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### LET THE GAMES BEGIN



Mrs Christine Smith MP, the State Member for Burleigh officially declared open the 2008 Gold Coast Congress.

Following a welcome from Keith McDonald, president of the ABF and the Queensland Bridge Association, Mrs Smith, not a bridge player (yet as she noted) certainly knew a lot about the game and the participation of Bill Gates and Warren Buffet and even their online names for BBO.

I guess our challenge for the next 12 months will be to convert Mrs Smith into a member of our bridge playing community.

### WELCOME TO OUR INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

Our ever welcoming host, Convenor Therese Tully on behalf of the Gold Coast Congress staged a warm welcome for our international visitors. Here are some snaps from that event.



The number of international players visiting this tournament each year is testament to the quality of the event, the surroundings and the comfort that those players feel participating in what is now Australia's largest tournament – something which all participating players contribute to.

### RESULTS WALK-IN PAIRS



Jenny Millington and Barry Jones Winners of the Walk-In Pairs

Leading N/S Scores		Leading E/W Scores	
H Dawson, C Williams	<b>64.45</b>	J Millington, B Jones	<b>68.98</b>
C Page, C Naranong	<b>62.04</b>	P Beaton, P Carter	<b>63.55</b>
G Collins, J Brown	<b>61.57</b>	E Meldrum, P Wells	<b>62.04</b>
L Bedford-Brown, R Paterson	<b>61.11</b>	B Anderson, K Petrie	<b>61.57</b>
J Davies, H Archibald	<b>60.42</b>	M Jefferson, A Ashman	<b>60.88</b>
V Vainkunas, R Jedrychowski	<b>59.95</b>	P Hainsworth, D Parker	<b>60.65</b>
A Dormer, G Wakefield	<b>59.95</b>	B Fechney, K King	<b>59.72</b>
R Morawiecki, C Miller	<b>59.49</b>	S Robinson, R Young	<b>59.72</b>
L Osmund, D Osmund	<b>59.26</b>	S Stening, M Allan	<b>58.80</b>
J Zhao, J Butts	<b>58.64</b>	R Wallis, J Brockwell	<b>58.56</b>
D Hurst, J Baker	<b>58.33</b>	R Ashman, R Bavin	<b>57.64</b>
M Weddell, J Rasmussen	<b>57.87</b>	L Matthews, D Geromboux	<b>57.21</b>
B Mailler, R Hoffmann	<b>57.64</b>	D McRae, A Buchanan	<b>57.00</b>
B Hirst, A Hirst	<b>57.41</b>	V Gregory, J Tonkin	<b>56.94</b>
R Ellery, J Grigg	<b>56.71</b>	S Gray, L Guy	<b>56.94</b>
M Waterhouse, G Mickevics	<b>56.25</b>	S Geddes, G Peston	<b>56.71</b>
C Klassen, B Kassam	<b>55.75</b>	J Conway, J Andrews	<b>56.25</b>
S Boulter, A McLean	<b>55.56</b>	G Bilski, B Noble	<b>56.02</b>
J Wood, P Hale	<b>55.09</b>	J Foster, S Wilkinson	<b>55.83</b>
M Lorsch, D Hawke	<b>55.09</b>	M White, J Lee	<b>55.79</b>
C Makin, K Makin	<b>55.00</b>	P Allen, T Allen	<b>55.77</b>
G Fitzpatrick, S Johnston	<b>54.86</b>	B Mill, E Trower	<b>55.09</b>
J Kidd, K Moschner	<b>54.69</b>	K Crothers, V Gavel	<b>55.05</b>

### PAIRS QUALIFYING

A lazy person may ask himself “OK I have to write a lot of interesting hands – hmmm, how can I do that and minimise my workload.” Now I am not by nature a lazy person but I came up with the perfect solution – follow the same boards around and write up the same hand numerous times – voila! So it was that I followed boards 7 and 8 around for the first round of the pairs.



