

Number 2

Monday, February 19, 2007

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## Open, Seniors and Restricted Pairs Kick Off

Yesterday, Sunday, the three major pair events, the Open, Seniors and Restricted Pairs got under way with two qualifying sessions of bridge. The top pairs in each event qualified for a three-session barometer final starting today and finishing up tomorrow around 5:00 pm.

Chief Director Laurie Kelso took the microphone at 1:00 pm promptly and, with a few words of welcome and encouragement, got the game under way. From all indications all three events ran smoothly, due, in part, to the Congress' comfortable and impressive venue—the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. Smiles



Laurie Kelso

were in everywhere evident as players walked into the facility and gaped in open-mouthed wonder at the spacious and well-lit playing area. If the players' reactions are any indication, this looks like the venue of choice for the GCC for many years to come.

Tomorrow evening at 7:30 the three major team events, the Open, Seniors and Restricted Teams, will begin with their first two qualifying matches. Play well, enjoy the Gold Coast, and the best of luck to everyone.



"Play fast, play well, but above all play quietly—it's time for my afternoon nap."

## You Ask, We Answer a Big Hit

Last night, following the second qualifying session of the Open, Seniors and Restricted Pairs, the first "You Ask, We Answer" session was held in the section of the playing area where the Restricted Pairs was played. Moderator Joan Butts hosted panelists Ron Klinger, Karen McCallum, Paul and Jason Hackett, and Tom Hanlon as they answered questions from the audience about situations that had presented problems for them during the day's play. Humor, wit

and bridge expertise were in ample supply—and not only from the panelists.

If you missed the first installment of this popular panel show, be sure and come to the second edition later this week. Keep an eye out for the time and place in the Events & Happenings section on the back page of your daily bulletin.



## GCC Welcome Walk-in Pairs (Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2007)

Place	N/S Players	Score	%
1	W Solomon, L Solomon	253	58.56
2	R Paterson, L Bedford-Brown	242	56.02
Place	E/W Players	Score	%
1	D Osmund, L Osmund	265	61.34
2	R Novakovic, B Novakovic	250	57.87
Place	N/S Players	Score	%
1	A Hughes, D Musson	251	58.1
2	R Grenside, S Grenside	245	56.71
Place	N/S Players	Score	%
1	G Torelli, S Nedkov	274	63.43
2	D O'Regan, E Usher	245	56.71
Place	N/S Players	Score	%
1	J Cook, G Efinger	273	63.19
2	J Robinson, J Buckley	263	60.88
Place	N/S Players	Score	%
1	W Houghton, C Houghton	273	63.19
2	T Thatcher, J Thatcher	267	61.81
Place	N/S Players	Score	%
1	J Holland, K Nelson	290	
67.13			
2	D Hansen, J Hansen	245	56.71
Place	N/S Players	Score	%
1	H Tootell, P Tootell	292	67.59
2	J Brockwell, R Wallis	280	64.81
Place	N/S Players	Score	%
1	V Vainikonis, R Jedrychowski	280	64.81
2	C Cullen, S Cullen	235	54.4
Place	N/S Players	Score	%
1	S Lynn, G Lynn	264	61.11
2	A Hazell, L Kirchhoff	256	59.26
Place	N/S Players	Score	%
1	G Pick, S Pick	248	57.41
2	S Boulter, C Struik	247	57.18
Place	N/S Players	Score	%
1	P Beattie, B Briggs	279	64.58
2	M Levy, E Frydman	240	55.56
Place	N/S Players	Score	%
1	D Debbage, J Butts	263	60.88
2	A Fontes, J Fontes	255	59.03
Place	N/S Players	Score	%
1	L Reiner, J Hunter	263	60.88
2	M Allan, S Stening	260	60.19

First & Second place in each section receive a prize. See



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## Jet Lag

by Kath Nelson

Playing with John Holland, of the UK (as both of our spouses were suffering from jet lag and having the night off) in the Welcome Walk-in Pairs we decided to play a 12-14 notrump and a "simple" system.

On Board 29 I picked up ♠AKJ9 ♥KJ87 ♦72 ♣743. In third seat I opened 1NT and LHO doubled. Partner redoubled (we hadn't discussed what that meant... *simple*) and I now noticed that I had a spade in with my clubs—5-4-2-2. 2♠ seemed right now and John rebid 2NT. Shock, horror! I now realized that my clubs were in fact ALL spades—7-4-2-0. I hastily bid 4♠.

