



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Take a break tonight

Thanks to the early start today, most of us will have tonight off. Make sure you have a leisurely meal at one of the sponsoring restaurants on page 3, then maybe drop in to kibitz some of the semifinals.

Then two more rounds of Swiss on Friday with plenty of money and status still to play for. Friday start is 12.30 to leave time to set up the Vu-Graph.

Some teams hands

Here's a paper thin game:

Teams 2, Bd 16

W/EW ♠ AKJ103

♥ —

♦ Q1073

♣ AQ74

♠ Q76

♥ J10874

♦ A9

♣ KJ9

♠ 842

♥ A952

♦ K54

♣ 1052

♠ 95

♥ KQ63

♦ J862

♣ 863

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Lock		Monahan
No	1♠	No	1NT
No	2♣	No	2♠
No	4♠?	End	

A diamond lead shoots it but East led a trump to 9-Q-K. Richard Lock drew trumps and played diamonds. When he finally got to dummy, he took the club hook and found them 3-3. +420.

As Richard points out, this terrible contract relies on the spade finesse,

♥A with East, ♣K onside and clubs breaking, diamonds breaking (and no ruff) and a helpful lead. All these chances are around 50%. Let's see $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} =$ about 1½ %.

They played 1NT at the other table. It's better for North bid his suits around the clock – 2♦ over 1NT, planning 3♣ over 2♠. This time South would pass 2♦ for no story.

Behold a successful sub-Moysian:

Match 6, Bd 27

S/Nil ♠ KJ985

♥ 9763

♦ 102

♣ 105

♠ Q63

♥ AQ2

♦ J87

♣ AQ93

♠ A4

♥ K105

♦ 65

♣ KJ8764

♠ 1072

♥ J84

♦ AKQ943

♣ 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Carole R		Seamus B	

			2♦
Dbl	No	3♦	No
3♥	No	4♥	End

North led a diamond, with South continuing the suit, forcing dummy to ruff. This was not hot defence but the ending is hard to foresee.

Carole Rothfield drew as many trumps as she could in three rounds then started on clubs. This gave North the privilege of ruffing in at some stage to lead away from the ♠KJ for -420.

Teams 1 & 2 on the 2nd Floor

Top 10 after 6 Rounds

Level 2 (102 teams)

1	16	Weston	131
2	3	Hans	121
3	2	Klinger	120
4	1	Noble	119
5	15	Gaspar	118
6	4	Blackstock	116
7	17	Wurth	114
8	20	Corin	110
9	42	Rutkowski	109
10	39	Appleton	109

Level 4 (120 teams)

1	1	Brifman	129
2	121	Green	118
3	15	Mcleish	116
4	4	Cummings	116
5	6	Brunner	116
6	29	Vaughan	114
7	3	Chadwick	112
8	2	Polii	112
9	28	Rawkins	111
10	20	Livesey	109

Seniors (48 teams)

1	1	Brockwell	120
2	5	Marinos	117
3	33	Carmichael	114
4	13	Atkinson	111
5	2	Westwood	111
6	6	Folkard	109
7	12	Zorn	107
8	7	Smee	105
9	8	Ali	104
10	3	Ridgway	102

Restricted (84 teams)

1		Whitmee	125
2		Somers	121
3		Lindsay	120
4		Hale	118
5		Moschner	113
6		Mitchell	113
7		Pettigrew	112
8		Hauer	111
9		Plush	110
10		Milner	109

Gold Coast Teams (Senior & Restricted Tms at GCI)

Thu	10.30 & 3.30	Swiss Rds 7 - 10
	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

clashed in Match 4, a narrow win to the NOBLE team.

