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MY MEMORIES OF THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS

By Judy Valentine

My first Gold Coast Congress was in 1966. I was living in Mackay at the time and Marg Haughton was very keen to play in this event. Through the QBA we were able to arrange teammates from Sydney. Apart from a few players attending from Brisbane clubs, Toowoomba and possibly Dalby, the remainder came from southern states. I believe Marg and I were probably the first Queensland country players north of Brisbane to attend.

What wonderful memories I have of the congresses I played in during the 1960s. The Chevron Hotel venue boasted luxury from its accommodation (designed in a tropical style), the Pink Elephant Bar where bridge players enjoyed beers, spirits and cocktails, to the pool area that was frequented by the bridge-playing guests. The Corroboree Room, part of the Chevron complex, was a modern Convention Centre with very large floor space and, in the early days, we occupied only a small portion due to low numbers in attendance. Small numbers meant we all knew one another. This gave an intimacy that disappeared as the congress grew in numbers. Vivid green carpet adorned with huge red hibiscus flowers covered the playing area. The Chevron staff never seemed to change. Year after year, under the supervision of Shirley, they attended bar and coffee stations offering table service to bridge players. Although players dressed in casual gear for the afternoon session, that was appropriate attire for the Gold Coast, the dress code changed at night when players dressed in their fineries. Tight girdles were dragged on under tight fitting evening dresses to emphasise the tiny waists of that period. As the years past, long flowing evening gowns without the tight girdles were a welcomed change in evening attire. I have very clear memories of the beautiful dresses and expensive jewellery worn by some of the more affluent southern women who represented a large contingency of players attending in the 60s and 70s. I guess the inclination to dress up for night sessions belonged to this bygone era. The hairdressers in Surfers Paradise did a rip-roaring trade when the bridge players were in town and it was difficult to obtain an appointment, especially on the night of the Victory Dinner. The most popular hairstyles of the 60s and 70s were the French Knot and the Bee Hive, styles that were better managed by a visit to a hairdressing salon.

The Gold Coast Congress always began with a Welcoming Cocktail Party held on the patio area of the Convention Centre and was a formal affair in the true tradition of a cocktail party of that period. Benson & Hedges was the major sponsor of the congress in those days and the cigarette girls, dressed in the company's colour of gold, walked amongst the guests handing out free cigarettes from the tray supported by a strap around the neck. Even the Official Programme cover was made of the gold paper that was used to line the company's cigarette packets.

James de O'Sullivan, then President of the ABF, was the perfect host, greeting all the visitors and making sure that Marg and I were introduced to southern players. James was a charming host and I am sure that those who remember him in this role will agree with me that he had no peer. He held parties in his room at the conclusion of play each night and everyone was invited. I attended many of his parties over the years and his generosity and charm will always be remembered by me.

Surfers Paradise, with its renowned surfing beach was the place to be in the 1960s and 1970s and, without doubt, the perfect location to hold the QBA's premier congress. Coppertone and bikinis were the first things thrown into the suitcase when the Gold Coast Congress week rolled around.

The Surfers Paradise strip had an electrifying atmosphere and with its bright neon lights and many classy restaurants, it offered players the ultimate in dining experience. Evening sessions started at 8.30 p.m., thereby giving players plenty of time to linger over the delicious meals provided. The 1960s was the beginning of my dining out experience and this decade was aptly named The Prawn Cocktail Years, named after that impressive little entrée that was introduced during this period. The 60s was also the decade when fruity sweet wines made their entrance. Sweet wines from Germany such as Rieslings, Mosels and Liebfraumilch filled the shelves of liquor outlets, however, Australia's winegrowers rose to the occasion, producing their own Ben Ean Mosel and the diner's favourite bubbly, Barossa Pearl. There were a few red wine drinkers around who sipped on Claret, but in the main, the sweeter white wines appealed to the inexperienced pallets of the ordinary Australian worker.

Bridge was played in a different spirit back in the 1960s. With the Gold Coast Congress being the first weeklong congress, it brought together the most experienced players from other states who were more than willing to impart their knowledge. I learnt many valuable lessons from these good players when it was an acceptable practice to offer advice to an opponent. I remember my first lesson given to me by a Dr. Bellingham. He and his partner had reached 7S when, out of the mouth of this babe, came a double. After all, I held the Ace of Spades. Dr. Bellingham immediately returned his partner to 7NT that I again doubled, however, with Marj now on lead and void in spades, the contract made on the running to the other three suits. After the hand was over Dr. Bellingham lent towards me and said "When you've got your opponents where you want them and the contract cannot be made, don't double to allow them to find what may very well be a makeable contract." He added, "You already had a top board by letting us play 7S." That lesson was given to me 46 years ago and I have never forgotten his advice.

When I first attended in those early days, winners of the different sessions received double packs of cards as prizes and winners of the overall event also received prizes and trophies. Benson & Hedges always donated the prize for the Champion Women's Pair and I still have my gold Glomesh evening bag I won with Clare Jackman in 1981. I will be taking it to the Victory Dinner this year as my special memory of days gone by.

Sadly the week would come to an end and most attended the Victory Dinner dressed up to the nines. Many women wore elegant furs – the rest of us wore stoles of material or fake fur and you weren't considered properly dressed unless you pulled on the long satin evening gloves. The Chevron put on a wonderful meal, starting with a Prawn Cocktail, of course, and the band play the music of the 1950s and 1960s and we danced the night away. It is interesting to note that 50 years down the track, the bands are still playing the music from the 50s and 60s - but we did say back then - "rock 'n roll is here to stay."

While some things have remained the same, there are a couple of trends that have changed as far as I am concerned. My body shape is no longer suited to a bikini and I now smother myself with Factor 30+ instead of Coppertone.

For 46 consecutive years I have attended this marvellous congress. During this time I have witnessed the venue changes that have taken place in order to accommodate the growing numbers. It saddened me greatly to watch Surfers Paradise slowly lose its lustre and appeal as Queensland holiday Mecca. I believe that catering to overseas visitors was its downfall. Moving the Congress down to Broadbeach where the venue is spacious, the shopping good and accommodation and restaurants plentiful, was the way to ensure that this wonderful Gold Coast Congress endures.

REMINISCENCES – 1986 OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

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The Gold Coast Congress held at Surfers Paradise on February 16-22, was the 25th anniversary of this very popular event organised by the Queensland Bridge Association. Special invitations were sent to players to honour their long association with the event. These included Mary McMahan (Sydney) who has attended every congress since its inception in 1962; Tim Seres, every congress except one when he was representing Australia in the Olympiad; Tony Jackman, who also missed only one; George McCutcheon who was one of the main people in organising the first congress and has subsequently had the award for the annual winner of the most masterpoints named after him and Hilary Hiley, Denis Priest, George Cuppaidge and Arthur Hoffman.

Reg Busch, at the concluding dinner, made some interesting comparisons with the first Gold Coast Congress in 1962. In the pairs event there were eleven tables compared with the record one hundred and fourteen in 1986, our 25th anniversary (*Ed: 310 in 2010*). There were eight teams in 1962 compared with the record one hundred for this congress (*Ed: 396 in 2010*). With prices adjusted from pounds to dollars, the price to enter in

1962 was three dollars for each event, while the rooms at the Chevron were five dollars for a single and eight dollars for a double.

Reg also thanked his many helpers, including Ivy Dahler, Enid Bush and Lindy Ward, and paid tribute to the usual high standard of directing by Richard Grenside. He regretted that Ivy was resigning from active help after more than twenty years, in order to play more, and announced that she would be given free entries to the Gold Coast events for the rest of her life.

Good Performances

Bobby Richman continued his amazing run by winning the Pairs Championship with Stephen Burgess, while young Khokan Bagchi, probably Australia's most successful young player at present, added to his recent victories. He was part of the winning 1985 NSW team, and of the HINGE team that finished first in the qualifying round of the National Open teams in Canberra and was second in the pairs and the teams.

