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WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME

Another year, the (seeming) survival of the Global Financial Crisis and another twelve months have passed since last we met. In that time I have worked at the European Championships and played in the U.S. Nationals and I would like to welcome you all to what I regard as one of the finest tournaments on the world bridge calendar. Sure, each tournament has its own 'pros' and 'cons' but as an all-up package this one rates extremely highly. What leads me to this conclusion:

- our sessions always start on time
- every single board of the tournament is pre-dealt
- our directors control every aspect of the tournament not just the rules
- the outstanding staff are totally dedicated to the comfort of the players
- the organisers and convenor have a very good read on what the players want
- the parking and transport are exceptional
- an exceptional variety of accommodation services the event
- the playing areas are outstanding in every respect

I would like to have included the quality of the bulletin but I will have to leave that to others. While on that subject I would like to welcome my co-editor for this year Barry Rigal.



Barry is a world renowned bridge journalist, vugraph commentator, analyst and player. He has worked at almost every European and World Championship since 1996.

With his excellent contribution to the Yeh Cup Bulletin in 2009, I took the opportunity to invite him to join me for a guest appearance at the 2010 Gold Coast Tournament and who could refuse the opportunity to leave the cold of the northern winter for the warmth in both weather and hospitality 'down under'?

So sit back, relax and enjoy this wonderful tournament. And don't forget Barry and I are always looking for material OF ALL TYPES to include in the bulletin so we look forward to your brilliancies, blunders and humorous stories.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

As patron of the Gold Coast Bridge Congress 2010, I'm delighted to welcome visitors from overseas and interstate, as well as locals, to what is Australia's premier bridge event.

Bridge has to be one of the all-time great social games. Not only that, it exercises both sides of the brain – it is gym for the mind!

With over six trillion possible bridge hands, countless techniques and strategies, it is little wonder the likes of Bill Gates and Warren Buffet are funding programs to teach bridge in schools.

They aim to boost not only kid's maths skills but their tolerance and understanding for others. I'm not exactly sure why, but I'm told tolerance and understanding are arguably the most essential skills required to play bridge.

From humble beginnings, the prestige of the Gold Coast Bridge Congress, together with the number of attendees, has gone from strength to strength.

It is pleasing to see an increasing number of overseas visitors, from countries that include Japan, the US, UK, Indonesia and Poland.

Next year you celebrate your 50th anniversary, and I understand preparations are well underway to make the 2011 Congress an especially memorable event.

As well as enjoying the Congress, I encourage overseas visitors to take time out to meet the locals, and to explore all that our beautiful Gold Coast and surrounds has to offer.

Have a wonderful Congress everyone!

ANNA BLIGH MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

GOLD COAST CITY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As Mayor of the Gold Coast, I'm delighted to welcome you to the 2010 49th Gold Coast Bridge Congress.

Now in its 49th year, this ever-popular event will see more than 2,000 participants travelling from all over Australia, and the world, to compete. The continued success of this event – and the fact that participants travel so far in order to take part – are proof positive that the game of bridge is as popular today as ever.

I firmly believe it's the camaraderie that develops through a shared passion for one's sport or game of choice that makes events like this so memorable – I'm sure we've all heard many stories of lifelong friendships beginning this way.

And at the end of the day's play, there's so much to enjoy on the Gold Coast – why not visit one of our award-winning restaurants or bistros, or take a stroll around our world-class shopping precinct?

With our city's yearly average of 245 fine-weather days and an extensive network of bicycle and pedestrian pathways, exploring the outdoors is always an attractive option, while a short car drive can take you to the verdant hinterland, where World Heritage-listed national parks and acclaimed wineries await. You'll run out of time before you run out of things to do!

In closing, I would wish all participants the very best for the 2010 Queensland Bridge Association Congress, and trust your stay on the Gold Coast will be an enjoyable and memorable one.

**RON CLARKE MBE
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Welcome from Keith McDonald
President of the Australian Bridge Federation and Queensland Bridge Association

I am delighted to welcome you to the 49th Gold Coast Congress. I know you will have an enjoyable time in Queensland. If this is your first time attending the Congress a special welcome. I am also pleased to announce that the Premier, Anna Bligh, has accepted an invitation to be Patron of the Gold Coast Congress.



The event has a number of Sponsors who are all worthy of your support Cosmetics Plus, Penline, Two Men and a Truck, DubLi Fun Shopping, Travel Masters, Cadbury, Schweppes, New Zealand Bridge and by no means least Queensland Events. Details of our Sponsors are on our web site www.qldbridge.com or the ABF web site.

