



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Teams starts tonight

Again, both venues will be bursting at the seams to accommodate ever-increasing numbers. The Open field is split between the two venues. The Seniors is still at the GCI, the Restricted is on Level 2 of the HI.



Klinger, Richman, Grosvenor and Wolpert – a handy team.

However, relief is in sight ...:

The Broadbeach Spies

Ron Klinger

“And Moses sent 12 spies into the promised land ... and when the spies returned, two spoke of a land of milk and honey but 10 spies reported unfavourably.

“Thus it was that Therese sent 12 more spies, led by Diana to the Convention Centre ... and when the spies returned, all spoke with admiration of the CC, which had excellent lighting, carpeting and was extremely spacious. They spoke of a land flowering with accommodation and beautiful restaurants. One spy did mention that, no matter where you stayed, you had to walk some distance – 5 to 10 minutes – to the CC. Other than that, the new venue is great.” ♠♦

A good turn out again for “**You Ask, We Answer**”. Predicably the talk turned to slams like this one:

Final 2, Bd 2

E/NS ♠ AKQ92
♥ AKQ10
♦ QJ85
♣ —

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no	2♣	no	no
	2♠		2♦
	4NT		3♦
	6♦		5♦
			no

BridgMate & Stepbridge

A Bridgemate demonstration is one right now – 5 pm Tuesday – on level 2. Bridgemate allows you to enter scores electronically at the bridge table. It’s the latest thing!

Seafood Buffet

It’s on right now, at the end of the Pairs. Quick, go and grab a subsidised tickets (\$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.

Director’s workshop

Tomorrow (Wednesday) 10am on 4th floor, Holiday Inn. Come and hear our special guest speakers:

Richard Grenside

WBF Deputy Chief Director

Arie Geursen

New Zealand Chief Director and member Zone 7 Laws Commission.

Everything you wanted to know about the Laws but were afraid to ask. Now’s your chance.

All players and aspiring directors welcome.

Okay, here’s a question from Terry Brown. You are dummy in 3NT. The opening lead is a club, dummy’s singleton. Declarer wins the ♣A in hand and plays a small club, saying “Ruff small please.” What should dummy say or do?

Tue	5 pm	Buffet dinner, tickets from Level 2 HI
Gold Coast Teams (Seniors at GCI, Restricted at HI)		
(Open field split – HI 4th floor or GCI)		
Tue	7.30 pm	Swiss Rds 1 & 2, 2 x 14 bds
Wed	9 am	Walk-in Pairs at HI 2nd floor (\$10)
	10 am	Directors’ workshop on 4th Floor
	1pm & 7.30	Swiss Rds 3 - 6
Thu	10.30 & 3.30	Swiss Rds 7 - 10, don’t sleep in
		Thursday night off for everyone
Fri	9.30	Semis start, then 1.30pm
	11am	Restricted & Seniors finals start
	12.30	Swiss Rds 11 & 12, finishing at 5 pm
	8 pm	Vu-graph at HI, <u>first</u> 20 boards of final
Sat	9am to 9.45	Holiday Inn Shield starts , walk-in till 9.45
	9am	Final bds 21-50
		Senior & restricted finals start at 11am
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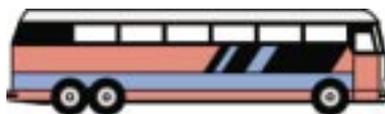
See Clare at the ANA or Pam at the GCI to pick up your prize – a high quality pen or *Mind Games*, the story of Queensland Bridge.

Freda Banner was chatting to this guy about Ron Klinger's column in *The Herald*. She said "When you look and see the same names all the time you might think that there are only 30 bridge players in Australia".

"There are" he replied.



Bar Piazza
4-6 pm is the
best time for
a drink



Again we are providing a complimentary bus – with Diana at the wheel – to run between the HI & GCI.

The bus starts 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*.

