



Pre-Bulletin Sunday 24th February 2008
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Welcome to the Gold Coast Congress and my first gig as editor of the daily bulletin.

Many of you will already know me but for those who don't here is the quick bio.

- Aged 54, born and have always lived in Sydney
- Am told I was born at a bridge table and can recall having played bridge since age 10
- Owned the Double Bay Bridge Centre since 1988 - recently sold to Michael Prescott
- Have captained many Australian Open and Seniors International Teams
- Have won some national titles including the National Open Teams and GNOT
- Have been involved in various forms of bridge administration and been abused for same
- Regular member of appeals committees
- Member of the International Bridge Press Association
- Regular BBO VuGraph commentator
- Regard myself as a better writer than player but I'll let you judge that

OK enough about me - about the newsletter, after last year I decided that I had a lot to offer in terms of the Gold Coast Congress and the Bulletin. I would like to change the bulletin by

- making the bulletin more appealing to a wider range of players by focusing on some matches outside of just the top teams
- including some personal notes on the top players to make them less faceless than they might otherwise seem
- provide some material for you to improve your game

The best Bulletins however are those supported by you – the players. Contribution of hands, amusing stories or anything which you feel may be of interest to some or all of the participants in this fine tournament will add to the value of this Bulletin. The email address for submissions is shown on the banner above and there is a box for any scribbling you may wish to offer for me to decipher.

So sit back, relax and let's enjoy the ride together.

David Stern



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

The Gold Coast has long been an iconic Australian holiday destination, and the 2008 Gold Coast Congress is a great opportunity for thousands of bridge enthusiasts to hone their skills while enjoying the sun and surf at this incredible location.

This event, which attracts players from national and international locations, was founded in 1962 by Queensland bridge pioneer Dr George McCutcheon.

I'm delighted that the Gold Coast Congress has grown to such a stage that it uses our hugely-successful Gold Coast Convention Centre.

The Gold Coast Congress is proudly supported by my Government through the Queensland Events Regional Development Program.

Regional events deliver an enormous boost to local economies – bringing in business, creating jobs, attracting tourists and fuelling growth, prosperity and also offer a tremendous sense of pride for the host communities.

Already, the funding program has provided more than \$9.7 million to some 460 regional events since it started as a world-first initiative in 2001. Across the State, thousands of individuals, community groups, local councils and in some cases entire towns, put countless hours into ensuring their events are a success.

The Queensland Government is proud to share the passion and the achievements of the State's regions through this program. Enjoy the Congress and I hope you will have an opportunity to discover more of Queensland's great events in the coming year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna Bligh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

**ANNA BLIGH MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**

GOLD COAST CITY OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As Mayor of the Gold Coast, it is a pleasure to welcome you to our city for the Queensland Bridge Association Congress 2008.

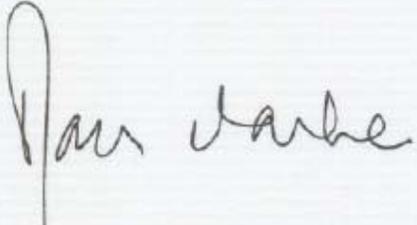
The perennial popularity of Bridge throughout the world is evidenced not only by the fact that these championships are now in their 46th year, but also in the sustained growth of participant numbers. This year, about 2000 competitors from the local, interstate and international Bridge-playing community will be taking part in the event.

Competitions such as this not only provide participants with the opportunity to compete with others who share their passion for the game, but also to foster friendships with players from other backgrounds and nations.

And where better to enjoy the Congress but on the Gold Coast, where the range of recreational options is almost limitless?

There's world-class shopping and cuisine, glorious scenery ranging from our famous beaches to the undulating hinterland, award-winning wineries, theme parks for all ages, and a climate conducive to enjoying the outdoors any time, every day.

May I wish participants all the very best for the Queensland Bridge Association Congress 2008, and extend my best wishes for a safe and enjoyable stay on the Gold Coast.



