the lead and lack of North-South bidding and he didn't want to give up the magic chance of ♠Q-10 tight.

Kelsey would not be swayed in the slightest. It costs nothing to play ♣Q, ♣A, ♠A to the first three tricks. Then all would be revealed.

Roman Morawiecki had a typical tale on the board. As East, he rebid 2NT to show 18-20, which partner raised to 4NT. South led the ♣J as dummy displayed his poor, flat 11-count. Less than impressed, Roman made an offer to his opponents "Look, I have a good 20-count. I offer you two down." They declined and he proceeded to do the right think in hearts, making +990.

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G C Teams semi 1	1-10	11-20	half way
T Seres - Z Nagy R Klinger - B Neill	24	14	38
T Asbi L Bojoh R Tobing A Abdurodjak	24	13 (-2)	35
G C Teams semi 2			
V Cummings - W Scott P Gumby - W Lazer	12	13	25
M Cornell - D Stern T Jacob - R Jedrychowsky	35	27	62

## Appeal # 1

L2, CUMMINGS vs FRANCIS

Teams Match 2, Bd 23

S/Both ♠ A J 4  
♥ J 9 7 3  
♦ J 10 8 7 6 2  
♣ —

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			No
1♥	No	3♦ <sup>1</sup>	No
4♥	End		
1	splinter, not alerted		

Result: 11 tricks, +650 EW

**Director (L Kelso):** 3♦ was systemically a splinter. South maintained that if 3♦ had been alerted, he would have doubled, leading to the 5♦ save or +100 vs 5♥. South admitted that he was aware that 3♦ was not natural. However, he did not want to ask, find out that it was Bergen (say) and then pass. Now his partner would have been in receipt of Unauthorised Information.

Under Laws 21 & 16, & ABF Alert Regulations, I ruled that the table result stand. Note that Law 16 makes no distinction between alerted and unalerted calls in assessing UI.

**Appellants:** The NS method is to double splinters to show good suits but double of artificial raises are takeout of the opened suit. If 3♦ had been alerted, South would have felt happier about asking then passing (if appropriate). Any UI would have been minimal. Asking about an unalerted bid and then passing conveys lots of UI.

**Committee Decision (B Neill, I Dahler, M Thomson, E Chadwick, P Gue):** In accordance with the ABF Regulations, the Committee believes that the 3♦ bid "self-alerting" and that South could have inquired, as over an alerted bid, without being deemed to convey UI. The Director to discuss with West the need to alert. Appeal

dismissed, score stands.

*(Note: The ABF Alerting Regulations are in the final stages of a rewrite. It's my understanding that bids like East's 3♦ will be removed from the list of self-alerting calls. - NH)*

## Appeal # 2

L4, CORNELL vs SNASHALL

Teams Match 8, Bd 16

W/EW ♠ Q  
♥ K Q 9 8 7 6 5  
♦ 5 4 2  
♣ 10 6

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	3♥	No	4♥
End			

East led the ♠K to dummy's ace. After a heart to king, declarer led a diamond to the jack and queen. The next trick went ♣7 - 10 - J - A. East won the ♦K lead with the ace and led a trump to dummy's jack. When a low club was led off table, West **rose king**. Now there was no way to prevent the diamond ruff and the contract made.

**Director (I Dahler):** I was called to the table after the next board had begun. West stated that when he led the ♣7 at trick 5, declarer played the ♣10 out of tempo (that is, slowly). When asked, declarer said that he had expected a spade return and paused when a club was led instead. Table score stands. NS + 420.

**Appellants:** Declarer took about 15 seconds to play the ♣10. West gained the impression that declarer had something to think about, that is ♣Q-10. We submit that declarer should have either played small in tempo, taking his time *after* East had played, or stated that he was "not thinking of this play". Playing the ♣10 created the illusion of Q-10, suggesting that he could have been aware of the situation.

**Committee Decision (E Chadwick, R Busch, M Scudder, P Fordham, N Francis):** Appeal dismissed under Law 73F(ii) (Illegal deception). 3rd

component not realised. Playing the ♣K can never defeat the contract, given appropriate carding methods.

