



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Silverware going offshore

Michelle Brunner and John Holland, bridge professionals from England, won the Gold Coast Pairs yesterday. Both have represented England, Michelle has won a World Championship (the Venice Cup in Brazil)

They are on their second trip to Surfers. This time Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth and Uluru are on their itinerary.

Michelle warmed up for yesterday's final session by giving a talk at the well-attended teacher's meeting. She will also be one of the panellists on the second *You ask, We answer*, tonight at around 11pm.

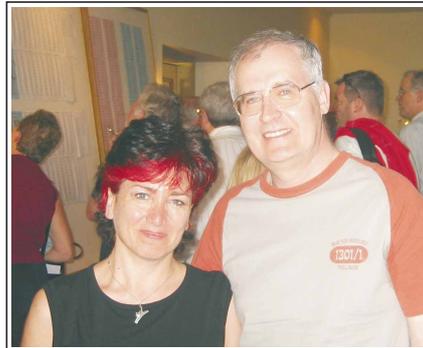
Mike Cornell & Ryszard Jedrychowski had a big final set to overtake Kieran Dyke and David Wiltshire, who led overnight but scored below average in Session 3.

Bruce Neill and Ron Klinger won the Plate comfortably.

Ask the Experts

Tonight at the end of play, in the Tilba Rooms at the ANA, **Michelle Brunner** will be joined by Australia's leading bridge theorist and publisher of *Australian Bridge* – **Paul Marston** and laconic all-swimming all-dancing **Bobby Richman**, always the centre of attention.

In the Tilba Room, level 2 ANA, just after the end of the evening session. \$1 or \$2 donation to charity will get you a ringside seat.



Michelle & John
Success on their second visit

Hands from the final

Here's a neat trump coup:

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

David Wiltshire and Michelle Brunner both made 4♥. *Deep Finesse* has no problems defeating it, seeing the need to attack dummy's entries by leading diamonds whenever possible.

Against Wiltshire, West cashed the ♣A and switched well to a trump. He won the next club and led a spade to the king and ace. East naturally re-

Major Pairs Winners

Prize Money goes to the **top three** in all sections, down to the Z Consolation (& to 5th in Championships, 4th in Plates). Major prizes will be presented at the Victory Dinner. Others can get theirs after 6pm Friday from the ANA desk.

Championship (& Playoff Points)

1	J Holland - M Brunner	
2	M Cornell - R Jedrychowski	20
3	K Dyke - D Wiltshire	15
4	M Courtney - P Wyer	10
5	P Gosney - N van Jole	5

Best Women's Pair

M Gidley-Baird - R Finkelstein

Open Plate

1	B Neill - R Klinger
2	J Wignall - B Scott
3	A & K Nelson

Seniors Championship

1	P Kahler - J Collins	20
2	I McKinnon - W Westwood	15
3	T Lenart - Freeman-Greene	
4	P Collins - I Afflick	10
5	B Hunt - R Lachman	5

Seniors Plate

1	A Doddridge - J Lenart
2	P Chan - J Hewitt

Restricted Championship

1=	P Trenerry - R Groom
1=	G McCarthy - B Carroll
3	E & S Kotzander

Restricted Plate

1	D Johnson - J Watson
2	B Horton - J Harris



The semis and the final will be covered live by Bridgebase's online vugraph. Go to bridgebase.com.

Gold Coast Teams (Seniors at GCI, Restricted at ANA)

Wed	1pm & 7.30 11pm	Swiss Rds 3 - 6 "You ask, we answer" at ANA
Thu	10.30 & 3.30	Swiss Rds 7 - 10, don't sleep in Thursday night off for everyone
Fri	9.30 11am 12.30	Semis start, then 2pm Restricted & Seniors finals start
Sat	8 pm 9.30 9am 7.30 for 8 pm	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

turned a spade, ruffed.

When West showed out on the ♠A, Wiltshire saw what he needed to do – ruff twice in hand to reduce his trump length, then get to dummy at trick 11 to coup East's ♠J-9.

That meant three diamond entries to dummy, so he played the ♦K to the ace, ruffed a club, then a diamond to the ten for a spade ruff, then over to the ♦Q at trick 11.

