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## 130+ TRIVIA PARTICIPANTS RAISE MONEY FOR YOUTH PLAYER – WELL DONE ALL



## OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING ONE

Barry Rigal

For the first round of the teams I focused on two tables. At one table Michal Klukowski and Stan Golebiowski were taking on Mary Allison and Margaret Yuill (Burke v Stewart). At the other Pauline Gumby and Howard Melbourne were playing Pam Horton and Helena McLauchlan (Kanetkar vs Valentine).

Both tables for Burke started with a bang, Golebiowski making 4♠ on normal but friendly defence, while Gill was doubled into game the other way. The board was flat at 420 in our other match.

A couple of deals later Klukowski treated a 4333 14-count as a strong no-trump to get to 4♥, missed in the other room. The normal passive lead from three small trumps picked up partner's doubleton queen (over dummy's ace-king) and Burke led 21-0. Valentine-Mortess played 3NT rather than 4♥, which it was impossible to guess right. Kanetkar led 15-0.

Dealer: West      ♠ 10 7 2  
 Vul: Both        ♥ A J 10 3  
 Brd 4             ♦ 9 3 2  
 Open Teams Q1   ♣ A K 10

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

♠ A J 6  
 ♥ 5 4  
 ♦ A K 4  
 ♣ Q J 5 4 2

♠ K Q 9 8 4 3  
 ♥ K Q 2  
 ♦ 7 6  
 ♣ 8 6

Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	1	NT
-	4	-	4	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
2	-	2	-	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

Valentine struck back at once when Gumby/Lazer stayed out of game after a non-forcing response in competition in the auction 1♦-(2♣)-2♠-All Pass. You may say that this treatment deserves to lose a game swing every time it comes up; I couldn't possibly comment. But if you MUST play something why not switch the majors, that way you at least get a little more bang for your non-forcing buck?

In our other match Stewart-Banner also missed game; but since Klukowski /Golebiowski had collected 1000 from 1NTxx (yes there might have been a way to hold the loss to 400) it hardly mattered. Burke led 34-0.

The Stewart team got off the mark nicely on the next deal.

Dealer: North      ♠ K Q 10 7 6  
 Vul: N-S         ♥ J 4 3  
 Brd 5             ♦ 8 4  
 Open Teams Q1   ♣ A Q 2

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

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

♠ J 5 3 2  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ A K 7 5 3  
 ♣ 8 5 4

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

Burke/Gill had escaped for -50 in 5♥ in one room (as had Kanetkar/Neill). In the other Golebiowski played 4♠ on repeated heart leads – far and away the best defence. Declarer correctly played three rounds of diamonds at once and Yuill seized her chance to discard her third heart. When declarer led out the ♠K from hand she could win and shift to ♣J and declarer was toast. He finished down two. Meanwhile Gumby also played 4♠ but on a top heart lead and club shift. That gave her the tempo to set up diamonds without an overruff, for an impressive +620.

Dealer: South      ♠ 9 6  
 Vul: Both        ♥ K 6 3  
 Brd 7             ♦ K Q 9 6 3  
                      ♣ J 9 7

♠ A Q J 5 4 3 2  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ J 8 5 2  
 ♣ 4

♠ 8 7  
 ♥ A J 7 5  
 ♦ 7 4  
 ♣ 10 8 5 3 2

♠ K 10  
 ♥ Q 10 9 8 2  
 ♦ A 10  
 ♣ A K Q 6

Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
-	3	-	3	♦
-	3	-	3	♣

It was Warren Lazer's chance to play a hand nicely here. After opening 1♥ he balanced with a double of 3♠ and Gumby put him in 4♥. He won the club lead in dummy to try a heart to the ten, followed by a heart to the king and ace. He could cross back to dummy eventually to repeat the heart finesse. That was only worth three imps since 4♠x had gone two down in the other room. Burke picked up a big swing when they might have lost one. They defeated 4♥ in one room after a club lead, while in the other room Klukowski opened a Polish Club, and heard 3♠ come back to him. He bid 3NT, and when Yuill led a diamond he was home with nine tricks. Obviously a spade lead would have given declarer an eighth trick – but declarer would then have had to read the position pretty well to guess diamonds at once.

After Valentine and Stewart had each stretched to bid a non-vulnerable game and found a remarkably favourable lie of the cards, Yuill-Allison missed a slam bid everywhere else. Burke led 58-14, but their opponents were about to go on a nice run, while keeping a clean sheet for the last five deals. Meanwhile Kanetkar was up 29-18.

Both Norths for Valentine and Stewart came in over 1♠-2♠ with:

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

Stewart ended up down 100 in 4♥, while Valentine passed Carr's 3♥ call with a balanced 12-count. Well judged – and +140 for 7 IMPs, since 2♠ made the other way in the other room.

Stewart added 6 IMPs when a Burke/Gill defence to 5♣x turned +500 into +200 (and it should have been -750). In the other room 4♠x fetched 590 the other way – and that could have been 690.

Stewart picked up one more big swing when Yuill/Allison played a safe partscore in one room while 3NT was lucky to escape for two down in the other. The match finished 58-37 for Burke, while Valentine pulled back to a losing draw when a Kanetkar/Neill experiment at the three-level cost 800, against a possible non-vulnerable game, not bid by Gumby/Lazer.

## OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING TWO

Barry Rigal

For the second round I would keep an eye on Cooper versus Malinas and Wyer versus Stralow. For the betting man, you are asked to speculate on which of the two tables I was watching was nothing but laughter and good cheer, which was sniping from the trenches interspersed with TD calls...

Wyer broke on top when Stralow/Wood missed a slam that was generally bid around the room, but Stralow hit back with three big pick-ups on the next three deals. The first one posed a problem round the room: after an unopposed sequence 1♦-1♠-3♦ would you bid on with;

♠ K 10 7 3 2  
 ♥ K J 7 3  
 ♦ 6 2  
 ♣ 8 2

Partner has the perfecta with ♠AJ9 and all the cards lie as well as possible. Malinas/Malaczynski and Stralow/Wood both got to game for a decent pick-up.

On the next deal each of the pairs in Cooper-Malinas reached 5♥ as did Wyer/Anderson, but Wood/Stralow did brilliantly:

Dealer: North      ♠ Q  
 Vul: None        ♥ Q 9 8 4 3  
 Brd 17            ♦ A Q  
 Open Teams Q2   ♣ K Q 8 4 3  
 ♠ 9 7 6 5 4  
 ♥ K 6 5  
 ♦ J 10 6  
 ♣ J 9

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

♠ A K 10 8 3  
 ♥ A 7 2  
 ♦ K 4  
 ♣ A 5 2

Makeable Contracts				
-	6	-	6	NT
-	5	-	6	♠
-	6	-	6	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
-	6	-	6	♣

They reached 6NT, and on a diamond lead won the ace, unblocked spades, tested two clubs ending in hand and played the ♠AK, claiming when the jack appeared. Had clubs not broken, the contract might make if hearts behaved well. 6♣ is an equivalent contract but I think no-trump has slightly the better chances. Both are considerably better than hearts.

On the next deal Stralow/Wood did it again, bidding to 6♠ - a slam with virtually no play on a club lead, but a claimer on any other lead. When the hand on lead to slam was dealt ♣KJ10 and a variety of other passive options, the die was cast. Stralow led 31-13 after four deals. Alas for them, they did not score on the remaining 10 deals, while Wyer was just warming up. By comparison it was 7-0 to Malinas in our other match.

Dealer: West      ♠ A 10 5 3  
 Vul: Both        ♥ 9 7  
 Brd 20            ♦ Q 10 5  
 Open Teams Q2   ♣ J 8 5 3  
 ♠ K 7 6  
 ♥ K J 10 8 5  
 ♦ 8 7 6 3  
 ♣ A

♠ J 8 4  
 ♥ 6 3  
 ♦ A K J 9 2  
 ♣ 6 4 2

♠ Q 9 2  
 ♥ A Q 4 2  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ K Q 10 9 7

West	North	East	South
Lewis	Cooper	Li	Nagy
1♥	Pass	1NT	2♣
2♦	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
3	-	3	-	♦
-	3	-	3	♣

At one table in Cooper-Malinas Melbourne/Lilley stopped in 3♦. Above is the auction from the other table.

Li's intelligent 3♠ call (predicated on the unlikely assumption that Lewis might have his bidding) was a non-specific game try for diamonds. Lewis won the club lead in 4♦ and crossed to a trump to lead a heart to the jack. The spot cards marked South as 4-5 in the round suits, with no spade bidding by North, might the indicated play be to take the diamond finesse? It ought not to matter, since best defence still sets 4♦. Anyway, Lewis crossed to the ♦K and played a second heart. Nagy won and exited in clubs, letting Lewis ruff and play ♥K. Cooper ruffed in, as dummy pitched the last club, and exited with a club. That gave declarer a ruff and discard, but left him with two spade losers whatever he did. Down one and 5 IMPs to Cooper.

The next deal seemed to be a lot more fun to defend than to play, based on the results from the four tables I was covering.

