



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Same places next year

We are pleased to announce that the QBA has secured the ANA and GCI as the venues for 2006.

Semi finals

These are underway now – Friday daytime – in the Tilba Rooms ANA. The finals of the Senior and Restricted Teams are also being held. In the Open, The GCI winners **EUSTACE** (Greg Eustace - Graeme Corin, Steven Bock - Les Grewcock) are playing **NOBLE** (Barry Noble, Phil Gue - Khokan Bagchi, George Bilski - Terry Brown). EUSTACE won their first nine matches comfortably, including 20+ VPs against teams 1, 2 and 3.

In the other semi, the Irish/NZ/Qld **GREENWOOD** team (David & Diana Greenwood, Andy Braithwaite - Bill Haughie) play the mostly English **HOLLAND** team (John Holland - Michelle Brunner, John Armstrong - Howard Melbourne, Paul Marston)

The semis are 40 boards, finishing at around 5pm. The 50 board final starts with the Friday night Vugraph at 8pm, finishing Saturday morning. The semis and the final will also be covered live by Bridgebase's online vugraph. Go to bridgebase.com.

For the rest of us

The VuGraph starts at 8pm tonight so grab an early meal at a sponsoring restaurant.

Make sure you collect your victory dinner tickets (not transferrable) from the ANA desk then line up a partner for the ANA shield. It should be someone you rarely play with. It

starts at 9 am Saturday morning. You can enter up to 9.45am.

Winners of minor prizes can collect them from the ANA desk after 5pm today or at the VD. Remember, No ticket, No entry.

Play-off Points

The points for the Pairs were boosted for this year. In the Wednesday bulletin I used the old figures of 20-15-10-5. They should have been 32-24-16-8.

In the teams, they go 36-18-9. I think ... NOBLE and EUSTACE will fight over the major awards because HOLLAND and GREENWOOD are foreign teams. 4½ each go to NEILL and WALSH, best of the rest after Round 10. In future, these minor awards will probably be given to the Swiss leaders at the end of Round 12.

Teachers' Association

The ABTA (Australian Bridge Teachers' Association) has a Quarterly Bulletin, an accreditation exam and runs seminars like the well attended one on Tuesday morning.

If you think you might like to join - by taking the exam - contact me, or the President Lorraine Harkness on 0409 220 761 or email her at lorraineharkness@bigpond.com.

PS Lorraine would like her *supervised card* returned.

Final lack of flourish

Those who took the 33-1 finals odds available on Team 7 ANA at midnight on Wednesday were looking good when they scored 25-25-24 to rise to second with one round to go. They then needed to beat the GREENWOOD team 18-12 to make it

Top 10 after 10 Rounds Open ANA (118 teams)

1	6	Greenwood	198
2	4	Noble	197
3	2	Neill	193
4	7	Krochmalik	188
5	1	Cornell	186
6	12	Hirst	186
7	3	Konig	183
8	9	Brifman	181
9	18	Cleaver	178
10	45	Livesey	173

Open GCI (116 teams)

1	25	Eustace	202
2	2	Holland	201
3	9	Walsh	188
4	3	Cummings	187
5	5	Snashall	184
6	1	Del'Monte	183
7	10	Gruia	182.5
8	6	Gardiner	180
9	11	Appleton	178
10	4	Henry	175

Seniors (42 teams)

1	4	Kahler	192
2	18	Marinos	190
3	2	Puskas	183
4	10	Goodyer	180
5	3	Doddridge	176
6	8	Hurley	174
7	5	Ramshaw	170
8	17	Gidley-Baird	167
9	6	Smee	166
10	7	Kent	165

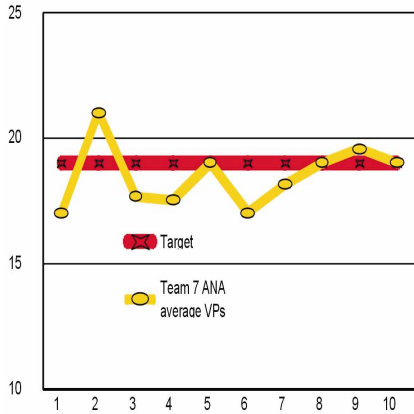
Restricted (84 teams)

1		Moschner	192
2		Lindsay	191
3		Ferguson	182
4		Baker	180
5		Jurisich	177
6		Milner	117
7		Freund	175
8		Wallis	175
9		Baker	173
10		Foster	173

Gold Coast Teams (Seniors at GCI, Restricted at ANA)

Fri	9.30	Semis start, then 2pm
	11am	Restricted & Seniors finals start
	12.30	Swiss Rds 11 & 12 , finishing at 5 pm
	8 pm	Vu-graph at ANA, <u>first</u> 20 boards of final
Sat	9.30	ANA Shield starts , walk-in, 9.45 cut-off
	9am	Final bds 21-50
	7.30 for 8 pm	Dinner/Dance

but lost by that margin. 20-oddimps the other way would have done it.