Poor LHO, not knowing what was going on (how could she, / barely knew?), led the ♣A. The whole deal:

Bd: 29                    ♠ Q82  
Dir: North            ♥ A543  
Vul: Both             ♦ Q93  
                             ♣ K75

♠ 5	♠ 106
♥ Q6	♥ 1092
♦ AK65	♦ J1084
♣ AQJ1064	♣ 9832
	♠ AKJ9743
	♥ KJ87
	♦ 72
	♣ ---

I ruffed the club, played a spade to dummy's queen, discarded a diamond on the ♣K, ruffed dummy's last club, drew the remaining trump, and led a diamond towards the queen. Poor LHO. She won the trick and was again faced with a problem. In desperation she tried the ♥Q. Twelve tricks was a complete top. Sorry!



Saturday's Welcome Walk-in Pairs

## Cover an Honor...

### GCC Open Pairs Qualifying (Sunday 18th February, 2007)

#### Section A – Qualifiers

Place	Players	Score	%
1	J Wignall, B Scott	10017	66.74
2	B Hirst, P Hackett	9595	67.92
3	J Ebery, R Klinger	9478	62.55
4	J Hay, D Weston	8975	58.09
5	G Bilski, T Brown	8964	55.82
6	A Bach, M Whibley	8952	57.04
7	N Griffiths, G Ware	8907	57.8
8	D Appleton, P Reynolds	8904	67.01
9	W Lazer, P Gumbly	8852	55.47
10	J Holland, M Brunner	8839	58.56
11	K McCallum, L Baker	8810	63.51
12	B Noble, M Prescott	8722	55.28
13	J Lester, D Lilley	8701	50.74
14	P Canning, K Christiansen	8521	59.92

#### Section B – Qualifiers

Place	Players	Score	%
1	M Ware, S Hans	9789	65.73
2	J Armstrong, H Melbourne	9424	69.33
3	T Hanlon, J Hackett	9354	66.73
4	B Haughie, A Braithwaite	9339	60.34
5	K Nelson, A Nelson	9300	68.34
6	B Jones, J Millington	9292	59.02
7	M Courtney, T Burke	9250	62.85
8	B Travis, E Havas	9196	61.42
9	P Lavings, R Krochmalik	9163	55.54
10	V Vainikonis, W Olanski	9070	59.36
11	B Nash, R Webb	9052	60.07
12	B Palmer, A Tarbutt	9011	64.74
13	P Livesey, R Thomas	8932	59.55
14	G Malinas, D Debbage	8781	70.6

A Director rushed up to me in the lobby yesterday saying, "Paul Hackett wants to see you." Well, when Paul calls...

As it turned out, Paul wanted to tell me about a very nice play he had heard about on Board 4 from the first qualifying session of the GCC Open Pairs. Paul himself was not involved in the deal but the play was, indeed, *very* nice.

Bd: 4                   ♠ A  
 Dir: West             ♥ AKQJ9863  
 Vul: Both             ♦ 7  
                              ♣ J97

♠ K43                   ♠ J10865  
 ♥ 10754               ♥ ---  
 ♦ A5                   ♦ Q109832  
 ♣ 8654               ♣ A2

♠ Q972  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ KJ64  
 ♣ KQ103

The contract was 4♥; the declarer was John Clarson of Ireland, seated North. His partner was Fiona Brown.

East led the ♠J and Clarson, at a time when most of us are trying to figure out how to blame partner for getting us into this mess, was looking into the future and getting brilliant. So, can you figure out what Clarson did that was so great?

He covered the ♠J with dummy's ♠Q! What? That's right, he covered the ♠J with the queen while looking at the stiff ♠A in his own hand. Just see the illusion this created in his RHO's mind. West, who was not able to see through the backs of the cards, covered the queen with the king, "cover an honor..." and Clarson won the ace. Next Clarson drew trumps and was finally ready for the play he had so carefully set up at trick one: he led a club to the king as West won his ace.

Now, put yourself in West's shoes. Why did declarer play the ♠Q at trick one? Clearly because he hoped to win the trick with it. But then declarer must have one more spade and the defense must now be in a position to cash it. So West returned a spade to East's ten and...Clarson ruffed. Then came three rounds of clubs, on the last of which Clarson shed his losing diamond and claimed twelve tricks.

Nicely done, John.