If you're visiting from overseas, why not visit other parts of Queensland while you're here for the Congress?

May you have a happy and successful event.

Keith Mc Donald.

President (Australian Bridge Federation & Queensland Bridge Association).



Seize Your Opportunity

You may not win the Gold Coast Congress, but your club can be a winner if you take advantage of the following special deals

**Free Duplimate seminar & workshop in the playing area at
5:00pm Sunday the 28th February**

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- Free software upgrades
- Piatnik top quality cards: \$440 for 200 decks
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MEET BARRY RIGAL

Barry may not be well known in this part of the world, except by our international players. This is not because he does not have a significant role in the bridge world, simply because he lives and travels to bridge tournaments so far away from our shores.

Barry, 51 together with his wife, leading U.S. International player, Sue Picus live in New York. Although Barry was born in London he made the move to the greener bridge pastures of the USA in 1994.

I sometimes wonder how much more I would be involved in bridge if I did not have kids in my life and perhaps should have this discussion with Barry as, having no children, he is free to travel to any and all tournaments on the far-flung bridge circuit. His main role is that of a writer for the Daily Bulletins at World and Regional Championships as well as commentator for VuGraph presentations.

He learned bridge at the age of twelve and in response to the question have you been playing continuously ever since he answers "AND HOW"? Although he was self-taught at school he sharpened his bridge skills at University. "At school I played with Pete Jackson (a future junior international) and at university and afterwards played with Steve Lodge and Peter Czerniewski who was my regular partner for 7 years".

As one could imagine Barry is an avid reader of bridge books and cites "Uncensored Memoir of a Tournament Director by Jerry Machlin as one of the best books and the only truly funny bridge book I've read". So it would come as no surprise that Barry's tips for improving your bridge game are headed by (1) read, read and read some more then (2) do not learn conventions until you understand basic card play and finally (3) Learn how to play rubber bridge.

Ed: unfortunately today most bridge students are not taught rubber bridge but only learn duplicate bridge and duplicate scoring. Rubber bridge, often played for money, is an extremely challenging form of the game and players generally play twice as many hands in a session leading to faster learning of the game. Also, changing partners and opponents leads to a much better understanding of the psychology of the game and reading opponents and the cards.

His philosophy to improving your game is "as the world's worst at this I'd say try not to talk at the table but don't start the new board till you've mentally dealt with the previous one", an excellent philosophy which I find hard to stick to.

"My best moment at bridge was spotting a back-wash squeeze and playing for it...and getting it, while my worst moment at bridge was losing the junior European champs in 1982 to Poland".

Finally one of my favourite questions, what do you think administrators can do to promote bridge, "master the art of licensing systems properly" and where do you see bridge in twenty years time, "not much change but computers will take a much higher profile in the game"

Ed: I recently played in the US Nationals only to find that a 2♦ opening showing a weak two in either major was not allowed. The American Contract Bridge League have "dumbed down" systems in an effort to make the game more marketable which regrettably makes it less enjoyable for many.

Barry will be a team mate with me in the Open Teams so now that you have met him, feel free to go up to him and say G'Day and make him feel welcome at our premier tournament.

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 04-1206-4903 at any time during the congress or Theresa on 04-0987-0324.

UNPAID 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, please proceed to Bridge Administration Desk and take care of the matter. Play cannot commence if an entry fee is unpaid. Pairs \$260 per pair, Open Teams \$600 per team, Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Teams \$540 per team, Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs \$160 per pair, Mixed Teams \$200 per team, Graded Pairs \$100 per pair and all Walk-ins \$10 per player.

YOUTH AND STUDENT (AND OTHER CONCESSIONAL) ENTRY FEES

All players born after 1st January 1990 are entitled to free entry.

All players born between 1st January 1984 and 31st December 1989 are entitled to a 50% discount on entry fees.

And if the organisers aren't generous enough to our youth players a lovely lady Marion Rice who let's just say has reached an age with three numbers also plays as a guest of the tournament. If you play against Marion please make sure to make her feel welcome as we expect her to be coming to the tournament for many years to come.

PARKING

Parking will be available for \$5 per entry per day or \$25 for a weekly pass with unlimited entry from Saturday 27th February to Saturday 6th March inclusive.

The Bridge Administration Desk is the **ONLY** place you can obtain a weekly pass and will be available from noon on Friday 26th February for use from Saturday onwards.

