



Gold Coast Bulletin

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The panel in action



Last night's expert panel at the ANA Bruce Neill & Ron Klinger at the extremes – they won this event last year and played for Australia in Istanbul. Ralph Parker made the final this time with Peter H. They made the teams final a few years' back. Liz Havas - Open and Women's Rep. Khokan looks more like Avi every day.

Another innovation this year, thanks to Joan Butts and Therese, was the expert post mortem in Sunday night (there will be another panel on Wednesday night).

About 40 players gathered in the Tilba Rooms, paying \$1 or so for tips on the day's hands, with proceeds

going to the *Bridge for Brains* charity. Who made 12 tricks here?

Pairs Qual 2, Bd 12
W/NS ♠ AK10
♥ QJ6
♦ 97
♣ QJ1085
♠ Q3 ♠ J954
♥ A7 ♥ K10982
♦ AKJ865 ♦ 43
♣ K94 ♣ A7
♠ 8762
♥ 543
♦ Q102
♣ 632

West plays 3NT on ♣Q lead. I tried this reasonable line – win the ♣A, cross to the ♦A in case North has stiff queen, heart to the king and a diamond finesse. 10 tricks.

Those who took a first round diamond finesse were rewarded with 12 tricks because North is squeezed in three suits! If North abandons clubs, West cashes the ♣9 to restrict North to one top spade.

It's easy to bid too much on shapely hands. The panel had little success here:

Have you paid?

We have quite a few recalcitrants, so please make your way to the Functions Desks if you are yet to pay.

Tuesday night seafood

Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Desk at either venue. Prices remain the same as last year - \$35 at the ANA, \$30 at the GCI. Diners must arrive between 5 and 6 pm (5.30 & 6 at the GCI) to ensure an early enough finish because of the 7:30 start time for the teams.

Pairs Qual 2, Bd 7
S/Both ♠ A863
♥ AKQ6
♦ AK2
♣ 72
♠ — ♠ KJ972
♥ 5 ♥ 98432
♦ 9643 ♦ J105
♣ AKQJ9853 ♣ —
♠ Q1054
♥ J107
♦ Q87
♣ 1064

What should West open? Most of the expert panel tried 5♣ and shelled out 500. They admitted there is a case for opening 4♣, catering for the actual misfit and leading to a likely +100 against 4♠.

Gold Coast Pairs		(Senior Prs & Restricted Prs at GCI)
Tue	10.30 - 12pm 1pm 5.30 pm	Teachers' Forum Tilba Rm, 2nd floor Finals Rd 3 (& walk-in pairs in Tilba rooms) Buffet dinner, tickets from Level 2 & GCI
Gold Coast Teams		(Seniors at GCI, Restricted at ANA) (Open field split – ANA 4th floor or GCI)
Tue	<u>7.30 pm</u>	Swiss Rds 1 & 2, 2 x 14 bds
Wed	9 am 10 am 1pm & 7.30 11pm	Walk-in Pairs at ANA 2nd floor (\$10) Directors' workshop on 4th Floor Swiss Rds 3 - 6 "You ask, we answer" at ANA
Thu	<u>10.30 & 3.30</u>	Swiss Rds 7 - 10, don't sleep in Thursday night off for everyone
Fri	9.30 11am <u>12.30</u> 8 pm	Semis start, then 2pm Restricted & Seniors finals start Swiss Rds 11 & 12 , finishing at 5 pm Vu-graph at ANA, <u>first</u> 20 boards of final
Sat	<u>9.30</u> 9am 7.30 for 8 pm	ANA Shield starts , walk-in, 9.45 cut-off Final bds 21-50 Dinner/Dance



Richard Solomon has edited NZ Bridge since 1990. Bill Haughie forsook NZ for the warmth of Queensland some years ago. They headed the GCI panel.

Or even a gambling 3NT. Some tried that but couldn't resist the 8-4 and raised partner's 4♣ escape to 5♣.

