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VALE MARION COOKE



Last night Queensland Bridge lost one of its icons, Marion Cooke. A representative player, administrator, tournament organiser and tireless worker for the game of bridge, Marion succumbed to her recent illness on Wednesday evening, thereby breaking a promise to her family that she wouldn't pass away during her beloved Gold Coast Congress.

Happily for those who knew and loved her she was surrounded at the end by members of her family including Kim and others who drove up after play to be with her.

Marion was the matriarch of the Cooke, Ellaway and Goulding families, which really meant that in some ways she was the matriarch of the Gold Coast Congress. Many members of those families are included in the Gold Coast Congress, an event that I regard as the best Tournament on the bridge calendar.

Yes, she was the mother of Kim Ellaway, the Congress Secretary, but but was also the mother of Nicola Goulding who operates the coffee service and the mother in law of Ray Ellaway and Geoff

Goulding, Grandmother of caddies, floor managers, scorers..

Marion commenced board dealing in 2000 when the Gold Coast Congress required just 12,000 boards to be dealt. When the QBA took on the GNOT she assisted the Coffs Harbour Congress with their board dealing which, combined with the growth of the Gold Coast Congress means somewhere around 50,000 boards annually.

One thing her family all agree on is that she would want them all to continue to work at this year's tournament and she would be most upset if her passing interfered in any way with any of her family completing their involvement in the game she loved.

Marion will be remembered as a loving person who was committed to Queensland as well as the game of bridge. Rest in Peace.

TEAMS QUALIFYING SESSION EIGHT

Barry Rigal

From my position between adjacent tables I was able to keep an eye on two matches, those of leaders Kanetkar versus Zhou and Nunn versus Coutts.

It is always difficult to judge whether one side simply has all the decisions (so that the same side will have problems at the other table) or whether a pair is simply having a bad game. While I was watching it seemed like East/West were perpetually under the gun here – and so it proved, since their datum scores were -26 and -37. But in one case their teammates more than covered them...

The set started with three of the Easts in fourth chair and favourable vulnerability being faced with a minor suit opener. Looking at:

In 5♠ on a club lead McGann won his ♣A at trick one and crossed to the ♠A then had a legitimate guess as to whether to play his LHO for 1165 or 1264 pattern. He guessed right to play a second trump rather than take the heart finesse, and when ♥K fell singleton he had 650 and 12 IMPs. The datum was E/W +350.

In our other match Qin/Lu played 4♥ after Gumby/Lazer never got diamonds in, while Kanetkar/Neill reached 6♥ – and their opponents saved for 500 in 7♣x.

On the next deal a fit jump by McGann looked a good idea at the time after: Pass-(1♣)-2♦-(Double). He bid 3♠ with both sides vulnerable on:

♠ K Q J 8
♥ K 3
♦ J 9 5 3 2
♣ 9 4

To get his side to 4♦ down one facing a singleton spade – and with par on the deal being 3♦ for +110. Not to worry: his teammates defended 5♦ down 200. Both E/W pairs recorded small positives here in our other match.

Kanetkar then put two consecutive 12 IMP swings on the board. The first came when they bid these cards to 3NT (as did both tables in our other match).

Dealer: North ♠ A 6
Vul: N-S ♥ A J 9 2
Brd 21 ♦ K J 7 4 2
Open Tms Qual S8 ♣ 9 4

♠ K Q 9 5
♥ 8 6 3
♦ A Q 6 3
♣ 7 3

♠ J 10 7 3 2
♥ K 10 7 4
♦ 10 8
♣ 5 2

♠ 8 4
♥ Q 5
♦ 9 5
♣ A K Q J 10 8 6

Makeable Contracts				
-	3	-	3	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
-	3	-	3	♦
-	5	-	5	♣

Zhou/Tian played 5♣ on a top spade lead. Say you win and lead a low trump to your ace. Which red suit should you play next? If you take a heart finesse and it succeeds you are certainly not home. Admittedly, if the ♥10 falls in three rounds and clubs split or the same player has long clubs and four small hearts, you have a discard. Playing on diamonds by leading to the jack looks better. Whenever both honours are right you are home, and you can fall back on the heart finesse if the ♦Q but not the ♦A is onside. This line was not found at the table, so 5♣ went down one. (a datum of +400 suggests two thirds of the field brought home game here).

Dealer: East ♠ 9 8 2
Vul: E-W ♥ Q J 7 3
Brd 22 ♦ J 10 4
Open Tms Qual S8 ♣ K 9 5

♠ K J 3
♥ A 8
♦ A 9 6 3
♣ 8 7 6 2

♠ A Q 10 7 5
♥ K 10 9 5
♦ K 8
♣ A Q

♠ 6 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ Q 7 5 2
♣ J 10 4 3

West North East South

Makeable Contracts				
6	-	6	-	NT
7	-	7	-	♠
6	-	6	-	♥
5	-	5	-	♦
4	-	4	-	♣

On the next deal only six pairs in the field attempted the grand slam that looks to be on the club finesse. Half the field played game when West did not deem his hand worth a 2/1 response, or else East shirked his responsibilities to drive to slam when he found an opening bid and spade fit opposite. Kanetkar/Neill bid to 6♠; none of our other featured E/W pairs managed it. However Kanetkar/Neill spoiled their record by bidding slam off two keycards on the next deal (their second such effort of the set). This time the opponents elected to defend.

With six deals to go it was 32-18 to Kanetkar, with Nunn leading 15-7. This was the last real opportunity for swing – and again all our four E/W pairs did not distinguish themselves.

Dealer: West
 Vul: None
 Brd 24
 Open Tms Qual S8
 ♠ 5
 ♥ A K J 7 4 2
 ♦ A J 10 5
 ♣ Q 9

♠ J 6 4 3
 ♥ Q 9 8 6
 ♦ K 8 4
 ♣ 6 3

♠ A K 2
 ♥ 10
 ♦ Q 7 3 2
 ♣ K J 8 7 5

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

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

Makeable Contracts				
2	-	2	-	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
3	-	3	-	♥
5	-	5	-	♦
4	-	4	-	♣

Playing 2/1 the East hand apparently produces a big problem because after 1♥-2♣-2♦ East wants to show the spade stoppers (and a raise to 3♦ might lead to missing 3NT) but also wants to raise diamonds. Matthew Thompson's choice of 2NT then 3NT over 3♥ might not be to your taste, but when McGann bid 4NT surely he was supposed to bid 5♦? 4NT went down three on a spade lead, while in the other room 5♦ on a spade lead went down two. It is not easy to make the game, but if you play a club at trick two and South ducks the ace you can pitch dummy's losing club on the spades and ruff out hearts. If South takes the ace and presses on with spades the clubs are set up so you can simply draw trumps.

The defence to 4♥ is far from easy to find, by the way. When North leads his doubleton club, South must hop up with the ace and shift to diamonds, and now declarer cannot duck a trump without losing a ruff. Of course if he plays trumps from the top North scores both his ♥Q-9. In our other match 6♦ went down three while 5♣ went down one – for 3 IMPs to Kanetkar. The final score here was 35-23 to Kanetkar, while Nunn won 20-10.

TEAMS QUALIFYING SESSION TEN

Barry Rigal

While Kanetkar had opened a small lead at the top of the table, no one else was sure to be in the top six at the end of this match. One big loss would undo all of the two days' previous hard work. I would have the pleasure of comparing Tony Nunn and Sartaj Hans, South at the two tables in my range of vision as Nunn played Kanetkar and Milne played Hinge. Both Milne and Nunn broke on top with a 13 IMP pick up when they bid these hands to slam:

Dealer: South
 Vul: N-S
 Brd 15
 Opn Tms Qual S10
 ♠ A 10 8 7 6
 ♥ 10 8 7
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ J 8 2

♠ K Q J 3 2
 ♥ A 6 3
 ♦ K
 ♣ K Q 9 4

♠ 9 4
 ♥ K J 5 4
 ♦ A Q 6 4 2
 ♣ A 10

♠ 5
 ♥ Q 9 2
 ♦ 10 9 8 7 3
 ♣ 7 6 5 3

Makeable Contracts				
-	6	-	6	NT
-	5	-	5	♠
-	5	-	5	♥
-	4	-	4	♦
-	5	-	5	♣

On a heart or club lead declarer looks to be well placed. When you play spades towards dummy twice and the suit goes pear-shaped, you need the round suits to behave, and they do.

Both leading teams competed to precisely the right level on a part-score on the next deal (you can make eight tricks in your nine-card fit, or defeat the opponents at the three-level). Then they followed that with another double-digit swing.

Dealer: North
 Vul: None
 Brd 17
 Opn Tms Qual S10
 ♠ A Q J 8 4 3 2
 ♥ K
 ♦ 4
 ♣ J 9 7 3

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Kanetkar	Ware	Neill	Nunn
	1♥	2♦	2♥
4♠	5♥	Double	All Pass
Haughie	Beauch'p	Hinge	Hans
	1♥	2♦	2♥
2♠	4♥	5♦	Double //

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

I much prefer Kanetkar's action to Haughie's, even though Hinge's second call was far from obvious. You cannot hope to stop Simon, you can only hope to contain him...the defence to 5♦x was straightforward enough. Heart lead and trump shift for a second heart and club play, and that was down 800.