Leading at 2/3 distance

1	M Sz'owski J Strepinsky	875
2	B Neill & R Klinger	855
3	P Lavings & R Krochmalik	838
4=	B Hirst & J Hassett	767
4=	N Griffiths & M Doecke	767
6	J Summerhayes A Gianazza	742
7=	P Gumby & W Lazer	737
7=	B Rafferty & J Lodewijks	737
9	N Francis & M Moren	734
10	T Brown & P Gue	730

In the Plate

1	J Atkinson & P Carter	804
2	G Wakefield & J Sarjeant	798
3	T Burke & C Baker	796
4	N Hughes & N Giura	774
5	B Polii & J Sumetsey	755

Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships

Swiss Pairs

Australian Gold Point Event

Venue - Victorian Bridge Association, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena, Victoria

10 March (7.30pm) - 12 March (5pm)

A special donated prize will be given to the best performing (with less than 200MP each) at the event. A trophy will be awarded and a contribution of \$400 towards travel to attend the Australian Swiss Pairs in Launceston or the VCC in Melbourne or the ANC in Adelaide in 2006.

Pairs Entry: \$400 per pair

Commonwealth Nations Medallion (optional) \$ 40 each (limited to 1 per player)

Post your cheque and entry to: CNBC c/o A. L. Halmos, 131 Poath Rd, Murrumbena, Vic, 3163

Lygon Street – GCI

Winner "Best Teppanyaki Restaurant and Chef of the Gold Coast - Yamagen Restaurant" 2004 & 2005

Winner "Best of the Best Gold Coast Hotels 2004 by the Gold Coast Bulletin"

Winner "MIAA Best Meeting Venue under 500 Delegates QLD"

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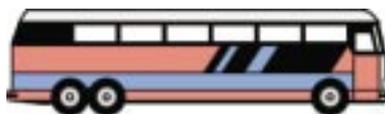
See Clare at the ANA or Pam at the GCI to pick up your prize – a high quality pen or *Mind Games*, the story of Queensland Bridge.

Freda Banner was chatting to this guy about Ron Klinger's column in *The Herald*. She said "When you look and see the same names all the time you might think that there are only 30 bridge players in Australia".

"There are" he replied.



Bar Piazza
4-6 pm is the
best time for
a drink



Again we are providing a complimentary bus – with Diana at the wheel – to run between the HI & GCI.

The bus starts 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*.

Leading at 2/3 distance

1	M Sz'owski J Strepinsky	875
2	B Neill & R Klinger	855
3	P Lavings & R Krochmalik	838
4=	B Hirst & J Hassett	767
4=	N Griffiths & M Doecke	767
6	J Summerhayes A Gianazza	742
7=	P Gumby & W Lazer	737
7=	B Rafferty & J Lodewijks	737
9	N Francis & M Moren	734
10	T Brown & P Gue	730

In the Plate

1	J Atkinson & P Carter	804
2	G Wakefield & J Sarjeant	798
3	T Burke & C Baker	796
4	N Hughes & N Giura	774
5	B Polii & J Sumetsey	755

Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships

Swiss Pairs

Australian Gold Point Event

Venue - Victorian Bridge Association, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena, Victoria

10 March (7.30pm) - 12 March (5pm)

A special donated prize will be given to the best performing (with less than 200MP each) at the event. A trophy will be awarded and a contribution of \$400 towards travel to attend the Australian Swiss Pairs in Launceston or the VCC in Melbourne or the ANC in Adelaide in 2006.

Pairs Entry: \$400 per pair

Commonwealth Nations Medallion (optional) \$ 40 each (limited to 1 per player)

Post your cheque and entry to: CNBC c/o A. L. Halmos, 131 Poath Rd, Murrumbena, Vic, 3163

Lygon Street – GCI

Winner "Best Teppanyaki Restaurant and Chef of the Gold Coast - Yamagen Restaurant" 2004 & 2005

Winner "Best of the Best Gold Coast Hotels 2004 by the Gold Coast Bulletin"

Winner "MIAA Best Meeting Venue under 500 Delegates QLD"

Winner "People's Choice Entertainment card Dining Award" under 500 Delegates QLD" Winner "People's Choice Entertainment card Dining Award"

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