

Number 8 Final Internet Edition Editor: Rich Colker

Hirst Victorious in 2007 GCC Open Teams

In the GCC Open Teams Round-of-4 Nixon defeated Nagy 47-37 while Courtney defeated Rothfield 56-20. So one semifinal pitted Hirst vs Nixon, the other pitted Holland vs Courtney. Hirst got off to a narrow 1-imp lead in the first quarter, added 3 more in the second to lead by 4 imps at the half, then added 18 more in the third quarter to lead by 22, and lost the fourth quarter by 5 to secure his place in the final, 91-74. In the other semifinal, Courtney got off to a 17-imp lead in the first quarter, lost back 5 in the second to lead by 12 at the half, won 7 more imps in the third quarter to lead by 19 and then escaped a last-minute rush by Holland, whose 9-imp fourth-quarter gain wasn't quite enough. Courtney won by 10, 84-74, to secure the other spot in the GCC final. So the final was Hirst vs Courtney. The score by quarters:

Team	Players	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Final
Hirst	B Hirst, P Hackett, J Hackett, T Hanlon	37	35	12	27	111
Courtney	M Courtney, T Burke, T Nunn, P Wyer	22	16	19	20	77



GCC Open Teams Winners: Hirst

(GCC Teams and Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs report continued on page 2)

Puskas Dominates Klofa in 2007 GCC Seniors Teams

The GCC Seniors Teams final pitted Klofa against Puskas. Puskas started off with a narrow 6-imp lead after the first quarter and added 4 more imps to lead by 10 at the half. The second half, however, was a blow out as Puskas outscored his opponents 108-41 in the second half to win by 77, 134-57.

Team	Players		2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Final
Klofa	S Klofa, R Gallus, G Gaspar, E Caplan	7	9	19	22	57
Puskas	J Puskas, P Chan, J Hewitt, R Januszke, R Bignall, D Lusk	13	13	53	55	134

Wotherspoon Beats McIvor in 2007 GCC Restricted Teams

This year's GCC Restricted Teams final pitted McIvor vs Wotherspoon. Wotherspoon jumped off to a 38-imp lead in the first of three segments, lost back 25 in the second to lead by 13, but then blew the match open in the final segment to win by 31, 87-56.

Team	Players		2 nd Seg	3 rd Segr	Final
McIvor	N McIvor, D Featherstone, W Boxall, J Wieczorek	1	40	15	56
Wotherspoon	T Wotherspoon, E Baker, R Taylor, R Taylor	39	15	33	87

2007 Ivy Dahler GCC Swiss Pairs Klinger-Ebery Take Open, Wieczorek-Boxall Win Restricted

		<u>OPEN</u>				<u>RESTRICTED</u>	
Place	Team	Name	Score	Place	Team	Name	Score
1	7	R Klinger, J Ebery	180	1	118	J Wieczorek, W Boxall	167
2	150	P Livesey, R Thomas	174	2	15	A Smith, J Power	163
3	348	S Smith, M Ware	169	3	120	T Wotherspoon, E Baker	162
4	340	V Vainikonis, W Olanski	165	4	91	T Treloar, P Evans	158
5	204	C Howard, K Wood	164	5	26	V Roland, J Cox	157
6	71	K Daws, C Schwabegger	164	6	30	T Potter, D Potter	156
7	68	A Halmos, F Halmos	162	7	100	S Sriprakash, M Perrin	156
8	253	F Lyons, J Lindsay	162	8	35	J Dawson, S Chapman	155
9	263	D Hutchinson, H Cusworth	161	9	25	B Wilson, J Taverner	155
10	358	G Gaspar, E Caplan	161	10	57	P Collins, V Drakeford	154



Ivy Dahler GCC Open Swiss Pairs winners

Gala Dinner/Dance Finale a Great Success



Attendees gather for pre-dinner cocktails

No more sleeps!!!

Thank you all so much for your positive feedback and constructive suggestions, but most of all for coming. I have no doubt that the 2008 Gold Coast congress will reach new levels of excellence as we sort out our teething problems. After a few days rest to clear the brain, my committee and I will endeavour to make a critical analysis of our performance. I hope we will pride ourselves on what we got right, recognize what we got wrong and identify what new levels of excellence we can aspire to.

We need to read all the surveys and questionnaires carefully as your opinions do matter. I am very grateful to all the people who have expressed their views (especially in email form :>) and we will endeavour to get it right next year.

One thing I have learned is that we should never try to emulate Canberra. There should be room for two

premier events in Australia—both very different—and we should compliment one another rather than be seen as rivals. The GCC prides itself on its holiday atmosphere where people can not only play good bridge but can also take time out to socialise and catch up with old friends. So no more late nights followed by early starts or marathon bridge sessions. I will leave the more concentrated bridge schedules for the NOT, where I always play in the women's and I thoroughly enjoy, but where bridge is my main focus.

