

Gold Coast Congress 2017

YOUR DAILY BULLETIN



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WELCOME TO THE 56TH GOLD COAST CONGRESS

As Confucius suggested ‘may we live in interesting times’ and 2016 and early 2017 are certainly ‘interesting times’.

The world continues to be plagued by violence ranging from attacks in nightclubs to trucks and cars driving into crowds of people. Putting oneself in harm’s way should of course be avoided but I adopt the attitude that if incidents such as these make me change my life plans then those on the other side win and I lose. This being the case, and that being my excuse, 2016 was one of the busiest travel years of my life with much of the focus being on bridge. Canberra, Gold Coast, World Youth Championships in Salsomaggiore in Italy and the World Championships in Poland being the highlights.

During one of the tournaments I reflected on how much I owed to the game of bridge as a result of it taking me to the most amazing places in the world and for one or two weeks at a time not simply a day here and a day there. Places such as Santiago, Yokohama, Lille, Monte Carlo, Estoril, Istanbul, Chennai, Sanya, Wroclaw, Opatija, Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Bali, Biarritz, Tenerife, Menton, Philadelphia, San Diego, San Remo and many more I can’t even remember. It is partly why I have committed to seeing the promotion of Youth Bridge as the future of the game. As a sidenote I urge all players to do what they can to welcome and make youth players feel comfortable playing the game that we all love.

Leicester City winning the English Premier League Football as a 5000/1 chance, England voting to ‘Brexit’ and Donald Trump becoming the 45th President of the USA certainly added to the level of interest in 2016, but the bridge world did not escape its share of controversy with three of the high profile pairs accused of cheating being found guilty while a fourth pair, from Poland have seemingly slid into the rear vision mirror.

But, in bridge, if it isn’t one controversy it’s another. A day after the completion of the World Open Pairs Championship, it came to light that there was a scoring error in both the Open and Women’s Pairs. Although it was well past the score correction time there were organisational shortcomings which resulted in the WBF reviewing what took place and subsequently awarding Joint Gold Medals to Ashley Bach and Michael Cornell (New Zealand) together with Auken/Welland (Germany). An almost identical situation occurred in the Women’s Pairs which saw Pipilov-Sver (Croatia) being promoted to joint winners with Levi-Asulin (Israel). A detailed account appears in a later bulletin.

Anyway it’s now all about our beloved Gold Coast Congress. Here are the changes to the program in 2017:

- Friday evening no-frills not scheduled due to the GCCEC not being available to us at that time.
- 0-500 Masterpoint Sections within Weekend Swiss and Monday Butler
- Walk-In Events slightly changed
- Theme afternoon - "Stars and Stripes"
- Weekend Swiss - 9 board matches
- Friday events restructured

All that leaves me to say is for you to sit back and relax, respect and be kind to your partners, opponents and officials and enjoy a relaxing eight days of bridge in which is, in my opinion, the best tournament in the world.

David

**WELCOME FROM STEVEN CIOBO MP
Co-Patron 2017 Gold Coast Congress**



Welcome to the 56th Annual Gold Coast Bridge Congress being held at the magnificent Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre. As the Federal Member for Moncrieff, I take great pleasure in welcoming you to our beautiful city. The Gold Coast is a major tourist destination for domestic and international visitors and it is easy to see why. We're home to Queensland's best beach, weather, endless entertainment, and a relaxed lifestyle. I'm positive you will enjoy your stay and I hope in-between a few tricks you'll have time to explore all our great city has to offer. Each year, like our strong domestic and international visitor numbers, the Gold Coast Bridge Congress continues to grow. I'm pleased to welcome this year over 2,500 bridge players into our city. When you have the historical likes of Margaret Thatcher and Winston Churchill as fans of the game, it's a testament to the quality of all those who play. Good luck!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Ciobo'.

**The Hon Steven Ciobo MP
Federal Member for Moncrieff
Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment**

**WELCOME FROM JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Co-Patron 2017 Gold Coast Congress**



As the State Member for Surfers Paradise and Co-Patron of both the Gold Coast Congress and the Surfers Paradise Bridge Club, I am delighted to once again welcome you all to the Gold Coast for the 56th Bridge Congress. I have had the pleasure of attending and lending my support to this annual event for many years and I have no doubt the 2017 congress, organised by The Australian Bridge Federation in conjunction with the Queensland Bridge Association, will be a huge success, as it has been in previous years. For those of you who are first time visitors to the Gold Coast - welcome!! When you're not competing, I encourage you to explore our wonderful city. The combination of our world-renowned beaches, our subtropical hinterland, wonderful attractions, world-class entertainment, spectacular scenery and perfect weather, make the Gold Coast the ideal location to hold the congress. It's no wonder that this tournament is the largest annual bridge festival in the Southern Hemisphere and one of the largest in the world.

For those of you who are regular visitors to the Gold Coast, welcome back. You may notice some positive changes to the region as we prepare for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018). New sporting facilities, transport infrastructure, hospitality upgrades are well underway to ensure a successful Commonwealth Games that delivers lasting benefits for the Gold Coast.

Wishing you all a very successful tournament and enjoy the camaraderie that develops when mingling with others who share your passion for bridge.

Thank you for choosing the Gold Coast for the 56th Gold Coast Bridge Congress and I trust your stay will be an enjoyable and memorable one.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J.P. Langbroek'.

**The Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP
Member for Surfers Paradise
Shadow Minister for Health and Ambulance Services
Shadow Minister for the Commonwealth Games**

WELCOME FROM TOM TATE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GOLD COAST



What I love most about the game of Bridge is how it brings together our community in friendship despite the fierce rivalry at the tables. And it is all cards in the deck when you Bridge lovers have a gathering – the game caters for every sector of society.

As Mayor, let me open the bidding by promising fabulous weather. I think of that as my major-suit trump and reckon we can take the game by providing a sun-drenched backdrop to your week-long tournament.

There was a time when Gold Coast was known simply as a place for sun, sand, surf and fun and we still have all of that – in Spades! – but today there is just so much more. At least once a year we're known as a home for card sharps!

Anyway, while you're on the Coast let me encourage you to bid strongly for a bargain and undertake some retail therapy. You can take trick after trick because the variety and quality of the shopping experiences we have on offer are as good as anything in the nation.

But I'd encourage you to take in some culture as well. While you're on the Coast we have the Sand Safari Arts Festival at Surfers Paradise. Not to be missed. And lots of Active and Healthy workshops on good eating, cooking, yoga, meditation and stress management in case you take winning too seriously! Get along and enjoy a break outside.

And I'll dare some of you to go for a slam – or even a grand slam – by trying Cupid's Undie Run which is a Valentine's weekend special event that is hilarious and raises lots of funds for charity. You may never be dealt another hand like it and your life may never be the same.

You can find details of all these and many, many more on the Council website: www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au. I promise we won't attempt to finesse you!

Of course, you all spend lots of time sitting at tables and concentrating hard so maybe you should make time to get out and about among our parks and gardens or venture a little further and take a walk along one of the many trails in the 100,000 hectares of World Heritage-listed rainforest we have in the Hinterland. Swap the green baize for nature's real green (just for a while!).

Beyond anything else, I don't want to see any overly defensive play and hope you all have a wonderful time while here on the Coast. If you are a local, please make our visitors really welcome. We'd love them to return. And may you all enjoy a multitude of good hands as you play your way through the Congress. Have fun!

Tom Tate
Mayor, City of Gold Coast

WELCOME FROM BRUCE NEILL PRESIDENT AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION



On behalf of the Australian Bridge Federation I welcome all players, from both Australia and overseas, to the 56th Gold Coast Congress. This event caters for all levels of players, from top internationals to rookies, and I always look forward to it.

It is steadily growing in stature and increasing in numbers each year. It is one of the most popular events of the bridge calendar and is recognised worldwide as a major bridge event.

Please help us ensure that everyone enjoys their time here by cutting out bad behaviour. All players should respect themselves and their partners, and extend the same courtesy to others at the table. And of course please display respect not only at the table but wherever you may be so that there is enjoyment for all.

I thank the sponsors who collectively ensure the success of this great event.

I particularly thank Therese and the team for their great efforts. They will have left nothing to chance.