RON CLARKE MBE
MAYOR

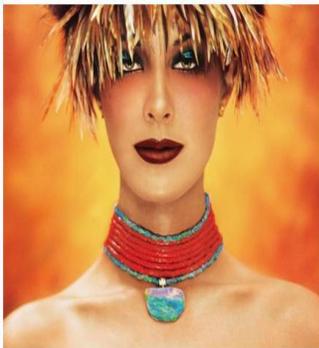


On behalf of both the Australian Bridge Federation and the Queensland Bridge Association I extend a warm welcome to all attendees at this the 47th Gold Coast Congress. I am sure it will be a great event thanks to the work of the Convenor and her Organising Committee. A special thank you to all our Sponsors with an acknowledgment of the support from Queensland Events under the Regional Development Program.

I know you will enjoy the Gold Coast experience and leave with fond memories. For many this year's event renews the tradition of friendship and solidarity but for "first timers " my personal hope that you are committed to join the family at future Gold Coast events.

Keith McDonald

President of the Australian Bridge Federation and Queensland Bridge Association



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ANNABEL TULLY

Annabel Tully is an award winning artist who lives and paints in the Outback. She has generously donated a diptych painting entitled "Landsdowne Vista" for the raffle.

Her work can be viewed on her website www.annabeltully.com



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MEET THE PLAYERS – RON KLINGER

One of the things I have noticed over the years is how little many of us know about the top players. For instance did you know that the late great Paul Soloway was Bugsy Siegel's (gangster and visionary who founded Las Vegas) nephew.

Anyway in this series I would like to tell you a little about some of the players starting off with the world famous Ron Klinger.

Ron was born in Shanghai, China in 1941 as his family fled Vienna and war torn Europe. He spent his first four and half years there before migrating to Sydney where he has lived ever since. I recently had the wonderful experience of visiting the family's home in Shanghai which still stands today.

Ron was an Australian Junior Chess Champion at the age of 17. While competing at these championships the play took place during the afternoon and evenings with little to do in the mornings. At this championship Ron learned a simplified version of bridge and has been hooked ever since. Earning a Law Degree in 1965 and working in the profession for two years he decided that law was not for him and took up a five year research post.

During this time he started playing regularly in tournaments and after the late great Tim Seres took Ron under his wing he won his first national title in 1969. In 1971-1972 Ron was asked to teach at the New South Wales Bridge Association and with each course the numbers kept doubling. As he was earning much more from bridge than anything else he took the life changing decision to make bridge his profession.

Ron and his wife Suzie met on stage performing in a university revue. Suzie not understanding how Ron could prefer playing bridge to taking her out learned the game. She learned the game and won Ron's heart at the same time. After winning the Australian Women's Individual and Australian Women's Interstate Teams she decided to retire on a high note and focus on the family and business. Suzie is full-time on the administration of the Klinger bridge enterprises and participates in the numerous annual bridge holidays

Ron has written more than 50 bridge books and still gets a kick out of publishing a new title. In 1991 he won the American Bridge Teacher's Book of the year award for Guide to Better Card Play.

Main Bridge Partners: Robert Grynberg, Les Longhurst, Richard Brightling, Peter Gill, David Lilley, Bruce Neill, Zoli Nagy.

Favourite Books: Card Play Technique (Mollo/Gardner), Better Bridge for Better Players (Goren), Killing Defence at Bridge (Kelsey).

Favourite Team Mates: Stephen Burgess and Paul Marston, who with a policy of no post mortems and everybody tries their best and if you have a disaster it's your partnership's issue not the team's have set a standard to be matched.

Toughest Opponents: the American pair of Meckstroth-Rodwell whose aggressive methods and toughness as well as their ability to accept their losses in the light of the fact that overall they will be in front Ron greatly admires. Others that Ron admires include Chagas, Garozzo, Hamman, Kaplan, Wolff, Soloway, Martel, Stansby and Helgemo.

High Spots: Winning selection for his first World Championship the 1976 Bermuda Bowl together with Bols Brilliancy Prize for the best played hand.

Low Spots: In the opening match of the 1989 Bermuda Bowl in Perth misplaying a 6♣ contract which he should have made.

THREE FROM WWW.ROKLINGERBRIDGE.COM

1. Dealer East : N-S vulnerable

West	East	What should West do now with
---	1♠	♠ A J 8
2♣	2♦	♥ K 8 5
2♥	3♦	♦ K 10 2
3♠	3NT	♣ A 9 7 5
?		