For those requiring casual day parking, a one entry one exit ticket will be available from the machine upon entry and you will need to pay \$5 on departure at the pay stations which are located at the lifts as you are exiting. Note that the \$5 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 \$5 parking fee.

EVENT INFORMATION/ELIGIBILITY

OPEN:	Carries ABF Playoff points. Swiss Pairs do not carry playoff points
SENIORS:	Open to players born prior to 1st January 1951 and attracting ABF playoff points
INTERMEDIATE:	Open to players who have not attained 500 MP's as at 30th September 2009.
RESTRICTED:	Open to players who have not attained 300 MP's as at 30th September 2009.
NOVICE:	Open to players who have not attained 100 MP's as at 30th September 2009.

TEAM CATEGORIES

There was a place on the entry form to do this when entering however there will be lists around the Convention Centre listing teams who have entered into each category. Once winners have been published or announced, no correspondence will be entered into.

CLOSING OF ENTRIES

Teams	Friday 19 th February – entries thereafter at director's discretion
Butler Pairs	Thursday 12:00 noon 4 th March
Mixed Teams	Thursday 12:00 noon 4 th March
Graded Pairs	Thursday 12:00 noon 4 th March

SESSION TIMES

Pairs	Saturday	1.00pm to 4:45pm	7.30pm to 11:00pm
	Sunday	1.00pm to 4:45pm	7.30pm to 11:00pm
	Monday	1.00pm to 4:45pm	NO PLAY MONDAY EVENING
Open Teams	Tuesday	1.00pm to 4:45pm	7.30pm to 11:00pm
	Wednesday	1.00pm to 4:45pm	7.30pm to 11:00pm
	Thursday	10.30am to 2:00pm	3:30pm to 7:00pm
	Senior Teams	Tuesday	1.00pm to 4:45pm
Senior Teams	Wednesday	1.00pm to 4:45pm	NO SENIORS PLAY
	Thursday	10.30am to 2:00pm	3:30pm to 7:00pm
	Intermediate & Restricted & Novice Teams	Tuesday	1.00pm to 4:45pm
Intermediate & Restricted & Novice Teams	Wednesday	1.00pm to 4:45pm	7.30pm to 11:00pm
	Thursday	10.30am to 2:00pm	NO INT/REST/NOV PLAY

Open Teams Knockout Finals Friday and Saturday

Seniors Teams Finals Friday

Intermediate, Restricted and Novice Teams Finals Thursday 3:30pm

Butler Pairs	Friday	1.30pm to 6.30pm	8:00pm to 10:00pm
	Saturday	10.30am to 2.00pm	
Mixed Teams	Friday	10.30am to 2.20pm	3.20pm to 7:00pm
Graded Pairs	Friday	10.30am to 2.20pm	3.20pm to 7:00pm
Walk in Pairs	Wednesday	3 rd March 9.00 am	
	Wednesday	3 rd March 7:30pm	
	Thursday	4 th March 3:30pm	
	Saturday	6 th March 10.30 am	
Walk In Teams	Saturday	7 th March 10.30 am	

IVY DAHLER SWISS PAIRS - SCORING

The Open Swiss Butler Pairs is run with distinct NS and EW fields. Although the event is scored by the normal Victory Point scale, the effect of the two field format is that the average score may not be the same for NS as it is for EW.

The Ivy Dahler Shield will be awarded to the pair with the highest percentage total Victory Points, relative to the average in their direction.

NOVICE EVENTS

Help will be on hand for one hour before start of play for all novice & restricted events. Assistance will be available for filling out system cards, helping you find your seat & working out where you go & where the boards move etc. We can also assist with any queries re alerting or anything else you might like to know.

MASTERPOINT AWARDS

Master Point Awards:	Gold in main events, red for walk-ins
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 Events	0.45 gold masterpoints for each win
Novice Events	0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Mixed Teams	0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Swiss Butler Pairs	0.64 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Swiss Butler Pairs	0.26 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.

WITHDRAWALS

Players are permitted to withdraw from all divisions of the Barometer pairs (Open, Senior, Restricted and Novice) event (Sunday 28th February and Monday 1st March) at the end of the qualifying rounds provided that they notify the Chief Director or Bridge Administration Desk within 1 hour of the qualifying scores being posted. No portion of the entry fees will be refunded.

SUBSTITUTES

If you do not feel well and require a substitute, see the Bridge Administration Desk. Please use this service only when essential.