A late run of 25-25-24 put Team 7 above the asking rate but a few soft dismissals restricted them to 12 runs in the last over – not nearly enough.

Here are some last round hands:

Match 10, Bd 15

S/NS ♠ AKJ7
 ♥ J9864
 ♦ AQ4
 ♣ 6

♠ 98654 ♠ Q2
 ♥ A ♥ K52
 ♦ 10865 ♦ 32
 ♣ K72 ♣ AJ10983

♠ 103
 ♥ Q1073
 ♦ KJ97
 ♣ Q54

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	1♥	2♣	No
Dbl	4♥	End	3♥

East finds the ♦3 lead and it's all over. West fires one back when in with the ♥A then discards an encouraging club on partner's ♥K. Not too hard to underlead the ♣A now.

Aggressive 2-openings can winimps in many ways:



Match 10, Bd 20

W/Both ♠ KQJ76
 ♥ Q2
 ♦ 84
 ♣ J983

♠ 1094 ♠ A853
 ♥ 743 ♥ K105
 ♦ J7632 ♦ AQ
 ♣ 106 ♣ A754

♠ 2
 ♥ AJ986
 ♦ K1095
 ♣ KQ2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	No	1NT	2♥
End			

This is a normal auction, leading to +110 for NS.

At our table, Avi Kanetkar opened a weak 2♠ as North, East overcalled 2NT – as you do – and South said double. This went for -800, 12imps from thin air.

Match 10, Bd 27

S/nil ♠ 103
 ♥ —
 ♦ Q1098543
 ♣ Q853

♠ 9872 ♠ KQJ64
 ♥ KJ62 ♥ AQ75
 ♦ K72 ♦ A6
 ♣ A2 ♣ J9

♠ A5
 ♥ 109843
 ♦ J
 ♣ K10764

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	4♦	Dbl	No
4♥	End		No

This is normal enough – a 3♦ opening would be tame. North finds the good club lead to the J-K-A. A trump reveals the bad break so declarer switches to spades. South wins the ♠A and leads the ♦J to dummy's ace. Now what?

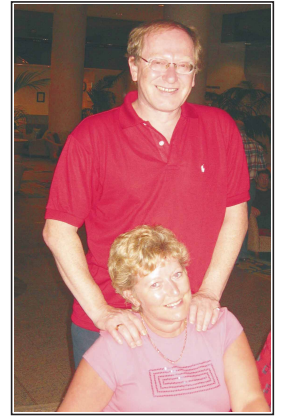
Declarer has to exit with a club, no more random rounds of trumps. North can give South a diamond ruff but that's it.



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The Irish Connecting

I have one of David's bridge books at home – *Instructions for the Defence* – co-written with Jeremy Flint. On the back cover, David is described as "One of the game's rising stars." It is quite an old book ...



David and Diana Greenwood

Match 10, Bd 28

W/NS ♠ QJ853
 ♥ 954
 ♦ 9
 ♣ 10753

♠ AK ♠ 10964
 ♥ QJ876 ♥ 3
 ♦ A ♦ 108652
 ♣ KJ842 ♣ AQ9

♠ 72
 ♥ AK102
 ♦ KQJ743
 ♣ 6

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

A tired editor led the ♦K and that was that. Bill Haughie crossed to the ♣A and led a heart. Nine tricks now. Damn! All I had to do was lead the ♥A at trick 1! This cannot cost and would have saved the day.

Don't be pessimistic

At three of the top tables at ANA, this hand was played in 2♣:

Match 9, Bd 2

E/NS ♠ 32
 ♥ Q
 ♦ AQJ9
 ♣ J109852

♠ KJ ♠ 109
 ♥ J7543 ♥ 98
 ♦ 108652 ♦ K743
 ♣ 7 ♣ AKQ64

♠ AQ87654
 ♥ AK1062
 ♦ —
 ♣ 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	No ?	1♣	2♣!?
		No	

I guess Michaels is okay but some suits are made for bidding. North sensed a misfit and went to ground quickly.

6-5 in the reds

Haven't there been a lot of these? They've gone well too.

Match 10, Bd 18. North has 0-5-6-2 but nothing much makes.

Match 9, Bd 10. East has

♠ 92 ♥ A10643 ♦ AKQ654 ♣ -

You make 6♦ or 6♥, assuming partner with 8 clubs gets the gag.

Match 8, Bd 18

E/NS ♠ J1074
♥ KJ42
♦ QJ
♣ 875

♠ AK865 ♠ Q92
♥ 975 ♥ Q
♦ 87 ♦ 1062
♣ K109 ♣ AQJ643

♠ 3
♥ A10863
♦ AK9543
♣ 2

Again NS make five of a red suit. Opening 1♥ will work this time but I strongly prefer opening 1♦ and reversing into hearts. Only open 1♥ with 5-6 if the hearts are much chunkier.