The SCOTT Team of Val Cummings-Wally Scott and Elizabeth Havas-Alan Walsh added another victory to their long-running Surfer's successes in the teams event.

OUR MARVELLOUS CADBURY CADDIES

This bunch of friendly and caring caddies is but one of the elements that makes this such a great tournament. Good job all!



Back L to R: Terry Luckett, Alice Freney, Rachael Muellis, Jordon Palmer, Mark Gardner, Brad Tully, Josh Weller, Jason Goldspring, Ben Goulding, Michael Ellaway, George Nicoll

Front L to R: Marlene Maher, Alex Ellaway, Holly Roper, Josh Forsyth, Karen Selva, Jade Hayward, Maggie Taylor, Emma Pinder, Daniel Goulding, Jessica Mayer, Laura Tough

NORTH TERRACE FRIDAY BBQ LUNCH

Mains all Served with Panini Bread and Selection of Salads

Chicken Breast with Lemon Garlic	9.00
Falafel burger with mint and cucumber yoghurt	8.00
Lamb Burger	9.50
Kranksi or Bratwurst	6.50

DRINKS & SNACKS

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Goulburn Juices 250ml	3.50
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Crisps	3.50

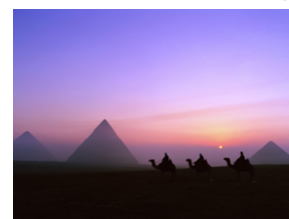
GIANARRIGO RONA

Gianarrigo, president of the World Bridge Federation, is exceptionally impressed with the sheer size and friendliness of this tournament, noting that it is the largest tournament he has ever attended. He is shown here (left) with Keith McDonald and Yves Aubry (right) President of the European Bridge League.



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GOLD COAST BABIES
How Did You Go



A
Liz Havas



B
Paul Lavings



C
Mike Robson



D
Tony Jackman



E
Reg Busch



F
Bobby Richman
Hasn't Changed Much



G (Clue Male)
Denis Priest



H
George Cuppidge



I
Judy Valentine



J
Richard Grenside



K
Ron Klinger



L
Meta Goodman

TEAMS DAY TWO

Barry Rigal – From His Table

Dealer: North ♠ A K 8 5
 Vul: None ♥ K Q 8 5
 Brd 1 ♦ 10 9
 Tms Qual Match 7 ♣ 4 3 2

♠ J 9 6 2
 ♥ J
 ♦ 8 6 2
 ♣ K Q 10 9 5

♠ Q 7 3
 ♥ 9 7 6
 ♦ K Q J 5 3
 ♣ 8 7

♠ 10 4
 ♥ A 10 4 3 2
 ♦ A 7 4
 ♣ A J 6

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

One of the more difficult partnership defences I've seen in a while left the whole field struggling to cash their seven winners against 1NT. Of course not everyone stopped in 1NT; credit -- or something -- to the four N/S who bid 3NT...and made it. 1NT by North was played at 54 tables making between 7 and 11 tricks. 1NT was only defeated by my reckoning at three tables when North was declarer – the successful defenders being Len Meyer-Phyllis Moritz, Travis-Brown and Carruthers-Blagov. What happened at our match may have been typical enough. After a 1NT opening or rebid the defenders led a low heart to the jack and king. North played on diamonds, West first giving count, then signalling for clubs. East ducked the ♦A to see North pitch a spade, and then shifted to clubs. At our table East played ♣A and another club, and the heart had gone for good. In the other room a low club to the queen and a club return left East unsure whether his partner had a second heart or not – it is not so clear he should play one even if he has one. East unblocked the clubs but did not cash the ♥A; end of story.

Frankly, I can't see how East is supposed to know what to do; he really cannot tell if his partner has four or five clubs, so cashing the ♥A prematurely could be fatal.

For many, too many, years, I've told my team-mates that I'm cursed by an inability to pick up imps for my good scores. What looks like a guaranteed pick-up of 10 imps turns into a loss of the same number. Sometimes though, what looks like a mundane result turns into a big pick-up without your having needed to do anything but follow suit. Consider the following – but to be as impartial as possible just look at the E/W cards:

Dealer: South ♠ 5
 Vul: None ♥ Q 10 6
 Brd 11 ♦ A 9 8 6 5
 Tms Qual Match 7 ♣ Q J 8 3

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

♠ A 8 4 2
 ♥ K 9 8 7 5 4
 ♦ 3
 ♣ 9 7

♠ K 9 7 6 3
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ K J 10 7 4
 ♣ 5

West	North	East	South	
-	1	-	1	NT
4	-	4	-	♠
-	3	-	3	♥
2	-	2	-	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

Say you declare 4♠ as East after South has opened a weak two in hearts and North has raised hearts. You win the heart lead, cash the two top clubs to pitch your heart loser; what now?

As the cards lie, there is only one winning play; you must lead a low diamond from the table. In the other room declarer played dummy's ♦Q and now the defenders could prevail by force. North can win and play a heart, and when declarer ruffs declarer can do no better than play on trumps; the defenders duck twice, and now cannot be prevented from scoring three more tricks. If declarer instead leads out a top diamond after ruffing the second heart, South ruffs in and plays ace and another trump. If declarer draws trumps he is left with a diamond loser, if he ruffs a diamond he is down to just clubs in dummy, and the ♠8 gets promoted.

As it happened, at trick five Lambardi returned a trump after winning his ♦A. Declarer won in dummy and played a diamond to his king; Stern ruffed and played ace and another trump, leaving declarer with a diamond loser; down one.

None of these eventualities were relevant at my table, where I declared 4♠ as West after dummy had shown spades and diamonds in response to a strong no-trump. One can hardly blame North for leading ♦A and a second diamond (playing his partner just for the ♥A or the equivalent) and that let me draw trumps in comfort, after pitching dummy's heart loser.

TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 8

Barbara Travis

Barbara Travis reported this deal, where Fiona Brown sat East and faced a lead problem

Dealer: South ♠ 4
 Vul: Both ♥ Q 9
 Brd 23 ♦ K Q J 10 9 8 7 6
 Tms Qual Match 8 ♣ 4 2
 ♠ K Q J 6 5
 ♥ A K
 ♦ 2
 ♣ Q 10 9 8 3

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

♠ 9 3 2
 ♥ J 8 7 6 4 2
 ♦ 5 4
 ♣ 7 5

West	North	East	South
1♠	5♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	6♦

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

Fiona plonked the heart lead on the table and scored the first two tricks for the defence. Look what happens on a spade lead. Declarer takes the ♠A and ruffs a spade then runs her trumps. This is the ending as the penultimate trump hits the deck.

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

When dummy pitches a club West cannot discard a spade or the ♠10 is good, and a club sets up the jack in dummy. If he lets go a top heart, then declarer simply crosses to a top club and leads a heart to the queen. All of these plays require declarer to read the black-suit positions, but that is not an unreasonable demand.

NIGHTMARE ON THE GOLD COAST

John Carruthers

Day 2 of the Teams started with 12 undefeated teams in the Open. After a couple of matches there were only four left. In one match...

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

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

♠ 4 2
 ♥ A Q 9 8
 ♦ A 6 4 3 2
 ♣ 5 2

West	North	East	South
1♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Redbl	1♥
Pass	4♠	Dble	2♠
			All Pass

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

How would you handle the East hand? I passed as dealer (I know, I know, you'd have opened the bidding). My LHO passed and partner opened 1♣. RHO wrote double and I redoubled, 1♥ on my left, pass from partner, 1♠ on my right. The auction continued as above.

Now what? I decided to double with my aces. I led partner's suit, such as it was, and declarer was able to ruff a loser in the dummy and hold her losses to minus 200 (we did get two trump leads in, not that it mattered). I thought that had I led a trump we could have got 500, but that was an illusion, since declarer can ruff a club in dummy after two rounds of trumps. I guess when one passes the East hand, partner feels compelled to protect by opening the West hand! Upon reflection, though, maybe I should have led a trump anyway.

