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WINNERS



Open Pairs Winners
 GeO Tislevoll and Michael Ware

Best Women's Pair
 Yanhui Sun and Xuefeng Feng

BACK TO THE DAYS OF DRESSING UP FOR AN EVENING OUT
 Session Two of the Teams Qualifying



THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS – A FURTHER HISTORY

Denis Priest

I arrived in Brisbane on 4th August 1961 to take up a teaching position at the University of Queensland and soon unearthed the Brisbane Bridge Club and the modest facilities they enjoyed at the TPI hall in Melbourne Street.

Dr George McCutcheon who had migrated from Scotland in 1959 to take up an appointment at Willowburn Hospital in Toowoomba regularly made the trip on Fridays to play in the weekly duplicate. I soon became acquainted with George, discovering that we had similar bridge interests and experiences.

About the same time I met up with Michael Sullivan with whom I had previously corresponded and was pleasantly surprised to discover that the rental the University had arranged for my wife and myself in St Lucia was the proverbial stone's throw from Toowong where Michael lived with his son and daughter in law.

Dr McCutcheon had already instigated Bridge congresses - Toowoomba in 1960, the first weekend congress in Australia and Brisbane in 1961 and we exchanged ideas and views on congresses and other potential opportunities for competitive bridge. I had initiated the British Universities Congress and established the British Universities Bridge League - the latter partly out of irritation at the fact that at that time, mid 1950's, the only University bridge event was the Norman Watson Rose Bowl - an annual bun fight like the boat race played between Oxford and Cambridge. I was also aware of their quite modest expertise having played against teams from Oxford and Cambridge for the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Umpires Association (yes, I once umpired at Wimbledon on one of the outer courts). I had also run events for Terence Reece who, having fallen out with the British Bridge League, had formed the Tournament Bridge Association, and for five years 1955-1960 had jointly run Lederer's Bridge Club in Mayfair with Ron Broadhurst.

Although I recall that Cathy Chua in the History of Australian Bridge wrote that George and I jointly conceived the concept of the Gold Coast Congress it was George's brainchild - a brainchild however which I immediately embraced. George was of the mind that a congress should be structured which would provide for a more extended and competitive experience whilst at the same time providing a holiday atmosphere - I think we had both been 'seduced' by some of the congresses that were becoming popular in Europe (Biarritz - a Bridge and Golf extravaganza).

George favoured a week long congress which at the time I thought was over the top, preferring the notion of a four day event - taking advantage of a long holiday weekend commencing on Friday evening followed by sessions on Saturday and Sunday (afternoon and evening) with a concluding session on Monday afternoon followed by a gala dinner. This would permit a pairs event of one qualifying and two final rounds and a teams event (American Whist Movement) of three rounds.

George however was adamant that the pairs event should be more testing and purposeful than the only other significant pairs event in Australia at that time, which was the open and women's pairs of the Interstate Championships (two rounds?).

George's concept of two qualifying rounds and three final rounds meant that a long weekend congress would relegate a team's event to a one round bun fight - hardly enticing to interstate players - so we were back to the weeklong congress - no play on the first Saturday and play concluding on the Friday evening - Saturday evening a farewell dinner.

At that time Brisbane was a bit of a "no no" as far as suitable facilities for a holiday congress and the Gold Coast seemed a more appropriate venue certainly as far as the holiday concept was concerned. George had already put out feelers to the Chevron Hotel in Surfers Paradise which was one of only two locations that could then effectively accommodate and service a congress. The management of the Chevron Hotel was extremely enthusiastic and supportive of the concept (this after all was going to be the first congress/convention held on the Gold Coast).

George and I trawled the notion of the congress both in Toowoomba and in Brisbane and the feedback we received was very encouraging - Arthur Hoffman in particular was very enthusiastic - about October 1961 the Congress was given birth so to speak.

I was opposed to the timing of the event (last week basically in February) and for two reasons still am. Firstly it is usually very hot and humid with unsettled weather (1962 and 1963 both experienced torrential downpours and secondly it was/is the first week of the University year (leastways in Brisbane).

George however had already made a verbal commitment to the Chevron Hotel for the last week in February and the notion of changing the date for the event in a subsequent year was negated on the basis that this

would either mean two Gold Coast congresses in one year or a gap of some sixteen months between congresses - I favoured a late November or early December congress.

The first congress was played in a modest and somewhat dingy basement room of the Chevron Hotel - at least the lighting was reasonable even if the air-conditioning couldn't effectively cope with 50 or so people for 3 to 4 hour stretches.

All the relevant bridge paraphernalia had to be brought from Brisbane - tables, score cards, boards, etc. (from the BBC and Northern Suburbs) for as far as I can recall 14 tables (pairs) and 12 (teams). Arthur Hoffman was joint convenor with George McCutcheon in 1962 and basically 'held the ship together' over the next four years. Other people who were instrumental in establishing and securing the success of the Gold Coast Congress in those early years were Jack McLaney and Peter van der Loos.

Although I was present at the first congress and played in the teams event with Tony Jackman, B. Meares, H. Hiley, R. Williams and George I was not in a position to compete in the pairs due to conflict with my teaching responsibilities at UQ. At that time there were very few either staff or students at the University who played bridge and although I had approached the then Vice Chancellor, Sir Fred Schonell with the proposition to form a bridge/chess club on campus, Sir Fred rejected the notion outright informing me that playing cards were the devil's tickets and that such notions could only jeopardise my academic career - 'nuff said.

I think the success of the first gold Coast Congress surprised many people, not the least being the management of the Chevron Hotel in particular by the number of people who came for the week as camp followers. Clearly the first congress had indicated the potential for other congresses and conventions (provided there were suitable facilities).

I don't think the concept of a Convention Centre was on the drawing board at the time of the first congress although the Chevron Hotel had plans for a major dining facility, for functions such as weddings.

Quite early on in 1962 George and I were advised by the Chevron Hotel that a convention/dining facility would be available for the 1963 Congress (not 1964 as I have read somewhere).

George and I participated in the 1963 pairs and teams event (although for the pairs this meant being ferried back to Brisbane after play on Sunday and Monday and being ferried back to the Gold Coast after finishing my teaching stints at midday - Bruce Meares being the ferry man.

George and I were seven tops ahead of the field after two rounds of the final but with virtually no sleep on the Sunday and Monday nights, yes there was a lot of after bridge drinking in those days, I arrived somewhat the worse for wear on the Tuesday afternoon. George gave me what he described as a pep pill and after two or three boards I was hallucinating - cards in dummy kept contorting themselves into snakes and players couldn't understand why I kept on trying to straighten already straight columns. Predictably George and I wallowed through the afternoon just managing to avoid being tail end charlies but still managing to finish in second place behind Tim Seres and Roelof Smilde.

The tables and chairs provided in the newly built facility were steel tubular and finished in either a cream or deep purple coloured vinyl. Although the chairs were quite acceptable the tables were not the best - unstable when someone leaned on one side and moreover susceptible to burn or scorch marks from cigarettes (lots of players in those days smoked like proverbial chimneys throughout the sessions).

Apart from competing in the pairs (1963) and in the teams (1962, 1963 and 1967) I did not have a great deal of input or involvement in the congress in the 1960's - this was mainly due to my formidable teaching load at the University including carrying all of the department's night classes and the birth of a daughter in February 1966. There was also study leave 1967/68 in Europe. Although I recall (1966?), turning up at about 6pm on a Sunday after the first round of the pairs and seeing the scores posted - the scores seemed quite odd - good pairs had fared badly and inexperienced pairs well. The scoring team had disappeared but a quick look at one set of score cards revealed that the scores had been inverted - I rescored all of the four sections before play restarted which was just as well, for by then several pairs were indignantly challenging the posted results.

In 1967/68 I was in the UK on study leave. Jimmy O'Sullivan who by then had taken a keen interest in bridge spent some time with me and my family and we played in a number of events in London - Jimmy was surprised at the huge fields and the extent of organization required to manage 200+ tables in events. Jimmy was very enthusiastic about moving the Gold Coast Congress up a peg or two by increasing the range of events, spicing up both the presentation and the social scene - de rigeur for ladies to wear their finery for the evening sessions.

In 1970? Or was that '71? I became joint convenor with Jimmy and set about making the congress more appealing - a mixed pairs (last Saturday afternoon) - although other same sex pairs were also eligible to play,

repechage opportunities in the teams (Friday afternoon), a mystery and zodiac pairing throughout the pairs. I also introduced the concept of the "Flitch" - a prize for the best husband and wife pair (from the pairs) - the "Flitch" derives from an old East Anglican custom in the UK where the best behaved husband and wife from a village receive an air-cured leg of ham a la prosciutto di Parma (the "Flitch") from the village worthies at year's end - The Darling Downs Cooperative provided the "Flitch", although under the rules of the cooperative this was not free gratis.