2. Dealer North : North-South vulnerable

West	East	What should West do now with
---	1♦	♠ A K Q 8 7
1♠	1NT (15-17)	♥ Q 6 4
2♣ (enquiry)	3♦ 5♦ + 16-17 points	♦ Q 6 4 3
?		♣ 9

3. Dealer South: N-S vulnerable

West	North	East	South	What should North do now with
---	---	---	1NT – 15-17	♠ 8
2♠	4♥	5♣	Double	♥ K Q J 10 9 5 2
Pass	?			♦ Q J 9 8
				♣ 7

Problem 1

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

In a match from a national teams event, one pair reached slam and one missed on this deal:

At both tables the bidding started:

West	North	East	South
---	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
	??		

2♥ was artificial, fourth-suit-forcing. What should West do next?

One West bid 4♠, passed out. The other continued with 4NT and then 6♠ over East's reply. Twelve tricks were easy despite the 4-1 trump break.

Problem 2

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

This deal arose in a national teams event. At one table the bidding was

West	North	East	South
---	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

The 1NT rebid showed 15-17 points. 2♣ was artificial, asking for more about opener's hand. 3♦ showed five diamonds and did not deny three spades. That was enough for West to launch into 4NT and settle in 6♦ and +920 was worth +10 Imps as the contract at

the other table was 4♠. East-West there started the same way but in reply to 2♣, East jumped to 3♠ to show the 3-card support and West signed off in 4♠ for +450.

6♦ is the superior slam although 6♠ will make most of the time. In another match East-West also played in 4♠ while the other E-W pair bid to 6♠, making when North started with ♣A and another club.

Problem 3

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

This deal arose in the finals of a national teams event.

West	North	East	South
			1NT
2♠	4♥	5♣	Double
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Removing South's double to 5♥ was a good decision by North.

West	North	East	South
			1NT
3♠	4♥	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Both tables made twelve tricks for +680. 7♣ doubled is a good save at three down, -800, and 6♠ would be even better at -500 but the play is trickier there.

In another final

West	North	East	South
			1♥
2♠	4NT	5♣	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

With a beautiful eight-card suit, a fit with partner's long spades and no defence against 6H, it was strange for East not to sacrifice in 7♣ or 6♠. It will usually be safer in 7♣ but on this layout, 6S works well enough. Declarer made the twelve obvious tricks for +1430.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
			1NT
3♠	4♥	5♣	Dble
5♦	Dble	5♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

This was a good auction by East. Recognising that a 4♠ raise would almost certainly lead to more bidding, East bid 5♣ first and sacrificed in 5♠ later. The 5♣ bid had a dual benefit. It might cause North to think there were two black losers in slam and it masked the degree of support for spades.

South might have done better by raising to 5♥ than by doubling 5♣.

Against 5♠ doubled, North started with the ♥K and switched to the ♣7. South won and cashed the ♦A before returning a club. Declarer ruffed high and had ten tricks. Minus 200 but a gain of 15 Imps.

SYSTEMS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Laurie Kelso & Nick Hughes

The ABF's 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 (e.g. modern Moscito)

Yellow Strong pass or multi-meaning 1-level openings

You can play Green/Blue systems in all Pairs events, but no Red systems in the Restricted Pairs or Novice Events. *Restricted* means each member of your pair or team has less than 300 masterpoints. *Novice* means they possess less than 100 masterpoints.

Yellow is okay in the Open & Senior Teams if you pre-lodged. (No one has yet)

Note that Opening Points are no longer relevant. If you wish to agree to open a weak 2♥ on 0-5 points, 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 one level overcalls (think Ziggy & Jim!) are Brown, though gadgets used over 1NT or a strong 1♣ are not. Please also note that a Multi 2♦ (or 2♣) showing a Weak Two in either major is another exemption from the Brown Sticker category. This is largely academic since Brown Sticker is permitted in everything except the Restricted Pairs and the Novice Events.

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 Brown Sticker conventions in Pairs events and in the Restricted Teams.