Dealer: North      ♠ Q J 9 6  
 Vul: N-S        ♥ A 9 8 7 5  
 Brd 21            ♦ K J 3  
 Open Teams Q2   ♣ J  
 ♠ K  
 ♥ J 4 3  
 ♦ Q 10  
 ♣ K 10 9 7 6 5 3

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

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

Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
-	4	-	4	♠
-	3	-	3	♥
-	1	-	1	♦
-	-	-	-	♣

Stralow/Wood played 4♥ down 200, the other three tables reached 4♠ from the weak hand. On the lead of the ♦Q both declarers covered happily, then put up the ♦9 when a diamond came back. Oops. Now what to do?

Both declarers unblocked ♥KQ and tried to ruff a club in dummy. Elaine Li overruffed, and cashed ♦9 as partner pitched a heart. The third heart did not promote a trump, so Anderson escaped for down one. By contrast Yumin Li did not overuff the club, pitching a heart and ruffing the ♥A at the next trick. Declarer overruffed and ruffed another club in dummy. Li could still have ensured one off the easy way by overruffing and cashing a diamond, but he discarded a diamond again. This was the ending:

♠ 9 6 ♥ 9 8 ♦ 3 ♣ —  ♠ K ♥ — ♦ — ♣ K 10 9 7	♠ 10 7 5 ♥ — ♦ 4 ♣ Q	♠ A 8 4 ♥ — ♦ 8 7 ♣ —
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Nagy led a heart from dummy, and NOW finally it was incumbent on East to ruff. Again he discarded, and Nagy pitched his diamond, letting Lewis ruff in and play a club. Declarer had to ruff high, and Li finally overruffed and led a diamond, scoring his ♠8 for the setting trick. Notice the difference if, once Li discards on the heart nine, South pitches his club not his diamond. East ruffs in (if he doesn't he gets endplayed with a trump at his next turn) and is forced to give a ruff and discard. Declarer discards the diamond from dummy and can ruff in hand. Then leads a diamond and ruff with the ♠9, and this time East is the one who gets endplayed!

Anyway, it went down in the scorebooks as another dull push.

The next deal saw big swings in both our matches.

Dealer: East      ♠ 7  
 Vul: E-W        ♥ K Q J 10 7 6 5 3  
 Brd 22          ♦ Q 4  
 Open Teams Q2   ♣ K 9  
 ♠ Q 9 3  
 ♥ A 4  
 ♦ A K 6 2  
 ♣ 10 7 4 2

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

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

Makeable Contracts				
3	-	3	-	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
-	3	-	3	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
5	-	5	-	♣

At one table in each room E/W defended to 4♥x down one. Francis and Moren for Wyer played 4♠ by West on a top heart lead. You may care to speculate how that came to ten tricks. I could tell you but then I'd have to kill you... 11 IMPs to Wyer, and a similar number to Cooper, when Melbourne/Lilley played a more pedestrian 5♦ and the defenders, naturally, did not find the club ruff to set it.

Dealer: North      ♠ 6  
 Vul: E-W        ♥ Q 2  
 Brd 25          ♦ A Q 10 8 6 5  
                  ♣ Q 9 8 2  
  
 ♠ A 9 5 3  
 ♥ A 9 8  
 ♦ K 9 7  
 ♣ K 10 5  
  
 ♠ K 8 2  
 ♥ K 10 6 5 4 3  
 ♦ J 3  
 ♣ 6 4

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

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

Board 25 represents a good example of what some pompous bridge writers (OK, it's me) would call a pons asinorum. Those of you familiar with Euclid's theorems may recall that there was one relating to equal angles in an isosceles triangle that was at the basic end of simple. To understand and prove the theory was regarded as the very least you could do and be considered able to do mathematics. Fail that and you were out on your ear.

So dear reader, which side of the fence are you going to be on?

At one table I was watching (again only the names have been changed to protect the guilty) North thought he had a 1♦ opener and E/W climbed to 2♠, making for a loss of 10 IMPs against 3NT in the other room by Melbourne/Lilley. In our other match one table made it easy by leading ♣6 against 4♠. But let's cut to the

chase; to cross the Bridge of Fools you must make 4♠ after North has opened a weak 2♦ or 3♦ on the lead of ♦J and three rounds of diamonds.

It is all too easy when I give it to you as a problem – I hope. Simply discard a heart loser on the third diamond, then win the heart return and ruff a heart, finesse in spades and draw trump, and now you know RHO has four clubs and LHO two, so you finesse against North and rack up your game. It didn't go that way at the table...Just guess how many pairs out of 35 made 4♠ on the lead of ♦J. would you believe 9? Neither would I.

Anyway, 13 more IMPs to Wyer, who notched a further part-score swing at the end to win 55-31.

Cooper picked up two big swings on the last two deals, Nagy making a 3NT that could have been defeated on precise defence (while they were playing 2♣ in the other room). Then they opted to play a 7-1 heart fit in 4♥, making in some comfort, while in the other room 3NT hinged on finding the ♣J, and Malinas/Malaczynski did not do that. Those 20 IMPs on the last two boards made it 51-8 for Cooper.

### PAIRS FINAL REVISITED

Barry Rigal

The following deal produced a good story and a might-have-been. First the good story:

Dealer: South      ♠ A Q J 8 6  
 Vul: Both         ♥ J 10 8 7 4  
 Brd 23             ♦ 8  
 Open Pairs Final S3♣ J 2  
 ♠ 9  
 ♥ A 9 2  
 ♦ A Q 7 3 2  
 ♣ A 10 9 6

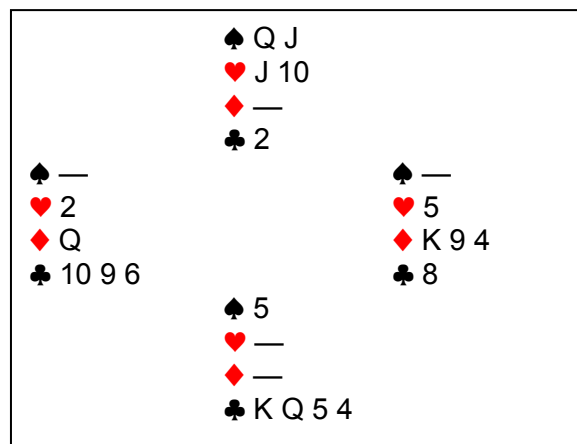
♠ K 5 4 3  
 ♥ Q 6  
 ♦ 6 5  
 ♣ K Q 5 4 3

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

West	North	East	South
Milne	Klinger	Griffiths	Mullamphy
			Pass
1♦(2+)	1♠	2♣(♦)	3♦
3♠	4♠	Pass	Pass
4♦	Double	All Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
2	-	2	-	NT
-	3	-	3	♠
-	1	-	1	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
-	-	-	-	♣

Klinger led ace and another spade. Milne found the best way to induce pressure on his opponents, using Tony Forrester's tip about the power of the closed hand. He ruffed the second spade and led a diamond to dummy and a club towards his hand. Mullamphy split his honours (in a comparable position McGann ducked to defeat the game). So Milne won and drew a second trump, then led a second club towards his hand. When Mullamphy went up with the king the contract was home. On a purely technical basis, can North help his partner by discarding say the ♥J on the second trump? If South knows there is no heart trick to come, he should work out the defence.



In the same contract after a similar auction (here North had shown 5-5 in the majors) Travis led ♠A and shifted to ♣J, giving David Weston the chance to be a hero.

Win the club ace, trump to dummy ruff a spade, trump to dummy ruff a spade, and now ♥AK. This is the position:

Declarer leads a club from dummy and South must win. But now he can do no better than give a ruff and discard, when declarer ruffs in either hand and pitches the losing heart from the other hand, or he can lead a club. Whether he leads high or low, declarer can set up the club and cross to hand on a trump for the rest.

### INTERMEDIATE TEAMS QUALIFYING THREE - LOTS OF ACTION

Brent Manley

When they introduce themselves to other players, people often think the members of the Barry Foster team are from Brisbane. It's a natural mistake, of course, because they also say they play at the Brisbane Water Bridge Club – which happens to be located north of Sydney.



Lying in eighth place after two rounds on Tuesday, Foster and his teammates – partner Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson and David Snow – faced the Keith Blinco squad. Blinco was playing with Tex Sheedy. Their teammates are Eric Baker and Chris Stead.

The Blinco team got the best of the match, but all four players acquitted themselves well in the 14-board set.

On this deal, Johnson and Snow had reason to feel disappointed after the result they achieved at their table:

Pictured LtoR: Martin Johnson, David Snow, Hope Tomlinson and Barry Foster

Dealer: West  
 Vul: N-S  
 Brd 12

♠ Q 7 6 2  
 ♥ 10 8 4  
 ♦ 7 6 5 4 3 2  
 ♣ ---

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

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

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

West Snow	North	East Johnson	South
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	5NT	Double //
Makeable Contracts			
4	-	4	- NT
5	-	4	- ♠
3	-	3	- ♥
1	-	1	- ♦
5	-	5	- ♣

At the other table, Johnson found himself in an usual doubled contract as shown above,

The record of the play was not provided, but it is likely that at some point South cashed the ♥A. That would give declarer three hearts to go with three spades (via the finesse against North's queen), three clubs and two diamonds. Plus 670 looked like a fine result considering that 5NT could have been defeated and, on a heart lead, the club slam cannot be made.

Here's what happened at the Foster table.

West	North	East	South
Blinco	Foster	Sheedy	Tomlinson
1♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Foster, with no particular reason to lead a heart, started with a low diamond. For all he knew, Tomlinson could have been ruffing a diamond.