Sunday's Open Pairs Qualifying

## GCC Seniors Pairs Qualifying (Sunday 18th February, 2007)

### Section A – Top 14 Pairs

Place	Players	Score	%
1	E Auerbach, T Kiss	2948	61.67
2	G Ridgway, A Robbins	2848	59.69
3	S Mendick, P Kahler	2789	55.47
4	R Bignall, R Januszke	2720	56.74
5	D Smee, D Smith	2687	57.71
6	R Wallis, J Brockwell	2678	60.96
7	T Lenart, R Freeman-Greene	2665	60.22
8	L Varadi, M Pogany	2557	
54.47			
9	D Sarten, S Sarten	2528	51.53
10	J Twigg, P Rickard	2524	57.07
11	G Lane, W Westwood	2514	49.77
12	A Halmos, F Halmos	2496	54.26
13	B Raaphorst, M Kiraly	2483	47.75
14	A Sheehy, F Sheehy	2470	56.68

### Section B – Top 14 Pairs

Place	Players	Score	%
1	I Afflick, P Collins	2956	54.93
2	J Harris, N Langford	2740	58.44
3	K Carmichael, G Dean	2715	62.7
4	P Chan, J Hewitt	2696	60.38
5	D McCormack, P McCormack	2624	47.64
6	C Woolley, C Woolley	2613	63.06
7	J Mitchell, J Lister	2569	53.36
8	R Minchin, C Minchin	2568	60.12
9	T Hutton, T Jackman	2558	57.97
10	B Hunt, P Jamieson	2517	55.43
11	B Krishan, H Ali	2489	52.28
12	P Grant, T Davis	2463	54.75
13	M Kent, H Baumanis	2436	47.05
14	R Anderson, J Gaspar	2419	49.46



Sunday Restricted Pairs Qualifying

## GCC Restricted Pairs Qualifying (Sunday 18th February, 2007)

### Section A – Top 14 Pairs

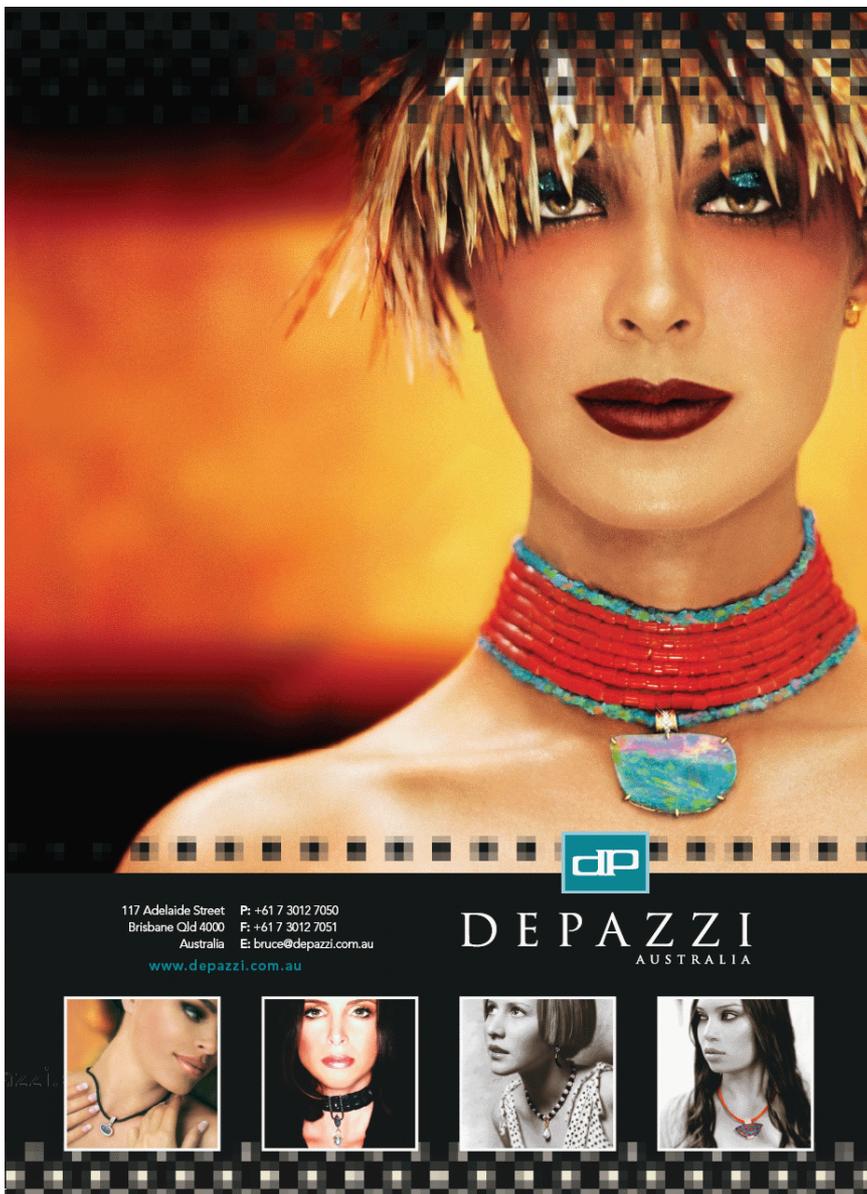
Place	Players	Score	%
1	M Keating, D Wenham	5764	63.82
2	R Taylor, R Taylor	5665	65.04
3	A Abraham, S Beggs	5551	57.97
4	J Wiczorek, W Boxall	5523	62.93
5	B Daglish, F Garrick	5438	51.0
6	F Bowcock, A Daunton	5437	54.76
7	A Hogan, N Beasley	5391	54.64
8	J Steele, J Steele	5377	61.97
9	T Hinkley, S Hinkley	5376	56.82
10	M Okamoto, L Horton	5263	58.85
11	K McLean, L Walsh	5234	51.71
12	D Tomkinson, J Hickling	5133	50.51
13	D Hurst, F Cooney	5128	49.96
14	M Land, M Gadd	5114	55.02

