



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Teams at half way stage

You need to average at least 19 VPs per match to make the semis. That's 114 after six.

The Romanian GRUIA team is unbeaten at the GCI, while the top four seeds are handily placed.

Over here, HOLLAND (the defending champions) are unbeaten, as are BRIFMAN. They played each other in Round 2 for a 15 all draw.

We asked, two answered

A smaller turnout for the expert panel. The early start next day might have had something to do with that. Just two answering questions - Paul & Ish - but that seemed to go well.

We discussed boards from Match 6. This was the first:

Match 6, Bd 21

N/NS ♠ Q J 10 9 4

♥ 7 4

♦ 9 5

♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 5

♠ K 8 7 4

♥ J 6 5 3

♥ 9

♦ A 10 7 6 2

♦ Q J 4 3

♣ K Q

♣ A 10 7 4

♠ 6 3

♥ A K Q 10 8 2

♦ K 8

♣ 9 8 2

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

no no 1♥

2♦ no 3♥ no

3NT/5♦ end

This is the normal auction. Some would be wary of 2♦ with such a



Ish and Paul set us straight

poor suit but Marston said the heart length was a great compensating asset – you are very likely to catch a useful heart shortage in dummy.

When East makes a splinter raise, West sees how well the hands fit. 3NT is possible but 5♦ is better.

Irishman Hugh McGann opened 2♥ as South, which looks right. His West overcalled 3♦ – that's stretching it too far. Better is to pass and wait for East to double. 2♥x goes for 800 if West is game.

Canadian Vince Demuy opened a strong 1NT with the South cards! That worked a treat because East-West never got to show values. The talk then turned to coping with the Multi:



Top 10 after 6 Rounds

HI Open (120 teams)

1	1	Holland	127
2	3	Brifman	120
3	25	Weathered	119
4	5	Gardiner	115
5	9	Nelson	114
6	11	Lee	113
7	13	Giura	113
8	15	Leibowitz	112
9	12	Scott	110
10	6	Chua	110

GCI Open (124 teams)

1	7	Gruia	127
2	6	Gosney	121
3	22	Hutton	115
4	4	Cummings	114
5	2	Noble	114
6	1	Karwur	114
7	26	Jin	113
8	3	Wyer	113
9	23	Livesey	113
10	13	Jackman	113

Seniors (56 teams)

1	Ridgway	130
2	Marinos	123
3	Milward	112
4	Smee	112
5	Puskas	111
6	Hunt	111
7	Croft	110
8	Fordham	108
9	Doddridge	106
10	Winestock	106

Restricted (86 teams)

1	Houghton	138
2	Wotherspoon	115
3	Harris	114
4	Whitmee	114
5	Gehrke	113
6	Millar	110
7	Trad	109
8	Palethorpe	109
9	Abraham	107
10	Stacey	106

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

Thu	10.30 & 3.30	Swiss Rds 7 - 10 Thursday night off for everyone
Fri	9.30 11am	Semis start, then 1.30pm Restricted & Seniors finals start
	12.30 8 pm	Swiss Rds 11 & 12 , finishing at 5 pm Vu-graph at HI, <u>first</u> 20 boards of final
Sat	9am to 9.45 9am	Holiday Inn Shield starts , walk-in till 9.45 Final bds 21-50
	7.30 for 8 pm	Senior & restricted finals start at 11am Dinner/Dance on Level 4 HI



Early leaders at the GCI. For their fourth, see Bulletin 2

Match 6, Bd 18

E/NS ♠ A 7
 ♥ J 7 3 2
 ♦ J 9 6 2
 ♣ 9 7 6

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

♠ K Q J 9 3 2
 ♥ A 10 5
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ 4 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
?		no	2♦ *

2♦ = a weak two in a major.

What should West do? Ish recommends the modern expert method – double with 13-15 balanced or some 19+. That ensures you don't get frozen out when you each have flat 13 counts.

The Multi has its weaknesses. Defenders need to take advantage of the extra space.

Yesterday afternoon, Ron Klinger and Bruce Neill found an excellent grand slam – for their opponents Jim & Ellie FitzGerald:

Match 4, Bd 17

N/Nil ♠ Q J 8 6
 ♥ Q 9 6 5 4
 ♦ 10 9 2
 ♣ 7

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

♠ K 9 7 4
 ♥ J
 ♦ 7 6 5 4 3
 ♣ Q 10 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	2♦ ¹	X	3♠
4NT	no	5♥	no
5NT	no	6♦	no
7♣	end		

1 both majors, weak

Jim had little problem locating the trump queen, courtesy of Ron's advertised length in the majors.

We also bid to 7♣ but the auction was uncontested. North decided to lead a trump anyway, much to South's dismay. Paul Lavings would be pleased. One of his mottos is "Don't lead a trump against a grand slam. For one thing, partner isn't going to ruff it." - Ed.

How the Poles won

I asked Jerem Stepinski to give me some hands from the Pairs final. He agreed, provided we spelt his name right. (So **that's** why I couldn't google him! He was on the team that came second in the European Open Teams in Tenerife in 2005). He showed me these:

Final 2, Bd 23

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

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

Marek Szymanowski was on lead against 4♠/E after a 1♣ opening by West and a checkback. Nearly everyone in 4♠ made 11 tricks here, thanks to the magic club position.