Bridge is a wonderful game bringing pleasure and mental stimulation to people of all walks of life. Please enjoy!

Bruce Neill
President Australian Bridge Federation

**WELCOME FROM KEITH MCDONALD
PRESIDENT QUEENSLAND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT EMERITUS AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION**



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 56th Annual Gold Coast Bridge Congress, my last such welcome as I retire from the position of President of the QBA in March 2017.

I remember opening the event for my first time in 1987 when Dr Reg Busch was the Tournament Organiser. Tony Jackman succeeded Reg and guided the event to a new level. Therese Tully, on her retirement in 2018, will have been the Tournament Organiser for fourteen years.

The Queensland Bridge Association together with myself owe a great debt of gratitude to these three wonderful and able administrators.

The Gold Coast Congress is recognised worldwide as one of the world's leading bridge events. Queensland has had the support of the Australian Bridge Federation, loyal overseas players, and a family of Australian and New Zealand bridge players. I cannot overemphasise this special 'family' relationship that exists between all of those involved in this great event. The Gold Coast City Council, and six Mayors of the Council have, with our Sponsors helped cement the event's positive global reputation. I thank our current Co-Patrons the Hon Steven Ciobo, and the Hon John-Paul Langbroek and our previous patron Anna Bligh.

I wish you the very best of luck this week. Please enjoy the 2017 Congress.

**Keith McDonald – President Queensland Bridge Association
President Emeritus – Australian Bridge Federation**

**WELCOME FROM THERESE TULLY
GOLD COAST CONGRESS TOURNAMENT ORGANISER**



It is hard to believe this will be my last year as Tournament Organiser. You have not seen the last of me though as I will be heavily involved as Co-Convenor for 2018 .

It will be an exciting note to finish on with the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships backing onto our Congress .

This year will be Keith McDonald's last year as president of the QBA. The GCC has blossomed under his 31 year reign as QBA president and 16 years as ABF President. During that time he has overseen three GCC Convenors. Keith's footsteps will be hard to follow and I am sure you will all join with me in wishing Keith all the best in his retirement and to thank him for the amazing contribution he has made to bridge.

This year Microsoft had booked out the entire GCCEC for the week prior to our congress so we were only able to "bump in" and start setting up in the early hours of Saturday morning instead of Friday. Please excuse us for any red eyes, nodding heads or if anything is not quite as well organised as usual but with Kim at the helm I am sure it will all be in place!.

The Oasis shopping Centre is undergoing major renovations so a few changes in our social activities with Trivia on at Hatch & co and sadly no fashion parade. Things will be back bigger & brighter for 2018.

Bridge is a wonderful game, great for the brain but also one of the best ways of meeting people and making friends. I have always tried to make the GCC an event where you can play bridge at all levels in a competitive but friendly environment and still have a bit of a holiday. Please remember that your partner is on your side!!!.

Only 380 more sleeps before I will be dancing on the streets"

**Therese Tully
Gold Coast Congress Tournament Organiser**



Hatch & Co



MONDAY NIGHT 20TH FEBRUARY FROM 6:00PM THIS YEAR THE TRIVIA NIGHT WILL BE HELD AT **HATCH & CO BROADBEACH**

THE OASIS SHOPPING CENTRE, VICTORIA AVE BROADBEACH COMMENCING 5:30PM FOR A 7.00PM START

Once again our hosts will be Jac & Bill Rossiter-Nuttall who did such a good job last year.

The bridge menu is below and we hope all players will avail themselves of these specials and arrive at 5:30pm to give time to order their meal and drinks ready to start play at 7:00pm.

There will be a fee of \$10.00 per player with all proceeds going to Friends of Youth Bridge Fund to specifically be used to facilitate youth attendance at the Gold Coast Congress with the objective of having apartments for the week where youth players can stay for free or minimal (+/- \$10) charge.

You can enter as teams of 6 to 8 people and may include friends who may not be bridge players. Numbers are limited so please register **AND PAY** at the Bridge Administration desk at the GCCC before 2:00pm Monday or sold out. If you do not have a full table there is no problem, simply write down your names and we will "marry" players to make up teams.

The members of the winning team will receive prizes including wine or chocolates

\$20 Trivia Menu Selection

Lemon and Pepper Calamari — GFO Served with shoestring chips, herb salad, lemon aioli

Herb Crusted Baby Barramundi Fillets — Tartare sauce, herb salad & chilli salted chips

Chicken Schnitzel — Lightly crumbed chicken breast served with chips & herb salad

Lasagna — Cape Grim ground beef with house-made Napoli and Béchamel sauce w parmesan

Spinach Risotto — Creamy spinach risotto, maple syrup glazed pumpkin & manchego shavings

Cured Salmon — GFO Tequila cured salmon, fennel salad and water crackers

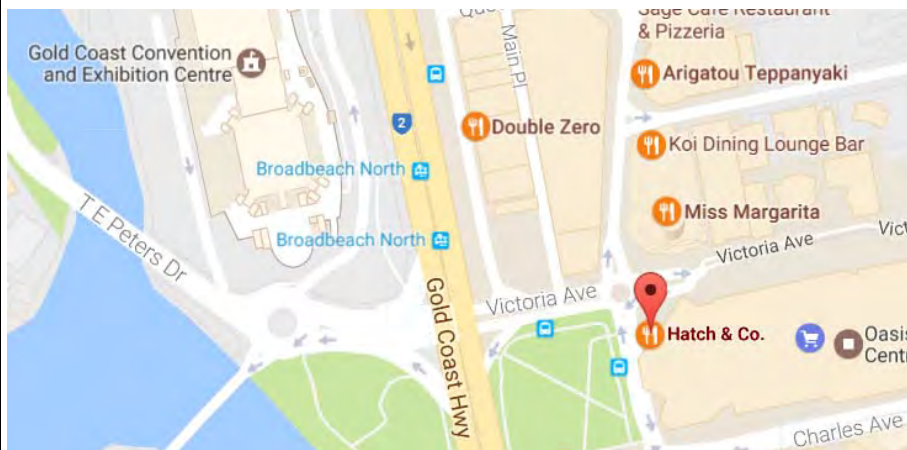
Caesar — GFO Fresh baby cos lettuce, crispy pancetta, croutons, soft egg & grated parmesan cheese and Caesar dressing

Pizza Menu

Margarita Margarita — Crushed tomato, torn basil, fior de latte

Mushroom — Marinated mushrooms, roast garlic, chilli and smoked mozzarella

Prosciutto — Sliced Prosciutto ham, olives, rocket salad and parmesan shavings



**USE OF
ELECTRONIC DEVICES
OF ANY TYPE
STRICTLY PROHIBITED
OFFENDER AND THEIR
TEAM WILL BE LIABLE
TO DISQUALIFICATION**

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

PROBLEMS

Therese Tully is the Convenor and Kim Ellaway the Manager. If you experience any problems with the events see either of them. Kim can be contacted on 0412-064-903 at any time during the congress or Therese on 0409-870-324.

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees – A few players, because of extenuating circumstances, have not been able to pre-pay their entry fee. If this means YOU, then please proceed to Bridge Administration Desk and take care of the matter. **Your team or pair cannot commence play if an entry fee is unpaid.**

- Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (3 Sessions) \$210 per pair
- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Pairs \$300 per pair
- Monday Swiss Butler Pairs (2 Sessions) \$140 per pair
- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Teams \$720 per team
- Rookie Pairs (1 or 2 Sessions) \$50 per pair per session
- Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs Single Session Tuesday \$50 per pair
- Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs Two Sessions Wednesday \$90 per pair
- Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs \$140 per pair
- Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs \$200 per pair
- Friday Novice Pairs \$140 per pair
- Holiday Walk-ins \$15 per session per player payable at the table before each session

CALENDAR

Sat 18 Feb	Sun 19 Feb	Mon 20 Feb	Tue 21 Feb	Wed 22 Feb	Thu 23 Feb	Fri 24 Feb	Sat 25 Feb
Pairs Championship							
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs		Monday Butler Pairs					
	Rookie Novice Pairs				Rookie Novice Pairs		
Holiday Walk-in	Holiday Walk-in	Holiday Walk-in	Holiday Walk-in	Holiday Walk-in	Holiday Walk-in	Holiday Walk-in	Holiday Walk-in
			Teams Championship			Teams Finals	Open Teams Final
			Under 50MP Pairs	Under 50MP Pairs		Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs	
						Seres McMahon Pairs	
						Friday Novice Pairs	
							Dinner Dance

SESSION TIMES

All session times are shown in the Daily Bulletin every day.