4♠x would have cost only 300 – as would 5♣x. 5♥x was hardly the world's most elegant spot. After a top diamond lead Ware rose with the ♦A, finessed in hearts then led an innocent low club to the four and king. That was all the help Ware needed: he led a top diamond to pitch his second club and used the ♥7 as his entry to dummy to pitch his third spade on ♦10 and lead up to ♠K for his 11th trick.

Since each of the other tables had played undoubled on the E/W cards for down 150, both leading teams had their third consecutive swing. Nunn led by 27 IMPs, Milne led by 30. On the next deal there was no swing when Hinge took an anti-percentage line in 3NT while Lee/Hung were toiling in their 6-1 spade fit. Both other tables played with the odds with singleton facing KQ10xxxx to lead to the ten initially, which worked perfectly with AJ9 tripleton onside.

Board 20 was a death-trap for everyone, but more so for some than others.

Dealer: West ♠ A 10 5 4 2
 Vul: Both ♥ 4
 Brd 20 ♦ K 9 4 3
 Opn Tms Qual S10 ♣ J 7 6
 ♠ K J 9 8 7 3
 ♥ 3
 ♦ Q 10 6 2
 ♣ 10 9

♠ Q 6
 ♥ Q J 6 2
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ A 8 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
Kanetkar	Ware	Neill	Nunn
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

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

All four tables reached 4♥ here after a pre-empt from West. Hans and Lazer were not doubled and went down 200, Cormack was doubled and went down 500. Tony Nunn played 4♥x on the auction above - (what do you think of that 3NT call by the way)?

When Kanetkar led the ♣10 Neill ducked smoothly, making it clear to Nunn that Neill wasn't seriously contemplating giving his partner a club ruff. And given that hearts clearly weren't breaking, I would have done exactly what Tony did at trick two, namely play back his remaining club honour. You can see how if Neill had eg a 2-5-3-3 pattern he would have to give dummy the lead sooner or later or give up his heart tricks. Now declarer is coming quite close to making! Of course this line was a catastrophe at the table when Kanetkar got a ruff with his singleton trump, and that made the penalty 800 for 12 IMPs.

Nunn and Hinge then picked up a small partscore swing before Ware was weighed in the balancing seat and found wanting while Beauchamp made no mistake.

Dealer: East ♠ J 8 7 6
 Vul: E-W ♥ 6
 Brd 22 ♦ A K 9 5
 Opn Tms Qual S10 ♣ K Q 10 9
 ♠ 10
 ♥ J 9 7 5 4 2
 ♦ Q 3
 ♣ 8 6 5 4

♠ A K 9 5 4 3
 ♥ K Q 8 3
 ♦ 6 4
 ♣ A

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

Beauchamp heard 1♠ come round to him and passed it out. Well done him. Ware heard the auction go 1♠-Pass-1NT-pass-2♥-Pass-Pass back to him and doubled. And let he who is without sin cast the first stone...I would have done the same, I admit. Neill found a nice 2♠ call, and over 3♦ from Nunn Kanetkar re-evaluated his working zero count and jumped to 4♥! I must ask him whether he is a follower of the school of TTASL (Teach Them A sharp lesson; when they reopen you in part-score you must double them or bid game, when in game, you must double them or bid slam). Ware doubled 4♠ to tell his opponents they couldn't do that to him. He was wrong and that was 790 – in the other room 5♦ escaped undoubled for 150. It was 37-24 now for Nunn. Hung and Lee bid to 4♥ in less dramatic fashion to gain 11 IMPs, to lead 48-7.

Dealer: South ♠ Q 9 2
 Vul: Both ♥ 9 5 4 3
 Brd 23 ♦ K Q 9 5 4 2
 Opn Tms Qual S10 ♣ ---

♠ K 5
 ♥ A K 8 2
 ♦ A 10 6
 ♣ A 7 5 2

♠ J 10
 ♥ J 10 7 6
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ K J 10 9 4

♠ A 8 7 6 4 3
 ♥ Q
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ Q 8 6 3

Makeable Contracts				
5	-	5	-	NT
-	1	-	3	♠
4	-	3	-	♥
-	1	-	1	♦
5	-	5	-	♣

Two of our four tables (both in the match Kanetkar-Nunn) defeated 4♥ on a club lead by taking the two ruffs. Cormack-Kozakos mistimed the defence to let it through, and Hans led a low spade as South against 4♥ after a lead-directing double from Beauchamp. Naturally Hinge misguessed at trick one. Beauchamp won his queen, and should have exited in trumps (he knows this will beat the hand unless declarer has solid clubs). He actually took some time to return a spade, and now Hans felt ethically constrained to play a third spade, so the diamond loser went away on a ruff and discard.

The rest of the set was relatively quiet, with Kanetkar gaining one small swing, Milne two small pick-ups, but the last deal saw Nunn cement their win.

Dealer: West ♠ K 6 2
 Vul: N-S ♥ A 10 6 4 2
 Brd 28 ♦ Q 8 4
 ♣ 6 5

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

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

♠ Q 5
 ♥ K Q 9 7 5
 ♦ A J 7
 ♣ Q 7 2

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

After Neill opened 1♠ as West, Nunn doubled, Kanetkar raised to 2♠ and Ware jumped to 4♥ – a sporting effort. Indeed even when dummy showered down with real extras, the final contract looked hopeless. However Neill led a low diamond to trick one and Kanetkar put in the ten. We've all done worse.

Declarer of course still has no legitimate play for the contract but when after drawing trumps Ware led a spade towards the queen the sight of the ace was enough to gladden his heart.

Game had gone down in the other room (both rooms played 3♥ for 140 in the other encounter) so Nunn had 12 IMPs to win 50-29 while the other match finished 59-7 for Milne.

INTERMEDIATE ROUND 11 - A CLOSE ONE

Brent Manley



Angeline Christie, Shayne Palfreyman, Sonia Palfreyman and Trevor Fletcher (seated)

If it's true that a tie in a competitive endeavour is like kissing your sister, two foursomes in the Restricted Teams were spared the experience by the slimmest of margins.

In a tight match, the Phil Houlton team (Coffs Harbour) defeated the Trevor Fletcher foursome (Gold Coast) 25-24.

Houlton and his wife, Bambi, played with Rod Binsted and Judy Scholfield. Fletcher and his partner, Angeline Christie, played with Shayne and Sonya Palfreyman.

A couple of bidding decisions helped the winners swing the balance. Things started with a game swing on this deal:

Dealer: North ♠ 7 4 3
 Vul: None ♥ 9 5
 Brd 1 ♦ K 10 2
 Int Tms Qual S11 ♣ A Q 10 7 5
 ♠ A Q 6 2
 ♥ Q 10 7 2
 ♦ A 7 5 4
 ♣ 6

♠ 9 8 5
 ♥ K 8 6 3
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ J 8 4 3

♠ K J 10
 ♥ A J 4
 ♦ Q 8 6 3
 ♣ K 9 2

West Phil	North Fletcher	East Bambi	South Christie
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

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

Fletcher's 2♣ bid seemed to short-circuit the Houlton auction and they missed the game. Phil played well, calling for dummy's queen on the lead of the ♦2. He then cashed three rounds of trumps, ending in hand, and played his singleton club. Fletcher went up with the ace and exited with the ♥9, ducked to Christie's king. Phil was soon claiming plus 170, but it was a 6-IMP loss.

At the other table:

West Sonya	North	East Shayne	South
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South started with a low spade to dummy's queen. At trick two, Shayne ran the ♥10 to South's king. A low club went to North's queen and Shayne's king. With nine tricks in the bag, Shayne did not fool around looking for overtricks. Plus 400 was good for a 6-IMP gain.

On the following board, Bambi managed nine tricks after the defenders started off with their best suit.

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

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

♠ Q 9 3
 ♥ A K 2
 ♦ Q 9 6 5
 ♣ A K 4

West Phil	North Fletcher	East Bambi	South Christie
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

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

Bambi's 3NT showed no four-card major and a maximum for the 15-18 range.

Christie started with a low club to the 9 and jack. She won the ♣A and played the ♠Q from hand. Fletcher won the ♠A and continued with the ♣Q, ducked by Bambi. She won the club continuation and cashed four rounds of hearts then exited dummy with a low diamond. Fletcher took the ♦K and played a club to Christie's 10. She exited with a spade, but Bambi – with six tricks already in – put up the king and claimed with two diamond tricks.

On this deal, Fletcher bid aggressively to game and came close to making it.

Dealer: North ♠ ---
 Vul: E-W ♥ 8
 Brd 9 ♦ K Q J 8 7
 Int Tms Qual S11 ♣ A Q J 7 6 4 3
 ♠ A 3 2
 ♥ A Q 10 5
 ♦ A 10 9 4
 ♣ 8 2

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

♠ Q 10 9 6 5
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ 6 5 3 2
 ♣ 9 5

West Phil	North Fletcher	East Bambi	South Christie
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
-	-	-	-	♠
-	1	-	2	♥
-	1	-	2	♦
-	5	-	5	♣

Bambi started accurately with a club, taken in dummy with the king. Fletcher pulled trumps and played the ♦J to Phil's ace. Fletcher ruffed when Phil tried to cash the ♠A, but Fletcher could not find 11 tricks from the ill-fitting hands. He had to settle for 10 tricks and minus 50, but it was still a small swing because North at the other table was even more optimistic in bidding to 6♣ and going down two.