With scores level, both teams played 4♦/S on the last board:

Match 4, Bd 28

W/NS ♠ QJ9
♥ 973
♦ K92
♣ J1097

♠ K1043 ♠ 87652
♥ AQ1064 ♥ K85
♦ 1085 ♦ 4
♣ 4 ♣ AQ63

♠ A
♥ J2
♦ AQJ763
♣ K852

Both EWs sold out to 4♦/S despite being cold for 4♠ (but not 4♥). I reckon *both* should open. Anyway, Brown - Gue collected +200 from 4♦/S on the ♣4 lead, West getting both his ruffs.

Same contract and lead at the other table but George played the ♣8 at trick one. This must have done the trick because East switched to a low heart. West could still get +100 with an underlead in hearts but he didn't so 4♦ made for 8 IMPs and the match.

Now a couple of club slams:

Match 5, Bd 2

E/NS ♠ J108742
♥ 74
♦ K7
♣ J65

♠ K ♠ A9653
♥ KQ62 ♥ —
♦ A10953 ♦ 82
♣ 983 ♣ AKQ1074

♠ Q
♥ AJ109853
♦ QJ64
♣ 2

WEST Gill	NORTH	EAST Del'Monte	SOUTH
		1♣	1♥?
3NT	No	5♠!	No
6♣	End		

We assume Burgess was not South. Nothing beats natural bidding and positive hand evaluation.

The play needed a little care but declarer was able to set up a heart trick by leading the king, ruffing two spades and pitching another on the ♥Q.

Now a relay auction to the same

contract:

Match 5, Bd 8

W/Nil ♠ Q54
♥ 109762
♦ 1097
♣ K4

♠ J3 ♠ AK1082
♥ K53 ♥ A4
♦ AKQ3 ♦ J
♣ 8652 ♣ A10973

♠ 976
♥ QJ8
♦ 86542
♣ QJ

WEST Gill	NORTH	EAST Del'Monte	SOUTH
1♦	No	1♠	No
1NT	No	2♦*	No
2NT	No	6♣	End

2♦ was forcing checkback and 2NT denied four hearts, or three spades or five diamonds. Ergo 2-3-4-4.

Not that 6♣ is a great spot. It's on 2-2 trumps, which is 40%. A top relay pair would bid these cards to 6NT, which makes whenever 6♣ does and has chances when clubs don't break. (Admittedly those extra chances largely evaporate on a heart lead) ♥♦



It says:

*-1400 is character building
The intimidation factor must be worth something – David's team is leading level 2.*

Dinner Dance

You can collect tickets from Level 2 ANA after 5pm on Friday.

I Like Mondays

Ron Klinger has the Monday slot in the Daily Bridge Calendar. This awaits you on 1st March:

N/EW ♠ QJ98
♥ J84
♦ A7
♣ KQJ6

♠ AK1042
♥ AQ9
♦ Q6
♣ 854

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1NT ¹²⁻¹⁴	Db1	2♦
No	No	2♠	3♦
End			

West leads the ♠9-J-K-7. What would you play at trick 2?

(Answer on page 3)

