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WELCOME TO THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS AND AUSTRALIA'S HOLIDAY PLAYGROUND

After a year in which the world was mired in turmoil I am kind of glad to get back to the predictable stress and tension of editing the Gold Coast Bulletin.

- Siege in Sydney which took the life of Katrina Dawson, daughter of one of our players Jane Dawson;
- Middle East conflict with blame being hurled in all directions;
- Terrorism in Paris and Belgium;
- The rise of threats to democracy and free speech and our basic freedoms; and
- Mass murders in Cairns.

It's quite hard to know which direction the world is headed and it seems the one constant in my life is my bridge and the fact that finesses will always be fifty percent.

Last year saw a lot of bridge travel for me – not surprising really – a Youth Championship in Turkey and an Open World Championship in Sanya both combined with wider leisure and family holidays. There was even some non-bridge travel but that isn't nearly as interesting.

But as everyone knows this tournament at the Gold Coast is probably my favourite bridge, work and holiday event and always will be. If you ask why, then you probably haven't been attending that many Congresses yet but in summary:

- Usually perfect weather;
- An amazing variety of accommodation options – apartments, hotels ranging from two to five star;
- Playing conditions and comfort that are equal to or better than I have experienced anywhere in the world; and
- A wonderful selection of dining options and cuisines, all quite proximate to the accommodation and playing venue.

But probably most important for the participants is a group of Tournament Organisers that is totally committed to ensuring that each and every player enjoys their visit to the Gold Coast Congress.

People often ask me what makes the Gold Coast one of the largest and most successful tournaments in the World and I always respond the same way – The Tournament Organisers hold a meeting around May each year where all of the key personnel gather in Brisbane and:

- Review the tournament just completed;
- Discuss EVERY suggestion, criticism and piece of correspondence related to the tournament; and
- DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO IMPROVE THE TOURNAMENT YEAR ON YEAR.

Well enough of my talking up the special nature of the Gold Coast Congress because if you are playing here you are the recipients of all of the detailed planning that goes into the event and which will, I am sure, lead to your enjoyment of the bridge you are about to play.

So sit back, relax, smile at partner and enjoy yourself.

David

**WELCOME FROM JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
CO-PATRON 2015 GOLD COAST CONGRESS**



As State Member for Surfers Paradise, and as Co-Patron of your event for 2015, I am delighted to welcome you to the 54th Annual Gold Coast Bridge Congress.

With so many of you making the 'pilgrimage' to Australia's holiday playground year after year to attend this world class bridge tournament, I'm sure I don't need to infect you with my love for the weather, attractions, restaurants and natural beauty that is the Gold Coast.

However for any first time participants I strongly urge you to take the time to explore this wonderland and balance your bridge with a fine holiday.

The ability to combine a passion such as bridge with the Gold Coast is surely the reason that this tournament grows every year.

I wish all participants the very best for the Gold Coast Bridge Congress for 2015, and trust your stay on the Gold Coast will be an enjoyable and memorable one.

Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP
Member for Surfers Paradise

**WELCOME FROM STEVEN CIOBO MP
CO-PATRON 2015 GOLD COAST CONGRESS**



Welcome to the 54th Annual Gold Coast Bridge Congress being held at the magnificent Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre.

As the Federal Member for Moncrieff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the beautiful Gold Coast. The Gold Coast is the sixth largest city in Australia and a major tourist destination for domestic and international visitors.

With our 52 kilometres of beaches, theme parks, weather and relaxed lifestyle, it is easy to see why over 10 million visitors frequent the Gold Coast each year and so many people decide to call it home.

I hope in between a few tricks you'll have time to explore all the Coast has to offer. I'm certain you will enjoy your stay in our great city.

It's a testament to the strength of the game that the Gold Coast Bridge Congress attracts over two thousand players from all over Australia and internationally each year.

Good luck! You never know, one day you may end up playing well known bridge fans, Bill Gates or Warren Buffet!

The Hon Steven Ciobo MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade and Investment
Federal Member for Moncrieff

**WELCOME FROM TOM TATE
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GOLD COAST**



As Mayor of the City of Gold Coast, it gives me great pleasure to welcome back members of the Queensland Bridge Association for the 54th Gold Coast Congress.

The City of Gold Coast is famous for sun, surf and sand, offering a vibrant mix of shopping, accommodation, theme parks, golf courses, restaurants, entertainment and an abundance of natural attractions for all to enjoy - including beaches and waterways to the east and stunning hinterland ranges and forests to the west.

Everything you'd want, we have it in spades!

With the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games™ just around the corner, the city is certainly on the move - still considered one of Australia's fastest growing cities, with an economy which has grown by 37 per cent over the last decade.

The City is committed to building new infrastructure, fostering innovation and developing our business and entertainment precincts. We are doing this through the establishment of a true CBD in Southport; developing a new Chinatown precinct; progressing with plans for a cruise ship terminal and integrated tourism resort in the Broadwater; and realising our vision for a Cultural Precinct.

During your stay you will see that the city is cementing its place on the world stage, continuing to grow a positive global reputation.

Whether you're returning to the Gold Coast or staying for the first time, I encourage you to explore and enjoy everything the city has to offer. And, unlike in Bridge, you're allowed to talk about our city to your heart's content after your stay.

I trust all participants, organisers and spectators have a productive Congress and an even more enjoyable stay here on the Gold Coast.

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, both from all around Australia and overseas, to the 54th Gold Coast Congress.

This is one of the most popular events of the Australian Bridge calendar and is recognised worldwide as a major bridge event. It focuses on all levels of players from top internationals to rookies, is steadily gaining in stature and is increasing in numbers each year.

To help us make sure everyone enjoys this wonderful event, please help us prevent bad behaviour. All players should firstly respect themselves, then their partners, and extend the same courtesy to others at the table they would like themselves. This code of conduct should extend not only at the table but wherever they may be during the congress so there is maximum enjoyment for all.

I acknowledge and thank all of the sponsors who collectively ensure the success of this great tournament.

I am confident that the work done by Therese Tully and her team of workers will have left nothing to chance. Bridge is a wonderful game bringing pleasure and mental stimulation to people of all ages and walks of life. Enjoy.....

Bruce Neill

President Australian Bridge Federation

WELCOME FROM KEITH MCDONALD PRESIDENT QUEENSLAND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



As President of the Queensland Bridge Association it gives me great pleasure to welcome players from all around Australia as well as our overseas visitors to the 54th Gold Coast Congress.

The venue, the magnificent Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, will be host to the 2018 Commonwealth Nations Bridge event. There is no better city and venue to host such significant bridge events. The new light rail network should prove very popular.

I acknowledge and thank our sponsors Cosmetic Plus, TBIB Insurers, Oasis, Hello Gold Coast, Paul Lavings Bridge Book and Supplies, Superior Scapes, Powers Financial Group, Two Men and a Truck, Penline, Annette Maluish, Greer Tucker and Schweppes.

The Rookie and Novice players are supporting us in ever increasing numbers. Please make them welcome to the Gold Coast family.

I wish all participants the very best and an enjoyable Congress.

Keith McDonald

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

WELCOME FROM THERESE TULLY GOLD COAST CONGRESS TOURNAMENT ORGANISER



I would like to welcome all newcomers to the 54th Gold Coast Congress. May the weather be perfect, may all your finesses work and may your partner remember you are on their side! I welcome back all our past players and regulars. You are the backbone of our congress and we rely on your support and feedback to keep us on track. I note we will be missing a few faces at this year's congress that we have got used to seeing around. We will miss you and look forward to seeing you in 2016 but I appreciate it is a busy calendar and we cannot do everything.

