



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Teams starts tonight

Another record entry for the three teams events that start tonight. It will be a tight fit at both venues.

Pairs at 2/3 distance

As you read this, the Pairs events will be nearing conclusion. (Sounds like Pauline Hanson) Overnight leaders were Richard Jedrychowsky and Jacek Pszszcola, the bookies' favourite from day 1. However, it is/was still close. Stephen Burgess and Tania Lloyd had been leading up until the final three boards, when they had a disastrous set. Stephen forget (or didn't know??) that there was one session to go, so for a while there was much lamenting.

Hands from the Pairs

This was an easy grand to miss:

Final 1, Bd 22

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

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

No	4♠	1♦	2♦
No	5♦	No	5♣
End		No	7♠

That's simple enough, isn't it? Better than the crude 1♦ - 6♦! - No - 7♠ we saw at our table. Can't understand all the 1010s.

Cormack - Kozakos made short work of the other "grand":

Final 1, Bd 11

S/Nil	♠ Q 10 7 4		
	♥ Q J 10 6		
	♦ A 10 3		
	♣ Q 4		
♠ A J 9		♠ 3 2	
♥ A K 8 4		♥ 5 3 2	
♦ K Q J 8 7		♦ —	
♣ 10		♣ AK986532	
	♠ K 8 6 5		
	♥ 9 7		
	♦ 9 6 5 4 2		
	♣ J 7		

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

Cormack		Kozakos	
1♦	No	4♣	No
6♦	No	7♣	End

4♣ looks like a splinter to most people but honest George was just bidding his hand. After, 2-2 trumps and a ruffing diamond finesse, his 20% grand was home.

Lloyd and Burgess averaged 69.4%

Tuesday Night Seafood

It's on right now, at the end of the Pairs. Quick, go and grab a subsidised tickets (\$30 or \$35).

Dinner Dance

Although it seems a long way away, you need to get your tables organized **now**, by Wednesday evening at the latest. First in, best tables.

Complimentary if you payed in Pairs and Teams, 30\$ if you've just arrived. You can collect tickets after 5pm on Friday.

in the qualifying and hoped for a carryforward, NZ-style. Not on this side of the ditch, guys. Anyway, they defied the expectation of some to maintain their form in the final, leading after the first set. Boards like this helped:

Pairs 1, Bd 15

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

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

	Burgess		Lloyd
2♥	3♦	No	3♥!
No	3NT	End	

Spades and notrumps both make 11. Against Burgess, West won the ♥A and switched. His choice of the ♣J at trick 2 was spectacularly unsuccessful. +690.



5.30 pm Buffet dinner, tickets from Level 2 & GCI

Gold Coast Teams (Senior & Restricted Tms at GCI)

Tue	8 pm	Swiss Rds 1 & 2, 2 x 14 bds
Wed	9 am	Walk-in Pairs at ANA (\$10)
	10 am	Directors' workshop on 4th Floor
	1.30 & 8 pm	Swiss Rds 3 - 6
Thu	10.30 & 3.30	Swiss Rds 7 - 10, don't sleep in
	9 pm	Semi-finals start, night off for the rest of us
Fri	10 am ?	Semis continue
	12.30	Swiss Rds 11 & 12, finishing at 5 pm
	1.30 ?	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
	7.30 for 8 pm	Dinner/Dance

Hard to go wrong here:

Final 1, Bd 19

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♦

2♣ ?

Pass is okay, leading to +200 or so. Double works too, planning 3♣ over 2♥, leading to the cold 3NT. However, plenty failed in 3NT on the ♣K lead. It's easy enough – win the ♣A then cash hearts, followed by ♠AK. West will be down to ♦KJ ♣QJ98 so it's nine tricks on a club exit. Of course an imaginative West might be down to ♠8 ♦K ♣QJ98 ..

Self-squeeze averted:

Final 1, Bd 14

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

The real defensive tests come against pushy 23-point 3NTs like this one. Bottom if they make, near top if you shoot it.

Richard J led a diamond against 3NT/E. Jacek Pszczola (PespiCola) inserted the ♦9, won the second club then cashed the ♦K. Rather than continue diamonds, he exited a heart and was able to pitch a spade, a heart and a diamond on

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dummy's clubs. +50.

If the defenders cash the diamonds (as I did) North is squeezed in the majors. My excuse? Well, if East had ♠AQx, we need to cash out or declarer makes 10 tricks. No, my partner didn't believe me either.