### Section B – Top 14 Pairs

Place	Players	Score	%
1	J Correy, C McPaul	5719	54.23
2	D Hatcher, B Hunt	5705	60.66
3	B Atkins, T Wagstaff	5543	58.14
4	R Allison, H Fitzgerald	5507	59.74
5	D McKenzie, J Verver	5449	58.93
6	H Utzen, P Tsai	5396	59.66
7	D Gehrke, R Davenport	5391	61.45
8	J Williams, J Hutson	5296	57.97
9	N Raward, P Jessep	5279	56.15
10	J Whitmee, B Whitmee	5264	49.06
11	D Featherstone, N McIvor	5250	50.26
12	B Theodore, L George	5189	54.81
13	M Bazzan, D Bazzan	5168	55.47
14	J Davis, J Beaumont	5127	52.54



Sunday's Seniors Pairs Qualifying



## RAFFLES

### PRIZES

1. An Opal Bracelet with Crocodile skin band, donated by Depazzi Jewelers.

A range of Depazzi Jewelry is on display in the lobby and is available for purchase.

2. A 10 Kg Block of Cadbury Dairy Milk Chocolate.

3/4/5.

A basket containing of a half-dozen bottles of premier mixed red and white wine donated by the Tucker family. One basket winner will be drawn during the last session of the Pairs, another after the last session of the Teams, and the last during the last session of the Ivy Dahler Pairs.

All wine winners will also be in the drawing for prizes 1 and 2, which will be drawn at the Dinner/Dance.

TICKETS are \$2 each, 3 for \$5.

**Depazzi** jewelry is designed by Bruce Tully, my cousin. He grew up in outback Queensland where he developed a passion for opals. He left the land to follow his dream of designing jewelry and won a Churchill scholarship to study in Italy with Gucci for a year.

He returned to Australia where he specialized in opals. He has donated an opal bracelet with a crocodile skin band to the GCC raffle, on show in the **Depazzi** display case along with other examples of his work.

You are invited to view the jewelry on Wednesday after the bridge session, between 6:00 and 7:00 pm, at WAVE, Apartment 2101, and have a glass of champagne. If you are interested in attending, please let me or Joan Butts know.

