



# Gold Coast Bulletin

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## Welcome everyone

*Theresa Tully*

As the new convener, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 44th Gold Coast Congress. Once again we have had record numbers with 551 pairs entered (up 25) & 363 teams (up 9).

This continuous growth is largely due to the concerted efforts of Tony Jackman & indeed his entire family. Tony has been the convener for the last 18 years. This continuity at the top plus a genuine interest in people, coupled with a natural flair for hospitality has seen Tony & Clare build the Gold Coast Congress up to the prestigious event it is today.

These are indeed big footsteps to follow. Luckily the infrastructure is rock solid with Kim Ellaway heading the management team, Laurie Kelso the Directors and Martin Willcox the scorers.

Our motto will be "We aim to please." I would really appreciate

any input as to how we can provide a better service. I am not playing in the pairs but will be part of the Jackman team based at the ANA. I hope to be readily available & if not in the bar you can always contact me on my mobile on 0409 870 324.

Success brings its own set of problems & my first challenge (or should it be opportunity?) is to resolve the space issue. We have been reserving our options until we see the final numbers this year & how comfortable people feel. Hopefully we have made better use of the space but any feedback would be most welcome. We will keep you posted & give plenty of warning if change is imminent.

I would like to extend a special welcome to all our visitors. This year we have had entries from all state & territories of Australia. We have also had increasing numbers from our overseas contingents especially the Kiwis & Poms.

Good luck to you all & play well. ♦♦

## Changes

The main changes are to venue and session times.

### Venues

No change to the Pairs – Open Pairs at the ANA on two floors, Restricted & Senior Pairs at GCI. (Gold Coast International, Cnr Gold Coast Hwy & Staghorn)

The Restricted Teams has moved to the ANA 2nd floor; Senior Teams still at the GCI. The Open Teams has been split between the two hotels.

### Session Times

Most sessions start **half an hour earlier than previous years**, that's 1pm & 7.30 pm on most days.

The semis of the Open Teams start on Friday morning (not Thursday night). This means the last 30 boards of the Final will be on Saturday morning. The semis and final will be broadcast live on BBO (Bridge Base Online).

There is a **walk-in pairs** event on Tuesday afternoon at 1pm, in the Tilba Rooms on Level 2 ANA.

## You ask, We answer

Stick around after tonight's first session of the pairs, before you head for the bar. You may find some help in winning that post mortem.

We have a galaxy of talent to answer your questions about the hands you've just played.

The lineup at the ANA will feature most of these: Ron Klinger, Liz Havas, Bruce Neil, Ralph Parker, Khokan Bagchi.

At the GCI, choose from Richard Solomon, Bill Haughie, Phil Gue, Peter Gill, Paul Lavings. That's

**11pm - 11.30 tonight**

**at the ANA & GCI**

**\$1 entry goes to charity**

There will be another session on Wednesday night at the ANA.

Sat	10am & 2pm	Youth (Under 30) Pairs at ANA
Sat	<b>7 to 7.30</b>	Drinks, Carinya Walk-in Prs at ANA 4th floor
<b>Gold Coast Pairs (Senior Prs &amp; Restricted Prs at GCI)</b>		
Sun	<b>1pm &amp; 7.30</b>	<b>Qualifying 1 &amp; 2</b>
Mon	<b>1pm &amp; 7.30</b>	<b>Finals Rds 1 &amp; 2</b>
Tue	10.30 - 12pm	Teachers' Forum Tilba Rm, 2nd floor
	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Finals Rd 3 (&amp; walk-in pairs in Tilba rooms)</b>
	5.30 pm	Buffet dinner, tickets from Level 2 & GCI
<b>Gold Coast Teams (Seniors at GCI, Restricted at ANA)</b>		
<b>(Open field split – ANA 4th floor or GCI)</b>		
Tue	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Swiss Rds 1 &amp; 2, 2 x 14 bds</b>
Wed	9 am	Walk-in Pairs at ANA 2nd floor (\$10)
	10 am	Directors' workshop on 4th Floor
	<b>1pm &amp; 7.30</b>	<b>Swiss Rds 3 - 6</b>
Thu	<b>10.30 &amp; 3.30</b>	<b>Swiss Rds 7 - 10, don't sleep in</b>
		Thursday night off for everyone
Fri	9.30	Semis start, then 2pm
	11am	Restricted & Seniors finals start
	<b>12.30</b>	<b>Swiss Rds 11 &amp; 12, finishing at 5 pm</b>
	8 pm	Vu-graph at ANA, <u>first</u> 20 boards of final
Sat	<b>9.30</b>	<b>ANA Shield starts</b> , walk-in, 9.45 cut-off
	9am	Final bds 21-50
	7.30 for 8 pm	Dinner/Dance

From Gerald, our diligent Functions Manager:

## Seafood Buffet Tuesday from 5pm

As in previous years, a Seafood Buffet will be offered to bridge players at both hotels on Tuesday night (the end of the pairs). Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Functions Desk at either venue. Prices remain the same as last year - \$35 at the ANA, \$30 at the GCI. Tickets are non-transferrable between the two venues. Diners must arrive between 5 and 6 pm (5.30 & 6 at the GCI) to ensure an early enough finish because of the 7:30 start time for the teams.