Final 2, Bd 17

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Giura	No	Hughes	DbI
		1♦ ¹	

3NT End

1 4+ spades, 10-15 pts

North led a heart. Giura ducked won the second heart, to lead the ♠Q. South won the second spade and cleared hearts.

Declarer crossed to the ♣A to lead a diamond up, then exited with her last heart. South had to give up two tricks in the minors whatever she did.

Bert Polii raises an interesting technical point in a hand from yesterday's bulletin:

Pairs Q1, Bd 18

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

Hendrawan, his partner played 3NT/N on a heart lead. What to pitch from dummy? It looks normal to pitch ♠6 but it's needed to squeeze East.

So declarer pitched the ♦5 at trick one, winning the ♥Q. A club to the queen won, then came the ♣J. West can win this and lead a heart but

North ducks this (essential) and East has problems when two more clubs are cashed. If he lets go too many hearts, declarer can set up a diamond. If he pitches two spades instead, declarer makes three spade tricks by running the ♠Q.

Were your methods up to this:

Final 1, Bd 10 (rotated)

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

2♣	2♦
3NT	4♥

Terrible, really. An advert for the Kokish 2♥ relay (hearts or a flat game force). Over 3NT, there's a good case for 4♦ & 4♥ to be USA-style transfers.

Ebery - Gold had a relay auction to 6NT from the right side when Jamie made a good decision to show 6-9 HCP with long hearts.

Val Cummings usually plays the Pairs with Wally Scott. This time she had him as an opponent:

Final 1. Bd 18

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Mullamphy	Snashall	Cummings	Scott
		1♥	4♦
4♥	End		

Eight tricks so 4♦ from Wally. No more, no less. He cashed a diamond, got his club ruff then exited with a trump. Val finished in trumps then had to play spades for no loser. South seemed to have 1-3-8-1 so which spade was it?

Odds slightly favour a double finesse (KTx with North) but Val knew her man. Ace she played and the king came tumbling down.

(Yes the defence can take the first four tricks. Dream on.)

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NT – more that just notrumps.



Forest Place are major sponsors, particularly of Seniors. In the Senior Pairs, the players received pens with a freecall number. No harm in planning ahead.

It's a game of errors

Freda Banner was queuing to order at a local café, surrounded by players arguing about what might have been. The young guy taking orders had heard it all over the past few days. Perplexed, he asked the crowd "Can't anyone here play good bridge?"



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Active Ethics IS alive and well

If gongs in this category are going to be awarded at this congress, then Jim Fitz-Gerald deserves one.

After a hand against us in which the Fitz's had done well in defence, Jim called the Director about a bidding misexplanation. This resulted in an adjusted score in our favour.

Bridge is an ethical game. Such a demonstration of active ethics is to be congratulated.

Gail Walsh

Appeal #1

Pairs Qual 2, Bd 13

N/Both ♠ 2

♥ A Q 9 8 4

♦ J 8 3

♣ AK 5 4

♠ AK 7 6 5

♥ 10 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ J 8 6

♠ J 9 8 4 3

♥ 2

♦ Q 6 4

♣ Q 10 9 2

♠ Q 10

♥ K J 6 5

♦ AK 10 9 2

♣ 7 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	No	2NT ¹
3♠	No ²	4♠	Dbf ³
No	5♣	No	5♦
No	6♥	End	

- GF raise in hearts, 4-card support
- no agreement
- slow, acknowledged.
No agreement but presumably a penalty suggestion

Table result: 12 tricks +1430

Ruling: It was agreed that North was in possession of Unauthorised Information. Passing the penalty-oriented double was a logical alternative. The UI made removing the double more attractive. Score adjusted to 4♠x, +800 NS.

NS appealed: We sought advice from four good players, all of whom removed the double. Everyone we asked removed the double.

AC decision: Director's ruling upheld under Law 16A. **Extraneous Information from Partner:**

After a player makes available to his partner extraneous information that may suggest a call or play, as by means of a remark, a question, a reply to a question, or by unmistakable hesitation, unwonted speed, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement, mannerism or the like, the partner **may not choose from among logical alternative actions** one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the extraneous information.

The Committee is unanimous that NS should have consulted an Appeals Adviser. The test under 16A is not the same as asking "What would you do without the break in tempo?"