♠ Q 5 4 2
♥ 2
♦ 4
♣ A K 9 8 7 6 3

What would you do on this hand. Partner opens 1♦, promising four (you play 15-17 no-trumps, so he could have 12-14 balanced). The decision was only a problem for me because we play 2♣ forcing to game. My choices were thus to distort the hand completely with 1♠, or to fib about the strength with 2♣. I decided I'd rather lie about the strength of my hand, hoping to get to the right strain, and so bid 2♣.

Partner bid 2NT, giving me another problem – I tried 3♠ and he bid 3NT, ending the auction. Here's the deal:

Dealer: West
Vul: N-S
Brd 12

♠ J 10 6
♥ J 8 6 5
♦ K 7 5 2
♣ Q 10

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

♠ A 7 3
♥ A K 7
♦ 10 8 6 3
♣ J 4 2

♠ Q 5 4 2
♥ 2
♦ 4
♣ A K 9 8 7 6 3

♠ K 9 8
♥ Q 10 9 4 3
♦ A Q J 9
♣ 5

West	North	East	South
3	-	3	- NT
2	-	2	- ♠
-	3	-	3 ♥
-	1	-	1 ♦
4	-	4	- ♣

As you can see, I got a bit lucky, when my partner turned up with three clubs and three tricks, not to mention the opposing diamonds being 4-4.

♠ J 8 4 2
♥ K 10 6
♦ A K 10 5 4 3
♣ ---

My problems did not abate in the next match. How would you handle: Pass from partner, one club on your right? Your choices are double and one diamond. I thought that I should get the majors into the game as well, so wrote double:

Dealer: South
Vul: N-S
Brd 15

♠ K 9 3
♥ J 9
♦ Q 9
♣ A Q 10 6 4 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Dble	Pass
2♥	Pass	??	

♠ 10 7 6
♥ A 5 4 3 2
♦ 2
♣ K 8 5 2

♠ J 8 4 2
♥ K 10 6
♦ A K 10 5 4 3
♣ ---

♠ A Q 5
♥ Q 8 7
♦ J 8 7 6
♣ J 9 7

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

I'd given myself another problem. I tried 3♦ and partner bid 3♥. Oh boy! I bid one more for the road, just in case it made. We were lucky to escape a double. Ash and Ish led three rounds of spades, then a club through the king. Partner could have saved one trick, but went three off. Oddly, the same pathetic contract was reached at the other table.

What would be your approach on the following hand?

♠ A K J 8 2	West	North	East	South
♥ A J		1♥	Pass	1♠
♦ A	Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦[1]
♣ A J 10 8 2	Pass	2♠[2]	Pass	??

1. Forcing to game relay 2. 3-card spade support

The right minimum will make a grand slam cold, whereas three low trumps and a club loser would make slam iffy. Ishmael Del'Monte decided to simply take the middle road and bid six spades.

Dealer: North	♠ Q 10 4	West	North	East	South
Vul: None	♥ K 10 5 4 2				
Brd 17	♦ K J 2				
	♣ Q 9				

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

♠ A K J 8 2
♥ A J
♦ A
♣ A J 10 8 2

West	North	East	South	
-	7	-	7	NT
-	7	-	7	♠
-	6	-	6	♥
-	4	-	4	♦
-	7	-	7	♣

Six spades was a very good contract and when the club king was onside, 13 tricks were made. It seems that since the lead is unlikely to matter, you could investigate a little more slowly, in case a grand can be bid with assurance. If not, you can always revert to Plan A and bid six spades at any time.

Just for the record; 30 pairs bid the grand slam (yes, it's better to be lucky than good); 15 pairs missed the small slam, one played part-score, and two pairs went down in the grand slam, one in hearts, one in spades.)

What would you lead from this hand...after this auction

♠ Q 9 8 3	West	North	East	South
♥ K Q 7 3			1♦	1NT
♦ 10	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
♣ 8 7 6 2	Pass	2NT	All Pass	

All four suits are possible. This was the complete deal:

Dealer: East	♠ 10 7 5
Vul: N-S	♥ A 10 9 4
Brd 18	♦ 4 3 2
	♣ K 10 4

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

♠ A K J
♥ 8 6 2
♦ Q 9 8
♣ A J 9 3

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

A spade is into the ace-king-jack, a low heart helps set up dummy's suit, the heart king is worse, a diamond helps declarer set up the queen and a club picks up partner's queen.

There is no right or wrong answer here, but you might work out a philosophy to help guide you in the future. Here, a low heart is probably best, although a diamond is okay as well, and at the very least it will keep partner happy when you lead his suit. One argument for so doing is that since your partner appears to be light in high-cards, he rates to have a long suit.

Board 20 provided both teams in our match the opportunity for a significant swing.

Dealer: West
 Vul: Both
 Brd 20

♠ Q 2
 ♥ K Q J 9 7 6 3
 ♦ Q J 2
 ♣ 9

♠ 9 8 7 6 4
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ 9
 ♣ K 7 5 3 2

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

♠ K J 10 5
 ♥ A 8 5
 ♦ K 8 4
 ♣ A 8 4

West	North	East	South
Blagov	Bach	JC	Del'Monte
1♥	Pass	1♠	Dble
3♥	3♣	4♣	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
2	-	2	- NT
-	-	-	- ♠
3	-	3	- ♥
-	-	-	- ♦
-	4	-	4 ♣

We got a spade, a heart and the trump ace for plus 200. Had Del'Monte guessed to pass or double, four hearts was headed for one off on the singleton diamond lead. At the other table...

West	North	East	South
Reid	Kanetkar	Jacob	Brown
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	

On a diamond lead, declarer can make 11 tricks. On a club lead, declarer can make no more than eight tricks. Terry Brown led fourth best, so that was 10 IMPs away rather than 8 in on the club queen start.

(Ed. Since the 3NT call worked against our team one can hardly describe it as pathetic, but that was the opinion of the combined Editorial staff; it works when the defenders don't lead their nine card fit, whereas 4♥ only goes down when the diamonds are 6-1. Certainly on the auction shown Senior Ed. regrets his decision not to lead a club – maybe even a low club? Any club honour gives the defenders five sure tricks against 3NT, leading a diamond rates to need partner to be able to run the diamonds on defence – not very likely I would have thought.)

Both declarers displayed their skills on this routine four-spade deal:

Dealer: North
 Vul: E-W
 Brd 25

♠ A
 ♥ 10 8 7 6 4 3
 ♦ Q
 ♣ J 9 8 6 2

♠ 7 5 4 3 2
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ K 8 7 4 3
 ♣ 4

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

♠ Q J 9 8
 ♥ 5
 ♦ J 10 9 6 5 2
 ♣ Q 7

West	North	East	South
Blagov	Bach	JC	Del'Monte
	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Reid	Kanetkar	Jacob	Brown
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
1♠ Promised five card suit			

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

Del'Monte received a low club lead to the queen and ace. He could afford to lose three trump tricks but not four. A low spade from hand resolved all problems.

Kanetkar got a heart lead. He won the ace and led a trump to the ten, resolving his problems as well.

Maybe describing the game as routine was an overbid; half the field went down here as North-South, approximately one quarter of the field taking nine tricks or fewer in a spade contract.

On the following in Match 7 both declarers on the following two boards did well to get flat boards...