## Victory Dinner

As per last year, the Victory Dinner on the closing Saturday will be limited to the "first in best dressed" (because of hotel-ordained capacity). Obviously, entry to this event has to be by "ticket only" and the onus is on YOU to make your arrangements. The only procedure is to pick up a "table list" from the Functions Desk at either venue and return it as soon as possible, but no later than **7:30 pm on Wednesday**. Even then, tickets will be issued sequentially according to the time the table list is handed in. Tables will accommodate a maximum of 12 people (never 13) and your list can be for any number, from 1 to 12. Tickets are complimentary to those playing in both the pairs and the teams. For those playing in only one event, the surcharge is \$30 - and \$60 for a non-entrant. These charges are payable at the time of handing in the list.

As in previous years, Dinner/Dance tickets are **non-transferrable**.

Tickets will be available for collection from the Functions Desk at the ANA Hotel after play on Friday afternoon, during the Vu-graph, and during the ANA Shield on Saturday morning.

## Entry fees

Play in the Pairs or the Teams cannot commence unless entry fees are paid. If, for some obscure reason, your entry fee has not been pre-paid, staff at the Functions Desk

at either venue will be waiting to receipt your payment. PLEASE HURRY.

*Gerald Schaaf*

## Hospitality

Share a drink on us with your friends, the organisers and overseas guests at one of our 5pm gatherings:  
ANA Sunday & Wednesday  
GCI Monday & Thursday  
at the end of the daytime session.

## More officials

So you know whom to turn to ..

**Recorders** are Brian O'Hara (ANA) and John Brockwell (GCI). Speak to them on ethical matters, such as poor behaviour by an official or opponent, even a partner ...

**Appeals Advisors** are Arie Geursen (NZ), Sean Mullamphy and Richard Grenside. If you get a ruling from a director that troubles you, speak to one of them before you launch into an appeal. It could save some heartache and matchpoints.

## Carinya Walk-in

Saturday night from 7pm.

Complementary drinks then warm up for the main events.

Winners of each section receive a voucher for a meal for two at one of the sponsoring restaurants. They are the ones listed in your pairs & teams scorers. Collect from the ANA/GCI function desks.

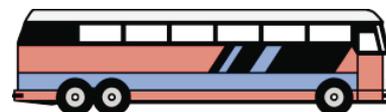
## Calling all Teachers

There will be a meeting and seminar on **Tuesday morning** at 10.30 in the Tilba Rooms, Lvl 2 ANA.

Speakers will include Michelle Brunner and David Greenwood from Britain. Plus Ron Klinger, Joan Butts, Lorraine Harkness and John McIlrath.

Topics will include Easybridge; teaching cardplay principles; short and sweet beginner courses.

You can join the ABTA, take the exam or browse our literature. All welcome, not just teachers!



This year we will be providing a complementary bus to run between the ANA & GCI.

We plan to start from the ANA 45 minutes before the start of play & proceed roughly in 10-15 min intervals from venue to venue. We will do the same at the end of the session except commencing at the official finishing time & leaving from the GCI.

Our program will be largely trial & error governed by supply & demand & common sense. Please use it - or lose it for next year.



**ANA HOTEL GOLD COAST**  
*We'll remember you*

## Numbers game

	00	01	02	03	04	05
Open Pairs	302	325	258	268	282	285+
Rstr Pairs	38	70	113	137	164	174+
Senior Pairs	-	-	72	70	82	92+
Youth Pairs						13+
<b>All pairs</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>564+</b>
Open Teams	260	175	192	218	224	235+
Rstr Teams	-	59	60	88	84	84+
Senior Teams	-	51	50	40	48	44+
<b>All teams</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>363+</b>

Slightly up on last year, with some late entries to come.





# Holiday!



Win this Holiday for Two on the internationally fabulous  
**Daydream Island Resort and Spa.**

This prize includes:-

**5 Nights Accommodation in an Ocean Balcony room with all breakfasts**

**The value of this holiday is \$2080**

**Tickets are \$2 each or three tickets for \$5**

**Tickets available at ANA & Gold Coast International Reception Desks**

**All proceeds go to the Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) Gold Coast Congress.**

## Istanbul Hand

Here's a hand from the recent Olympiad in Istanbul, reported by Barry Rigal:

N/Nil	♠ K 5 3		
	♥ 8		
	♦ Q J 10 9 7 2		
	♣ A Q 9		
♠ 9 8		♠ 6	
♥ K Q 5 4 3 2		♥ J 9 7 6	
♦ K		♦ A 8 4	
♣ 10 7 6 4		♣ K J 5 3 2	
	♠ A Q J 10 7 4 2		
	♥ A 10		
	♦ 6 5 3		
	♣ 8		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Sadek		El Ahmady
	1♦	No	1♠
2♥	2♠	4♣ <sup>1</sup>	4NT <sup>2</sup>
No	5♥ <sup>3</sup>	No	6♠
End			

- 1 Heart fit, club strength
- 2 RKCB
- 3 2 key

A bid or play may be described as "made from hunger" when its perpetrator seems particularly desperate. That description seemed particularly appropriate for Egypt's Walid

El-Ahmady as he contemplated a disappointing dummy in 6♠ against a strong Danish team.

