



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Semis underway

The first half of the semi-finals were played on Level 4 last night, finishing this morning. Both matches were close at half way. (see back page)

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.

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.

The Level of Idiocy

by Ted Chadwick

It's unusual to have sympathy for the Director but I'll make an exception when poor much-maligned Dr Kelso had to make a ruling on the following flawed claim:

Match 8, Bd 20

W/Both ♠ K 7 6 2
 ♥ K Q 10 9 6 3
 ♦ A K 6
 ♣ —

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

♠ A Q 3
 ♥ A 8 7
 ♦ Q 4
 ♣ Q J 8 7 6

My nameless teammate (who

comes from New Zealand and isn't Michael Ware) arrived in 7♥/S after one of those boring, long-winded relay auctions.

West led the ♥2 and declarer claimed, saying "Draw the trump and ruff the spade if necessary." There was some heated dispute as to whether he said "draw the trumps" or "draw the trump" or "draw trump."

The director now had to decide on the level of incompetence of the declarer. He was either (a) drawing both East's trumps and attempting to ruff the fourth spade when he had no trumps left, or (b) he had miscounted trumps, was only drawing one more round and would be suitable embarrassed when East turned up with the 14th trump at some stage.

Eventually, the Director went for (b). However, there was no justice. Spades were not 3-3, otherwise declarer would have been forced to play the 13th spade and go down when it was ruffed. East had to follow to all three four spades and three diamonds. Despite his best attempts, our declarer was simply unable to go down.

What is the best line in 7♥? (on a diamond lead) Say you play the ♥K then the ace. Now you're down when the hand with the ♥J left has a doubleton spade.

In that case, you were better to have drawn one round of trumps with the king, followed by ♠A-Q and ♦Q-A-K, pitching a spade from South. You're okay if East has the doubleton because South can overruff. Of course you fail when West has a doubleton spade and started with

Top 10 after 10 Rounds

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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

♥Jx or when spades are 5-1.

Gerber is the answer

Is this a good slam to reach? Is this a good way to reach it?

Match 9, Bd 5

N/NS ♠ K J 4
 ♥ J
 ♦ 3
 ♣ AK10 8 7 5 4 3

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	4♣	No	4♠
No	5♣	No	5♦
No	6♣	End	

You know the story. 4♣ was an offbeat pre-empt; 4♠ showed two aces; 5♣ was sign-off; 5♦ denied a king; 6♣ was to play; South thought the ♦Q wasn't worth showing.

East was impressed enough to lead a spade. +1370.

Asleep at the wheel

by Paul Weaver

Here's a little comedy of errors:

Match 5, Bd 5

N/NS ♠ 10 6 4 3
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ 9 7 6 4 2

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Weaver		Maltz
	No	1♥	Dbl
No	1♠	No	2♥
No	No!	No	

Declarer's expression after North's pass follows the usual pattern "Glare!! ... Stare !! ... Despair!!.

Dummy says "Sorry mate, I didn't notice"

After dummy tracks, declarer's expression changes to a broad smile, more so after 2♥ scores +110.

Amazingly, partners return with +200 vs 3♥ by South. It's always easier to make 2♥ than three.

Justifiable Homicide

For some reason, Liz Quittner is playing with husband Joe in the teams. Not for much longer, judging from this hand:

Match 9, Bd 12

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

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

South played 6♦ on the ♥8 lead. Joe won his ace and reasoned that he just had to sit back and wait for his club trick. He's still waiting – in fear that an irate wife will be after him, gun in hand. The Quittner slam rule should have saved him – always lead a club against a slam, unless you know it can't work. As Liz said, "I didn't lead a club so there's no club trick. just give me my ruff for God's sake."



*Straight between the eyes
 He deserves it.*

The Wurth's had this auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jonathan		David	
No	1♣ *	1♠	2♦
4♠	6♦	No	No
?			

1♣ was strong. In the passout seat, Jonathan realised the 6♠ save would be cheap but figured North would have spades sewn up for the leap but partner might well have the

Calendar Problem

E/NS ♠ 8 5 3
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ 8 7 5 3 2
 ♣ A 10 5

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		No	1♦
3♣ ¹¹⁻¹⁵	3♦	No	5♦
End			

3♣ was an intermediate jump overcall. West leads the ♥8. How should South plan the play?

(Answer on page 3)

♥A. SO he passed and led his heart for +100.

Jonathan lives in Vietnam. Surfers is the only time he plays bridge so it takes a while for him to get going. They had a lousy Pairs and are hitting form a bit late.

Deja Vue

Better minor means opening 1♣ with 3-3 in the minors to give partner room. Here's how one player learned the virtue of that:

Match 9, Bd 6

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

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

This was an early board. After three passes, North chose to open 1♦, passed out. This failed by a trick, whereupon North admitted that the normal 1♣ opening would have worked better.

90 minutes passed before the table was due to play their last board. It arrived and North opened 1♣ in fourth seat. This time South had enough for a preemptive raise and North bid 3NT. Alas, East's low

diamond lead meant one off again. Everyone put -100 NS in the vacant slot on the scoresheet and the match was scored up and agreed. In the post mortem, North was asked how she reached 3NT on Bd 4 when her opponents were cold for game in notrumps. A fair question. North looked at the hand record and admitted "I never held these cards." Then the truth dawned. Near the end of a long week they had grabbed Bd 6 again, gone through the motions again and put the score in the only vacant slot.

Opening the Contributions box, I thought we had plenty of material. Yes and no.