I started work on the first jointly convened congress with Jimmy in July of the prior year - first table covers - whip cord purchased at McWhirters (green, azure, orange, red, dark blue) made a template of the tables that were at the Chevron Hotel and persuaded Verna Graham and her mother to make up about 70 table covers (5 x 14).

The most arduous task was making up the score boards which took several weeks - 36 x 24 inch ten sheet pasteboard - the framework drawn up in colours matching the table covers - competitors stencilled in (there was a ceiling to the number of tables that could be realistically accommodated) because of the lack of any overflow capacity at the Convention Centre.

Jeff Lathbury at a prior congress had suggested duplicated boards and hand records and I duly dealt recorded and typed out the hands which I then Roneoed. I went the round of stores for suitable prizes (I was not enamoured at the notion of money prizes) - having to go cap in hand for every purchase to the QBA - this bearing in mind that apart from the QBA paying for the accommodation in the 70's - neither I nor George ever received any remuneration for our efforts and expenses - yes, the QBA did eventually present me with an EPNS. plate as a token of their appreciation - suggesting that I could have it suitably engraved (at my expense of course).

The congress received support from Benson & Hedges - mostly in the form of dolly girls dishing out packets of cigarettes and in transporting gear from Brisbane - Jimmy and I were both involved in getting them onside - Jimmy knew the promotions manager and I knew Des Bull from the Queensland Cricket Club - he had by then retired from cricket and had taken up a position as Rep with B&H.

I was involved with the congress from 1970-73 - in 1974 George Cuppaidge became flavour of the month.

Last but not least - the Don Neill Caper. In 1962 Don Neill was kind enough to drive myself and wife Rita to the Gold Coast on the Saturday night prior to play commencing on the following Sunday. A deluge accompanied us with Don becoming increasingly concerned at finding a garage which had nitrobenzene fuel. We were well on the way to Ipswich when I queried as to which way he was going - I also pointed out that we were on the wrong side of a dual carriageway. Don stopped, then slowly reversed (imagine trying to do that today!). Eventually we arrived at the Gold Coast having taken on a minuscule amount of fuel at Acacia Ridge - having that siphoned out at Peachey's garage at Ormeau - tank washed out with nitrobenzene - more siphoning and then refuelled.

Quick change at the Chevron Hotel into some dry clothes and dash down to the advertised cocktail party. I don't recognise any of the participants but no matter - we are quickly slotted into a small group of five or six people and drinks ordered. I invite the group to more drinks and suddenly Rita and I find ourselves virtually alone in the room - as we are about to leave I am presented with a bill for just over 18 pounds - it's all provided for by the QBA I say - well yes, but no - we are at the wrong cocktail party!

REMINISCENCES - 1979 GOLD COAST

George Cuppaidge – Australian Bridge June 1979

Even consolation events are hard to win at the Gold Coast Congress, for there is always some pair who should have been in the championship final. At this year's congress, the eighteenth, perhaps the relay races, conducted one morning in the Chevron Hotel pool, would provide an opportunity to humble some of the experts. Alas, no. Bob Richman 2nd in the Pairs and winner of the teams proved to be an expert swimmer too. His team took out the swimming prize as well.

284 people took their places for the Benson & Hedges Pairs, the biggest entry ever. The Gold Coast formula of bridge in a total holiday atmosphere is a popular one. Seven days of bridge, play never starts before 1:30pm and a three hour dinner break allows visitors to sample the many food restaurants in Surfers Paradise. Somehow the bridge remains serious and all the events are keenly contested.

The first big question was who would win the pairs: would it be Tim and Mary or Ron and Bob? With two of the three final sessions played it appeared to be all over. Klinger and Richman lead by three clear tops from the youngest pair in the field Peter Jamieson 32 and Barbara Gill 20 (**Ed: sorry Barb**). Barbara had in fact turned 20 on the day the congress began.

What a finish! Jamieson-Gill started well and suddenly looked a chance. They met Klinger-Richman, defeated them and looked a big chance. With one round to play they led by 7 match points.

The final round appeared to favour Jamieson-Gill when they met Queensland's Don Fletcher and Jim Fitzgerald while Klinger-Richman met McMahon-Seres. A great performance by Klinger-Richman saw them win their match by 14 match points. The first result from the other match showed that Fitzgerald had made all 13 tricks in a 3NT contract off four top clubs. Things improved for Jamieson-Gill who won their match by 14 points also to turn in a 57% session and win by half a top. They became the youngest winners ever of the Benson & Hedges Pairs and collected trophies and plus a cheque for \$1,000.

Pairs Championship	Pairs Plate	Teams Final	Ansett Pairs	Chevron Cup
1 st B.Gill & P.Jamieson	1 st F.Duffy & O.Sos	1 st M.McMahon, T.Seres, R.Klinger & R.Richman	1 st R.Crichton & I.Thompson	1 st I.Frisch & F.Seeman
2 nd R Klinger & R.Richman	2 nd R Douglas & G.Schmidt	2 nd A.Walsh, E.Havas, V.Cummings & D.Zines.		
3 rd L.Szatmary & S.Szatmary	3 rd V.Cummings & D.Zines	3 rd M.Watson, A.Hutton, T.Kiss & A Markovics		

THE SCHWEPPE'S SCORERS

A lot of talented people work together to make this tournament tick. Perhaps the most faceless of these are the scorers – normally that is.



L to R: Ed Barnes, Toni Bardon, Phil Sellars, Gary Hookyas and Matthew McManus

In this photo they are smiling and seem happy. But you will understand if you see them looking less happy when you read the following statistics.

	Open	Seniors	Intermediate	Restricted	Novice	Total
Tables in Play	152	49	41	61	44	347
Incorrect Score Entry	2914	219	231	388	232	3984
Arrow Switch Played Wrongly	241	32	50	29	15	367
Fouled Boards Cards Replaced Wrongly	81	20	38	16	28	183
Grief Causing Errors	3236	271	319	433	275	4534
Percentage Error Rate	16%	4%	6%	5%	5%	10%

So let's try and make their lives happier by minimising the scoring errors.

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PAIRS FINAL 3

Barry Rigal

The final set saw five pairs fighting it out at the top. Tislevoll-Ware (aided by an appeal decision in their favour) had a decent lead over Bach-Del'Monte, with Kanetkar-Brown, Sun-Feng and Hooykas-Rankin all set to make a charge.

Dealer: West ♠ 9
 Vul: None ♥ J 9 7
 Brd 8 ♦ A Q 9 4
 ♣ A J 8 7 5

♠ K J 8 2
 ♥ K 5 4 2
 ♦ J 10 2
 ♣ K 6

♠ A Q 10 6 4
 ♥ A 10 6 3
 ♦ 7 6 5 3
 ♣ ---

♠ 7 5 3
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ K 8
 ♣ Q 10 9 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Double	3♣
Double	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	- NT
3	-	3	- ♠
3	-	3	- ♥
-	1	-	1 ♦
-	4	-	4 ♣

Brian Callaghan gave me the following problem; how would you defend 4♥ here?

As North, all you can see is the West cards, after a low club lead; dummy plays the king. You win the ace...but declarer ruffs the first trick and plays a low heart to your partner's eight, and dummy's two. Do you overtake – and if so, what do you play?

Here is the full story; as you can see, declarer has no more than nine tricks...unless you or your partner win the trump and play a second club. If you do, declarer ruffs, cashes the ♥A, crosses to a spade honour and draws the last trump, emerging with ten tricks via two club ruffs, three hearts, and five spades. Note that 4♠ has absolutely no play at all; the 4-4 fit plays much better than the 5-4 fit.

The winning defence (to prevent partner erring) is to overtake the trump and return a trump or shift to a diamond. If you duck the trump can you blame your partner for playing a second club? I couldn't!

Just for the record; four pairs made five clubs, sometimes doubled, and sometimes with an overtrick, while one pair made 4♠ from West, (no easy feat, even after the lead of ♣A) and Callaghan made 4♥ from the East seat.

