



# Gold Coast Bulletin

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## Teams tonight

More record numbers for the three teams events which start at 7.30 tonight. This year the Open field is split between the two venues. The Seniors is still at the GCI, the Restricted is on Level 2 of the ANA.

Some other changes include postponing the start of the semis. Everybody has Thursday night off, the semis start 9.30 Friday morning, still after 10 rounds of Swiss. The final is also shunted forward, **starting** with the Friday night vugraph, finishing on Saturday morning when the rest of us are trying our luck in the ANA shield.

So a field of 235+ teams will still be reduced to four semi-finalists after 10 Swiss rounds. Compare Canberra where a similar number of teams play 15 rounds to produce 16 knockout teams. 4 or 16? I prefer 8. It's too easy to make the knockout in Canberra, it's too tough here. Suggestions please.

Here's a real plus – the semi-finals and finals will be broadcast live over the internet via BBO (Bridge Base Online).

## Pairs at 2/3 distance

The Pairs will be over – or nearly so – by the time you read this. With one session to go, Kieran Dyke and David Wiltshire lead from Michelle Brunner and John Holland. (Incidentally, Klinger - Neill won in 2003, not last year as I wrote yesterday. Last year it was Pszczola - Jedrychowski, both playing with different partner's this time. While we're at it, the Richard who wrote yesterday's Youth Pairs report was Richard Touton.)

Here are some hands from the final.

Final 1, Bd 18  
E/NS ♠ 5 3 2  
♥ 8 7 5  
♦ K 10 9 6 4 3  
♣ 8  
♠ J 4 ♠ A 6  
♥ AK 9 3 2 ♥ QJ 10 6 4  
♦ AQ 8 2 ♦ J 7 5  
♣ 9 4 ♣ K 10 2  
♠ K Q 10 9 8 7  
♥ —  
♦ —  
♣ A Q J 7 6 5 3

You could call the South hand a Kiwi – All Black. It certainly ended grimly

## Tuesday Night Seafood

It's on right now, at the end of the Pairs. Quick, go and grab a subsidised tickets (\$30 or \$35).

## Dinner Dance

Although it seems a long way away, you need to get your tables organized **now**, by Wednesday evening at the latest. First in, best tables.

Complimentary if you are playing in Pairs and Teams, \$30 if you've just arrived. \$60 for non-entrants. You can collect tickets after 5pm on Friday.

for some. Say you play 6♠x as Colin Baker did. You ruff the ♥A lead, play ♣A, club ruff. It might be best to sneak a trump now but Colin chose to ruff a heart and lead another club, lamenting the size of dummy's dummy spade pips.

West mysterious pitched on this, so Colin thought he was home. Clearly East had ♠AJ6 so he ruffed the club and played a spade to the 10. West was alert enough to win this – a very stylish *Grosvenor*.

Here's a simple psyche that should not have worked:

Final 1, Bd 14  
E/Nil ♠ A Q 7 5  
♥ AK 9  
♦ 6  
♣ A 10 9 5 2  
♠ 10 4 3 ♠ 8 2  
♥ J 4 ♥ 10 8 5 3 2  
♦ A J 7 5 2 ♦ K 9 8 3  
♣ 8 4 3 ♣ Q 7  
♠ K J 9 6  
♥ Q 7 6  
♦ Q 10 4  
♣ K J 6  
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
Wiltshire Dyke  
No 1♣  
2♦! Db! 2♠! No  
No 3♦ 4♦ No  
No 5♣ End

## Gold Coast Pairs

1pm  
5pm

## (Senior Prs & Restricted Prs at GCI)

Finals Rd 3 (& walk-in pairs in Tilba rooms)  
Buffet dinner, tickets from Level 2 & GCI

## Gold Coast Teams

Tue 7.30 pm

Wed 9 am

10 am

1pm & 7.30

11pm

Thu 10.30 & 3.30

Fri 9.30

11am

12.30

8 pm

Sat 9.30

9am

7.30 for 8 pm

## (Seniors at GCI, Restricted at ANA)

## (Open field split – ANA 4th floor or GCI)

Swiss Rds 1 & 2, 2 x 14 bds

Walk-in Pairs at ANA 2nd floor (\$10)