STAFFING

Our Floor Managers, Marj, Mathew, Chris, Kim and Amber are dressed with the white overshirt. Our Caddies are in purple however, they are only here to caddy – see Marj, Mathew Chris, Kim or Amber if further assistance is required. Our Directors led by Laurie Kelso have the blue shirts.

Our Scoring Staff led by Mathew McManus are in the Black Schweppes shirts. However the person to see for Scoring issues is Toni Bardon (by the sign “Scoring Enquiries”) – she and the other scoring staff led by Matthew McManus are in the Black Schweppes shirts. 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.

PENS

The pen you receive in the satchel is the one you will use to bid and score throughout this congress. Please bring it to each session.

BULLETIN

David Stern and Barry Rigal 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:

- submission box at the Bridge Administration Desk
- email to gcb@thesterns.com.au
- mobile phone call or SMS message to 04-1111-1655

ROOM SETUP - COLOUR CODING

For the whole event, the Open Area will be dressed up in light and dark blue, the Intermediate in brown and light brown while the Restricted will be in green and dark green, the Novice in yellow and gold and the Seniors in pink and lilac. Coloured flags will identify your section results and playing areas.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Tournament Organiser:	Therese Tully
Chief Tournament Director:	Laurie Kelso
Bulletin Editors:	David Stern and Barry Rigal
Appeals Chairperson:	Richard Grenside
Appeals Committee:	Finalised at the venue
Chief Scorer:	Matthew McManus
Recorders:	Keith McDonald. John Brockwell and Noel Woodhall (current NZ Recorder)
Appeals Advisers:	Ted Chadwick, Neville Francis, Kim Morrison and David Stern and Tony Treloar The Director will guide you to the appropriate adviser
Novice & Restricted Player Liaison:	Tony Treloar, Kim Ellaway and Therese Tully

COFFEE, TEA

The Service Areas run by the Convention Centre will be open at all times during session times. As a service to congress participants and during the teams only, brewed coffee and tea will be available inside the playing area for only \$2.00 a cup

BAR

Subject to usage the Bar run by the Convention Centre will be open 30 minutes before the end of play in each session.

DINNER DANCE

This year's Dinner Dance will be held in the Gold Coast Convention Centre on Saturday 6th March at 8.00pm. Doors will be open at 7.50pm with pre-dinner drinks from 7:30pm. As in the past, entry to this event is by ticket only and the onus is on the individual to make arrangements. The procedure is to pick up a "table list" from the Bridge Administration Desk and return it as soon as possible and prior to 8pm Wednesday. Tables will accommodate a maximum of 10 people and list can be for any number from 1 to 10.

For those playing in three of the following events entry is free, for those playing in two of the following events entry is \$30 and for those playing in one of the following events entry is \$50 - Pairs, Teams, Butler Pairs or Mixed Teams. For those playing in no events and wish to come to the Dinner Dance the cost is \$70. These charges are payable at the time of handing in the list to the Bridge Administration Desk. Tickets will be available for collection from 3.00 pm Friday Afternoon. Numbers are limited so don't delay.

ON-SITE PERSONNEL

Attending the congress are the following ABF Personnel

Keith McDonald - ABF President

Di Marler - ABF Executive Secretary

Richard Grenside - ABF Management

Jane Rasmussen - ABF Manager

Stephen Lester - ABF Newsletter Editor

Eric Ramshaw - ABF Chairman, Tournament Unit

Sean Mullamphy - ABF Chief Director

Pauline Gumby - ABF Webmaster

Kim Morrison - ABF Tournament C'ttee Chairman

Playing in the Graded Pairs

Eilis Magner - General Counsel

Playing in the Teams Only

David Stern - ABF Youth Committee Chairman,
Convenor Seniors Playoffs

Playing in the Congress are the following New Zealand Contract Bridge Association Personnel

John Wignall - Executive Vice President of the WBF and Zone 7

Kay Nicholas - Chairman NZ Bridge

Alister Stuck - Executive Secretary – New Zealand Bridge

2011 DATES

Saturday 26th February to Saturday 5th March

PSSST!!

WANNA IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

After play on Monday Evening there will be a session of

You ask - we answer

(sometimes called Ask the Experts)

held in the main playing area. You are

invited to submit any of the hands you played to the experts for comments.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WORK-SHOP

Wednesday Morning 10.30 – 12:00

Playing Area Convention Centre

DAVID BEAUCHAMP & TED CHADWICK

have kindly agreed to run a workshop for players at the Gold Coast Congress similar to the one they successfully ran at the Coffs Harbour Tournament.