Let's look at a lead problem: you hold the South cards:

♠ 9 7	West	North	East	South
♥ 9 2	1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
♦ Q J 10 7	2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
♣ 9 7 5 4 3	3NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Your lead. Would you look beyond your diamond sequence, or would you settle for the passive club lead? At the table South opted for a club lead; this was the full story:

Dealer: South ♠ 8 6 4 3
 Vul: None ♥ 8 7 4
 Brd 11 ♦ A K 5 3
 ♣ 6 2

♠ K 10 2
 ♥ K Q J 10 3
 ♦ 9 2
 ♣ Q 10 8

♠ A Q J 5
 ♥ A 6 5
 ♦ 8 6 4
 ♣ A K J

♠ 9 7
 ♥ 9 2
 ♦ Q J 10 7
 ♣ 9 7 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
3	-	3	- NT
5	-	5	- ♠
5	-	5	- ♥
1	-	1	- ♦
2	-	2	- ♣

As you can see, the 2♦ response had achieved its target, as Ishmael Del'Monte's opponent discovered to his cost. By contrast Barry Goren found the same lead-inhibiting 2♦ response, but his partner rebid 2NT and when Goren raised to 6NT the defence found it a simple matter to cash out the diamonds with North on lead.

If you were asked to guess what result in the top section would have been par here, what would you say? The answer is that +450 for E/W was close to average; five pairs went down in slam, or played 3NT for 400. Four pairs made 12 tricks either in game or slam.

Dealer: South ♠ A K 8
 Vul: E-W ♥ K Q 10 5 2
 Brd 19 ♦ J 4 3
 ♣ K 6

♠ Q 10 9 5 4
 ♥ A 8 7 4
 ♦ K 5 2
 ♣ Q

♠ 6 2
 ♥ 6
 ♦ Q 10 8
 ♣ A J 10 8 4 3 2

♠ J 7 3
 ♥ J 9 3
 ♦ A 9 7 6
 ♣ 9 7 5

West	North	East	South	
-	-	-	-	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
-	1	-	1	♥
-	-	-	1	♦
4	-	4	-	♣

In the match between two of the title contenders (Tislevoll-Ware and Hooykaas-Rankin) Tislevoll sat North and overcalled 1NT over 1♠; when his LHO bid 2♣ he balanced with 2♥ and bought it there. Yes, East might have re-competed to 3♣, or if you prefer should have done so. Against 2♥ Hooykas led a spade to the nine and king. A trump to the nine and ace saw West shifting to the ♣Q, covered all round, and two more rounds of clubs, ruffed by Tislevoll, West discarding a diamond and a spade. At this point GeO had only seven tricks, but when he led a trump to the jack and East discarded, he had a complete count of the hand. He cashed the ♦A, completed drawing trumps, and exited with a diamond to endplay West to lead a spade away from the queen. Yes, maybe Rankin should have unblocked the ♦K under the ace but that was hardly an easy play to find.

Going into the last three deals, there were four pairs who had a decent chance to win the event. Tislevoll/Ware (taking into account the appeal adjustment) led from del'Monte-Bach and Kanetkar-Brown were third in front of Feng-Sun. The first and third pairs were sitting E/W, the second and fourth pairs were N/S.

Dealer: North ♠ 8
 Vul: E-W ♥ K Q 10 3
 Brd 25 ♦ J 9 6 4
 ♣ J 8 7 3

♠ Q 10 7
 ♥ J 7 6 4
 ♦ K 8 5 2
 ♣ K 4

♠ A 9 6 5 4 3
 ♥ 9
 ♦ Q
 ♣ A Q 9 6 5

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

West	North	East	South	
-	-	-	-	NT
4	-	4	-	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

Every N/S pair bid 1♠ - 2♠ - 4♠. Three of the defending pairs (Bach, Steve Bloom against Tislevoll and Kustruanto against Brown, led ♥A and continued the suit) but Feng led the ♣10. Where a heart was led, declarer ruffed the second heart and played ♠A and another spade; all three defenders in the North seat had to find two early discards – and all of them let go a club, for which one can hardly blame them, can one? Where a club was led declarer drew trumps and took a club finesse against the jack and ten tricks made; a 65% result for the E/W pairs, since a few pairs missed game or went down.

Dealer: East ♠ J 8
 Vul: Both ♥ K J 10 8 5
 Brd 26 ♦ K 7 5
 ♣ Q 4 2

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

♠ A 9 7 6 4
 ♥ A 9
 ♦ A 10 9 3
 ♣ 7 3

♠ K Q 5 3 2
 ♥ 4 3 2
 ♦ Q 8
 ♣ K J 6

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

Sun-Feng defended to Parker's contract of 5♦, after Sun as North had thrown in an emaciated 1♠ overall of van Jole's 1♣ opening bid. Naturally Feng led a spade and Parker won cheaply, then cashed two top clubs, discarding a heart when Sun ruffed in with ♦10. It was tough for Sun to read that her side had a spade ruff coming; had she played a spade, Feng would have ruffed high and led a club but would not quite have been able to promote a further trump for her side. In fact Sun played a heart; Parker ruffed it, cashed the two top trumps, and claimed 12 tricks when they split. That was only 8 MP for the Chinese; five bad last deals had dropped them from second to fifth.

Bach-Del'Monte defended 4♠ on an auction where Gosney had opened 1♣ as West and had then had to reject a barrage of slam-tries before Hollands settled for 4♠. Bach accurately led his ♥A and continued hearts. At this point declarer really needs to see through the back of the cards to make. The winning line is to win the ♥K and ruff a heart to hand, then cash ♠A and overtake the club king with the ace, to run clubs. North must ruff in or the diamonds go away, and declarer overruffs then plays on diamonds, and scores all his trumps one way or another, losing a heart and two diamonds. Hollands of course did not find this line. He won the ♥K and took a trump finesse then led out the ♠A, losing two trumps and one trick in each red suit. That was 22 for Bach-Del'Monte, getting them to 1160 MP.

Tislevoll-Ware also reached 4♠ after Ware had opened the West cards 1♣. Tislevoll showed a 5-5 two-suiter then signed off in 4♠ when his partner denied interest in either suit. On a heart lead and continuation he won and followed Holland's line, for down one, when the defenders cut him off from the club discards. 4MPs got them to 1170, leaving one pair who could overtake them at the death. If Kanetkar-Brown could play 3NT here, they would be able to score 22MP and catch the leaders at the wire.

They bid: 1♣-2♠-2NT-3♦-3NT-.....6♦. Brown's final effort was perhaps based on the unlikely chance that his partner might have an opening bid, just because he had opened the bidding. Arguably, a raise to 4NT or even 5NT might have done the trick? The defenders could still let 6♦ through of course, but South led ♥A and in a desperate effort to make his slam Brown went two off, for a zero. Ware and Tislevoll had held on – remarkably, despite a final 44% set.

OUR TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Arthur Bennett

Okay, so who makes the worse blunders, my wife and I playing bridge or the author of the first Bulletin trivia quiz.

The baby of the rabbit is the bunny! Rubbish! The babes of Hugh Heffner may be bunnies, but the technical term for the young of rabbits is in fact kittens and bunny is simply baby-speak for rabbit.

(Ed: Arthur has clearly passed the editor's test to see how many people read the quizzes).

Dealer: West ♠ Q 9 8 6 5 3 2
 Vul: N-S ♥ 10 9 7
 Brd 12 ♦ Q 10 2
 ♣ ---

♠ 4
 ♥ A K 8 3
 ♦ A J 9
 ♣ Q 10 9 7 4

♠ A J 10 7
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ 8 7 4 3
 ♣ K 6 3

♠ K
 ♥ Q 6 5 2
 ♦ K 6 5
 ♣ A J 8 5 2

West	North	East	South	
-	-	-	-	NT
-	3	-	3	♠
3	-	3	-	♥
-	-	-	-	♦
4	-	4	-	♣

Playing against Jim Wallis and Ziggy Konig on board 12 of the first qualifying session, my partner Gillian (and Ziggy) both discovered from the bidding that Gillian and I held five clubs and four hearts apiece. Gillian put us in 6♥ on the horribly duplicated shape and Ziggy, despite holding the king duly led a club to his partner's known void. Three light was not a great success so I shall let you decide who the real bunnies are.

The largest flying seabird is the albatross! I happen to know that the pelican is substantially larger. So what if its built more like a tank transporter than a U2 spy plane?

Board 11 of the Pairs qualifying session one was also played against Jim and Ziggy.

Dealer: South ♠ 9
 Vul: None ♥ A K 10 9 6 3
 Brd 11 ♦ J 8 5
 Prs Qual Sess 1 ♣ A 10 7

♠ 10 6 5
 ♥ Q J 7 5
 ♦ A K Q 7
 ♣ Q 3

♠ A K 8 4
 ♥ 8 2
 ♦ 9 4 3
 ♣ 9 8 5 4

♠ Q J 7 3 2
 ♥ 4
 ♦ 10 6 2
 ♣ K J 6 2

West North East South
 1♦ 1♥ 1♠ Pass
 2♠ Pass Pass Pass

West	North	East	South
1	-	-	- NT
-	1	-	1 ♠
-	1	-	1 ♥
-	-	-	- ♦
-	1	-	1 ♣

Sitting West I opened a catch all 1♦, Jim bid 1♥ which was alerted as natural or general takeout including diamonds. Gillian, like the pelican whose beak can hold more than its belly can, developed an insatiable urge to bid and uttered the fateful 1♠ on a flat hand with only four spades to the A-K. This induced me to raise to 2♠ which ended the auction. As you could imagine Ziggy, who decided not to double found he did not need to after we made just four tricks.

