



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Surreal city

Surfers is a weird place, a consumer's paradise where nobody seems to make anything. If they built a wall around it, we'd all starve in a week. Walking about on Saturday night, I certainly felt my age - a sea of exposed flesh and tight bodies.

Coles on Sunday morning was full of bridge players out to stock their fridges. We could have had a decent side game in the wide aisles.

Pairs Final

The scores were posted about 1.30am Monday morning. The list of qualifiers to the 14-table final is on the back page. As expected, it's a top field with a strong foreign flavour.

Youth Individual

Numbers increased to 5 tables this year, despite a number of top young players not making it to Surfers in time. All played with 15 of the 19 possible partners.

1st	Pablo Ravenna
2nd	Greg Dupont
3rd	Ulrike Liss
Best Qld	Fiona Brown
U21	Aaron Millar



Pablo Ravenna gets his prize from Tony Jackman

Here's a hand from the Youth:

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Ish	Mark A	Craig S	Pablo
	No	No	1♦
2♥	Dbl	No	3NT
End			

3NT was a typical shot in a youth

game. Ish cashed the ♥A then switched to the ♠Q for +460 NS. There were three +130s in 3♦ and the obligatory -1000, this time in 5♣xx by South.

On Sunday 4th March at the CBC, weekly youth bridge activities will commence in the afternoon. If you know of any young people who play bridge or who might want to learn bridge in a friendly social manner, please contact Kim Ellaway.

Bridge Teachers

The Seminar will include talks by some of the visiting international players, on topics of interest for you both as players and teachers.



The special guest speaker on Tuesday morning is **Brian Senior**, the English teacher-writer.

Tuesday 20th February

10.00 – 10.30 Laurie Kelso
Teaching pupils the director's role: restoring equity - not punishing.

10.30 - 11.30 Brian Senior

11.30-12.30 Council Meeting

Hand from the Qualifying

Can you see how Rena Kaplan scored +520 here?

Pairs Q2, Bd 21

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

Normal at matchpoints is to lead the

Mon	1.30 & 8 pm	Pairs Finals Rds 1 & 2
Tue	10 - 12.30	Teachers' Seminars on <u>2nd</u> floor Brian Senior at 10.30
	1.30	Pairs Finals Rd 3
	5.30 pm	Carinya Buffet dinner, tickets from Level 2
Gold Coast Teams (& Seniors & Restricted Tms) (Seniors & 0-299 Tms held at Gold Coast International Hotel)		
Tue	8 pm	Swiss Rds 1 & 2, 2 x 14 bds
Wed	9.15	Walk-in Pairs (\$10)
	10 am	Directors' Seminar on 4th Floor
Thu	1.30 & 8 pm	Swiss Rds 3 - 6
	10.30 & 3.30	Swiss Rds 7 - 10, don't sleep in
	8 pm	Semi-finals start, night off for the rest of us
Fri	9 am ?	Semis continue
	12.30	Swiss Rds 11 & 12
	1.00 ?	Final starts
	8 pm	Vu-graph, last 20 boards of final
Sat	9 to 9.30	ANA Shield starts , walk-in, 9.30 cut-off

♠A then switch to the ♥K for -460 but her South led a low spade to the 4-10-Q. Then came 10 minor tricks which squeezed South in the majors, thanks to the ♠9 in dummy.

A hand for bean counters

Pairs Q1, Bd 17

N/Nil	♠ 10 6 4		
	♥ K 9 7 4		
	♦ AKQ10 6		
	♣ J		
♠ J 8 5 3		♠ AKQ 2	
♥ 8 5		♥ 10 6 2	
♦ 9 8 2		♦ 7	
♣ AQ 5 2		♣ K 8 7 6 3	
	♠ 9 7		
	♥ AQJ 3		
	♦ J 5 4 3		
	♣ 10 9 4		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♦	Dbf	1♥
1♠	2♥	?	

East might try 3♠ now, based on the implied club fit. With double fits for both sides and no wastage, I'm sure Larry Cohen would predict the TNT of 20. South tries 4♦ over 3♠ to put North in the picture so the par save of -100 in 5♦♥ might be reached.