North should bid and make 5♣ here but some were strangely silent:

Pairs Qual 2, Bd 21

N/NS ♠ AK 4
♥ —
♦ Q10 8
♣ J10 9 7 4 3 2

♠ 5 2 ♠ QJ 8 7 6
♥ KQ 8 7 6 5 3 ♥ A J 4
♦ A 7 2 ♦ J 6 4 3
♣ Q ♣ 8

♠ 10 9 3
♥ 10 9 2
♦ K 9 5
♣ AK 6 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♣	1♠	2♣
2♥	2♠/4♣ etc		

North has a clear 1♣ opening under Bergen's Rule of 20 (or Klinger's Rule of 22: HCP + 2 longest suits + quick tricks). South raises, despite the slight risk of a 3-card suit opposite, giving North an easy decision.

5♣ is easy enough on ♥A lead, as Seamus Browne and Martin Bloom showed – ruff, ♠A, heart ruff, ♠K, heart ruff, ♠A-K-another. Finito.

Pairs Qual 2, Bd 22

E/EW ♠ AQ 8 6 4
♥ 5 4
♦ K10 6 5 3
♣ 7

♠ J 9 3 ♠ K10 5 2
♥ K 9 ♥ A10 7
♦ A ♦ J 9 7
♣ AQJ 9 5 4 3 ♣ 8 6 2

♠ 7
♥ QJ 8 6 3 2
♦ Q 8 4 2
♣ K10

Parker bid 3♣ over South's 2♥ opening and played it there. Klinger also bid 3♣, with Neill taking a successful punt of 3NT, knowing partner would be extra sound, vul vs not opposite a passed hand.

Leigh Gold simply bid 3NT over South's multi 2♦ opening!

Here's board 1 of the event:

N/Nil ♠ 10 9 3
♥ AK
♦ Q10 7 5 4 2
♣ QJ

♠ 8 6 5 4 ♠ AK 7
♥ J 9 6 ♥ Q10 8 7 5 4 3 2
♦ K 8 ♦ J 6
♣ 8 5 4 3 ♣ —

♠ QJ 2
♥ —
♦ A 9 3
♣ AK10 9 7 6 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Haughie		Solomon
	1♦	4♥	6♣
No	No	Dbf	End

This was a typical auction. South took a reasonable punt and East said "Don't lead a heart". West led one anyway, which didn't cost. A diamond – "Dummy's suit, right?" – would not have been a success.

Here's a lead problem:

Pairs Qual 1, Bd 3

S/EW ♠ A J 10 4
♥ -
♦ A10 6 5 4
♣ K Q 9 2

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

♠ 6 2
♥ A J 10 9 6 5 3
♦ 2
♣ 7 6 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			3♥
No	No	No	

Some Wests would lead the ♠K here "Trump length, lead length" but a club is the winner this time, assuming East has the good sense to duck!

On a spade lead, Cevat Emul won the ace and returned a spade. West made the belated club switch, too late. East has to duck to threaten the ruff but declarer counters by pitching a club on the ♠10 then *leading dummy's last spade* to pitch his remaining club. ♥♣

Teachers on Tuesday

There will be a meeting and seminar on **Tuesday morning at 10.30am** in the Tilba Rooms, Lvl 2 ANA.

Speakers will include Michelle Brunner and David Greenwood from Britain. **Michelle will speak about her life as a bridge teacher in England.**

Plus Ron Klinger, Joan Butts, Lorraine Harkness and John McIlraith.

Topics will include Easybridge; teaching cardplay principles; short and sweet beginner courses.

You can join the ABTA, take the exam or browse our literature. All welcome, not just teachers!

Your Daily Bridge Problem

12th Jan - Frank Stewart

E/EW ♠ K 9 3
♥ K 7
♦ 8 7 4 3 2
♣ Q 9 8



♠ —
♥ 10 9 8
♦ A 7
♣ AKJ10 7 5 4 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♠	5♣

End

Lead: ♠Q.

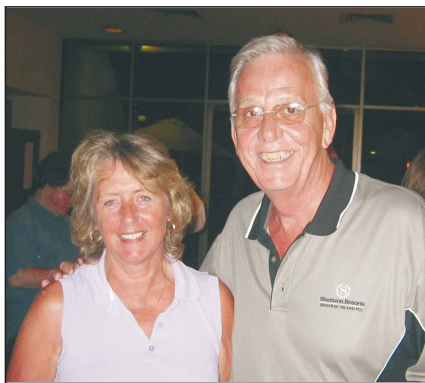
Contract bridge is now 80 years old, having been invented in 1925. Today's deal was part of an examination Ely Culbertson conducted for his readers in 1942. When West leads the ♠Q against South's 5♣, how should South play?