The largest predatory fish is the Great White Shark! Now this is blatantly untrue, as the largest predatory fish is Michael Ware. Anyway you don't have to eat fur seals or surfers to be predatory. Minnows or Krill will do, so on that count the Whale Shark is the prime contender.

Dealer: West ♠ 8 7 6 3
 Vul: Both ♥ 7 5 3
 Brd 20 ♦ J 10 8 7 3
 Prs Qual Sess 2 ♣ 3

♠ A K 10
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ 9
 ♣ K Q J 8 7 6 5

♠ J
 ♥ A Q 8 6 4
 ♦ A K 6 2
 ♣ 10 4 2

♠ Q 9 5 4 2
 ♥ K 10 2
 ♦ Q 5 4
 ♣ A 9

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

Against GeO and Michael I opened the West cards 1♣ artificially strong showing a five loser hand. Gillian, East responded 1♥ and Michael breached majestically and bid 1♠. I bid 2♣ and GeO raised his partner's spades. I decided that 6NT was a good bet. GeO dutifully led his partner's suit instead of a heart and 6NT rolled home. This setback in no way diminishes Michael's status as the biggest predator in the sea.

A close companion of the Ancient Mariner is the Whale! Dream on! Samuel Taylor Coleridge would turn in his grave. His close companion is of course the bird of ill omen, the albatross around his neck. Moby Dick, the whale, was of course the close companion of Captain Ahab. Gillian and I are definitely cursed. We arrived in Brisbane airport at 09:55 on Saturday morning. There was a crash on the Pacific Highway and we arrived at the Conference Centre at 12:55, five minutes before game time. Our state of accursedness continued easily as far as Board 9 of the Pairs Final Session 1.

Dealer: North ♠ K
 Vul: E-W ♥ 9
 Brd 9 ♦ 10 9 7 6 5
 Prs Fin Sess 1 ♣ A Q 9 6 3 2

♠ 9 5 4 3 2
 ♥ 10 6 5
 ♦ Q 8 2
 ♣ 8 7

♠ A Q J 10 8
 ♥ Q J 8 7
 ♦ K J 4
 ♣ 5

♠ 7 6
 ♥ A K 4 3 2
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ K J 10 4

West North East South
 5♠ 2NT 3♦ 5♣
 6♣ All Pass

West	North	East	South
-	2	-	2 NT
2	-	2	- ♠
-	2	-	2 ♥
-	3	-	3 ♦
-	5	-	5 ♣

Gillian Genter opened the North hand with an unusual 2NT showing the minors. My Gillian, sitting East bid 3♦ to show better spades than hearts and Trish Anagnostou bid 5♣. Never able to resist a 10 card major fit I bid

5♠ and the opponents had no problem bidding 6♣. What should I lead a spade or a heart? Surely a spade lead might be ruffed, so I led a heart and watched ruefully as dummy's spade disappeared on the heart and wrote -920 in my scorebook.

Not a bear this famous Chinese resident, is most closely related to the racoon. The answer is the panda. When I answered this question I actually put down Yuzhong Chen, my teams partner as panda was so clearly the wrong answer. According to the latest DNA classification of mammals, the panda is most definitely in Ursidae, that is a bear, and equally definitely not in the Procyonidae – the racoons.

If you will bear (excuse the pun) with me and pander (and again) to my whim, I'll tell you about more mischief a brewin' when 3NT doubled made six on two occasions. We were the victims on the first board.

Dealer: West	♠ K 9 2	West	North	East	South
Vul: N-S	♥ A 9		1♣	1♠	Pass
Brd 28	♦ K	Pass	Double	Pass	2♦
Prs Qual Sess 2	♣ A K Q 7 5 4 2	Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
♠ J 7		Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
♥ K Q 10 6	♠ A Q 10 4 3	Double	All Pass		
♦ Q J 10 3	♥ 7 4 2	West	North	East	South
♣ 10 9 3	♦ 9 8 5	-	3	-	2 NT
	♣ J 6	-	1	-	♠
	♠ 8 6 5	-	1	-	♥
	♥ J 8 5 3	-	-	-	♦
	♦ A 7 6 4 2	-	3	-	3♣
	♣ 8				

I perhaps should have doubled 3♥ but for some reason I didn't. Gillian, East, not unnaturally led a low spade. Declarer won this, cashed the ♦K and ran his clubs. It could have been a real squeeze or the albatross around my neck throttling me but in the end North made six. (*Ed: I know this score well -1350*)

Only later in the pairs final did we recoup our 3NT glory:

Dealer: South	♠ 10	West	North	East	South
Vul: E-W	♥ 10 5	2♠	3♦	3♠	2♦
Brd 3	♦ 8 7 4 3	Double	Pass	Pass	3NT
Prs Fin Sess 2	♣ K 10 9 6 3 2				Pass
♠ A Q 8 4 2		West	North	East	South
♥ A 9 2	♠ 7 6 3	-	-	-	- NT
♦ A 6	♥ Q J 8 7 6 4	1	-	1	♠
♣ J 8 7	♦ J 5	2	-	2	♥
	♣ Q 4	-	3	-	4♦
	♠ K J 9 5	-	2	-	3♣
	♥ K 3				
	♦ K Q 10 9 2				
	♣ A 5				

Sitting South my 2♦ opening showed an unbalanced hand with diamonds. Gillian's competitive raise to 3♦ lured me to glory or disaster.

West led a low spade with dummy's ten holding. A diamond to the king found West switching to a low heart seeking an entry into partner's hand. On the run of the diamonds, West let go a club allowing me to make twelve tricks and +1050. (*Ed: Thanks Arthur for a most entertaining article*)

DUCK FOR DINNER

This seemingly innocuous hand from the second session of the pairs final is worth a mention.

Dealer: East	♠ J 4	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ A 6 2	6	-	6	- NT
Brd 10	♦ 10 9 5 3	3	-	3	♠
	♣ Q 6 4 2	6	-	6	♥
♠		5	-	5	♦
♥ K Q 9 8 7 5 4	♠ A K 10 7 5	5	-	5	♣
♦ K 8	♥ 3				
♣ J 10 9 3	♦ A Q J 4				
	♣ A K 5				
	♠ Q 9 8 6 3 2				
	♥ J 10				
	♦ 7 6 2				
	♣ 8 7				

Many tables reached a poor 6♥ contract which just comes down to the play of the heart suit. At many tables the play likely went low heart from dummy ♥10 or ♥J, ♥K from declarer won by North. West then has no choice but to bang down the ♥Q and hope that the ♥J10 were doubleton with South. Bingo making six. But at a number of tables North, including Lusje Bojoh-Julita Tueje found the excellent play of smoothly ducking the first heart.

Look at where this leaves declarer. The only layout of the suit where declarer can succeed is South holding ♥A-J or ♥J-10. Given that North didn't win the ace there would be a natural tendency to play a low heart hoping for South holding ♥A-J – down one.

An inspection of the frequencies of the Open Final A and B show 6 pairs failed in slam, 12 pairs bid and made game, 4 pairs bid and made 6♥ and 6 pairs bid and made 6NT.

BERMUDA REVISITED

Boye Brogeland

(Ed: As previously noted, when Boye Brogeland gives you a hand it is a good time to listen. I was also pleased to know that he is following our progress at the tournament by reading the daily bulletins).

This hand is from a match between Norway and Japan in the Bermuda Bowl (Round Robin) in Paris in 2001:

Dealer: North	♠ K 8 6 4 3	West	North	East	South
Vul: All	♥ A 7 3		Sælensminde		Brogeland
	♦ Q 5		Pass	Pass	1NT
	♣ 6 5 2	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
♠ J 5		Pass	3NT	All Pass	
♥ 5					
♦ A K J 10 7 3 2		♠ 10 9 2			
♣ 10 9 7		♥ Q 10 9 6 2			
		♦ 4			
		♣ K Q 8 3			
	♠ A Q 7				
	♥ K J 8 4				
	♦ 9 8 6				
	♣ A J 4				

My Australian friend David Stern has done a computer simulation on balanced NT hands with three card support when partner transfer and jumps to 3NT. Playing teams, should you pass or correct to 4 of the major?