Blinco won the diamond lead in hand and played a club to dummy's king, getting the news about the 4-0 break in trumps. He played a club to the king and noting the bad break cashed the ♦A, pitching a heart, and ruffed a diamond to hand. Next came the two club honours and the ♠K. Blinco followed that with a spade to the jack, which held. When he played the ♠A, Tomlinson was able to ruff with the master trump, but Blinco simply discarded his heart loser and claimed plus 920. Well played!

The board was played 88 times in the Intermediate Section. Thirty-five times, the contact was 6♣ or 6NT (one optimistic pair got to 7♣ and were doubled, going down one). In all, 6♣ made four times, 6NT three. The upshot for the Foster and Blinco teams is that 920 minus 670 was 250 for Blinco, a 6-IMP win.

This deal, early in the match, helped Foster to a 12-IMP gain.

Dealer: West  
 Vul: Both  
 Brd 4

♠ Q J 8 6  
 ♥ A Q J 7  
 ♦ Q 6 4 3  
 ♣ 6

♠ 7 4  
 ♥ K 9 2  
 ♦ A 9 7  
 ♣ A K J 9 7

♠ 10 9 5 2  
 ♥ 10 6 5 3  
 ♦ 10 5  
 ♣ 10 3 2

♠ A K 3  
 ♥ 8 4  
 ♦ K J 8 2  
 ♣ Q 8 5 4

West Blinco	North Foster	East Sheedy	South Tomlinson
1♦	2♣	Double	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Makeable Contracts				
2	-	2	-	NT
3	-	3	-	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

Tomlinson started with the ♣10. Foster played the encouraging ♣7, ducked by Sheedy. A second club went to the 9. Sheedy had to win or the defenders would take the first five tricks. Sheedy cashed four spade tricks, but when he called for a diamond from dummy, Foster rose with the ace and cashed out. That was plus 100 to the Foster team.

At the other table, North apparently did not overcall after West opened 1♦. The same contract was reached, but the opening lead was a low spade, giving declarer a chance to set up diamonds and get home with plus 600.

Blinco prevailed 46-24, but Foster came back in the next set to win their match.

### TILL THE PIPS SQUEAK...

Barry Rigal

Of course no one would accuse Matt Mullamphy of being a pipsqueak. But he made the cards talk here.

Dealer: West  
 Vul: None  
 Brd 8  
 Open Prs Final S2

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

♠ 9 3 2  
 ♥ Q 9 5 3 2  
 ♦ A J 3  
 ♣ 9 6

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

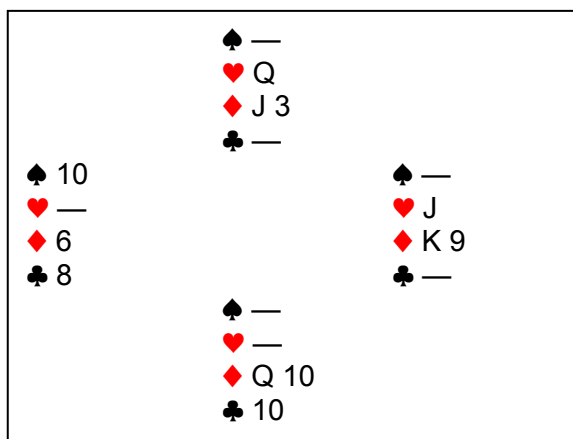
♠ A K  
 ♥ A K J 4  
 ♦ K 9 7  
 ♣ K Q 5 3

West Klinger	North	East Mullamphy	South
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
4	-	4	-	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
-	1	-	1	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

He played 4♠ as East after a non-constructive route to game

As Brent Manley remarked, no one as South would find a club lead – would they? A trump lead might be more plausible, I admit. Mullamphy received a diamond lead to the ♦A and a top of a doubleton club shift to the king and ace, followed by a club back. He won, unblocked spades, played three rounds of hearts, and ran the trumps. This was the position as the last one was led.



The last trump sounded the death-knell for the defence. North had to keep his heart, so discarded a diamond. Klinger could pitch his heart now and squeeze South in the minors. For those of you unfamiliar with the genre, this is a simultaneous double-squeeze. Yes, a simple heart finesse works as well, but this line also brings in queen-third of hearts with South.

Declarer could also have gone wrong by playing to enter dummy with a diamond ruff, to go for a club heart squeeze on South. This was more elegant, though!



## SUCKER PUNCH

Barry Rigal

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

Board 18 Open Pairs Final Session 1

West	North	East	South
Baron	Giura	Whibley	Hughes
1♣	1♦	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♠	Double	All Pass

Here is Nick Hughes detailing a declarer play problem he was faced with.

Steve Baron led ♥6, which turned out to be a good start for the defence, Hughes ducked. Michael Whibley cashed ♠K, then switched back to ♥K to dummy's ace.

A club now might be best but Hughes wanted to avoid a trump promotion so he played a top trump, which West won to clear trumps.

Feeling confident, he finished trumps then took the diamond finesse, which won. South came back to hand by ruffing a heart with his last trump, and led another diamond, ready to chalk up +870.

Dealer: East	♠ Q J 10 6 5		
Vul: N-S	♥ 8 2		
Brd 18	♦ 9 8 7 4		
	♣ J 8		
♠ K		♠ A 9 8 3	
♥ K Q J 10 3		♥ 6 5	
♦ K 6		♦ 10 2	
♣ Q 10 9 6 4		♣ A K 7 5 3	
	♠ 7 4 2		
	♥ A 9 7 4		
	♦ A Q J 5 3		
	♣ 2		

When the second finesse lost to the bare ♦K Hughes was -800 instead and a clear bottom.

This was a nice duck by Whibley. He could have grabbed the ♦K the first time for +200 but that would not have been great, given they have game on. Since some of the field missed game or went down in it, down one would actually have been an average for N/S

Note also that an initial top club lead by Baron would have given the location of ♦K away, leading to -200 at worst for Hughes.

## HITTING THEIR STRIDE

Brent Manley

In the Novice Pairs B final, Noosa players Jenny Mawson and Cherry Barnett had a couple of so-so sessions before settling in for the third set. With help from an opponent, they started Final 3 with a bang.

Dealer: East  
Vul: Both  
Brd 10  
Novice Prs Fin S3  
♠ A K 8 7 5 2  
♥ A 2  
♦ Q 7 6 2  
♣ K

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

♠ 9 6  
♥ 10 9 8 4 3  
♦ 9 8  
♣ A 9 8 6

♠ J 10 3  
♥ J 7 5  
♦ K 10 5 4 3  
♣ J 4

West	North	East	South
Barnett		Mawson	
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♣	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
4	-	4	-	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
-	3	-	3	♣



## THAT BOARD

It's normal for bridge journalists to hover around the playing area and hope to see a good hand or two or better still to have someone they respect show them a nice hand. Unfortunately life doesn't always work like that and one can have a set with very interesting or very dull hands to report on.

For the first session of the teams I decided to watch a few boards and see if there was one I could follow and voila, I found it. Now if in the future you see me moving from table to table don't think for one moment that I am just watching one interesting hand, this was a one-off.

So let me ask a question first - would you open a weak two bid showing a major with a four card suit in the other major? The answer to that question would be pivotal to how you score on this board.

♠ J 9 5 4
♥ Q J 9 6 4 3
♦ A 10 5
♣ —

Let's try the actual hand. First in hand not vulnerable versus vulnerable would you open THIS hand 2♥? Be honest now.

Well your editors relatively believe that the combination of a relatively weak suit, an outside four card major and a three suited hand strongly points towards not opening a weak two bid.

Here is a history of what happened on this board and some indications of better and worse actions. Here is the full hand.

Dealer: West	♠ 10 8 3		West	North	East	South
Vul: N-S	♥ K 10 7 5					
Brd 12	♦ K 8 6 3					
	♣ 9 6					

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

♠ A  
♥ 8  
♦ J 7 4 2  
♣ A K J 10 8 7 5

Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
5	-	5	-	♠
3	-	3	-	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

West Wall Pass 4♠	North Henbest Pass Pass	East Hoare 1♠ Pass	South Brown 3NT Pass	West Rowe Pass 3♣ 4♠ Pass	North Wallis Pass Pass Pass	East Winsor 1♠ 3♠ Pass Double	South Konig 1NT 4♣ 5♣ All Pass	West Kolosz 1♥ 4♠	North Cooper Pass Pass	East Wild 1♠ Pass	South Nagy 4♣ Pass
N/S -420				N/S -200				NS -420			

1NT= 19-20 or 11-15 Takeout  
3♣=6-9 spade raise

West Barany Pass 4♠	North Milne Pass Pass	East Fleisher 1♠ Pass	South Griffiths 2♣ Pass	West Stephen Pass 4♠	North Brown Pass Pass	East Pettigrew 1♠ Pass	South Nunn 2♣ Pass	West McNamarra 2♦ Pass	North Kozakos Pass Pass	East Lowe 2♥ Pass	South Cormack 5♣
N/S -420				N/S -420				NS -100			

2♦=Weak Major  
2♥=Pass or correct

West K O'Connor 2♥ Pass	North Parasian Pass Pass	East P O'Connor Pass Pass	South Asbi 3♣	West Griffiths Pass 3♣ 4♠ 5♠	North Sebesfi Pass Pass Double	East Clarke 1♠ 3♠ Pass All Pass	South Chan 2♣ 4♣ 5♣	West Gunston 2♦ Pass	North Grynberg Pass Pass	East Moss 2♥ Double	South Mitchell 5♣ All Pass
N/S +130				N/S +100				NS +550			

So what can we learn from this board? Those pairs who opened a weak two bid invariably ended up with a poor result. Was this deserved or could they have mitigated their loss on the hand? Your editors have a view

that after opening a weak 2♦ and hearing partner bidding 2♥ pass or correct OR opening 2♥ and hearing it passed around to right hand opponent who bids say 3♣ that West has every right to double for takeout Even when you fail to make a takeout double, East has every right to balance with 3♥ with his opening hand and ♥A2.