It will cover a range of topics that primarily target the improver through to intermediate but we are sure they will benefit all players

They are donating their time, energy and commitment but we you are asked to make a donation of at least \$5.00 – more if you like and even \$20.00 would still be a bargain! ALL of which will all go to The Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, a fund established to assist youth players who may be in financial need to attend the very active youth bridge calendar.

WINNER WINNER WINNER

Ok we are next to one of Australia's great casinos, Jupiters, but there are a few ways that you can win without leaving the comfort of the Convention Centre.

Free Entry NZ Bridge Congress: The New Zealand Contract Bridge Association have kindly donated two free entries to all of the events at their National Bridge Congress held in Hamilton, one hour from Auckland from September 25th to October 2nd 2010. What do you have to do to enter? Absolutely nothing – every Australian player at this tournament will be automatically entered into the draw to be held on Wednesday (regrettably, New Zealanders are not eligible for this prize – hand across the sea and all that stuff).

Raffle to Raise Funds for Youth Team: A youth team of Adam Edgtton, Nabil Edgtton, Justin Howard, Andy Hung and Michael Whibley have secured an entry for the Whitehouse Juniors International Tournament to be held in March in Amsterdam. To help fund their participation they have arranged for several fundraising events at local bridge clubs around Australia.

To further assist their quest to raise around \$8,000 in total, a raffle is being held at this tournament:

- Hello Gold Coast have generously donated a substantial amount of chocolates; and
- The Gold Coast Congress have contributed a free entry to one player for the pairs event in 2011 valued at approximately \$130.

Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 with the draw to be held on Thursday. So please open your purses/wallets and help this fine cause by buying a ticket at the Bridge Administration Desk.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of Hello Gold Coast and Fred Whittaker in particular who spends a lot of time and energy supporting the Gold Coast Congress by securing a large number of restaurant sponsorships including free meals which are used as prizes throughout the event.

New Sponsor: A new sponsor who has asked to remain anonymous has donated \$5,000 towards the 50th anniversary Gold Coast Congress in 2011. In addition they have donated a \$250 prize for the best suggestion as to how an amount of \$5,000 could be spent to increase participation in the game of bridge at the grass roots level. There is no limit to the length of such suggestions which should be directed to the Bridge Administration Desk or the bulletin submissions box. As judging may take place after the event please include your contact details.

SYSTEMS - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Laurie Kelso & Nick Hughes

The ABF's system regulations are in force. They closely parallel the WBF ones with the usual colour-coding. However, the sole criterion is now your system's 1-level opening structure.

- Green** Natural, includes those who open 1♣ on 4-4-3-2
- Blue** Strong club systems, where 1♥, 1♠ & 1NT are natural (think Precision)
- Red** Intermediate 1♣ systems, (e.g. Polish Club) or any other system where 1♥/♠ or 1NT are not natural (e.g. modern Moscito)
- Yellow** Strong pass or multi-meaning 1♥/1♠ openings

All Non-Yellow system 1-level openings must promise at least 8 HCP, however if you wish to agree to open a weak 2♥ on 0-5 points, that's legal.

You can play Green/Blue systems in all Pairs events, but no Red systems in the Restricted Pairs or Novice Events. *Restricted* means each member of your pair or team has less than 300 masterpoints. *Novice* means they possess less than 100 masterpoints.

Yellow is okay in the Open Teams if you pre-lodged

BROWN STICKER

Some overcalls & 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 another exemption from the Brown Sticker category. This is largely academic since Brown Sticker is permitted in everything except the Restricted Pairs and the Novice Events.

PROTECTED PAIRS

Pairs playing a Green system can apply for an Orange sticker if both are below National Master or one is below Local Master. This affords protection from Brown Sticker conventions in Pairs events and in the Restricted/Intermediate Teams.

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).

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
- A bid in a suit *bid or shown* by an opponent
- Any 2♣ response to a 1NT opening bid (e.g. *Stayman*)

DO ALERT:

All other conventional calls (such as *Transfers*, a 1♣ opening that could be a *doubleton*, 2♥ = hearts and a *minor*)

'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 mis-explains, wait until the *end of the auction* before calling the Director and correcting. **Defenders:** wait until the *end of the hand* before piping up.

USING THE BRIDGEMATES

This year at the Gold Coast Congress, the new Bridgemate2 will be used at all tables for all events. Bridgemates are a wireless scoring device, with the players transmitting scores from the table to the scoring room immediately a board has been played. This will mean that the results for all sessions should be available very soon after the last card is played.