Looking at 10.000 deals he found that despite eight trumps there was a better chance making the nine trick game. So pass is apparently the winning action in the long run. I didn't have that information back in 2001, but the main reason why I bid 4♠ rather than passing was that the Japanese West had seemed keen to bid both over 1NT and 2♠. So I assumed he had a long diamond suit which might be cashing against 3 NT.

Quite right, lefty starts with ace-king of diamonds, and East discards a heart. How do you play when West continues with the jack of diamonds?

You need five spade tricks to have any hope of winning this contract, so rather than ruffing, you should pitch a losing club from dummy at trick three. West switches to a heart which goes to East's queen and your king.

With 5-1 break in hearts, which East's first discard indicates, I am still a trick short. My only chance is to find East with both king-queen of clubs so I will be able to squeeze him in hearts and clubs. I cash my ace of clubs and pull trumps to reach this ending:

Dealer: North	♠ 6	
Vul: All	♥ A 7	
	♦ ---	
	♣ 6	
♠ ---		♠ ---
♥ ---		♥ 10 9 6
♦ 10 7		♦ ---
♣ 10 9		♣ K
	♠ ---	
	♥ J 8 4	
	♦ ---	
	♣ J	

On the last spade East was squeezed into giving up one of the suits. A neat 620.

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Wednesday 2 March 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Barry Rigal PASSED HAND BIDDING
Wednesday 2 March 4:30pm – 5:30pm	Andy Braithwaite HAND EVALUATION: LOSING TRICK COUNT

SUICIDE IS PAINLESS

John Carruthers

This gem arose during the last session of the Pairs Final.

Dealer: South ♠ Q 9 7 4 3
 Vul: None ♥ Q 10 6 3
 Brd 27 ♦ J 10 4
 Prs Fin Sess 3 ♣ 5

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

♠ 10
 ♥ A J 4 2
 ♦ Q 8
 ♣ 8 7 6 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
Hirst	Ebery	Goren	Watts
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
5	-	5	- NT
4	-	4	- ♠
2	-	2	- ♥
5	-	5	- ♦
4	-	4	- ♣

Marlene Watts led the seven of clubs against Barry Goren's four-spade contract. Goren won the ace and tried to cash another club, which was ruffed by Jamie Ebery and over-ruffed by declarer. Goren then cashed the ace-king of spades and the ace-king of diamonds. This was the position:

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

Goren led the nine of hearts and South won with the ace. That was the first trick for the defence and South was sort of end-played. It looks like declarer has three more losers, two trumps and a diamond. However, whatever South played next, dummy would either win the trick (a heart) or force North to ruff (a club). East's three more losers had been telescoped to two via the suicide en passant trump coup. If North ruffed, East's trump losers would be reduced to one, and if he did not, all East's diamonds would disappear.

Could the defence have done better? Perhaps. The ace of hearts, then a club gives declarer a chance to go down.

SOME TEAMS ACTION

Barry Rigal

Dealer: South ♠ Q 7 4
 Vul: E-W ♥ K Q 8
 Brd 3 ♦ J 10 9 5 4
 Tms Qual Sess 1 ♣ 7 6

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

♠ 8 6
 ♥ J 6 5 3
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A Q 8 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
			3♣
Double	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

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

Marlene Watts and Jamie Ebery were one of the few pairs to go plus legitimately here.

Against 3NT South started off well enough by leading a heart; North won and shifted to clubs, for the jack and queen. Back came a low heart now, and North won again, and made the natural but fatal club continuation.

Dealer: West ♠ A J
 Vul: None ♥ A 10 9 7 3
 Brd 24 ♦ J 6 5
 Tms Qual Rnd 2 ♣ K 10 2
 ♠ 8 4 2
 ♥ 6 5 4
 ♦ Q 4
 ♣ Q J 9 8 6

♠ K 7 5
 ♥ K Q 8
 ♦ K 10 7 3
 ♣ 7 5 4

♠ Q 10 9 6 3
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ A 9 8 2
 ♣ A 3

West North East South

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

The standard auction on this deal would see N/S end up in 3♥ - optimists would reach 4♥ or even better, 3NT, and wrap up the contract when you receive a spade lead into the tenace and guess diamonds. With the ♣QJ onside you might even make 3NT after misguessing diamonds.

Of course not all defenders were as cooperative; when Michael Cornell was defending 3♥ he underled the ♦A on the go. Vivian Cornell won her ♦Q and took the diamond ruff, then played a club through to set the partscore.

And finally, I wish the cards co-operated as nicely as they did here (and that all my opponents were as bad as me on opening lead).

Dealer: East ♠ Q 9 7 6 5
 Vul: Both ♥ 9 7 4 3
 Brd 26 ♦ A Q
 Tms Qual Rnd 2 ♣ K 5
 ♠ 8 2
 ♥ K
 ♦ J 9 8 2
 ♣ A 8 7 6 4 2

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

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

West North East South

West	North	East	South	
-	2	-	2	NT
-	4	-	4	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
2	-	1	-	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

If you declare 4♥ on the run-of-the mill low diamond lead, you will surely take the heart finesse for want of anything better to do, and end up losing the ♣A and three tricks in the majors. At my table West found the lead of the ♣A; it might have been right on a different day, but here after two rounds of clubs disclosed East had a doubleton club, I knew better than to take the trump finesse. I cashed the ♥A, drew a second trump, then took the diamond winners and led the ♣J. whether East ruffed now or was end-played later with his trump trick, I could guarantee to hold the spade losers to one.

Note that if you plan to lead a heart to the ace, why not start with the nine from dummy – let East split his honours if he feels like it. You won't object if he does.

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Ron Klinger

Dealer: West

Vul: Nil

♠ K Q J 2
 ♥ A K Q 10
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ J 9 7

West	North	East	South
1♣	Double	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

♠ 7
 ♥ 8 7 2
 ♦ Q J 10 4 2
 ♣ 8 6 4 3

West leads the ♦A. Which card should East play? How does East expect the defence to go?

Answer: East should play the ♦Q under the ♦K. This shows either a singleton or promises the jack. West can then lead a low card to East. Now a club return will be enough to defeat 4♠ if the full deal looks like this:

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

After the ♦A lead against 4♠, if West continues with the ♦K, South makes ten tricks if West switches to the ♣A or eleven tricks otherwise.

The defence should go: ♦A, East plays the ♦Q; West continues with the ♦5. East wins and switches to a club, and West collects two club tricks for one down.

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HAVE YOU DISCUSSED? - FOR THE INTERMEDIATE PLAYER 'CONVENTIONAL' UNCONVENTIONAL RAISES UNCONTESTED AUCTIONS

Barry Rigal

Let's assume the well-bred partnership has agreed to set aside one artificial call for major-suit raises, and one for minor-suit raises. Let's further assume that we play Jacoby 2NT¹ and inverted minors² – this is by no means necessary but a relatively common base agreement.

If we do so, how many more raises do we need? Let's look at uncontested and contested auctions separately and see what we might want to do; uncontested auctions are easier so let's start there.

Minor suit raises: We play inverted minor raises as forcing for one round; would it be preferable for constructive bidding to play them as game-forcing? If your answer to that question is yes (mine would be) then we need a way to show precisely a limit raise as well as a pre-emptive raise and (perhaps) a mixed raise³. For the uninitiated let's simplify by saying a GF raise is 12+, a limit raise is 10-11, a mixed raise is 6-9 and a pre-emptive raise is 0-5.

We cannot fit them all easily into a standard base; but the simplest scheme I can suggest is that 1♣:3♣ is weak when non-vulnerable, mixed when vulnerable. The simple raise is GF by an unpassed hand, limit by a passed hand.

If so, a jump in the other minor is purely artificial, a limit raise by an unpassed hand, a fit-jump by a passed hand. In the 'negative' column we've lost the use of 1♣:2♦ and 1♦:3♣ as natural, but the limit raise will be far more frequent than whatever we used that sequence for before, and we have simplified our inverted minor sequences if we do not have to worry about what is forcing and what is not.

As one more complexity; we can consider whether we would prefer to play 1♣:2♦ as EITHER a limit raise in NT or a limit raise to 3♣; we have plenty of space to relay over 2♦ to find out partner's precise hand. That would free 1C-2NT as a balanced 13-15, forcing of course, or (horrors!) Baron – showing a balanced hand of 16+ HCP with any shape.

Major suit raises: The simplest and most frequently used scheme of artificial raises in the USA is Bergen. Here 1Major-3Major is pre-emptive, 3♣/3♦ are mixed and limit respectively (far better to play 3♦ – the call with the narrow range of say 10-11 as the higher call. Then 1♥:3♣:3♦ can be used as a relay to find minimum/maximum for the wide-range call, say 6-9).