Good cardplay wins pairs events. In the game where every trick counts, a sound knowledge of squeeze theory can make all the difference. Brunner showed her skill here:

Final 2, Bd 6

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

It's easy enough to reach 6♠ but the winners reached 6NT/S. Brunner figured 6♠ could well make 13 tricks and figured she had to match them.

West found the best lead of a spade, which she won in dummy to take the diamond finesse. 12 tricks now.

She cashed the ♦A-K pitching clubs, unblocked the ♠K and ♣A, then ran spades to reach this expected ending:

E/W	♠ 5	
	♥ A J 9	
	♦ —	
	♣ —	
♠ —		♠ —
♥ ? 7 6		♥ ? 10 8
♦ —		♦ Q
♣ K		♣ —
	♠ —	
	♥ K 2	
	♦ 8	
	♣ Q	

Placing the ♣K with West, she had the rest. East must pitch a heart on the ♠5, so South discards the ♦8. West also has to pitch a heart to hang on to the ♠K, so the ♥J must win trick 13. It didn't matter where the ♥Q was.

Here's a nice slam from the last set:

Final 3, Bd 11, S/Nil

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

1♦	1♥
2♣	2♠
3NT	4♦
etc	

At one table, East-West started this way, reaching 6♦ and making 12 tricks when the trump finesse failed.

On to the next board and a similar auction for North-South, this time stopping in 5♦, again making 12 tricks.

"Hang on, we've already got a score for Board 11." A sleepy North had picked up the same board and rotated it through 90°! Yes, it's a long, gruelling event.

Loose Lips Department

South helped Peter Jamieson make this slam from the Pairs:

Final 3, Bd 25

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Ruth		PJ	
	No	1♣	1♠?
2♠	No	2NT	No
4♣	No	4♥	No
6♣	End		

Declarer "knew" South had ♠QTxxx and likely ♥Q. On a trump lead, he stripped diamonds, cashed the ♠A then played ♥A-K in an attempt to drop the queen then exited with a heart to endplay South.

GNOT change

On the back page of yesterday's Bulletin, I published a **date and venue** for this year's GNOT finals in November. In fact this matter is yet to be decided – it will be considered at the ABF Management Committee meeting this weekend.

You'll read about it in the next ABF Newsletter or online at abf.com.au.

Dinner Dance

Although it still seems a long way away, you need to get your tables organized **today**. 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.

One Teams hand

Okay who bid that 7♦ in the first session and knew what they were doing? Entries in the box please. This is it:

Teams 1, Bd 10 (rotated)

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

Tuesday walk-in winners

L Edrich - J Lovell
L Abbenbroek - M Aikin

N Mcmillan - A Webb
P Barker - S Barlow

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.



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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.

If you finished in the top three in your final, you can collect your cheque from the Level 2 ANA desk on Friday afternoon.



This is Diana Baumanis the bus driver.

It was her birthday yesterday.

She is married to local bridge identity

Harry Baumanis. He's the guy in the wheelchair. They live at Tambourine Mountain.



the Australian internet bridge club

Conundrum answer

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

Incorrectly

Yes, it's a weak one. Sorry.

More from Phaic Tan

Phaic Tanese shopping centres offer a huge range of silk, fashion shoes, jewellery and handi-crafts.



The only down-side is that these goods are generally of poor quality and made in Taiwan.

For a more 'authentic' experience, visit one of the many teeming street bazaars you'll find throughout the country. These are a wonderful way to pick up bargains and even the most half-hearted shopper will come away with something, whether it's silk clothing, jewellery or simply an upper respiratory infection.

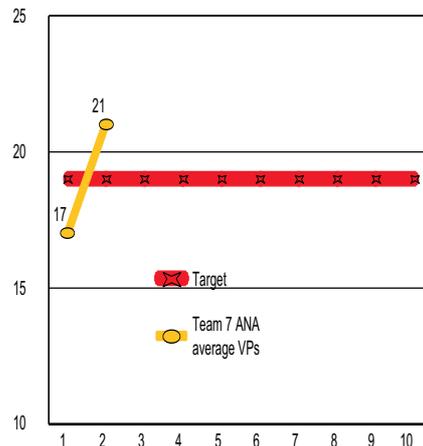
There is no doubting it, Phaic Tan has become something of a centre for fake and pirated goods, ranging from DVDs and watches through to clothing and shoes. So successful have the black market traders become that there is now a new group of vendors emerging who specialize in selling counterfeit goods.