## Bidding Forum Hand

by Paul Marston

This deal was reported in the Monday Bulletin:

Pairs Qual 2, Bd 7  
S/Both ♠ K Q J 7 6  
♥ 9 6 3  
♦ 9 8 5 3  
♣ 10

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			4♣
4♠	No	No	No

The editor extolled the virtues of a natural 4♣ opening, which gave West one bite at the cherry. Fair enough, that's true. It does make it harder. Still, there is some case for starting with double, getting yourself to hearts. But assume West bids 4♠, as my partner did, and North doubles.

Ten years ago when I was invited by the IBPA to submit a BOLS Bridge tip, my tip was "Take the Hint!" When they double you think about finding a better spot.

Now, faced with such an obvious example of my own advice, it should be clear to try 4NT but, I am embarrassed to say, I passed and we lost the regulation 500 for zero matchpoints.

I wish I was writing this article to illustrate the folly of North's double. If North had passed I would have had no choice but to have passed 4♠ and lost 200.

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## Senior Offering

We haven't been able to get over to the GCI as often as we'd like so thanks to **Bill Westwood** for posting this piece:

Pairs Final 2, Bd 16

W/EW ♠ 972  
♥ Q65  
♦ 9873  
♣ 432

♠ A843 ♠ KQJ10  
♥ 1042 ♥ AK83  
♦ J6 ♦ AQ42  
♣ QJ65 ♣ A

♠ 65  
♥ J97  
♦ K105  
♣ K10987

In Canberra, Ian McKinnon introduced me to a method over our 2♣ opening that he attributed to Ron Klinger. After responder's 2♦ relay, opener bids 2♥ to show some unbalanced GF without five spades. We have been refining the method via email. Ian was keen to identify strong 3-suiters, while I said they were so rare they didn't warrant a special treatment and we could improvise if one came up.

Ian was insistent and I finally agreed to 2♣ - 2♦ - 2♥ - 2♠ - 2NT as showing some 4441, with 3♣ as a further relay for the singleton. Lo and behold this hand turned up and Ian as East was able to show 4441, singleton club with 21-23 points. In 4♠, I won the trump lead and led a low diamond towards my J-x. It's a Morton's Fork – 12 tricks whether South hops or ducks.

Alas the patient died. At other tables, East decided to show 23-24 balanced, West used Stayman to find the spade fit and rocketed to 6♠, making on the above line. Our +680 was below average. Such is life.

Winner of the neatest system card award goes to the handwritten effort of Katie Cooksey. Admittedly, hers was the only entry. She wins a free session with the laminator

## Leading Question

by Ron Klinger

This problems arose in Round 4 of the Pairs Final:

1. South dealer : Nil vulnerable  
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
1NT No 2♣ Dbl<sup>1</sup>  
Rdbl No No 2♠<sup>2</sup>  
Dbl<sup>3</sup> No 2NT End

1 Lead-directing, strong clubs  
2 Trusting West's redouble  
3 Penalties

North to lead from:

♠KT64 ♥Q743 ♦AT32 ♣7

Opening leads at pairs against low-level notrump contracts are a very tough assignment when you have no obvious choice. Often the best move is to make a passive lead for fear of giving away an overtrick. Sometimes your leads can strike gold, other days they turn to dross. Naturally the bidding is a vital part of the equation.

Bruce Neill found the best move on this hand:

S/Nil ♠ K1064  
♥ Q743  
♦ A1032  
♣ 7

♠ AQ2 ♠ 7  
♥ A62 ♥ K1095  
♦ Q5 ♦ KJ864  
♣ J6542 ♣ K83  
♠ J9853  
♥ J8  
♦ 97  
♣ AQ109

The double of 2♣ showed strong clubs and asked North to lead a club. When West redoubled, I placed him with K-J-x-x(-x) and thought it prudent to run to 2♠. (It is wise to have a rescue suit if you make this sort of speculative double.) That was just as well as 2♣ cannot be defeated.

West doubled 2♠ for penalties but East, after much thought, wisely removed it to 2NT. South can always make 2♠, but no more than that if West starts with the ♦Q (or ♥A and ♦Q switch).

Judging from West's penalty double of 2♠ that West would have strong spades, Bruce rejected the spade

lead and chose the ♣7, hoping that my clubs were indeed strong. Declarer played the ♣K from dummy, taken by the ace. The ♠9 switch was allowed to hold (taking the ♠A would save a trick as the cards lie) and shortly after the defence had four spades and the ♦A for two down.

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