Board 8 First Qualifying Session					West	North	East	South	Score
					2♠	Pass	3♣	Double	N/S -100
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥						
Pass	Pass	Pass							
N/S lost their way here when North made a non-systemic bid of 3♠ leading however to E/W +100 - and a goodish score									
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT	N/S -140					
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass						
3♣	Pass	3♠	All Pass						
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass	N/S -140					
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass	N/S +100					
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass						
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass						
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass	N/S -110					
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass						
2♠									
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass	N/S -140					
2♠ (F)	Pass	2NT	Pass						
3♣	Pass	3♠	All Pass						
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N/S 0					
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass	N/S +50					
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass						
3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass						
While West would have been better to bid 3♣ rather than support with a doubleton I do think East should have corrected to 3♠									
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass	N/S -110					
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass						
2♣	Pass	2♠	All Pass						

3♠ is the par spot on this hand although there is a trap to the play which one or two pairs fell for while I was watching but which was not punished by the opponents as often as it could have been.

On a heart lead most declarer's immediately played the ♠Q – West needs to duck this to give declarer enough rope to hang himself with. If the spade is ducked declarer must unblock the clubs before playing a second spade. If he fails to do this then North will win the second spade and force declarer down to the same number of trumps by playing a heart. If declarer then plays the ♣K-♣Q he has no way to get back to hand to cash the clubs without ending up with less trumps than North.

So there is a lesson here which is to consider ducking when you have some length in trumps and see how things develop. By doing so you can often move declarer into a losing position.

OK so after my revelation of how to minimise my workload I decided to be a little more active in the second session. Hmm where can I get a good fix of action in a pairs event – only one answer to that question – Ish and Ash. Scoring 55% in the first qualifying Ishmael said he thought he was about a 55% chance of qualifying (\$1.80 as he expressed it). Well I thought I would see how

accurate his bookmaking assessment was. It only took 6 boards to see that he is a far better bridge player than bookmaker as he shortened to around 80% chance with these hands.

Board 1	♠ 10	West	North	East	South
Dealer North	♥ A 10 9		Ash		Ish
Vul Nil	♦ A 5 2		1♣	Pass	1♦ (shows hearts)
	♣ A Q 10 4 3 2	Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
♠ A J 8		1NT	2♣	2♠	Pass
♥ J 8 5 2	♠ K 9 7 4 2	Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
♦ K Q 8	♥ Q 4	Pass			
♣ K J 5	♦ J 6 4 3				
	♣ 7 6				
	♠ Q 6 5 3				
	♥ K 7 6 3				
	♦ 10 9 7				
	♣ 9 8				
		Result	-1 N/S	+100	

Realistically N/S can make a maximum of 2♣ on this hand although beating 2♥ would require careful defence so +100 figured to be a reasonable score. What do they say in reference to balancing - play with cats and get scratched!

Board 2	♠ K J 10 7 4	West	North	East	South
Dealer East	♥ Q 10			Ash	Ish
Vul N/S	♦ A K J 10				Pass Pass
	♣ 10 7	1NT	2♠		All Pass
♠ A 9	♠ 8 5 3 2				
♥ J 9 8 3	♥ A 6 5 2				2♠=5♠+minor
♦ 6 2	♦ 7 5				Result Making 4 N/S +170
♣ K Q J 8 5	♣ A 9 2				
	♠ Q 6				
	♥ K 7 4				
	♦ Q 9 8 4 3				
	♣ 6 4 3				

East got off to the unfortunate lead of the ♥A and continued with hearts. Ash was faced with the option of playing trumps straight away knowing that the defence would take their 2 club tricks or of crossing to dummy with the ♦Q, cashing the ♥K pitching a club loser and then playing trumps. It was almost certain that the diamonds were splitting 2-2 with the 1NT opening and East's failure to lead or switch to diamonds. So he crossed with the ♦Q, took his pitch and lost just one trump, one heart and one club – making 10 tricks.

