



Gold Coast Bulletin

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The Place to Be

In the water that is. That sand was damn hot. Ouch! We've just had the hottest weekend in the Gold Coast's recent history. It will get cooler soon, hope your place has a/c.



Pairs final underway

As you read this, the Pairs final will be underway – 3 sessions, ending Tuesday afternoon. The qualifiers to the Championship final are on the back page.

No Teachers' Workshop

The teaching seminar, usually on Tuesday morning, won't be held this year.

Good Local Support

QBA & ABF President Keith McDonald opened the week by noting that all five Gold Coast Clubs had made good contributions.

Multi madness

Pairs Q1, Bd 6
 E/EW ♠ 9 4 2
 ♥ K 9 2
 ♦ Q
 ♣ A Q 9 8 3 2

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

♠ 7
 ♥ Q J 7 6 4
 ♦ 9 6
 ♣ K J 10 7 4

Everyone seemed to open 2♥ on the South hand, either hearts & a minor, or a loose weak two.

Most Wests were allowed to play spades for +710 or even slam. Some Norths took the dive in 5♥ and West took the money, sometimes only +100. However, after East plays the ♦J under West's ♦A lead, a switch to a low spade gets +300, salvaging some matchpoints. Rena Kaplan faced a similar defensive problem:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kaplan	Appleton	Folkard	Francis
4♠	5♥	No	No
Dbl	End		

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 Pam Cridland at their function desks at the ANA (\$35 per person) and GCI (\$30) – subsidised 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.

A different Multi left East on lead. After a spade to the ace (leading the ♠K is better) Rena saw she needed +800 in compensation so she underled her ♦AK, playing partner for ♦QTxxx. Imaginative and correct but -650 anyway. Of course cashing out for +100 wouldn't have been much better. Both pairs made the final.

Much strange action here:

Pairs Q1, Bd 18
 E/NS ♠ A J 3
 ♥ A Q 5
 ♦ A 9 6 2
 ♣ 8 6 5

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Ware		Braithwaite	
		No	1♦
1♠ *	3NT	4♥	No
No	Dbl	End	

In our curious system Regs, West can't open a Multi One but Mickey Mouse overcalls are okay. 1♠

Gold Coast Pairs (Senior & Restricted Pairs at GCI)

Mon	1.30 & 8 pm	Finals Rds 1 & 2
Tue	11.30 - 12.30	Teachers' Forum on <u>2nd floor</u>
	1.30	Finals Rd 3
	5.30 pm	Buffet dinner, tickets from Level 2 & GCI

Gold Coast Teams (Senior & Restricted Tms at GCI)

Tue	8 pm	Swiss Rds 1 & 2, 2 x 14 bds
Wed	9 am	Walk-in Pairs at ANA (\$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

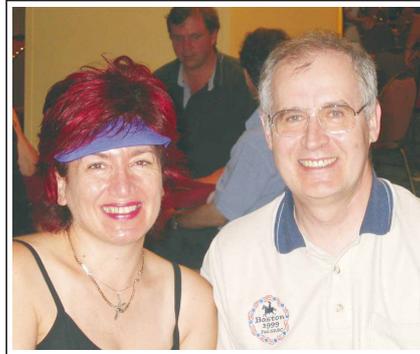
showed spades or a weak heart-club 2-suiter, so East had an easy save. After South led the $\diamond J$ and North stayed off trumps, the save became +590.

3NT/N is cold of course, a reason for South not to commit an unusual 2NT opening, as some did. Yuk!

Pairs Q1, Bd 14

E/Nil	\spadesuit Q 6	
	\heartsuit A 6 4 3 2	
	\diamond 10 6	
	\clubsuit K J 5 3	
\spadesuit K 4 2		\spadesuit J 7 3
\heartsuit K 10		\heartsuit 5
\diamond A 9 7 2		\diamond K J 8 5 4 3
\clubsuit Q 9 8 2		\clubsuit 10 7 6
	\spadesuit A 10 9 8 5	
	\heartsuit Q J 9 8 7	
	\diamond Q	
	\clubsuit A 4	

World Champion Jacek Pszczola (Psh-chow-ah is close) opened 2 \clubsuit , as East, showing majors or a pre-empt in a minor. South made a dubious pass "he might have had majors, you never can tell ..." and so did Jedrychowski, not caring what partner had. -300 (6 off) was a fine



Michelle & John

result. A tip for North – when a Multi opening is passed round to you, a good method is to double then look at your cards. $\heartsuit\spadesuit$

Michelle Brunner and John Holland are bridge professionals from Manchester. Michelle has written two top selling books on Acol. This is their first trip to Australia - combined with a holiday - at the behest of friends and Gold Coast regulars Bill Hirst and John Hassett.