— Therese Tully

# Hop on the Bus, Gus...

## GCC COURTESY BUS

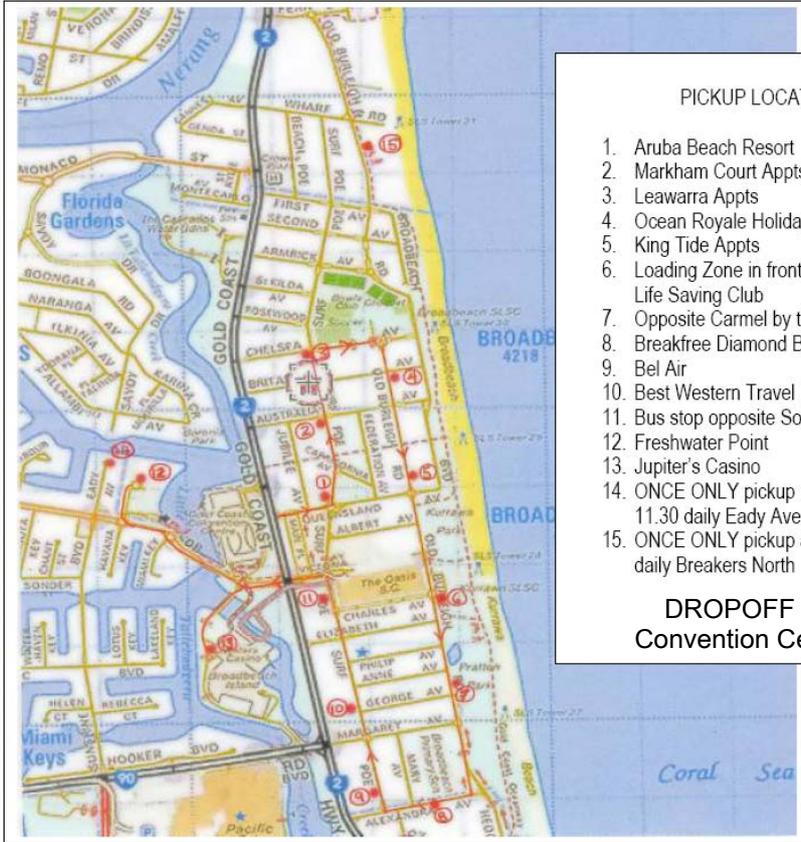
### BROADBEACH

Below is courtesy bus route servicing the BROADBEACH area.

Bus will commence circuit at 4pm on Saturday for Registration and Walk-in Pairs; and run approx every 30 mins Last pickup 6.30pm

Route for pickup will commence 11.10 daily until Wednesday, and run every 25 – 30 mins approx. Further schedules to be published later. All times are approximate and subject to traffic conditions and numbers.

Advance confirmation of numbers using the bus would be gratefully appreciated, enabling us to fine tune the schedules. To make your request, please email Diana <alahari@tpg.com.au> or fill in the Bus Request sheet when registering for the congress.



- PICKUP LOCATIONS**
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  5. King Tide Appts
  6. Loading Zone in front of Kurrawa Surf Life Saving Club
  7. Opposite Carmel by the Sea
  8. Breakfree Diamond Beach Resort
  9. Bel Air
  10. Best Western Travel Inn
  11. Bus stop opposite Sofitel
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  13. Jupiter's Casino
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  15. ONCE ONLY pickup approx 11.00 daily Breakers North
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Convention Center

### BROADBEACH Courtesy Bus Schedule

Bus will circuit the route (see below left) approx. every 10 mins.

Pick-up commences:

Monday	11:10
Tuesday	11:10
Wednesday	7:30-8:45 & 11:10
Thursday	8:40
Friday	11:10
Saturday	8:15

### PLEASE FLAG THE BUS

Bus will be available for shuttles to Broadbeach for dinner after afternoon play, and for return journeys to Broadbeach.

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## GCC COURTESY BUS

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Below is courtesy bus route servicing Surfers Paradise the area.

Bus will commence circuit at 4pm on Saturday for Registration and Walk-in Pairs; and run approx every 45 mins  
Last pickup 6.15pm

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Buses will be available for return journey after completion of play on an "as needs" basis.



#### Pickup Locations

1. Surfers Mayfair
2. Holiday Inn
3. Gold Coast International

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## SURFERS Courtesy Bus Schedule

Bus will circuit the route (see below left) approx. every 10 mins.

Pick-up commences:

Monday	10:45 & 11:30
Tuesday	10:45 & 11:30
Wednesday	10:45 & 11:30
Thursday	8:15
Friday	10:45 & 11:30
Saturday	8:00

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Bus will be available for shuttles to Broadbeach for dinner after afternoon play, and for return journeys to Surfers "as needed."

30th November 2006 will always be a significant day for Queensland Bridge because this was when we received confirmation that we had succeeded in getting a \$25,000 grant from the Government's Regional Development Board for the promotion of the 2008 Congress. We have to use this grant within certain guidelines but our goal is to make the Gold Coast Congress the best there is. We have a marketing development committee who are charged with "spending the money" to achieve specific goals. This is the beginning of what we hope will be a regular grant from the government. In achieving our success I must thank Charles Page for filling in forms and Joan Butts for finding out what it takes to succeed in getting funding.