Board 3	♠ A 6 5	West	North	East	South
Dealer South	♥ J 6		Ash		Ish
Vul E/W	♦ J 10 8 7 2				1♠
	♣ K 8 3	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥ (long suit trial bid)
♠ 7	♠ Q 9 2	Pass	4♠	All Pass	
♥ 8 7 3 2	♥ K Q 5				
♦ A 5 4 3	♦ Q 9 6				
♣ 10 7 4 2	♣ J 9 6 5				
	♠ K J 10 8 4 3				
	♥ A 10 9 4				
	♦ K				
	♣ A Q				
		Result	Making 12 N/S	+480	

Without any guidance, West came out with a low club lead. Ish took now every opportunity winning the ♣A cashing his ♣Q carefully playing the ♠J to dummy's ace noting West's failure to cover. He cashed the ♣K pitching his losing diamond and played the ♥J covered by East and playing back to the ♥9 to East's king. East now played a trump and Ishmael went into the tank – would West have covered the ♠J with ♠Q-x and why was East so interested in playing trumps at this stage. He drew the correct conclusions and finessed with the ♠10, ruffed the heart loser and ruffed a diamond to

hand to draw trumps and claim. I personally would not have finessed as making 5 would already have been a fine score but hey I am sitting here writing this bulletin and he is out there qualifying for the final.

Board four was 4♥ making 10 tricks when 11 were always available and this little piece of excitement:

Board 5	♠ K J 10 5 4	West	North	East	South
Dealer North	♥ ---			Ash	Ish
Vul N/S	♦ K Q J 10 9 7 3			1♦	1♥ 1♠ (denies 4+♠s)
	♣ 10		4♥	4♠	5♥ Dble
♠ 9 8 3 2			Pass	5♠	All Pass
♥ A K J 6 5 3	♠ A 6				
♦ 5	♥ Q 10 8 7 4				
♣ K 9	♦ 4 2				
	♣ A J 6 5				
	♠ Q 7				
	♥ 9 2				
	♦ A 8 6				
	♣ Q 8 7 4 3 2				

Result Making 11 N/S +650

I have been playing bridge for many years and have seen numerous ways for partner to 'hog' the hand but bidding hearts ahead of my ♥AKJxxx is a new one to me.

Anyway Ash was right to pull the double of 5♥ as that was an easy make losing just one spade and one diamond - but back to the problem at hand 5♠. West led the ♥K (I think this is a better lead than the singleton diamond holding 4 trumps but it didn't work out that way) and Ish ruffed in dummy, playing a trump to the queen and a second trump back to the ♠A – West was salivating at the opportunity of seeing dummy forced and many hearts to cash but for some inextricable reason East chose to play a diamond which was won in dummy allowing declarer to draw trumps and claim all the diamonds – making the contract. Forcing dummy was -4 but without the double even that may have been a good score N/S have to bid 6♦ for the top score – unless of course they bid and make 5♠.

Board six saw the opponents go -200 in 3♣. So my advice to Ish is to stick to bridge and let others assess the odds of his qualifying.

[Note to self - don't write articles till the end of the session *Ish/Ash missed qualifying by 2 places so perhaps we should now understand why bookmakers have such a big advantage*]

### RESULTS PAIRS QUALIFYING

N/S Qualifiers - Novice		E/W Qualifiers – Novice	
C Francis, N Moore	<b>1260</b>	S Ramsay, P Graham	<b>1291</b>
R Porter, M Porter	<b>1242</b>	F Campbell, H Grant	<b>1261</b>
G Smith, M Smith	<b>1224</b>	C Stone, J Brown	<b>1235</b>
J Smith, W Smith	<b>1223</b>	C Page, C Naranong	<b>1219</b>
J Heck, J Gentner	<b>1220</b>	T Khoo, A Clague	<b>1209</b>
C Bruce, J Wood	<b>1196</b>	Unknown, H Barr	<b>1192</b>
P Nilsson, D Nilsson	<b>1191</b>	F Smith, J Stupples	<b>1188</b>
M Dodwell, M Phillips	<b>1158</b>	A Qizilbash, C Qizilbash	<b>1159</b>
E Crommelin, B White	<b>1154</b>	A Brogan, B West	<b>1156</b>
M Pisko, E Strong	<b>1143</b>	P Bugler, J Kelly	<b>1154</b>
C Boyd, C McWilliam	<b>1141</b>	C Barrett, T Alexander	<b>1147</b>
L Humphry, W McKenzie	<b>1127</b>	I Chau, D Stanfield	<b>1112</b>
D Earnshaw, C Mayfield	<b>1094</b>	R McAdam, V Anderson	<b>1101</b>
J Quilty, N Brown	<b>1090</b>	P Housden, J Tredrea	<b>1093</b>

