



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Pairs finals today

As you read this, the Pairs finals will be underway – three sessions ending Tuesday afternoon. The qualifiers to the Championship are on the back page.

Players from everywhere

As well as heaps of players from interstate, Queensland and local Gold Coasters, we have players from Argentina, Canada, England, Germany, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Macau, NZ (lots), Romania, UK, USA. and more.

Extra-curricular

Start with **Hospitality** this afternoon at 5pm in Tilba; then **You Ask, We Answer** at 11pm; **Convention Centre Tour** Tuesday morning at 9:30; **Teachers' Forum** at 10.30; **GCI walk-in** at 1pm; **Seafood Buffet** at 5pm; then **Directors' Forum** at 10am Wednesday morning.

Have you paid?

Recalcitrants please make your way to the Functions Desk!

Here are some qualifying hands:

Qual 1, Bd 5

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

Lynn Lovelock opened the South hand a heavy 15-17 1NT and played it there. 3NT is where you want to be:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Wilsmore		De Ravin
	no	no	1♠
no	1NT		2NT
	3NT		no

East led the ♠9-2-10-Q. EW played strict thirds and fifths so Wilsmore diagnosed the 6-1 club break and was able to endplay West to score a trick

You Ask, We Answer

Stick around after tomorrow night's session of the Pairs final, before you head for the bar. You may find some help in winning that post mortem.

We have a galaxy of talent to answer your questions about the hands you've just played. We'll have three from this illustrious group:

Ron Klinger, Gavin Wolpert
Ishmael Del'Monte, Phil Gue
Hugh Grosvenor, Bobby Richman
and there could be others.

11pm - 11.30

TONIGHT! (Monday)

at the Holiday Inn

\$1 entry goes to charity

There will be another session on Wednesday night.

with dummy's ♥K.

Qual 1, Bd 6

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

Should EW make 6♥ here? You can't go wrong in the minors so it depends on trumps.

Kieran Dyke found a way to deflect declarer. Defending 6♥/E on a spade lead, he switched to the ♠J at trick two! If this is from shortage, North might have heart length, so declarer played the ♥K first for one off.

NS have a likely -500 save in 5♠. To get +800, the defence have to take their minor winners. A fourth club allows East to score the ♠J.

Gold Coast Pairs

Sun	1pm & 7.30
Mon	1pm & 7.30 11pm
Tue	10.30 - 12pm 1pm 5 pm

(Senior & Restricted Pairs at GCI)

Qualifying 1 & 2
Finals Rds 1 & 2
"You ask, we answer" at HI
Teachers' Forum, HI 4th floor
Finals Rd 3 (& walk-in pairs at GCI & HI)
Buffet dinner, tickets from Level 2 HI

Gold Coast Teams

Tue	7.30 pm
Wed	9 am 10 am 1pm & 7.30
Thu	10.30 & 3.30
Fri	9.30 11am 12.30 8 pm
Sat	9am to 9.45 9am 7.30 for 8 pm

(Seniors at GCI, Restricted at HI)

(Open field split – HI 4th floor or GCI)
Swiss Rds 1 & 2, 2 x 14 bds
Walk-in Pairs at HI 2nd floor (\$10)
Directors' workshop on 4th Floor
Swiss Rds 3 - 6
Swiss Rds 7 - 10, don't sleep in
Thursday night off for everyone
Semis start, then 1.30pm
Restricted & Seniors finals start
Swiss Rds 11 & 12, finishing at 5 pm
Vu-graph at HI, first 20 boards of final
Holiday Inn Shield starts, walk-in till 9.45
Final bds 21-50
Senior & restricted finals start at 11am
Dinner/Dance on Level 4 HI



Michael Elinescu

We asked Michael Elinescu to tell us a bit about himself, *Good Weekend* style.

When and why did you start bridge?
At the age of 13. To kill softly.

Your greatest bridge success?

Hmm. 3rd in European Pairs in '83; #1 ranked player on Euro circuit in '88; winner Forbo International '96 & '98. Winning Gold Coast Pairs '06?

Tell us a bit about yourself

MD in Psychiatry & Neurology, living in Dusseldorf.

When I was a child I wanted to ..
break free (from Romania?)

My happiest moment was ...
when I met a certain lady

Friends say I am ...
a little crazy

The last big laugh I had was ...
always less than a minute ago

I often wonder ...
how illogically serious most people are.

What brings you here?

I was caught doing 180 km/h in a 50 zone and lost my licence for 6 months. (My lawyer just managed to reduce it to one month) Anyway, it seemed a good excuse to make that long trip to Australia.

Here is one of Michael's hands from the Qualifying:

Qual 1, Bd 21

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

NORTH	SOUTH
Gruia	Elinescu
1♥	1♠
2♦	3♣ *
3♦	4♥
6♥	6♠
no	

On the ♣K lead, declarer was able set up the long diamond and ruff two clubs for +1430. Elinescu reckoned it was cold on any lead so I put my money on the table, having 100% faith in Deep Finesse. A heart lead shoots it; I relented.