See you all next year...spread the word and bring your friends!

Cheers,

Therese Tully GC Convenor.

Winners of the three raffles, drawn at Saturday's Dinner/Dance...



Winner: Opal Bracelet from Depazzi Jewelers



Winner: 10 Kg block of Cadbury Dairy Milk Chocolate. "Don't eat it all at one sitting."



Winner: Basket of Wine (from the Tucker family). "There are some bloody good drinkers in the Northern Territory."

2007 Gold Coast Congress Winners

Barometer Pairs - Open:

Championship 1st John Armstrong-Howard Melbourne

2nd Jamie Ebery-Ron Klinger

3rd Vytautas Vainikonis-Wojtek Olanski

4th Nye Griffiths–Griff Ware 1st Tony Nunn–Paul Wyer

Plate 1st Tony Nunn-Paul Wyer
Section C 1st Felicity Beale-Ron Van Reil

Section D
Section E
Section F
Section G
Section G
Section H

1st Merle & Bruce Marr
1st Phil Dewer–Michael Sykes
1st Fred Whittaker–Duncan Badley
1st John Lenart–Claire Woodhall
1st John De Raven–Peter Wilsmore

Section J 1st Jean Eddie–Ann Paul

Section K 1st David Yarwood–Derek Richards
Section L 1st Frank Kovaks–David McRae

Best Women's Barbara Travis-Elizabeth Havas

Seniors Pairs:

Championship 1st Roger Januske-Robert Bignall

2nd Richard Wallis–John Brockwell 3rd Stephen Mendick–Peter Kahler 4th Gary Ridgway–Arthur Robbins

Plate 1st Francis Lyon–Jack Lindsay Section C 1st Maggie Kelly–Suzie Narita

Restricted Pairs:

Championship 1st Bernie Atkins-Tony Wagstaff

2nd Jocelyn & John Steele

3rd David Featherstone–Nigel McIvor

Plate 1st Kevin Dean–Geoffrey Roberts

Section C 1st Val Roland–John Cox

Section D 1st Suzi Leahy–Julie-Anna McWilliam

Section E 1st Tim & Jane Fenwicke

Section F 1st Adam Thompson–Merle Doyle Section G 1st Kerry Pope–Colin Wheeler

Teams - Open:

1st Hirst Team 2nd Courtney Team

3rd Nixon Team & Holland Team

5th Nagy Team 6th Rothfield Team

Section B Havas Team Section C Noble Team Section D Parker Team Section E Jagelman Team Section F Chalmers Team Section G Kahn Team Section H Cohen Team Section I Nash Team Section J French Team Women's NZ Geursen Team Women's National **Evans Team** Mixed Chua Team Country Mayo Team Wakefield Team Men's

Teams - Seniors:

1st Puskas Team 2nd Klofa Team 3rd Cornell Team

Section B Watson Team Best Veterans Smee Team

<u>Teams – Restricted:</u>

1st Wotherspoon Team 2nd McIvor Team 3rd Busch Team

Section B Bolt Team
Section C Taverner Team
Section D Bryant Team
Best Novice Anderson Team

Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs - Open:

1st Ron Klinger–Jamie Ebery

2nd Peter Livesey-Roger Thomas

3rd Scott Smith-Michael Ware

Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs - Restricted:

1st John Wieczorek-Wendy Boxall

2nd Andrea Smith–Judy Power

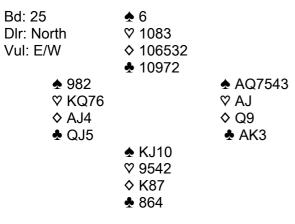
3rd Tere Wotherspoon-Eric Baker

Congratulations winners!

The Regrettable Double

by Ron Klinger

Board 25 from Match 10 of the GCC Open Teams was a lesson hand—of two sorts.



West <i>Van Riel</i>	North <i>Baker</i> Pass	East <i>Beale</i> 1 ♠	South McCallum Pass				
2♣	Pass	2 ♠ (1)	Pass				
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass				
5♦	Pass	6♠	Dbl				
All Pass							
(1) Game force							

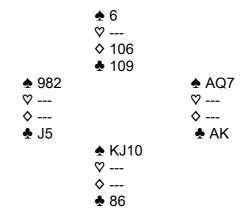
Rob Van Riel and Felicity Beale bid briskly to the good spade slam. When Karen McCallum, who was playing with long-time partner Lynn Baker, doubled Felicity Beale knew there was trouble brewing, given that she was looking at all the high cards except the \Diamond K and \Diamond KJ.

South's was the sort of double that bridge books warn against, one that locates the missing high cards for declarer or warns her of lurking danger that she would otherwise be unaware of until it was too late.