N/S Qualifiers - Restricted		E/W Qualifiers - Restricted	
A Michl, H McGrinder	3412	N Harington, A Harington	3312
D Giles, J Argent	3409	J Jones, J Brown	3223
E Graczynski, M Mailler	3395	D Hatcher, B Bolt	3191
S Knight, E Nicholson	3363	F Nield, C Grant	3175
R Bailey, J Stewart	3337	K Homik, J Swanson	3175
S Beer, S Moore	3217	D Featherstone, N McIvor	3163
J Thatcher, T Thatcher	3205	C Slaughter, M Phillips	3157
A Ramer, P Diamond	3206	J Barda, A Morcombe	3114
R Hoffmann, B Mailler	3183	J Pierce, E Pierce	3108
S Scerri, A Scerri	3167	N Browne, A Simon	3087
J Davis, J Beaumont	3146	J Borren, J Borren	3077
P Cockbill, G Richmond	3127	G Wetzig, H Hoffmann	3075
P Houlton, B Houlton	3111	A Hazell, L Kirchhoff	3046
T Fenwicke, J Fenwicke	3098	C Chandler, T Murphy	3045
N/S Qualifiers - Seniors		E/W Qualifiers - Seniors	
J Hewitt, R Januszke	3431	P Kahler, T Davis	3230
I Afflick, P Collins	3373	L Grewcock, S Bock	3128
T Goodyer, C Goodyer	3130	R Grenside, S Grenside	3126
C Schwabegger, K Daws	3090	T Jackman, T Hutton	3046
E Spiro, F Landy	3086	D McCormack, P McCormack	3014
J Mitchell, J Lister	2978	T Thomson, J Evitt	2984
B Forage, P Timmins	2900	L Moses, R Touton	2907
H Thomson, R Freeman-Greene	2895	B Krishan, T Skinner	2878
D Smee, D Smith	2888	J Lindsay, F Lyons	2874
J Kahler, P Back	2870	W Harman, C Jackson	2817
E Pulling, D Dunsterville	2852	C Dowling, D Evans	2812
W Westwood, G Lane	2845	L Quilty, S Crawford	2807
J Fine, L Fine	2838	A Struik, B Thorp	2796
B Raaphorst, M Kiraly	2828	E Auerbach, D McKinnon	2772
N/S Qualifiers - Open Final		E/W Qualifiers - Open Final	
M Brifman, M Capalletti, Jnr	10147	H McGann, T Hanlon	10130
J Alabaster, J Cormack	10142	W Scott, B Tencer	9979
B Haughie, D Lilley	9992	J Ebery, N Rosendorff	9913
J Williams, M Whibley	9991	A Braithwaite, R Klinger	9792
G Bilski, T Brown	9940	B Hirst, A Hirst	9722
M Moren, N Francis	9905	J Snow, S Browne	9685
Z Shao, W Liu	9895	D Beauchamp, E Adams	9641
P Livesey, R Thomas	9876	E Samuel, J Fust	9568
M Bloom, K Dyke	9823	F Brown, L Matthews	9563
G Ware, M Ware	9805	C Williams, H Dawson	9491
N Phillips, C Wilson	9751	M Bourke, R Brightling	9373
J Alexander, E Caplan	9703	J Wignall, B Scott	9309
A Dormer, G Wakefield	9656	J Skipper, J Skipper	9285
C Berman, E Havas	9528	Z Nagy, J Lester	9270
N/S Qualifiers - Open Plate		E/W Qualifiers - Open Plate	
J Gleeson, C Dibley	9451	G Gaspar, B Richman	9231
I Del'Monte, A Bach	9356	C Klassen, B Kassam	9157
P Boughey, D Badley	9351	R Hills, K Colbert	9150
W Wang, J Ran	9319	P Gumby, W Lazer	9115
P Gue, P Wyr	9305	J Foster, D Weston	9101
M Radke, V Brookes	9291	L Steinwedel, K Johnson	9088
B Hunt, A Gianazza	9260	P Quach, K Huggan	9080
P Hainsworth, D Parker	9254	V Gardiner, J Zhao	9061
M Mullamphy, V Cummings	9240	M Gibson, J Woodfield	9048
J Pritchard, A Grodomirski	9235	J Butts, P Rankin	9043
R Dravitzki, S Brown	9233	P Gallasch, R Smith	9038
K Rubins, N Veksa	9215	N Giura, N Hughes	9036
T Leibowitz, P Lavings	9191	P Benham, B Cleaver	9028
R Ashman, R Bavin	9141	J Clark, A Herbert	9017