In the last 12 months Keith McDonald has stepped down as President of the ABF and we wish Bruce Neill all the best in this challenging role. Keith is going strong as President of the QBA - his 29th year! I think we sometimes fail to appreciate the work our leaders do – it is not always as easy to fix something as it would appear to an outsider.

Our sponsors are our life blood, in particular our major sponsor Larry Norden from Cosmetics Plus. I clearly remember I was in the bar one night

the first year I was Convenor when I was desperate to find sponsors as the cost of the GCCC far exceeded our projected income from the GCC. I was drinking with Larry and I can still hear him saying “you just have to ask, Theresa” and I was replying “you make it sound so simple but ask whom”!!! It then dawned on me and I will be forever grateful. So please please please support our Sponsors – we need them and they are all fantastic so give them a go. (They are all listed on our web page)

The GCC has paid tribute to some of our finest players by naming events after them. As the years roll on we sometimes forget how special they were. It makes me realise I should have a tribute page attached to our web so that newcomers can appreciate their story - <http://www.qldbbridge.com/gcc/honour.php>. We have the Tim Seres & Mary McMahon Mixed Teams, the Ivy Dahler Swiss Butler events and of course the Bobby Richman Open Match Point Pairs. Think of them when you play – they were special people who have left an enduring legacy on the Australian Bridge landscape.

Play well at the table and be kind to yourself, your partner and to your opponents (and of course all our staff!) Remember you are in Queensland where life is beautiful one day and perfect the next!

Therese Tully

Therese Tully – GCC Tournament Organiser



JOIN US IN THE SPIRIT OF THE OCCASION BY DRESSING IN OUR 2015 THEME **Dots and Dashes WEDNESDAY!!!**

This year we are judging you in groups of four (need not be same team) as opposed to pairs or individuals (mind you we would still like you to dress up even if your slack teammates don't and just maybe we will have some spot prizes for great individual efforts!).

The judging will take place on Wednesday afternoon and any team interested needs to register at the Bridge Administration Desk. They can do this any day but will then have to take their registration slip with them to have their photo taken in the foyer at the GCCC sometime Wednesday morning (or up to start of afternoon session). Anne Russell will be there to snap you and we would like all contenders to then parade around the foyer so we can appreciate your efforts.

Once again Sally Elliot for Meegs Boutique will be judging and providing vouchers as prizes. We will also offer book vouchers for those who prefer. This will be finalised that afternoon.



The Oasis on Broadbeach Shopping Centre

The Oasis is delighted to continue its sponsorship of the Bobby Richman Open Pair's Championship and would like to extend a very warm welcome to all players attending the Gold Coast Congress.

The Oasis on Broadbeach is located a short 5 minute walk from the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Look out for your exclusive VIP card in your welcome bag which can be used at any participating retailer that displaying "USE YOUR REWARD CARD HERE".

Also, from Tuesday 24th February until Saturday 28th February come and visit the Health and Fitness expo taking place on the Ground Floor.

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EARN A CHOCOLATE FROG

Thanks to the generosity of Jay Faranda we will again be giving out chocolate frogs to any player who displays notable courtesy, ethics or equanimity as well as the person who nominates the recipient.

We are pleased to announce that the value of the frogs has been increased to \$200 this year.

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.

To encourage more such acts your editor has undertaken to sponsor additional chocolate frogs should the proposed supply run out!!!

No responsibility for weight gains to those who receive multiple nomination – BUT MUCH ADMIRATION

BARRY'S PROBLEMS

Barry Rigal

All	♠ K J 6 2		
East	♥ A 5 3		
	♦ A K		
	♣ K J 10 4		
	♠ A Q 10 8 4		
	♥ ---		
	♦ 8 7 5		
	♣ A 9 8 6 2		
West	North	East	South
4♥	4NT	3♥	3♠
Pass	7♠	Pass	5NT
		All Pass	
Opening Lead ♥2			

Anyone can bid a grand slam; making it is another matter. Here South stretched to act at his first turn – rightly so given his heart void. North was able to use key-card Blackwood in response (some would play that his bid of four no-trumps was take-out for the minors). South's response to the ace-asking bid showed two aces, and a void, so North made the majestic leap to seven spades. Since South was missing the club queen, he had to use good judgment to make his contract.

When West leads a heart, South ruffs and draws trumps, East having a singleton. Play on.

ANSWER

The bidding suggested that West was more likely to hold the club queen than East, as hearts looked to be dividing 7-3. West had shown up with three spades to East's one, which meant that East had only five

spaces for minor suit cards, to West's seven.

But there was no need for haste, and declarer gave himself every chance to pinpoint the distribution. He cashed dummy's ace and king of diamonds, then the heart ace, carefully throwing a club from hand. Dummy's last heart was ruffed in hand, then South's third diamond ruffed in dummy, East showing out.

At this point West was proven to have started with three spades, and a minimum of three hearts and six diamonds, which left room for at most one club. So it was quite safe to lead the club king and then run the club jack through East, to bring home the grand slam.

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

COMMON ERRORS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

Brent Manley

I like to start these columns with a short, amusing story to remind players that the game is meant to be fun. I hope you enjoy them.

True story from an ACBL tournament: It wasn't a newcomer game, just one of those days. Dealer, pulled the 1♦ card from the bidding box and put it on the table. His left-hand opponent looked at the cards and, having a diamond in his hand, 'followed suit' with the ♦10.

Perhaps the most common error occurs before any bid has been made or any card turned. It is . . .

FAILURE TO DISCUSS

Most partnerships use what is known as Jacoby 2NT. It's a jump to 2NT by an unpassed hand after an opening bid of one of a major. The bid shows a hand with at least four-card support for opener's major and enough strength to force to game. The 2NT bidder is generally balanced but in theory he could have any number of strong hands.

In most systems, opener's first obligation is to show a singleton or void by bidding three of the suit in which the shortness exists. So far, so good, but what about other responses?

What if partner opened 1♥, you bid 2NT and partner rebid 4♣? Would you know what partner is showing? What if partner rebid 3♥? 3NT? 4♥?

In case you need to know, this is what the bids mean to many experienced partnerships: three of the agreed suit shows extra values and at least mild slam interest, game in the agreed suit indicates no slam interest, 3NT shows extra values in a balanced hand and a jump to four of a new suit shows a five-card suit. Some agree that the side suit must have at least two of the top three honours, others are okay with a guarantee of only the ace or king – another item for discussion.

Here's another: Your right-hand opponent opens 1♣. You pass, as does LHO. Partner, in the passout seat, bids 2♠. What is partner showing? Without discussion, you would be left to guess. You might guess right – 2♠

shows at least six spades and “intermediate” values: 13-16 HCP – but a wrong guess could be costly in matchpoints or IMPs. Discussion precludes such hiccups.

Once again, RHO’s 1♣ is followed by two passes. Now partner bids 2NT. Do you have an agreement – translation: discussion – about what that bid shows? Hint: It’s not the Unusual Notrump (5-5 in the minors). Most experts would interpret 2NT in that auction as showing a balanced hand with 18-19 HCP and a stopper(s) in opener’s suit. Others agree that it shows 19-20. It doesn’t matter what you decide about the range as long as you and partner are on the same page.

Here’s another auction (you are West):

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
?			

