



# Gold Coast Bulletin

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## Welcome everyone!

*Therese Tully*

John F Kennedy said "Change is the law of life. And those who look to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

As I welcome you to this historic 45th Gold Coast Congress, I am very conscious of change as I know this will be the last time we will be holding this event at our current locations. In 2007 we will be moving to one venue – the Gold Coast Convention Centre at Broadbeach. This is an exciting prospect & a major change so we are publishing a special bulletin to give you as much information as we can to enable you to share in our journey to the future.

We have changes for this year too. No doubt you expected to rock up to the ANA as some of you have for the last 16 years but you discovered it is now the Holiday Inn.

The whole place has had a major face lift & has a fresher vibrant look about it. The best news is we still have our bar but it has been located so it is even closer to the bridge players!!

Once again we have had record numbers. This has stretched our resources to the limit & reiterated the need to move to a larger venue. I apologise for any inconvenience & would ask you to make allowances.

Please feel free to talk to me at any time or our very capable staff ...

**Kim Ellaway** heading the management team, **Laurie Kelso** the directors & **Martin Wilcox** the scorers. I am not playing the pairs but will be part of the Jackman team based at the GCI for a change. I hope to be readily available... if not in the bar I can always be contacted by mobile on 0409 870 324.

I would like to extend a special welcome to all our visitors & "first timers". We have had entries from all states and territories of Australia, plus increasing numbers overseas. We must not forget our locals who are the backbone of every event. I would like to personally invite you all back next year to help celebrate our new venue.

Good luck & play well. ♣♠♥♠  
That's me below!



*I am going to KILL the next  
Son of a Bitch  
who says I look STRESSED*

## Sirocco Welcome Pairs

from 7pm Saturday at HI 4th floor. Complimentary drinks then warm up for the Pairs.

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 Holiday Inn/GCI function desks.

## Venues & times

The full timetable is on the back page. No change to the Pairs – Open Pairs at the HI on two floors, Restricted & Senior Pairs at GCI. (Gold Coast International, Cnr Gold Coast Hwy & Staghorn)

The Restricted Teams is again at the HI 2nd floor; Senior Teams still at the GCI. The Open Teams are split between the two hotels.

There are **walk-in pairs** events on Tuesday afternoon at 1pm, in the Tilba Rooms on Level 2 HI and at the GCI..

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**ABN AMRO Morgans**

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). Players wishing to enjoy the buffet at the Holiday Inn will need to purchase a \$35 ticket from the Functions Desk in either venue and arrive at the **Sirocco** Restaurant on the 2nd floor between 5 and 6 pm. Players wishing to enjoy the buffet at the GCI will need to book directly with the Patio Restaurant on 5584 1238 and pay on arrival after 5:30 pm. Remember to finish dining in time for the 7:30 pm start of the teams.

### Victory Dinner

As per usual, 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.

Dinner/Dance tickets are **non-transferrable**.

Tickets will be available for collection from the Functions Desk at the HI Hotel after play on Friday afternoon, during the Vu-graph, and during the Holiday Inn 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:

HI Sunday, Mon & Wed  
GCI Thursday  
at the end of the daytime session.

### More officials

So you know whom to turn to ..

**Recorders** are Keith McDonald (HI) and John Lenart (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), and Sean Mullamphy. 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.



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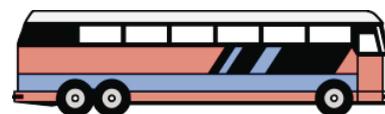
### Calling all Teachers

There will be a meeting and seminar on **Tuesday morning at 10.30**, in the Tilba Rooms, Lvl 2 HI. (Might be moved to level 4)

We'll have tips from people involved in bridge overseas, such as the peripatetic Hugh Grosvenor and Canadian club owner Gavin Wolpert

Local speakers will include Ron Klinger, Joan Butts, Lorraine Harkness.

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



Again we will be providing a complementary bus – with Diana at the wheel – to run between the HI & GCI.

We plan to start from the HI 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.

Diana will also conduct guided tours of the Convention Centre – next year's venue – most week day mornings. See the separate *It's Time for a Change* Bulletin.