## HESITATIONS

### A Widely Misunderstood Concept

There appears to be much misunderstanding regarding hesitations and how they affect partner's right to bid. It is often said that that if you hesitate then partner cannot bid. This is simply wrong.

- when a player hesitates, he *generally* expresses doubt about his call
- that information is unauthorised
- his partner must not take advantage of this doubt

Once a player has hesitated, his partner may not choose an action from the logical alternatives which was suggested by the hesitation to be more successful. Occasionally I run workshops for club players on hesitations. The first question I ask is based on sitting South on the following hand:

♠ Q J 9 8 4 2  
♥ 8 3 2  
♦ 6 4  
♣ 3 2

West	North	East	South
1NT [1]	Pass [2]	Pass	2♠
[1] 1NT=15-17			[2] Agreed Hesitation

I ask: Has there been a problem. The unanimous answer is “yes”.

I then ask “what is the problem”. The universal answer is “North hesitated”. Occasionally one or two people offer the problem as being South bidding after partner hesitated.

The one thing that surprises people is when I state that there has been no infraction and nothing untoward has happened. I then go on to explain:

West has a maximum of	17 HCPs
East presumably has a maximum of	8 HCPs
South has	3 HCPs
Therefore partner has a <u>minimum</u> of	12 HCPs

Subject to the fact that he did not double for penalties partner has a **maximum** of say 17 HCPs. South is perfectly entitled to bid 2♠ with or without the unauthorised information provided by the hesitation based purely on the mathematics of the situation.

A much greater problem emerges on the hand above if you hold:

♠ K 5 4 3 2  
♥ Q J 6 4  
♦ K 5  
♣ Q x

Here the mathematics is not so clear:

West has a maximum of	17 HCPs
East presumably has a maximum of	8 HCPs
South has	11 HCPs
Therefore partner has a <u>minimum</u> of	4 HCPs

But if partner had just 4 points what was he thinking about, surely he is more likely to have 8-9 plus points to be thinking so the unauthorised information is a much clearer hurdle to South bidding on this hand.

When there appears to be a hesitation the Director is needed to establish whether there was a hesitation and to decide whether the action taken was suggested by the hesitation as possibly being more successful than other logical alternatives.

The Director will then have to decide whether the bid selected was justified even if there had been no hesitation. If in his opinion 75% of the room (players of equal standard) would have made that bid without a hesitation then there should be no adjustment.

But when should the Director be called? It is normal to call the Director after the partner makes a call that could be affected by the hesitation. However I would suggest that much of the angst which often arises could be diffused by simply turning to the opponents and saying "I assume you agree that there was a hesitation". If they do agree then you simply need to call the director **AFTER** the hand and **ONLY** if you feel that a call was made which was influenced by the hesitation. Of course if the opponents don't agree that there had been a hesitation then the director should be summoned at that time.

The real challenge for directors and senior players is how do we spread the word that:

- 1 hesitations, provided that they are not deliberately intended to deceive the opponents or provide partner with unauthorised information are part of the game of bridge.
- 2 The manner in which players currently deal with hesitations – screaming foul to the director and often doing so in an intimidating manner - is having an adverse affect on the game and that there is a proper and appropriate manner in which to deal with them.

The answer is simple.

- 1 Where you have players who are unhappy with the director being called following their side's hesitation or the ruling ultimately given, the director should take the time to sit down with the players and explain what has taken place and why the ruling has been given.
- 2 Explain to players that the correct manner in which to call the director is to turn to the opponents and state that you would like to call the director to deal with a potential problem and that the call should then be made in a friendly way.