LATE ENTRIES IVY DAHLER BUTLER PAIRS, SERES-McMAHON MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS & FRIDAY NOVICE PAIRS

Entries for the end-of-week events (Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs, Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and Friday Novice Pairs) close at Noon Thursday 23rd February.

To relieve the pressure on the Administration Desk at this time and to cut down on the queues, we are leaving the web site on-line entries open right up until Noon Thursday 23rd February for players wishing to enter and pay on-line by credit card.

You will still be able to pay at the Administration Desk using cash, cheque or credit card. Changes to existing entries (different players, changing events, cancellations etc.) will need to be done at the Administration Desk however any changes will incur a \$10.00 administrative fee except for Open Teams Members placed in the top ten teams after round 11 of the qualifying.

So, avoid the queues, and enter online using your iPad, notebook or smartphone.

YOUTH, STUDENT & OTHER CONCESSIONAL ENTRY FEES—ADVISE WHEN ENTERING

- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born on or after 1st January 1997 are entitled to free entry.
- In accordance with Australian Bridge Federation policy, all players born between 1st January 1992 and 31st December 1996 inclusive are entitled to a 50% discount on entry fees.
- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born BEFORE 1st January 1917 are entitled to free entry.

PARKING

Parking will be available for \$10 per entry per day or \$50 for a weekly pass with unlimited entry from Saturday 18th February to Saturday 25th February inclusive.

The Bridge Administration Desk is the ONLY place you can obtain a weekly pass. It will be open on Saturday 18th February from 10:00am to 11.00pm (and from 9.00am on other days). Weekly passes can only be used from Saturday to Saturday inclusive.

For those requiring casual day parking, a one entry one exit ticket will be available from the machine upon entry. Those parking will need to pay \$10 on departure at the pay stations which are located at the lifts as you are exiting. Note that the \$10 ticket is a one entry and one exit ticket so if you intend to leave between sessions you will be required to pay a second \$10 parking fee.

EVENT INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

OPEN Carries ABF Open Playoff Points. Swiss Pairs Events do not carry playoff points.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

NZ ELIGIBILITY

ROOKIE	Under 10 MPs as at 30-Sep-2016	Less than NZ Certificate of Proficiency as at 01/01/2017
UNDER 50	Under 50 MPs as at 30-Sep-2016	Less than NZ Club Master as at 01/01/2017
NOVICE	Under 100 MPs as at 30-Sep-2016	Less than NZ Local Master as at 01/01/2017
RESTRICTED	Under 300 MPs as at 30-Sep-2016	Less than NZ Master as at 01/01/2017
INTERMEDIATE	Under 750 MPs as at 30-Sep-2016	Less than NZ National Master as at 01/01/2017
SENIORS	Must be born prior to 01-Jan-1959	

TEAM CATEGORIES

All teams should have nominated their categories when submitting their entry. The lists of categories received will be published at various points around the Convention Centre.

Please check to see you are entered correctly into the various categories as once winners are announced no correspondence will be entered into.

CLOSING OF ENTRIES

Butler Pairs	Thursday 12:00 noon 23 rd February
Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs	Thursday 12:00 noon 23 rd February
Novice Pairs	Thursday 12:00 noon 23 rd February

Any player making changes to their entries at the venue will be charged an administration fee of \$10 per player.

0-50, ROOKIE AND NOVICE EVENTS

Help will be available as follows:

Rookies	Sunday 19 th February play starts 1:00pm help from 12pm onwards Thursday 23 rd February play starts 10.30am help from 9.30am onwards
Under 50s	Tuesday 21 st February play starts 10.30am help from 9.30am Wednesday 22 nd February play starts 10.30 help from 9.30am
Novices	Saturday 18 th February Novice Pairs starts 2:00pm help from 1.30pm Tuesday 21 st February Novice Teams starts 10.30 help from 10am Friday 24 th February Novice Pairs starts 10:00am help from 9.30am

Assistance will be available for filling out system cards, helping you find your seat & working out where you go, where the boards move and using Bridgemates etc. We can also assist with any queries regarding alerting or anything else you might like to know, but also refer to the timetable of activities. Helpers can be identified by their bright yellow fluorescent jackets.

Our thanks to our helpers: Helen Blair, Tim Runting, Richard Wallis, Jan Peach, Joan Butts, Mick Fawcett, Lynn Tracey, Graham Rusher and Therese Tully.

WITHDRAWALS

Players are permitted to withdraw from all divisions of the Championship Pairs (Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice) Finals (Sunday 19th February and Monday 20th February) at the end of the qualifying rounds, provided that they notify the Chief Director or Bridge Administration Desk within **ONE HOUR** of the qualifying scores being posted. No portion of the entry fees will be refunded.

MASTERPOINT AWARDS – WALK-IN PAIRS RED AND ALL OTHER EVENTS INCLUDING ROOKIES AND 0-50MPS ARE GOLD MASTERPOINT

Weekend Matchpoint Open Swiss Prs	0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Prs 0-500	0.29 gold masterpoints for each win
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs	0.28 gold masterpoints for each win
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs 0-500	0.22 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Teams	1.12 gold masterpoints for each win
Seniors Teams	0.84 gold masterpoints for each win
Intermediate Teams	0.50 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Teams	0.41 gold masterpoints for each win
Novice Teams	0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Butler Swiss Pairs	0.64 gold masterpoints for each win
Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs	0.29 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs	0.23 gold masterpoints for each win
Seres-McMahon MP Swiss Pairs	0.32 gold masterpoints for each win
Friday Novice Pairs	0.21 gold masterpoints for each win

Substantial awards for outright places (top half of field in pairs, top third of field in Teams and Swiss pairs). All masterpoint awards are subject to final field size.

SUBSTITUTES

If you do not feel well and require a substitute, see Toni Bardon at the Scoring Desk. Please use this service only when essential.

STAFFING

Our Floor Managers, Kim, Amber, Ben and Jinny are dressed with in light blue vests with white undershirts. Our Caddies are in purple however they are only here to caddy – see our floor managers if further assistance is required. Also, our Directors led by Laurie Kelso have the navy vests with blue undershirts.

Our Scoring Staff are led by Matthew McManus and can be found wearing Black Shirts. However all scoring issues should be addressed to the Scoring Enquiries Desk outside the scoring room just inside the doors in the centre of the playing area.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions at the Bridge Administration Desk where there is a team of people only too willing to help.

WEDNESDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAMS SESSIONS

Think Simple – Think Fancy –
Think USA or Think Otherwise
Think Anything Stars and Stripes

PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED GROUP IN THE STARS & STRIPES THEME



Ed. It was really hard finding pics of bridge players wearing stars and stripes so help us make it easier for others in the future.

We encourage all players to dress in keeping with the Gold Coast Annual Theme for Wednesday Teams Sessions. The theme is “Stars and Stripes” – make of it what you will! Parade and photographs 2:30pm to 3:00pm Wednesday 22nd February. Prizes will be available for some combination of groups, pairs or individuals.

PENS

Pens will be issued at the start of the Pairs and start of the Teams and belong to the players who are responsible for carrying their own pens from table to table.

BULLETIN

David Stern, Barry Rigal and Brent Manley are the Bulletin co-editors. The quality of the Bulletin is enhanced with contributions from players of all standards. Quality play, defence or bidding or humorous stories from the tournament or even general comments or criticisms are greatly appreciated. There are many ways to make a submission including:

- see a Bulletin Editor – there is almost ALWAYS one at the venue at any given time
- phone or SMS the number on the header of the Daily Bulletin (0411-111-655)
- send an email to the address on the header of the Daily Bulletin (gcb@thesterns.com.au)
- put a submission in the Bulletin Submission box opposite the Administration desk

ROOM SETUP - COLOUR CODING

Coloured flags will identify your section, results and playing areas. For the whole event, the room tablecloth colours will be:

Open — Light and Dark Blue

Intermediate — Yellow and Dark Yellow

Restricted — Green and Dark Green

Novice — Maroon

Seniors — Pink

Weekend Swiss 0-500 — Purple

Monday Butler 0-500 — Purple

Rookies — Fuchsia

0-50 Events — Fuchsia

Weekend Swiss Pairs and Monday Butler will be played on the tables with orange tablecloths.