More on the 3-3 fit

Three people sent in their stories on the sub-Moysian. First, a report from Richard Touton:

"Sometimes, in a new partnership, the bidding can go off the rails, usually with embarrassing consequences. But every once in a while, like the proverbial cat, you land on your feet.

Match 6, Bd 27

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2♦
Dbl ¹	No	3♦ ²	No
3♥ ³	No	4♣ ⁴	No
4♥ ⁵	No	No ⁶	No

- 1 takeout, questionable
- 2 too good for 4♣, looking for 3NT
- 3 better major, as requested
- 4 natural
- 5 4♣ was a cue with a shortage
- 6 partner has five hearts

North led the ♦10. South played three rounds of diamonds. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps, discarding dummy's small spade (*I think Carole did that yesterday as well - Ed*) North could ruff whenever

he wanted but that was the last trick for the defence. South has to switch a spade at trick three, which is far from easy. (Or switch to any suit at trick two) Our NS, Kiwis Tony Lenart and Robyn Freeman-Greene, must have felt victims to a massive miscarriage of justice but they accepted it with graciousness and good humour."

Terry Brown reports that Lyn Farnden was another of the successful declarers. The play was the same – three rounds of diamonds, finis.

As Terry says, "Bridge is an easy game. Often, it's about bidding to the only game that can make."

At another anonymous table, West also bid 4♥ over 4♣ and played there successfully. Only this time, West thought 4♣ was Gerber and was showing two aces. Doubly lucky.

In our match, neither South opened. Both Wests opened a weak notrump, raised to game on a spade lead. +430 at both tables? No, 1 IMP to us when our declarer chose to run the lead to her ♠Q. Matchpoints is the real game.

Roman Morawiecki also played and made 4♥, this time from the East seat.

Regicide

by Ron Klünger

En route to winning the Pairs Plate, Bob Richman – Michael Prescott produced an excellent defence on this deal:

Final 1, Board 25

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	No ¹	No	No
1♠	2♥	2♠	No
4♠	End		

- 1 Too strong for a Richman weak two

Answer to RDK Problem

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

Ron writes: "The ♣A figures to be with West. Declarer's task is to find some way to restrict the spade losers to one.

Phil Markey of Adelaide made short work of it. He won with the ♥K, played ♣A, ruffed a club, cashed the ♥A and played his remaining heart. His plan was to ruff this in dummy, ruff his last club and then lead a diamond, endplaying West.

In practice West ruffed the third heart but Markey simply discarded dummy's last club for the same effect. To defeat 5♦, West needed to lead the ♦A at trick 1."

Lead: ♥10

After winning with the ♥A, Prescott shifted to the ♣3: six – king – two. Richman judged that Prescott had ♥A singleton. With three he would have raised and with two he would have had to return a heart rather than shift to dummy's long suit, as Richman might have had ♥K-10-9-x-x-x. Richman also placed South with three clubs and declarer therefore with ♣A-6. What to play next?

Richman produced the spectacular ♦K switch, sacrificing his king in order to cut declarer off from dummy. Declarer took the ♦A but could no longer make the contract. He could unblock the ♣A but there was no way back to dummy. Whether he played ♠A, ♠K first and then ♥K; or ♥K first, Prescott simply declined to ruff the ♥K and now declarer had to lose two more tricks.

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If you might be interested to bring the joy of bridge to older Australians living in hostels or retirement villages, please ring John de Ravin on

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Playoff points

The Pairs Playoff Points for the Pairs were actually 32, 24, 16, 8. They were increased last year to reward the continuing success of the event.

From the GCI

While the ABF may need a lawyer to make a decision on Richard Jedrychowski's play-off points, Surfers Paradise members Carol and George Wilkinson, while delighted at possibly earning 16 play-off points for finishing third in the Senior Pairs, have to confess (not without some pride) that they are true blue Kiwis.

I don't think Kiwis can be true blue. All black perhaps. - Ed

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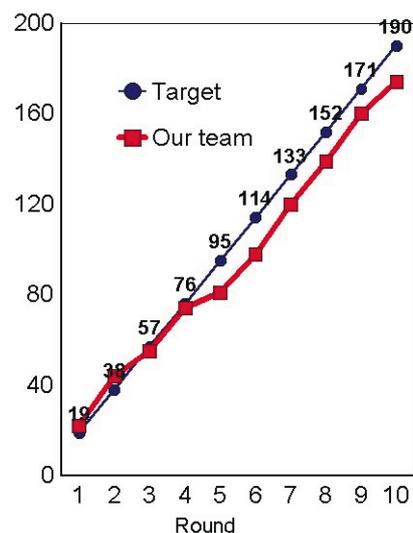
*One will be working
overtime next year*

Speed reading

How much can you get through in a two hour match? One woman from Level 2 read an entire Mills and Boon novel during one match. Granted, she spent more than her share of time as dummy but she also devoured a few paragraphs during the auctions.

Well short of the mark

Our team 10 were never really in the hunt after that early heavy loss. After that setback we plodded along at a decent pace to finish 15-20 VPs shy.



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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.

G C Teams semi 1	1-10	11-20	half way
S Hans - D Horton M Courtney - P Wyer	7	35	42
B Polii, T Asbi, L Bojoh, A Jusuf, M Hendrawan, J George	23	9	32
G C Teams semi 2			
V Cummings - M Mullamphy P Gumby - W Lazer	34	6	40
S Blackstock - S Henry T Jacob - M Mayer	1	55	56