Dealer: West ♠ Q 4 3 2
 Vul: Both ♥ 8 5 2
 Brd 4 ♦ 10 5 3
 Tms Qual Match 7 ♣ Q 5 4
 ♠ 10 7 5
 ♥ K 7 6
 ♦ A K Q 7 4
 ♣ 8 6

♠ A 9 8
 ♥ A Q 9
 ♦ 9 8 6
 ♣ J 10 9 7

♠ K J 6
 ♥ J 10 4 3
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ A K 3 2

West	North	East	South
B Hirst	Kanetkar	A Hirst	Brown
Blagov	Holland	JC	Brunner
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
3	-	3	- NT
3	-	3	- ♠
4	-	4	- ♥
4	-	4	- ♦
2	-	2	- ♣

Hirst ducked the first club, won the second and led a heart to the king. When that held. He ran diamonds and guessed spades at the end for plus 600. The play at the other table was similar, but declarer won the first club trick, led a heart to the king, ran diamonds and guessed spades. A well-earned push.

In another match Michael Cornell ducked the first club, won the second, and pushed out the ♥J, taken by the ♥A for a third club. He won and ran the diamonds, reducing to this ending.

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

As you can see, the last trump forced South to pitch down to a bare spade honour, so Cornell could lead a spade and not need to guess the suit, since had he misguessed he would have had the heart end-play at trick 12. But just for show, he did put in the jack successfully.

Dealer: West ♠ K
 Vul: N-S ♥ 10 8
 Brd 12 ♦ K J 4
 ♣ K Q J 7 5 4 2

♠ A Q J 8 5
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ A Q 8 2
 ♣ 6 3

♠ 10 4 2
 ♥ 9 3 2
 ♦ 9 7 6 5 3
 ♣ 9 8

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

West	North	East	South
7	-	7	- NT
7	-	7	- ♠
7	-	7	- ♥
3	-	3	- ♦
-	1	-	1 ♣

Since I don't know the auction at the other table, I'll save myself the embarrassment of publishing my own bidding. At least we both reached the pretty good six-spade slam. Both Norths led the king of clubs. Both declarers (Blagov and Bill Hirst) won the ace and led a trump to the...ace! Making seven for another well-earned push.

Had the king of spades not fallen, both declarers planned to play on hearts to try to get rid of the club loser. They would make their slam when either North followed to two hearts and had to ruff the third with the king of spades, or South had only two hearts. In that case, even if South could ruff low, declarer could over-ruff, then play ace and another diamond, ruffing in the dummy. Another heart would finish off the defence, since only the trump king would be outstanding. The club loser would go away whether South ruffed or not.

One third of the field went down in slam; four pairs played a spade partscore.... I'm not sure which is more embarrassing. Not quite as embarrassing – indeed quite the contrary – was the result of Gisele Mundell and Judy Mott, who bid and made the grand slam in spades.

BRIDGE FOR THE IMPROVER

Ron Klinger

Dealer: South **NORTH** West North East South
Vul: Nil ♠ 10 6 4 3 2 Pass 2NT Pass 1♠
♥ K 3 Pass 4♠ All Pass 3♠
♦ K 7
♣ A Q 5 2

SOUTH 2NT was a Jacoby raise showing
♠ K J 8 7 5 4+ spades and 13+ HCP
♥ J 9
♦ A 10 6
♣ K J 4

West leads the ♣10. Which card do you play from dummy?

Answer: With a choice of whether to win in hand or in dummy, declarer often will choose to win a trick in the hand which has fewer cards. That can be useful to make sure a suit does not become blocked. It is not necessary when you have plenty of entries to each hand.

If you would like the opponents to continue a suit, it does not pay to advertise that you have great strength in that suit. On this deal, South would be happy for the defenders to continue clubs later. Therefore South should take trick one with the ♣A in dummy.

If you play low from dummy and win either with the jack or the king, both defenders will know that a club continuation later is futile. If West gains the lead and knows a club continuation is not warranted, West might shift to a heart. That might be expensive for declarer.

GUARDIAN ANGELS

Clare and Jane

Before coming to the Gold Coast Congress, the role of the director has always seemed to be one of judge to us.

What we have very much appreciated at this tournament is that the directors (in the novice and restricted at least) have also adopted the role of mentors to the players. On several occasions we have been retrospectively (unfortunately), advised how we could have made a better bid. Today we were also instructed on post-auction alerts as declarer and dummy.

We are really appreciative of the interest, carefully considered advice and encouragement that the directors have given out and the efforts they have made to improve our bridge and "table manners"

Thanks for a job well done

CHRISTCHURCH

Somebody dropped a note in the Bulletin Box, a rarity in itself, suggesting that we try and get a photograph of the Christchurch players who just packed their bags and came to play at the Gold Coast despite the devastation in that city and damage to many of their houses.

Trying to herd cats is much more fun than gathering bridge players together for a photo so I will do the second best thing and thank all of our Christchurch folks for making the effort to honour their commitments to partners, team mates and the tournament, by just coming along and putting off the need to get their lives back to normal until next week.

Our WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and his wife Cippi were in Christchurch visiting John Wignall when the quake hit but mercifully came through unscathed. During dinner Gianarrigo told me he was also in Venice in the late seventies when a quake hit there. I suggested perhaps he might like to give the Gold Coast a miss in that case!!!!

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STEPPING STONE TO HAPPINESS

Peter Buchen

End plays and squeezes usually require entry conditions which are very demanding. Rarely can declarer recover if a crucial entry is removed before the critical play. But sometimes the cards arrange themselves into a more forgiving set-up. Board-12 of the Pairs Finals (Session-3) is a case in point.

Dealer: West	♠ K 8 7 6 3	
Vul: N-S	♥ A 6 3	
Brd 12	♦ 8	
Prs Fin Sess 3	♣ Q J 6 3	
♠ 5		♠ J 9
♥ K 10		♥ Q 9 8 5 4
♦ K 9 6 5 3		♦ 10 4
♣ 10 9 8 7 4		♣ A K 5 2
	♠ A Q 10 4 2	
	♥ J 7 2	
	♦ A Q J 7 2	
	♣ ---	

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

Taking advantage of the vulnerability, West opens the bidding with 2NT (both minors, 5-10 hcp). Let us suppose that East bids some number of Clubs and NS eventually settle in the contract of 6♠, played by South. West leads ♣10 covered by the queen and king and South ruffs. Declarer continues by ruffing Diamonds (taking the marked ruffing finesse against the ♦K) and one more Club, while drawing two rounds of trumps to reach the five card ending below:

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

When South ruffs his last diamond in dummy, East is squeezed in hearts and clubs. If she parts with a heart, Declarer establishes the ♥J by playing ♥A and another. If she discards a club, Declarer can establish the ♣J by ruffing out the ace. This is your run-of-the-mill trump squeeze, where the ♥A is the vital entry card in dummy.

But suppose our Declarer has "erred" by cashing the ♥A prematurely at some point in the play before the diagrammed ending. Then after declarer ruffs the last diamond in dummy, East can happily discard the ♣5 and when her ♣A is ruffed out, Declarer has no direct entry to cash the established ♣A. But when South exits a Heart, West must win and provide a stepping stone that card.

Post-mortem: The stepping stone squeeze also works if West has the ♥Q and East the ♥K. Now when a low Heart is played to West's Queen, East has the choice of ducking or overtaking. In the latter case, the stepping stone is to Declarer's ♥J. Purists will admire the symmetry of the position, which has something in common with the winkle. For players who want to know more about these three squeezes, Terence Reese's "The Expert Game" was the first, and in my opinion, the best book to discuss these variations.

When the Blooms sat N/S, Betty opened 1♠ and Steve, as South, psyched a splinter in hearts in response. Naturally East led a top club and it was easy from there.

Barry Goren as East heard South produce a club splinter and led a heart against 6♠. Slam is still makeable, but not easy and declarer didn't manage it

HAVE YOU DISCUSSED? - FOR THE INTERMEDIATE PLAYER DEALING WITH INTERVENTION OVER 1NT

Barry Rigal

The sophisticated partnership has already discussed ways to deal with simple opposition intervention over their no-trump opening. For the sake of argument I suggest that simple Lebensohl works as well as anything. Thus:

1NT	[2♥]	2♠	= non-forcing
		3♣/3♦/3♠	= game forcing and natural
		3♥	= Stayman, no stopper
		3NT	= No stopper AND not four spades

In this sequence the call of 2NT by responder acts as a puppet to 3♣, assumed to be to play in 3♣ or 3♦. Alternatively, if responder advances with 3♥ or 3NT, these are Stayman and to play respectively, promising a stopper in hearts.