A Dutch auction

The directing staff were in a generous mood here:

Pairs Q1, Bd 20

W/Both	♠ 10 6 3		
	♥ J 8		
	♦ AK10 7		
	♣ K 7 5 4		
♠ 9 8 5 2		♠ AQJ 7	
♥ 6		♥ AK 7 4 3	
♦ 9 8 6 4 2		♦ 3	
♣ A 9 6		♣ 10 3 2	
	♠ K 4		
	♥ Q10 9 5 2		
	♦ QJ 5		
	♣ QJ 8		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Ware		Sarten
No	1NT	Dbf	No *
2♦	No	2♥	Dbf
Rdbl	?		

South's pass was forcing. Michael checked about the redouble and was told it was a support redouble – a fair hand with three hearts – so he tried 2♠ end ended up with +180 in 2NT. A good score but EW clearly had a stuff up. The directing huddle applied the **screen test** and

emerged with -2200 for EW in 2♥xx. (If West says to North "Rescue", North will pass and so will East - on the other side of the screen - expecting three trumps) -2200 was harsh so after the session Michael generously offered -1600, which was chopped back to an even thousand.

From Round 2

S/EW	♠ 5		
	♥ Q 5 4 3 2		
	♦ 9 2		
	♣ A 9 7 6 5		
♠ 6 3 2		♠ AKQJ10 7 4	
♥ A 9 8 7 6		♥ K 10	
♦ 6		♦ 10 7	
♣ J 10 4 2		♣ 8 3	
	♠ 9 8		
	♥ J		
	♦ AKQJ 8 5 4 3		
	♣ K Q		

The common contracts were 5♦ and 5♠, often doubled. David Beauchamp made +680 in 5♠ when South started with ♦A, followed by the ♥J (?) 5♦ is cold on non trump lead but Adam Robinson found it. Dummy played low and his mother, Suzie Coleman, completed the sharp defence by withholding the ♦10.

It's not over yet. Declarer exits a spade to force another trump from East, then comes the rest of the trumps. West must be careful not come down to:

♠ —	♥ A	♦ —	♣ J 10 4
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when declarer can cash the ♣KQ then use West's ♥A as a stepping stone to the ♠A.

What did you do on the 6-6?

Pairs Q2, Bd 23

S/Both	♠ K J 8 7 4 3		
	♥ 10		
	♦ K J		
	♣ K 6 4 3		
♠ 6		♠ AQ10 9 5 2	
♥ QJ 9 8 3		♥ 2	
♦ A 6 3 2		♦ 9	
♣ A 10 9		♣ Q 8 7 5 2	
	♠ —		
	♥ AK 7 6 5 4		
	♦ Q10 8 7 5 4		
	♣ J		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♥
No	1♠	No	2♦
No	2♠	No	3♦

Carinya Walk-in Winners

79 tables this year, up from 71 last year.

All these people can collect dinner vouchers from Clare Jackman at the Level 2 reception desk.

8 Sections

NS	
S Schwabegger & K Daws	67.6
P Lavings & D Read	66.0
G Bilski & B Noble	65.7
J Foster & T Kiss	65.2
K Crowe-Mai & D Moir	64.8
L Abbenbroek & C Aikin	63.0
E Hurley & J Brown	60.0
A Osborne & C Williams	57.2
EW	
P Pembroke & F Hadwen	71.3
B Senior & G Wolfarth	69.4
S Hinge & G Kozakos	65.5
M Milaszewski & A Wilsmore	64.4
T Strong & M Moren	64.1
B Dewhurst & J Castles	60.9
E & D Mullin	57.9
R McLaughlin & G Rusher	57.6
J & M Millar	57.6

This is sensible. Then North should flag it away. If anybody decides to jump at some stage, it will end in tears at the 4-level for -500. Better to get there straight away, as in this no-name auction, reported by Mark Abraham:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			4♥!
No	No	4♠	No
4NT	No	5♦	End

South wisely gave up over 4♠, whereupon West had a brain storm, thinking 4NT was somehow takeout. East showed an ace and NS scored +800 the hard way.