ALERTS - SUMMARY

PRE-ALERTS

List your unusual or complex treatments in the pre-alerts section of the system card. For instance – RCO 2s, Bergen raises, DONT 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*, a 1♣ opening that could be a *doubleton*, 2♥ = hearts and a *mino*)

'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

Declarer/Dummy: If partner fails to alert or mis-explains, wait until the *end of the auction* before calling the Director and correcting. **Defenders:** wait until the *end of the hand* before piping up.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

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 04-1206-4903 at any time during the congress or Theresa on 04-0987-0324 or check the bar!

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 Bridge Administration Desk and take care of the matter. Play cannot commence if an entry fee is unpaid. Pairs \$240 per pair, Teams \$500 per team, Butler Pairs \$160 per pair, Mixed Teams \$200 per team, Stratified Pairs \$20 per player.

EVENT INFORMATION/ELIGIBILITY

- OPEN:** Carries ABF Playoff points. Swiss Pairs do not carry playoff points
- SENIORS:** Open to players born prior to 1st January 1951 and attracting ABF playoff points
- RESTRICTED:** Open to players who have not attained 300 MP's as at 30th September 2007. Entrants eligible to play in the Restricted Event must be eligible to play in Restricted Events in their own NBO.
- NOVICE:** (New event) Open to players who have not attained 100 MP's as at 30th September 2007

TEAM CATEGORIES

There was a place on the entry form to do this when entering however there will be lists around the Convention Centre listing teams who have entered into each category. Once winners have been published or announced, no correspondence will be entered into.

CLOSING OF ENTRIES

- Teams Monday 5.00 pm 25th February
- Butler Pairs Thursday 8.00 pm 28th February
- Mixed Teams Thursday 8.00 pm 28th February
- Stratified No closing you may simply turn up for the event

SESSION TIMES

- Pairs Sunday 1.00pm to ±5.00pm and 7.30pm to ±11:00pm
Monday 1.00pm to ±5.00pm and 7.30pm to ±11:00pm
Tuesday 1.00pm to ±5.00pm followed by Teams
- Teams Tuesday 7.30pm - ±11:00pm
Wednesday 1.00pm - ±5.00pm and 7.30pm to ±11:00pm
Thursday 10.30am to ±7:00pm allowing for an evening out
- Butler Pairs Friday 1.30pm to ±6.30pm and 8:00pm to ±10:00 pm
Saturday 10.30am - finished by 2.00pm
- Mixed Teams Friday 10.30am to ±2.20pm and 3.20pm to ±7:00pm
- Stratified Pairs Saturday 10.30am to ±2.00pm (27 boards)

NOVICE EVENTS

Help will be on hand for 2 hours before start of play for all novice & restricted events. Assistance will be available for filling out system cards, helping you find your seat & working out where you go & where the boards move etc. We can also assist with any queries re alerting or anything else you might like to know.

MASTERPOINT AWARDS

Master Point Awards: Gold in main events, red for walk-ins and stratified pairs
Seniors Events 75% of Open awards.
Restricted Events Approximately 50% of Open.
Novice Events Gold Master Points at approximately 40% of Open.
Substantial awards for outright places (top half of field in pairs, top third of field in Teams and Swiss pairs.

WITHDRAWALS

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

SUBSTITUTES

If you do not feel well and require a substitute, see the Bridge Administration Desk.

STAFFING

Our Floor Managers, Marj, Sue, Kim and Amber are dressed with the white overshirt. Our Caddies are in purple however they are only here to caddy – see Marj, Sue, Kim or Amber if further assistance is required. Our Directors led by Laurie Kelso have the blue shirts. Our Scoring Staff led by Martin Willcox are in the Black Schweppes shirts however if you have a scoring problem, the Directors are the people to see. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions at the Bridge Administration Desk where there is a team of people only too willing to help.

BULLETIN

David Stern is the Bulletin editor. The quality of the Bulletin is enhanced with contributions from players of all standards. Quality play, defence or bidding or humorous stories from the tournament or even general comments or criticisms are greatly appreciated. There are many ways to make a submission including:

- submission box at the player's services desk
- email to gcb@thesterns.com.au
- mobile phone call or SMS message to 04-1111-1655

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Convenor – QBA Gold Coast Congress Management Committee chaired by Therese Tully
Chief Tournament Director – Dr Laurie Kelso
Appeals Committee Co-ordinator – Richard Grenside
Chief Scorer – Martin Willcox
Recorders – John Brockwell and Keith McDonald
Appeals Advisor – Neville Francis, Bruce Neill and David Lusk

ROOM SETUP - COLOUR CODING

For the whole event, the Open Area will be dressed light and dark blue, the Restricted in green and dark green, the Novice in yellow and gold and the Seniors in pink and lilac. Coloured balloons will identify your section results and playing areas.