So far, so relatively simple. The next question is how to play a double of intervention; since I know partnerships who play it as penalty, optional, or take-out, there is obviously some room for negotiation!

Let us not look at the 'QUANTUM' of benefit, let's look at 'FREQUENCY' of benefit: we don't really need to double if we have another way to describe that hand. In other words, facing a weak no-trump if the next hand bids 2♥ we might want to double for penalties with a strong hand – but we can always describe that hand some other way. We give up on penalizing them – but we are no worse off than if they hadn't bid. By contrast facing a weak no-trump if the next hand acts by bidding 2♠ and we hold: ♠Jx ♥Q9xx ♦Kxx ♣Axxx – what should we do.

We really do not want to guess what suit to play, and collecting 50s against our part-score may not be lucrative. We need a take-out double for all the reasons that we play negative doubles over other intervention sequences following suit openings. We may only be improving our +50 into +110 – a small gain but a high frequency of doing so.

Do we lose our penalty doubles? No. You should have the agreement that whatever your no-trump range you should re-open over a natural call whenever you hold two small in their suit, even with a minimum. That way partner can pass 2♥ in good tempo with the same hand as quoted above: ♠Jx ♥Q9xx ♦Kxx ♣Axxx

If your partner doesn't have shortage in hearts and passes out 2♥ you rate to collect 150. If he reopens with a double you can pass happily. Of course facing a strong no-trump we'd probably drive to 3NT and not risk missing a game.

A good simple rule is to play a double of any intervention that either shows the suit bid, or shows that suit and another suit, as take-out. After passing the first double is always takeout – from either side of the table. A double of any artificial call is values – and should probably set up a forcing pass through 2NT, meaning you cannot let the opponents play undoubled at the two-level. All subsequent doubles after the first action or double are penalties. A double of a 2♣ overcall can be played as Stayman unless the call specifically promises the majors, when it should just be a good hand. (If 2♣ does show the majors, then use 2♥/2♠ as both minors, invitational and forcing respectively).

Where the opponents have specified two suits, a jump in one of those suits should be a splinter – in the above example over 2♣ for the majors then 3♥/3♠ would be both minors and a singleton in that suit. In most other auctions a non-jump bid in one of the known suits promises rather than asks. So in this same auction: 1NT:[2♣]:3♣:[P]:3♥ where 3♣ is natural and game forcing then the 3♥ bid is looking for a spade stopper.

IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY BIDDING SYSTEM

Anonymous Restricted Player

A lot of Easts may have noticed the lack of points that have been dealt to them in the East hand during the teams event (*Ed: my team mate Mike Cornell certainly has*). On the few hands that I have actually held opening points it seems that the opponents or my partner end up declaring the hand.

Out of the first six round, 84 boards in total, I have managed to play a mere 9 boards. Shall I get a new bidding system or maybe even a new partner? Maybe I could call my partner "Hideous Hog" after the famous Victor Mollo character. Mind you maybe that idea has been more inspired by the fact that he is also my husband.



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PASSED HAND BIDDING: EXAMPLE

Arie Meydan

After the eye-opening presentation by Barry Rigal on the subject of "Passed Hand Bidding" the following hand came up in the sixth Round of the Teams.

Dealer: West	♠ J				
Vul: E-W	♥ A 10 2				
Brd 16	♦ Q 6 5 2				
	♣ J 10 6 4 3				
♠ 10 5 4 2		♠ Q 9 6 3			
♥ K 9 8 3		♥ J 7 6 5			
♦ 10 3		♦ J 9 8	West	North	East
♣ Q 5 2		♣ A K	-	2	-
	♠ A K 8 7		-	1	-
	♥ Q 4		-	1	-
	♦ A K 7 4		-	4	-
	♣ 9 8 7		-	4	-
				2	NT
				1	♠
				1	♥
				4	♦
				4	♣

Barry's tip was that when responding to a balancing double, a player should ask himself two questions:

- a) What kind of hand can partner not hold?
- b) What kind of hand might he hold?

The bidding of the hand above demonstrates the need for those questions to be answered.

The bidding went:

	West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass (!)
	1♥	Pass	Pass	Double
	Pass	2♦	2♥	2♠(!)
	Pass	Pass	Pass	

E/W were playing standard methods, with short club, and after two passes East opened 1♣. Many players sitting South would have acted; an overcall or a double, or even a 1NT bid might have been conceivable, but here South decided to make a disciplined pass, considering that a take-out double should not be made with a doubleton in an unbid major, and that a 1NT overcall should have a stopper in the opponent's suit. It does not hurt at all if one of the partners is a disciplined bidder I suppose (not that this would be recognized in Australia).

When North introduced his diamond suit and East competed in hearts that allowed South to bid spades, clearly showing strength and inferentially only four spades from the failure to act at the first turn.

Unfortunately, North had not attended Barry's lecture and passed 2♠. Instead of asking himself the two essential questions, he probably thought along the lines of "What on earth is my crazy partner doing?" and "No double, no trouble".

Perhaps he should have considered the answers to those two questions along the following lines:

- 1) Since partner did not overcall 1♠ he cannot have more than four spades.
- 2) Partner's (whose double showed diamonds) is too strong to merely compete in diamonds. Evidently his hand was not suitable to double or overcall over one club. Since he clearly has only four spades and no more than two hearts, or he would have doubled immediately, and he cannot have more than three clubs or he would have overcalled 1NT, he must have four diamonds.

The obvious conclusion should have been that partner had a good hand with four spades and was looking for 3NT, an attempt that ought to be safe enough below the three-level. This leaves North with three options. If he is weak, he will bid 3♦. with the other suits stopped he can bid 2NT or even make the optimistic jump to game. On the actual hand, with both hearts and clubs stopped, and 8 HCPs, it seems to me that a call of 2NT is about right. In fact on a spade lead 2NT can be made. All this is certainly superior to the illogical, inelegant and unmakeable 2♠ contract.

At the table West led the ♥3, which drew East's ♥J, and subsequently finessed the ♥10 for a club discard, eventually making nine tricks, for a flat board.

QUALIFYING TEAMS RESULTS – AFTER 12 ROUNDS OF QUALIFYING

Place	No.	Open Teams Results	Score
1	23	Belly Imanuel - Tommy Rogi - Mahkota Ananda - Octavianus Wohon	245
2	10	Bruce Neill - Richard Jedrychowski - Paul Lavings - Robert Krochmalik	235
3	2	Sartaj Hans - Hugh Mcgann - Michael Ware - Geo Tislevoll	227
4	3	Barry Noble - Ishmael Del'Monte - Ashley Bach - Martin Reid - Tom Jacob	224
5	18	Barbara Travis - Fiona Brown - David Appleton - Peter Reynolds	221
6	4	Bill Hirst - Andrew Hirst - Howard Melbourne - Michelle Brunner - John Holland	219
6	16	Siegfried Konig - James Wallis - Paula Mcleish - David Mcleish - Po Sundelin	219
8	13	Theo Antoff - Albert Simpson - Pauline Gumbly - Warren Lazer	216
8	56	Peter Livesey - Roger Thomas - Michael Pemberton - Graham Wakefield	216
10	28	Ken Yule - Kathryn Yule - Jan Cormack - Stephen Lester	215
10	44	Brian Cleaver - Peter Benham - Kirstin Gardiner - Alan Grant	215
12	6	Helen Horwitz - Nabil Edgtton - Paul Gosney - Arjuna De Livera - Ian Robinson	214
12	5	Ron Klinger - Matthew Mullanphy - Terry Brown - Avinash Kanetkar - John Carruthers - Anton Blagov	214
12	11	David Stern - Barry Rigal - Pablo Lambardi - Mike Cornell - Vivien Cornell	214
15	43	Lester Kalmin - Lynn Kalmin - Lorna Ichilcik - Mannie Ichilcik	210
16	14	Phil Gue - Paul Wyer - Simon Hinge - Kim Morrison	209
16	31	Sara Tishler - Bob Richman - Jeanette Reitzer - Kieran Dyke	209
18	29	Ralph Parker - Nathan Van Jole - Peter Hainsworth - Sanmugaras Kamalarasa - Neville Francis - Magnus	208
19	42	Hugh Grosvenor - Ann Paton - Tom Kiss - Len Hammarholm	207
19	26	Richard Brightling - Adam Edgtton - David Hoffman - Tony Leibowitz	207