The big swing came on board 10 at the Fletcher table

Dealer: East
 Vul: Both
 Brd 10

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

♠ K 9 4
 ♥ K J 7 4 2
 ♦ J 9 8
 ♣ Q 6

♠ J 7 2
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ A Q 4 3
 ♣ 10 9 7 2

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 3
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ J 8 4

¹ Weak two-bid major
² Pass or Correct

West Phil	North Fletcher	East Bambi	South Christie
		2♦ ¹	Pass
2♥ ²	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	4	-	4	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
-	6	-	6	♦
-	6	-	6	♣

Christie finished with 10 tricks for +130, resulting in an 11-IMP loss because of what happened at the other table.

West Sonya	North	East Shayne	South
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Double	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Getting to game was the key for North-South. Shayne might have given declarer pause by starting with a spade, but from his perspective, he had an entryless hand and a partner who opened the bidding. Only someone looking at all the cards would start with a spade. Further, declarer can always make game no matter what the lead.

After Shayne led the ♥9, declarer had no difficulty making overtricks for an 11-IMP gain.

CRIME OF THE CENTURY?

Brent Manley

The clear-cut winner of the defence of the year award for 2016 can be announced already. It will go to president of the Alcatraz Bridge Federation (sorry, I mean Australian ...or do I?) Bruce Neill with best supporting award going to Avi Kanetkar.

Dealer: West
 Vul: None
 Brd 8

♠ 8 6
 ♥ A 10 8 7 6 2
 ♦ K 10 2
 ♣ A Q

♠ 9 3
 ♥ K J 9
 ♦ 8 4 3
 ♣ K J 6 3 2

♠ A K Q 10 7 5
 ♥ Q 4
 ♦ Q J 7 5
 ♣ 7

♠ J 4 2
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ A 9 6
 ♣ 10 9 8 5 4

West	North	East	South
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Makeable Contracts				
-	5	-	6	NT
-	6	-	6	♠
-	5	-	5	♥
-	6	-	6	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

Before I tell you what happened, consider the fate of 6♠ here. Declarer has a losing heart when the king is not singleton – but he also has a club finesse to take on which the heart loser can be discarded. Can you construct a sequence of plays whereby a highly competent declarer could fail to take 12 tricks?

Give it your best shot...it is hard to find a losing squeeze option isn't it? Well, Ziggy Konig and Jim Wallis bid to 6♠ - a sensible auction such as 1♥-2♠-2NT-3♠-4♣-4♠-5♠-6♠ would do the trick.

Avi Kanetkar put the ♥J firmly on the table, giving declarer an additional winning option – but one that no sensible person would ever take. He rose with ♥A and drew trumps, but in the process on the third round Bruce Neill as East revoked, discarding the ♥5. He caught his revoke in time but the ♥5 was now on the table as a major penalty card.

This gave Ziggy an additional option. Instead of relying on the club finesse he led a second heart, the queen himself, knowing Bruce who, from the opening lead held the ♥K, would have to follow with the ♥5 – a penalty card. So he made this play – but when Kanetkar produced the ♥K and led a diamond to his partner's ♦A the barefaced robbery had been completed and the thieves had got clean away.

CRIME OF THE NEXT CENTURY?

Brent Manley

The scene: Youth Week playing in a minor event was Ally Morris playing her four year old son Jules.

Medical student Lakshmi Sunderasan playing with Rachel Rich has Ally to her left, Jules to her right.

It is already clear to Lakshmi that Jules' main delight in the game is winning tricks. Each trick won is regarded as a personal coup.



♦ K Q 10 4
♦ 7 5 2

So when Lakshmi is faced with the suit combination on the left, what might look like a 50-50 guess is more of a 100% guaranteed suit combination. She gains the lead and leads to the king in dummy, comes to hand and leads to the queen. Jules wins the ace and leads to Ally's jack. Down one, and out-psyched by a four year old!

Lakshmi is confident Jules will have a great future as a bridge player... or as a con artist.

YOUTH VERSUS MATURITY

Sophie King

On Wednesday the Gold Coast Bridge Club hosted around 40 youth(ish) players for dinner and some fun bridge. It was a fantastic night and we'd love for this event to become a regular fixture on the Gold Coast Congress calendar. Big thank you to all the GCBC members for your warm welcome and for playing bridge with us. Special thanks to Di and Paul for organising this event, you're really spoiling us during this congress!

Now onto the bridge! We started with a qualifying round of matchpoint pairs. After "as many boards as we can fit into an hour", the top two pairs in each direction qualified for the four board board-a-match final to determine the overall winners, Cliff Wake style. The two youngest players of the night, Jules and Xan, were appointed team captains and selected their teams. Jules chose Nick and Vicki and well as Max and Chelsea. On Team Xan were Stevie and Shane, Jack and Sophie. With the other players kibitzing and cheering us all on, we settled down for a high-stakes final. (The GCBC very kindly offered some prize money which we were all keen to win - thank you!).

At our table, local boy Jack and I faced off against Nick and Vicki. There were some awesome shapely hands during the event that gave us interesting bidding problems. This was my favourite, occurring on board 30 in the final. Sitting West as dealer Nil Vul I held:

♠ A	West	North	East	South
♥ 5	1♣	4♠	5♥	Double
♦ A K Q 8 5	??			
♣ K 10 8 4 3 2				

What is your action here?

A few people I polled liked a 5NT bid here if it meant minors - the proviso being that this could be ambiguous unless you had your system sorted. Then you get to 6 or 7 clubs when partner shows up with good 5 card club support in addition to his killer heart suit.

However, we had no agreements and more importantly this was a youth event, so I redoubled with gusto, because you know, redoubled contracts are fun. (The technical term for this bid being the "Yay! redouble"). Jack held his nerve and made his contract and +1000. At the other table South bid only 3♠ and West came in all guns blazing with 6♥. North, looking at two trump tricks (and playing BAM) doubled and took the contract one off. One board to Team Xan.

Dealer: South
 Vul: All
 Brd 23

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

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

Board 23 swung on a difference of style. At both tables South opened 1♠ and North bid 1NT. As East, I was feeling cowardly and passed.

South then bid 2♥. North chose to correct to 2♠, not willing to pass and miss out on game when partner has a few more values. Nick played well to finagle two overtricks for an excellent BAM result. At the other table, East overcalled 2♦ over North's 1NT. South made a takeout double, which North was happy to leave in for penalties. Because really, why play a contracted if it's not doubled or redoubled? Alas, East comfortably racked up 8 tricks for a convincing BAM win. One board all.

Dealer: South
 Vul: Nil
 Brd 27

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

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

On board 27 Nick brought out a super-youth pre-empt of 3♣ with the South hand. Jack passed, hoping for a reopening double from me. With the North hand, Vicki, with expert coaching from Jules, bid 3♠. I passed and Nick showed his spade support by raising to 4♠. With the king of trumps off-side though, the contract went one down.

At the other table South chose not to open and the auction proceeded:

West	North	East	South
1♦	3♠	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	4♥	All Pass

I'd be tempted to raise spades on the South cards here, even if only to make opponents' lives difficult, but pass here was the winning action. Teamies could be fairly sure that at our table 4♠ would be bid (this being a youth event and 4♠ always being the best contract ever) and so may have deliberately chosen to take a swingy action in BAM. In the play, South led the jack of diamonds, declarer winning in dummy and taking the losing heart finesse. North promptly led his singleton club to the ace and received a club ruff to take the contract one off. Two boards to one, to Team Xan.

Dealer: East
 Vul: Nil
 Brd 29

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

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

On the last board, North at both tables opened a weak no trump and East doubled to show penalty interest. At our table, South chose to bid 2♣ which was passed around to me. I doubled and partner very sensibly pulled to 2♦. I however had had a glass of wine and was very enthusiastic about my hand so I bid 3♦ which was cracked. The defence didn't cash their tricks in time and one ran away on dummy's clubs, so Jack made his contract. Jack did well to stay calm in a bad contract and look for opportunities to make and was rewarded for his tenacity.

At the other table, South redoubled to show values and West ran to 2♦. This was passed to South who has a hard choice here between either bidding his ratty spades or doubling in the hope that partner has 4 hearts or 3 spades. Unfortunately South made a takeout double, which was the wrong option on this hand. North, having to choose between two 3 card suits, bid his hearts and they played in 2♥. This was not a happy contract, going down 3. Luckily, we had them covered, and Team Xan won the board.

The final result was 3 boards to 1 to Team Xan, who celebrated by playing aeroplane with Stevie. Thanks to everyone who played in the event and to the lovely kibitzers who made the final that much more exciting with their cheering, heckling and laughter.

THE KILLING LEAD

Spotted by Felicity Beale, Reported by Peter Buchen

Dealer: South	♠ K	
Vul: Both	♥ Q 8 5 4	
Brd 23	♦ K Q 8 5 4	
Teams Qual S4	♣ K 7 5	
♠ J 7		♠ 10 6 5
♥ A 10 9 6 3		♥ J 7 2
♦ A 6		♦ 10 9 3
♣ 10 9 4 2		♣ A Q J 6
	♠ A Q 9 8 4 3 2	
	♥ K	
	♦ J 7 2	
	♣ 8 3	

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

At most tables the bidding went 3♠ all pass. The datum in both the Open and the Seniors was +110 to North-South. so more declarer's were making than going down. At one table West led ♦A and with those strong diamonds in dummy, East gave a 3♦ suit preference signal for clubs.