Directors' workshop on 4th Floor

Swiss Rds 3 - 6

"You ask, we answer" at ANA

Swiss Rds 7 - 10, don't sleep in

Thursday night off for everyone

Semis start, then 2pm

Restricted & Seniors finals start

Swiss Rds 11 & 12, finishing at 5 pm

Vu-graph at ANA, first 20 boards of final

ANA Shield starts, walk-in, 9.45 cut-off

Final bds 21-50

Dinner/Dance

North-South were saved from a bottom by the pairs who failed in the reasonable 6♠, getting clubs wrong. Still, South should double 2♠ – that's what it shows.

Criss-cross squeezes are rare. Kieran's first two came this week. Here is one of them:

Final 1, Bd 24

W/Nil ♠ Q 6 3  
♥ Q 6  
♦ A  
♣ AK 9 8 7 6 2

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Dyke		Wiltshire
1♦	2♣	No	2♦
No	3NT	4♦!	4NT!
End			

There are 10 tricks on a red suit lead (or 11 if West can be tempted to cover dummy's ♦J at trick one). East led a spade to the king and ace and a spade came back. Dyke simply cashed his black suit winners to come down to this ending:

♠ —	♠ —	
♥ K 9	♥ Q 6	
♦ K Q	♦ A	irrelevant
♣ —	♣ 2	
	♠ —	
	♥ A 5	
	♦ J 10	
	♣ —	

South pitches a heart on the last club and West gives in. If the ♥9 goes, declarer cashes dummy's ♥A and the North hand is high. If the ♦Q goes, unblock the ♦A and dummy is high. +490 was worth most of the matchpoints.

Val Cummings was not distracted here:



Final 1, Bd 10

E/Both ♠ K 10 7 5 3 2  
♥ 6 5  
♦ 8 7  
♣ 10 7 2

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

♠ A  
♥ K Q 3  
♦ K 4 3 2  
♣ AK J 5 4

Val played 2♠/N on the ♦10 lead. When this held, East cashed ♥A before continuing with the ♦9. West won the ♦J and attempted to cash the ace, ruffed.

After a trump to dummy's bare ace, Cummings had to find a way back to hand. She cashed the ♥K-Q pitching a club, then the ♣A-K on which East cunningly dropped the queen!

Did East start with ♦QT9x and ♣Qx? If so, it's right to ruff a diamond. Val picked the ruse by playing a club instead. West naturally hopped in with the ♠J, overruffed with the king. Then came the ♠10, pinning West's ♠9 for a well-deserved +140.

Calling all crocodiles:

Final 2, Bd 19

S/EW ♠ —  
♥ K 8 7 6 5 4  
♦ A 10 9  
♣ Q 10 9 6

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

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

One side or the other played game at all tables. It's normal for EW to save over 4♥, then North might choose to defend, despite the spade void. What should happen?

Say the defence starts with two rounds of hearts. Declarer ruffs, draws trumps, then plays a diamond to the king and ace. North switches to a club 10-4-J-A and suddenly the hand is cold. Declarer finishes diamonds then exits with a club to South's now bare king. Down to red cards, South concedes a ruff and discard for -620.

North might countersave over 4♠ and find it making. On a spade lead, declarer ruffs, draws trumps in two rounds then leads towards dummy's K-J. Sound familiar? The defence can no longer take two diamond tricks. When West wins the ♣A and switches to a diamond honour, declarer wins the ♦A, clears clubs and exits a diamond for the same ruff and discard. It takes a diamond lead to shoot 5♥.