Our target should be to have a limit, mixed and pre-emptive raise available to us in all sequences. The above scheme works fine by an unpassed hand but it is harder to decide what the calls should mean by a passed hand. In order to accommodate fit jumps (perhaps less frequent than the pre-emptive raise but in an uncontested auction perhaps more valuable) we have to sacrifice the pre-emptive raise; Drury takes care of balanced limit raises, a jump to three of the major can be used as a mixed raise (four trumps unbalanced or five trumps, 6-9 points).

Splinter raises are worth special consideration. We need to decide if we are going to handle the three following raises by making the same initial call in response to a 1♥ opening bid:

♠Axxx ♥KJxx ♦KQxx ♣x

♠Axxx ♥Kxxx ♦QJxx ♣x

and

♠AKxx ♥KJxx ♥KQxx ♣x

The first hand is a run of the mill opening bid with good support and a singleton. Partner will not want to cooperate with a suitable minimum (♠Qxx ♥AQxxxx ♦xx ♣Axx or an unsuitable hand with extras ♠Qx ♥AQxxx ♦Axxx ♣Kx). Opposite the second example hand game goes down on our first matching hand if the cards lie poorly, and game is quite high enough on the second. But facing the third example hand we make slam opposite either of opener's hands. So what is the secret? Do we splinter and bid again with example three – or do something else?

For what it's worth 'something else' looks better to me. Let's put all mini-splinters (defined as 9-12, willing to play game but not sure we will make it) through one response to a major. For the 1♥/1♠ openings let's use 3♠ and 3NT respectively - the first double-jump step over the major - as an unspecified splinter. This means that responder has four-card trump support and a singleton that opener can locate if he wants to. Opener relays for the shortage only with real extras, otherwise he just bids game himself.

We should define the range for a splinter as 13-15 or so, as in hand one; opener moves only with a fitting non-minimum. With the third hand one either uses Jacoby or bids again after the sign-off. But beware! Blackwood after a splinter shows a VOID in the splinter suit and is Exclusion Blackwood...after all, if you wanted to use Blackwood after a sign-off why bother to splinter at all? (Start with Jacoby 2NT).

- ¹ Jacoby 2NT uses the response of 2NT to an opening bid in a major as game-forcing with at least four-card trump support.
- ² Inverted Minors switch the meaning of a raise of a minor to the two-level and three-level. The three-level is weak (or slightly better if you prefer) the two-level is forcing by an unpassed hand and shows at least a limit raise.
- ³ A mixed raise is a raise with the pattern for a preemptive raise and the shape for a simple raise. For a raise of spades, say: ♠Qxxx ♥KJxx ♦xxxx ♣x would be about right.



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TEAMS DAY 1

John Carruthers – Known as JC

After a quiet start on a deal where 12 tricks were available in diamonds or no-trumps when three finesses worked, Board 2 provided rather more excitement. Both North-South pairs in our match had a great result:

Dealer: East ♠ K 5 3
 Vul: N-S ♥ 6 2
 Brd 2 ♦ J 9 7 5 2
 Tms Qual Sess 1 ♣ 5 3 2
 ♠ 7
 ♥ Q J 10 5 4
 ♦ A 4 3
 ♣ Q 9 8 7

♠ J 9 6
 ♥ K 9 8 7 3
 ♦
 ♣ A K J 6 4

♠ A Q 10 8 4 2
 ♥ A
 ♦ K Q 10 8 6
 ♣ 10

West	North	East	South
Blagov	E Pugh	JC	L Kanetkar
		1♥	Double
2NT	Pass	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	5♦
Double	Pass	Pass	♠5
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

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

The 2NT bid showed 4+hearts and a limit raise. Perhaps I'd have done better had I tried five diamonds rather than five clubs. Anton Blagov led a heart and Lalita Kanetkar was soon chalking up plus 850. Ace of diamonds, diamond ruff, club to the queen and another diamond ruff would have been 800 the other way. At the other table Matt Mullamphy managed to buy the hand in 4♠ doubled, scoring plus 990 after the same lead, to win 4 IMPs.

Elaine Pugh did not let a little thing like a 5-0 trump split disturb her on this deal:

Dealer: North ♠ 10 8 7 6 4
 Vul: Both ♥ K Q J 4
 Brd 13 ♦ A 8
 Tms Qual Sess 1 ♣ K 10
 ♠ K J 9 5
 ♥ 9 8 6 5 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ J 5

♠ Q 3 2
 ♥ ---
 ♦ 5 4 3 2
 ♣ A Q 8 6 4 3

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

West	North	East	South
Blagov	E Pugh	JC	L Kanetkar
	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
-	4	-	4 NT
-	2	-	1 ♠
-	5	-	5 ♥
-	4	-	4 ♦
-	-	-	- ♣

I led the ♦3. Declarer won the ace, cashed a high heart discovering the break, then started to run diamonds. West ruffed the third diamond and Pugh discarded a spade, not a club. The jack of clubs came through, but after the ace and queen of that suit, the nine in dummy was high and declarer had the rest.

Sue Ingham and Alex Smirnov were one of a handful of pairs to bid and make six spades on Board 21 in the second match

Dealer: North ♠ A K Q 9 7
 Vul: N-S ♥ A K 6 4
 Brd 21 ♦ A K Q
 ♣ 4
 ♠ 8 4 3
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West	North	East	South
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Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
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-	6	-	6 ♠
-	5	-	5 ♥
-	3	-	3 ♦
-	5	-	5 ♣

Six spades is a lot better contract than six no-trump, since if you misguess the clubs, you might still make six spades, whereas if you misguess in six no-trump, you're down a large percentage of the time.

31	33	Beauchamp	74	141	176	Casey	55
31	48	Li	74	141	91	Weaver	55
36	11	Stern	73	141	197	Barda	55
36	51	Crichton	73	147	236	Muller	54
36	65	Berger	73	147	147	Nash	54
36	78	Summerhayes	73	147	204	Banks	54
40	52	Magee	72	147	234	Glyn	54
40	109	Beggs	72	147	162	Wilkinson	54
40	16	Konig	72	147	192	Sharp	54
40	83	Hagan	72	147	155	Andersson	54
40	76	Mann	72	154	144	Windmiller	53
40	67	Stewart	72	154	161	Beil	53
46	127	Thorp	71	154	229	Roxburgh	53
46	129	Wilks	71	154	173	Foots	53
48	43	Kalmin	70	154	125	Kanetkar	53
48	104	Wigbout	70	159	154	Collins	52
48	40	Courtney	70	159	240	Cornell-Bray	52
48	9	Goren	70	159	233	Ajzner	52
48	137	Saxby	70	159	142	Cooke	52
48	54	Caplan	70	159	195	Snelling	52
54	97	Guy	69	159	165	Wanz	52
54	39	Lenart	69	165	224	Weathered	51
54	73	Mayo	69	165	174	Flanders	51
54	146	Watts	69	165	108	Bennett	51
54	87	Birss	69	165	225	Gray	51
59	100	Walters	68	165	116	Hyne	51
59	30	Callaghan	68	165	193	Campbell	51
59	209	Carroll	68	165	160	Kovacs	51
62	101	Mangos	67	165	123	Cullen	51
62	189	Moschner	67	173	86	Sykes	50
62	25	Beale	67	173	143	Waterhouse	50
62	239	Guilford	67	173	117	Jones	50
62	35	Wolfarth	67	173	228	Hannan	50
62	103	Ashwell	67	173	214	Kobler	50
68	72	Lee	66	173	153	Goodall	50
68	77	Malinas	66	173	180	Sfreddo	50
68	22	Nixon	66	180	170	Walsh	49
68	111	Burrows	66	180	122	Waring	49
68	63	Clarson	66	180	211	Leach	49
68	55	Buchen	66	180	79	Evans	49
68	99	Mann	66	180	53	Hackett	49
75	110	Orsborn	65	180	136	Allanson	49
75	15	Ware	65	180	118	Feeney	49
75	58	Millar	65	180	106	Cleaver	49
75	69	Fletcher	65	180	202	Rose	49
75	82	Andrew	65	180	238	Healy	49
75	94	Rees	65	190	177	Synnott	48
75	93	Crompton	65	190	113	Meyer	48
75	205	Whiddon	65	190	226	Wotherspoon	48
75	96	Luck	65	190	216	Mcrae	48
84	64	Arber	64	190	169	Flynn	48
84	237	Gardiner	64	195	166	O'Rourke	47
84	84	Anderson	64	195	230	Clayton	47
84	134	Gibson	64	195	115	Morrison	47
88	175	Dawes	63	195	184	Allen	47
88	194	Chalmers	63	195	114	Priestley	47
88	85	Clarke	63	195	158	Ryan	47
88	231	Bailey	63	195	179	Leach	47
92	152	Keenan	62	195	131	Ingold	47
92	206	Sault	62	203	156	Maltz	46
92	56	Livesey	62	203	185	Banner	46
92	168	Lisle	62	205	171	White	45
92	27	Polii	62	205	222	Baker	45
97	60	Braun	61	205	172	Carmichael	45
97	24	Foster	61	208	210	Wooler	44
97	31	Tishler	61	208	120	Talbot	44
97	133	Mellings	61	208	232	Clague	44
97	227	Christian	61	208	121	Dreyer	44
97	112	Mabin	61	208	181	Rawson	44
97	32	Solomon	61	208	126	Moffat	44
97	92	Nightingale	61	214	141	Valentine	43
105	203	Rowland	60	214	201	Carr	43
105	81	Hurley	60	216	219	Atkins	42
105	66	Slater	60	216	196	Garrick	42
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
105	215	Lane	60	216	186	Daniel	42
105	182	Young	60	216	235	Barrett	42