More so when one considers that the Olympiad happened to overlap the Islamic high holiday of Ramadan and Walid was fasting while playing three gruelling matches a day.

If you think 6♠ is hopeless, even for a hungry man, you're right. But Walid saw a slim chance if he could find the E/W cards as he wanted them, and could make it attractive for East to do something fatal for the defence. He took West's lead of the ♥K with the ace, cashed the ♠A, and led the ♠J, playing the king when West was gracious enough to follow. Then he called for the ♦2 from dummy. Put yourself in East's place. Holding the ♦8 himself, it seemed clear that declarer held the ♦K, or was void in diamonds. Furthermore,

declarer's handling of the trump suit left open the possibility that West had a trump trick with the queen. East played the ♦A, crashing West's king. Egypt won the important match 24-6.

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## Should I change my spots?

Laurie Kelso & Nick Hughes

The ABF's new, streamlined system regulations are in force.

They closely parallel the WBF ones with the usual colour-coding. However, the sole criterion is now your system's **1-level opening structure**.

Green natural, includes those who open 1♣ on 4-4-3-2

Blue strong club systems, where 1♥, 1♠ & 1NT are natural (think Precision)

Red intermediate 1♣ systems, (eg Polish Club) or strong 1♣ where 1♥/♠ or 1NT are not natural (eg modern Moscito)

Yellow strong pass or multi-meaning 1-level openings

You can play Blue systems in all Pairs events, but no Red systems in Restricted Pairs. **Restricted** means no Life Masters in your pair or team.

Yellow is okay in Open & Senior Teams if you pre-lodged. (I'm guessing nobody did)

Note that **Opening Points** are no longer relevant. If you wish to **agree to** open a weak 2♥ on 0-5 pts, that's legal.

### Brown sticker

Some **overcalls & 2-level openings** attract a Brown sticker. Weak 2-level openings without an anchor suit (RCO & Myxo Twos, etc) are Brown sticker – pairs should attach brown spots to their cards.

Also, multi 1-level overcalls (think Ziggy & Jim!) are Brown, though gadgets used over 1NT or a strong 1♣ are not.

This is largely academic since **Brown Sticker is permitted** in Open & Senior Pairs, though not in Restricted Pairs.

### Protected Pairs

Pairs playing a Green system can apply for an Orange sticker if both are below National Master or one is below Local Master.

This affords protection from Red systems and Brown Sticker conventions in all pairs events and the Restricted Teams.

## Alerts

No changes here. Same as last year. Here's a summary:

### Pre-alerts

List your unusual or complex treatments in the pre-alerts section of the system card. For instance – RCO 2s, Bergen raises, DON'T dbl vs 1NT, unusual carding (leading low from doubletons, etc).

### 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♣ opening that could be a *doubleton*, 2♥ = 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

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♦
4♠	No

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

### 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.

## Ask Ron

Ron's latest book is called *Ron Klinger Answers your Bridge Queries*. Here is an extract:

Hi Ron,

1st seat, not vul vs vul, you hold these cards as East:

♠ J963 ♥ 10 ♦ KQJ762 ♣ K2

Do you open? We have a weak 2♦ available if you like.

I McK, Australia

**Answer:** I open 1♦. In raw form, HCP + 2 longest suits + quick tricks = 21½ = an opening bid. ♦J with 2 higher honours = +½.

I. McK: If you open 1♦, it goes 2♥ (weak) on your left, pass, pass to you. Do you reopen with a double?

**Answer:** Yes. If short in their suit, do not pass.

I McK: I passed 2♥ out. This was the full hand:

E/NS	♠ 10 8 7 4	
	♥ 8 6	
	♦ 9 5 4	
	♣ Q10 7 5	
♠ Q2		♠ J 9 6 3
♥ A Q 5 3 2		♥ 10
♦ A 10		♦ K Q J 7 6 2
♣ A J 9 8		♣ K 2
	♠ A K 5	
	♥ K J 9 7 4	
	♦ 8 3	
	♣ 6 4 3	

**Postscript:** South should of course bid 1♥, not 2♥ and East needs to double to compensate East-West for the game available.

Available from *Modern Bridge, the Bridge Shop, Paul Lavings' stall at the GCI*.

### Contacting the Editors

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Fill out a "What happened" form if you can find one, throw it in a Bulletins Contribution box or hand it to a passing director.

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