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
19	65	Berger	207	130	165	Wanz	175
22	21	Wignall	205	130	191	Mcfall	175
22	104	Wigbout	205	130	183	French	175
22	12	Nagy	205	130	233	Ajzner	175
22	73	Mayo	205	135	221	Utzen	174
26	7	Marston	204	135	182	Young	174
26	25	Beale	204	135	86	Sykes	174
26	71	Gleeson	204	135	145	Fludder	174
29	34	Jones	203	139	133	Mellings	173
29	15	Ware	203	140	93	Crompton	172
29	81	Hurley	203	140	119	Fallet	172
32	8	Sun	202	140	46	Fanos	172
32	20	Bilal	202	140	118	Feeney	172
32	51	Crichton	202	140	126	Moffat	172
32	45	Watts	202	145	127	Thorp	171
36	59	Hellsten	201	145	228	Hannan	171
36	55	Buchen	201	145	121	Dreyer	171
38	41	Lange	200	145	174	Flanders	171
38	32	Solomon	200	149	84	Anderson	170
38	60	Braun	200	149	218	Petrie	170
41	82	Andrew	199	149	91	Weaver	170
41	36	Jackman	199	149	203	Rowland	170
41	236	Muller	199	149	162	Wilkinson	170
44	49	Jacob	198	154	35	Wolfarth	169
44	110	Orsborn	198	154	227	Christian	169
44	30	Callaghan	198	154	141	Valentine	169
44	19	Ingham	198	157	109	Beggs	168
48	9	Goren	197	157	217	Yarwood	168
48	38	Berman	197	157	134	Gibson	168
48	112	Mabin	197	157	113	Meyer	168
48	22	Nixon	197	157	181	Rawson	168
48	87	Birss	197	162	135	Edwards	167
48	79	Evans	197	162	116	Hyne	167
54	17	Bojoh	196	162	169	Flynn	167
54	64	Arber	196	162	213	Theodore	167
54	52	Magee	196	162	160	Kovacs	167
54	37	Harper	196	162	234	Glyn	167
58	1	Asbi	195	162	138	Mitchell	167
58	97	Guy	195	169	175	Dawes	166
58	61	Ginsberg	195	169	172	Carmichael	166
61	40	Courtney	194	169	179	Leach	166
61	33	Beauchamp	194	172	94	Rees	165
61	152	Keenan	194	172	125	Kanetkar	165
61	189	Moschner	194	172	167	Mclean	165

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
65	48	Li	193	175	117	Jones	164
66	67	Stewart	192	175	142	Cooke	164
66	96	Luck	192	175	225	Gray	164
66	224	Weathered	192	175	151	Darley	164
66	146	Watts	192	175	230	Clayton	164
66	211	Leach	192	175	166	O'Rourke	164
71	102	Samuel	191	181	231	Bailey	163
71	50	Mott	191	181	157	Wellman	163
71	27	Polii	191	181	201	Carr	163
74	70	De Luca	190	184	132	Bedford-Brown	162
74	39	Lenart	190	184	155	Andersson	162
74	80	Alexander	190	184	131	Ingold	162
77	57	Pettitt	189	184	208	Bennett	162
77	92	Nightingale	189	184	198	Zeller	162
77	123	Cullen	189	189	168	Lisle	161
77	122	Waring	189	189	144	Windmiller	161
81	24	Foster	188	189	128	Brookes	161
81	100	Walters	188	192	226	Wotherspoon	160
83	90	Barrie	187	192	156	Maltz	160
83	99	Mann	187	192	202	Rose	160
85	72	Lee	186	192	111	Burrows	160
85	77	Malinas	186	192	148	Mcdonald	160
85	114	Priestley	186	197	205	Whiddon	159
88	74	Burrows	185	197	103	Ashwell	159
88	209	Carroll	185	197	229	Roxburgh	159
88	101	Mangos	185	197	184	Allen	159
88	130	Drage	185	197	187	Rosengren	159
92	47	Moses	184	202	235	Barrett	157
92	54	Caplan	184	203	108	Bennett	156
92	212	Mcalister	184	203	197	Barda	156
92	137	Saxby	184	205	158	Ryan	155
96	89	Boxall	183	205	173	Foots	155
96	129	Wilks	183	205	124	Fitzpatrick	155
96	68	Sheridan	183	205	180	Sfredo	155
96	120	Talbot	183	209	215	Lane	154
100	58	Millar	182	209	62	Sharp	154
100	239	Guilford	182	209	139	Coats	154
100	53	Hackett	182	209	238	Healy	154
103	76	Mann	181	213	192	Sharp	152
103	63	Clarson	181	213	195	Snelling	152
103	149	Laughlin	181	213	219	Atkins	152
103	98	Westoby	181	213	193	Campbell	152
107	95	Southen	180	217	163	Shea	151
107	83	Hagan	180	218	176	Casey	150
107	194	Chalmers	180	218	164	Fry	150
110	78	Summerhayes	179	220	214	Kobler	149
110	85	Clarke	179	220	210	Wooler	149
110	88	Bates	179	222	204	Banks	148
110	105	Doddridge	179	222	136	Allanson	148
110	107	Laurenson	179	224	206	Sault	147
110	115	Morrison	179	224	222	Baker	147
110	196	Garrick	179	226	207	Lewis	146
117	69	Fletcher	178	227	153	Goodall	144
117	237	Gardiner	178	227	232	Clague	144
117	199	Campbell	178	227	170	Walsh	144
117	171	White	178	227	186	Daniel	144
117	154	Collins	178	231	185	Banner	143
117	177	Synnott	178	232	75	Kirkpatrick	142
123	66	Slater	177	233	140	Noman	141
123	200	Johnson	177	234	190	White	140
125	161	Beil	176	235	240	#N/A	133
125	159	Perry	176	235	220	Webb	133
125	143	Waterhouse	176	235	188	Leighton	133
125	106	Cleaver	176	238	178	Keating	129
125	216	Mcrae	176	239	150	De Nett	126
130	147	Nash	175	240	223	Nichols	116

Place	No.	Seniors Teams Results	Score
1	3	John Brockwell - Eric Ramshaw - Arthur Robbins - Gary Ridgway	234
2	4	Martin Bloom - Steven Bock - Les Grewcock - Alex Yezerki	221
3	5	Gytis Danta - Peter Quach - Tony Marinos - Peter Grant	216
4	1	Alan Walsh - Barbara Mcdonald - Elizabeth Havas - Gordon Schmidt	213
5	2	John Puskas - Peter Chan - John Zollo - Roger Januszke	207
6	6	Stephen Mendick - Peter Kahler - Garry Rippon - Tim Davis	197
7	7	Bal Krishan - Hashmat Ali - Wendi Halvorsen - Sue Coleman	196
7	9	Mike Robson - Betty Lee - Charles Howard - Kerry Wood	196
9	11	Jim Fitz-Gerald - Ellie Fitz-Gerald - Sue Grenside - Richard Grenside	195
10	8	Berenice Folkard - Ross Folkard - Robert Milward - Helen Milward	192