Our theme for success in getting the funding has been encapsulated on the Regional Development Web site (<http://www.queenslandevents.com.au/events/details.php?id=487>)

Combining a week of top quality bridge with a holiday on the Gold Coast. What more could you ask for? Attracting approximately 2000 competitors from Australia and overseas, this exciting event provides entrants of any age and ability with an opportunity to experience Bridge in all it's glory. Visitors may compete or simply act as spectators, but all are welcome to join in at the Dinner Dance and prize ceremony. So, whether you're an enthusiast or a first timer, don't miss this opportunity to hone your skills!

Hope this helps

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## Notices

### Unpaid Entry Fees

Entry Fees: A few players, because of extenuating circumstances, have not been able to pre-pay their entry fee. If this means YOU, please proceed to Reception and take care of the matter. Play cannot commence if an entry fee is unpaid.

### Parking

There will be a weekly pass issued from Saturday 17/02/07 to Saturday 24/02/07 for \$20.00 (8 days) or a flat rate of \$5.00 per day. Our understanding is that you will pay on arrival at the car park.

### Player Survey

We have been granted funding for the 2008 GC from the Qld Regional Tourist Board, but one of the requisites is that we supply certain facts and figures about our players. We also need these demographics when applying for Sponsorship (which would keep our costs down). So we have bitten the bullet and compiled a Player Survey form that you will find in your satchel. It is completely confidential—no name, phone number or e-mail address is asked for. It is essential that we receive your input so **PLEASE** fill out your form before you forget (a mind is a terrible thing to waste) and return it to the Registration desk. Thank you for your prompt cooperation.

### Pens

The pen you receive in your satchel is the one you will use to bid and score with throughout this congress. Remember to bring it to each session.

### Coffee, Tea, or Me

As a service to Congress participants, brewed coffee and tea will be available inside the playing area (look for the large urns) for only \$2.00/cup. If too few players avail themselves of this service, it will have to be discontinued—so ***drink more coffee and tea!***

### Smorgasbord

On Tuesday night The Convention Centre will be putting on a smorgasbord with seafood for \$45.00 per head (torso & limbs free) to replace the *very* popular seafood buffets held in previous years at the Holiday Inn and GCI. We encourage you to attend this very special dinner; we're committed to at least 100 participants. Those wishing to attend please let our Registration desk know as Gerald will be looking after the tickets.

Jupiter's is offering an alternative: buffet dinner with an Asian theme in their Food Fantasy restaurant. The bridge player's special (in 5.30 pm & out by 6.30 pm) is \$23.60 plus a complimentary glass of house wine or beer. You must produce your score book or a hand record as evidence you are a bridge player. You will need to book through 1800074144.

### Chinese New Year and Dinner

Chinese New Year begins Sunday, February 18, and runs for 15 days. The area will likely be buzzing with activity and excitement, but this could also mean unexpected problems with accommodations (lodging, dinner, etc.) might occur. It might be best to make reservations ahead of time.

### Problems?

Therese Tully is the Convenor and Kim Ellaway the Manager. If you experience any problems with the events see either of them. Kim can be contacted on 0412 06 4903 at any time during the congress.

### Seating

This year seating is being done in advance in each event for those who pre-registered. We hope to improve on it next year, so **PLEASE** remember to register early

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## New Event: the Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs

This year, for the first time, Ivy Dahler will not be directing at this tournament. In her honor a new event, named the **Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs**, will be held on Friday/23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday/24<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to enter this exciting new event. (A session explaining Butler scoring will be held on Friday at 12 noon.)

# Bridge Defense - What's Going On (2)?

by Mike Lawrence

West deals, no one vulnerable:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♥
2♠	4♥	All Pass	

**North**  
♠ 10542  
♥ A65  
♦ KQ  
♣ AJ105

**East**  
♠ 83  
♥ 93  
♦ 1086543  
♣ 632

may mean he is looking for a trump promotion. The ♥9 isn't that big a trump, but it is the best you have. Play it and hope partner is doing the right thing.

♠ 10542  
♥ A65  
♦ KQ  
♣ AJ105

♠ AKQJ6  
♥ K107  
♦ 972  
♣ K7

♠ 83  
♥ 93  
♦ 1086543  
♣ 632

♠ 97  
♥ QJ842  
♦ AJ  
♣ Q984

West leads the ♠KA. A little surprisingly, South follows both times with the nine and seven. West now leads the ♠6 and dummy plays the five. What's going on? Doesn't partner have the ♠Q and ♠J? He did open the bidding and he did rebid them. What's up?