(Answer on page 3)



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Kath & Alan Nelson celebrated their 40th (ruby?) wedding anniversary yesterday.

Alan is on the EBU Board, Vice President of their Tournament Committee. I hope he likes the way we run things here.

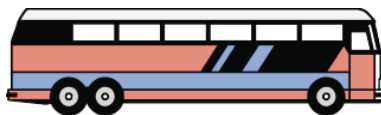
They left Southampton on 7 January on a cruise to San Francisco, travelled along the US West Coast, then stopped off at Fiji on the way here. Enough lounging around – time for some serious mental effort, forget the bad back!

Carinya Walk-in Winners

Winners of each section receive **dinner vouchers** at one of the sponsoring restaurants. They are the ones on the map opposite, also listed in your pairs and teams scorers. Collect from the ANA/GCI function desks.

There were 178 pairs this year

M Dakin - R Perry	70.4
T Strong - W Harrison	64.1
J Clyne - G Collins	57.4
D & S Sarten	64.1
M & J Millar	59.0
T Strong - J Magee	60.2
P Woolf - B Anderson	60.7
A Nelson - J Holland	68.1
B Noble - G Bilski	65.1
S & C Singh	54.2
R Roworth - S Mendick	57.4
E Williams - J Ascione	56.7
L Godfrey - A De Livera	68.8
R & H Mclauchlan	61.8
G Ware - F Brown	60.9
A Hung - P Gosney	65.5
J Butts - T Tully	70.5
F Kovacs - B Atkins	66.0



This year we have been providing a complimentary bus between the ANA & GCI, driven by the delightful Diana.

The bus leaves from the ANA 45 minutes before the start of play and oscillates in roughly 10-15 min intervals from venue to venue. We do the same at the end of the session, commencing at the official finishing time & leaving from the GCI.

So far the trial has been a success so please continue to use it - or lose it for next year.

Meanwhile in Manchester ...

- Cruz is Number 3 boy for Beckhams
- Everton 0 - Man United 2
- Manchester rated Europe's 3rd best city for business
- Monday forecast:
snow and rain
chance of rain 75%
Min 0°, Max 3°

Answer to 12th January

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

5♣/S on ♠Q lead.

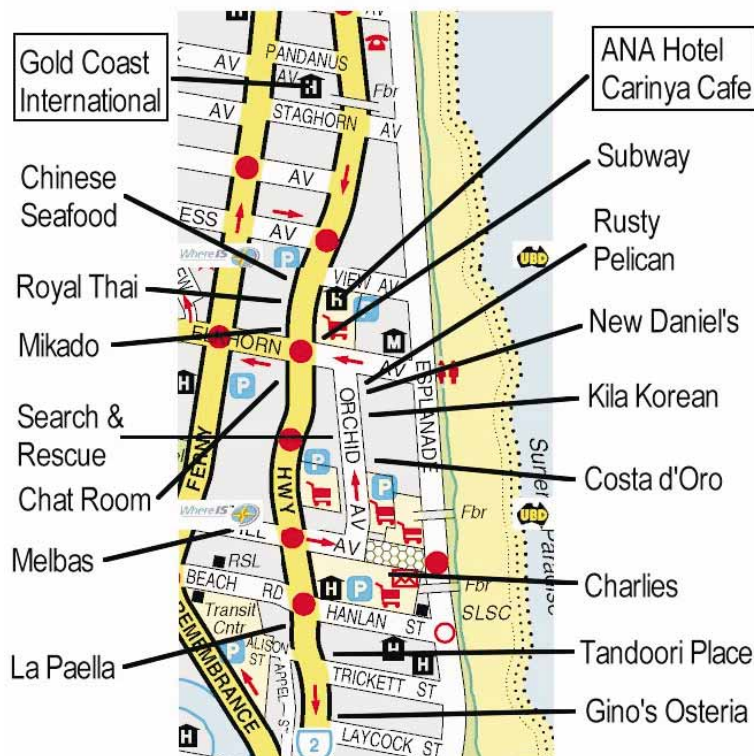
Suppose South ruffs the first spade and leads ♠A-another. Diamonds break but West shifts to a heart when in with the ♠J. One off.