West persisted with another diamond won by South with the jack. He now crossed to dummy with the ♠K and tried to sneak a heart through, but West won and switched to the ♣10. East overtook, gave West a diamond ruff and the club return defeated the contract by one trick. That was good defence, but not perfect. Declarer after winning the ♦J could have played ♠A, ♠Q and conceded a trump trick to East who could not gainfully play clubs.

Deep Finesse tells us that 3♠ can be defeated – can you spot the perfect defence?

There is only one card to lead in the West hand that beats the contract and that is the six of diamonds. Now the defenders can handle any manoeuvre by declarer. Just goes to show what a fascinating game bridge really is and who said never underlead an ace against a suit contract? Well spotted Felicity.

PETER PAN(G)

By Peter Ventura, Sweden



Having worked for the EBL and WBF as a bulletin co-editor for a number of years in European and World Championships I feel compelled to make a contribution to the bulletin, since I know how hard David, Barry and Brent are working.

Here I am in Australia for the first time ever. The reasons are various. The Gold Coast sounded tempting and combined with bridge it would be even greater. However, foremost it is because of my wife's 30th birthday on Friday. Pang, as her name is, and I, named Peter, hence many says Peter Pan(g), we left Sweden, with plenty of snow and several degrees below zero, to celebrate her here on the other side of the globe.

Secondly, playing here at the Congress would be good training for her birthday, as she started to play bridge just a few years ago.

She is well gifted but sometimes I doubt if a lifetime is enough to teach your wife to play bridge.

On top of that, wisely or not, I presented her with a completely new bidding system for this occasion. She is learning step by step and is now on the second page of my ten-page pamphlet.

We mostly do Walk-Ins. On Wednesday she had to deal with one of our new gadgets on the very last board.

Dealer: East	♠ A 10 5 4
Vul: None	♥ A 7
Brd 30	♦ 8 6
Hol Prs 2-2	♣ 9 7 5 4 3
	♠ K Q
	♥ K J 9
	♦ A Q J 5
	♣ A K Q J

Sitting South, Pang opened 2♣, any strong hand with 22+. I responded 2NT, showing two aces, one ace and two kings or four kings. From her hand, she could tell I held the first alternative. Well, with all aces and high cards nothing less than grand slam would be a decent approach, she thought, and simply raised to 7NT. That was a quick auction, reaching grand in just three bids!

The lead was the ♠6, won by dummy's queen. I counted my winners: five clubs, three spades, two hearts and one diamond. Two successful diamond finesses would lead the way to thirteen tricks, but how to get to the hand twice? The heart ace, yes, but overtaking the spade would not gain anything. Well, I had to start somewhere, so cashing four club tricks seemed

as a good idea. On the clubs East discarded heart six, heart two, discouraging, then ♦3. West pitched the ♥4 on the fourth club.

In the book 'I Love This Game', Sabine Auken wrote about the 'little fifth', where an opponent's easiest first discard is a low card from a five card suit. This looked a bit the same, but with three heart discards from East and one from West it was more likely the heart suit to be 4-4 and the queen with West. What if...East had ♥10xxx? By playing the heart jack, forcing West to cover the queen, only one entry would be needed for the diamond finesse since the heart ten would drop later under the king.

No sooner said and done, I asked for the heart jack, and I was entirely correct, West covered and I won the ace. On the last club played from hand both defenders discarded a small diamond, dummy too. I cashed the ace of spades and finally some good news – East followed with the jack! The spade ten was a winner and now twelve tricks were in the basket... but stop! What to discard from dummy on the last spade winner? Which red suit would produce the crucial trick? Keep the ♦Q or keep ♥K-9 playing for the ten to drop?

East seemed to hold on too tightly to the diamond suit, so I closed my eyes and took the diamond finesse in the three cards ending. Yes – the diamond king was onside; +1520! This was the whole deal.

Dealer: East	♠ A 10 5 4
Vul: None	♥ A 7
Brd 30	♦ 8 6
	♣ 9 7 5 4 3
♠ 9 7 3 2	
♥ Q 10 5 4	
♦ 10 2	
♣ 10 8 6	
	♠ K Q
	♥ K J 9
	♦ A Q J 5
	♣ A K Q J

♠ J 8 6
♥ 8 6 3 2
♦ K 9 7 4 3
♣ 2

Makeable Contracts				
-	7	-	7	NT
-	6	-	6	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
-	5	-	-	♦
-	7	-	-	♣

One of the opponents was almost in shock, "I can hardly remember when I saw anyone bid a grand slam – and never in my life have I seen it the way you did it"!

Not surprisingly the grand was bid and made only at two tables, so this board contributed significantly to our place as runner-up. Well done, darling, and happy birthday!

MUSINGS

Attesting to the lifetime joy that bridge can provide, there are four members playing at this year's GCC who were members of the victorious South Australian Open Team which won the 1971 Australian National Championships. With ages on winning the Championship in brackets were David Lusk (25), David Middleton (22), Zolly Nagy (24), and George Smolanko (22). Not playing here are Robbie Robertson NPC, John Horowitz, Tex Wundke.

RANDOM RAMBLES

Michael Courtney

The Pairs Final was exciting throughout, but I kicked it off with a heartbreaker:

Dealer: North	♠ Q 9 5 4 2	West	North	East	South
Vul: None	♥ Q 4 3	Michael	Fischer	Astrid	Tutty
Brd 1	♦ J 9 5		Pass	Pass	Pass
Open Prs Final 1	♣ K Q	1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
♠ A K 10		2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
♥ A J 8 5	♠ 6 3	3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
♦ A 10 4	♥ K 10 9 7	Makeable Contracts			
♣ 10 9 5	♦ K Q 3 2	2	-	2	-
	♣ 8 4 2	1	-	1	-
	♠ J 8 7	4	-	4	-
	♥ 6 2	4	-	4	-
	♦ 8 7 6	1	-	1	-
	♣ A J 7 6 3				

My hand, West had very strong suggestions of playing no-trumps. Especially the good spot cards, controls and 4333 pattern.

North led a spade to the jack and my king. It appeared certain that those in four hearts would only ever make ten tricks and those who misguessed hearts would fail. By contrast, if I guessed hearts I would have good lines for ten or even eleven tricks. I led the heart jack to the king and called for a low club. The ten fell to the queen. Fischer exited with the diamond five so I won dummy's king. A second club would work very well now if South ducked, but I decided to run the heart ten. Fischer had no difficulty reading the layout now and won the heart queen and played the club king. It was four clubs later that I realised 3NT had a downside that 4♥ did not. Misguessing the heart leads to going one down in four hearts – IF they remember to take their clubs. But when clubs are 5-2, 3NT can fail by TWO tricks after hearts are misguessed, -100 earned zero matchpoints. But what goes around comes around.

Playing in the second session of the finals you are sitting South on this set of three boards

	♠ Q J 9 8 3	West	North	East	South
	♥ K Q J 7 2	1♠	Double	4♣	Pass
	♦ 4 2	4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♣ 6				
♠ K 10 5					
♥ 8					
♦ 7 6 5					
♣ 10 7 5 4 3 2					

Partner leads the diamond king, and you see dummy come down with 5-5 in the majors as the lead is taken by West's ace. West next cashes the ♣A and ruffs his club, then plays dummy's ♠Q. You should be ready for this. Which spade do you play? And why?

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

The spade ten is an excellent gambit. No-one would jettison their sure trump winner thus. West might now rise spade ace to guarantee the contract against any 2-1 trump break, for he does not wish to suffer a heart ruff. That is exactly what he does suffer however. Indeed that 10 has the suit-preference for the heart ruff embedded within it.

Not that this was the real hand today. Yes, I suppose I have to show you the real hand.

Dealer: West
 Vul: E-W
 Brd 16
 Open Prs Fiinal 2

♠ K
 ♥ A 9 5
 ♦ K Q 10 8 3
 ♣ K Q J 9

♠ Q J 9 8 3
 ♥ K Q J 7 2
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ 6

West North East South
 Astrid Travis Me Melbourne
 2♠ (8-11) Double 4♠ All Pass

Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
5	-	5	-	♠
5	-	5	-	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
-	3	-	3	♣

Travis-Melbourne would have been amongst the pre-post favourites, I suppose. I think Barbara has won three times out of four starts and Howard five times out of six or seven. Barbara of course led her shorter, stronger KQ combination but that was dummy's shortage.

Astrid won the club ace, ruffed a club and led the spade queen, when Howard followed with the ten Astrid decided to dodge the heart ruff and rose with the ace. The king fell and she had 12 tricks; had trumps been 3-0 she would have played on trumps and made 10 tricks.

It is not really fair to just show one board, though. On the next deal of the round I think I misplayed the hand. I began with some advantage for our opponents had agreed to make polish leads, especially low from a doubleton. Howard felt the nine a little large for that treatment so he led that card.

Dealer: North
 Vul: None
 Brd 17
 Open Prs Fiinal 2

♠ A Q J 5 4
 ♥ Q 8 4
 ♦ Q 6 5
 ♣ 9 5

♠ K 10 3 2
 ♥ K 7
 ♦ A 3 2
 ♣ A K J 3

West North East South
 Astrid Travis Me Melbourne
 Pass 1♠ 1NT Pass
 Pass Pass

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

Barbara played the spade jack over the nine. I won the king and cashed four clubs ending in dummy. Barbara guessed to discard two hearts when Howard signalled values there. So I played on hearts and +150 was inevitable. North has to discard spades to have a shot to hold declarer to seven tricks.