Partner’s 2♦ is a transfer to hearts. Now what? Is 3♦ forcing? You could, in theory, agree that the bidding shows a weak hand with 5-5 in the red suits, but you will be in a quandary if you haven’t discussed follow-ups to transfers. What are you supposed to do with a doubleton heart? If you can’t answer these questions, you and your partner owe it to yourselves to explore these questions. It’s a cliché but true: A bad agreement is better than no agreement. Any agreement requires discussion.



MONDAY NIGHT 23RD FEBRUARY FROM 6:00PM

The Trivia night will be held at Grumpy’s Barefoot Bar – Steak & Seafood Grill on Victoria Avenue, Broadbeach Mall, Oasis Shopping Centre Broadbeach (5538-0806) commencing 6:00pm for a 6.30pm start – (larger capacity and better lit than last year)

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

The bridge menu is below and I hope all players will avail themselves of these specials and arrive at 6:00pm to give time to order their meal and drinks ready to start play at 6:30pm.

There will be a fee of \$5.00 per player with all proceeds going to Friends of Youth Bridge Fund but to be specifically used to facilitate youth attendance at the Gold Coast Congress (Objective: have an apartment for the week where youth players can stay free of charge).

You can enter as teams of between 6 and 8 people and may include friends who may not be bridge players.

We can accommodate a maximum of 25 tables so please register **AND PAY** at the Bridge Administration desk at the GCCC before 2:00pm Monday. 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

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\$15 Trivia Menu Selection

Calamari Fried calamari served with chips and a petite garden salad, tartar sauce and lemon

Chicken Schnitzel Crumbed chicken fillet with chips and a petite garden salad

Linguini Bolognaise Al dente pasta with homemade bolognaise sauce topped with parmesan cheese and a slice of garlic bread

Fish & Chips Battered fish fillet with chips, a petite garden salad, tartar sauce and lemon

Vegetarian Options Linguini Sicilian Linguini tossed with garlic, onion, roast capsicum, Olives, fresh herbs and Napoli sauce

Greek Salad Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, onions, olives and feta cheese drizzled with balsamic Vinaigrette

PIZZA MENU

Margarita – Tomato Basil Cheese ♦ **Meatlovers** – Bacon Ham Salami Chilli Onion & BBQ Sauce ♦ **Hawaiian** – Ham Pineapple Cheese



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Ron Klinger

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BRIDGE FOR THE IMPROVER

Ron Klinger

Teams Dlr: South Vul: Nil			
West			
♠ K J 8 5 3			
♥ 7 2			
♦ 8 7 5 2			
♣ 10 5			
West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	6♥	All pass	5♣ (1)
(1) One key card for clubs			
What would you lead as West?			

Solution from 2009, World Championships, Rnd 3.

Brian Senior, reporting in the Daily Bulletin, had this to say: "I was brought up to think that it was a bad idea to bid slam off a cashing ace-king. What do I know? I was also brought up on the idea that one should make attacking leads against small slams, so I wondered how often this slam had been bid and how successful it had been."

Bermuda Bowl: 6♥ x 11, made six times on a diamond lead. Four defenders led a spade, including Arjuna De Livera for Australia vs Bulgaria. That was worth 14 Imps as 6♥ by David

Appleton – Peter Reynolds made on a club lead.

Venice Cup: 6♥ x 12, made eight times (trump lead x 5, diamond lead x 3). Four defenders led a spade, including Diana Smart for Australia to pick up 11 Imps against China when Sue Lusk –Therese Tully scored 450 in 5♥ at the other table.

D'Orsi Seniors: 6♥ x 15, made ten times. There were five trump leads, three club leads and two diamond leads, including at our table, after the auction given, for an 11-Imp loss against Uruguay. At the other table George Gaspar-Bob Richman stopped in 4♥.

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

AIR CONDITIONING AND PLAYERS COMFORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Show Your Pride in Our Great Game AND Our Great Tournament

This year we offer you the opportunity to purchase a polo shirt and proudly display your love of the game of bridge and in particular this tournament.

At \$20 each we expect these shirts to be well supported and urge you to make your purchase early from the Bridge Administration Office.

MAKE A WISH – OUR CHARITY AGAIN IN 2015

The Queensland Bridge Association would like to announce that Make-A-Wish® Australia volunteers will be fundraising at the Gold Coast Bridge Congress on Monday 23rd February (Front Door and top of Escalator) as well as Thursday 26th February 2015 (Front Door). The aim of Make-A-Wish Australia is to grant wishes to children and young people across Australia with life-threatening medical conditions, giving them hope, strength and joy at a time when they need them most. Well over 7,000 wishes have been granted to children with life-threatening medical conditions since their inception in Australia 28 years ago. Children with life-threatening illnesses who are under three years of age receive a 'Wish Hamper' – a selection of fun and age-appropriate toys. Once they are three, they are able to apply for a wish.

- Once a child has been found to be eligible, local Make-A-Wish volunteers visit the family and ask the child to reach into their imagination and think of their one cherished wish
- Their ultimate vision is for every child in Australia diagnosed with a life-threatening illness to have the opportunity to experience the hope, strength and joy that come from a Make-A-Wish wish.



Make-A-Wish® has been endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a deductible gift recipient, all donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

WE HOPE YOU WILL OFFER YOUR SUPPORT FOR MAKE-A-WISH

BRIDGE HOLIDAYS WITH SUZIE AND RON KLINGER IN 2015

Tuesday May 5 to
Tuesday May 12

Kangaroo Island – Includes daily bridge workshops and duplicates, plus visits to Seal Bay, Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch, sheep dairy, honey farm and others.

Sunday July 5, to
Sunday July 12

Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort – Moreton Island, off Brisbane, includes Whale Watch cruise and Island Tour.

Wednesday August 5 to
Saturday August 22

An intimate luxury Mediterranean **cruise on Silversea's Silver Wind** commencing Monte Carlo, Monaco, to Civitavecchia, Rome. Ports include St Tropez and Marseille, France, Alcudia, Valencia, Barcelona, Palma De Mallorca and Ibiza Spain, then Sardinia and Portofino, Florence, Italy, finishing at Civitavecchia (Rome).

Monday November 16 to
Monday November 23

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HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT AND KEEPING COSTS DOWN

There has been an increasing trend for players to read the Daily Bulletin online. This has enabled us to reduce the print runs of the bulletin reducing our carbon footprint and keeping down the costs for you the players. You can further assist by returning any bulletins which you no longer require to the venue allowing us to recycle them, especially from the early days to those players who attend only for the teams.

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 Therese on 04-0987-0324.

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. **Your team or pair cannot commence play if an entry fee is unpaid.**

- Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (3 Sessions) \$200 per pair
- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Pairs \$290 per pair
- Monday Swiss Butler Pairs (2 Sessions) \$130 per pair
- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Teams \$700 per team
- Rookie Pairs (1 or 2 Sessions) \$40 per pair per session
- Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs \$40 per pair per session
- Seres-McMahon Mixed or Friday Teams \$260 per team
- Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs \$190 per pair
- Friday Novice Pairs \$130 per pair
- Holiday Walk-ins payable at the table before each session

Calendar

Fri 20 Feb	Sat 21 Feb	Sun 22 Feb	Mon 23 Feb	Tue 24 Feb	Wed 25 Feb	Thu 26 Feb	Fri 27 Feb	Sat 28 Feb
	Pairs Championship							
	Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs		Monday Butler Pairs					
		Rookie Novice Pairs				Rookie Novice Pairs		
Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins
				Teams Championship			Teams Finals	Open Teams Final
					Under 50MP Pairs	Under 50MP Pairs	Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs	
							Mixed Teams	
							Friday Teams	
							Friday Novice Pairs	
								Dinner Dance

LATE ENTRIES IVY DAHLER BUTLER PAIRS, FRIDAY & MIXED TEAMS & FRIDAY NOVICE PAIRS

Entries for the end-of-week events (Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs, Friday and Mixed Teams, and Friday Novice Pairs) close at **Noon Thursday 26th 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 26th 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.**

So, avoid the queues, and enter on-line using your iPad, notebook or smartphone.