John Holland has represented England in the Camrose. Michelle has played many times for England and Britain in Women's events, winning the Venice Cup (World Championship) in Brazil, plus a few European Championships.

Carinya Walk-In Winners

These pairs receive **dinner vouchers** from one of the sponsoring restaurants on page 3. Collect from the ANA/GCI function desks.

There were 107 tables, another record, meaning appendicitis on the 4th floor. Margaret and Jim Millar had the top score – 72.2%.

P Henniker - D Pryde	57.6
A Bullock - P Richards	60.2
B Horan - K Schwabegger	62.7
H Ali B Krishan	58.3
M Reed - R Chalmers	61.3
G & J Feiler	66.2
J & G Weyburne	59.3
J Hughes - T Nunn	65.1
J Pritchard - B Barden	66.2
J & J Fitz-Gerald	62.3
M & J Millar	72.2 !
J Holland - M Brunner	59.6
P & A Hooper	62.7
H Drwecki - R Waszyrowski	57.9
R Freeman-Greene - T Lenart	65.7
P Gosney - F Brown	62.3
D Mortimer - I Del'monte	63.2
G Atkinson - J Kahler	62.7
G Aldridge - D Mcleod	65.1
T Tully - J Butts	62.7
R Jedrychowski - J Pszczola	56.3
L Caganoff - S Leibman	56.3

ABF Alert Regulations

These updated regulations came into force in January.

The ABDA (Director's Association) has produced a \$5 booklet with the complete Regs, available from John McIlrath)

Pre-alerts

List your unusual or complex treatments in the pre-alerts section of the system card. For instance – RCO 2s, Bergen raises, DONT dbl vs 1NT, unusual carding.

Alerts during the auction

Alert by circling partner's call and saying "Alert" but don't offer an explanation unless asked (then aim to be concise, yet complete).

Don't alert:

- any double or redouble
- any call beyond 3NT
- a bid in a suit **bid or shown** by an opponent

Do alert:

- all other conventional calls (such as *Stayman*, 1 \clubsuit opening that could be a *doubleton*, 2 \heartsuit = hearts and a *minor*)
- 'unusual' natural bids

These include: weak jump shift responses, pre-emptive jump raises, inverted minors, canapé tendency, negative free bids,

transfer accepts that deny four trumps, etc.

Delayed Alerts

Here's a change. At the end of the auction, the **declaring** side should mark any unusual calls that weren't alerted at the time. Do this with a plus sign (+). For instance:

WEST	EAST
1NT	4 \diamond
4 \spadesuit	No

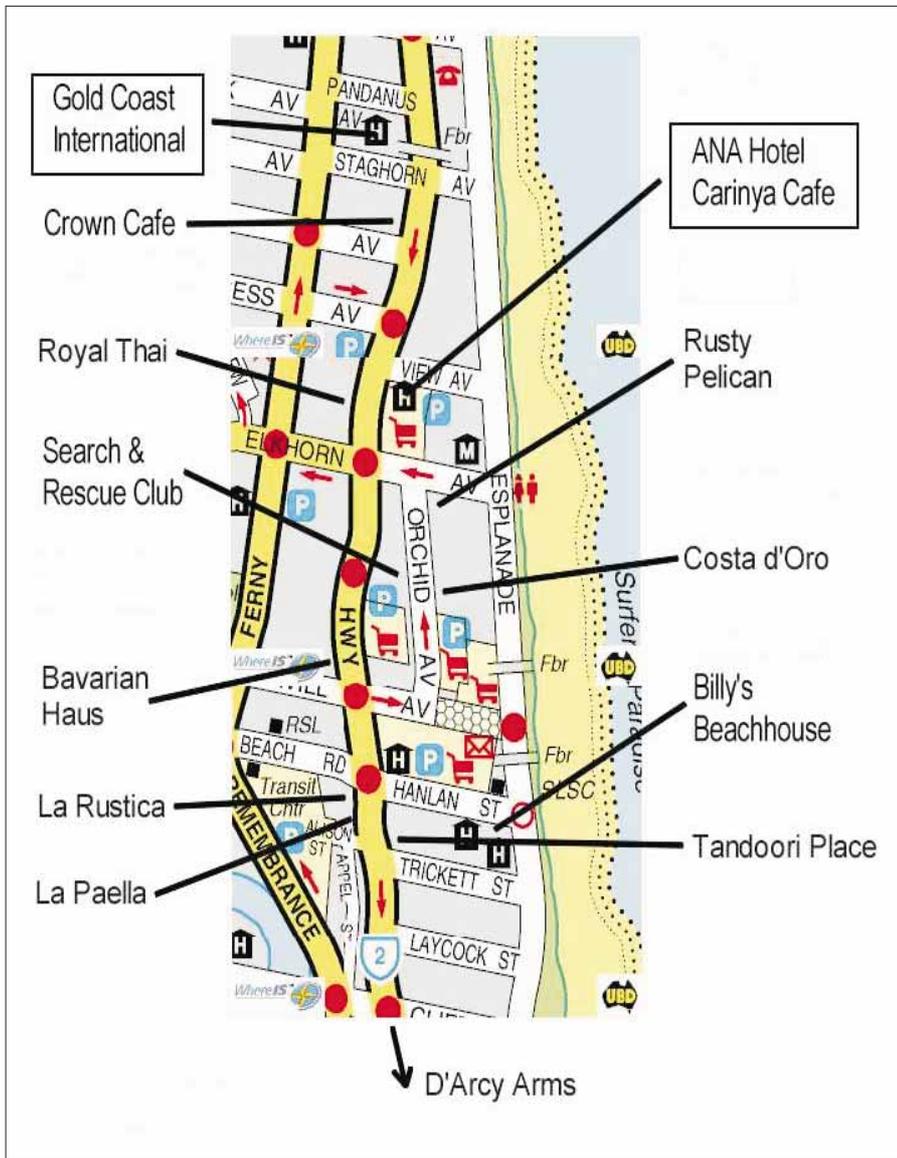
East's 4 \diamond showed spades. No alert at the time (beyond 3NT) but West puts "+" next to 4 \diamond at the end of the auction. Or this:

WEST	EAST
1 \clubsuit	1 \heartsuit
1 \spadesuit	3NT

Nothing fancy but EW play that West rebids 1NT on balanced hands so 1 \spadesuit suggests five clubs. This might affect the defence so East puts "+" next to 1 \spadesuit .

If partner stuffs up

If partner fails to alert or misexplains, wait till the end of the **auction** before calling the Director and correcting. If your side ends up defending, wait until the end of the **hand** before piping up.



Bobby Evans 1941-2004

This hand, played by Bobby, appeared in Ron Klinger's column in last Saturday's *Herald*. It's from the 2002 NSW Open Pairs, an event he won with Sue Hobley.

E/EW ♠ A Q 10 5
 ♡ 8 5 4
 ♢ Q 3
 ♣ Q J 10 4

♠ 7 6 4 ♠ 8 3 2
 ♡ 10 7 ♡ 9
 ♢ A J 9 8 5 ♢ K 7 6 2
 ♣ 8 5 3 ♣ K 9 7 6 2

 ♠ K J 9
 ♡ A K Q J 6 3 2
 ♢ 10 4
 ♣ A

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Hobley		Evans
No		No	1♥
No	1♠	No	2♦!
No	2NT	No	4NT
No	5♦	No	6♥
End			

Lead: ♠5

Ron wrote: "As soon as he heard the 1♠ reply, Bobby wanted to avoid a diamond lead. Even if the final contract were 4♥, inhibiting the diamond lead might be worth a precious overtrick and would produce a slam opposite as little as ♠A-Q-x-x. To divert the opponents from attacking in diamonds, he rebid a psychic 2♦. It worked. Bobby won the club lead, drew trumps in two rounds, played off the spades, discarding one diamond loser. Next came the ♣Q for a ruffing finesse. With the ♠K with East, he made 13 tricks, the ♥8 being the re-entry to dummy. That was worth a top board."

P is for Prizes

If you see a P next to your name, it means you have won a sessional prize. See Clare at the ANA or Pam at the GCI to pick up your prize.

Bar Piazza

Also in the ANA Galleria area, Bar Piazza offers coffee and nibbles plus a range of draught beers and other drinks at excellent prices, especially during their 5-8 pm Happy Hour.

Sponsoring Restaurants

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

Bar Piazza	ANA Gallery	
Bavarian Haus	Cavill / GC Hwy	5531 7150
Beachhouse Café	Esplanade/Hanlon	5531 5666
Carinya Café	ANA Ground floor	5579 1000
Costa D'Oro *	27 Orchard	5538 5203
	(10% discount vouchers available)	
Crown Café	Crown Towers, 5-19 Palm Ave	5555 9905
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 *	Centrepnt 3290 GC Hwy	5538 0205
	(10% discount vouchers available)	
Rusty Pelican	Elkhorn / Orchard	5570 3073
Search & Rescue Club	Mark Centre, Orchard Ave	5526 8500
Tandoori Place	GC Hwy/Trickett	5592 1004

* For the Costa d'Oro & Royal Thai offers, present your scorebook.