There will be instructions on how to use the Bridgemate on every table. What follows is a summary of what you need to do and what you need to look out for. More detail can be found on the table instructions.

- The Bridgemate will regularly turn itself off in order to conserve power. If the screen is blank at any time, just press OK to power it up again. Any details already entered will be retained.
- **After each board is played, you need to enter:**
 - **the board number**
 - **the contract and declarer**
 - **the number of tricks (result)**

The Bridgemate will then calculate the score, which will be displayed as the score for NS.

Normally NS should take charge of entering the details. It is most important that the opponents (EW) verify that the score is correct, then press the button, **ACCEPT** to confirm it.

NB: This becomes the official score for your table for this board, so please ensure its accuracy. At any time you can check the scores already entered, by means of the button, **SCORES**. Any errors can be corrected by the players via the button, **CORREC**. (Note: the button for **ACCEPT**, **SCORES** and **CORREC** are all at the top right hand side of the keypad).

After each result is confirmed, the number of boards still to be entered will be displayed. At the end of a round, the Bridgemate will display "End of Round", meaning that you have entered all the scores for the round. Until you get this message, no scores can be entered for the next round. If you are not sure what boards you still have to enter, enter 55 as the board number and you will see the board numbers still to be scored.

At the end of a round, please use the SCORES button to check that the results you have entered are all correct.

Tables which fail to enter all their scores will be the main reason for the results of a session being delayed, or for later score corrections needing to be made. From experience, many players get up from the table after playing the last board and don't bother entering and confirming the score. Please don't be one of them!

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, they will be placed in baskets next to the notice board where the results of your section or event are posted. For all other sessions, they will be placed on your table before or during the next session.

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" next to the Scoring Room. 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.

Scoring errors may also be forwarded to the scoring team by email at: gccscoring@gmail.com. Note however that queries which have not been confirmed by the opponents may not be able to be changed.

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 and are also on the back of the Bridgemate instructions on each table (*ed: and in this and tomorrow's Bulletin*). At the conclusion of the scoring correction period, scores become final and, under the Laws of Bridge, no further changes can be made.

PLAYER NUMBERS FOR THE TEAMS USING BRIDGEMATE II

During the teams 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 from 1 to 6. 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.

SCORE CORRECTION TIMES

<p>All Walk-ins 30 minutes after scores are posted</p> <p>Saturday Pairs, Qual 1 – midnight, Saturday Pairs, Qual 2 – one hour after scores are posted</p> <p>Sunday Pairs, Final 1 – midnight, Sunday Pairs, Final 2 – 2.00pm, Monday</p> <p>Monday Pairs, Final 3 – one hour after scores are posted</p> <p>Tuesday Teams, Match 1 – 5.45pm, Tuesday Teams, Match 2 – 9.30pm, Tuesday</p> <p>Tuesday (continued) Teams, Match 3 – 12.15am, Wednesday Teams, Match 4 – 3.00pm, Wednesday</p> <p>Wednesday Teams, Match 5 – 5.45pm, Wednesday Teams, Match 6 – 9.30pm, Wednesday Teams, Match 7 – 12.15am, Thursday Teams, Match 8 – 12.30pm, Thursday Walk-ins – 30 minutes after scores are posted</p>	<p>Thursday Teams, Match 9 – 2.45pm, Thursday Teams, Match 10 – 5.30pm, Thursday (Note: this is the last match in the Intermediate, Restricted and Novice sections. For results which affect the finalists in these sections, the score correction period expires at 3.00pm, Thursday. For other corrections, the score correction time is midnight, Thursday) Teams, Match 11 and Match 12 – For results which affect the finalists in the Open and Seniors sections, the score correction period expires at 8.30pm, Thursday. For other corrections, the score correction time is midnight, Thursday. Walk-ins – 30 minutes after scores are posted</p> <p>Friday Mixed Teams, Matches 1-3 – 5.00pm, Friday Mixed Teams, Matches 4-6 – one hour after scores for Match 6 are posted Graded Pairs, both sessions – one hour after scores are posted Butler Swiss Pairs, Matches 1-4 – midnight, Friday Butler Swiss Pairs, Matches 5-6 – midday, Saturday</p> <p>Saturday Butler Swiss Pairs, Matches 7-9 – one hour after scores for Match 9 are posted</p>
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OVER MY SHOULDER - FOR THE INTERMEDIATE PLAYER