Top systems – Open

Three of the pairs for the Open playoffs haven't lodged yet. Of the rest

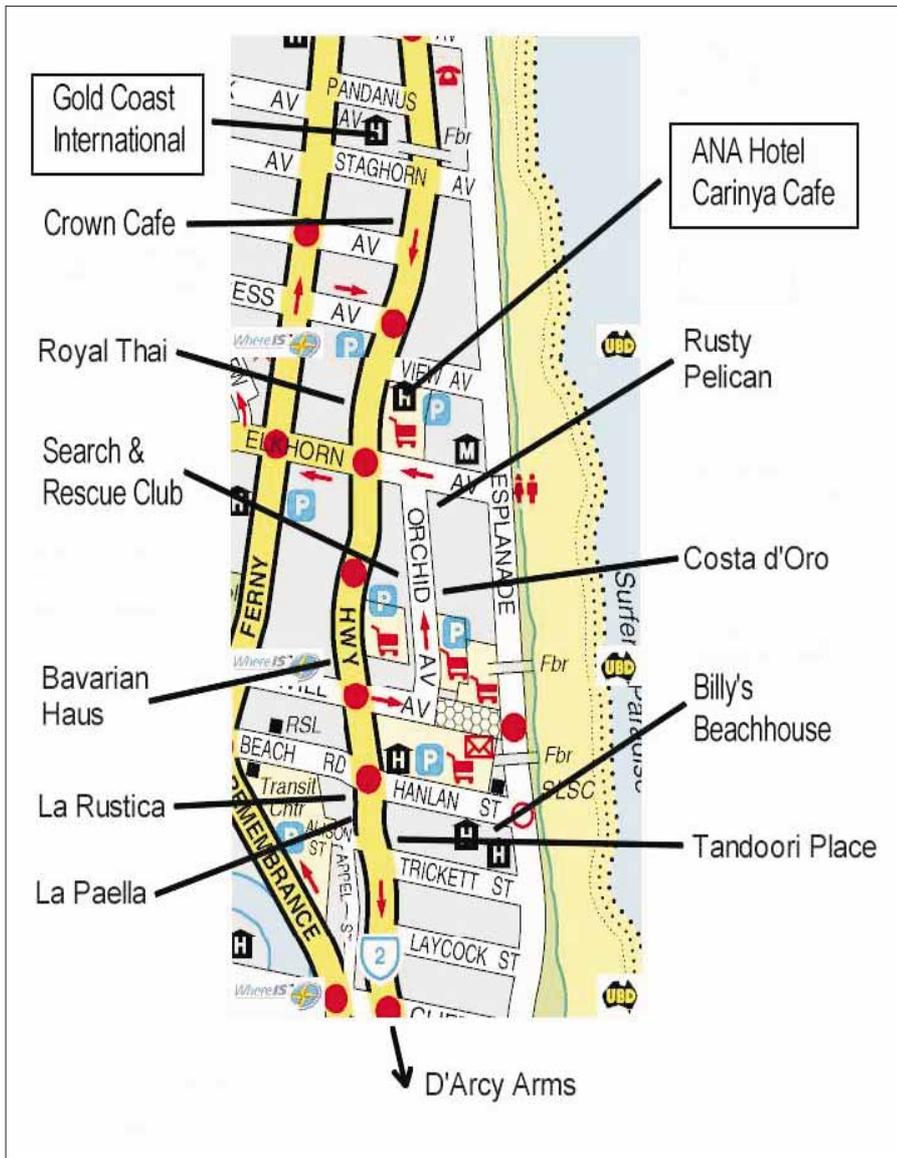
- 2 play strong club, 4 play forcing 1♠ (Polish, etc)
- Half (7 of 15) play weak notrump, 3 of these playing 11-14
- 10 play 5-card majors. Note that "5-card majors, weak NT" is becoming more common, hardly Acol.
- 2♦ opening
6 play normal Multi 2♦; 6 play Ekrens (majors); 3 play natural 2♦
- 2♥ opening
7 play a weak 2♥, often a 5-card suit (mostly these are the ones playing 2♦ = majors); 3 play hearts & a minor; 2 play RCO-style; 2 show majors

Lockyer Valley Bridge Club

This 60 year old club has just sent a team to the congress for the first time. The team started well enough with a win and a draw in the first two matches. The club has a membership of 22.

We are amazed at how well everything is organised. Well done.

J Baker



Answer to RDK Problem

N/EW ♠ QJ98
 ♡ J84
 ♢ A7
 ♣ KQJ6

♠ 653 ♠ AK1042
 ♡ 10765 ♡ AQ9
 ♢ J32 ♢ Q6
 ♣ A102 ♣ 854

 ♠ 7
 ♡ K32
 ♢ K109854
 ♣ 973

3♠/S on ♠5-J-K-7. Ron writes:

"It is risky to continue spades, disastrous if South started with a singleton.