BRIDGEMATES

If you have never used the Bridgemate Scoring Units we suggest you arrive a few minutes before your first session and ask a Director for a quick tutorial. We are confident that your opponents will also help you to use this user friendly technology.

PLAYER NUMBERS FOR THE TEAMS USING BRIDGEMATE II

During the team events, when you turn on the Bridgemates, you will be asked to enter your player numbers. This is NOT your ABF number. Each player in every team has been assigned a number. These will be found on the bright orange sheet which will be on your table at the start of play. NS at the home table should enter the player numbers for the players in your own team.

The reason for this is that, if done correctly, the scoring team will produce a summary of the results for each pair in your team, comparing their results against the average score across your section on each board (the datum). These results have no official status and are just for your own interest. It is a service we are happy to be able to provide, but in order to take advantage of it, it is important that the player numbers are accurately entered each round.

Our observations from recent years show that over 90% of teams sit in the same seats for the whole event. To simplify the process for entering player numbers for these teams, from Round 2 onwards if your team is sitting in the same seats as in Round 1, you may just enter "1" for all four players. The unit will display "same as Round 1" as the player names and the system will correctly record the pairs.

WEB RESULTS PAGE

On the 2017 GCC Results Page, <http://www.qldbridge.com/gcc/results2017.php>, there is an option, "Individual Player Results." Click on this and enter your surname or ABF number (or anyone else whose results you may be interested in). You will now see a list of every session in which you played at the 2017 GCC, your score, the number of masterpoints won, and a link to your scorecard for the session. (This page will be updated at the end of each day's play.)

IF YOU ARE "CONNECTED".....

The draw for the next round in the Teams and Swiss Pairs events will be published on the web at exactly the same time it is displayed on the projector screens at the venue. So if you are "connected" you can check your standings and the draw online. Alternatively download the Apple/Android App!! – see details on page 18.

BAR

Subject to patronage, the Bar (located opposite the Bridge Administration Office) and run by the Convention Centre, will be open 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after the end of play in each session as long of course that session starting times are after 10.00 am.

COFFEE AND TEA

As a service to participants the event will be operating a tea and coffee service. Coffee is made from freshly ground coffee beans with fresh milk and will cost \$3.50 a cup (additional \$2.50 for an extra shot) and cookies at \$3.00 each. The service will start around one hour before play and continue until late into the last session of the day. Please understand that the service is run for the benefit of players by volunteers. Correct change is a blessing but not essential.

ON-SITE PERSONNEL

Attending the congress during the tournament will be:

World Bridge Federation

John Wignall – First Vice President of the WBF and President Zone 7

Australian Bridge Federation

Bruce Neill – President

Roy Nixon – Treasurer

Allison Stralow – Secretary (Teams)

Kim Frazer - Member Management Committee

Jane Rasmussen – Secretariat

Keith McDonald – President Emeritus Australian Bridge Federation, President Queensland Bridge Association

New Zealand Bridge

Arie Geursen – Chairman New Zealand Bridge

Alister Stuck – Executive Secretary – New Zealand Bridge

Laurie Kelso - Joint National Event Coordinator and Secretary of WBF Laws Committee

Matthew McManus – Joint National Event Coordinator

John McIlrath – ABF National Director Development Officer.

David Morgan – Chairman ABF Tournament Committee

David Stern – Vice-President International Bridge Press Association. WBF Youth Committee Member

Barry Rigal – President International Bridge Press Association

Brent Manley - International Bridge Press Association Executive Committee Member, WBF Bulletin Editor

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Michael Wilkinson

Appeals Committee:

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Chief Scorer:

Matthew McManus

Recorders:

John Brockwell, Julia Hoffman and Allan Doddridge

Appeals Advisers:

Richard Ward and Neville Francis. David Beauchamp during the teams only. The Director will guide you to the appropriate adviser

Rookie and 0-50 Player Liaison:

Tim Runting

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

- There will be **NO** No-Frills Walk-in on Friday
- Starting times for Saturday Pairs Championships is now 2:00pm – others remain 1:00pm
- Starting times for Saturday Afternoon Sessions of Swiss Pairs is now 2:00pm
- Weekend Swiss Pairs events now 9 board matches
- Starting times for Saturday Walk-In is now 2:00pm
- 0-500 Masterpoint Sections have now been added to Weekend Swiss and Monday Butler
- Walk-In Events slightly changed
- Theme afternoon Wednesday 22nd February - "Stars and Stripes"
- There is no longer a team event on Friday with all events now being Pairs.
- Players in the Walk-In Holiday Pairs can play in either of the Holiday Pairs events with each session awarding voucher prizes. An overall prize will also be given in each event to the pair with the best three scores out of what are now a four and a five session event.

DINNER DANCE – NUMBERS ARE LIMITED SO - TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT - DON'T DELAY

Entry forms are collected from the Dinner Dance Desk (in the main playing area) for tables of ten. Regrettably we are unable to make a table of more than ten people.

Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the foyer from 7.30, followed by dinner at 8pm. Doors will open at 7.50pm. No tickets will be issued this year. Your table allocation will be posted on boards next to the dining hall doors.

Please advise us of any special dietary requirement when making your booking. We thank you for your cooperation in all of the Dinner Dance arrangements.

Dinner Entry costs are based on the total number of sessions played through the Congress according to the following table.

No. of sessions per event		Dinner Dance Cost Based On Sessions	
Championship Pairs	= 5 sessions	11 sessions or more	\$10
Championship Teams	= 6 sessions	10 sessions	\$20
Weekend Swiss	= 3 sessions	9 sessions	\$30
Monday Butler	= 2 sessions	8 sessions	\$40
2 Sessions 0-50 MPs	= 2 sessions	7 sessions	\$50
1 Session 0-50 MPs	= 1 session	6 sessions	\$60
Rookie – Each Session	= 1 session	5 sessions	\$70
Seres-McMahon MP Swiss Pairs	= 2 sessions	3 sessions	\$90
Friday Novice Pairs	= 2 sessions	2 sessions	\$90
Ivy Dahler Butler	= 3 sessions	0 or 1 session	\$100

PSST.....QUEENSLANDERS ONLY

Restricted Pairs at the Gold Coast Congress – Thanks to the generosity of the Australian Bridge Federation, a Prize of free entry for two pairs to be awarded to the best and second best Queensland Pair playing within the Restricted Pairs at this Gold Coast Congress to participate in the Restricted Pairs at the Australian National Championships in Canberra. Eligibility for the ANC is based on both players in the partnership being under 300 masterpoints on 31st December 2016. In addition the best performing QLD novice team wins free entry into both the Restricted Pairs & Teams at the 2017 Spring Nationals.

WINNERS – SPRING NATIONALS FREE ENTRY TO GCC

- The winners of the Team Entry to the GCC as a result of their win in the 2016 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Tony Bowmaker, Fay Jeppesen, Michael Young and Ruth Cowan.
- Winners of the Restricted Pairs Entry to the GCC as a result of their highest datum scores in the 2016 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Glenda and Roger McNee, Jenny Barnes and Noelene Hiron.

If you are a restricted player then consider entering the 2017 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams for your opportunity to win free entries for the 2018 Gold Coast Congress.

CORRECTING SCORES

After each session, a printout of the results for each pair or team will be made available. For the last session of a stage of an event, you may obtain a copy on request from the Scoring Enquiries Desk located outside the scoring room just inside the doors in the centre of the playing area.

If you believe that there is a mistake, you need to follow this procedure:

1. on the board where you believe that there was an error, agree with your opponents that the score was entered incorrectly;
2. make the correction on your printout and have them sign it;
3. give the corrected printout to the Scoring Liaison Officer, Toni Bardon, under the sign "SCORING ENQUIRIES" outside the scoring room just inside the door in the centre of the playing area. She will check that you have provided all the necessary information. The correction will be made by the scorers during the following session and a new personal printout will be made available for you to collect.