Delving more into the results we find that the datum on the board was N/S -180 comprised:

3NT Making	1
3♣ or 4♣ Making	23
3♥, 4♥ or 5♥ Failing	14
3♠, 4♠ or 5♠ Failing	48
3♣, 4♣, 5♣ or 5♣x Failing	33
Major Partscores Making	5
4♠ or 5♠ Making	72
2♥ Doubled Making	1
Other Assorted Scores	7

Conclusion. If you want to open a flawed weak two bid then a weak suit, side major, three suiter, defence on the side – that's OK. To have one or two flaws may be a misfortune. To have four looks very like careless.

### TOO MANY CARDS!



If you're a grumpy player, you may think it's a crime the way your partner plays bridge sometimes. In Thailand recently, the police thought every player in a bridge game at a seaside resort was breaking the law.

According to a report by the Sydney Morning Herald, two Australians (including Avon Wilsmore) were among 32 ageing Westerners arrested and detained for 12 hours for playing bridge in Pattaya, a resort city renowned for its seedy nightlife.

More than 40 police, soldiers and local officials disrupted the genteel afternoon session in what they portrayed as a swoop on illegal gambling.

But police later conceded they found no evidence of money changing hands in the second-floor Jomtien and Pattaya Bridge Club that has been holding bridge sessions since 1994.

Club organiser Jeremy Watson said on Friday that police had decided to drop all charges. Watson said the police finally understood that they had been misinformed "about what we were doing."

Even so, Watson is still in hot water because there were more than 120 playing cards on a table at the club. That is a violation of the Playing Cards Act of 1935. Further, the cards did not have the government excise markings. Adding to Watson's headaches, the police noted that the club was not licensed.

The authorities were helped to their change of mind by Khunying Chodchoy Sophonpanich (Esther) the Thai president of the Asia-Pacific Bridge Federation and a civic activist who is also a member of Thailand's most prominent banking family, who rushed down from Bangkok to tell the police, in a polite Thai way that "they were idiots" to pursue this case.

She said the players were upset by the accusation they were gambling.

When police arrived club members refused to have their session interrupted and kept playing for about an hour while the police watched.

One German woman in her 60s refused to sign her confession and post bail money and spent an entire night at the police station.

As well as the Australians, those arrested included twelve British nationals, three Norwegians, three Swedes, a German, a Dane, a Canadian and a New Zealander.

Pattaya is a popular retirement destination for Western foreigners.

More information and a video report can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/j5e3g8k>.

## STRENGTHEN YOUR GAME

Getting the most from your conventions – Part 5

Brent Manley

At a club game, Richard Cassell (Alexandria VA) and his partner had just defeated a contract when all four players at the table called for the director. The director was putting out refreshments, but he responded to the call and was told by Cassell's opponent that Cassell had psyched a preempt. Cassell's partner pointed out that he had preempted, not Cassell, and that declarer had revoked during the play. Dummy confirmed this. The director then turned to Cassell and asked, "And what's your problem?" Said Cassell: "Nothing. I just wanted a cookie."

In yesterday's installment, the double was introduced as an effective way to deal with the pesky opponents who interfere with your auctions.

Here's another good use for the red X in your bidding box: the support double. It's very important to get to a good trump fit when the opponents are bidding their heads off, and the support double is an essential tool in that quest. Here's a sample auction:

West	North	East	South
You		Partner	
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
?			

You (West) hold

♠ 9 4 3 ♥ A 10 9 ♦ K 10 ♣ A Q 7 6 4.

Now is the time for you to act. If you pass and your LHO raises to 2♠, partner may be in a very difficult spot, especially if your side is vulnerable. He might have a decent hand with five hearts but loath to bid at the three level for fear of ending up playing opposite a doubleton heart – or worse.

You could raise to 2♥, but if partner has only four he could be in trouble in the play by repeated spade leads, forcing him to ruff, which would weaken an already-shaky trump suit.

Support doubles were made for this situation. Double directly over the 1♠ bid to show three-card support. Now if your LHO raises to 2♠, partner will have information to help with his decision.

If you raise directly to 2♥, showing four, and partner has five hearts, he may be able to compete even to the three level, knowing of the nine-card trump sit.

The other benefit of playing support doubles is that a pass denies even three-card support

Knowing you have at most a doubleton could be important information for partner in the bidding and on defense.

I recommend that you play support doubles through 2♥. Making the limit higher could put your side in danger, especially if you are vulnerable.

Another double worth considering – and discussing with partner – is known as the responsive double. It's easy to remember because it occurs only when the opponents have bid and raised a suit with partner acting between the two opponents. For example:

West	North	East	South
	You		Partner
1♦	Double	2♦	?

You hold

♠ J 6 5 2 ♥ Q 10 9 5 ♦ 3 ♣ A 7 6 3

You must take some action, but there's no need to guess. A double tells partner to pick the suit. As the level goes higher – say East raised preemptively to 3♦ – the HCP requirement also grows (9 plus HCP at the three level). Note that if partner doubles a 1♥ opener and RHO bids 2♥, double tells partner to pick a minor. If you had four spades, you would have bid 2♠.

On occasion, you will find yourself loaded in the opponents' trump suit and wish you could double for penalty, but you're better off saving double for the much-more-frequent takeout situations. You can also use this gadget when partner overcalls, as with

West	North	East	South
	You		Partner
1♥	2♣	2♥	?

Double by you shows length in diamonds and spades.

Discuss this convention with your partner and establish how high you want to go. The most common upper limit is 4♦, but you and partner can decide on a comfort level.

Just remember that responsive doubles apply when the opponents are bidding and raising the same suit.

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## BUILDING A BETTER MOUSETRAP

Barry Rigal – Raising Partner

This article is all about how opener and responder should continue after a simple raise or a jump raise of a major suit. Many of these thoughts come directly from ideas from Jeff Aker and Glenn Milgrim -- though they may not be original to either player!

There are three categories we need to consider when your partner raises your opening bid (or overcall). First for an unpassed partner facing an opening bid we need to plan continuations after a raise, and also after a jump raise (including Bergen sequences and splinter raises). Finally, we must think about how our approach should change in competition.

### Continuations After The Simple Raise

When the partnership starts with a simple raise in an uncontested auction, the focus must be on three issues: trying for game, trying for slam, and making life hard for the opposition – either by getting to game in as unrevealing a fashion as possible, or by keeping the opponents out.

Before we start, let's determine that in the context of playing a forcing no-trump, we play the simple uncontested raise as at least mildly constructive -- the right seven-count will qualify. I'd raise 1♥ to 2♥ with:

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

But I would go through a forcing no-trump in response to a 1♠ opening, since the quality of the trump support and the possibility of the red-suit honours being worthless to your partner makes the difference.

Let's assume after partner makes a simple raise of our major that the re-raise is non-constructive, a jump to game is terminal, and that a jump to 3NT shows a strong balanced hand, offering a choice of game. If you

learn only one thing from this piece, it should be that a re-raise of the trump suit (in almost any auction!) should not be a buck-passing invitation with general extras.

It is my suggestion that we need to have ways to show both long and short suit tries, ideally both for game and slam. Also, in as many cases as possible responder should know his partner's intentions as regards game or slam before responding to the try. The best way to divide the tries is to use the first step after the raise as a non-specific short-suit try, (2NT over 2♠) with the next three calls being long-suit tries in the suit bid, and no-trump replacing the 'lost' suit in the heart auctions. These tries are assumed to be tries for game not slam. This method can be described as Reverse Romex, the original Romex tries having the long and short suit tries inverted.

Thus 1♥ - 2♥ - 2♠ starts short-suit tries, with opener's 2NT or 3♣ or 3♦ being long-suit tries for spades, clubs and diamonds, respectively. A short-suit try is based typically on a singleton, and when in doubt I'd opt for a short-suit try rather than a long-suit try. With:

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

Show short diamonds rather than make a heart game-try. Best is for the singleton not to be a high honour. In response to the announcement of a short-suit try, responder can ask, if he needs to know, he can try to sign off at three of his side's major, or he can jump to game if not interested in the response. He can also (if appropriate) respond in a suit where he has the values to make game – so long as partner is not short.

Thus after 1♥ - 2♥ - 2♠ bid 3♥ with:

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

Some of your values will be wasted whatever suit partner is short in. (Indeed, maybe this hand doesn't qualify for a constructive raise in the first place.)

By contrast bid 2NT with:

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

since you want to play game facing either short clubs or short diamonds. Opener's responses are to bid the first three steps with singletons (looking for game or slam) and the next three steps after that with voids, slam-oriented.