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- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born after 1st January 1995 are entitled to free entry.
- In accordance with Australian Bridge Federation policy, all players born between 1st January 1990 and 31st December 1994 are entitled to a 50% discount on entry fees.
- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born BEFORE 1st January 1915 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 21st February to Saturday 28th February inclusive.

The Bridge Administration Desk is the ONLY place you can obtain a weekly pass. It will be open on Friday 20th February from noon to 6.00pm (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.
- SENIORS:** Open to players born prior to 1st January 1957 and carries ABF Senior Playoff Points.
- INTERMEDIATE:** Open to players who have not attained 750 MP's as at 1st October 2014.
- RESTRICTED:** Open to players who have not attained 300 MP's as at 1st October 2014.
- NOVICE:** Open to players who have not attained 100 MP's as at 1st October 2014.
- ROOKIE:** Open to players who have not attained 10 MP's as at 1st October 2014.
- UNDER 50 MP:** Open to players who have not attained 50 MP's as at 1st October 2014.
- MIXED TEAMS:** Each pair must comprise one player of each gender at each table for ALL matches.
- FRIDAY TEAMS:** Open entry to ALL players.

OVERSEAS ELIGIBILITY

- INTERMEDIATE:** NZ Open with no more than 100 A Points & 500 B Points as at January 1st 2015.
- RESTRICTED:** NZ Intermediate as at January 1st 2015.
- NOVICE:** NZ Juniors as at January 1st 2015.
- ROOKIE:** NZ Open with no more than 5 B Points as at January 1st 2015.

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 – AFTER WHICH PERMISSION TO PLAY IS SUBJECT TO DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL. OTHER EVENTS PREFERABLY ONE BEFORE PLAY

Butler Pairs	Thursday 12:00 noon 26 th February
Mixed Teams	Thursday 12:00 noon 26 th February
Friday Teams	Thursday 12:00 noon 26 th February
Novice Pairs	Thursday 12:00 noon 26 th February

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

SESSION TIMES

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAMS SESSIONS

We encourage all players to dress in keeping with the Gold Coast Annual Theme for Wednesday Teams Sessions. The theme is "Dots and Dashes" – make of it what you will! any team interested needs to register by having their photograph taken in the foyer at the GCCC before the start of the afternoon session

PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED GROUP IN THE DOTS AND DASHES THEME

0-50, ROOKIE AND NOVICE EVENTS

Help will be on hand for one hour before start of play for all 0-50, Rookie and Novice players. 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.

WITHDRAWALS

Players are permitted to withdraw from all divisions of the Championship Pairs (Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice) Finals (Sunday 22nd February and Monday 23rd 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 (subject to field size)

Masterpoint Awards:	Gold in main events, red for walk-ins
Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs	0.27 gold masterpoints for each win
Monday Swiss Butler Pairs	0.24 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	±0.56 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Teams	±0.45 gold masterpoints for each win
Novice Teams	±0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Swiss Butler Pairs	0.64 gold masterpoints for each win
Mixed and Friday Teams	0.32 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).

NEW! – For all other Matchpoint Pairs events, sessional GOLD masterpoints will be awarded for all pairs scoring better than 46% for the session excluding Holiday and Walk in Pairs.

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 and Amber are dressed with the white over-shirt. Our Caddies are in purple however they are only here to caddy – see Kim or Amber if further assistance is required. Our Directors led by Laurie Kelso have the blue shirts.

Our Scoring Staff are led by Matthew McManus and can be found wearing the Black Schweppes shirts. However all scoring issues should be addressed to the Scoring Enquiries Desk outside the scoring centre towards the back wall 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.

PENS

The pen which will be on the table at the beginning of the pairs and teams is the one you will use to bid and score throughout this congress. Please bring it to each session.

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

For the whole event, the **Open** Area will be dressed up in light and dark blue, the **Intermediate** in yellow and dark yellow while the **Restricted** will be in green and dark green, the **Novice** in maroon, the **Seniors** in pink and purple, **Rookies** in fuchsia and **0-50** in orange. Coloured flags will identify your section results and playing areas.

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

Coloured flags will identify your section, results and playing area.

BRIDGEMATES

If you have never used the Bridgемate 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 2015 GCC Results Page, <http://www.qldbridge.com/gcc/results2015.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 2015 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 page 11)

BAR

Subject to patronage, the Bar, run by the Convention Centre, will be located outside the playing area and will be open 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after the end of play in each session.

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 \$3.00 a cup and biscuits at \$3.00 each. The service will start around 30 minutes before play and continue until late into the last session for the day. Please understand that the service is run for the benefit of players by volunteers. Correct change is a blessing but not essential.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Tournament Organiser:	Therese Tully – 0409-870-324
Chief Tournament Director:	Laurie Kelso – 0412-559-171
Bulletin Editors:	David Stern – 0411-111-655, Barry Rigal and Brent Manley
Appeals Committee Convenor:	Phil Gue
Appeals Committee:	Finalised at the venue
Appeals Scribes:	Brent Manley Barry Rigal, David Stern and Sebastian Yuen
Chief Scorer:	Matthew McManus
Recorders:	John Brockwell, Alan Doddridge, Julia Hoffman and Keith McDonald
Appeals Advisers:	David Appleton, Patrick Carter and Neville Francis
	The Director will guide you to the appropriate adviser

0-50, Rookie & Novice Player Liaison: Jan Peach, Tim Runting, Graham Rusher and Therese Tully

ON-SITE PERSONNEL

Attending the congress during the tournament will be:

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

Australian Bridge Federation

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Matthew McManus – Joint National Tournament Coordinator

Sean Mullamphy - ABF Chief Tournament Director

David Stern – International Bridge Press Association Executive Committee Member, WBF Youth Committee Member

Barry Rigal – International Bridge Press Association Executive Committee Member

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

Peter Buchen – WBF Scoring Committee Member.

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

This year's Dinner Dance will be held in the Gold Coast Convention Centre on Saturday 28th February. Pre-dinner drinks will be served from 7:30pm and doors will open at 7:50pm for an 8:00pm start. As in the past, entry to this event is by ticket only and the onus is on players to make their own booking arrangements.

Players are invited to pick up a "table list" from the Dinner Dance Desk, located adjacent to the Admin Desk. Tables accommodate a maximum of ten guests and when you lodge your list it can be for any number up to ten. Please note it is not possible to accommodate tables for more than ten people.

These charges are payable at the time of handing in the list to the Dinner Dance desk. Tickets will be available for collection from 3:00pm Friday afternoon.

Conditions of Entry to the Dinner Dance: The GCCEC has strict guidelines regarding its liquor licence and the Responsible Service of Alcohol. Under no circumstances can alcohol be brought onto the premises for consumption at the dinner dance, nor can any alcohol purchased at the GCC Dinner be taken from the venue during or after the event. No alcohol will be served to those under 18, or to anybody deemed to be drunk and/or disorderly.