Feedback wanted!!

Got a gripe?? Something to share? Found some great cheap accommodation?? We want to know so drop us a line or an article. Here's the first:

Prestige, PQPs or Popularity?

Geoff Thomas

I read with interest Laurie Kelso's suggestion that the open Teams revert to a single field. Prime amongst his reasons was prestige.

I wonder how many players make the annual pilgrimage to the Gold Coast Congress for the prestige and whether that prestige would actually be enhanced by a single field.

240 teams in a 12 or even 14 round Swiss would, I feel, be too many and make the result almost a lottery, diminishing the prestige for the ultimate victors.

At the less competitive end of the field, the enjoyment may also be diminished as the holiday players find themselves facing more unlucky or unsuccessful seeded teams in the latter rounds.

I believe the ABF Tournament Unit has a guideline that suggests that a field of 80 teams (it may be 60) should be decided by a final play-off.

With 240 teams competing, we should probably have three fields of 80, or four fields of 60.

The Swiss result would be more representative; 6 or 8 teams in a final

Calling all Teachers

There will be a meeting and seminar on **Tuesday morning at 10.30**, in the Tilba Rooms, Lvl 2 HI. (Might be moved to level 4)

We'll have tips from people involved in bridge overseas, such as the peripatetic Hugh Grosvenor and Canadian club owner Gavin Wolpert

Local speakers will include Ron Klinger, Joan Butts, Lorraine Harkness.

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



Again we will be providing a complementary bus – with Diana at the wheel – to run between the HI & GCI.

We plan to start from the HI 45 minutes before the start of play & proceed roughly in 10-15 min intervals from venue to venue. We will do the same at the end of the session except commencing at the official finishing time & leaving from the GCI.

Our program will be largely trial & error, governed by supply & demand & common sense.

Diana will also conduct guided tours of the Convention Centre – next year's venue – most week day mornings. See the separate *It's Time for a Change* Bulletin.

series would add more prestige.

Those teams that have entered with the prime purpose of accumulating PQPs would have their chances increased, while the vast majority may find their pleasure and prestige enhanced. ♦♣



Sirocco

Sirocco (Carinya)

Walk-in Winners

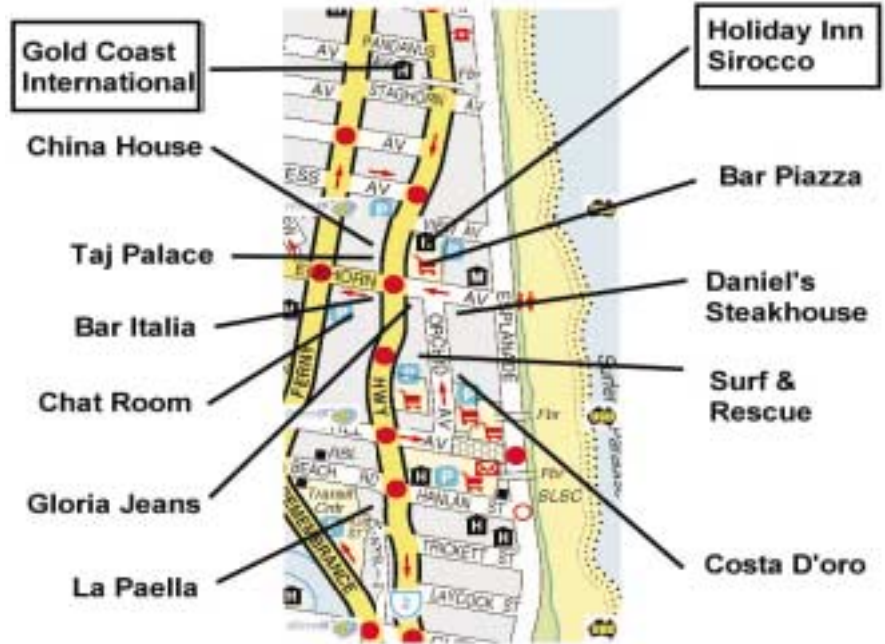
Winners of each section receive **dinner vouchers** at one of the sponsoring restaurants. They are the ones on the map opposite, also listed in your pairs and teams scorers. Collect from the HI/GCI function desks.

There were 162 pairs this year

H & R McLauchlan	60.4
A Lucaciu & V Lungu	62.0
J Magee & T Strong	60.7
T Mangos & L Foran	57.6
I Dahler & E Spiro	63.7
M Brunner & K Nelson	67.6
H & P Tootell	61.1
J Peach & G Slack-Smith	60.9
M Waterhouse & G Mickevics	61.6
R Yandle & D Monahan	59.7
R Busch & J McPheat	60.7
E Hurley & J Brown	66.4
P Canning & F Hannay	59.0
I Del'Monte & A Apteker	60.7
N Riszko & L Kobler	56.5
A Nelson & B Hirst	63.2



*More dubious space-fillers to follow.
You know what you have to do.*



Obligatory Kiwi Joke

A man walked into the produce section of a supermarket in Sydney and asked to buy half-a-head of lettuce. The New Zealand lad working in that department told him that they only sold whole heads of lettuce. The man was insistent that the boy ask his manager about the matter.