West has to have five spades so it is clear he is underleading the QJ when he could just as well have led the queen. Since he could have led the queen, it is clear he wants you to ruff this spade lead. That

West has defended well. By leading the ♠6, he woke East up to the necessity of ruffing. Had West led the queen, East would not have thought of ruffing. In fact, if West had led the ♠Q, East should not ruff. West should not lead a high card if he wants his partner to trump. The effect of the actual defense is that declarer has to overruff with the ♥J. West now has the heart spots to ensure two heart tricks. Without the "uppercut," West would have gotten just one trump trick.

*For more of Michael Lawrence on bridge, visit his web site at: [www.michaelslawrence.com](http://www.michaelslawrence.com)*

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## Withdrawals

Players are permitted to withdraw from a pair event at the end of the qualifying rounds provided that they notify a Director within 1 hour of the qualifying scores being posted. No portion of the entry fees will be refunded.

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## 15 Minutes of Fame

We at the daily bulletin wish to keep you informed (and amused) about the bridge at this Congress. Please let us know about anything amusing, brilliant or embarrassing that happens at your table (of course *we* are responsible for the brilliancies while our partner, teammates, or opponents always seem to commit the blunders) so that we can share them with everyone in the bulletin. Tell Dianne Brinkworth or me if you run into one of us (hopefully not literally), or drop a note in the Bulletin Box at the Registration desk, or you may e-mail me at: [rcolker@worldnet.att.net](mailto:rcolker@worldnet.att.net). Thanks. — Rich Colker, Bulletin Editor

# The World's Worst Bridge Player

by Richard Pavlicek

This article was inspired by Bernie Chazen of Tamarac. No, he is not the title character; indeed, Chazen is one of the country's finest players. He is a great storyteller and this happens to be his latest gem.

It seems there was a rubber bridge player in New York City years ago—I'll call him "The Loser"—who was the biggest patsy of all time. He would play for the highest stakes and set new records for losses every day. On the hand prior to this deal, he was declarer in 4♥ and claimed the rest of the tricks. Unfortunately, he forgot there was a trump out (the rules forbade drawing trumps after a claim) so an opponent scored a ruff to defeat an ice-cold contract.

Dir: South      ♠ 983  
 Vul: Both      ♥ 972  
                     ♦ 762  
                     ♣ AQ97

♠ 102                      ♠ —  
 ♥ Q10864                ♥ AKJ53  
 ♦ 98                        ♦ J1054  
 ♣ J865                    ♣ K1043

♠ AKQJ7654  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ AKQ3  
 ♣ 2

West	North	East	South
			7♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
All Pass			

The Loser then picked up the South hand and, in typical fashion, opened with a brash bid of 7♠ which West doubled on general principles. South took all doubles as personal affronts and routinely redoubled. (Everyone agreed that bidding was the best part of his game—it had to be!)

Amazingly, the dummy hit with the ♣A and 7♠ was absolutely laydown. Redoubled, vulnerable, that is 2,890 points! In a state of frenzy, The Loser screamed, "I'm claiming! And this time I'm pulling trumps!"

To emphasize this he laid down the ♠A, ♠K and ♠Q! Unfortunately, this last play took out dummy's trump which was necessary to ruff the fourth diamond, and the laydown contract was now in jeopardy.

"Play it out!" the defenders demanded, so he cashed the top diamonds to find they didn't break. Then he led all of his trumps to reach a two-card ending. Dummy remained with ♣AQ and East perforce blanked the ♣K to keep the ♦J. The Loser led a club and remarked, "I suppose I'm not allowed to take a finesse after claiming."

"Do anything you want," East graciously replied.

"Thank you, queen!"

Down two! Minus 1,000!

For more of Richard Pavlicek on bridge, visit his web site at: [www.rpbridge.net](http://www.rpbridge.net)

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# Putt Putt

by Barry Rigal

In golf, they say *Drive for show, putt for dough*. In bridge, even if you don't get the auction right you can find a lot of gold in the dross by picking up the extra trick.

Dir: South      ♠ 432  
 Vul: Both      ♥ A875  
                     ♦ A96  
                     ♣ AJ8

♠ ---                      ♠ QJ76  
 ♥ KQJ10632            ♥ 9  
 ♦ Q1053                ♦ J8742  
 ♣ K7                     ♣ 965

                    ♠ AK10985  
                     ♥ 4  
                     ♦ K  
                     ♣ Q10432

Jon Wittes and Ross Grabel sat N/S on this deal from the first qualifying session of the NABC Nail Life

Master Open Pairs in Hawaii last November. Grabel as South opened 1♠ and heard his partner bid 4♣ over West's 4♥.