Barry Rigal

Dealer: East	♠ K 10 9	West	North	East	South
Vul: N/S	♥ A Q 7 4	Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
	♦ Q 6	Pass	4♥	Pass	1♥
	♣ A K 6 5	Pass		Pass	Pass
♠ Q 2		♠ 7 6 5 4 3			
♥ J 2		♥ 10 8 6			
♦ K 10 7 4 2		♦ A J 9 8			
♣ J 9 8 7		♣ 10			
	♠ A J 8				
	♥ K 9 5 3				
	♦ 5 3				
	♣ Q 4 3 2				

When North opens 1♣, South introduces his four-card major of course, rather than raise clubs. Now North's jump to 4♥ suggests a very strong balanced hand; but since North was not good enough to open 2NT to show 20+ points, South has no real reason to consider bidding on. And a good job too, as the cards lie.

West leads a diamond, and the defence start by taking their two tricks in that suit, and shifting to a trump. Now it looks easy to make the contract once trumps split, so you draw them all - but keep concentrating. Everything looks straightforward, but suddenly problems arise when the clubs turn out to be 4-1. How will you find the queen of spades? The answer is YOU won't; the opposition will find it for you! Simply play four rounds of clubs, and wait for West to win the fourth club, which was an inevitable loser after all. West now has no attractive options; he can either lead a spade and find the queen for you, or give you a ruff and discard to let you throw away a spade from one hand or the other.

This sort of manoeuvre is called an end-play, and there is nothing more enjoyable than persuading the opponents to do something they do not want to do, such as giving you a trick, or clearing up a finesse for you.

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North (dummy)

♠ Q 9 4 2

East (You)

♠ K 10

North opened 1NT and South bids 4♠. The queen is led from dummy. Which card should East play?

Answer: As West will not have more than one card in the suit, East should play low. These situations could exist:

North (dummy)

♠ Q 9 4 2

West

♠ A

East (You)

♠ K 10

South (declarer)

♠ J 8 7 6 5 3

If East covers the queen with the king, the defenders make only one trick.

North (dummy)

♠ Q 9 4 2

West

East (You)

♠ K 10

South

♠ A J 8 7 6 5 3

South leads the queen from dummy. If East covers the defenders take no tricks. If East plays low without hesitation, declarer might decide to play the ace. Now East scores a trick.