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	21	Kefford	190	29	30	Moxham	171
12	10	Marr	189	29	25	Allan	171
12	31	Woolley	189	31	33	Hawkins	170
14	24	Perl	188	31	45	Melville	170
15	14	Louie	187	31	20	Mill	170
15	16	Lees	187	34	41	Wilson	169
17	12	Farthing	186	35	46	Humphreys	168
18	38	Soppet	185	36	23	Andrews	167
19	26	Scown	184	37	22	Gorski	163
19	40	Haar	184	38	44	Inglis	162
21	13	Back	183	39	17	Thompson	161
21	18	Allgood	183	39	39	Campbell	161
23	32	Kite	180	41	37	O'Malley	157
24	36	Grant	179	41	42	Leeton	157
25	15	Neill	178	43	27	Pulling	152
25	19	Fleiszig	178	44	35	Salter	151
25	29	Kellerman	178	45	28	Churchill	131
28	43	Buckley	172	46	34	Busch	93

Place	No.	Intermediate Teams Results	Score
1	11	Alexander Cook - Robin Ho - Tony Allen - Kelela Allen	239
2	1	Patrick Bugler - Yolanda Carter - Craig Francis - Nikolas Moore	217
3	8	Val Holbrook - Robin Erskine - Lisa Ma - Emlyn Williams	211
4	24	Nebojsa Djorovic - Donna Upchurch - Karen Erenstrom - James Fyfe	206
5	29	Janet Hill - Jennifer Codognotto - Ruth Kingham - Annette Rose	205
6	9	Valerie Isle - Ros Warnock - Pamela Smith - Chris Lawrence	204
7	21	Jim Roche - Marilyn Roche - Roger Stanfield - Jack Pierce	198
8	2	Dominic Kwok - Lammie Barrett - Bina Kassam - Eric Lam	197
9	4	Jan Rae - Kath Rooney - Joan Mills - John Scrivens	196
10	7	Sylvia Foster - Patricia Kull - Dasha Brandt - David Bowerman	195

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	13	Swanson	190	30	38	Long	175
11	44	Nield	190	31	22	Mcghee	172
11	6	Krosch	190	32	3	Mcpaul	171
11	27	Harington	190	33	42	Davis	169
15	37	Pincus	189	33	31	Cooke	169
15	23	Perrin	189	35	14	Cordingley	168
15	16	Wylie	189	36	10	Campbell	166
18	46	Walker	188	37	18	Olszewska	165
18	20	Pisko	188	38	28	De Mestre	160
18	19	Anderson	188	39	34	Neerhut	159
21	25	Treloar	187	40	48	Daines	157
21	26	Christiaen	187	41	30	Lampport	156
23	40	Baker	181	42	39	Scott	155
24	12	Bendt	180	42	36	Potts	155
25	32	Williams	178	44	17	Bannah	153
25	33	Binsted	178	44	15	Ferguson	153
27	45	Norris	177	46	41	Gault	149
28	47	Hagen	176	47	43	Smith	137
28	5	Brown	176	48	35	Ryan	133

Place	No.	Restricted Teams Results	Score
1	6	Anna Bell - Anne Nothling - Robyn Palethorpe - Penny Schmalkuche	227
2	13	Ian Bailey - Graham Markey - Robin Devries - Richard Lock	226
3	36	Peter Moller - Susan Britton - Noreen Armstrong - Patricia Armstrong	218
4	18	Deirdre Giles - Jan Argent - Barbara Mackay - Julie Brook	211
5	52	Elwyn Beatson - Nuala Grove - Jane Brown - Janet Jones	210

Place	No.	Restricted Teams Results	Score
6	23	Margaret Land - Judith Vessey - Carol McMurray - Elizabeth Story	208
7	42	Gregory Gosney - Brenda Lazarus - Alan Boyce - Mary Ewing	206
8	59	Dale Peak - Roger Peak - Jill Church - Rhondda Sweetman	203
9	27	Megan Sutherland - Hugh Wichmann - Terry Powell - Gerald Dawson	197
9	4	Joan Leckie - Margaret Williamson - Sue Robinson - Lou Tillotson	197

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	46	Morin	195	38	30	Hirschhorn	175
12	17	Toyne	194	38	22	Huntley	175
12	62	Holmes	194	40	48	Hansen	174
12	56	Sher	194	41	25	Clarke	173
15	41	Wallas	193	41	1	Crema	173
15	3	Hamilton	193	43	29	Murray	172
15	11	Mann	193	44	26	Cullen	171
15	14	Irving	193	45	12	Lowe	168
19	28	Parker	191	45	9	Morgan	168
19	37	Cook	191	47	54	Kommeren	166
21	19	Davies	190	48	8	O'Gorman	164
22	43	Owen	187	49	55	Innes	162
23	31	Perkins	186	50	35	Look	161
23	7	Rogers	186	51	15	George	160
23	61	Gordon	186	52	64	Peiris	159
26	16	Kelley	185	53	53	Wilkinson	158
26	5	Tredrea	185	54	2	Spittle	156
28	49	Brown	184	54	60	Jacobs	156
28	10	Curtin	184	54	39	Hoy	156
30	58	Bright	183	54	32	Newton	156
31	40	Williams	182	58	45	Dellaca	150
32	24	Munro	181	58	51	Phillips	150
33	47	Gunner	180	60	34	Perkins	149
34	21	Dean	177	61	33	Britten	148
34	20	Mckenzie	177	62	44	Chamberlain	145
36	57	Mabin	176	63	38	Stack	142
36	50	Ham	176	64	63	Foo	112

Place	No.	Novice Teams Results	Score
1	1	Jillian Tuckey - Rozanne Thomas - Denis Moody - Monty Dale	244
2	3	Kevin Balkin - Pauline Balkin - Hope Tomlinson - Barry Foster	208
3	8	Sudi Horsfield - Annie Pilcher - Alison Markell - Christina Crowe	205
3	15	Keran Smith - Winsome Duffy - Dominique Barraclough - Sue Ross	205
5	2	Janette Weaver - Loraine Neville - Leslie Treasure - Martin Beech	204
6	9	Marlise Jones - Kerry Watson - Julie Nyst - Carolin Morahan	200
7	7	Archibald Fraser - John Moen - Liz Jacka - Mike Edwards	199
8	14	Margaret Meakin - Toni Pfafflin - Helen Clugston - Jeanette Wyeth	193
9	10	Diana Stewart - Pauline Webb - Barbara Lane - Gail Thompson	192
9	5	David Corney - Margaret Corney - Julie Fraser-Easton - Sharron Marton	192

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	35	Detmold	191	24	18	Johnson	173
11	25	Gibney	191	26	20	Wood	172
13	11	Smith	190	27	28	Van Dongen	171
14	19	Macintosh	189	27	21	Du Temple	171
14	23	Wilson	189	29	13	Macklow	169
16	16	Wippell	184	30	33	Nickless	168
17	4	Fletcher	182	31	32	Johnston	167
17	29	Thompson	182	32	27	Shaw	162
19	22	Garner	181	33	17	Dodwell	157
20	24	Garden	175	34	30	Laing	152
21	12	Sommerton	174	35	38	Venn	148
21	37	Fotheringham	174	36	34	Lynch	134
21	6	Hooper	174	37	31	Bennett	128
24	36	Carter	173	38	26	Moloney	121

MORE CANADIAN SLAM (MIS)ADVENTURES

John Carruthers

The Marquis de Cannell. We have seen one example of under-leading a bunch of honours to get a ruff. Here is another.

In 1985, Subhash Gupta-Mike Chomyn and Drew Cannell-Doran Flock were playing in the Canadian Team Championship. During the event, things were not going well, so to shake things up a little, the team split up the partnerships and Gupta started playing with Cannell. They clicked, and the team stormed through the field, qualifying for the playoffs, and defeated heavily favoured teams in both the semi-final and final to win easily.