In 1942 or 2005, South must plan before he touches a card. South should cover the ♠Q with the king and discard a diamond when East plays the ace.

In due course, South can set up dummy's diamonds, using three entries in trumps.

Frank Stewart

Hospitality – get together for drinks and a chat – at GCI this afternoon (Monday) at 5pm.



A tie in the first event!

Richard Wallis

The 44th Gold Coast opened with a new event – the inaugural Youth Pairs for Under 30s. The field of 10 pairs featured Australian Youth representatives as well as novices who learned to play six months ago.

In a tight finish, the result was a dead heat between Fiona Brown - David Wiltshire, Griff Ware - Nye Griffiths.



David, Fiona, Nye, Griff

Third were novice pair Peerapan Maslen and Ryan Touton.

This board provided some fireworks:

W/NS ♠ AK 9 5 4
 ♡ J
 ♦ A 10 8 3
 ♣ K 5 3

♠ Q J 10 6 ♠ 8 7 3
 ♡ 4 ♡ AK 9 8 7 6
 ♦ K J 9 7 ♦ Q 2
 ♣ J 10 9 8 ♣ Q 6

 ♠ 2
 ♡ Q 10 5 3 2
 ♦ 6 5 4
 ♣ A 7 4 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	1♠	2♡	No
No	Db1	No	No
No			

This was a typical auction, -500 on a spade lead. At one table, Nathan van Jole redoubled 2♡ for rescue as West. Paul Gosney reluctantly bid 2♠, doubled of course by North. However, this unusual contract in opener's 5-card suit went only one off for a top.

Everyone who played enjoyed the experience. The foundations have been laid for the Youth Championships to become a prestigious event in future years.

25 Year Club

This congress has been going for 44 years, the last 17 at the ANA. Therese has a smallish list (10 to 20) of those current players who have been to 25 or more Surfers. We'll publish our list in a few days so speak to someone at the functions desk if you think we might have overlooked you.

Meanwhile in Iraq

Did you see David Kay – former US Chief Weapons Inspector in Iraq – describing the role of Australians present at “interviews”. Speaking on *Lateline*, he said: “... I assume anyone that was in a room with a prisoner was engaged in interrogation – we weren't playing bridge ...” Well, he is a bridgeplayer, but clearly hasn't seen one of our acrimonious post mortems.

Contacting the Editors

Nicoleta and I are at the ANA, room 1810. The deadline is 2am. The mobile is 0414 601 175, or email to

nhughes@bigpond.net.au
 We'll be in the ANA bar for half an hour after most sessions.

Qualifiers to the Pairs Final

North-South	
J Pszczola - E Otvosi	63.1
G Kilvington - D Smith	62.7
A Milanovic - A Small	61.7
D Janzekovic - J Varmo	61.6
A & B Hirst	60.3
D Appleton - F Brown	60.0
I Price - B Tier	60.0
M Bloom - P Gill	59.8
S & G Mayo	59.7
M Moren - N Francis	59.5
M Cornell - R Jedrychowski	59.2
K Bagchi - P Gue	58.6
J Holland - M Brunner	58.5
J Rose - M Dyer	58.3

East-West	
R & B Weathered	66.6
K Dyke - D Wiltshire	64.5
M Courtney - P Wyer	63.3
A Bach - M Whibley	62.6
J Lester - Z Nagy	61.4
R Parker - P Hainsworth	61.4
S Konig - J Wallis	61.1
J Ebery - L Gold	60.4
V Cummings - M Mullamphy	60.3
J de Ravin - P Wilsmore	60.2
M Gidley-Baird - R Finkelstein	60.0
P Gumby - W Lazer	59.6
S Mendick - R Roworth	58.6
P Gosney - N van Jole	58.5

Get your tables of 12 lined up for the dinner. Do you want to be near the dance floor or near the balcony? Decide quickly.

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