PARKING

There will be a weekly pass issued from Saturday 23rd February to Saturday 1st March for \$20.00 (8 days) or a flat rate of \$5.00 per day. Our understanding is that you can pay on arrival at the car park or, pay and pick up a voucher from the Bridge Information Desk in the foyer.

PENS

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

COFFEE, TEA

As a service to Congress participants, brewed coffee and tea will be available inside the playing area for only \$2.00 a cup. Once it has gone for the session, it will not be replaced. The Service Areas run by the Convention Centre will be open at all times during session times.

DINNER DANCE

This year's Dinner Dance will be held in the Gold Coast Convention Centre on Saturday 1st March at 8.00 pm. Doors will be open at 7.45 pm. As in the past, entry to this event is by ticket only and the onus is on the individual to make arrangements. The procedure is to pick up a "table list" from the Bridge Administration Desk and return it as soon as possible and prior to 8 pm Wednesday. Tables will accommodate a maximum of 10 people and list can be for any number from 1 to 10.

For those playing in three events Pairs, Teams, Butler Pairs or Mixed Teams entry is free, for those playing in two of the events \$20 and those playing in one of the mentioned events \$40. For those playing in no events and wish to come to the Dinner Dance the cost is \$60. These charges are payable at the time of handing in the list to the Bridge Administration Desk. Tickets will be available for collection from 3.00 pm Friday Afternoon. Numbers are limited so don't delay.

RAFFLE

Raffle tickets can be purchased from the front Bridge Administration Desk. \$2.00 a ticket or 3 for \$5.00. Raffle will be drawn at the Dinner Dance.

2009 DATES – LATER THAN USUAL SO PLEASE NOTE

28th February to 7th March. These dates are set in concrete and will not be changed and we apologise for any inconvenience for these dates being slightly later than usual but our hands are tied in terms of venue space and other logistics.

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New material added regularly

Saturday 23-Feb-08		WELCOME TO THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS										
19:30 Welcome Walk-In Pairs		Sunday 24-Feb-08	Monday 25-Feb-08	Tuesday 26-Feb-08	Wednesday 27-Feb-08	Thursday 28-Feb-08	Friday 29-Feb-08		Saturday 01-Mar-08			
		13:00 Walk-In Pairs			09:00 Walk-In Pairs							
		13:00 Pairs Championship Qualifying 1/2 Open, Women's Seniors, Novice and Restricted	13:00 Pairs Championship Final 1/3 Open, Women's Seniors, Novice and Restricted	13:00 Pairs Championship Final 3/3 Open, Women's Seniors, Novice and Restricted	13:00 Teams Championship Qualifying Matches 3 & 4 of 10 Open, Seniors, Novice and Restricted	10:30 Teams Championship Qualifying Matches 7 & 8 of 10 Open, Seniors, Novice and Restricted	13:30 Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs Matches 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 of 9	10:00 Teams Championship Preliminary Finals Open Finals Seniors & Part Afternoon	10:30 Seres-McMahon Mixed Teams Matches 1 & 2 & 3 of 6	10:30 Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs Matches 7 & 8 & 9 of 9	09:30 Teams Championship Final Open	10:30 Stratified Match Point Pairs Red Masterpoints
		19:30 Pairs Championship Qualifying 2/2 Open, Women's Seniors, Novice and Restricted	19:30 Pairs Championship Final 2/3 Open, Women's Seniors, Novice and Restricted	19:30 Teams Championship Qualifying Matches 1 & 2 of 10 Open, Seniors, Novice and Restricted	19:30 Teams Championship Qualifying Matches 5 & 6 of 10 Open, Seniors, Novice and Restricted	15:30 Teams Championship Qualifying Matches 9 & 10 of 10 Open, Seniors, Novice and Restricted	20:00 Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs Matches 5 & 6 of 9	14:00 Teams Championship Finals Novice Restricted	15:20 Seres-McMahon Mixed Teams Matches 4 & 5 & 6 of 6	19:30 Dinner Dance		
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Please hail the bus. They will have a sign Gold Coast Congress Bus in front left hand windscreen.