Agreed scoring errors need to be advised within the scoring correction period for the session in which the error occurred. The scoring correction periods are displayed prominently near the scoreboards. At the conclusion of the scoring correction period, scores become final and, under the Laws of Bridge, no further changes can be made. **This is critical for the last rounds when the correction period is limited and scorers may not pick up anomalies. You are responsible for your own actions - or lack thereof.**

SCORE CORRECTION PERIODS

Errors in scoring must be advised to the Scoring Enquiries desk before the following times:

Pairs Championships

Qualifying One	Midnight Saturday
Qualifying Two	One hour after scores are posted
Final One	Midnight Sunday
Final Two	2:00pm Monday
Final Three	One hour after scores are posted

Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-3	11:30am Sunday
Matches 4-5	2:30pm Sunday
Matches 6-8	One hour after scores for Match 8 are posted

Monday Butler Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-3	2:30pm Monday
Matches 4-7	One hour after scores for Match 7 are posted

Teams Championships

Matches 1, 3, 5, 7, 9	One hour after the end of the next even numbered match
Matches 2, 4, 6, 8, 10	At the start of the next even numbered match
Matches 11, 12	8:30pm Thursday for corrections affecting Final series qualification. Midnight, Thursday, for all other corrections

Ivy Dahler Open, Intermediate and Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-4	3:00pm Friday
Matches 5-7	Midday Saturday
Matches 8-10	One hour after scores for Match 10 are posted

Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and Friday Novice Pairs

Matches 1-3	3:00pm, Friday
Matches 4-7	Twenty Minutes after scores for Match 6 are posted

All Other Sessions

Sessions Not Listed Above	20 minutes after scores for the session are posted
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World Championships have been awarded based on scoring errors. E/W Pairs should not simply acknowledge the scores on the Bridgemates, but should carefully check them as incorrect scores, apart from affecting the results of the event which may involve others not related to the scoring error, but may also affect: draws for teams and Swiss Pairs events, Masterpoints, Playoff Qualifying Points.

SYSTEMS - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Each pair is required to have two current ABF approved, systemically identical system cards on the table for the opposing pair before the start of each round. Overseas players will be permitted to use WBF system cards.

Subject to protection, **GREEN**, **BLUE** and **RED** systems as well as **BROWN Sticker** conventions may be used during the Open Pairs and Teams, Seniors Pairs and Teams, Intermediate Pairs and Teams, Seres-McMahon Swiss Pairs, Ivy Dahler Open Swiss Pairs, Ivy Dahler Intermediate Swiss Pairs, Weekend Matchpoint, Monday Butler Swiss Pairs and Under 500MP events. (Note: protection will not be available for the major final of the Open Pairs).

Only **GREEN** and **BLUE** systems may be used during the Restricted Pairs and Teams, Novice Pairs and Teams, Rookie Pairs, Friday Novice Pairs, Ivy Dahler Restricted Swiss Pairs and Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs.

YELLOW systems will only be permitted in the Open Teams from Round 3 onwards and not against teams with a current position in the lower two thirds of the field (decimals rounded up).

Teams proposing to use **YELLOW** systems should have already lodged an adequate copy of their system (including a bona fide suggested defence) with the CTD before 10:00am on Tuesday 7th February 2017. Such systems are available for inspection as well as posted on the Gold Coast Congress website using the information tab.

BROWN STICKER

Some overcalls and 2-level openings attract a **BROWN sticker**. Weak 2-level openings without an anchor suit (RCO & Myxo Twos, etc.) are **BROWN sticker**. Pairs should attach **BROWN** spots to their cards. Also, multi one-level overcalls are **BROWN**, though gadgets used over 1NT or a strong 1♣ are not. Please also note that a Multi 2♦ (or 2♣) showing a Weak Two in either major is an exemption from the **BROWN Sticker** category.

PROTECTED PAIRS

Pairs playing a **GREEN** system can apply for an Orange sticker if both are below Life Master or one is below State Master.

This affords protection from **BROWN Sticker** conventions in all events where they are permitted with the exception of the major Final of the Open Pairs.

ALERTS - SUMMARY

PRE-ALERTS

List your unusual or complex treatments in the pre-alerts section of the system card. For instance – RCO 2s, Bergen raises, DONT Dbl vs 1NT, unusual carding (leading low from doubletons, etc).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announce the number of clubs contained in a 1♣ opening and the HCP range of a 1NT opening. Those playing a strong club system just need to announce 1♣ as “Strong 16+”.

ALERTS DURING THE AUCTION

Alert by circling partner’s call and saying “Alert” but don’t offer an explanation unless asked (then aim to be concise, yet complete).

DON’T ALERT:

- Any double or redouble
- Any call beyond 3NT, except a conventional opening bid
- A bid of a suit *bid or shown* by an opponent
- Any 2♣ response to a 1NT opening bid in an uncontested auction (*e.g. Stayman*)
- Any Jump Raise in a contested auction

For our New Zealand players We do **NOT** use STOP Cards

DO ALERT:

All other conventional calls (such as *Transfers*, 2♥=hearts and *a minor etc.*)


‘Unusual’ natural bids. These include: weak jump shift responses, pre-emptive jump raises, inverted minors, canapé tendency, negative free bids, transfer accepts that deny four trumps, etc.

At the end of the auction, the declaring side should mark any unusual calls that weren’t alerted at the time. Do this with a plus sign (+).

IF PARTNER STUFFS UP

Declarer/Dummy: If partner fails to alert or provides a wrong or misleading explanation, you should wait until the *end of the auction* before calling the Director and correcting.

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THE KLINGER QUIZ

Ron Klinger

Dir S	♠ A J		
E/W Vul	♥ K Q 4 2		
	♦ K 7 6 5 3		
	♣ J 7		
♠ K 6			
♥ 10 8 6			
♦ Q 10 9			
♣ Q 6 5 4 2			
West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	1NT [12-14]
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♦ [no major]

West leads the 4♣. East takes the ♣A and returns the ♣10, ducked to West's ♣Q. The third club is won by South's ♣K, dummy discarding the ♠J and East playing the ♣3. South continues with the ♦2. What should West play?

Solution:

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

As the cards lie it would work to play the ♦Q, but that would look silly if South began with A-J-x-x. The important point is not to play the ♦9, as that will allow declarer to duck in dummy. East wins but has no more clubs and West has no entry to the club winners.

Declarer clearly has 4+ diamonds and the HCP shown by East indicates South has the ♦A.

West should play the ♦10. Declarer cannot afford to duck this in case East began with ♦J-9. If declarer plays the ♦K, the contract will be one down.

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TIPS FROM BRIDGE VID YOUR ONLINE BRIDGE COACH

Peter Hollands and Laura Ginnan

MASTER MANIPULATION: Learn how to make your opponents give you more tricks with basic endplay technique. Try out some of these problems to get in the groove for Friday's Celebrity Talk by Peter Hollands. Video solutions are online at www.bridgevid.com/gcc or on page 23.

PROBLEM 1:

You are the East defender and have just won the ninth trick of the hand defending no trumps. How do you play to make sure that you win three of the four remaining tricks?

Dummy

♠ —

♥ K 3

♦ 2

♣ A

East - You

♠ —

♥ A Q

♦ A

♣ 5

BRIDGE WITH BARRY

Barry Rigal

At the fall nationals of 2014 the Sunday evening pairs game showed a deal where the result as presented by Deep Finesse was rather surprising – and worth a second look.

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

I was East and my partner, Eric Leong, found the best defence against 4♠.

He cashed the ♥K, the ♦A, ♥K, then played a second diamond. Declarer won the ♦Q, led the ♠5 to the king and tried to cash red-suit winners. East ruffed in and was over-ruffed, but without the ♠5, declarer could not get to dummy, so there was a club to lose at the end.

So what did declarer do wrong? The answer is that the trump spots turned out to be critical. The best way to play the contract is to assume 3-2 spades with the queen onside. You lead the ♠8 to the king and start leading winners from dummy. When East ruffs in, high or low, you over-ruff and draw a second trump then go back to dummy with the ♠6 to take your last discard and finally take the club finesse.

BE GUIDED BY BRENT

What you need to know Part 1 – Brent Manley

I like to start each of these essays with an amusing story – a reminder that bridge is supposed to be fun.