Dealer: East
 Vul: N-S
 Brd 18
 Open Prs Fiinal 2

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

♠ K J 10 9
 ♥ K
 ♦ A K Q 7
 ♣ Q J 10 5

West North East South
 Astrid Travis Me Melbourne
 2♣ Pass 1NT Pass
 3♣ Pass 3NT All Pass

Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
4	-	3	-	♦
5	-	5	-	♣

I was quite excited: two good boards in and a nice nineteen to finish. What to open is an issue which I resolved by bidding no-trumps because they score more (*ed: I hadn't realized the decisions were so easy...why didn't we all think of that?*). By my lights Astrid's sequence to 3♣ was terminal, so I should make a simple raise. Still it does sound as though she has long clubs and four hearts so I went back to my first theory.

Here Melbourne shone. He led his fourth highest heart and we were down like a stone. +660 was a very common result after the heart queen was led. What can North do but encourage? He has no entry and the queen may be from QJx or the like.

STRENGTHEN YOUR GAME

Getting the most from your conventions – Part 7

Brent Manley

Eddie Kantar was giving a lecture at Leisure World, a large retirement community in California. Kantar started off, "They said I could choose any topic, but they did have one request: 'Please don't mention drop-dead bids.'"

As mentioned yesterday, there are lots of schemes for competing against 1NT openers, weak and strong. It's beyond the scope of this series to try to cover all the bases, so the focus will be on two widely used methods: DONT and Hamilton (also known as Cappelletti and, in Great Britain, Pottage).

DONT, devised by Marty Bergen, stands for Disturb Opponents' NoTrump. The convention has wide appeal because it's easy to remember. In DONT:

Double = One-suited hand, usually six or more cards (five-card suits not recommended)

2♣ = Clubs and a higher ranking suit, ideally with nine cards between them (5-4)

2♦ = Diamonds and a major suit (5-4 or better)

2♥ = Major suits (5-4 or better)

2♠ = Spades (six or more recommended)

A double followed by spades shows a stronger hand than a direct bid of 2♠.

Responses

After double, 2♣ asks overcaller to name his suit. Overcaller passes if his suit is clubs. In response to the two-suited bids, advancer (partner of the overcaller) bids the next higher suit if he doesn't like the suit named. For example, 1NT – 2♣ – Pass – 2♦ indicates that advancer doesn't like clubs. Generally, advancer passes or raises if he likes overcaller's suit.

Over the double, a bid of a suit other than 2♣ shows a long suit and is to play. Similarly over 2♣, 2♥+.

If advancer has a strong hand – which would be the case mostly against a weak 1NT – he can pass to convert the double to penalty or bid 2NT to show an opening hand or close to it. This could be important if the doubler's side is vulnerable. Plus 500 would be poor compensation for bidding and making a vulnerable game.

Note: If opener's partner takes action over the double, advancer can double for takeout. For example, if opener's partner bids 2♦ as a transfer to hearts, double by advancer indicates at least three-card support for spades, diamonds and clubs. It does not show values in the transfer suit or the suit named naturally.

Another good use for DONT is to help your side escape from a doubled 1NT overcall. Suppose your LHO opens 1♠ and partner bids 1NT (15-18 is recommended). RHO now doubles for penalty (usually with 9+ HCP) and you're looking at

♠ 5 4 ♥ Q 7 6 5 ♦ J 10 4 2 ♣ J 6 5

If you pass, which says you are happy with 1NT doubled, it will probably be bloody. You belong in a suit contract, but which suit? Playing DONT runouts (you are running from 1NT doubled), you bid DONT style: 2♣ shows clubs and a higher suit (4-4 or better); 2♦ shows diamonds and a major and 2♥ the majors. If you have one suit (minimum of five), redouble to tell partner to bid 2♣ (just like your double of an opening 1NT will be followed by 2♣ most of the time so partner can find out about your long suit). You pass if your suit is clubs and bid your suit if it's not. If your LHO bids, partner is off the hook. If your LHO doubles, partner must run if he doesn't like your first suit.

Hamilton

Many partnerships prefer this method against weak 1NT openers because of the chances for penalties. In general, a double of a 1NT opener shows a good 14 HCP. It is not a penalty double. It simply shows high-card strength. A penalty double of 1NT would feature a long, strong suit and an entry, something like

♠ K Q J 10 9 7 ♥ A 5 4 3 ♦ K 5 ♣ 8.

Other bids:

2♣ = A one-suited hand. Advancer bids 2♦ to find out which suit. If advancer bids a major suit, it shows length and strength in that suit.

- 2♦ = Major suits (5-4 or better)
- 2♥ = Hearts and a minor (5-4 or better)
- 2♠ = Spades and a minor (5-4 or better)

Caution: Do not double a 1NT opener with “their range” or even the “top of their range.” Some 1NT openers are as weak as 10-12. It would be folly to stick your neck out with a 10-point hand or even 12 HCP. Stick to a solid 14 HCP or better to avoid disaster. Yes, it is annoying when an opponent bothers you with a mini-1NT, but keep a cool head and maintain discipline. Partner will appreciate it.

CORRECTIONS

It was erroneously reported that I reported Gary Khema and Gary Malinas were the winners of the best Queenslanders in the Open Pairs Championship. Of course the winners of that award were was Neville Francis and Magnus Moren. Apologies to all concerned.

BUILDING A BETTER MOUSETRAP

Barry Rigal – Splinter Raises

Even if we play Jacoby 2NT – or the equivalent – as responder you still need a way to describe your shortage, not only on game-going hands with real slam potential but also on regular openers, and even on light but shapely hands that you want to play game on, even if you can’t guarantee making it.

The simplest method is to take the light forces to game with side-suit shortage out of the 2NT response. There are two ways to do this. One is to use all double jumps as game-going values with shortage in the bid suit. Then a jump to 3NT is a good raise from one to four, perhaps limit-raise values (or a little less) with a fifth trump and a singleton. Facing a 1♠ opening, I couldn’t imagine staying out of game with:

♠ K J 7 6 2
 ♥ Q 10 5
 ♦ 2
 ♣ K 8 6 4

Since even facing a dead-minimum hand opposite, it is the location of partner’s honours that makes game good or bad.

The other approach is to give up on the meaning of 3NT as a good pre-emptive raise to four. Instead we can use two-tier splinters. We jump to the call directly over three of our agreed major to start to describe a mini-splinter (say 9-11) in an unspecified suit. With slam interest, partner can relay for the shortage: 1♥ - 3♠ - 3NT – 4♣/4♦/4♥ for short clubs, diamonds and spades respectively. Direct jumps to 3NT/4♣/4♦ are short spades, clubs and diamonds in a hand of 12-14 HCP (or 18+). In all these sequences, a fifth trump is normally worth a point or two. Splintering after using the Jacoby 2NT suggests shortage with 15-17.

In response to a regular splinter, opener needs both fitting cards and a non-minimum to co-operate.

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

After 1♥ - 4♣ the West hand does not have quite enough to co-operate. With the spade queen instead of the jack maybe a jump to 5♥ suggests good trumps and the club ace, while with ♠K instead of the jack I’d definitely move to slam – maybe with an uncultured key-card ask.

I have devised/ (stolen) ingenious responses to Jacoby, which are certainly worth discussing; but the margin of my page is not large enough to contain them, so I will expand on them in a separate article.

Changes In Competition

When the opponents compete after our raise, there is no basic change to the approach. Passing is the weakest action, re-raising is purely competitive and not a game try, jumps to game are natural (and do not of themselves set up a forcing pass). But one has to be slightly creative when dealing with game tries, since there may not always be the space to make the try you want.

♠ A K 8 6 4
 ♥ K 8
 ♦ A 8 3 2
 ♣ Q 6

Your plan was to bid 3♦ as a game try after receiving a simple raise in spades. That will work fine if the opponents intervene in clubs. But what if they bid hearts? The general rule is that if there are two game tries available (3♦ and 3♥) you bid the most natural one you can. When there is only one try (1♠ - (2♦) - 2♠ - (3♦)) a call of 3♥ is a non-specific game try, double suggesting extras and balanced. When they compete to the maximum level (by bidding and raising hearts in the previous auction) double is a non-specific game try, tending to be balanced since partner can pass a defensively-oriented raise. In that sequence with:

♠ A K J 7 6
 ♥ 3
 ♦ K Q 9 2
 ♣ K 8 6

I'd be reluctant to double 3♥ with so little defence. I might just bid 4♠.

When the opponents compete to the three level, and you are on the way to game, it is easy simply to up and bid it, but there is often some merit in planning for how to deal with further competition. There are no coded slam-tries in competition.

After

1♥ (1♠) 2♠ (3♠)

it may look natural to bid 4♥ with:

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

but do you know what to do over 4♠? And equally importantly, how will you get partner to judge with his 4432 ten-count whether to bid on, pass or double.