Marek led the ♣A! Then came the ♣Q for -420 via the ruff and a good matchpoint score. Imaginative but sound, given the ♣K was very likely to be in dummy.

New Youth Coordinators

Recently the ABF approved the appointment of two new ABF Youth Co-ordinators, **David McDonald** and **Jacquie Williams**, both from Sydney.

They are both here at Surfers, playing in Team 21 at the Holiday Inn.

Please contact them, either to be added to the youth database, or just to help out. Youth bridge needs a lot of helpers!

Jacquie:

0409 743 437, or
 jacquie_w@optusnet.com.au

David:

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Hmm. Goody-goody-yum-yum.

Final 3, Bd 1

N/Nil ♠ K J 10 9 4
 ♥ K J 10 8 3
 ♦ 6 4
 ♣ 6

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

♠ 8 7 6
 ♥ A 4
 ♦ Q J 7
 ♣ A J 7 5 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Jerem		Marek
	2♥*	no	2♠*
no	no	X!?	no
no	no		

2♥ showed 5-5, hearts and another, 2♠ was pass/correct. East would have done better to protect with 2NT. As it went, he was soon writing -570.



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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.

Round 3 datums

Seniors	Bd	Open HI	GCI
80	1	-30	-110
20	2	-30	120
-340	3	-440	-380
-320	4	-730	-640
640	5	560	350
-30	6	90	30
230	7	340	430
-410	8	-420	-430
-40	9	0	-90
710	10	700	710
-140	11	-350	-430
-400	12	-260	-350
-660	13	-740	-880
170	14	130	110

Round 4 datums

Seniors	Bd	Open HI	GCI
150	15	100	n
-650	16	-590	o
-740	17	-730	t
-140	18	-140	
-70	19	-110	o
-640	20	-540	n
690	21	760	
810	22	970	t
630	23	640	h
210	24	40	e
-40	25	-80	
-230	26	-40	n
-10	27	-40	e
-40	28	-20	t

Round 5 datums

Seniors	Bd	Open HI	GCI
90	1	40	90
50	2	200	90
-30	3	-130	-20
560	4	740	640
-120	5	-320	-140
20	6	-130	-90
70	7	-10	50
30	8	-90	-100
40	9	20	-20
70	10	120	150
50	11	150	70
-440	12	-440	-450
-370	13	-520	-630
110	14	490	490

Round 6 datums

Seniors	Bd	Open HI	GCI
110	15	160	n
380	16	450	o
430	17	430	t
-40	18	-130	
-40	19	40	o
590	20	620	n
-270	21	-230	
-10	22	-30	t
-870	23	-910	h
-50	24	-90	e
-100	25	-30	
-120	26	250	n
380	27	350	r
80	28	90	t



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Players from everywhere

Yes we know - Sweden, Poland, etc. Jannik Thome wonders whether there is anyone here from his native **Luxemburg**.

A long shot! If that's you, you might ring him on 0419 731 137 to reminisce.

Meet Hugh Grosvenor



I first met Hugh about 20 years ago when he would come up to Canberra from Tassie each January to play in the Youth Championships.

Since then, you've moved around a bit. Like where and why?

I decided to move to Sydney in 1985 to improve my bridge. I couldn't find a job in Sydney but got one in Canberra so moved there on the way to Sydney.

15 years later my wife Tina and I moved to the USA and lived in Washington DC for 4 years where she worked for the Slovenian embassy and I played bridge. Then two years in Slovenia and a year in Brussels.

Now 20 years later I have finally made it to Sydney.

Slovenia! Where is that?

Slovenia is a small central European country of less than two million people – it used to be the very northern part of Yugoslavia. It is a beautiful alpine country with mountains, lakes and rivers and a small coastline on the Adriatic. I had the opportunity to

play many interesting tournaments in the surrounding area, particularly some of the big Italian tournaments.

How did you get into bridge? Who influenced you in the early years? Any particular books?

I learned bridge in Tasmania - a rainy day at the beach (not a particularly rare thing there). I was fortunate that the ANC was in Hobart that year, so I got early exposure to national level tournament bridge.

My first bridge mentor was Arnold Volframs who taught me a lot in the early years and persuaded me that playing Blue Club as my first system probably wasn't such a great plan. *Card Play Technique* by Mollo and Gardener was my first bridge bible.

How does bridge in Oz compare with USA & Europe?

The USA is very tough at the upper

levels. There are big tournaments almost continuously there, so the leading players get a lot of exposure to high-level bridge. Bridge in Europe is a lot more colourful with much greater diversity in tournaments and the standard of bridge.

Rumour has you living in Sydney at the moment. Why is that?

I have moved to Sydney (eventually) to play bridge with Paul Marston in the OzOne venture. I will also be playing professionally and teaching. Tina is still in Brussels at the moment but we plan for her to move here in a few months time.

What do you do besides bridge?

Eat, drink, cook, read and most recently play poker online (extremely badly so far) ♣♠♥♦

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