As responder, after 1♥ - 2♥ - 2♠ bid 3♣ with:

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

because you want partner to play game without revealing his shortage unless he has short clubs, when 3♥ will be high enough. This will also make a possible slam-try decision easier for your partner. For the record: with the same nine-count but ♣ A J 8 6, you might bid 4♥ - even facing short clubs you have a hand with most of your values working reasonably well.

The long-suit try is a call that is much abused, with players making the call on holdings that are either too weak or too strong, with responder as a result unable to tell what holding is good and what bad. It isn't always possible to perfect this sequence unless you minimize the number of hands on which you can make the try. But if you live with the following general rules, this may help you do the right thing most of the time, while allowing you to issue the game-try relatively often.

The basic principle is relatively simple. A help-suit game try should consist of a three- or four-card suit headed by one of the three top honours. You can have the ten in addition, or at a pinch the jack, but not a second top honour. Meanwhile, you do not really want to make a game try on a suit weaker than jack-fourth.

In reply, responder tends to reject the game try on any complete minimum or accept with a complete maximum, and when in-between he looks at his holding in the help-suit. Best holdings contain any two of the top four cards, then a doubleton honour, with ♠ H-10-x-x or ♠ H-10-x better than average, a small doubleton or singleton being an acceptable holding (in the latter case, maybe only with decent trump length). Top honour-fourth is no more than an average holding, better than J-x-x-x or Q-x-x-x, while honour-third is an average minus holding, and three or four small the worst.

Let's see how this works in practice – and of course single deals never prove anything except the adeptness of the writer to turn one hand into a general adage.

After 1♠ - 2♠ - 3♣, opener's hand might be:

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

By the rule above responder should accept with:

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

But reject if his clubs were switched with his diamonds or hearts.

Note that if declarer makes a try on too good a suit:

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

Responder may reject with:

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

When game is more than playable. And she may accept with:

♠ 9 7 3  
♥ Q J 3  
♦ J 9 4  
♣ A J 7 5

When game is not an attractive spot.

If responder bids a new suit after a long-suit game try it should show in-between values with a concentration in that suit (typically without the ace). He should also remember that he can bid 3NT with a maximum and no honour in the help-suit, but cards in both off-suits. Take our last example hand after 1♠ - 2♠ - 3♦, for example – especially if the ♥Q were the king.

Opener's direct jumps to 3♠ or 4♣ or 4♦ are second five-card suits, natural help-suit slam-tries. In response, side aces, minor honours in the long suit and trumps will be pulling their weight.

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

After 1♠ - 2♠ - 4♥ East has a pile of manure. But switch the suits round to:

♠ K J 8  
♥ Q 10 4 2  
♦ J 3 2  
♣ J 10 2

And East can jump to 6♥. Bingo!



## IT'S RAINING CHOCOLATE FROGS

Margaret Williamson: kindly delivered all boards assisting the nominee who could not easily manage this.

Manfred Junge - Patricia Seppelt – just a nice experience to play against polite to opponents and partner.

Charles and John McMahon – two polite, friendly and modest men who are a credit to their family.

Anne Kelly – being a newbie who plays with enthusiasm and good humour.

Allan Byrnes and Steven Parkes – extremely helpful in describing their bidding methods.

### COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS (DISASTERS) PEOPLE HAVE

Andy Hung

Let's face it. Misunderstandings will almost inevitably occur in any partnership, but there are some that come up more often than others. Knowing (and discussing) through these situations should strengthen a partnership, particularly if it's a partner you play on a non-regular basis. Here are some situations where misunderstandings occur on a frequent basis, so it might be a good idea to discuss these with your partner!

Take a look at this auction:

West	North	East	South
		1♠	Pass
3♣ <sup>1</sup>	Double	3♠	??

<sup>1</sup> 3♣=6-9pts with 4+♠ (Bergen Raise)

What does partner's (North's) double mean? Does it show something like ♠5 ♥AQ85 ♦KQ72 ♣A943 where we might want to think about bidding 4♥ now, or does it show something like ♠75 ♥83 ♦Q983 ♣AKJ74 where it's lead directing? What if West had bid 3♦ (10-12 points with 4+♠), and partner doubles, would that be different or the same? It doesn't really matter which you agree on (takeout of the major, or lead directing), but as long as you are on the same page!

Here's an auction that causes frequent disasters:

West	North	East	South
			4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	??

Sitting as South, you open with a pre-emptive 4♥ and partner bids 4♠. Now what is 4♠? Is it a control-asking bid where North has something like ♠754 ♥KQ ♦AKQ96 ♣AK8 and would like South to bid slam with a first or second round control in spades (similar to 4♥-Pass-5♣ or 4♠-Pass-5♦ where it's best to play those 5-minor bids as control-asking), or is it a 'to play' bid where it shows something like ♠AKQ10875 ♥- ♦KQ3 ♣A32 and thinks 4♠ is a better game contract than 4♥?

How about an auction that may have a confusing 4NT bid:

West	North	East	South
			1♦
1♠	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4NT		

Is 4NT a Blackwood (or Roman Key Card Blackwood) asking in the last bid suit (hearts), or is it simply a quantitative bid asking South to pass with a minimum or bid slam with a maximum (similar to 1NT-4NT where 4NT is quantitative)? This auction may not be a 'common' auction, but the general auction is for one person to bid 4NT over their partner's NT bid.

Tip: A 4NT bid after any NT bid, provided no fit has been established, is best used as quantitative (inviting slam, so 4NT can be passed if the other person has a minimum). If you want to ask for aces, you can always use 4♣ (after a NT bid) as Gerber to ask for aces, or you could find a way to force and establish a fit first before bidding 4NT (because once a fit is established, a 4NT bid that follows would no doubt be an ace ask).

Here's one for the Minorwood advocates:

West	North	East	South
			1♦
1♠	Double	2♠	3♦
3♠	4♦	Pass	??

Is North's 4♦ bid Minorwood (asking for aces/key cards), or is it simply a competitive bid? My advice? Don't play Minorwood at all! (Unless you are in a serious partnership where you have complete set rules stating when Minorwood is on or off.)

Now this auction below probably wins as the auction where it causes the most accidents:

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Double <sup>1</sup> 2♥	Pass	??	

<sup>1</sup> Penalties

As South, we open 1NT (whatever range that could be, say 15-17 for simplicity), West doubles for penalties, and our partner North bids 2♥. Is that natural to play (i.e. a weak hand with 5+♥ that wants to play in hearts), or is it a transfer to spades? Yes, this is the million dollar question. Particularly at vulnerable, you would want to know what it is! Discuss this with your partner – this auction isn't uncommon at all. Other similar examples would be for North to bid 2♣ or even 2♦ - are these bids natural, or is it 'system on' where 2♣ is Stayman and 2♦ is a transfer?

Tip: If the Double is not penalties, then play system on (i.e. 2♣ is Stayman, 2♦/2♥ is transfers, etc.) but if the Double is penalties, then system is off and bids are just natural to play (since it is important to be able to bid 2♣ or 2♦ as natural).

With these above auctions discussed, they should certainly help your partnership have lesser misunderstandings (than you currently have), and hopefully lead to better (or more normal?) results!



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I'd like you all to meet Miro Teague, the Grandson of Ivy and John Luck playing at this tournament. Just ten years old, he has been thrown in at the deep end caddying at the top tables in the Open Championships.

I was watching him during the first round of the teams and he certainly knew what he was doing.

Hopefully he'll be part of the next generation of bridge players fulfilling our need for increasing numbers of youth players involved with bridge.

## PAIRS CLASSIFICATION WINNERS

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### THINGS ARE HOTTING UP IN THE ATTENDANCE STAKES

Dear Editor, I read with interest your article featuring the Rye Beach Bridge Club, located on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula in Victoria.

I live on the even more beautiful Northern Beaches Peninsula in Sydney 😊. However, before moving there, I lived in Melbourne for three years & really enjoyed my congress games at Rye & so can also attest to it being a fun & friendly club.

My home team now is the Peninsula Bridge Club in Sydney & we also promote a fun & friendly atmosphere, starting with welcoming smiles for our beginners when they first arrive and follow up with copious choc bikkies at tea breaks as well as the occasional wine & cheese at the end of a big day.

This year, PBC has more than forty members playing in the GCC, with most entered in the restricted fields. For many of us this will be our first or second time at the GCC and we are all loving it!

We even have members who come to the GCC just to meet up at Therese's afternoon tea and then play golf

So, let the (friendly) challenge begin? We will start looking for a sponsor for our team uniform - thinking hats? Stay tuned.

Cheers Cath Whiddon Director of Bridge Education at PBC.

### DIRECTOR'S TIP COUNT YOUR CARDS

Players should count their cards before looking at them.

If missing or extra cards are discovered once play commences, affected players can be disadvantaged. For example, a missing card is deemed to be part of the hand at all times, and a revoke may have occurred.