♠ J 7
 ♥ K J 9 4
 ♦ K Q 9 3
 ♣ 9 5 3

requires you to defend, but by contrast with:

♠ J 7
 ♥ K J 9 4
 ♦ K 4 3
 ♣ Q J 5 3

either 4♠ or 5♥ rates to be very playable, and both contracts might make. Meanwhile with:

♠ 10 7
 ♥ K 9 4 2
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ Q J 7 5 3

both 4♠ and 5♥ rate to be excellent – indeed, 6♣ is the place to be. How to help partner to take the decision? Don't bid 4♥ over 3♠, which simply bars partner from bidding on, though he can double. Bid 4♣, which is not a slam-try but describes your additional shape, to help partner in the decision over 4♠. It does NOT set up a forcing pass. If opener makes one of these calls then doubles, this is not penalty, it shows extra values and allows partner to bid on. After 1♥ - (1♠) - 2♠ - (3♠) a hand on which to bid 4♣ then double 4♠ would be:

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

With a hand where you simply want to get to 4♦ but set up a forcing pass in the process, bid 3NT over 3♠, an artificial call announcing ownership of the hand.

Responder's doubles in these sequences are defensive/regressive.

BRIDGE FOR THE IMPROVER

Ron Klinger

Dir S Nil Vul	North ♠ K 10 9 5 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A 10 ♣ 10 7 3 2
West ♠ 8 ♥ A 9 8 7 5 ♦ 9 5 3 2 ♣ A K 9	

West North East South

1♥ Double 4♥ 4♠

Double All Pass

Double showing 4 plus spades

West leads the ♣A: two – jack – eight. East-West play low-encouraging on partner's lead. How should West continue?

Solution: When you are defending against an obvious sacrifice bid, you want to beat the opponents by as many tricks as possible. There was ample opportunity to do so on this deal from a National Team Playoff:

♠ 8 ♥ A 9 8 7 5 ♦ 9 5 3 2 ♣ A K 9	North ♠ K 10 9 5 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A 10 ♣ 10 7 3 2 ♠ 6 4 3 ♥ Q J 10 6 ♦ K Q J 8 4 ♣ J ♠ A Q J 7 ♥ K 2 ♦ 7 6 ♣ Q 8 6 5 4
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East-West can collect six tricks if they do everything just right. On the auction it is highly likely that South has club length and East's ♣J is almost certainly a singleton. As you will always make the ♣K later, you can afford to continue with the ♣9. East will ruff and switch to the ♦K or the ♥Q. Suppose East plays the ♦K and declarer takes the ♦A, draws trumps and knocks out the ♣K. West returns a diamond to East and the ♥Q shift gives the defence two hearts to go with a diamond, two clubs and club ruff. If South ducks the DK, East switches to the HQ for the same result. The ♥Q switch after ruffing the club also leads to six tricks for the defence.

If West starts with ♣A, ♣K and a third club, South is only two down. East ruffs the third club, but declarer can avoid the diamond loser. South can draw trumps and dump dummy's diamond loser on the fifth club.

If West starts with the ♥A, followed by ♣A, ♣K and a third club, South is one down. Still, why lead the ♥A when you hold ♣A-K-x?

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GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2016			
	Friday 26th February		Saturday 27th February
OPEN EVENTS	Q/F Teams	S/F Teams	
Open Teams	9:00am 2x12	2:00pm 4x10	9:00am
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/3	2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
Friday Teams	10:00am 1/2	2:00pm 2/2	
SENIORS EVENTS			
Seniors Teams	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final		
INTERMEDIATE EVENTS (Under 750MPs)			
Intermediate Teams	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final		
Ivy Dahler Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/3	2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
RESTRICTED EVENTS (Under 300MPs)			
Restricted Teams	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final		
Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/3	2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
NOVICE EVENTS (Under 100MPs)			
Novice Teams	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final		
Friday Novice Pairs	10:00am 1/2	2:00pm 2/2	
MIXED TEAMS			
Seres/McMahon Mixed Teams	10:00am 1/2	2:00pm 2/2	
WALK-IN PAIRS			
Holiday Walk-In Pairs 3 - Play 1, 2 or 3 Sessions	10:00am S1	2:00pm S2	10:00am S3
	Friday		Saturday

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

**8:00pm
 Start**

**Bookings
 Essential**

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

AIR CONDITIONING AND PLAYERS COMFORT



Remember that there are approximately two thousand players at the venue, ensuring the comfort of ALL players is a challenge.

Over time the organisers have noticed that there are areas where it is particularly cold due to air pockets coming from the air conditioner.

The room sometimes leaks from condensation due to the amount of air conditioning we are using.

What you **CAN** do to improve your personal comfort level:

- as advertised in all communication, please bring a jumper;
- we have a supply of pashminas and wraps so please just ask a caddy who will bring it to you - we do ask that you return these to the caddy at end of the session
- if it is obviously too cold for you and those around you please ask the caddy to report the table number and section to Kim Ellaway who will bring her trusted thermometer to see if it can be fixed or perhaps we can move the table.

Things you can do that will **NOT** improve your comfort level

- discuss the issue with a Director or the Scoring Staff
- discuss it with the Recorder

DIRECTOR'S TIP - OPENING LEAD

The player on lead (Declarer's LHO) should select their opening lead, and place it face down on the table in front of them. Their partner should then acknowledge that it can be faced. This minimises the possibility of making an opening lead from the wrong hand.

Once placed on the table, the card cannot be changed without the Director's consent, even though it may not have been faced.



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Bridge for Brain Research Challenge: During the first week of May, host a bridge session and donate the proceeds to Alzheimer's research at NeuRA. We are asking that all bridge clubs and players throughout Australia raise funds and/or make a donation in support of Alzheimer's research.

There is no entry fee - we are relying on the support and generosity of bridge clubs and players to use this event to raise funds and make donations. More Information: <https://www.neura.edu.au/bridge>

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YOUR TBIB TEAM



Suzanne White, Steve Weil and Terina Ngawaka

CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER		
NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES	Venue	Friday 26th February
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 Vid Demonstration with Pete Hollands and Laura Ginnan See Bulletin for Details	Rooms 10, 11 and 12 Upstairs at the Convention Centre	1:15pm to 1:45pm
Friday		



ROOKIE WINNERS



Winners Thursday Rookie Pairs N/S
Debbie Gould and Peter Allingham



Winners Thursday Rookie Pairs E/W
Gary and Debbie Gibbards

Thursday Rookie Pairs - 18 Tables

Place	North-South	%	Place	East-West	%
1	Peter Allingham - Debbie Gould	58.3	1	Gary Gibbards - Debbie Gibbards	63.8
2	Judy Hefferan - Rachel Langdon	57.2	2	Bill Larcombe - Di Larcombe	59.6
3	Wendy Crombie - Julie Stockley	53.6	3	Denyse Morgan - Carol Wright	59.1
4	Nina Doyle - Ian Leach	53.5	4	Jan Deaville - Marguerite Bettington	57.2
5	David Kerr - Kathryn Kerr	52.8	5	Jeff Wicks - Julie Wicks	56.3
6	Lisa Basile - Eric Harrison	52.5	6	Anne Gardiner - Ivy Monteiro	54.0
7	Lesley Sutherland - Carolyn Jordan	52.4	7	Paul Blanch - Mary Blanch	53.0
8	June Hagar - Janne Powell	52.2	8	Jenny Burchmore - Barbara Richardson	53.0
9	Andrew Sharp - Susan Sharp	51.2	9	Janet Mckeough - Robert Day	52.6
10	Juliet Dunworth - Maria Page	49.8	10	Sue Clare - Lesley Henderson	52.1
11	Lois Mee - Jan Ralph	49.6	11	Linda Douglas - Gwen Walker	47.8

Holiday Pairs Event 2 - Session 3

Holiday Pairs Event 2 - Overall

	Pair	Score			Avge
1	Peter VENTURA - Pang VENTURA	66.0	1	Eddie MULLIN - Dianne MULLIN	54.8
2	Judith OWENS - John LEACH	61.1			
3	Maree FILIPPINI - Jennifer BAVAGE	54.9			
4	Ted MORRISS - Jane DOYLE	50.0			
5	Dianne MULLIN - Eddie MULLIN	49.3			
6	Janette KOLLISCH - Natasha THOMAS	48.6			

Open

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	7	A Kanetkar - B Neill - P Gumby - W Lazer	168.94
2	3	T Nunn - M Ware - G Tislevoll - D Appleton - H Mcgann - M Thomson	167.24
3	5	S Konig - I Del'Monte - J Howard - J Wallis - A Bach - M Cornell	162.15
4	4	L Milne - N Griffiths - S Hans - D Beauchamp - A Hung - R Lee	160.41
5	10	R Cooper - D Lilley - H Melbourne - D Middleton - Z Nagy	158.41
6	13	L Gold - V Brown - W Jenner-O'Shea - M Doecke - J Haffer	158.18
7	19	S Fischer - J Tutty - B Travis - C Ginsberg	156.92
8	56	S Mayo - G Mayo - I Price - B Tier	156.56