		Numbers game					
		00	01	02	03		
04	05	06					
Open Pairs	302	325	258	268	282	286	316
Rstr Pairs	38	70	113	137	164	174	154
Senior Pairs	-	-	72	70	82	92	98
Youth Pairs						12	12
<b>All pairs</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>580</b>
Open Teams	260	175	192	218	224	234	242
Rstr Teams	-	59	60	88	84	84	85
Senior Teams	-	51	50	40	48	44	54
<b>All teams</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>381</b>

Continuing the upward trend, about 100 extra people each year. As per



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**The 25 Year Club**

The GCC Committee has decided to institute a prize – to be decided by draw – to honour, each year, a person who has demonstrated great loyalty to the Congress. The person may be a player, a staff member or someone who has been both. Our records are incomplete. Initial membership of the '25 Year Club' will go to any person described above who reasonably believes either –

- He/she has participated in at least one of the major Pairs or Teams Championships in 25 or more congresses,
- He/she first participated prior to 1981 and has participated in at least one of the major Pairs or Teams Championships in 15 or more congresses since.

We have set up an initial list of those known (or likely) to be eligible. Please confirm/deny if you are on the list, or advise if you should be.

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**Bridge not enough?**

The Gold Coast Congress Committee has organized special rates for those wishing to play a round or two of golf during the congress.

To access these deals, go to the Bridge Hospitality Desks.

Tee times are limited to the first 12 who put their names down for each of the Courses.

The days that golf have been booked are Monday, Wednesday & Saturday. Monday & Wednesday as soon as possible after 7.00am and Saturday Afternoon about 2.00pm.

Happy Bridging (and Golfing)

*Sean Mullamphy*

**Restricted Pairs**

The first 5 placegetters in the Restricted Pairs will be entitled to receive the ABF subsidy of \$200 which has to go toward attending the **NT Gold in September**. If you do well, please give your name and address to Pam Cridland, Bridge Desk at GCI so that the ABF can get in touch.

**Convention Centre for 07**

Grab a copy of the special, early Bulletin for next year. In case you didn't know, we're moving 5km down the road. Hey, I'll save on the taxi from Coolangatta

**You ask, We answer**

Stick around after tomorrow night's session of the Pairs final, 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. We'll have three from this illustrious group:

- Ron Klinger
- Gavin Wolpert
- Ishmael Del'Monte
- Hugh Grosvenor
- Phil Gue
- Paul Marston
- Bobby Richman

and there could be others!

**11pm - 11.30**

**MONDAY NIGHT**

**at the Holiday Inn**

**\$1 entry goes to charity**

There will be another session on Wednesday night.



This is Canadian Gavin Wolpert with his Swedish fiancée Jenny Ryman. They were the youngest ever winners of the Blue Ribbon Pairs at a recent American Nationals.

Gavin will be one of the experts on Monday night's **You Ask, We answer**. Last year he opened a bridge club in Toronto with his mother.

Most recent achievements (mostly with Vince Demuy): Won Blue Ribbon Pairs in 2005 (Denver) 2nd in Spingold 2004 Won bronze medal at World Youth Teams Sydney 2004

Won Canadian Open Team once.

Recently, he played on a team that reached the semi-final in the NOT in Canberra.

## Systems – like last year

Laurie Kelso & Nick Hughes

The ABF's 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 pairs events and the Restricted Teams.

### Email alert for 07

To be kept in the loop about next year, fill out an Edress form at one of the bridge desks.

## 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.

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 (+).

### 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.

### Contacting the Editors

Nicoleta and I are at the HI (Holiday Inn).

The mobile is 0414 601 175, or email to

[nhughes@bigpond.net.au](mailto:nhughes@bigpond.net.au)

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 HI bar for half an hour after each session.

Sat	1pm & 7.30pm	Youth (Under 30) Pairs at HI
Sat	<b>7 to 7.30</b>	Drinks, Sirocco Walk-in Prs at HI 4th floor
<b>Gold Coast Pairs (Senior &amp; Restricted Pairs 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, HI 4th floor
	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Finals Rd 3 (&amp; walk-in pairs at GCI &amp; HI)</b>
	5.30 pm	Buffet dinner, tickets from Level 2 HI
<b>Gold Coast Teams (Seniors at GCI, Restricted at HI)</b>		
<b>(Open field split – HI 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 HI 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 1.30pm
	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 HI, <u>first</u> 20 boards of final
Sat	<b>9am to 9.45</b>	<b>Holiday Inn Shield starts, walk-in till 9.45</b>
	9am	Final bds 21-50
		Senior & restricted finals start at 11am
	7.30 for 8 pm	Dinner/Dance on Level 4 HI