West will have one useful high card. You probably need at least two heart tricks to defeat 3♠.

Partner might have the ♡K. If partner has the ♡10, you can secure two heart tricks via a *surrounding play*. To do so, lead the ♡Q at trick 2.

Declarer wins the ♡K. After two rounds of trumps, South plays a club. West takes the ♣A and returns a heart to defeat the contract.

Note that the ♡Q switch is the only card that will suffice." ♣♦

Snippets from Peter Gill

The only team on the second floor to have been penalised 3 VPs is the MCDONALD team, captained by the esteemed ABF President Keith McDonald. No favours here.

BRIFMAN, Team 1 on the 4th floor, began by slaughtering Mrs Slaughter's team in round 1 25-0 then put the cleaver to Mrs Cleaver's team in round 2. They are hoping they never draw team 102, the NOENDING team.

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

What went wrong here?

Teams 3, Bd 2

E/NS ♠ 5

♥ AKQJ 6 4

♦ 9

♣ AK 9 3 2

♠ K 9 7 3 2

♠ A 10 8

♥ 8

♥ 10 9 7 5 3 2

♦ QJ 8 6 5 3

♦ A

♣ 8

♣ 10 7 5

♠ QJ 6 4

♥ —

♦ K 10 7 4 2

♣ QJ 6 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Jacob		Mayer

		No	No
2♠	3♠	Dbl	3NT
No	4♥	Dbl ?	No ?
No	No ?		

3♠ was a stopper ask, usually a solid minor and South obliged. Then 4♥ looked to Malcolm like a strong 1-suiter so East survived his fatuous double.

Mind you, EW still lost 3 IMPs on the board because the contract at the other table was 6♥ undoubled!

Back to North's action. Leaping Michael's might work, with North jumping to 4♣ to show 5-5 in hearts and clubs. No, the major's too good and 4♣ may not be forcing. Double is possible, planning to convert diamonds to hearts. Again, partner might pass the double on a hand like South's, not what you want.

3♠ looks okay but Tom could have pushed further with 4♠ over 3NT, risking the 5-level in hearts.

As the auction went, he had the chance to redouble, saying "This won't be more than 1 off, plus I've got a long minor on the side if you want to run."



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Another week in Paradise

*Another week in Paradise
A new phase in the story
Of my enduring quest to find
A slice of bridging glory*

*Another week of watching
As my savings slowly shrink
Blown on fees and rooms and food
And way too much to drink*

*Another week of dwindling hope
Performances distressing
Searching lists for scores that were
Too low and too depressing*

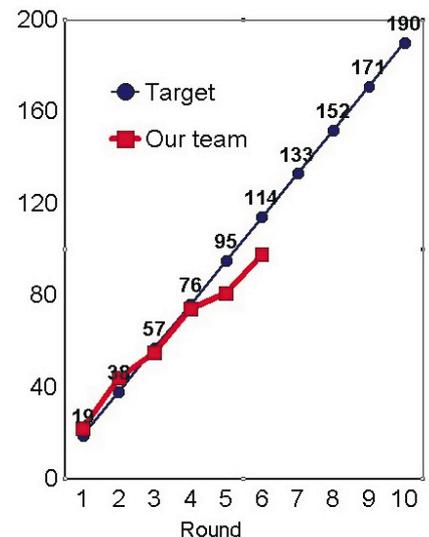
*Another week of hope destroyed
I thought that glory beckoned
But when the final scores went up
We'd finished ninety-second.*

Monica

Fatal stumble for Team 10

Our team (10 on Level 2) went okay yesterday afternoon, scoring 30 including a respectable 11 against Team NZ. But then a 23-7 mauling at night by the Queensland HUNT team meant we're nearly out of the ... hunt. The \$50 loss on a side bet added to the pain.

With 4 rounds to go, we are on 98, a depressing 16 VPs below the target run rate. Need four 24's from here, I'm afraid.



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