



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Close finish to the Pairs

The Pairs final was a close tussle. Marek Szymanowski (who won the World Championship Pairs in 1994) and Jere Strepinski – both from Poland – led most of the way but trailed Bruce Neill and Ron Klinger going into the last round. They overtook them to win narrowly.



Marek Szymanowski & Jere Strepinski
Favourites and winners!

Ask the Experts

Tonight's session in the Tilba Rooms will feature Paul Marston and Ishmael Del'Monte. Head over there after to play to ask questions about the day's hands. \$1 entry goes to **Bridge for Brain Research**. Here are some Pairs hands, starting with a Courtney squeeze:

Pairs Final 1, Bd 12

W/NS ♠ QJ84
♥ J1085
♦ J74
♣ J6

♠ 10976 ♠ AK5
♥ K9 ♥ AQ42
♦ K3 ♦ Q10852
♣ A8753 ♣ 2

♠ 32
♥ 763
♦ A96
♣ KQ1094

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Courtney	Alan N	Wyer	Kath N
1♣	no	1♦	no
1NT	no	3NT	end

Alan Nelson led the ♥J to dummy's queen. After a diamond to the king, followed by another to the 10-ace, Kath led the ♣K, ducked, then the ♣10 to the ace.

Declarer pitched dummy's ♠5 on this then crossed to the ♠A to run the diamonds, reaching this ending (South's cards are irrelevant):

W/NS ♠ QJ
♥ 1085
♦ —
♣ —

♠ 1097 ♠ K
♥ K ♥ A42
♦ — ♦ 8
♣ 8 ♣ —

Declarer pitched a club on the last diamond and North had no good discard. South had already parted with

Major Pairs Winners

Prize Money goes to the **top three** in all sections (& 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 HI desk.

Gold Coast Pairs	PQPs
1 M Szymanowski J Strepinski	
2 B Neill & R Klinger	32
3 T Brown & P Gue	24
4 P Lavings & R Krochmalik	16
5 N Griffiths & M Doecke	8

Open Plate

1 G Wakefield & J Sarjeant
2 J Atkinson & P Carter
3 T Burke & C Baker

Senior Pairs

1 D Smee & D Smith	32
2 B Hunt & R Lachman	24
3 G Ridgway & A Robbins	16
4 I McKinnon & B Westwood	8

Seniors Plate

1 E & J Quittner
2 M & J Millar

Restricted Pairs

1 G Collins & J Clyne
2 P Schoen & A Dormer
3 M Allison & R O'Dell

Restricted Plate

1 C Boyd & C McWilliam
2 L King & H Standfast

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

Dinner Dance

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.

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

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
	11pm	"You ask, we answer" at HI
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
	7.30 for 8 pm	Dinner/Dance on Level 4 HI

a "useless" heart so there was no ambiguity.

Deja Vue

Final 3, Bd 12

W/NS ♠ K J 10 3
♥ A 9 7
♦ 10 7
♣ Q J 8 7

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

First note it's good to open a strong 1NT as West. You end up in 2♠ which has chances. If you start with 1♥, East might pass (I wouldn't). If he responds 1♠, West is stuck.

Colin Baker reached 2♠ and made it with a little help. At another table, the auction went:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣ *	1♠	no	no
X	no	no	1NT

North must have feared his *vul vs not 4-card overcall of their strong club* had come badly unstuck.

In fact there was much rejoicing. Not so much because 1NT is a good contract but rather because North at this table was the same C Baker who had held the West cards a few min-

Datums for Round 2

Seniors	Bd	Open HI	GCI
500	15	470	610
80	16	70	180
570	17	630	460
-420	18	-410	-430
10	19	0	-30
-40	20	-80	-80
-370	21	-470	-460
180	22	120	140
-1280	23	-1470	-1440
-20	24	0	-30
-620	25	-560	-620
-610	26	-570	-620
130	27	60	0
230	28	250	180

utes earlier. "Guys, I think it's 13-15 we want."

"Odds & evens" evened the odds

Brian Ashwell, Auckland

This was a board from the last set on Monday night. It appeared it yesterday's Bulletin:

Final 2, Bd 22

E/EW ♠ K Q J 10 6 3
♥ K 9
♦ A 5 4
♣ 9 5

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no	1♠	no	no
no	4♣	end	3♠

The raise to 3♠ was protected by the Law of Total Tricks. North thought "What the heck but I'll try anything at 2am NZ time."

Start with aggressive bidding, add some deductive declarer play, mixed with that essential ingredient of misdefence and we scored +420 on this board.

My wife Jan, until this year normally an accompanying "shopper" who just graduated from junior bridge ranks, agreed to partner me in the Restricted Pairs.

East led the ♣A then switched to a diamond, won by the ace. West pitched the ♥2 on the second trump (odds encourage, evens suit preference) so it looked like a heart to the king wouldn't work. Declarer exited instead with a club to East's king.

When East decided to swing ♥A-another, it was all over. A heart ruff set up the ♥J for a diamond pitch and +420.

With the euphoria of making the contract and the hot night, sleep was still elusive despite the internal clock being 4am NZ time. With a lot of friends met and made at the bridge tables, it will be easy to convince Jan to play again next year.