This happened many years ago. A newcomer to bridge was enjoying a game on a cruise ship. There was an irregularity at the table, and the newcomer knew she was supposed to do something. The trouble was that she couldn't remember what that was. Finally, she called out, "Innkeeper!"

At this tournament, calling for the innkeeper won't get the job done. At the Gold Coast Congress, officials are known as tournament directors – they are the bridge equivalent of referees or umpires. Although the directors are there to help, many a new player is reluctant to call a TD when something goes wrong. Perhaps it is an insufficient bid. Maybe it's a lead out of turn, or a revoke. The reluctant director-callers have the view that calling a TD is the equivalent of criticizing the opponents or indicating that maybe they're not on the up and up.

I have been playing bridge for more than 45 years. Over those decades, I have formulated a policy that works. This is it:

It is a mistake to make your own rulings. Don't do it. Call the director.

No matter how simple the situation might seem, let the director take care of it. There may be some aspect of the situation you don't know about. For example, do you know the difference between major and minor penalty cards? Did you know that if an opponent exposes a card during play that you as declarer have some options if the partner of that player gains the lead? For even experienced players, the laws can be complicated. The TDs running your game have studied the laws and their complexities, and they know many details you don't. Let them do their jobs.

Digression: I must include a story from my early days of tournament play that involves the laws. My partner and I were in a Swiss teams at a low-level tournament. Our opponents were vulnerable, we were not. The man on my right opened 1♠ and I passed. His partner bid 3♠, forcing to game. My partner bid 3NT, showing the minors. The man bid 4NT, Blackwood. I had a huge fit for clubs, so I took the premature sacrifice by bidding 6♣. Opener's partner doubled, my partner passed, and the opening bidder . . . also doubled!

When the director came and heard what happened, he ruled that the second double was cancelled and, if the opening bidder passed, I could require them to defend 6♣ undoubled (the rules since changed). I went down three for minus 150, which I thought was a triumph, considering that the opponents had an easy plus 1430. All we had coming was the ♠A.

My elation was short-lived, however. During the comparison, our teammates confessed that they had a bidding misunderstanding on the board in question and bid 7♠, doubled by the player holding the trump ace. That was minus 200. Instead of a 15-IMP gain, we had an 8-IMP loss. At least I came away from it with a good story.

One other thought about director calls and the laws. Despite what you might think, the laws are not designed to “punish” players who make mistakes. The laws are meant to define proper procedure and to rectify situations where non-offenders may have been damaged. It is not insulting to the opponents to call for a director when there has been an irregularity. It’s the smart thing to do.

THE MANGO BRIDGE CLUB



Annette Corkhill’s satirical romance, *Mango Bridge Club*, is a fun read. Set in the fictional town of Mango in Central Queensland, this very funny novel focuses on the conflicts that emerge when the local council decides to close down the bridge club. One of its neighbours, an erotic robot inventor who hates bridge and bridge players with a passion, is bent on assisting in this endeavour. All the while, a romance is developing between the grumpy, unpopular club president and a beautiful newcomer to the town, a neurotic nurse recovering from a messy divorce.

The book not only satirises all things bridge but also targets universities, institutions and corruption in high places. It has a host of colourful human and animal characters to match: we meet a professor of sexology fascinated by ostrich sexual discourses, a narcissistic alderman, a baby boomer hippie, a perpetually happy dog, a depressed goldfish, and a delightful, feisty old lady. The fruit bats hanging upside down in the mango trees outside

Mango Bridge Club provide their own commentary on the strange, obsessive homo sapiens inside the club who appear to derive their own peculiar brand of grim pleasure from staring at bits of cardboard.

Don’t miss this entertaining novel! Annette Corkhill is selling it at the congress for \$25 per copy. If she isn’t at her stall in the foyer due to her own bridge obsession, please text her on her mobile: 0423-121-643. Annette has kindly donated 6 copies of her book which will be used as prizes at this tournament.

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Claim By Declarer

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- A careless or incomplete claim may cost you tricks that you would otherwise make.
- Claims should be made where possible - it is discourteous to continue play when the outcome is certain.



Our Official 2017 Gold Coast Congress Charity

*Helping children affected
by domestic violence
get back to school*

My name is Carmel Martin and I'm a bridge player and the treasurer of Zephyr Inc. Last year the QBA, under the auspices of Theresa Tully, Keith McDonald and Kim Ellaway sponsored Zephyr as the charity to be supported at the Gold Coast Congress. Owing to the huge support and generosity shown by the bridge community, \$9500.00 was raised. All of that money has been used to do a great deal of good.

I'll repeat a little of what I told you last year to refresh the memory of those who aren't familiar with Zephyr's work.

In April 2013, my sister, Isabella, read an article in the Courier Mail highlighting the plight of mothers and their children arriving

at domestic violence shelters, often with only the clothes on their backs. The article made a plea for essential school items for the children, such as school bags and shoes.

A drastic consequence of the upheaval in the lives of these children is that their education is often severely disrupted. This makes their transition to a new school in a new location far more difficult, firstly because without the proper clothing and equipment they stand out from the other children at a time when it is important for their self-confidence that they fit in. Secondly, without the relevant text books etc. they will quickly fall behind in their schooling. They encounter many other problems, two examples of which are that without a hat they may run up against the 'no hat no play' rule or without proper school shoes they may not be allowed to play sport.

We decided to set up a charity focusing on supplying uniforms, shoes, text books, stationery, school bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, swim wear and other school items.

Some schools require parents to pay a set fee for resources for particular years, which the school then provides. In these cases we will pay the fee if we have funds available.

Research shows that it is vital for the children's well-being that they get back to school as soon as possible and that they don't stand out from other children at their new school during this difficult time. Therefore, we respond to requests from shelters (usually), within 24 hours.

This charity is all about volunteers. Everyone who works for Zephyr is a volunteer. No one is paid to work or reimbursed for private expenses.

Your Support: As a bridge player, I turned to the bridge community for donations when we realized that the size of the charity was going to go beyond the boundaries of our two families and close friends. The support from the bridge community has been overwhelming, humbling and gratefully received. Apart from the hugely generous financial support we've received, we've been spurred on by the massive endorsement of what we are trying to do. I know I'm talking in superlatives but there are no words to describe the support we are receiving.

At the time of the 2016 Gold Coast Congress we were supporting 16 refugees while at December of 2016, that number had risen to 41 refugees. We are registered to supply refugees in Tasmania and we currently support one of the six in that state. As soon as we confirm that we have the right processes for Tasmania, we are set up to quickly supply the other five refugees.

Our aim is to cover all of Queensland by the end of this year and then the hope is to replicate this simple, highly effective, successful model in other states.

Domestic violence has reached epidemic proportions in Australia and any help you can provide to help children affected by it to get on with their education would be much appreciated.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Details for donations are as follows: Zephyr Education Inc BSB: 084-004 Account number: 15-629-0526 Reference: Your name. We also have Credit Card and EFTPOS Facilities available at Faye Wyer's table.

If you make a donation, please email your contact details to admin@zephyreducation.com.au so we can send you a receipt. You can find out more about Zephyr Foundation at www.zephyreducation.com.au.

We will be collecting throughout the tournament, mainly Sunday and Wednesday morning. Our raising efforts will include a raffle - 1 ticket \$5 or 10 tickets \$10. The first prize will be one entry (two players) to the 2018 GCC Pairs Championship. The next ten tickets drawn will be to "win a club game with an expert". At the discretion of the winning ticket holder, another prize as listed at the ticket sales desk may be substituted for the club game. This testimony from one of last year's winners will attest to the value of the prizes.

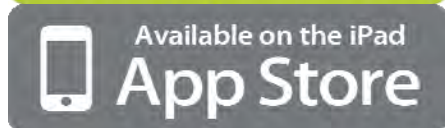
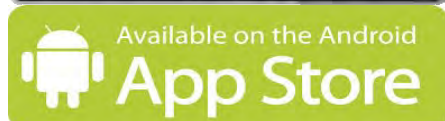
When I was at the Gold Coast Congress in 2016 I bought raffle tickets in the Zephyr Foundation raffle. The Zephyr Foundation is sponsored by a group of volunteers who assist children affected by domestic violence when they settle into a new school, by purchasing school equipment and/or uniforms.