Match 8, Bd 20

W/Both ♠ 8
♥ KQJ1083
♦ A7532
♣ 10

♠ AQ104 ♠ J7
♥ 7654 ♥ A92
♦ J6 ♦ Q4
♣ A76 ♣ KQJ942

♠ K96532
♥ —
♦ K1098
♣ 853

Avi opened the North hand 4♥. Quite right, this is not a 2-suiter. Note that partner has the worst possible shape yet 4♥ is as good as 5♦. 1♥ is acceptable but 2♥ (hearts and a minor) is criminal.

4♥ plays well enough, provided declarer remembers to discard some of dummy's diamonds.

Did you make this slam?

Match 6, Bd 26

E/Both ♠ A93
♥ QJ8753
♦ AK5
♣ 4

♠ K1065 ♠ 4
♥ 42 ♥ 106
♦ J1062 ♦ Q8743
♣ A108 ♣ QJ952
♠ QJ872
♥ AK9
♦ 9
♣ K763

EW are likely to be silent as you stumble into the poor 6♥.

If East leads the ♣Q, you should make. The ♣A comes down in three rounds for a spade discard, then you run the ♠Q. Easy but hair-raising.

What if East leads the singleton spade? Let's say West covers dummy's ♠Q, not that it matters. If you play a club now, East gets a spade ruff.

There is an obscure solution. You need to run the trumps while ruffing a diamond, catching West in a 3-card ending. So ♦A-K-ruff high (or you are trapped on dummy). Then proceed to this ending:

E/Both ♠ 93
♥ 5
♦ —
♣ 4

♠ 106
♥ —
♦ J
♣ A

irrelevant

♠ J8
♥ —
♦ —
♣ K7

Pitch dummy's ♣7 on the last trump and watch West squirm – the old cliché at 2am. When the ♦J eventually appears, you lead your club and head off to find your local bridge columnist. Or go back to sleep.

Calling all Australian bridge players to Hamilton.

The cricket pitch is a bit rough but the New Zealand National Bridge Congress is first class.

24 Sept - 1 Oct 2005

(note the later date)

at the Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton. Pick up a brochure from one of the desks.

Gold Star Members

Add these to Tuesday's list of 22 people who have attended 25 or more Surfers. We're sure there are more

Malcolm Allen
Jay Faranda
Bill Hunt
Claire Hyne
Clare Jackman
Keith McDonald
Jessica Mortess
Mike Robson
Judy Valentine
Vi Vella
Eve Whitby

The 30+ names went into a lucky draw and the winner was **Fay Landy**. Quite appropriate as we think that Fay and Tony J are the only two to have attended all but one Surfers. Nobody has a perfect score.

Fay wins a dinner for two at *Hatties Seafood Restaurant* at the ANA.



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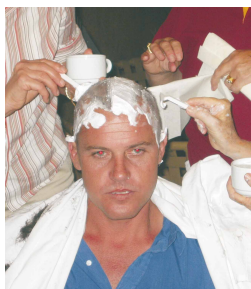


Keith's Close Shave

This happened on Thursday night, with proceeds to the Leukemia Foundation. You can still donate at the Victory Dinner and the venues.



Stage 1. Note the wide-tooth comb



Many hands make light work.
Cathy and Maureen
with the lather and razors.



Don't forget your sunscreen!
Does George Greagan have this
done every week?

Lost in the Woods

I can blame Paul Lavings for this error. The co-inventor of Swine – **Paul Woods** – is here in Surfers, playing again after a 30 year layoff.

Nationwide Pairs

This is an ABF initiative, designed to allow clubs in rural areas to provide more red points for their members. Scored across Australia via the net. Go to abf.com.au to find out more.

While you are there, have a look at these bulletins online. The photos look muuuuuuch better.

Phaic Tan – The People



Imbued with a curious blend of politeness and militant Maoism, the Phaic Tanese people have staged some

of the most courteous revolutions in Asian history. Indeed, these friendly, outgoing folk clearly value good manners above all else. Rarely will you hear a raised voice or terse remark between locals. In fact, it's not unusual to see two drivers having been involved in a collision, get out of their vehicles and exchange gifts.

Health Note: Visitors to Phaic Tan should rest assured that there have been no new reported cases of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) or reports of Avian Flu since last year when the Government launched a mass eradication program to rid the country of all journalists.



Some late advice ...

This is our bus, with Diana at the door. Some players hopped into the Japanese tourist instead, buckled up ready to go. A quick thinking doorman spotted the error and saved them from an unscheduled trip to Dreamworld.

Most have chosen to walk between venues, bravely dodging the relentless traffic.



Who needs to get up early?



Julia Del'Monte and Adam Sarten



It's a Jungle Jim out there.



*Perennial recorder Brian O'Hara
with Anne Weber. Has anyone
seen his little black book?*

Wed, Feb 25, 1964

The Beatles reached #1 on the American music charts for the first time, with their single, "I Want to Hold Your Hand" (we assume not a Yarborough)

Contacting the Editors

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