Remember, if you're buying cheap imitation, always ask for a certificate of unauthenticity.

Plot your run rate

Like last year, your team will need to average 19+ to make the semis.

Team 7 at the ANA has started with 17 (yuk) and 25. Our graph looks like this, just above water. Feel free to doodle:



Appeal # 1

Pairs Final 2, 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 M'mphy	NORTH Pszczola	EAST Cummings	SOUTH Otvosi
1♦	2♣	3♠ ¹	4♣
4♠	5♣	No	No
Dbl ²	No	5♦	End

1 fit-showing limit raise

2 agreed long hesitation

I've paraphrased some of the following. Ed

Director: There was an agreed hesitation by West before the double of 5♣. However, the directors considered it was not a Logical Alternative for East to pass 5♣x, given (a) 3♠ had shown values and (b) East had 5+ cards in partner's opened suit. Result stands.

Appellants: West's double of 5♣ is consistent with 18-19 HCP balanced, when 5♣ would be likely to fail. The long hesitation might have suggested that West did not have that hand.

Appeals committee:

J Wignall (Chair), T Chadwick, C Snashall, M Prescott, G Ware

"The hesitation provided Unauthorised Information. Pass was a Logical Alternative, despite the weakness of the East hand. The contract is changed to 5♣x, making 11 tricks."



Gold Star Addition

Malcolm Allan, who played his first Gold Coast in 1974, missing none since.

What does this sequence show?

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

Playing simple Stayman and transfers, what does East have?

A good idea for this to simply show an invitation to 2NT with four spades. That helps opener in this predicament:

♠ A J 6 5	1NT	2♣
♥ K 10 4 3	2♥	2NT
♦ K Q 4	?	
♣ A 6		

If responder bids this way with or without four spades – because 2NT directly is a transfer to diamonds – West may be worried about missing a 4-4 spade fit. If there's no fit, why help the defence by showing the spades? Also, 3♠ is presumably forcing – choice of contracts – so West has a problem on a minimum with four spades, the hand where 3♠ might be better than 2NT.

Nick Hughes

Who is Alan Woods?

He's making a comeback to bridge after a 30 year lay off. He is mentioned in the *Bridge Encyclopaedia*.

Amongst other things he is, with Bob Sebesfi, the inventor of *SWINE: Sebesfi - Woods - 1N - Extraction*.

3 Recorders

Add John Lenart to your list of recorders. The others are Brian O'Hara and John Brockwell.

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.

Teacher's Meeting

Joan Butts

What a buzz there was at the teachers' meeting on Tuesday morning, with an international flavour!

50 keen faces filled the room to hear Michelle Brunner's account of her mobile bridge clubs in Manchester, her teaching style which includes making "cuppas" for the students, and her passion for the weak notrump.

David Greenwood gave us the Irish picture, reminding us of the strong Catholic tradition which meant that cards were still seen as "tickets to the devil" in some quarters. He too teaches weak notrump and, like Michelle, accumulates many hands for use in classes and supervised play sessions.

John McIlrath, the *Easybridge* specialist in Sydney, sees his role as that of motivator and entertainer for his students. The aim is to bring them as quickly as possible into fun games in clubs. We also had the benefit of Ron Klinger's vast experience. The experts concur with his recommendation to open 1NT as often as practical, even with a 5-card major – way to go!

Joan Butts suggested that teachers spend more time on cardplay and defence than they are currently doing. Richard Solomon gave us the view from New Zealand.

When ABTA President Lorraine Harkness closed proceedings, everyone agreed that the morning had been well worth it.

Always old, sometimes new, never sad, sometimes blue. Never empty, sometimes full, never pushes, always pulls. What am I?



These four tied for first in the Restricted Pairs.

Bruce Carroll & Gayle McCarthy
Penny Trenerry & Rita Groom



Jeannette Collins & Peter Kahler
won the Senior Pairs

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