The table list **together with any dietary requirements** should be returned as soon as possible but no later than 4:00pm Wednesday 25th February. Charges remain unchanged from last year as follows:

TBIB INSURANCES

Come and visit the TBIB stand in the foyer to discuss all your insurance needs including Travel Insurances Renewals - enter the Lucky Door prize. Our team will be present an hour before & after play each day.

Your Entry Status	To Pay
Non Player	\$80
Championship Pairs PLUS Teams	\$10
Championship Pairs PLUS Ivy Dahler events	\$20
Championship Pairs PLUS Friday events	\$30
Championship Teams PLUS Ivy Dahler events	\$20
Championship Teams PLUS Weekend Matchpoint	\$20
Championship Teams PLUS Monday Butler	\$30
Championship Teams PLUS Friday events	\$30
Weekend Matchpoint PLUS Monday Butler only	\$40
Weekend Matchpoint PLUS Friday events	\$40
Weekend Matchpoint PLUS Ivy Dahler events	\$30
Monday Butler PLUS Friday events	\$50
Monday Butler PLUS Ivy Dahler events	\$40
Weekend Matchpoint Pairs ONLY	\$50
Monday Butler Pairs ONLY	\$60
Championship Pairs ONLY	\$40
Championship Teams ONLY	\$40
Friday Events ONLY	\$60
Ivy Dahler event ONLY	\$50

PSST.....QUEENSLANDERS ONLY

Restricted Pairs at the Gold Coast Congress – Thanks to the generosity of the Australian Bridge Federation, a Prize of \$2,000 per pair (two pairs) will go 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 Perth. Eligibility for the ANC is based on both players in the partnership being under 300 masterpoints on 1st January 2015.

WINNERS – SPRING NATIONALS FREE ENTRY TO GCC

- The winners of the Team Entry to the GCC as a result of their win in the 2014 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Michael McAuliffe - Richard McAuliffe - Leigh Matheson - Lavy Libman and Tomer Libman.
- Winners of the Restricted Pairs Entry to the GCC as a result of their highest datum scores in the 2014 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were David Snow and Michael Ronai – Allan Pike and Arthur Bragg

If you are a restricted player then consider entering the 2015 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams for your opportunity to win free entries for the 2016 Gold Coast Congress.

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

- Starting times for the Teams Championship will be half an hour later at 10:30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday;
- Starting times for all for Friday events will be half an hour later at 10:00am;
- Increased Gold Masterpoints for sessional results in Pairs Championships;
- Three board rounds in all Pairs Championship Qualifying Rounds;
- Friday teams events (Seres-McMahon Mixed Teams and Friday Teams) are now one field, but with separate prizes for mixed and non-mixed teams and
- Dots and Dashes dress up Wednesday 25th February – prizes to be had!

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 in the Administration Office during the pairs and outside the playing area thereafter.

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” Saturday to Monday Next to the Administrations Desk and thereafter 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.

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.

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 4-6	One hour after scores for Match 6 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 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

Mixed Teams AND Friday Teams

Matches 1-3	3:00pm, Friday
Matches 4-7	One hour after scores for Match 7 are posted

All Other Sessions

Sessions Not Listed Above	20 minutes after scores for the session are posted
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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. Additional WBF system cards may also be brought to the table.

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, Mixed Teams, Friday Teams and Ivy Dahler Open Swiss Pairs, subject to protection. (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 must lodge an adequate copy of their system (including a bona fide suggested defence) with the CTD before 10:00am on Tuesday 24th February 2015. Such systems will be made available for inspection.

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”.

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*)

‘Unusual’ natural bids. These include: weak jump shift responses, pre-emptive jump raises (but only in uncontested auctions), 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.

Defenders: wait until the *end of the hand* before piping up.



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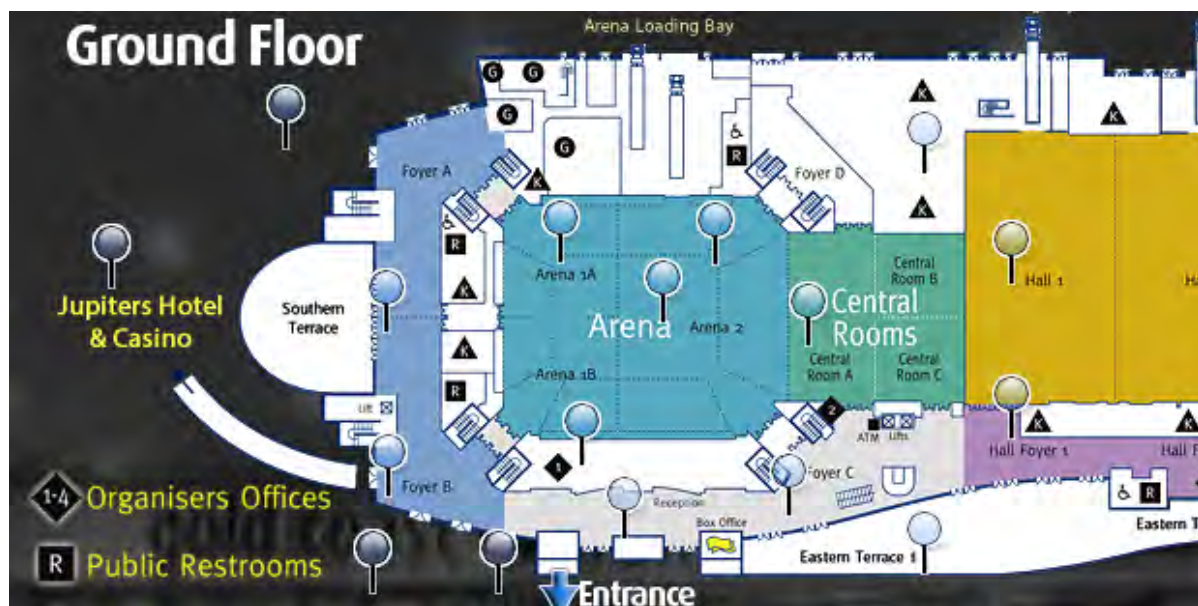
As you will soon find out the tournament has been moved for this year only to the Southern (Jupiters) end of the Convention Centre. There will be ample signage on site

Saturday to Monday

- Coffee – top of escalators, also down in Foyer B
- Paul Lavings Bridge Supplies – Foyer B
- TBIB – Foyer B
- Pianola Bridge Administration Software – Foyer B
- Celebrity Speakers – Room 9
- Dinner Dance Person – Bridge Admin Office
- Scoring Errors Admin – Bridge Admin Office

Tuesday Onwards

- Coffee - under Escalators in Foyer C
- Paul Lavings Bridge Supplies – Foyer B
- TBIB – Foyer C
- Pianola Bridge Admin Software – Foyer B
- Celebrity Speakers – Room 5
- Directors Seminar – Room 6 (Wednesday)
- Dinner Dance Person – Bridge Admin Office
- Scoring Errors Admin – Outside Scoring Room in main playing area



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The campaign needs and deserves financial support, especially since the vast majority of contract bridge players in Australia are over the age of 65.

The low vision cards, which are now on sale by Paul Lavings, have numerals and denominations 20-30% bigger than those on standard packs, and labels with 30% larger text.

If you would like to see these enhanced cards, labels and bidding pads for yourself, you are welcome to visit Paul Lavings' stand outside the playing area at the Gold Coast Congress on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd February 2015. Also, Bill will be available one hour before the teams and during the lunch break to demonstrate their advantages to you in person.