Lygon Street Restaurant at GCI

A snack menu is offered to players till Friday, 11.30 am - 7 pm. Prices from \$8.50.

The first Hospitality Session at the GCI will be on **Monday** at the end of the afternoon session. **That's now!** Go and lament your bad luck with Tony and the crew, in the Moreton Room. If you miss out, you'll get another chance on Thursday. (or Wednesday at the ANA)

Players from all over

As well as the usual hordes of NZers and others from the UK, USA, Japan and elsewhere, we have the first ever visit by a team from the Balkan republic of Molvania. The delegation is led by their national Yams (Yahtzee) champion, Cornel Barbiç. You might find him plying his trade in the ANA bar around midnight.

Molvanian Standard includes forcing hesitations, small doubles for takeout, smile to encourage, etc. However some play reverse so you may need to ask. They're not hard to pick – the garlic is a giveaway.

Barbiç is also here to invite us to their National Championships in July. To entice us, here are some quotes from a recent travel guide (*by Santo Cilauro, Tom Gleisner & Rob Sich*):

Molvanian Classical Music

The great Tzozar Czevket (1772 - 1821) is still recognised as one of the most prolific composers of his time. Like his contemporary Beethoven, he battled poverty and was deaf – or more accurately **tone-deaf** – but despite these difficulties he produced an enormous body of work. His *Concerto for Tuba and Triangle in E*

Youth Individual

This year saw a reintroduction of a Youth tournament at Surfers, run by Richard Touton. Because of a late decision to run the event, numbers were modest but it was a fun day nevertheless.

Richard Pollett won from **Paul Gosney**, who won the Men's Pairs in Canberra a month ago.

The QBA is keen to push Youth Bridge, so we look forward to a bigger turnout next year.

Larry Moses

Floater

During the week, extra players are often needed as fill-ins because of sickness or no-shows. If you are not registered to play but available as a standby, please advise the desk at the ANA or GCI.

flat minor remains one of the most distinctive, if rarely-performed, works in symphonic history.

Molvanian Calendar of Events

March – Visit the picturesque hillside town of Lublova for the traditional **Running of the Bulls** in which a frightened herd of cattle flee from a group of heavily armed young men. A large BBQ feast follows.

Molvanian Currency

When passed a Molvanian strubl, be on the lookout for poor quality paper, smudged ink and spelling errors; notes displaying these features are likely to be authentic.

In times of war or economic crisis garlic is often accepted as legal tender.

Qualifiers to the Pairs Final

North-South	
S Burgess & T Lloyd	69.4
B Polii & M Hendrawan	62.1
J Ebery & L Gold	60.9
M Tencer & H Snashall	60.7
H Tchamitch & B Callaghan	60.1
I Del'Monte & D Mortimer	59.7
W Scott & C Snashall	59.5
D Appleton & N Francis	59.4
E Caplan & P Lambardi	59.0
D Tyms & G Hardy	58.6
M Courtney & P Wyer	58.2
T Strong & C Ker	58.0
J Osmund & H Baumanis	57.7
R Trollope & F Wang	57.4

East-West

R Jedrychowski & J Pszczola	66.3
R Dravitzki & S Brown	66.2
V Cummings & M Mullamphy	59.5
B Neill & R Klinger	59.4
B Jones & J Millington	58.5
G Cowen & R Urpeth	58.5
N Maclaurin & K Berry	57.9
C Baker & N Brink	57.7
B Ewart & P Hardyment	57.6
K Dougall & A Dougall	57.5
L Meyer & S Meyer	57.4
B Haughie & Z Nagy	57.1
B Folkard & R Kaplan	56.8

QBA Teams Trials

Open & Women's
start 13 March

Seniors start 17 April

Talk to Kim Ellaway

Contacting the Editors

Nicoleta and I are at the ANA, Rm 1627 if you're keen.

The mobile is 0414 601 175, or email to

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Fill out a "What happened" form if you can find one and throw it in a Bulletins Contribution box.

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

Anyone seen our camera?

We've left in somewhere silly. It's a Canon digital S45. If it's lost, we'd like to borrow one if you're game. (with a CF card)



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