To pre-empt or not:

Final 2, Bd 25

N/EW ♠ K Q 10 9 5 4 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ 3  
♣ A J 7

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

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

The people who say North is too strong to open 4♠ don't win pairs events. Yes, I suppose South could have

♠ A 6 ♥ A 7 6 4 ♦ J 9 3 ♣ K Q 8 4

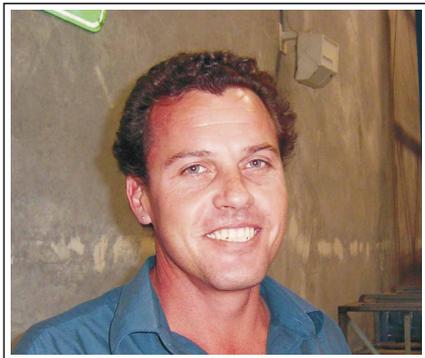
and quickly pass a 4♠ opening but a layout like the actual one is far more common. At our table, it went:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	4♠	No	No
Dbl	No	?	

West's double looks okay with this shape, planning to convert 5♣ to 5♦. It gave East the choice between -590 against 4♠x and -500 in five of a red suit. Okay, perhaps West chose the wrong vulnerability to get frisky but the point remains. There are far more matchpoints lost through failure to pre-empt than are gained by waiting for just the right shape and strength.

### You ask, we answer

The next and last session is on Wednesday night after Match 6, in the Tilba Rooms on Level 2 ANA.. Throw your questions at a panel that will include (World Champion) Michelle Brunner, Paul Marston, Bobby Richman.



*This is how Keith Suthers looks now. Keith has represented Queensland in the Interstate Youth Teams and is a regular at the Gold Coast, together with his brother, father, grandmother (Craig - Michael - Clarice - Blanche - Cathy - Barbara, etc).*

*On Thursday night, he will look radically different. I'll let Keith explain why:*

"Last year a friend of mine was wondering how I would look bald, so I decided to find out. The Leukemia Foundation came to mind immediately. They run "The world's greatest shave" around this time every year.

Therefore on Thursday afternoon, after the last session, I will be having all my hair shaved off. This will be done at the ANA and I will let you know exactly where in tomorrow's Newsletter.

If you would like to make a donation, either see me at the ANA or locate one of the donation tins. They are at the Help Desk on level two ANA and also at the entrance to Level 4. I will arrange a tin at the GCI desk as well. If every player made a gold coin donation we could raise thousands for this fabulous charity. Thank you for your support.

Keith



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### Ask Ron

*From Ron Klingler Answers your Bridge Queries.*

*Dear Mr Klingler,*

*Playing a weak 1NT, holding a minimum with 2-5-3-3 I am struggling with what I should rebid if I open 1♥ and responder replies 1♠. Repeating 2♥ after a 1-level response indicates a 6-card suit, so this is not available.*

*Rebidding 1NT is not an option because it shows 15-17. Is it the case that opener should rather open 1NT with the hope that partner seeks a major fit through Stayman? Or should opener's rebid of 2♥ over 1♠ show only five hearts?*

*Trevor Bull, England*

**Answer:** You have three basic options which you need to sort out before you open:

- Open 1NT despite the 5-card major
- Open 1♥ and rebid 2♥ if the hearts are very strong
- Open 1♥ and rebid in a 3-card minor

Of these (a) is the most attractive since the hand is balanced. Even if the hearts are very strong, this is not a drawback. You would open 1NT if holding:

♠ 632 ♥ 87 ♦ K86 ♣ AKQ64

so why not if the 5-card suit is hearts?

If you do not like (a) then (b) is reasonable if the suit contains four honours. If the suit is weak, then you could try (c) rebidding in your stronger 3-card minor. For example:

♠ A7 ♥ Q8642 ♦ AK3 ♣ 862

You could open 1♥ and rebid 2♦ over 1♠ but my advice would be to open 1NT. ♣♦♥♠

### Two appeals

Mystery surrounds the two appeals that have been heard. Apparently they are being held back until at least tomorrow, while scrutineers sanitise them for publication.