Buses will also be available to ferry people only to restaurants in Broadbeach during meal breaks, and for pickup in time for commencement of play. Please remember this is a courtesy bus, primarily for those less capable of walking over to the Mall area.

Buses will also be available at the end of each playing session, stopping again at indicated stops. Regrettably buses will not be available to take people to the dinner dance



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Please ensure you're aware of any special conditions associated with these offers.

The restaurants whose names are underlined have generously provided prize vouchers in addition to the discounts offered so please give them your support.

SAGE RESTAURANT on the corner of Surf Parade and Queensland Ave. 25% and 50% food discount vouchers page 17N of HGC and in your registration kit.

FOUR WINDS REVOLVING RESTAURANT at Crowne Plaza about 1000 meters up the Highway towards Surfers. Great views from 17th floor of the only revolving restaurant on the Gold Coast. Free bottle of wine voucher page 1N of HGC. Book first.

MAMA ROMA ITALIAN RESTAURANT in Broadbeach Mall (Victoria Ave). Half Price menu every day till 6.30 pm and '10% off dinner (coupon page 23N of HGC).

MARIO'S RESTAURANT beach end Broadbeach mall- 10% coupons at Bridge reception.

ALTO'S RESTAURANT next to Mario's at the beach end of Broadbeach Mall. 10% coupons at Bridge reception.

ROOM 81 RESTAURANT and LEVEL 3 RESTAURANT at Sofitel on the corner of Surf Parade and Broadbeach Mall. Coffee at the Room 81 lounge is a must on the way to bridge.

MCGINTY'S RESTAURANT in Broadbeach Mall. '\$20 off' (coupon page 24N of HGC). Draught Guinness and Kilkenny.

SOPRANO'S RESTAURANT in the middle of Surf Parade at the Phoenician Resort. Pick up a 15% VIP discount card from Bridge Reception. Late drink available.

TRAWLER SEAFOOD RESTAURANT about 800 meters down the highway towards Surfers. Ring their **courtesy bus** on 55921199 for pick up and drop off. Great takeaways as well – menu at Bridge Reception.

ORIENTAL TEMPTATIONS RESTAURANT at Queensland Ave end of Broadbeach Mall offers **Chinese** dine in at takeaway prices (menu at Bridge Reception). This is Kim's favourite!

THE COFFEE CLUB BROADBEACH also at Queensland Ave end of Surf Parade (on highway side) is a perfect, easy to find place to meet partner on the way to bridge. Great menu as well as coffee with 'buy one meal get 50% off 2nd meal' (coupon page 42N of HGC).

YELLOWFIN RESTAURANT on the seaward corner of Surf Parade and Queensland Ave offers 25% or 50% off food (check your eating time). Coupons in your registration kit (or page 16N of HGC).

BISTRO BLANC fine French dining (opposite Sofitel on seaward side of Surf Parade).

TITANIUM BAR the home of the Gold Coast Titans. Cool breezes in the riverside restaurant or great \$9.90 lunches in the Sports Bar. On the river (main highway) at Surfers.

There are many other excellent dining options such as:

O-ME-LY VIETNAMESE (healthy, cheap and quick) which is just across the highway in Queensland Ave and has a 10% (coupon page 14N of HGC)

SAFFRON INDIAN gourmet a few hundred metres towards Surfers on the Highway

DONTO SAPPORO authentic **Japanese** about 500 metres towards Surfers offer 12 free sushi with any two meal order (Coupon page 15N of HGC)

IMPERIAL THAI (15% coupon page 25N of HGC) and **BEER THAI** (10% coupon page 27N of HGC) which are 400-600 metres up the highway towards Surfers

D'ARCY ARMS IRISH PUB about 1200 metres towards Surfers has Blackboard Dinner Specials and ,of course, Guinness and Kilkenny on tap

While the iconic **PINK POODLE** boasts about 3 dozen **Belgian** Beers and offers great value lunch specials.

FLAMES ON THE RIVER is located about 1km north on the highway (free drinks coupon page 30N of HGC) and offers dining open to the cool river breezes.