Yes that ♥2 was certainly a poor choice. Incidentally, some pairs are

starting to extend the use of Odd-Even signals to partner's lead. They work like this:

Say partner leads the ♥K against 4♠ and you have J-8-5-2. To encourage, you play the ♥5; the ♥8 would ask for a diamond, the ♥2 asks for a club.

Simple enough but illegal, I believe, in America. Can you see why?

The Editor reckons he did something good here. What do you think?

Pairs Final 3, Bd 21

N/NS ♠ Q 10
♥ A 9 5
♦ A Q 9 6 4
♣ A K 9

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

I played 3NT/N after a dull relay auction. East led a spade to West's king and foolishly ducked the return. Sometimes this is right but not here.

Expecting the rest, I cashed the ♦A, unblocking dummy's ♦10 for no clear reason, then played a diamond to the king. When West showed out, I was down to 10 top tricks but there was a certain endplay. I rattled off clubs and hearts, ending in dummy.

This is the ending:

♠ —
♥ —
♦ Q 9 6
♣ —
♠ 7 ♠ A
♥ Q J ♥ —
♦ — ♦ J 7
♣ — ♣ —
♠ J
♥ 8
♦ 8
♣ —

East had pitched a spade to keep ♦J-7. Thrown in with the ♠A, he had to concede the last two tricks to declarer's ♦Q-9.

Note the importance of unblocking dummy's ♦10. If dummy still has that card, there are 10 tricks only.

There were heaps of slams in the last Pairs set. This is one:

Pairs Final 3, Bd 24

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Francis	Lester	Moren	Lilley
1♦ hearts	no	2♥	3NT ?
end			

This seemed a good time to lead the canapé suit! +100. What's a good auction? I overheard this:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♦	no	1♥	X
2♥ ?	2♠ !	no	4NT
no	5♦	no	6♣

In the bar afterwards, East says "They bid slam on 24, even though I responded on my 4-count. A bit unlucky."

Yes but West should have raised to 3♥ or 4♥ to shut North out. You make your own luck. ♦♦

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.

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.

Appeal #2

Pairs final 1, Bd 21			
N/NS	♠ 7 3 2		
	♥ K J 5 3		
	♦ K		
	♣ J 8 7 5 4		
♠ 9 8 6		♠ A Q 10	
♥ A Q 4		♥ 8 2	
♦ J 10 9 8 6 4		♦ Q 5 2	
♣ 6		♣ K Q 10 3 2	
	♠ K J 5 4		
	♥ 10 9 7 6		
	♦ A 7 3		
	♣ A 9		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gue	Rafferty	Brown	Lodewijks
		1NT	2♣ ¹
2♦	3♣	no	no
3♦	end		

1 Alerted as clubs & another
Actually majors

Table result: 3♦ - 50.

Director: I was called at the conclusion of play. 2♣ had been described (incorrectly) as clubs and a another. West contested that, given correct information, he may have passed 3♣. I discovered that the EW methods preclude a penalty double of 3♣ by either partner, irrespective of the meaning of 2♣. We decided that passing 3♣ was not a Logical Alternative with West's cards, that the auction would proceed the same way with correct information. Result stands.

Appellants: If East was aware that 2♣ was for the majors, then double of 3♣ would be penalty. If West was given correct information, passing 3♣ would be a logical action. The hand is not suitable for a takeout double.

Committee (various indecipherable signatures): By a majority, the Committee believed that, given correct information about 2♣, it was a logical alternative for EW to pass 3♣.

Result adjusted to 3♣/S -100.

Mobile Phones

You're probably sick of hearing this but it's worth repeating:



Please remember to turn your phone on after each session.

Countless hours have been wasted through thoughtless, inconsiderate players forgetting to turn their phones back on after play.

It's hard enough as it is to coordinate the evening's dining without team members turning *incommunicado*

Speaking of restaurants, will we ever learn?

Our typical 90 minute meal break goes something like this:

We arrange to meet at 5.45 but most of us are late and/or uncontactable (see above).

We stand around till 6.10 then start the aimless wandering ritual. Eventually we find a place, sit down and chat. It dawns on someone that we should tell the waiter we're in a hurry.

We peruse the menu for 20 minutes "Is four dishes enough?", order then chat some more; sometimes about hands, mostly not. At 7 pm we get anxious and call the waiter over. Our meals arrive on masse at 7.10 and we dive into them.

10 minutes later it's all gone and we call for the bill. When it arrives at 7.25, we leave our accountant to do the sums and scamper to reach the venue at 7.29, digesting *en route*. The accountant turns up at 7.35, apologising to the opponents "The restaurant was very slow."

Yeah, right!

There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's research.

This means that by 2040, there should be a large elderly population with erections and perky breasts and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

Tuesday Walk-in winners

NS
Yvonne Cains & Carol Briscoe
EW
Lynn Kalmin & Helen Horwitz



Gay Collins and Jan Clyne won the Restricted Pairs. They are from Melbourne & play at the Borin Bridge Centre

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 with you.



NZ-ers John Sarjeant and Graham Wakefield won the Plate.

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