The ABF has a policy of not publishing the names of people in appeals. This is partly for legal reasons because Committees sometimes make harsh comments about the ethical behaviour or bridge ability of the people involved. Fair enough, though the trend elsewhere is to have everything out in the open. What do people think?

### P is for Prizes

If you see a P next to your name, it means you have won a sessional prize. Includes anyone who finished in the top 10 in either session of the Pairs Qualifying.

See Clare at the ANA or Pam at the GCI to pick up your prize – a high quality pen or *Mind Games*, the story of Queensland Bridge.

### Arana

#### Contract Bridge Club

20 Tramway Street, Ferny Grove

#### 1-Day Swiss Teams

**9:30am Sunday 13  
 March 2005**

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### Conundrums

What 11-letter word is pronounced incorrectly by more than 90% of university graduates?

### Hospitality

The remaining hospitality sessions are at ANA on Wednesday and GCI on Thursday, both at the end of the second afternoon session, around 5pm.

## Gold Star members

Of those present this year, how many have been involved in 25+ Gold Coast Congresses? This is our list, made from memory so there could be a few ring-ins:

Jill Broad  
Seamus Browne  
Reg Busch  
Val Cummings  
Ivy Dahler  
Margie Drake  
Meta Goodman  
Richard Grenside  
Beth Gutteridge  
Elizabeth Havas  
Tony Jackman  
Nell Jenkins  
Fay Landy  
Paul Lavings  
Joan McPheat  
Bobby Richman  
Carole Rothfield  
Jessel Rothfield  
Wally Scott  
Elli Spiro  
Richard Wallis  
Alan Walsh

There might be a few more. On Wednesday night at 10pm, we will draw names from a hat – one of these 20-odd will receive a dinner voucher from a sponsoring restaurant. In a few year's time, we may even have a list of Diamond members, 50+ times at Surfers but don't hold your breath.

## Restaurants

We hope you've been having most of your meals at a sponsoring restaurant. Some, like Royal Thai, offer discounts for bridgeplayers.

Nicoleta and I can highly recommend **Shila Korean**, half way along Orchid Avenue. The place was quite full when we went there on Sunday night. Nobody spoke much English and we had no idea what we were eating, so if you're looking for a little adventure ...

## What does this sequence show?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1NT		2♣	
2♥		2♠?	

Playing simple Stayman and transfers, what does East have?

## A New Holiday Destination

Here's an extract from the latest book by the guys from Jetlag Travel Guides.



Phaic Tân is truly a beguiling land of contrasts, where traffic police

wear face masks but surgeons rarely do, a country where littering is an indictable offence yet landlords may legally use torture to extract overdue rent, a nation that boasts the world's highest number of amputees per head of population yet, paradoxically, has never won a medal at the Paralympic Games.

Such is the magic of Phaic Tân that many who come, intending to stay for a week, never manage to leave (see our section on Narcotics - Penalties for).

Hot, humid and covered in lush vegetation, it's little wonder that Phaic Tân is often described as being "the armpit of Southeast Asia"

### Contacting the Editors

Nicoleta and I are at the ANA, Rm 1810. The mobile is 0414 601 175, or email to

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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.

## Leading at 2/3 distance

1	K Dyke - D Wiltshire	842
2	J Holland - M Brunner	797
3	V Cummings - M Mmphy	769
3	M Cornell - Jedrychowski	769
5	P Gosney - N van Jole	762
6	S Mendick - R Roworth	753
7	M Courtney - P Wyer	752
8	G Kilvington - D Smith	743
9	M Moren - N Francis	741
10	A Bach - M Whibley	733

## In the Plate

1	B Neill - R Klinger	863
2	J Wignall - B Scott	823
3	K Johnson - L Steinwedel	783

### GNOT 2005 NATIONAL FINAL

Change of Date - Change of Venue

This year's GNOT National Final will be played from Friday to Monday 25-28 November 2005; i.e. one week later than usual.

The venue will be Club Banora, Banora Point (Tweed Heads).

*This controversial late change to the time and venue has caused a deal of angst. Stay tuned - Ed.*



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