Those needing **retail therapy** note:

PACIFIC FAIR SHOPPING CENTRE (one block south) have a coupon on page 25D of HGC which you should present at one of the Customer Service Counters. You will be given **discounts at most shops** in the complex of 5-10%. Only available for visitors so they'll ask your address.

SIROCCO LEVIS FACTORY OUTLET is just across the highway on the Victoria Ave corner. Mention you're a bridge congress contestant and they'll give you a choice of T shirt or cap with every pair of already discounted Levis purchased.

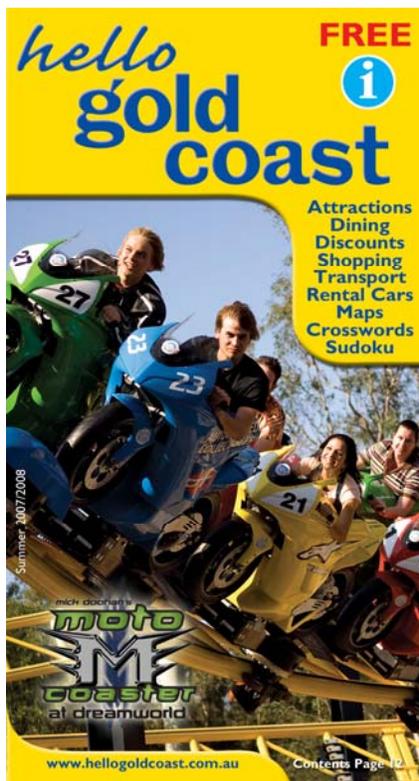
SPORTY'S WAREHOUSE at Bundall has every conceivable type of sporting and camping equipment and offers a **free courtesy bus**. Ring the driver on 0412 594 142 and take along the free T shirt coupon on page 74D of HGC. **THE BIG WIG** (world's biggest wig store) on page 77D of HGC sponsor the Surfers Paradise Bridge Club and are right next door to Sporty's.

The enormous **CARRARA MARKETS** (page 72D of HGC) are open only at weekends 6am – 4pm but offer a **courtesy bus** (\$1 per ride). Call 55799388 for pickup times and locations.

CONNECT TO JEWELLERY (pp 70-71 of HGC) are direct diamond importers and you will find their prices incomparably sharp.

Anyone wanting an outing on the water parasailing, jetskiing, powerboating, cruising, kayaking, snorkeling, fishing or chugging around in a self drive boat (check out pages 32D to 59D of HGC) and any adventurers who wish to get another look at their breakfast might like to try a Bungy, Slingshot or Vomatron (coupons pp 30D-31D of HGC) in Central Surfers.

In all cases it helps us gain support for future tournaments if you simply mention the Gold Coast Bridge Congress when dining or doing business. Anyone seeking more information on the Hello Gold Coast restaurants or attractions/activities ask at Bridge Reception or call Fred Whitaker on 04-1700-2089 for assistance.



QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT'S REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

30th November 2006 will always be a significant day for Queensland Bridge because this was when we received confirmation of a \$25,000 grant from the Queensland Government's Regional Development Board for the promotion of the 2008 Congress.

The QGRDB is part of Queensland Events which as an organisation is dedicated to attracting, supporting, growing and promoting events in Queensland. To quote the premier of Queensland Anna Bligh " I believe an event should be a real experience – it can inspire, excite and unite a community.....it's all part of the experience of a Queensland event"

This money was used to promote & develop the GCC both internationally & throughout Australia according to set guidelines. We are delighted to announce that at this year's congress we have world class International players attending - from China, America, England, Ireland ,Poland, Latvia, Romania & New Zealand plus on the home front we have players come from every state & territory of Australia. There is a growing awareness of the GCC both overseas & locally that in time should translate into increased numbers. In 2008 we are listed in the World Bridge Calender for the first time - a significant achievement as it is only for recognized International events.

What we were looking to achieve was to emphasise what the Gold Coast Congress is

“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 its 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.”

The success of our marketing initiative can only be measured by the continuing growth of the event and that you continue to keep coming back to our wonderful event.

We were extremely lucky to have been given the funding from Queensland Events for which we will always be grateful.

Charles Page
Finance and Marketing Chairman, Queensland Bridge