Hospitality

We look forward to sharing a drink with as many as possible through the event. The site will be the Tilba rooms (2nd floor, ANA) following the afternoon session of play on the days shown. To break up the numbers try, as best you can, to make your visit as indicated.

Day	Captain's Name
Monday	D to J
Wednesday	K to Q
Thursday	R to Z

A Farewell to Joy

By Tony Jackman

Last Friday I rang the Carbis home to tell Joy and John how we were looking forward to seeing them again at the Congress. John had to tell me that Joy had died in hospital a few hours before.

Only those who worked behind the scenes could have a real idea of the contribution Joy (and John) had made to the success and smooth running of the Gold Coast Congress. Joy served on our committee for 24 years in many roles. She handled much of our finances, organised standby players and staff from her many local club member friends and was largely responsible for the complex task of arranging our Congress Dinner. Failing mobility caused Joy to stand down from our team after 1999. Our Gold Coast Committee recognised the Carbis contribution to the continued success of the Congress by electing John and Joy members of our Roll of Honour.

On a wider front Joy was one of the greats of bridge on the Gold Coast. She was a longtime committee member (and a president) of the Gold Coast Bridge Club and had a big role in the inception and outstanding growth of the newer Surfers Paradise Club – to my mind it is Australia's finest bridge club. Here again Joy served a term as president. I am sure all of us who knew Joy will join with me in offering our sympathy to the Carbis family and especially to my great mate John.

Dinner - Dance

Saturday night, 7.30 for 8 pm

If you plan to attend, please pick up a table-list from Gerald Schaaf at his desk on the ANA mezzanine floor, complete same and return to him asap for best table selection. It's never too early to start organising your tables. The Dinner/Dance is complimentary to those who have played in both pairs and teams events.

For those playing in only one event: \$30. For non-participants: \$60. Dinner/Dance tickets are not transferrable. *Nudge, wink!*

Have you paid yet?

Perennial recalcitrants like Wally Scott have paid so there are no excuses. See Gerald at the reception desk.

A double life



This is Arie Guersen, New Zealand's Chief Tournament Director. He was invited to walk the floor here, partly so that the directors either side of the Tasman can learn from each other. Sydney's Matthew McManus has directed at the NZ National congress for the last 5+ years.

Arie is also here to attend a meeting of the Zone 7 (basically Australia and NZ) Laws Committee. This will consider questions such as revoke enquiries "Having none, partner?" and the director's power to award equitable scores (rather than simply ruling purely in favour of the non-offending side).

Arie plays about once a week at his local club outside Auckland and thinks it's important for directors to play a bit, to maintain their perspective. *Are you listening, Chris?*

In the NZ Nationals in Hamilton, 85-90 boards a day is the norm and two or three events are often run concurrently.

Arie is famous, even notorious, for his career outside bridge. He's a scientist who started dabbling in DNA profiling in his spare time. DNA fingerprinting is used to monitor the rejection of transplanted organs. It's also used in criminal matters and Arie has often been subpoenaed by the defence to challenge the results of the Crown Forensic Service.

One day flicking through the news, Arie read about an appeal against a

rape conviction, which the judge had rejected on scientific grounds. In reading the summation, Arie realised there was something wrong and became involved in a long and arduous campaign to prove the man's innocence. The man had already been in gaol over a decade and it was 7½ years before the High Court reversed it's decision amongst much publicity.

After the event

Here's a complex hand that I pumped through Deep Finesse, the ultimate double dummy problem solver.

Pairs Q1, Bd 15

S/NS ♠ K Q 7 2

♥ 4

♦ A K 4 3 2

♣ A 9 4

♠ 10 9 4 3

♥ K Q 8 6 5

♦ J

♣ Q 7 3

♠ A 8 5

♥ 9 7

♦ Q 10 6 5

♣ J 6 5 2

♠ J 6

♥ A J 10 3 2

♦ 9 8 7

♣ K 10 8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			No
No	1♦	No	1♥
No	1♠	No	1NT
No	2NT	No	3NT
End			

A club lead is a poor choice and immediately fatal. West is likely to lead a low spade. East plays the ♠8 to force the jack then declarer plays a diamond to the ace and MUST lead a heart to the 10 and queen. West exits the ♠10 to the K-A-6 and East has to lead another heart but declarer hops ace and throws in East to broach clubs.