105	157	Wellman	60	216	132	Bedford-Brown	42
105	44	Cleaver	60	221	164	Fry	40
105	105	Doddridge	60	222	183	French	39
113	12	Nagy	59	222	75	Kirkpatrick	39
113	36	Jackman	59	222	208	Bennett	39
113	200	Johnson	59	225	138	Mitchell	38
113	89	Boxall	59	225	124	Fitzpatrick	38
113	71	Gleeson	59	225	140	Noman	38
113	221	Utzen	59	228	223	Nichols	37
113	213	Theodore	59	228	198	Zeller	37
113	80	Alexander	59	228	150	De Nett	37
113	149	Laughlin	59	231	207	Lewis	36
122	29	Parker	58	231	148	Mcdonald	36
122	119	Fallet	58	233	167	Mclean	35
122	191	Mcfall	58	234	220	Webb	34
122	46	Fanos	58	235	190	White	33
126	135	Edwards	57	235	151	Darley	33
126	218	Petrie	57	237	188	Leighton	25
126	128	Brookes	57	237	163	Shea	25
126	98	Westoby	57	239	187	Rosengren	24
126	19	Ingham	57	240	178	Keating	15

Place	No.	Seniors Teams Results	Score
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1	5	Gytis Danta - Peter Quach - Tony Marinos - Peter Grant	87
2	10	Bruce Marr - Merle Marr - Ian Clayton - Cynthia Clayton	85
3	3	John Brockwell - Eric Ramshaw - Arthur Robbins - Gary Ridgway	84
4	4	Martin Bloom - Steven Bock - Les Grewcock - Alex Yezerki	80
5	2	John Puskas - Peter Chan - John Zollo - Roger Januszke	78
6	6	Stephen Mendick - Peter Kahler - Garry Rippon - Tim Davis	74
7	12	Alison Farthing - Janet Kahler - Val Brockwell - Jeannette Collins	73
8	36	Noreen Grant - Anne Morris - Anne Salmon - Joan Salmon	70
9	9	Mike Robson - Betty Lee - Charles Howard - Kerry Wood	67
9	7	Bal Krishan - Hashmat Ali - Wendi Halvorsen - Sue Coleman	67

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
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11	14	Louie	66	28	29	Kellerman	55
11	1	Walsh	66	28	20	Mill	55
11	23	Andrews	66	31	30	Moxham	53
14	11	Fitz-Gerald	65	32	17	Thompson	52
14	31	Woolley	65	33	38	Soppet	51
16	15	Neill	64	33	35	Salter	51
17	19	Fleiszig	63	33	40	Haar	51
17	22	Gorski	63	33	44	Inglis	51
19	13	Back	61	37	32	Kite	50
19	26	Scown	61	37	27	Pulling	50
19	16	Lees	61	39	45	Melville	49
22	25	Allan	60	39	39	Campbell	49
22	37	O'Malley	60	41	41	Wilson	47
22	8	Folkard	60	42	43	Buckley	45
25	24	Perl	59	43	42	Leeton	43
25	21	Kefford	59	44	33	Hawkins	38
27	18	Allgood	58	45	28	Churchill	26
28	46	Humphreys	55	46	34	Busch	20

Place	No.	Intermediate Teams Results	Score
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1	11	Alexander Cook - Robin Ho - Tony Allen - Kelela Allen	83
2	20	Margaret Pisko - Edda Strong - Dale Wells - John Sear	82
3	46	Kevin Walker - Helen Walker - Sharon Stretton - David Mitchell	81
4	8	Val Holbrook - Robin Erskine - Lisa Ma - Emlyn Williams	77
5	24	Nebojsa Djorovic - Donna Upchurch - Karen Erenstrom - James Fyfe	76
6	13	Jane Swanson - Krystyna Homik - Geoffrey Roberts - Kevin Dean	74
7	37	David Pincus - Joan Pincus - Kevin Ward - Jan Ward	73
8	2	Dominic Kwok - Lammie Barrett - Bina Kassam - Eric Lam	72
8	25	Tony Treloar - Cheryl Stone - Peter Nilsson - Deborah Nilsson	72
10	7	Sylvia Foster - Patricia Kull - Dasha Brandt - David Bowerman	70

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
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10	3	Mcpaul	70	28	1	Bugler	56
12	6	Krosch	69	28	45	Norris	56
12	19	Anderson	69	32	32	Williams	54
14	41	Gault	68	32	5	Brown	54
14	4	Rae	68	32	36	Potts	54
16	26	Christiaen	64	35	27	Harington	53
16	38	Long	64	35	22	Mcghee	53
16	21	Roche	64	35	12	Bendt	53
19	47	Hagen	63	38	14	Cordingley	52
20	33	Binsted	62	39	18	Olszewska	51
20	42	Davis	62	40	15	Ferguson	47

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
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20	44	Nield	62	40	9	Isle	47
23	29	Hill	61	42	43	Smith	46

24	48	Daines	60	42	16	Wylie	46
25	40	Baker	59	44	31	Cooke	43
26	10	Campbell	58	45	30	Lampont	41
26	23	Perrin	58	45	35	Ryan	41
28	39	Scott	56	47	28	De Mestre	40
28	17	Bannah	56	48	34	Neerhut	29
Place	No.	Restricted Teams Results					Score
1	6	Anna Bell - Anne Nothling - Robyn Palethorpe - Penny Schmalkuche					92
2	28	Jan Parker - Pat Bos - Beatrice Rodger - Sally Diplock					83
3	27	Megan Sutherland - Hugh Wichmann - Terry Powell - Gerald Dawson					82
4	17	Andrew Toyne - Anne Reilly - Jack Carson - Colleen Wilson					81
4	36	Peter Moller - Susan Britton - Noreen Armstrong - Patricia Armstrong					81
6	13	Ian Bailey - Graham Markey - Robin Devries - Richard Lock					77
7	23	Margaret Land - Judith Vessey - Carol McMurray - Elizabeth Story					75
7	59	Dale Peak - Roger Peak - Jill Church - Rhondda Sweetman					75
7	42	Gregory Gosney - Brenda Lazarus - Alan Boyce - Mary Ewing					75
10	16	Rosemary Kelley - Ned Kelley - Gayle Boddice - Kay Conway					72
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	35	Look	70	38	10	Curtin	58
12	3	Hamilton	69	38	60	Jacobs	58
12	9	Morgan	69	38	19	Davies	58
14	55	Innes	68	41	64	Peiris	56
15	47	Gunner	67	42	12	Lowe	55
16	2	Spittle	66	42	7	Rogers	55
17	56	Sher	65	44	46	Morin	54
17	5	Tredrea	65	44	26	Cullen	54
17	48	Hansen	65	44	1	Crema	54
17	58	Bright	65	47	40	Williams	52
17	18	Giles	65	47	50	Ham	52
17	30	Hirschhorn	65	47	15	George	52
23	52	Beatson	64	50	34	Perkins	50
23	43	Owen	64	51	22	Huntley	49
23	41	Wallas	64	52	14	Irving	46
23	24	Munro	64	53	32	Newton	44
27	57	Mabin	63	53	39	Hoy	44
27	11	Mann	63	55	62	Holmes	43
27	4	Leckie	63	55	51	Phillips	43
30	8	O'Gorman	62	57	29	Murray	42
30	37	Cook	62	58	38	Stack	41
30	61	Gordon	62	58	63	Foo	41
30	31	Perkins	62	60	44	Chamberlain	40
34	21	Dean	61	61	53	Wilkinson	39
35	25	Clarke	60	62	45	Dellaca	37
36	49	Brown	59	62	54	Kommeren	37
36	20	Mckenzie	59	64	33	Britten	32
Place	No.	Novice Teams Results					Score
1	1	Jillian Tuckey - Rozanne Thomas - Denis Moody - Monty Dale					94
2	15	Keran Smith - Winsome Duffy - Dominique Barraclough - Sue Ross					78
3	3	Kevin Balkin - Pauline Balkin - Hope Tomlinson - Barry Foster					77
4	14	Margaret Meakin - Toni Pfafflin - Helen Clugston - Jeanette Wyeth					76
5	9	Marlise Jones - Kerry Watson - Julie Nyst - Carolin Morahan					74
6	10	Diana Stewart - Pauline Webb - Barbara Lane - Gail Thompson					73
7	8	Sudi Horsfield - Annie Pilcher - Alison Markell - Christina Crowe					71
7	12	Frank Sommerton - Kath Hilder - Lesley Neville - Denise Strain					71
9	32	Rosemary Johnston - Margaret Cowan - Lita Singh - Judy Abbott					68
10	2	Janette Weaver - Loraine Neville - Leslie Treasure - Martin Beech					67
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
10	19	Macintosh	67	25	28	Van Dongen	54
10	29	Thompson	67	25	34	Lynch	54
13	35	Detmold	66	25	17	Dodwell	54
14	22	Garner	65	28	23	Wilson	53
15	4	Fletcher	64	29	33	Nickless	51
16	24	Garden	63	30	6	Hooper	48
17	7	Fraser	62	30	21	Du Temple	48
18	25	Gibney	60	32	20	Wood	47
19	36	Carter	58	32	31	Bennett	47
20	13	Macklow	57	34	11	Smith	45
20	16	Wippell	57	35	30	Laing	42
22	5	Corney	55	35	18	Johnson	42
22	37	Fotheringham	55	37	27	Shaw	33
22	38	Venn	55	38	26	Moloney	27