Place	No.	Team Members					Score
9	27	C Richardson - A Tarbutt - S Boughey - A Boughey					155.01
10	34	W Zhou - Z Tian - C Qin - C Lu					152.17
11	52	T Strong - J Magee - A Krolikowski - R Stewart					152.02
12	1	W Olanski - A Kowalski - P Zatorski - E Vainikonis - A Arlovich - V Vainikonis					150.50
13	58	W Smith - J Abel - C Dibley - P Saavedra					148.82
14	2	B Ibradi - T Asbi - R Parasian - F Karwur - J George - D Hutahaeaan					148.10
15	15	H Cheval - G Josnin - J Skipper - J Skipper - J Wignall - K Wignall					147.18
16	8	J Coutts - T Jacob - N Jacob - G Coutts					147.09
17	44	T Lenart - A Stuck - P Boughey - D Badley					146.94
18	20	N Giura - N Hughes - P Lavings - T Leibowitz					146.64
19	66	D Mcleod - B Cleaver - W Adler - J Luoni					146.59
20	21	G Malinas - G Khemka - M Lewis - W Malaczynski - Y Li					145.65
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
21	28	Watts	145.28	114	185	Rose	117.02
22	9	Wyer	144.68	115	103	Ingham	116.96
23	40	Hoffman	143.76	116	149	Mcfall	116.95
24	32	Livesey	143.40	117	201	Spencer	116.48
24	65	Afflick	143.40	118	128	Kilvert	116.35
26	38	Csima	142.58	119	47	Sharp	116.22
27	12	Duckworth	142.56	120	63	Samuel	115.80
28	49	Grosvenor	142.44	121	99	Morrison	115.37
29	14	Hinge	141.90	122	123	Hanson	115.14
30	70	Berger	141.50	123	138	Lee	115.08
31	31	Lowry	140.98	124	187	Birch	115.05
32	95	Small	140.55	125	64	Smee	114.38
33	77	Smith	140.39	126	191	Cukierman	114.34
34	11	Rew	140.07	127	57	Finikiotis	114.21
35	24	Zhang	139.99	128	134	Dudley	114.13
35	206	Mill	139.99	129	120	Swabey	113.79
37	37	Baron	139.93	130	119	Power	113.73
38	50	Martelletti	139.56	131	81	Strong	113.72
39	23	Ashton	139.43	132	114	Hagan	113.63
40	54	Marler	139.40	133	122	Crafti	112.94
41	6	Burke	139.25	134	127	Woolf	112.84
42	42	Lockwood	138.95	135	169	Langston	112.65
43	25	Brown	138.02	136	189	Jackson	112.03
44	17	Braun	137.92	137	112	Tredrea	112.00
45	186	Barrett	137.36	138	129	Mcglew	111.61
46	35	Berrington	136.69	139	136	Longford	111.57
47	33	Kalmin	136.20	140	76	Mottram	111.52
48	16	Hirst	135.94	141	96	Bugeia	110.91
49	67	Steinwedel	135.80	142	85	Lisle	110.64
50	148	Webb	135.63	143	82	Halmos	110.01
51	18	Wood	135.53	144	193	Matskows	109.88
52	55	Bailey	135.03	145	184	Watson	109.66
53	30	Sawicki	134.84	146	204	Abdelhamid	108.73
54	62	Abrams	132.61	147	203	Batchelor	108.63
55	71	Simes	132.43	148	166	Thirtle	108.61
56	74	Ridley	131.66	149	140	Lynn	108.57
57	68	Millar	131.49	150	200	Inglis	108.49
58	88	Wigbout	131.42	151	155	Silcock	108.19
59	46	St Clair	131.37	152	115	Allan	108.16
60	61	Mott	130.61	153	202	Randhawa	107.74
61	107	Fleischer	130.54	154	51	Barda	107.34
62	101	Bouton	130.08	155	91	Weathered	107.21
63	41	Kempthorne	130.03	156	48	Jeffery	106.82
64	29	Stralow	129.57	157	142	Nichols	106.74
65	199	Dormer	129.44	158	160	Quigley	106.44
66	73	Kruiniger	128.91	159	197	Ajzner	105.90
67	80	Mangos	128.89	160	92	Grahame	105.46
68	60	Walters	128.77	161	105	O'Connor	105.36
69	22	Carter	128.74	162	86	Stobo	105.22
70	59	Brockwell	128.67	163	198	Kennedy	104.67
71	78	Mellings	128.36	164	205	Moore	104.47
72	45	Strasser	127.92	165	90	Gunner	104.27
73	89	O'Dempsey	127.82	166	108	De Luca	103.34

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
74	178	Morris	127.55	167	194	Coats	102.39
75	154	Howes	126.41	168	150	Boyce	101.82
76	36	Brown	125.98	169	158	Carroll	101.79
77	183	Cordingley	125.75	170	170	Wagstaff	100.53
78	126	Gilfoyle	124.42	171	117	Sklarz	100.45
79	87	White	124.34	172	102	Darley	100.28
80	109	Stewart	124.24	173	179	Smith	99.89
81	26	Adams	124.01	174	190	Boettiger	99.79
82	177	Vearing	123.94	175	180	Miller	99.24
83	161	Fox	123.93	176	151	Welch	98.99
84	196	Mcgrath	123.69	177	175	Mills	98.88
85	110	Valentine	123.44	178	163	Utzen	98.56
86	72	Chen	123.18	179	176	Alexander	98.22
87	167	Cook	123.05	180	124	Smith	98.04
88	43	De Luca	122.97	181	147	Birss	98.02
89	93	Frazier	122.69	182	121	Biro	97.35
90	137	Oyston	122.50	183	146	Obenchain	97.32
91	69	Howard	122.47	184	162	Churchill	97.23
92	118	Watt	122.19	185	75	Kefford	96.60
94	83	Mayers	121.72	186	106	Bates	95.81
93	157	Houghton	121.73	187	173	Mealyea	94.55
95	39	Dempster	121.48	188	172	Wilson	93.68
96	188	Whiddon	121.34	189	195	Gray	92.45
97	84	Lorraway	121.27	190	171	Fletcher	91.27
98	192	Athea	121.24	191	152	Grant	90.29
99	156	Bonnick	121.22	192	79	Briscoe	89.69
100	130	Marker	120.44	193	139	Leach	89.17
101	100	Hale	120.01	194	168	Kable	88.72
102	174	Rowlatt	119.46	195	125	Mitchell	87.75
103	144	Moffitt	119.30	196	159	Wood	87.32
104	131	Pike	119.25	197	132	Fraser	85.84
105	143	Runting	119.10	198	182	Clayton	85.40
106	94	Bogatie	119.06	199	181	Webb	84.72
107	97	Potts	118.99	200	133	Chapman	84.53
108	111	Kwok	118.53	201	145	Mcentegart	80.46
109	104	Orsborn	118.16	202	135	Collins	79.46
110	141	Mcalister	118.09	203	165	Leighton	77.78
111	98	Morgan-King	118.08	204	113	Kolozs	75.82
112	116	Ma	118.01	205	153	O'Hara	74.67
113	53	Gibbons	117.04	206	164	Bourke	74.46

Seniors

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	1	R Brightling - D Hoffman - P Buchen - C Hughes	154.91
2	10	A Creet - S Mendick - J Hunt - P Grant	148.52
3	3	M Bourke - N Ewart - F Beale - R Van Riel	147.43
4	11	D Stern - R Grynberg - T Moss - D Zines - S Picus - B Manley	146.45
5	4	M Bloom - N Rosendorff - S Bock - L Grewcock	146.31
6	5	A Walsh - B McDonald - E Havas - A De Livera	143.20
7	17	R Milward - H Milward - E Urbach - B Stacey	142.18
8	6	P Chan - R Januszke - C Lorimer - R Sebesfi	138.01
9	19	B Palmer - G Palmer - N Stuckey - C Wilson	132.47
10	9	D Mcleish - P Mcleish - B Waters - R Nixon	131.12

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	2	Krochmalik	130.81	23	26	Bertzins	109.12
12	12	Robbins	129.16	24	25	Schoutrop	105.87
13	18	Fitz-Gerald	128.11	25	23	Reid	103.49
14	13	Kahler	127.83	26	29	Hopwood	102.25
15	16	Yovich	127.81	27	32	Harman	102.20
16	14	Jackman	126.14	28	31	Dellaca	102.02
17	24	French	124.72	29	34	Van Leeuwen	98.39
18	7	Arber	123.43	30	22	Ruddell	97.00
19	8	Robb	122.33	31	33	Brown	94.34
20	21	Clarke	118.35	32	28	Andersson	89.20
21	27	Cohen	118.14	33	20	Ashwell	85.04
22	15	Moses	112.14	34	30	Lee	75.13

Intermediate

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	40	K Blinco - T Sheedy - E Baker - C Stead	184.01
2	76	A Jonsberg - G Baker - J Lahey - C Larter	156.84
3	23	J Francis - P Sleat - S Deacon - S Filler	153.58
4	15	A Brown - F Brown - J Hansen - D Morgan	153.21
5	8	G Gosney - M Plunkett - P Nilsson - D Nilsson	152.98
6	34	D Moody - M Dale - K Balmanno - A Gulley	146.19
7	33	H Tomlinson - B Foster - D Snow - M Johnson	144.89
8	19	J Williams - K Hewings - M Pritchard - C Stone	144.73
9	41	D Wells - R Young - R Morris - A Lightbody	144.15
10	25	M Owen - S Pang - I Bailey - G Markey	143.90