Committee members of bridge clubs throughout Australia and overseas visitors should not miss the opportunity to view them. The packs of large index 100% plastic playing cards are \$2.95 a pack and the plastic-coated are \$2.50 a pack. These cards will be of immense benefit to your members.

The amount envisaged is tiny in comparison with the enormous value of the initiative to our aging players. Imagine the difference it makes to elderly players if they are able to remain playing bridge for as long as they are capable of sitting at a bridge table.

Bridge keeps their brains active and challenges them to forget their problems, meet their friends, and have a fantastic day. What greater gift can clubs and bridge associations bestow on their members than a reason to jump out of bed in the morning, happy to be alive and intent on conquering 6NT?

BOOK REVIEW – BILL JACOBS

(Reprinted with the kind permission of Bill Jacobs and Victorian Bridge Association)
A Good Game of Modern Bridge - By Ron Klinger

Ron Klinger's latest offering is a monster. In it, he documents just about all the methods and conventions commonly employed in the game today.

The book is nicely structured into 4 levels: you can choose the level that suits you. At the start, the material is suitable for relatively inexperienced players, and then moves on to club level, state level and beyond.

For example, early on is an explanation of the Blackwood convention: 4NT asking for aces. But later, this morphs into Roman Keycard Blackwood, and later still Kickback Blackwood and Exclusion Blackwood.

This is much more than simply a catalogue of the tools available to the current day player: bidding judgment and mechanisms for developing this judgment (such as the Losing Trick Count) are also given the full treatment. And Klinger does not hesitate to offer his own views, both positive and negative, on the various gadgets out there.

For example, he doesn't like Gerber: a bid of 4♣ to ask for aces. He respectfully advises the reader to try *not* playing Gerber for a while, to see how it works out. His recommended trial period is 25 years.

He gives this pair of hands in support of his argument - a simple auction that contains a lot of good theory:

♠ A Q J 3	♠ K 7
♥ A K J	♥ Q 9 5
♦ Q 10	♦ 8 7
♣ A 9 8 4	♣ K Q J 5 3 2
West	East
2NT	4♣
4♥	5♣
Pass	

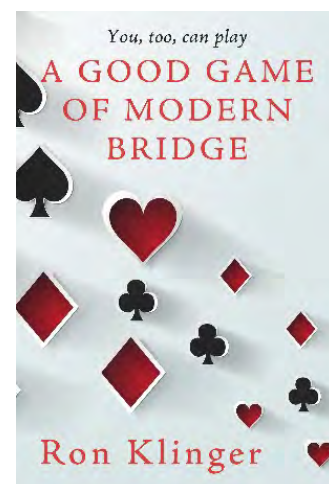
4♣ is a natural bid. 4♥ is a cue-bid, and by inference denies the ace or king of diamonds. So East signs off in 5♣.

I see this book as a fine resource for developing your bidding (and defensive signalling) agreements with your favourite partner. Virtually any bidding practice in common use will be there for you to examine.

My only quibble is the title: A Good Game of *Modern* Bridge? How well will this stand the test of time? In 2064, what will a reviewer write, when he gets hold of a copy, perhaps by

downloading it straight to his brain via FMM protocol (File Mind Meld). Perhaps it will be something like: "what quaint but antiquated methods they used in the early part of the century!" But in 2014, it's excellent value. Copies are available from Paul Lavings' bookstand in the Lobby at the Congress.

Ron has kindly donated this book to the pair (one copy each) who tops the datums in the Intermediate Teams Championship.






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GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2015 CALENDAR OF CELEBRITY SPEAKERS



		Saturday 21st February	Sunday 22nd February	Monday 23rd February	Tuesday 24th February	Wednesday 25th February	Thursday 26th February
Mental Tools for Bridge Players with Kim Frazer Upstairs Room 9		4:45pm to 5:30pm	Kim Frazer represented Australia in shooting 1978-2006 and won 3 Commonwealth Games' gold medals, and was 7 times National Women's Champion and twice National Open Champion. Taking up bridge in 2005 she was a member of the winning Mixed Team at the 2015 Summer Festival. In her business career, Kim held senior positions in Management and Marketing at Kodak, and in Strategy and Business Development at Telstra. Kim is secretary of the Victorian Bridge Association and Convenor of the VCC. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree and her hobbies include reading, live theatre, yoga and of course shooting.				
Bidding Strategies at Pairs Scoring with Sartaj Hans Upstairs Room 9			4:45pm to 5:30pm	Sartaj is a frequent Australian open team representative and winner of numerous national titles including the 2014 Australian Swiss Pairs, 2014 Victor Champion Cup and 2014 Spring National Open teams. He also runs a bridge training program with details on www.sartajhans.com			
Modern Bidding Practices that Top Experts Adopt with Peter Gill Upstairs Room 5		Peter Gill is the winner of over 30 National championships. In 2012 he won the Best Defended Hand in the World award. Peter plays and teaches bridge for a living. His hobby is reading about the latest advances in neuroscience in order to improve performance at bridge. He was a member of the Australian Open Team in 1984, 1991, 1993, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2014			9:30am to 10:15am	THIS SERIES OF CELEBRITY SPEAKERS PROUDLY SPONSORED BY TBIB INSURANCE SERVICES	
Plan the Play and Play Better With Phil Gue Upstairs Room 5		Phil Gue has taught bridge for 30 years. For the past 25 years he has managed and taught at the Adelaide Bridge Centre. Phil has played for Australia at all the major World and Regional Championships.				9:30am to 10:15am	See TBIB in the Lobby Daily Both Before and after play
Overcalling Two Suited Hands with Joan Butts Upstairs Room 5		Joan Butts has represented Australia in world championships. She was 2nd in the 2015 TBIB National Swiss Pairs Championship. Her passion is bridge education. In 2011, she was appointed the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) National Teaching Coordinator. In this capacity she trains teachers and arranges professional development programmes. Joan is also involved with bridge online. Joan has a BA, Dip Ed and Dip Ed Psych from the Uni of Qld and has been the official bridge teacher in Queensland for the past 12 years.					9:30am to 10:15am
Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday							
MINIMUM \$5 Contribution to the ABF Friends of Youth Bridge Fund							

PIANOLA HELPS CLUBS AND PLAYERS



Exhibiting for the first time at this year's Gold Coast Congress is Pianola, the web-based product that is used at clubs large and small both here in Australia and around the world. Launched in 2012 by UK-based bridge player James Ward, Pianola offers a number of innovative features to help club managers to run their club and bridge players to analyse their results.

For clubs, Pianola offers: a really simple-to-use website builder, membership database, easy publication of results with automatic results to players by email straight after the game, personalised targeted email marketing, and effortless calculation of ladders and races.

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Gary Deaton, manager of SA Bridge Association, one of the first clubs in the country to adopt Pianola says: "We have been using Pianola for about three years. Before then we had a somewhat basic member database and Pianola has been a real boon in helping manage our information, especially our membership renewal process. The real surprise, however, has been its popularity with our members. The analysis features have been very popular and have lead to an increase in members registering their email address with us from about 20% three years ago to over 60% now. This has also assisted us greatly at membership renewal time as we can now email renewal notices saving the club significant postage costs."