This was the first year Canada had a chance to compete in the Bermuda Bowl as a nation (previously we were eligible to compete only on a North American, all-ACBL, team). But first we had to play Mexico and Bermuda in the Tri-Country Playoff. This playoff was held during the ACBL's Spring Nationals in Montréal. The most famous deal of the playoff occurred during Canada's match against Bermuda. The players were Ian Harvey (South), Subhash Gupta (West), David Pereira (North) and Drew Cannell (East). I was the team's Non-Playing Captain, perched behind Drew.

Dealer: South	♠ 2	West	North	East	South
Vul: N/S	♥ J 10 6 3	Gupta	Pereira	Cannell	Harvey
	♦ 10 6 2				1♣[1]
	♣ A Q 8 7 2	5♣[2]	Dble[3]	Pass[4]	6♣
♠ J 9 8 4		Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ ---		♠ K 10 7 6 5			
♦ A K Q J 9 8 7 4		♥ 9 8 7 4 2			
♣ 3		♦ 5			
		♣ 9 4			
	♠ A Q 3				
	♥ A K Q 5				
	♦ 3				
	♣ K J 10 6 5				

1. Precision Club
2. Diamonds
3. Positive with clubs
4. 0 or 1 diamond

Needing (he thought, correctly) a heart ruff to defeat the slam, Gupta led the diamond four in tempo. When dummy came down with the ten-six-two of diamonds, I gulped (figuratively, of course). The Bermudian declarer, perhaps lulled by the fact that Gupta had not bid his real suit, but had made a one-under pre-empt, carelessly played low from dummy, and Drew won the five, expressing no surprise at all.

The first trick had gone four, two, five, three! At the very least, Cannell had tied a world record as a defender for winning the five in the suit led against a slam. Cannell is normally a very fast player, and sitting behind him, I could see the sweat pop out on Subhash's forehead as he waited ages for the heart return. Drew is ordinarily a very nice guy as well, so it was a surprise to see him torture his partner by making him wait so long for his ruff. Finally, Drew produced the heart nine. Subhash ruffed and the contract was one off.

"What were you thinking about? Why do you torture me like that? Do you hate me?" Subhash railed. Drew just smiled enigmatically.

Tip: Be alert to the possibility of the opening leader's underlead after he has shown a long suit, then low a low card in that suit.

NO NAMES PLEASE

Here is an amusing anecdote from Brd-18, Round-6 of the Open Teams.

I opened 1♦ in the East seat, LHO bid 1NT and Kathy doubled for penalties. North passed, and I was having none of this so bid 2♦. LHO now doubled, and when partner asked what this meant, she was told: "penalties". So now having made a penalty double of 1NT, she re-doubled for rescue! I escaped to 2♠, undoubled for one off and minus -50. All that was worth 2imps when our team-mates made +120 in 1NT.

So partner's two bids in the auction were: X for penalties and then XX for rescue.

Have you ever seen this combo before? Never a dull moment with the beloved one.

If you publish -- no names please!!

THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2011

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

THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Last night Keith McDonald hosted a dinner to celebrate the presence of Gianarrigo Rona, President of the World bridge Federation and Yves Aubry, president of the European Bridge League.



Medium

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

Diabolical

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

Netlingo (internet abbreviations) – how good is your knowledge?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the netlingo expression ABITHIWTITB stand for. • What does the netlingo expression ADIP stand for. • What does the netlingo expression AISI stand for. • What does the netlingo expression AWC stand for. • What does the netlingo expression AYOR stand for. • What does the netlingo expression AYSOS stand for. • What does the netlingo expression B2B stand for. • What does the netlingo expression B4YKI stand for. • What does the netlingo expression BB4N stand for. • What does the netlingo expression BOBFOC stand for. • What does the netlingo expression CMIW stand for. • What does the netlingo expression CRAP stand for. • What does the netlingo expression CWOT stand for. • What does the netlingo expression DHYB stand for. • What does the netlingo expression DNBL8 stand for. • What does the netlingo expression DQMOT stand for. • What does the netlingo expression DYJHIW stand for. • What does the netlingo expression ESEHED stand for. • What does the netlingo expression FGDAI stand for. • What does the netlingo expression FIGJAM stand for. • What does the netlingo expression FITB stand for. • What does the netlingo expression FMTYEWTK stand for. • What does the netlingo expression FOMCL stand for. • What does the netlingo expression FWIW stand for. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the netlingo expression GAL stand for. • What does the netlingo expression GALGAL stand for. • What does the netlingo expression G2GLYS stand for. • What does the netlingo expression GGOH stand for. • What does the netlingo expression GIDK stand for. • What does the netlingo expression GTRM stand for. • What does the netlingo expression H&K stand for. • What does the netlingo expression HITAKS stand for. • What does the netlingo expression HWGA stand for. • What does the netlingo expression IANAE stand for. • What does the netlingo expression IGTP stand for. • What does the netlingo expression IIMAD stand for. • What does the netlingo expression IMHO stand for. • What does the netlingo expression IMHEIUO stand for. • What does the netlingo expression IMPOV stand for. • What does the netlingo expression NADT stand for. • What does the netlingo expression NALOPKT stand for. • What does the netlingo expression NB4T stand for. • What does the netlingo expression NIFOC stand for. • What does the netlingo expression NNWW stand for. • What does the netlingo expression NWOT stand for. • What does the netlingo expression OOO stand for. • What does the netlingo expression OTOH stand for. • What does the netlingo expression PAL stand for. |
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Medium

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

Diabolical

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

General Sports Trivia – how good is your knowledge?

- How often is the Ryder Cup held? – **EVERY TWO YEARS.**
- In 1988 who won the tennis grand Slam and Olympic gold? – **STEFFI GRAF.**
- Which gold medalist Mark was told by his father, "Swimming isn't everything, winning is"? – **MARK SPITZ.**
- Who was the last Canadian before Donovan Bailey in 1996 to cross the line first in the 100m and keep the medal? – **PERCY WILLIAMS.**
- In which Olympic event did Edwin Moses find fame? – **400 METRES HURDLE**
- In which sport did Andy Thomson become a world champion? - **BOWLS**
- Sergei Bubka competes in which athletics event? – **POLE VAULTING.**
- In which Olympic jumping event did Mike Conley find fame? – **TRIPLE JUMP.**
- How may goals were scored in soccer's 1998 World Cup Final? – **THREE.**
- How many players are there in a men's lacrosse team? – **10.**
- What relation was Flo Jo to Jackie Joyner Kersee? – **SISTER-IN-LAW.**
- Which country broke the India/Pakistan 50-year monopoly of men's hockey tournaments? – **GERMANY.**
- In which decade did Carl Lewis first win four Olympic golds? – **1980s**
- Who won a record ninth Wimbledon singles title in 1990? – **MARTINA NAVRATALOVA.**
- How many times did Ivan Lendl win Wimbledon singles? – **NEVER.**
- Which golf tournament presents its winner with a green jacket? – **THE US MASTERS.**
- Which British Fred was a Wimbledon singles winner in the 1930s? - **FRED PERRY.**
- Who told a Wimbledon umpire, "You are the pits of the world?" – **JOHN MCENROE.**
- Where was the Rumble in the Ali v Foreman fight in Zaire in 1974? – **IN THE JUNGLE.**
- Who won every Lacrosse World championship between 1974 to 1994? – **U.S.A..**
- Britain and which other country have won gold in every Summer Games? – **FRANCE.**
- Greg LeMond was a champion in which sport? - **CYCLING.**
- Which Bobby was the first golfer to win the 'Grand slam' in a single year in the 1960s? – **BOBBY JONES.**
- Alberto Tomba found fame in which Winter Olympic sport? - **SKIING**
- Where was the location of the first Winter Games after World War II? – **ST MORITZ SWITZERLAND.**
- What type of speed event was Eric Heiden famous for? – **SPEED SKATING.**
- Which country does Goran Ivanisevic come from? - **CROATIA**

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