### MEET THE PLAYERS – ISHMAEL DEL'MONTE



While Ron's profile was easily found in a book, I have had to get players to respond to a series of questions so I apologise for the less intimate look at other players.

Ishmael is 35 years old, born in Auckland NZ and migrated to Australia in the early 1990's. He lived in Double Bay in Sydney which is very much the centre of bridge activity in that city with 7 major bridge clubs within 6 kilometres.

Ishmael's dad, Curly used to play and when he was about 16 he went to the club to join in the games played after bridge was finished. The next week Curly told him not to watch him but watch Michael Cornell who was a NZ international who taught Ishmael a lot of the finer points of the game.

He was hooked and has been a bridge professional for most of the time since then. Currently he is the proprietor of a major bridge club, Kings and Queens in Rose Bay in Sydney. He plays professionally 2 to 3 times a week as well as the Australian National Titles and all of three US National Tournaments (Reisinger, Spingold and Vanderbilt). The

influencing factors for what tournaments he plays in are the location, the venue and the standard.

Ishmael reads a lot of bridge books and interestingly he, like Ron Klinger, nominates Card Play Technique by Mollo/Gardner as his all time favourite.

**What do you like about the game:** The people I have met and friends I have made.

**What in your bridge career were you most proud of:** 2nd in World Youth Teams Championships in Bali 1995

**What is your main strength/weakness:** I am a good *[ed: read - great]* declarer but a bad *[ed: read very tough]* partner

**Who are you playing with at the moment:** Paul Gosney

**If you could play with anyone in the world, who would it be:** Alfredo Versace of Italy

**Players who have had a strong influence:** Boye Brogeland most recently and Mike Cornell and Andy Braithwaite when I first started

**What are your bridge plans for the future:** To get better

**Tips for the improving bridge player:** Remember to ruff losers in dummy before you draw trumps, do not bid 5 over 5 or 3 over 3, do not worry about a bad board and get onto the next hand.

**Most memorable hand:** against Eric Rodwell playing with Marty Fleischer in the Cavendish about five years ago.

- I held ♠10 5 4 3 amongst other values
- my left hand opponent opened 3♠
- partner doubled and I chose to bid 3NT.

The lead was the Ace of spades and partner had a void in spades. My right hand opponent unblocked the Jack and then my LHO switched. As I had to take a finesse into RHO I knew they were going to return a spade and I would down a lot. Instead I played a spade back hoping the player on my left would think I was trying to cut communications and fly. Marty Fleischer thought exactly that and after a lot of thought flew with the Queen playing his partner for JT doubleton. Making 3NT!!!



## LAURIE'S LEGALITIES

Most of us know Laurie Kelso as a warm and welcoming tournament director. However his knowledge and understanding of the laws and technicalities of the game is something to marvel at. I will try and publish Laurie's answers to some of the interesting questions he gets in the lead up to the tournament (feel free to ask others if you wish).

Q. Under Pre-alerts. should the pre-alerts also be announced verbally prior to start of play against each set of opponents?

A. Pre-alerts are usually announced at the beginning of the round - attention at least needs to be drawn to anything that might require prior defensive agreement/discussion by the opponents.