To learn more about Pianola visit their stand in the foyer outside the playing area and closest to the exit to Jupiters Casino throughout the Congress. You can also visit their website www.pianola.net or call John McIlrath, their agent in Australia, on 0437-274-343

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT BRIDGE

Below is the Honour Roll of Restaurants who have supported our event by donating dining prize vouchers. PLEASE SUPPORT THEM and tell them that you're Bridge Congress contestants. More coupon sheets are available around the Bridge Administration Desk counter as well as Hello Gold Coast magazines (HGC) which contain all of the coupons.

We are finding some restaurants harder to convince that offering prize vouchers is good for them as they point to the low level of coupons redeemed. We know you can afford the full price but if you don't use the coupon the restaurant doesn't know you are a Congress participant. **PLEASE USE THE COUPON EVERY TIME YOU DINE IN A PARTICIPATING RESTAURANT.**

With the new light rail system it has become easier to venture up to Surfers and we have a couple of new dining options up that way. There is a station right outside the Convention Centre and please take special care crossing the highway as the Trams are an added hazard!

**THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME SAGE RESTAURANT WILL
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THE AZTEC is located on the left of Broadbeach Mall next to Mama Roma and offers great Mexican fare. Buy one get one half price offer PG 13D of HGC.

SAGE RESTAURANT on the corner of Surf Parade and Queensland Ave. 25% and 40% food discount vouchers PG 8D of HGC.

YELLOWFIN RESTAURANT on the seaward corner of Surf Parade and Queensland Ave offers 25% or 40% off food (check your eating time). Coupons PG 10D of HGC

FOUR WINDS 360 REVOLVING RESTAURANT at Crowne Plaza about 1000 meters up the Highway towards Surfers. Great views from 17th floor of the only revolving restaurant on the Gold Coast. Free bottle of wine voucher PG 1D of HGC. Book first.

GRUMPYS BAREFOOT BAR AND GRILL is halfway up Broadbeach Mall on the right. Great steak, seafood and Mediterranean dishes. Venue for the Monday Trivia night PG 12D of HGC

MAMA ROMA ITALIAN RESTAURANT in Broadbeach Mall (Victoria Ave). Half Price menu every day till 6.30 pm and 'buy one get one free' coupon PG 23D of HGC.

MARIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT at the beach end of Broadbeach mall. 10% discount coupons PG 3D of HGC

ALTO CUCINA AND BAR next to Mario's at the beach end of Broadbeach Mall. 10% off coupon PG 13D of HGC.

MANDARIN COURT Chinese restaurant is about 2 km to the south down the highway at Mermaid Beach. Great Yum Cha from 9am to 3pm and extensive dinner menu. 25% and 15% off offers PG 2D of HGC.

BUGZIES SEAFOOD RESTAURANT is up towards the beach next to Mario's on the right hand side of Broadbeach Mall.

MAX SEAFOOD RESTAURANT is in Broadbeach Mall on the left just past the barber as you walk towards the sea. Fantastic Seafood with \$10 lunch specials and 25% off coupon PG 19D of HGC.

HOGS BREATH CAFÉ is in Broadbeach at the northern end of Surf Parade. For great steak and 20% off main meals Sunday – Thursday see HGC PG 15D.

FISHERMAN'S WHARF at Mariner's Cove is about 10 minutes by courtesy bus from the Venue. A great way to have a night out without transport hassles. Ph 0422 869951 for the free courtesy bus and see the 'free bottle of wine when dining' coupon PG 4D of HGC.

BEER THAI GARDEN RESTAURANT Fabulous Thai restaurant a short stroll up the road towards Surfers. Open only for dinner and 15% off offer PG 26D of HGC.

DRACULA'S THEATRE RESTAURANT is just around the corner in Hooker Blvd. R18 comedy with a great dinner and 10% off midweek ticket prices with coupon code HGC 007. Inside cover of HGC

OUTBACK JACK'S fine steak and burgers is located down the highway at Mermaid Beach. Choose your own steak and enjoy 20% off with our coupon PG 31D HGC

HELM BAR and BISTRO is on the river at Surfers just 400m from Cavill Ave Tram station. Enjoy a free bottle of wine when dining with HGC coupon PG 27D.

HANAZONO is an excellent Japanese Teppanyaki restaurant under Q1 in Surfers. The 'knife juggling' chefs are amazing! Only 80 metres from Surfers Paradise tram station and get a free starter with the coupon on PG 25D of HGC.

Of course there are lots of other dining options nearby but if everyone ate just once at one of these restaurants it would help greatly. Thanks.

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CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2015

NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES		Venue	Saturday 21st February	Sunday 22nd February	Monday 23rd February	Tuesday 24th February	Wednesday 25th February	Thursday 26th February	Friday 27th February
GCC Novice Welcome Welcome, Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Arena Maroon Tablecloths		12:00pm-12:45pm						
Rookies Welcome Welcome, Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Upstairs – Long Corridor End of Foyer E Fuchsia Tablecloths		12:00pm-12:45pm						
GCC Novice Welcome Welcome, Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Arena Maroon Tablecloths					9:30am - 10:15am			
0-50 MP Welcome, Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Arena Orange Tablecloths					9:30am - 10:15am			
0-50 MP Welcome, Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Arena Orange Tablecloths						9:30am - 10:15am		
Rookies Welcome Welcome, Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Arena Fuchsia Tablecloths						9:30am - 10:15am		
Novice Welcome Welcome, Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Arena Maroon Tablecloths								9:00am - 9:45am
OTHER ACTIVITIES									
Bridge Widows Gathering for Non-Bridge Playing Partners	Air on Broadbeach		Afternoon Tea 2.30pm				Morning Tea 11:00am		
Make-a-Wish Foundation Charity In Support of This Years Charity Collections Before Play - All day at Admin	Front Door and Top of Escalator				All Day			All Day	
Free Champagne Breakfast Fashion Parade Meegs Boutique	1st Floor Oasis Shopping Centre				10:30am-11:45am				
Trivia Night - Grumpy's Barefoot Bar Oasis Shopping Centre Jac and Bill Rossiter-Nuttal your hosts	Grumpy's Restaurant Ground Floor Oasis Shopping Centre				Entries Close Admin 2:00pm Starts at 6:00pm				
Queensland Directors Breakfast Meeting	With Jan Peach Room 6 Upstairs						Starting 8:00am Finish 09:30		
Dress Up Day - Dots and Dashes Registrations 9:00am to 12:45am Admin Desk and Photos	Playing Area						Register as 4 Morning Photos Foyer		
Champagne Breakfast for Shoe Shoppers	"In Her Shoes Store" Ground Floor Oasis Shopping Centre						inherSHOES local & imported shoes - bags - accessories	8:00am-10:00am	
Dealing Machine Demonstration	Paul Lavings Bookstand							9:30am - 10:15am	
			Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2015									
	Friday 20th February	Saturday 21st February	Sunday 22nd February	Monday 23rd February	Tuesday 24th February	Wednesday 25th February	Thursday 26th February	Friday 27th February	Saturday 28th February
OPEN EVENTS		1:00pm O1/2	1:00pm F1/3	1:00pm F3/3	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 9:00am 2x12 SF Teams 2:00pm 4x10 Brds	9:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final
Open Pairs Championship		1:00pm O1/2	1:00pm F1/3	1:00pm F3/3	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 1/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:30am 3/3
Open Teams		1:00pm 1/3	10:00am 2/3	1:00pm 3/3					
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs									
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs									
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs									
Friday Teams									
SENIORS EVENTS									
Seniors Pairs Championship		1:00pm O1/2	1:00pm F1/3	1:00pm F3/3	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									
Intermediate Pairs Championship		1:00pm O1/2	1:00pm F1/3	1:00pm F3/3	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									
RESTRICTED EVENTS									
Restricted Pairs Championship		1:00pm O1/2	1:00pm F1/3	1:00pm F3/3	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									
Novice Pairs Championship		1:00pm O1/2	1:00pm F1/3	1:00pm F3/3	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									
ROOKIE PAIRS									
Rookie Pairs - Single Session Events			1:00pm 1/1				10:30am 1/1		
UNDER 50MP PAIRS									
Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs						10:30am 1/1	10:30am 1/1		
MIXED TEAMS									
Seres/McMahon Mixed Teams								10:00am 1/2	2:00pm 2/2
WALK-IN PAIRS									
Walk-In Pairs									
Holiday Walk-In Pairs - Play 1, 2 or 3 Sessions	7:00pm No Frills Pairs	1:00pm 1/3	1:00pm 2/3	1:00pm 3/3	10:30pm 1/3	10:30pm 2/3	10:30pm 3/3	10:00am 1/3	10:30am 3/3