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	13	Rohde	142.64	50	30	Knox	117.50
12	36	Macaulay	141.86	51	6	Warnock	117.10
13	21	Eldridge	139.77	52	29	Jackson	116.88
14	83	Purves	138.99	53	14	Darling	115.64
15	74	Ward	138.44	54	82	Koster	115.46
16	53	Tucker	136.33	55	61	Robinson	115.40
17	52	Jones	136.19	56	77	Winter	115.34
18	4	Pisko	134.63	57	16	Gordon	114.49
19	12	Tough	134.21	58	1	Krosch	114.07
20	73	Hollingworth	133.93	59	27	Sinclair	113.78
21	85	Walker	132.80	60	84	Church	113.02
22	2	Steele	131.31	61	31	Paris	111.46
23	7	Grant	130.13	62	20	O'Gorman	110.96
24	10	Romeijn	129.71	63	78	Greenway	109.67
25	37	Giles	129.37	64	26	Beckett	108.90
26	5	Johnson	129.02	65	65	Davidson	108.88
27	58	Goddard	128.55	66	71	Fletcher	108.66
28	28	Moroney	127.99	67	35	Campbell	108.13
29	11	Butler	127.77	68	88	Kennealy	107.17
30	68	Gold	126.81	69	24	Anderson	106.01
31	43	Murray	126.51	70	47	Mcnee	105.82
32	60	Delaney	126.46	71	45	Rogers	105.79
33	57	Mcnaughton	126.24	72	70	Bristow	105.15
34	72	Baynes	126.05	73	44	Schmalkuche	104.72
35	22	Sutherland	125.90	74	38	Fulton	103.03
36	39	Roache	125.78	75	86	Quigley	102.95
37	48	Edwards	124.61	76	50	Staley	101.65
38	17	Bandy	124.34	77	49	Houlton	99.58
39	79	Cariola	124.29	78	18	Howard	97.70
40	64	Carradine	124.12	79	3	Cooksley	95.80
41	54	Rogers	123.39	80	80	Bish	92.18
42	46	Bartos	121.55	81	62	Morgan	90.81
43	69	Hurst	121.20	82	59	Wozniczka	90.23
44	66	Routley	119.13	83	63	Scott	87.09
45	42	Featherstone	119.11	84	51	Kavanagh	86.07
46	32	Tuckey	118.54	85	55	Chesser	85.99
47	75	Holewa	118.31	86	81	Roy	85.26
48	87	Snelling	118.09	87	56	Fenwicke	80.00
49	9	Eastman	117.97	88	67	Mundell	75.31

Restricted

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	72	K Hajmasi - A Michl - C Christensen - P Faircloth	169.53
2	3	B Coker - I Wright - F Symons - D Upsall	157.15
3	33	R Stick - C Payne - T Thillainathan - R Currin	156.30
4	19	N Armstrong - S Luby - R Langley - C Greenwich	155.25
5	8	T Haley - L Chan - D Macneil - F Ahmet	154.52
6	17	I Pick - G Carson - A Riley - N Wills	152.51
7	75	J Stearns - D Emms - A Barry - K Elmes	152.07
8	64	C Chaffey - A Goodchild - L Scandrett - S Schon	148.85
9	27	K Hilder - D Carmichael - S Hollis - F Sommerton	147.10
10	95	B Patel - N Patel - D Mclay - S Cryer	144.68

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	96	Mabin	143.92	54	18	Clark	117.94
12	22	Irving	143.73	55	68	Lawson	117.74


Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
13	77	Wlodarczyk	141.79	56	80	Driscoll	117.59
14	88	Edwards	141.19	57	70	Hodges	115.44
15	52	Hoschke	140.83	58	4	Jacka	115.39
16	61	Brahma	139.70	59	7	Gardner	115.31
17	71	Martin	138.66	60	59	Junge	115.25
18	46	Trengove	138.34	61	76	Baldwin	114.09
19	74	Adams	138.33	62	49	Brake	113.56
20	28	Gray	138.31	63	35	Fuhrmann	112.17
21	24	Hayes	137.75	64	29	Smith	111.41
22	36	Nearhos	137.50	65	11	Treloar	110.83
23	5	Dunlop	135.67	66	82	Brodman	110.03
24	43	Stewart	134.09	67	9	Wippell	109.56
25	14	Packer	133.43	68	78	Verity	109.49
26	85	Jacobs	132.40	69	47	Sawyer	108.80
27	42	Rosetta	131.87	70	90	Yap-Giles	108.36
28	84	Singer	131.02	71	81	Gilder	107.70
29	39	Biscoe	129.65	72	54	Gibney	107.59
30	55	Merrin	129.03	73	69	Henke	107.47
31	6	Clifford	127.93	74	13	Rossiter-Nuttall	106.93
32	51	Fawcett	127.60	75	58	Van Bakel	104.95
33	38	Hall	127.44	76	79	Klibbe	104.73
34	56	Lawson	126.55	77	92	Parker	104.21
35	93	Joseph	126.54	78	89	Linden	102.63
36	30	Wood	125.96	79	2	Stuart	101.17
37	26	Howe	124.83	80	86	Wilson	100.71
38	63	Bennett	124.22	81	20	Hapeta	100.25
39	1	Green	123.06	82	31	Cook	100.15
40	41	Wright	123.00	83	87	Mitchell	98.78
41	67	Kommeren	122.69	84	48	Munro	97.55
42	50	Holmes	122.41	85	53	Devlin	97.09
43	45	Vickers	122.34	86	25	Perry	96.59
44	83	Mayer	122.16	87	32	Bardone	94.02
45	91	Adamson	121.97	88	44	Reid	93.13
46	15	Heck	121.59	89	65	Macintosh	92.24
47	40	Harrison	121.44	90	62	Jones	90.33
48	12	Mcmaster	121.34	91	21	Corney	90.26
49	23	Fraser	120.88	92	73	Higgins	89.25
50	94	Woodbury	120.70	93	16	Small	86.48
51	10	Reynolds	119.90	94	57	Haworth	82.73
52	66	Webb	118.61	95	60	Knight	73.66
53	34	Elich	118.44	96	37	Peever	65.93

Novice

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	2	H Van Weeren - P Clarke - C Dempster - N Grech	163.06
2	30	A Byrnes - S Parkes - U Suliman - P Taylor	155.70
3	15	L Bowen-Thomas - C Bowen-Thomas - J Conde - A Hemmingway	144.55
4	1	T Bowmaker - K Gilchrist - F Jeppesen - K Griggs	140.93
5	13	M Nilsson - C Young - G Tidey - M Hullah	140.26
6	19	D Williams - I Cameron - P Morris - C Moule	137.51
7	7	A Scott - N Mciver - A Phillips - D Nixon	136.07
8	28	S Van Kruistum - C Van Kruistum - N Smith - L Le Provost	135.25
9	26	J Carter - H Andrews - B Mikelsons - M Mcdougall	132.30
10	9	D Gaskill - J Lowe - A Marsland - H Blair	129.82

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	31	Reilly	129.20	22	22	Garside	114.45
12	3	Robertson	127.87	23	16	Howitt	113.73
13	24	Anderson	127.72	24	14	Archer	113.67
14	32	Martin	126.55	25	18	Hassall	112.14
15	6	Mcclintock	124.53	26	5	Du Temple	111.75
16	4	Weston	124.29	27	17	Northey	99.55
17	8	Nugent	121.73	28	25	Waldron	93.76
18	27	Bowra	118.84	29	12	Burt	92.43
19	23	Gibbens	116.64	30	20	Jackson	88.23
20	11	Bellis	115.85	31	10	Sargent	80.61
21	21	Wilson	114.91	32	29	Waters	56.10

GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2016 CALENDAR OF CELEBRITY SPEAKERS

			Friday 26th February
PHIL GUE	Simple Ideas in Competitive Bidding		<p>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.</p>

**9:15am
to
9:45am**

Friday

**MINIMUM \$5 Contribution to the ABF Friends of Youth Bridge Fund -
GREATER Contributions Greatly Appreciated By Our Youth Players**



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Carmel Martin and all of the ladies selling raffle tickets and taking collections for the Zephyr Foundation are taken aback by the generosity of the bridge players at the GCC. With your help we have raised in excess of our target \$8,000 which will be used to help the children of victims of domestic violence get back to school and normalise their lives.

Thanks to Therese and Kim for 'adopting' our cause and bringing the bridge players into the 'family' of those who recognise the effects of domestic violence and have opted to make a change.

Thanks to all who participated.



DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU

2-		480x		4÷		3-		11+
90x				54x		49x		
	18+	4-		15x				4
		14x		24x		45x		6x
6+		1-	2-	3-		6-		
4-	126x			10+	5+		15+	
			56x		1-	2÷	3-	
3÷	3÷						1-	15x
		15+			2-			

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION
DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU

168x	7	6+	5	2÷	6	4÷	3÷	40x
4	7	1	5	3	6	2	9	8
6	8+	1	2	16+	9	7	18+	4
6	1	2	9	7	4	8	3	5
2	3	3-	7	4	12+	6	5	9
2	3	7	4	6	5	9	48x	8-
2	3	7	4	6	5	9	8	1
35x	7	5	3	2	4	8	1	6
7	5	3	2	4	8	1	6	9
2÷	8	4	5	1	2	9	3	13+
8	4	5	1	2	9	3	7	6
1-	5	6	9	7	8	3	4	8+
5	6	9	7	8	3	4	1	2
72x	9	2	4	8	1	7	6	5
9	2	4	8	1	7	6	5	3
3÷	3	9	8	6	5	1	7	2
3	9	8	6	5	1	7	2	4
1	8	6	3	9	2	5	28x	4
1	8	6	3	9	2	5	4	7

DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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	7	5			9			
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								8
						7	5	3
	8	6		3				
5			7	4				

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION
DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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

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 MONDAY NIGHT 7,610

(Last Year 7,282)



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