To shoot it, West must lead a top spade a trick one, which tangles declarer's entries.



Carinya's Seafood buffet

Tuesday night Buffet

On Tuesday this year we are offering a new delight – a Seafood Buffet at the ANA Carinya Room on the ground floor. It is a ticket only affair – available from Gerald Schaaf at his desk on the ANA mezzanine floor. Tickets are \$25, subsidised (to about \$10 each by the Congress) and include a glass or two of wine. There is only room for 120 or so. Hurry is the word. Please arrange to arrive at Carinya between 5:30 and 6 pm to enable a 7 pm finish.



Job offer

This Bulletin usually appears at the playing area around 3pm each day. The arrival time is largely in the hands of the courier.

However, if somebody wants to drive out to *The Local Newsletters* at 1/21 Olympic Circuit Southport, ph 5527 0134 around midday so it can be here at the start of the session, they will receive the editor's eternal gratitude or \$10 from my pocket. Give me a ring on 0414 876 175 if you're interested.

Contacting the editor

Nicoleta and I are at Monte Carlo Apt 51. The mobile is 0414 876 175, or email to

nhughes@bigpond.net.au

Better still, fill out a "What happened" form if you can find one or hand your contribution to a passing director.

More importantly, I'll be in the ANA bar for at least half an hour following each session.

That covers everything.



Qualifiers to today's final

(Provisional, as at 1.30am Monday)

North-South	Ave
P Hackett & J Armstrong	65.96
H McGann & T Hanlon	65.49
C Gower & C Convery	64.85
T Jacob & R Jedrychowsky	63.66
G Dally & F Halmos	62.63
A Bach & K Dyke	62.28
M Kent & J Kent	62.23
B Hirst & M Pomfrey	61.23
McMahon & T Seres	60.54
C Chua & S Hans	60.31
C Baker & J de Ravin	60.27
B Evans & P Wyrer	59.90
A Powell & R Jamieson	58.57
M Foster & R Cowan	58.34

East-West	Ave
T Jackman & R Wallis	66.08
P Brayshaw & G Dupont	62.22
S Lester & J Cormack	62.18
E Caplan & P Lambardi	61.25
M Cornell & M Mayer	60.12
T Marinos & G Danta	60.05
B Neill & S Lusk	59.81
L Lowe & J Gauld	59.65
T Brown & P Gue	59.59
P Fordham & M Prescott	59.54
S Bock & G Belonogov	59.50
S Burgess & B Richman	59.46
M Litter & K Bishop	59.33
H Melbourne & S Eginton	58.96

Tony Jackman and Richard Wallis qualified top to lead the Queensland contingent. Burgess-Richman just snuck in while the overseas players dominated the NS qualifiers.

Sponsoring Restaurants

Ask about their deals for bridge players

Bavarian Haus	Cavill / GC Hwy	5592 0882
Billy's Beach House	Esplanade/Hanlon	5531 5666
Carinya Café	ANA Ground floor	5579 1000
Costa D'Oro	27 Orchid	5538 5203
D'Arcy Arms	2923 Gold Coast Hwy	5592 0882
Eltons at Concorde	42 Ferny Ave	5539 0444
La Paella	3114 Gold Coast Hwy	5527 5940
La Rustica	3118 Gold Coast Hwy	5570 1153
Patio Seafood	GC International	5592 1200
Royal Thai	Centrepont 3290 GC Hwy	5538 0205
Rusty Pelican	Elkhorn / Orchid	5570 3073
Seafood on the Beach	Raptis Plaza	
Tandoori Place	GC Hwy/Trickett	5592 1004
Zio Mio	1 Naranga Ave Florida Gdns	5504 6666

Some curly questions for the tournament committee and others.
None of them mine!

- 1) Is there really somebody called Helen Caddy?
- 2) In the qualifying, why do the top seeds miss playing each other?
- 3) Is Mrs England really an English teacher?
- 4) Who are Adam and Eve?
- 5) Why do we have incomplete movements rather 13-table sections and complete movements?
- 6) Have Keith Long and Ross Dick found partners for the teams yet?