It was my good fortune to win one of the prizes, viz. a bridge session with an expert. My expert was Barb Travis who not only gave me one bridge session with her but two. On both occasions Barb also provided me with reviews and feedback notes, which I found to be extremely valuable.

I will certainly be buying tickets at this year's Congress and recommend all players do the same. It was a wonderful prize - good luck. Margaret R.

In relation to the game with an expert: There will be 10 winners drawn, with each winner, (in order of being drawn), being given the option of choosing from the remaining pool of experts to play one club session of bridge with the expert at a mutually agreed time and place. Entry fees for both player and expert to be paid by the winning ticket holder. If you are present at the draw, you can choose your expert, otherwise one will be allocated. Raffle will be drawn under the North sign in the Open Teams section following the 10:30 Teams session on Thursday 23 February and winners will be announced at 3:00pm just prior to the commencement of play.

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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; and
- 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

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The nominator of any recipient will also be awarded a chocolate frog for taking the time to make the nomination.

We would like to publish the nominations, so a short note to Kim Ellaway at the Bridge Administration Office would allow the Bulletin to make proper acknowledgement to the recipients.

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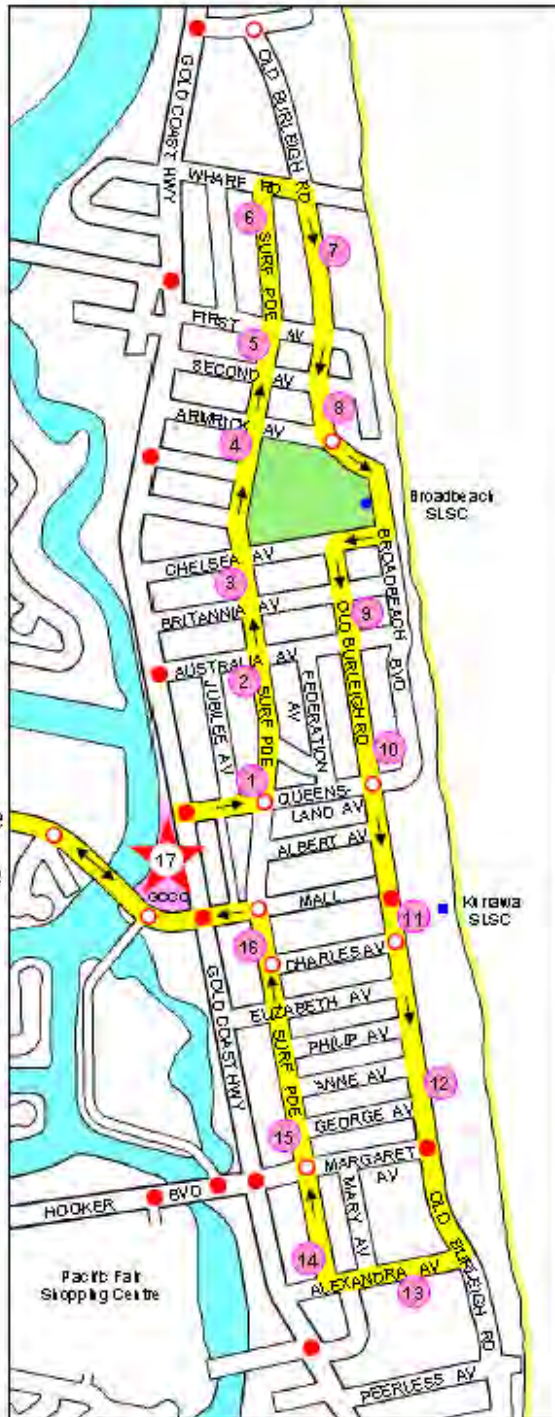
Buses will also be available at the end of each playing session, stopping again at indicated stops. Regrettably buses will not be available to take people to the dinner dance.

Courtesy Bus Stops & Route



- 1 112 Surf Pde - Aruba Beach Resort
- 2 130 Surf Pde - Markham Court
- 3 140 Surf Pde - Leawarra
- 4 166 Surf Pde - Linden Court
- 5 176 Surf Pde - Rua Apartments
- 6 210 Surf Pde - Surf Parade Resort
- 7 60 Old Burleigh Rd - The Breakers
- 8 100 Old Burleigh Rd - Oceana
- 9 106 Old Burleigh Rd - Ocean Royale
- 10 136 Old Burleigh - Back of King Tide
- 11 Old Burleigh Rd - Kurrawa SLSC
- 12 177 Old Burleigh Rd
- Opposite Carmel By The Sea
- 13 10-16 Alexandra Ave
- Breakfree Diamond Beach
- 14 1-10 Surf Pde - Bel Air
- 15 40 Surf Pde
- Broadbeach Travel Inn
- 16 76 Surf Pde - Opposite Sofitel
- 17 Gold Coast Convention Centre

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- Coffee Club**
- Hi Ho Holiday Apartments**
- Mantra Broadbeach on the Park**
- Markham Court**
- Starbucks**
- Waves Apartments**

Gold Coast Congress

Celebrity Speakers

GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2017 - CALENDAR OF CELEBRITY SPEAKERS

PAUL MARSTON	Why You Should Play Semi-Forcing 1NT Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	SATURDAY		Paul Marston has won more than 50 open national titles and his books have sold more than 500,000 copies. He is talking about the semi-forcing notrump, the cornerstone of the Two over One system. Paul will set out three unique benefits, explaining why it has become the method of choice for good players all around the world.
		5:45pm to 6:30pm		
RON KLINGER	Improve Your Defensive Play Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	SUNDAY		Ron Klinger represented Australia in world championships in 1976, 1978, 1980, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1993, 2000 and 2002-2016. He has published books and regularly contributes to newspapers and bridge magazines. His bridge holidays and teaching classes are legendary.
		9:00am to 9:45am		
LIAM MILNE	How to Improve as a Bridge Player Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	SUNDAY		Liam Milne is a professional bridge player and teacher who finished 9th in the 2014 World Open Pairs. Since then he has represented Australia in the Bermuda Bowl, and in 2016 finished 1st or 2nd in 7 national events. Liam is a member of the ABF's International Player Performance Task Force.
		4:45pm to 5:30pm		
ANDY HUNG	Which Conventions? Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	MONDAY		Andy Hung is a professional bridge player and teacher who has represented Australia at both Youth and Open competitions. Although he has won Australian National and State titles, he thoroughly enjoys teaching and coaching bridge (at all levels) and plans to be the next world's best bridge coach!
		9:00am to 9:45am		
SARTAJ HANS	Almost Famous! Story of My Favourite Hand Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	TUESDAY		Sartaj Hans is a professional bridge player, a frequent Australian Open team representative and winner of many national and international tournaments. Sartaj recently authored a highly acclaimed book, Battling the Best.
		9:30am to 10:15am		
JOAN BUTTS	Declarer Play: Entries Five Steps to Overcome Entry Problems Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	THURSDAY		Joan Butts has represented Australia in world championships. Her passion is bridge education. She is the Australian Bridge Federation's (ABF) National Teaching Coordinator. In this capacity she trains teachers and arranges professional development programmes. Joan is also involved with bridge online.
		9:30am to 10:15am		
KIM FRAZER	The Way Forward ABF Initiatives for Aspiring International & State Players Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	THURSDAY		Kim Frazer is an Olympian and Commonwealth Games champion in shooting. In bridge, Kim has represented Victoria and written articles on the mental side of bridge. She is secretary of the VBA, a member of the ABF Management Committee and chairs the ABF's International Player Performance Task Force.
		2:15pm to 2:45pm		
PETER HOLLANDS AND LAURA GINNAN	Master Manipulation Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	FRIDAY		Peter Hollands and Laura Ginnan are Melbourne based professional bridge players. Pete is on the 2017 Australian Open team and will represent Australia in the Bermuda Bowl in Lyon. They are revolutionising the way bridge is taught through online video teaching from their website Bridge Vid. bridgevid.com/
		9:00am to 9:45am		

**MINIMUM \$5 Contribution to the ABF Friends of Youth Bridge Fund -
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CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2017