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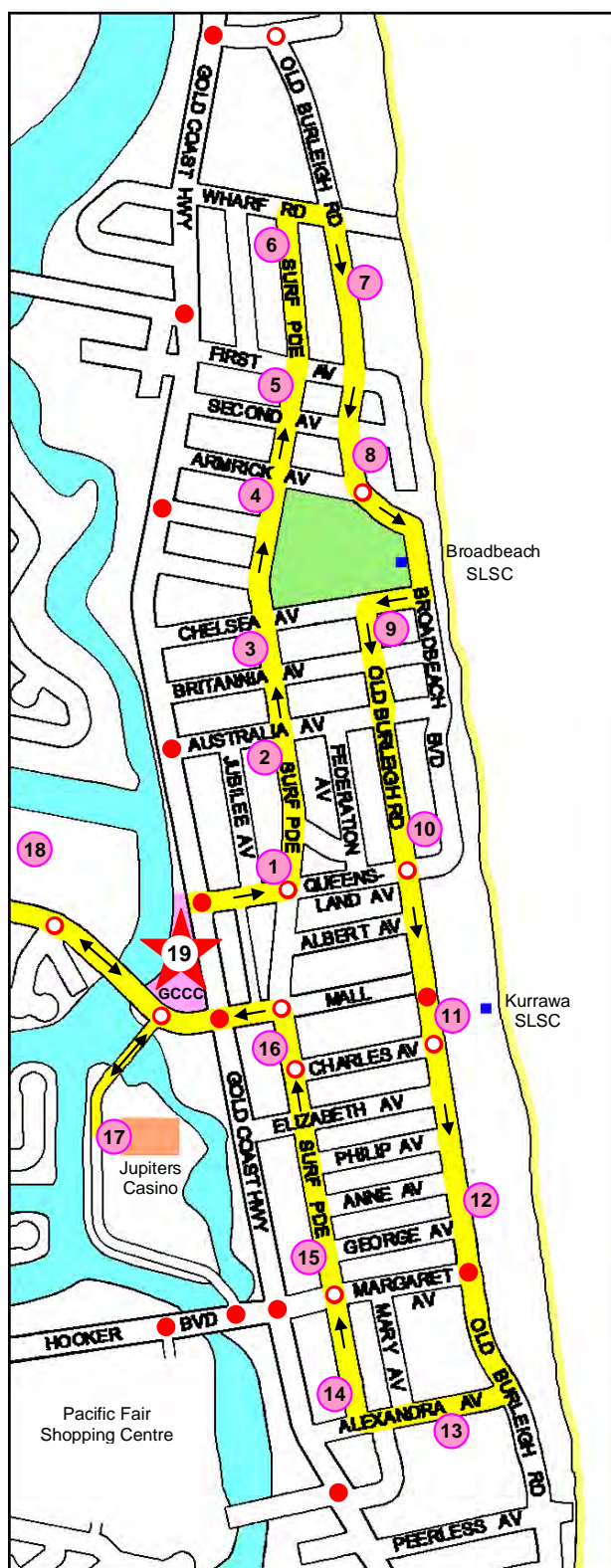
Buses will also be available to ferry people only to restaurants in Broadbeach during meal breaks, and for pickup in time for commencement of play. Please remember this is a courtesy bus, primarily for those less capable of walking over to the Mall area.

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.

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- 1 Aruba Beach Resort
- 2 Markham Court
- 3 Leawarra Apartments
- 4 Linden Court
- 5 Rua Apartments
- 6 Surf Parade Resort
- 7 The Breakers
- 8 Oceana Apartments
- 9 Ocean Royale
- 10 King Tide Apartments
- 11 Kurrawa SLSC
- 12 Opp. Carmel By The Sea
- 13 Breakfree Diamond Beach
- 14 Bel Air
- 15 Broadbeach Travel Inn
- 16 Opposite Sofitel
- 17 Jupiters Casino
- 18 Freshwater Apartments
- 19 G C Convention Centre



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3*	32*		540*	240*				
54*				28*		10+		3

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Date	Event	Website / Contact / Venue
Monday 30 th April to Sunday 4 th May 2015	Autumn Nationals (ANOT)	Entries: anot@abf.com.au Jinny Fuss 0419-843-809 Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground
Saturday 11 th July to Thursday 23 rd July	Australian National Championships and Butler Pairs – Fremantle, Perth	Entries: anc2015@abf.com.au Sheenagh Young 0409-381-439 Venue: Esplanade Hotel Fremantle
Tuesday 11 th August to Sunday 16 th August	Coffs Coast Gold Congress	Entries: ian@australiawideconferences.com.au Ian Doland 02-6654-1104 Venue: Opal Cove Resort
Wednesday 9 th September to Sunday 13 th September	Territory Gold Bridge Festival Pairs and Teams	Entries: tgbf@abf.com.au Eileen Boocock 0409-677-356 Venue: Alice Springs Convention Centre
Wednesday October 21 st to Thursday October 29 th	Spring Nationals Open Teams, Restricted Teams Dick Cummings Open Pairs Restricted Pairs Linda Stern Women's Teams Bobby Evans Seniors Teams	Entries: sn@abf.com.au Marcia Scudder – NSWBA 02-9264-8111 Canterbury Park Racecourse, Sydney

SERVICES

If you stick to The Gold Coast Congress sponsoring restaurants you'll stay healthy of course. But should the need for a **DOCTOR** arise there's Broadbeach Medical Centre 07-5531-6344 one block south of the venue on the seaward side of the highway. Should you need after hours attention call 07-5531-1224.

Should a **BABYSITTER** be required call Cathie at Gold Coast Nannies 0431-301-916. All Nannies carry current Blue Card and Senior First Aid Certificate including CPR for children.

If you are feeling stiff and sore give Sue and her mobile **MASSAGE** team a call on 0466-284-114. Take a look at their complimentary gift offer on page 58A of HGC magazine and Sue's 'love it or your money back' motto.

YOUR BULLETIN

The Bulletin belongs to the players and your editors are always on the lookout for material. This can include:

Well-played hand ♦ Well bid hand ♦ Well defended hand ♦ Act of sportsmanship ♦ An amusing story

In all cases we will happily write up your submission if you simply provide the details – please include session and board number and as much detail as you can

You can make a submission (1) using the Bulletin Submission Box near the Bridge Administration Desk (2) email the editors on gcb@thesterns.com.au (3) send a text to 0411-111-655 or (4) collar one of the editors onsite.