Walking into the back room, the boy said to his manager, "Some arsehole wants to buy a half a head of lettuce."

As he finished his sentence, he turned to find the man standing right behind him, so he added, "And this gentleman kindly offered to buy the other half."

The manager approved the deal and the man went on his way.

Later, the manager sought out the boy and said, "I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier. We like people who think on their feet here. Where are you from, son?"

"Wellington, New Zealand, sir," the boy replied.

"Why did you leave New Zealand?" the manager asked.

The boy said, "Sir, because there's nothing over there but whores and rugby players."

"Really!" said the manager, brusquely. "My wife is a Kiwi!"

The boy replied ... "No shit??? Who did she play for?"



Bridge not enough?

The Gold Coast Congress Committee has organized special rates for those wishing to play a round or two of golf during the congress.

To access these deals, go to the Bridge Hospitality Desks.

Tee times are limited to the first 12 who put their names down for each of the Courses.

\$75 per person including cart for groups of 12+ at **Palm Meadows**, Gooding Drive, Carrara. 5594 2450. Bring your bridge scorebook as ID!

Also \$75 for groups at The Palms, **Sanctuary Cove**. 5577 6151.

The days that golf have been booked are Wednesday & Saturday. Wednesday as soon as possible after 7.00am and Saturday Afternoon about 2.00pm.

Happy Bridging (and Golfing)

Sean Mullamphy

Our exciting new Sponsor

ABN Amro Morgans are testing the waters with this year's GC Congress with a view to a longer term commitment if it all goes well.

The Brisbane office will be providing the prize money for the Open Pairs – 1st place in both the Championship \$1200 & the Plate \$500. The Gold Coast offices are supporting the locals & will pay \$160 to the best placed local pair & \$240 for the best placed local team in each section - Open, Seniors & Restricted. These prizes will be presented at the dinner dance.

Wait... There's more!! They have provided shirts for the caddies & best of all will be providing us with "Tip of the Day," a hot stock tip to be published daily in the bulletin.

My involvement with ABN Amro Morgan's goes back 5 years to when Kate Paynter joined the firm. She is not only my financial advisor but a personal friend. I used to think I had the intelligence & nous to do my own buying & selling but let me assure you my personal balance sheet & cash flow has had a more solid foundation since I could share ideas & be open to suggestions from someone on the ground... The best thing I ever did was to follow Kate's advice - I am not quite ready to retire but I am working on it!

Kate & her colleagues from Brisbane & the GC will be checking out the form to see how it all happens & catching up with players over a few drinks during the week – please feel free to pop in to the hospitality rooms & say hello.

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First Winners



Andy Hung & Paul Gosney

Just six pairs in Saturday's Youth Pairs, the first event. The Gold Coast congress will never attract a large number of young players – it's during school/uni term.

Andy and Paul won narrowly from Mike Doecke & Nye Griffiths.

The defence were overly keen to protect their honours on this hand:

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

Paul played the hopeless 3♥/S on a cautious trump lead. He drew trumps then played spades. Still anxious to avoid the minors, West exited with a spade, so a diamond went away. Eight tricks now.

Two rounds of diamonds left West on lead. When he led a club, East failed to unblock under dummy's ace. Nine tricks now!

Thinking ahead?

Try Boulevard Towers in 07
45 Broadbeach Boulevard
7 minutes walk for the CC.
07 5538 8555
7 nights for \$729 (1 br) \$887 (2br)
air-con for extra \$10 per day
If just coming for the teams ..
3 nights for \$337 (1 br) \$412 (2br)

Qualifiers to the Pairs Final

North-South

B Neill & R Klinger
E Otvosi & M Borewicz
K & A Nelson
D Lilley & J Lester
P Wyer & M Courtney
F Sambuaga & F Umboh
C Gruia & M Elinescu
J Lindsay & F Lyons
B & G Palmer
N Griffiths & M Doecke
J Summerhayes & A Gianazza
P Fordham & P Marsh
J Coleman & P Birss
C Ritter & K Vohandu

East-West

I Del'Monte & A Apteker
B Hirst & J Hassett
M Szymanowski & J Strepinsky
P Gumby & W Lazer
R Mooney & B Mill
P Hooykaas & P Rankin
B Rafferty & J Lodewijks
N Francis & B Moren
T Marinos & G Danta
T Brown & P Gue
P Lavings & R Krochmalik
V Cummings & M Mullamphy
T Rogi & O Wohon
E Adams & T Nunn

Recent Pairs winners

2000 Z.Huilin T.Ong
2001 T.Jacob R.Jedrychowsky
2002 H.Melbourne M.Pomfrey
2003 R.Klinger B Neill
2004 R.J'chowski J.Pszczola
2005 M.Brunner J.Holland

Not much home-grown success!

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Fill out a "What happened" form if you can find one, throw it in a Bulletins Contribution box or hand it to a passing director.

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