Q. Do we need to alert Stayman?

- A. Under the current ABF regulations, Stayman needs to be alerted because it is conventional. This requirement may change later in the year, but for this congress you will still need to alert the 2♣ response.
- Q. Is a multi 2♦ a brown sticker convention and if we play 2♣ as a weak two opening in a major is that treated the same way as a multi 2♦ opening?
- A. A Multi 2♦ (or 2♣) showing a Weak Two in either major is not a Brown Sticker convention and as such may be used in any of the Restricted or Novice events during the Congress.
- Q. Is it our obligation to ensure that the opponents have seen our alert and if so what is the best way to alert them?
- A. Calls are alerted during the auction by audibly saying, "Alert" and by circling the alertable call on the bidding pad. This two-pronged approach aims to ensure that the alert reaches the LHO before he calls (some players can be quite tardy in drawing the circle) and it also reinforces the alert for those with either an auditory or visual impairment.
- Q. Do we have to alert a Pass if it conveys specific information - e.g. denies 3-card support (we play support X's) or forces a XX (like over 1NT doubled if we play SWINE) and other such instances?
- A. Yes, conventional passes (just like conventional bids) require an alert.
- Q. Who are the recorders, how do I find them and what is their function?
- A. The recorders for this tournament are Keith McDonald, president of the ABF and John Brockwell, Secretary of the ABF Tournament Committee. If you can't find either of them please leave your name and pair/team number with one of the Directors and they will find you. Please remember that the recorders are not directors and deal with behaviour, ethical and decorum issues. The first function of the Recorder is to receive communications (oral or written) from players as to concerns that arise from events at the table. In some cases it is important that the recorder be told just so a history is substantiated – the name recorder comes from the fact that all reports to them are recorded in a journal maintained by the ABF. Repeated instances of such conduct might merit further action. The Recorder has a series of alternatives in dealing with each "problem". The extreme is preparing a document for consideration by the ABF Ethics Committee..

### **PSSST!! WANNA IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE**

After play this evening (Monday) and again on Wednesday there will be a session of You Ask We Answer (sometimes called Ask the Experts) held in the main playing area. You are invited to submit any of the hands you played to the experts for comments.

This is your chance to have some of the finest players in Australia and from around the world guide you on how to improve your game – highly recommended for ALL PLAYERS.

Monday Evening's guests will include Ron Klinger, Kate McCallum of the USA and Jack Zhao of China.

### **NEVER LEAD ACES**

I was kibitzing this evening and noticed the following scrawled on the front of a scorebook "NEVER lead aces". I suggested that if she was on lead against 7NT this was not particularly good advice. Ishmael then kindly told the player that this was an excellent long term strategy. So if you want a free lesson scribble something inane on the front of your scorebook and hope it gets noticed.



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### **SESSIONAL PRIZES**

If you see a red letter P next to your name, it means you have won a sessional prize. See Pam at the Bridge Administration Desk to collect your prize. For these you will have the choice of Gold Coast Congress labelled wine or a Gold Coast Pen.

# WELCOME TO THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS

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							
<p style="text-align: center;">13:00 <b>Pairs</b> <b>Championship</b> Final 1/3 Open, Women's Seniors, Novice and Restricted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13:00 <b>Pairs</b> <b>Championship</b> Final 3/3 Open, Women's Seniors, Novice and Restricted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13:00 <b>Teams</b> <b>Championship</b> Qualifying Matches 3 &amp; 4 of 10 Open, Seniors, Novice and Restricted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10:30 <b>Teams</b> <b>Championship</b> Qualifying Matches 7 &amp; 8 of 10 Open, Seniors, Novice and Restricted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13:30 <b>Ivy Dahler</b> <b>Swiss Pairs</b> Matches 1 &amp; 2 &amp; 3 &amp; 4 of 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10:00 <b>Teams</b> <b>Championship</b>  Preliminary Finals Open  Finals Seniors &amp; Part Afternoon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10:30 <b>Seres-McMahon</b> <b>Mixed Teams</b> Matches 1 &amp; 2 &amp; 3 of 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10:30 <b>Ivy Dahler</b> <b>Swiss Pairs</b> Matches 7 &amp; 8 &amp; 9 of 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">09:30 <b>Teams</b> <b>Championship</b> Final Open</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10:30 <b>Stratified</b> <b>Match Point</b> <b>Pairs</b> <b>Red</b> <b>Masterpoints</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">19:30 <b>Pairs</b> <b>Championship</b> Final 2/3 Open, Women's Seniors, Novice and Restricted</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">After Play You Ask We Answer Session with an Array of Leading Players</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19:30 <b>Teams</b> <b>Championship</b> Qualifying Matches 1 &amp; 2 of 10 Open, Seniors, Novice and Restricted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19:30 <b>Teams</b> <b>Championship</b> Qualifying Matches 5 &amp; 6 of 10 Open, Seniors, Novice and Restricted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15:30 <b>Teams</b> <b>Championship</b> Qualifying Matches 9 &amp; 10 of 10 Open, Seniors, Novice and Restricted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20:00 <b>Ivy Dahler</b> <b>Swiss Pairs</b> Matches 5 &amp; 6 of 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14:00 <b>Teams</b> <b>Championship</b> Finals Novice Restricted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14:15 <b>Teams</b> <b>Championship</b> Finals Open</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15:20 <b>Seres-McMahon</b> <b>Mixed Teams</b> Matches 4 &amp; 5 &amp; 6 of 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19:30 <b>Dinner Dance</b></p>		