	Venue	Saturday 18th February	Sunday 19th February	Monday 20th February	Tuesday 21st February	Wednesday 22nd February	Thursday 23rd February	Friday 24th February
NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES								
Rookies Help Available	In the Playing Area Rookies Section	12:00pm to 1:00pm			09:30am to 10:30am			
Under 50MPs Help Available	In the Playing Area Under 50s Section				09:30am to 10:30am	09:30am to 10:30am		
Novices Help Available	In the Playing Area Novices Section	1:30pm to 2:00pm		10:00am to 10:30am			09:30am to 10:30am	
SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES								
Collection for Zephyr Education Inc. The GCC Official Charity Helping Children affected by Domestic Violence Getting Back to School	Foyer GCCEC	From 10:00am			From 10:30am			
Zephyr Raffle Draw Prizes to be Collected At the End of Play	Foyer GCCEC							1030am Announced 3:00pm
TBIB Lucky Draw	Foyer GCCEC	1:00pm	1:00pm			3:00pm	3:00pm	
Trivia Night Hosted by Jac & Bill Rossiter-Nuttal Teams to a Maximum of 8 Participants	Hatch & Co Oasis Shopping Centre Sofitel Corner				Entries Close 2:30pm Trivia From 6:00pm			
Pianola Hosted by James Ward	Upstairs Rooms 10, 11 and 12				2:15pm			
Hospitality for Bridge Teachers Hosted by Joan Butts	Apartment 3205 Air on Broadbeach				4:45pm to 6:00pm			
National Directors Development Meeting Hosted by John McIlrath	Upstairs Rooms 10, 11 and 12				From 6:30pm			
Directors Get Together Hosted by Jan Peach	Upstairs Rooms 10, 11 and 12				8:30am			
Parade Entrants Stars and Stripes Theme	Foyer GCCEC				2:30pm			
Champagne Breakfast For Shoe Shoppers In Her Shoes	In Her Shoes Ground Floor Oasis Shopping Centre	 <small>local & imported shoes · bags · accessories</small>					8:00am	
BRIDGE WIDOWS ACTIVITIES								
Get Together Non-Bridge Playing Partners	Apartment 3205 Air on Broadbeach	2:30pm to 3:30pm		10:45 to 11:45				
Bridge Widows Expedition Mt Tamborine Cost \$10.00	Depart from Grd Flr Air on Broadbeach.				12:00pm to 4:00pm			
Bridge Widows Expedition Springbrook Cost \$10.00	Depart from Grd Flr Air on Broadbeach.				11:00am to 2:30pm			
Bridge Widows Expedition Tweed Regional Gallery Margaret Olley Cost \$10.00	Depart from Grd Flr Air on Broadbeach.				11:00am to 4:00pm			
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ONE MINUTE WITH A SPONSOR

CHARLES PAGE
DIRECTOR AT POWERS FINANCIAL GROUP

Lives

I live in Brisbane but travel throughout Australia to visit clients and play Bridge wherever I can make them fit together

Family

Wife, son and 2 dogs, none whom understand Bridge but my mother-in-law loves the game and plays four times a week.

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Bridge Achievements

I was the convener of the 2016 ANC which had the largest Butler Field in 13 years and was described by Michael Courtney as "the best ever". I will convene the 2018 Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship.

Bridge Playing Ability

You will have to ask my partners- Paul or Marcey

Highlights

Meeting Peter Zimmerman for a drink whilst he was in Australia on holiday. It was great to understand what makes him a great player and a supporter of Bridge.

Future of Bridge

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SOLUTION - TIPS FROM BRIDGE VID YOUR ONLINE BRIDGE COACH

Peter Hollands and Laura Ginnan

Dummy

♠ —
♥ K 3
♦ 2
♣ A

East - You

♠ —
♥ A Q
♦ A
♣ 5

PROBLEM 1: You are the East defender and have just won the ninth trick of the hand defending no trumps. How do you play to make sure that you win three of the four remaining tricks?

SOLUTION: The challenge here is to take both of your heart tricks. To do this you must force North to lead hearts for you. If you win the ♦A and then play your ♣5 North must win their ♣A. They will then only have their two hearts and must play the ♥K or the ♥3. Either way, you will get to win 2 hearts and your ♦A.

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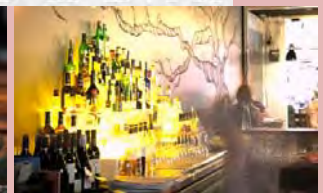
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	Saturday 18th February	Sunday 19th February	Monday 20th February	Tuesday 21st February	Wednesday 22nd February	Thursday 23rd February	Friday 24th February	Saturday 25th February
OPEN EVENTS								
Open Pairs Championship	2:00pm O12 7:30pm O22	1:00pm F13 7:30pm F23	1:00pm F33	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	O/F Teams SF Teams 9:00am 2x12 Brds 2:00pm 4x10 Brds	Finals Teams 9:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final
Open Teams	2:00pm I3	10:00am 2/3 1:00pm 3/3	10:00am I2 1:00pm 2/2				10:00am I3 2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs								
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs								
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs								
SENIORS EVENTS								
Seniors Pairs Championship	2:00pm O12 7:30pm O22	1:00pm F13 7:30pm F23	1:00pm F33	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Seniors Teams								
INTERMEDIATE EVENTS (Under 750MPs)								
Intermediate Pairs Championship	2:00pm O12 7:30pm O22	1:00pm F13 7:30pm F23	1:00pm F33	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Intermediate Teams								
Ivy Dahler Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs								
RESTRICTED EVENTS (Under 300MPs)								
Restricted Pairs Championship	2:00pm O12 7:30pm O22	1:00pm F13 7:30pm F23	1:00pm F33	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Restricted Teams								
Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs								
NOVICE EVENTS (Under 100MPs)								
Novice Pairs Championship	2:00pm O12 7:30pm O22	1:00pm F13 7:30pm F23	1:00pm F33	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Novice Teams								
Friday Novice Pairs								
UNDER 500MP EVENTS								
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs U500	2:00pm I3	10:00am 2/3 1:00pm 3/3	10:00am I2 1:00pm 2/2	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs U500								
ROOKIE PAIRS (Under 10MPs)								
Rookie Pairs - Single Session Events						10:30am I1		
UNDER 50MP PAIRS								
Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs				10:30am I1	10:30am I2 3:00pm 2/2			
MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS								
Seres/McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs							10:00am I2 2:00pm 2/2	
WALK-IN PAIRS - BEST 3 SCORES COUNT								
Holiday Walk-in Pairs 1 - Play from 1 to 4 Sess	2:00pm S1	1:00pm S2	1:00pm S3	10:30am S4	3:00pm S1	3:00pm S2	10:00am S3 2:00pm S4	10:00am S5
Holiday Walk-in Pairs 2 - Play from 1 to 5 Sess								

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You have over a thousand slaves at your disposal and just under 24 hours to determine which single bottle is poisoned.

You have a handful of prisoners about to be executed, and it would mar your celebration to have anyone else killed.

What is the smallest number of prisoners you must have to drink from the bottles to be absolutely sure to find the poisoned bottle within 24 hours?

DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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

Event	Date	Website / Contact / Venue
Autumn Nationals (ANOT)	Thursday 4 th May to Monday 8 th May 2017	Entries: ANOT.organiser@gmail.com Jinny Fuss 0474-074-005 Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground
Australian National Championships and Butler Pairs.	Saturday 15 th July to Thursday 27 th July 2017	Entries: elainne57@gmail.com Elainne Leach 0402-081-506 Venue: Thoroughbred Park ACT
Coffs Coast Gold Congress	Tuesday 8 th August to Sunday 13 th August 2017	Entries: ian@australiawideconferences.com.au Ian Doland 02-6654-1104 Venue: Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour
Territory Gold Bridge Festival Pairs and Teams	Wednesday 6 th September to Sunday 10 th September 2017	Entries: tgbf@abf.com.au Eileen Boocock 0409-677356 Venue: Alice Springs Convention Centre, Alice Springs
Spring Nationals Open Teams, Restricted Teams Dick Cummings Open Pairs Restricted and Novice Pairs Linda Stern Women's Teams Bobby Evans Seniors Teams	Wednesday October 18 th to Thursday October 26 th	Entries: sn@abf.com.au Mike Prescott – NSWBA 02-9264-8111 Canterbury Park Racecourse, Sydney

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