P is for Prizes

If you see a P next to your name, it means you have won a sessional prize. See Clare at the ANA or Pam at the GCI to pick up your prize.

Bar Piazza

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So near

by Phil Gue

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

It was good to see Ted Chadwick and David Beauchamp back together in the Pairs qualifying. (*Playing Acol, no less - Ed*) Ted said at the start “ex-lovers should never go back to bed again, only poor performances can be expected” – perhaps that explained why their performance was a little nervous.

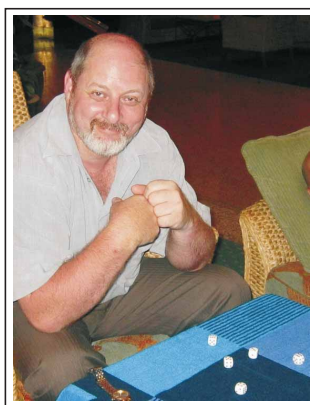
Terry and I have had some great battles with them in the past and this hand was no different. Ted opened the East hand 2♣ – showing both majors and Terry, as is his style, jumped in with 2♠ with South. What could I do but bid 3NT on the lead of the ♥5.

This went to my ♥9 and luckily I found myself in the right hand to lead a low diamond, Ted winning the king. Continuing to withhold the killing spade lead, Ted led the ♣3 and I was at the cross-roads. I played low from dummy and with it went my contract. David contributed the ♣J and I won the ace. Next a diamond to the jack saw David make the killing play of holding up his ace. I persevered with a diamond and now David took his ace and switched to a heart.

I only had eight tricks so couldn't afford the ♥A, because David would get in with his ♣K for another heart, so I played the ♥Q. Ted won the king and again made the killing club exit to David's king. I had enough tricks

but no way to get them. David exited a spade to dummy, but with just spades left I had to give Ted the setting spade trick.

Can you see how I could have made my contract? At trick 3 all I had to do was play the ♣Q and duck David's king. Now I would have had communication to my tricks, and the ♣A-10 would have given me two club tricks for my contract. Try it and see for yourself. Mind you it didn't really matter, Terry and I finished (Consolation B) ahead of Ted and David (Consolation C) and that's the only important thing. ♠♥



Barbiç at the Bar

The current Molvanian Yams champion didn't fare so well in the Pairs and has decided to make an early escape. He still exhorts us to visit his colourful homeland. To whet your appetite:

Vajana

This ancient Molvanian city was founded back in AD 720 by the great matriarch, **Besbolja**. She was referred to as 'Mother of All Vajanans', probably because the population at the time was 14 and they were all her children. In the 15th century, Vajana was called Molvania's 'cultural melting pot' as it had a large melting pot into which ethnic minorities were lowered during the Balkan Inquisition.

Molvanian Dining

The atmosphere at the often crowded **Wjick** bar and bistro is casual, as is the staff's approach to personal hygiene, but the meals are generally good.

Described as 'nouveau Molvanian' the emphasis is not so much on freshness or flavour but quantity.

Leading at 2/3 distance

1	R J'chowski & J Pszczola	806
2	B Ewart & P Hardyment	794
3	S Burgess & T Lloyd	784
4	V Cummings & M Mmphy	777
5	K & A Dougall	764
6	W Scott & C Snashall	763
7	C Backer & N Brink	762
8	J Ebery & L Gold	761
9	B Jones & J Millington	755
10	B Haughie & Z Nagy	747

In the Plate

1	M Prescott & B Richman	950
2	A Mill & A Bach	860
3	N Giura & N Hughes	835

Try their famous herring in mushroom sauce – one of the more unusual desserts you're likely to encounter.

Luxury Accommodation

At the top end it's hard to go past **Vjakm Palatz**, the oldest and most luxurious hotel in Sjerezo. Rooms at the palace are large with sweeping views and private facilities. Some of the suites boast fireplaces and plans are underway to install chimneys in the near future.

The complimentary chocolates left on your pillow are purely decorative. If accidentally swallowed, please contact the Poisons Hotline on 03 7763 3310.

Contacting the Editors

Nicoleta and I are at the ANA, Rm 1627 if you're keen.

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Fill out a "What happened" form if you can find one and throw it in a Bulletins Contribution box.

We'll be in the ANA bar for half an hour after each session.

We found the camera

It was left in the bar overnight and a cleaner handed it in. Thanks to the ANA & QBA staff.



JBWere