Holiday Walk-in Pairs Event 1 Results - Overall		
Place	Pair	Total
1	Eddie Mullin - Dianne Mullin	180.6
2	Patricia Scott - Sharon Jackson	164.7
3	Paul Thiem - Terence O'Dempsey	160.0
4	Gary Heyting - Phillip Morris	156.5
5	Dianne Hillman - Odette Hall	156.2
6	Mary Doneley - Jennie Tucker	146.4
7	Susanne Hollis - Deborah Carmichael	143.6

Open			
1	10	R Cooper - D Lilley - H Melbourne - D Middleton - Z Nagy	74.35
2	18	R Wood - M Wood - R Pelkman - K Yule - K Yule	69.69
3	7	A Kanetkar - B Neill - P Gumby - W Lazer	68.69
4	33	L Kalmin - L Kalmin - L Ichilcik - M Ichilcik	68.07
5	5	S Konig - I Del'Monte - J Howard - J Wallis - A Bach - M Cornell	63.06
6	2	B Ibradi - T Asbi - R Parasian - F Karwur - J George - D Hutahaeen	62.90
7	28	M Watts - M Prescott - S Crompton - M Green	62.30
8	27	C Richardson - A Tarbutt - S Boughey - A Boughey	60.94
9	16	B Hirst - P Gue - D Weston - J Foster	60.91
10	14	S Hinge - B Haughie - J Cormack - G Kozakos	60.72
11	103	C Ingham - T Munro - J Free - S Collinson	60.08
12	39	R Dempster - L Dempster - J Butts - G Mundell	60.03

## Open

Place	No.	Team Members					Score
13	13	L Gold - V Brown - W Jenner-O'Shea - M Doecke - J Haffer					60.01
14	6	A Burke - H Horwitz - M Klukowski - S Golebiowski - P Gill					59.61
15	8	J Coutts - T Jacob - N Jacob - G Coutts					58.98
16	9	P Wyer - D Anderson - N Francis - M Moren					58.67
17	24	W Zhang - L Jin - H Chan - T Kiss - A Beck					58.36
18	12	C Duckworth - B Callaghan - R Klinger - M Mullamphy					58.31
19	46	A St Clair - D Harley - O Nolf - J Gaspar					58.17
20	11	F Rew - B Coles - M Brown - J Newman - P Hollands - M Henbest					57.45
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
21	34	Zhou	57.34	113	154	Howes	37.70
22	143	Runting	55.85	115	98	Morgan-King	37.63
23	19	Fischer	55.34	116	93	Frazier	37.52
24	56	Mayo	55.14	117	48	Jeffery	37.25
25	1	Olanski	55.12	118	129	McGlew	37.20
26	69	Howard	54.95	119	118	Watt	37.18
27	161	Fox	54.52	120	40	Hoffman	37.09
28	71	Simes	54.24	121	199	Dormer	36.94
29	20	Giura	54.16	122	68	Millar	36.42
30	30	Sawicki	53.43	123	202	Randhawa	36.10
31	66	McLeod	53.41	124	61	Mott	36.08
32	35	Berrington	53.28	125	173	Mealyea	36.03
33	83	Mayers	52.98	126	90	Gunner	35.96
34	3	Nunn	52.61	127	101	Bouton	35.95
35	141	McAlister	52.53	128	96	Bugeia	35.80
36	58	Smith	52.50	129	122	Crafti	35.74
37	37	Baron	51.95	130	105	O'Connor	35.73
38	63	Samuel	51.71	131	64	Smee	35.69
39	38	Csima	51.48	132	92	Grahame	35.48
40	197	Ajzner	51.16	133	128	Kilvert	35.28
41	74	Ridley	51.03	134	189	Jackson	34.79
42	205	Moore	50.68	135	51	Barda	34.76
43	15	Cheval	50.54	136	89	O'Dempsey	34.44
44	148	Webb	50.39	137	146	Obenchain	34.43
45	60	Walters	50.20	138	184	Watson	34.04
46	25	Brown	50.06	138	144	Moffitt	34.04
47	32	Livesey	49.87	140	206	Mill	33.89
48	41	Kempthorne	49.65	141	203	Batchelor	33.86
49	73	Kruiniger	49.01	142	195	Gray	33.58
50	186	Barrett	48.29	143	75	Kefford	33.49
51	155	Silcock	48.28	144	59	Brockwell	33.41
52	52	Strong	48.22	145	130	Marker	33.33
53	108	De Luca	48.01	146	151	Welch	33.29
54	80	Mangos	47.97	147	97	Potts	33.18
55	23	Ashton	47.76	148	131	Pike	33.15
56	178	Morris	47.27	149	167	Cook	33.08
57	76	Mottram	47.02	150	142	Nichols	32.98
58	45	Strasser	46.94	151	136	Longford	32.43
59	112	Tredrea	46.77	152	150	Boyce	32.30
60	62	Abrams	46.65	153	106	Bates	32.16
61	50	Martelletti	46.36	154	152	Grant	32.02

## Open

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
62	21	Malinas	46.25	155	116	Ma	31.91
63	49	Grosvenor	46.17	156	72	Chen	31.89
63	36	Brown	46.17	157	95	Small	31.86
65	22	Carter	46.03	158	193	Matskows	31.46
66	77	Smith	45.99	159	170	Wagstaff	31.45
67	42	Lockwood	45.49	159	157	Houghton	31.45
68	67	Steinwedel	45.23	161	78	Mellings	31.15
69	160	Quigley	44.79	162	94	Bogatie	31.01
70	111	Kwok	44.69	163	127	Woolf	30.74
71	4	Milne	44.57	164	91	Weathered	30.44
72	44	Lenart	44.50	165	149	McFall	30.41
73	110	Valentine	44.14	166	169	Langston	30.07
74	177	Vearing	43.54	167	176	Alexander	29.98
75	84	Lorroway	43.42	168	165	Leighton	29.72
76	47	Sharp	43.33	169	134	Dudley	29.33
77	156	Bonnick	42.61	170	82	Halmos	29.28
78	187	Birch	42.47	171	114	Hagan	29.22
79	43	De Luca	42.33	172	139	Leach	29.08
80	109	Stewart	42.21	173	147	Birss	27.72
81	65	Afflick	42.20	174	168	Kable	27.70
82	182	Clayton	42.00	175	138	Lee	27.51
83	85	Lisle	41.73	176	124	Smith	27.29
84	198	Kennedy	41.71	177	194	Coats	26.95
85	201	Spencer	41.61	178	172	Wilson	26.70
86	196	McGrath	41.48	179	17	Braun	26.47
87	31	Lowry	41.37	180	137	Oyston	26.44
88	188	Whiddon	41.27	181	158	Carroll	26.28
89	57	Finikiotis	41.08	182	126	Gilfoyle	25.97
90	87	White	41.03	183	123	Hanson	25.60
91	53	Gibbons	40.71	184	159	Wood	25.40
92	29	Stralow	40.67	185	81	Strong	25.11
93	86	Stobo	40.62	186	183	Cordingley	24.91
93	166	Thirtle	40.62	187	171	Fletcher	23.56
95	162	Churchill	40.50	188	174	Rowlatt	23.37
96	135	Collins	40.14	189	204	Abdelhamid	23.24
97	153	O'Hara	40.07	190	115	Allan	23.09
98	70	Berger	40.04	191	140	Lynn	22.97
99	26	Adams	39.98	192	99	Morrison	22.96
100	119	Power	39.80	193	117	Sklarz	21.88
101	180	Miller	39.42	194	107	Fleischer	21.82
102	100	Hale	39.41	195	113	Kolozs	21.10
103	192	Athea	39.38	196	79	Briscoe	20.85
104	179	Smith	39.25	197	185	Rose	20.50
105	55	Bailey	38.50	198	181	Webb	19.60
106	175	Mills	38.46	199	102	Darley	19.28
107	120	Swabey	38.42	200	125	Mitchell	18.11
108	200	Inglis	38.24	201	164	Bourke	16.73
109	191	Cukierman	38.15	202	145	McEntegart	16.24
110	88	Wigbout	38.14	203	132	Fraser	14.00
111	54	Marler	37.85	204	121	Biro	13.13



## Open

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
112	190	Boettiger	37.77	205	163	Utzen	12.58
113	104	Orsborn	37.70	206	133	Chapman	7.64

## Seniors

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	4	M Bloom - N Rosendorff - S Bock - L Grewcock	65.52
2	1	R Brightling - D Hoffman - P Buchen - C Hughes	59.35
3	11	D Stern - R Grynberg - T Moss - D Zines - S Picus - B Manley	58.85

## Seniors

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
4	8	T Robb - A Janisz - P Walters - L Geursen	55.75
5	12	A Robbins - D Newland - D Happell - G Ridgway	53.79
6	3	M Bourke - N Ewart - F Beale - R Van Riel	53.73
7	6	P Chan - R Januszke - C Lorimer - R Sebesfi	53.66
8	5	A Walsh - B McDonald - E Havas - A De Livera	50.85
9	15	L Moses - J Gough - M Robson - B Lee	49.29
10	7	S Arber - G Gaspar - R Gallus - R Greenfield	46.99

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	9	McLeish	46.64	23	34	Van Leeuwen	34.29
12	17	Milward	44.41	24	23	Reid	33.62
13	10	Creet	44.24	25	13	Kahler	33.61
14	2	Krochmalik	44.21	26	21	Clarke	31.36
15	27	Cohen	43.31	27	22	Ruddell	30.03
16	14	Jackman	42.86	28	33	Brown	29.94
17	16	Yovich	40.37	29	19	Palmer	25.63
18	32	Harman	39.52	30	29	Hopwood	25.29
19	18	Fitz-Gerald	38.69	31	25	Schoutrop	25.15
20	24	French	36.43	32	31	Dellaca	21.83
21	28	Andersson	36.32	33	26	Berzins	19.11
22	30	Lee	34.73	34	20	Ashwell	14.25