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				09:00 and 19:30 Walk-In Pairs	15:30 Walk-In Pairs		10:30 Walk-In Pairs and Walk-In Teams					
<p>13:00 Pairs Championship</p> <p>Qualifying 1/2 Open, Seniors, Novice and Restricted</p>	<p>13:00 Pairs Championship</p> <p>Final 1/3 Open, Seniors, Novice and Restricted</p>	<p>13:00 Pairs Championship</p> <p>Final 3/3 Open, Seniors, Novice and Restricted</p>	<p>13:00 Open Teams Championship</p> <p>Qualifying 1/2</p> <p>Senior Intermediate Restricted Novice Championship</p> <p>Qualifying 1/2</p>	<p>13:00 Open Teams Championship</p> <p>Qualifying 5/6</p> <p>Senior Intermediate Restricted Novice Championship</p> <p>Qualifying 5/6</p>	<p>10:30 Open Teams Championship</p> <p>Qualifying 9/10</p> <p>Senior Championship</p> <p>Qualifying 7/8</p> <p>Intermediate Restricted Novice Championship</p> <p>Qualifying 9/10</p>	<p>09:30 Open Teams Championship</p> <p>Qualifying Playoff 3rd thru 6th 2 x 12</p> <p>10:00 Seniors Teams Championship</p> <p>Final 4 x 12</p> <p>14:00 Open Teams Championship</p> <p>Semi-Final 4 x 12</p>	<p>10:30 Graded Pairs</p> <p>Session 1 of 2</p> <p>Entries Close 12:00 Thursday</p> <p>15:20 Graded Pairs</p> <p>Session 2 of 2</p>	<p>13:30 Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs</p> <p>Matches 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 of 9</p> <p>Entries Close 12:00 Thursday</p> <p>20:00 Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs</p> <p>Matches 5 & 6 of 9</p>	<p>10:30 Seres-McMahon Mixed Teams</p> <p>Matches 1 & 2 & 3 of 6</p> <p>Entries Close 12:00 Thursday</p> <p>15:20 Seres-McMahon Mixed Teams</p> <p>Matches 4 & 5 & 6 of 6</p>	<p>09:00 Open Teams Championship Final 4x12</p>	<p>10:30 Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs</p> <p>Matches 7 & 8 & 9 of 9</p> <p>20:00 Dinner Dance</p>	<p>10:30 Walk-In Pairs Walk-In Teams</p>
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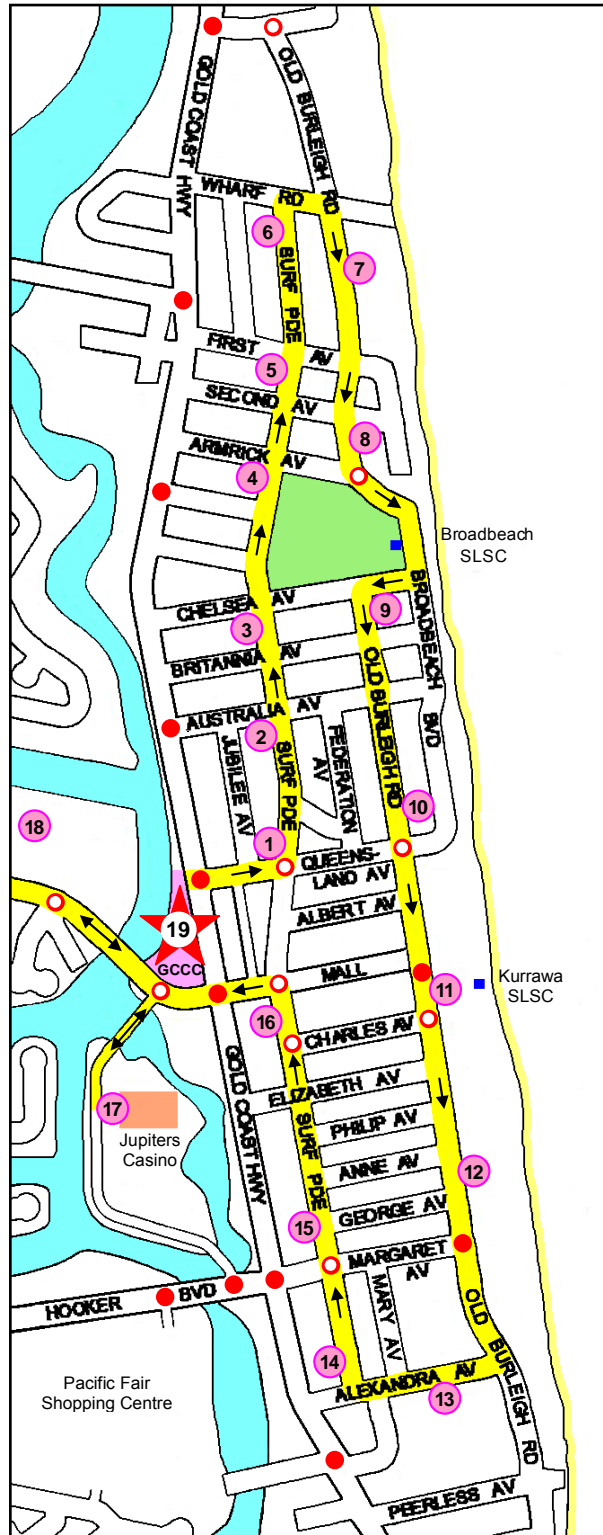
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1. Which pop star played the title role in the 2006 film Hating Alison Ashley?
2. What is the floral emblem of Australia?
3. What is Australia's largest inland city?
4. What Aboriginal term for a waterhole is also the name of an Australian clothing company?
5. What do the letters of the television network SBS stand for?
6. What is the name of the original yellow Wiggle?
7. Which bushranger did Sidney Nolan portray in a series of paintings he created in 1946-47?
8. What was the name of the cyclone that devastated Darwin on Christmas Day 1974?
9. What finished second to 'Advance Australia Fair' in the 1977 referendum to choose a national song?
10. What natural disaster killed 13 people in Newcastle on December 28, 1989?

SOME TOURIST INFORMATION FOR OUR VISITORS

These were posted on an Australian Tourism Website and the answers are the actual responses by the website officials, who obviously have a great sense of humour (not to mention a low tolerance threshold for cretins!)

Q: Does it ever get windy in Australia ? I have never seen it rain on TV, so how do the plants grow? (UK)

A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? (USA)

A: Depends how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only three thousand miles, take lots of water.

Q: Are there any ATMs (cash machines) in Australia? Can you send me a list of them in Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville and Hervey Bay? (UK)

A: What did your last slave die of?

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia ? (USA)

A: A-f-r-i-c-a is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe. Au-s-tra-l-i-a is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not ... Oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross. Come naked.

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