Apologies that the names of fourth members of teams in the open are missing. We will make an effort to sort this out tomorrow.

THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2011

Wednesday 02-Mar-2011	Thursday 03-Mar-2011	Friday 04-Mar-2011			Saturday 05-Mar-2011			
09:00 and 19:30 Walk-In Pairs	19:30 Walk-In Pairs	10:30 15:00 and 19:30 Three Separate Walk-In Pairs Games			10:30 Walk-In Pairs			
<p>13:00 Teams Championships</p> <p>Qualifying Rnds 5/6 of 12</p> <p>Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted & Novice Championship</p>	<p>10:30 Teams Championships</p> <p>Qualifying Rnds 9/10 of 12</p> <p>Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted & Novice Championship</p>	<p>Starting 09:30 Open Teams Championship Qualifying Playoff 3rd through 6th 2 x 12 Brds</p> <p>Starting 10:00 Seniors Championship Final 4 x 12 Brds</p> <p>Starting 10:00 Intermediate, Restricted & Novice Championship Final 2 x 14 Brds</p> <p>14:00 Open Teams Championship Semi-Final 4 x 10 Brds</p>	<p>10:30 Novice Pairs</p> <p>Session 1 of 2</p> <p>Entries Close 12:00 Thursday</p>	<p>13:00 Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs</p> <p>Matches 1/2/3/4 of 10</p> <p>Entries Close 12:00 Thursday</p>	<p>10:30 Seres-McMahon Mixed Teams To win Title Male/Female at Each Table</p> <p>Same-Sex Teams Team Must Be All Male or All Female</p> <p>Matches 1/2/3 of 6</p> <p>Entries Close 12:00 Thursday</p>	<p>09:00 Open Teams Championship Final 4x12</p>	<p>10:30 Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs</p> <p>Matches 8/9/10 of 10</p>	<p>10:30 Walk-In Pairs</p>
<p>19:30 Teams Championships</p> <p>Qualifying Rnds 7/8 of 12</p> <p>Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted & Novice Championship</p>	<p>15:00 Teams Championships</p> <p>Qualifying Rnds 11/12 of 12</p> <p>Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted & Novice Championship</p>		<p>15:00 Novice Pairs</p> <p>Session 2 of 2</p>	<p>19:30 Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs</p> <p>Matches 5/6/7 of 10</p>	<p>15:00 Seres-McMahon Mixed Teams</p> <p>Same-Sex Teams</p> <p>Matches 4/5/6 of 6</p>	<p>19:15 Drinks for 19:45 Dinner Dance</p>		
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Diabolical

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Music Time – how good is your knowledge?

- What was Barry Manilow's first No 1 single?
- Who has accumulated the most UK and US top ten albums and grossed most income from foreign touring?
- Which lady socked it to the Harper Valley PTA?
- Which day of the week did the Mamas a & Papas sing about?
- Who teamed up with Paul McCartney for ebony and Ivory?
- Which group wrote the songs for the movie Saturday Night Fever?
- Who was Saving All My Love For You?
- Who found himself Alone Again (Naturally)?
- Whose album Calypso, was the first album to sell one million copies?
- Which album and artist contained more number one hits than any other album?
- In April 1964 the Beatles held positions one to five on the Billboard Charts. Name all five. top Can't Buy Me Love, #2 - Twist and Shout, #3 - She Loves You, #4 - I Want to Hold Your Hand, #5 - Please Please Me
- Which artist had 99 Hot 100 Billboard entries, yet never had a number one Hot 100 hit.
- Can you name the three largest selling albums of all time?
- The Eurythmics sang: "No-one on earth can feel like this, I'm thrown and overblown with bliss." What song is that taken from?
- In 1969, the movie "Midnight Cowboy" featured a song by Nilsson. Can you identify this tune?
- Which British star reached number 1 in America in 1966 with "Sunshine Superman"?
- What classical conductor won posthumous Grammy Awards in 1991, 1992, and 1993?
- How many songs from the Beatles "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" were released as singles?
- What were the two most popular rock operas of the late 60s?
- What Beatles single lasted longest on the charts, at 19 weeks?
- What jazz musician got his nickname by shortening "Satchel Mouth"?
- What German playwright penned the lyrics to Mack the Knife and Alabama Song?

Medium

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7	8	6	3	1	9	5	2	4
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Diabolical

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7	1	3	5	9	4	2	6	8
9	7	1	8	3	5	4	2	6
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Sweet Tooth and Food – how good is your knowledge?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bubble gum whose name is an anti-tank weapon? - BAZOOKA • Ronald Reagan's favourite sweet? – JELLY BELLIES • In the Middle East this sweet is called “rahat loukoum” and is served with coffee to friends who drop in? – TURKISH DELIGHT • From where was chocolate first brought to Europe? – MEXICO • And by whom was it brought to Europe? – CORTES (SPANIARDS) • What is the principal ingredient of marzipan? - ALMONDS • What substance forms the basis of chewing gum? – CHICLE • What is the name of the sweet delight made substantially with sesame? - HALVA • What dessert uses these ingredients: cherries, sugar, cornstarch and brandy poured flaming over vanilla ice cream? – CHERRIES JUBILEE • What dessert uses these ingredients: hot water, sponge cake, egg whites, cream of tartar, sugar, hard frozen ice cream? – BOMBE ALASKA • What dessert uses these ingredients: almond paste sugar and rosewater? - MARZIPAN • What dessert uses these ingredients: scalded milk, egg yolks, vanilla, sherry soaked sponge cake and raspberry jam? - TRIFLE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are you eating if it is shown on the menu as “Pollo Fritto” – FRIED CHICKEN • What is the biggest selling restaurant food: (a) hamburgers; (b) French fries; or (c) pizza? - FRENCH FRIES ARE SERVED WITH 22% OF ALL RESTAURANT MEALS. BURGERS ARE #2 AT 17%. • For every dollar you spend for produce at the supermarket, how much goes to the farmer who grew the produce: (a) 5 cents; (b) 10 cents; or (c) 15 cents? – 5 Cents • How many Coca-Colas will be consumed worldwide during the next hour: (a) 17-million; (b) 27-million; or (c) 37-million? – 27 MILLION OR 600 PER DAY • According to the University of California at Berkley Wellness Letter, do dieters say that the most difficult food to give up is: (a) ice cream; (b) chips; or (c) cheese? - CHEESE. THE AVERAGE AMERICAN EATS 13 KGS A YEAR, MOSTLY CHEDDAR AND MOZZARELLA. • Black-eyed peas are not peas. What are they? – BEANS • What is the most widely eaten fish in the world? – HERRING • What European nation consumes more spicy Mexican food than any other? - NORWAY |
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