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## **AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION**

"Come along and have your say or apply to join"

The Annual General Meeting of the ABTA will be held in the playing area of the Convention Centre at 11am on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

**THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT**

While you're waiting for your opponents here are some puzzles to entertain you. The solutions can be found on the other side of this page – no peeking now.

**TARGET**

See how many words of four or more letters you can make from the given nine letters. In making each word each letter only once and must include the key letter. There is one nine letter word. No capitals, hyphen, apostrophes or plural words ending an 'S'. 32 Excellent 26 Good 21 Average

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	9	8	3		6			2
	1				4	8	6	
			1			7	2	5
	2	3			5			4

Expert

9			4		1	8		
	2	4	9	6		3		
							9	
8	4				3	9		
				2				
		5	7				3	4
	8							
		9		1	5	2	8	
		2	8		7			3

**RANDOM PUZZLES**

Take the letters ERGRO. Put three letters in front of it, and the same three letters behind to form a common English word.

Which of the following words is the odd-one-out? IBIS IBEX ORYX SIKA ZEBU

What is the next number in this series? 101 103 107 109 113 127 ..

Peter picked one pepper more than Paul. Pat picked one pepper more than Pam. Peter and Paul picked 10 more peppers than Pat and Pam. Peter, Paul, Pat and Pam picked 60 peppers. How many peppers did Peter pick?

Supply the missing vowels to give six 6-letter names of countries. BLZ CND KWT MLW MXC PNM

What three letters can be placed in front of each of these words to form a new word? Sport Sword Sage Sable Time

**TARGET - SOLUTION**

32 Excellent 26 Good 21 Average

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inset  
insult  
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issue  
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lest  
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listen

lust  
**LUSTINESS**  
nest  
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suit  
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sunless  
sunlit  
sunset

tinsel  
tissue  
tussle  
unless  
utensil  
**Words from Official  
Scrabble Dictionary**

**SU | DO | KU - SOLUTION**

**Easy**

1	8	2	6	5	7	3	4	9
7	5	6	4	3	9	2	1	8
9	3	4	2	8	1	6	5	7
3	6	5	7	4	2	9	8	1
2	7	1	5	9	8	4	6	3
4	9	8	3	1	6	5	7	2
5	1	7	9	2	4	8	3	6
8	4	9	1	6	3	7	2	5
6	2	3	8	7	5	1	9	4

**Expert**

9	5	7	4	3	1	8	6	2
1	2	4	9	6	8	3	7	5
6	3	8	5	7	2	4	9	1
8	4	6	1	5	3	9	2	7
7	9	3	6	2	4	5	1	8
2	1	5	7	8	9	6	3	4
3	8	1	2	4	6	7	5	9
4	7	9	3	1	5	2	8	6
5	6	2	8	9	7	1	4	3

**RANDOM PUZZLES - SOLUTIONS**

Take the letters ERGRO. Put three letters in front of it, and the same three letters behind to form a common English word. – UNDERGROUND.

Which of the following words is the odd-one-out? IBIS IBEX ORYX SIKA ZEBU – IBIS is a bird the rest are mammals.

What is the next number in this series? 101 103 107 109 113 127 - 131 they are a series of prime numbers.

Peter picked one pepper more than Paul. Pat picked one pepper more than Pam. Peter and Paul picked 10 more peppers than Pat and Pam. Peter, Paul, Pat and Pam picked 60 peppers. How many peppers did Peter pick? – 18

Supply the missing vowels to give six 6-letter names of countries. BeLiZe CaNaDa KuWaiT MaLaWi MeXiCo PaNaMa

What three letters can be placed in front of each of these words to form a new word? Passport Password Passage Passable Pastime - PAS