It was tempting to bid on, but with no outside controls, Grabel passed. When dummy came down after the lead of the ♥K, Grabel could see that slam was entirely playable. How should he handle the trumps?

A two-two trump split was highly unlikely on the auction. With a three-one split the direct and delayed finesses are 50-50. If trumps are four-zero you gain from the immediate finesse, so Grabel won the heart lead in dummy and played a spade to the eight, shortly thereafter wrapping up 13 tricks.

Plus 680 would have been a 25% board. Plus 710 was comfortably above average.

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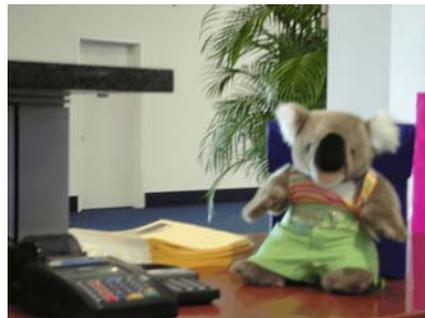


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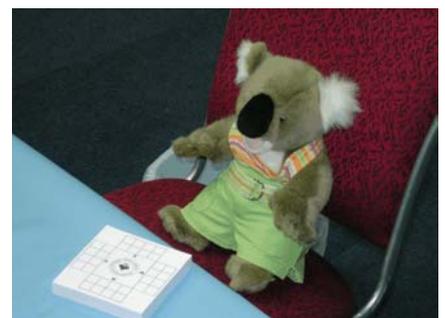
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## Lift Needed to the Brisbane Airport

Margaret Bourke is playing in the Swiss Pairs and needs a lift to the Brisbane airport the afternoon the event ends. Anyone willing to help her out, please contact Margaret or notify the Registration desk. Thank you.

## Events & Happenings

*Unless indicated otherwise, the activities listed will be held in the playing area. If you have difficulty finding the event of interest to you, check at the registration desk.*

Day/Date	Time	Event/Activity	Description/Information
Tuesday 20	10:00 am – 11:30 am	ABTA Seminar	Intended primarily for club administrators and bridge teachers. Invited speakers include Ron Klinger, Linda Stern, Joan Butts, Ed Barnes, Michelle Brunner, Dave Debbage, and Karen McCallum. Expected topics: the Business of Bridge Teaching (ideas for bringing students into the game), how to use the Net in running a bridge business, keeping data bases, how to present the best image as a teacher, Bridge Base Online (BBO). Lorraine Harkness, president of the ABTA, is the meeting convenor, Notes will be provided.
Wednesday 21	0.3958333	Directors' Meeting	Tournament Directors discuss issues related to running and ruling the game. Questions answered about the laws and regulations. Everyone welcome.
Friday 23	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Butler Swiss Scoring	Joan Butts & many-time World and US champion Karen McCallum will discuss Butler Swiss scoring starting one hour prior to the Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs.

## 2007 Gold Coast Congress: Program

Day/Date	Time(s)	Event(s)
Monday 19 Feb.	1:00 pm & 7:30 pm	Open/Seniors/Restricted Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Final)
Tuesday 20 Feb.	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm	Open/Seniors/Restricted Pairs (3 <sup>rd</sup> Final) Walk-In Pairs Open/Seniors/Restricted Teams (Matches 1 & 2)
Wednesday 21 Feb.	9:00 am 1:00 pm 7:30 pm	Walk-In Pairs Open/Seniors/Restricted Teams (Matches 3-6)
Thursday 22 Feb.	10:30 am & 3:30 pm Finish approx. 7:00 pm	Open/Seniors/Restricted Teams (Matches 7-10)
Friday 23 Feb.	1:00 pm & 8:00 pm 10:00 am & 2:00 pm 10:00 am & 2:15 pm	Ivy Dahler Open/Restricted Swiss Butler Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Seniors/Restricted Teams (Final) Open Teams (Qtr-/Semi-Finals)
Saturday 24 Feb.	10:00 am - 1:30 pm 9:30 am/to be agreed 8:00 pm	Ivy Dahler Open/Restricted Swiss Butler Pairs (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Open Teams Final Dinner/Dance