## Intermediate

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	76	A Jonsberg - G Baker - J Lahey - C Larter	66.96
2	40	K Blinco - T Sheedy - E Baker - C Stead	62.20
3	15	A Brown - F Brown - J Hansen - D Morgan	61.30
4	13	J Rohde - L Ranke - A Hewat - J Donovan	60.04
5	23	J Francis - P Sleat - S Deacon - S Filler	59.17
6	8	G Gosney - M Plunkett - P Nilsson - D Nilsson	58.60
7	28	P Moroney - M Driscoll - C Sheldrake - K De Palo	57.72
8	12	C Tough - M Tough - P Thompson - M O'Donohue	56.42
9	37	D Giles - J Argent - B Morgan - C Denaro	55.09
10	19	J Williams - K Hewings - M Pritchard - C Stone	55.00

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	4	Pisko	53.50	50	9	Eastman	39.61
12	7	Grant	52.80	51	18	Howard	39.53
13	34	Moody	51.98	52	44	Schmalkuche	39.47
14	88	Kennealy	51.71	53	47	McNee	38.06
15	25	Owen	51.49	54	39	Roache	37.50
16	74	Ward	51.31	55	73	Hollingworth	37.25
17	43	Murray	50.83	56	3	Cooksley	36.66
18	82	Koster	48.45	57	2	Steele	35.12
19	68	Gold	48.32	58	22	Sutherland	34.38
20	20	O'Gorman	48.14	59	35	Campbell	33.90

## Intermediate

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
21	61	Robinson	47.78	60	50	Staley	33.71
22	33	Tomlinson	47.51	61	48	Edwards	33.47
23	52	Jones	46.42	62	42	Featherstone	33.30
24	53	Tucker	46.30	63	46	Bartos	33.03
24	79	Cariola	46.30	64	45	Rogers	32.98
26	1	Krosch	45.67	65	49	Houlton	32.96
27	41	Wells	45.44	66	31	Paris	32.64
28	24	Anderson	44.80	67	75	Holewa	32.20
29	72	Baynes	44.63	68	60	Delaney	31.34
30	21	Eldridge	44.44	69	14	Darling	31.31
31	5	Johnson	44.33	70	38	Fulton	31.11
32	66	Routley	44.16	71	55	Chesser	30.91
33	85	Walker	43.60	72	16	Gordon	30.80
34	10	Romeijn	43.54	73	63	Scott	30.00
35	83	Purves	43.03	74	51	Kavanagh	28.84
36	36	Macaulay	42.88	75	65	Davidson	27.50
37	70	Bristow	42.77	76	69	Hurst	27.16
38	58	Goddard	42.68	77	62	Morgan	26.36
39	56	Fenwicke	42.18	78	71	Fletcher	26.21
40	29	Jackson	42.17	79	57	McNaughton	25.08
41	11	Butler	42.13	80	78	Greenway	23.77
42	86	Quigley	42.06	81	77	Winter	22.24
43	54	Rogers	41.96	82	32	Tuckey	21.60
44	87	Snelling	41.92	83	80	Bish	21.36
45	27	Sinclair	41.66	84	30	Knox	19.72
46	6	Warnock	40.93	85	26	Beckett	19.48
47	84	Church	40.84	86	67	Mundell	18.60
48	64	Carradine	40.45	87	81	Roy	15.47
49	17	Bandy	40.16	88	59	Wozniczka	15.20

## Restricted

Place	No.	Team Members				Score	
1	46	C Trengove - M Rex - S Hunt - J Grieve				65.28	
2	61	G Brahma - V Taylor - J Zhu - T Jiang				64.80	
3	17	I Pick - G Carson - A Riley - N Wills				60.90	
4	3	B Coker - I Wright - F Symons - D Upsall				59.72	
5	95	B Patel - N Patel - D McLay - S Cryer				57.16	
6	9	B Wippell - K Nicoll - B Wippell - M Doherty				56.73	
7	22	M Irving - J Griffith - A Simon - G Hare				56.18	
8	85	S Jacobs - M Anderson - S Nathan - L Abel				55.98	
9	8	T Haley - L Chan - D Macneil - F Ahmet				55.48	
10	28	J Gray - T McKenzie - J Ham - J Ham				55.19	
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	80	Driscoll	54.28	54	81	Gilder	38.84
12	75	Stearns	54.00	55	6	Clifford	38.83
13	72	Hajmasi	53.94	56	84	Singer	38.19
13	89	Linden	53.94	57	66	Webb	38.02
15	43	Stewart	53.80	58	42	Rosetta	37.75
16	59	Junge	53.23	59	50	Holmes	37.06
17	52	Hoschke	51.70	60	76	Baldwin	37.02
18	77	Wlodarczyk	51.43	61	78	Verity	36.43

## Restricted

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
19	39	Biscoe	51.18	62	20	Hapeta	35.60
20	33	Stick	50.20	63	86	Wilson	35.56
21	64	Chaffey	50.15	64	11	Treloar	35.49
22	19	Armstrong	47.56	65	4	Jacka	35.36
23	27	Hilder	47.36	66	31	Cook	35.30
24	34	Elich	46.76	67	68	Lawson	35.28
25	79	Klibbe	46.42	68	67	Kommeren	34.60
26	69	Henke	46.29	69	23	Fraser	33.66
27	94	Woodbury	45.93	70	13	Rossiter-Nuttall	33.56
28	41	Wright	45.35	71	36	Nearhos	33.48
29	14	Packer	45.23	72	16	Small	32.71
30	24	Hayes	45.01	73	44	Reid	32.13
31	96	Mabin	44.94	74	91	Adamson	31.30
32	29	Smith	44.38	75	51	Fawcett	30.75
33	74	Adams	44.19	76	65	Macintosh	30.69
34	5	Dunlop	43.81	77	38	Hall	29.90
35	30	Wood	43.72	78	83	Mayer	29.79
36	71	Martin	43.45	79	21	Corney	28.71
37	12	McMaster	43.43	80	58	Van Bakel	28.25
38	88	Edwards	42.84	81	49	Brake	28.24
39	1	Green	42.75	82	92	Parker	27.80
40	56	Lawson	42.61	83	2	Stuart	27.66
41	62	Jones	42.51	84	45	Vickers	27.48
42	90	Yoon Yap-Giles	42.27	85	63	Bennett	26.44
43	26	Howe	41.88	86	47	Sawyer	26.32
44	32	Bardone	40.84	87	57	Haworth	25.94
45	55	Merrin	40.83	88	73	Higgins	25.32
46	35	Fuhrmann	40.73	89	87	Mitchell	24.86
47	7	Gardner	40.53	90	37	Peever	24.40
48	10	Reynolds	39.67	91	18	Clark	21.93
49	93	Joseph	39.60	92	70	Hodges	20.26
50	25	Perry	39.33	93	82	Brodman	20.05
51	15	Heck	39.26	94	48	Munro	17.37
52	54	Gibney	38.99	95	60	Knight	16.35
53	40	Harrison	38.87	96	53	Devlin	13.06

## Novice

Place	No.	Team Members				Score	
1	1	T Bowmaker - K Gilchrist - F Jeppesen - K Griggs				59.49	
2	30	A Byrnes - S Parkes - U Suliman - P Taylor				58.05	
3	2	H Van Weeren - P Clarke - C Dempster - N Grech				56.64	
4	15	L Bowen-Thomas - C Bowen-Thomas - J Conde - A Hemmingway				54.84	
5	32	L Martin - C Brinkman - R Harrison - J Rogers				51.65	
6	7	A Scott - N Mclver - A Phillips - D Nixon				50.36	
7	9	D Gaskill - J Lowe - A Marsland - H Blair				49.45	
8	18	H Hassall - J Squires - M Kennedy - C Youngman - J Youngman				48.02	
9	28	S Van Kruistum - C Van Kruistum - N Smith - L Le Provost				47.80	
10	19	D Williams - I Cameron - P Morris - C Moule				47.29	
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	26	Carter	45.12	22	5	Du Temple	33.69
12	13	Nilsson	44.77	23	10	Sargent	33.59
13	23	Gibbens	43.88	24	20	Jackson	32.84
14	4	Weston	43.30	25	12	Burt	32.67
15	11	Bellis	42.36	26	8	Nugent	32.04
16	21	Wilson	41.56	27	27	Bowra	29.89
17	31	Reilly	40.74	28	25	Waldron	28.98
18	3	Robertson	39.06	29	17	Northey	28.32
19	14	Archer	36.80	30	16	Howitt	25.80
20	6	McClintock	36.06	31	22	Garside	15.87
21	24	Anderson	35.59	32	29	Waters	13.48

# GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2016

	Wednesday 24th February	Thursday 25th February	Friday 26th February	Saturday 27th February
<b>OPEN EVENTS</b>			Q/F Teams    S/F Teams	
Open Teams Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs Friday Teams	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	9:00am 2x12 Brds 10:00am 1/3 10:00am 1/2	9:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final 10:00am 3/3
<b>SENIORS EVENTS</b>				
Seniors Teams	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
<b>INTERMEDIATE EVENTS (Under 750MPs)</b>				
Intermediate Teams Ivy Dahler Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final 10:00am 1/3    2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
<b>RESTRICTED EVENTS (Under 300MPs)</b>				
Restricted Teams Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final 10:00am 1/3    2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
<b>NOVICE EVENTS (Under 100MPs)</b>				
Novice Teams Friday Novice Pairs	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final 10:00am 1/2    2:00pm 2/2	
<b>ROOKIE PAIRS (Under 10MPs)</b>				
Rookie Pairs - Single Session Events		10:30am 1/1		
<b>UNDER 50MP PAIRS</b>				
Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs	10:30am 1/2    3:00pm 2/2			
<b>MIXED TEAMS</b>				
Seres/McMahon Mixed Teams			10:00am 1/2    2:00pm 2/2	
<b>WALK-IN PAIRS</b>				
Holiday Walk-In Pairs 2 - Play 1, 2 or 3 Sessions Holiday Walk-In Pairs 3 - Play 1, 2 or 3 Sessions	10:30am S2	10:30am S3	10:00am S1    2:00pm S2	10:00am S3
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>




**Dinner  
Dance  
7:30pm for  
Drinks**

**8:00pm  
Start**


**Bookings  
Essential**

**From \$10  
Depending  
Number Sessions  
Played**

## GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2016 CALENDAR OF CELEBRITY SPEAKERS

			Thursday 25th February	Friday 26th February
<b>JOAN BUTTS</b>	<b>When to Bid Over the Opponent's 1NT Openings AND When Not To</b>	Joan Butts has represented Australia in world championships. She was 2nd in the 2015 TBIB National Swiss Pairs Championship. Her passion is bridge education. In 2011, she was appointed the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) National Teaching Coordinator. In this capacity she trains teachers and arranges professional development programmes. Joan is also involved with bridge online.	<b>9:30am to 10:15am</b>	
<b>WILLIAM JENNER-O'SHEA</b>	<b>Opening Leads and Planning the Defence</b>	Will Jenner-O'Shea has been teaching bridge full time in Sydney for 10 years. For the last two years he and Vanessa Brown have been running the Sydney Bridge Centre in Sydney's Inner West. Sydney Bridge Centre merged with the New South Wales Bridge Association in April this year. Will and Vanessa are the Joint CEOs with Will being the club's teacher across its three venues. Vanessa and Will have won the Mixed Teams in Canberra and Gold Coast. When not playing with Vanessa, Will mostly plays with Mike Doecke from Adelaide, and they have won several Junior tournaments, represented Australia, and won last years Autumn National Open Teams. Will also won this years National Mixed Teams Championship in Canberra for the second time.	<b>2:15pm to 2:45pm</b>	
<b>PHIL GUE</b>	<b>Simple Ideas in Competitive Bidding</b>		Phil Gue has taught bridge for 30 years. For the past 25 years he has managed and taught at the Adelaide Bridge Centre. Phil has played for Australia at all the major World and Regional Championships.	<b>9:15am to 9:45am</b>
			<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>MINIMUM \$5 Contribution to the ABF Friends of Youth Bridge Fund - GREATER Contributions Greatly Appreciated By Our Youth Players</b>				

# CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES GOLD

NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES		Wednesday 24th February	Thursday 25th February	Friday 26th February
	Venue			
GCC 0-50 MP Welcome Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Orange Tablecloths Main Playing Area	9:45am to 10:15am		
GCC Rookies Pairs Welcome Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Fuscia Tablecloths Main Playing Area		9:45am to 10:15am	
GCC Novice Pairs Welcome Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Maroon Tablecloths Main Playing Area			9:45am to 10:15am
SOCIAL AND OTHER ACITVITIES				
Bridge Widows Mt Tamborine Trip \$5.00pp	Bus Leaves From Lobby Air on Broadbeach	<a href="http://www.tamborinemtnc.org.au/things-to-do-on-tamborine-mountain/">http://www.tamborinemtnc.org.au/things-to-do-on-tamborine-mountain/</a>		
Bridge Widows Springbrook Trip \$5.00pp	Bus Leaves From Lobby Air on Broadbeach	11:00pm to 2:30pm	<a href="http://www.dancingwaterscafe.com">http://www.dancingwaterscafe.com</a>	
Bridge Widows Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley House Trip \$5.00pp	Bus Leaves From Lobby Air on Broadbeach	<a href="http://www.artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/theGallery">http://www.artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/theGallery</a>	11:00 to 4:00	
Zephyr Foundation Charity In Support of This Year's Charity Collections Before Play - All day at Admin	Doors Leading to Playing Venue	All Day	Raffle Draw Under N Sign After Morning Session	
Bridge Vid Demonstration with Pete Hollands and Laura Ginnan See Bulletin for Details	 Rooms 10, 11 and 12 Upstairs at the Convention Centre	Bridge Vid features video lessons, commentated play, Triple Dummy podcast, online live course promotions and much more.		1:15pm to 1:45pm
Directors Get Together	With Jan Peach Rms 10/11/12 Upstairs	Starting 8:30am Finish 10:00		
Dress Up Day - Emerald	Come Dressed in Something EMERALD Lobby Outside Area	Dress-Up Parade 2:30pm to 3:00pm		
Bridgemates Meet Ron Bouwland Developer and Owner of Bridgemates	Paul Lavings Bridge Books Stand		09:30am to 10:00am	
Free Breakfast for Shoe Shoppers	"In Her Shoes Store" Ground Floor Oasis Shopping Centre		8:00am to 10:00am	
		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Event	Date	Website / Contact / Venue
<b>Autumn Nationals (ANOT)</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2016	Entries: ANOT.organiser@gmail.com Jinny Fuss 0474-074-005 Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground
<b>Australian National Championships and Butler Pairs Chermside, Brisbane</b>	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Entries: anc16@qldbridge.com Charles Page 0449-758-046 Venue: Kedron Wavell Services Club
<b>Coffs Coast Gold Congress</b>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Entries: ian@australiawideconferences.com.au Ian Doland 02-6654-1104 Venue: Opal Cove Resort
<b>Territory Gold Bridge Festival Pairs and Teams</b>	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August to Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Entries: tgbf@abf.com.au Lisa Hambour 0419-801-461 Venue: Hilton by Doubletree Hotel Darwin
<b>Spring Nationals</b> Open Teams, Restricted Teams Dick Cummings Open Pairs Restricted and Novice Pairs Linda Stern Women's Teams Bobby Evans Seniors Teams	Wednesday October 19 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Entries: sn@abf.com.au Marcia Scudder – NSWBA 02-9264-8111 Venue: Canterbury Park Racecourse, Sydney
<b>Hans Rosendorff Memorial Weekend Congress</b> New Format Women's Swiss Pairs Event	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> October To Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	bina360@hotmail.com Robina McConnell 0400-943-367 or 08-9586-2768 Venue: West Australian Bridge Club, Swanbourne Perth

## BRIDGE BATTLE OF YOUTH V. EXPERIENCE! WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 24 FEBRUARY

During the Gold Coast Congress, the Gold Coast Bridge Club is hosting a short bridge competition against youth players. Some serious bridge and some fun.

- 7.00 pm Dinner - Pizzas, fruit and ice-cream. Note Congress bridge finishes at 6.30 pm that day.
  - 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. "normal" bridge.
  - Optional 9.00 pm to 9.30 pm (or later!) — Special fun bridge (with some drinks and nibbles provided). For example:
    - Speedball where you must bid, play and score up hands in 2 minutes; or
    - Crazy Pairs after the auction, open an envelope to find special rules for that hand, e.g. 2s beat aces
- FREE for youth players or members of the Gold Coast Bridge Club. ONLY \$10 for others, which includes
- The standard 2-hour session (1½ hours normal bridge and 30-minutes of fun bridge).
  - The pizza dinner
  - Drinks and nibbles.

If you would like to attend, please contact us before the event, as places for non-youths are limited. The club (phone 5538 2905) is located 1.6 km north of the Convention Centre at 2883 Gold Coast Highway, Surfers Paradise.

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## TBIB INSURANCE

Come and visit the TBIB stand in the foyer from 09:30am Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss all your insurance needs and to answer any questions which you may have including renewing your ABF Travel Insurance Policy.

DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU

216x			20+			3÷		6+
360x			90x	10+	2÷	18+		
	2÷						15+	
3-		1-	36x	8	24x			
5-	9+						14+	
		5-	32x		5-	45x	2-	
10+			21x				17+	
	8-		90x	18+				
42x		6+					2÷	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION  
DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU

4÷	2÷	3-	35+					8-
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			672x			5-		
1	6	5	8	4	3	2	7	9
2-		36x	24x		4÷		3-	
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7	5	4	9	2	8	1	6	3
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DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION  
DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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

SERVICES

If you are in need of a doctor or medical assistance you can contact Kim Ellaway through the Administration Desk or alternatively contact the Broadbeach Medical Centre on 07-5531-6344, Suite GO1, 2681 Gold Coast Highway Broadbeach. Their after-Hours is handled by Chevron After Hours Medical Service 07-5532-8666.

Please note that they do not Bulk Bill.

**TABLE COUNT**  
**TO THE END OF PLAY TUESDAY NIGHT 3,863**  
**(Last Year 3,700)**



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