The opening lead was the ♥5, which Beale won in

hand with the ace. Realizing that South probably had two trump tricks for her double, Beale realized that to make the hand she would need to arrange it so that South was on lead late in the play when it would most be to her disadvantage. That meant eliminating the side suits and preparing for an endplay.

At trick two Beale led the $\heartsuit J$ and overtook with the queen to pitch a diamond on the $\heartsuit K$ (just in case McCallum did not have the $\diamondsuit K$). She then ruffed a heart, crossed to the $\diamondsuit A$, ruffed a diamond, crossed to the $\clubsuit Q$, and ruffed another diamond leaving this five-card ending:



She next cashed the ♣AK South following helplessly, and at trick 11 led the ♠7 from her hand and claimed the last two tricks when South won with the ten.

Interesting side note: At trick 2 South showed dummy her hand and dummy said resignedly, "Yeah, one off" but Beale responded, "Let me play it out." Later she said: "My only regret was that I didn't claim at trick 2 saying 'If you are 3=4=3=3 can claim."

Overheard...Not Overruffed

Overheard at the table:

Lady to male partner: "Why, when you make a contract, do you say you played it well but when I make a contract you say it is a miracle?"

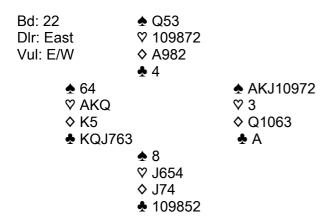
Overheard from a passerby who took a look inside the Convention Centre:

"Oh, is this a conference for retirees?"

During the Restricted Teams two elderly opponents arrived at their next table. On being asked for their system card one replied: "I don't use a system card, I just play bridge."

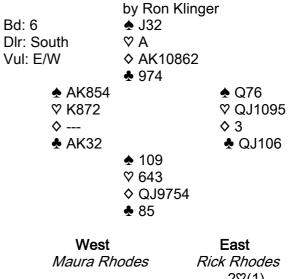
An Unblocking Variation

Ron Klinger reported this hand (Board 22) from the sixth match of the GCC Senior Teams. Jan Cormack was in 6♠ on a low heart opening lead.



She won the ace in dummy, cashed the ♥K pitching the ♣A, the ♥Q pitching a diamond, the ♣K pitching another diamond, then the &Q; North was finished. If he ruffed she would overruff, draw trumps and give up the \$A. If he discarded she would continue with high clubs, throwing diamonds until North ruffed or she was down to all trumps, at which point she could take the trump finesse for the overtrick.

The Quick Route to Slam



2♥(1) 5⁽²⁾ 6♡

All Pass

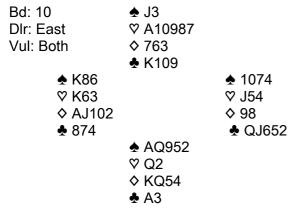
(1) Multi 2♥: 5 hearts & 4+ minor

(2) Bid 6 with 1 top honor, 7 with 2

Naturally Maura thought partner's minor was diamonds. Actually, 6♥ is much a better slam than 6♠, which requires a three-two spade break.

A Happy Ending

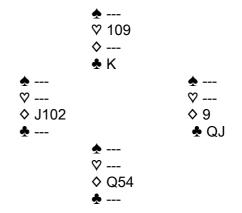
by Ron Klinger



West David	North Andrew	East Anne	South Andrew
Appleton	Mill	Small	Hegedus
		Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Against Mill's 3NT, Small led the ♣5, which rode around to the ten. Next Mill tried the ♠J, ducked all around, and then played the \$7 to the king and ace. Appleton switched to the VK, Mill winning the ace as

he unblocked dummy's queen. He then led a spade to the gueen and king and Appleton continued his heart attack, 6, 10, J, 2, removing declarer's last hand entry. Small exited with a club to dummy's ace and Mill cashed dummy's spades, producing this ending:



Mill exited with the \$4, giving the defenders their choice: be endplayed(West) or stepping-stoned (East).

Just Another Flat Board

by Peter Gill

This is what happened at Table 1.

Bd: 26 ★ KQ543 Dlr: East ♥ 654 Vul: Both ♦ AJ ♣ K74 ◆ 982 ♠ A107 ♥ AQ107 ♥ 19 ♦ K75 ♦ 8643 ♣ Q93 ♣ AJ82

♥ K832 ♦ Q1092 • 1065

WestNorth
LizEast
David
BeauchampAdamsBeauchampPassPassPass1♠All Pass

West led the ♠8 to the 3, 7 and J. Fearing that spades were four-two or five-one, Beauchamp decided to play a diamond to the ace. On this trick West serendipitously played the ♣Q. The Director was called and established that this was a major penalty card, to be played at the first available opportunity.

Having won the ♦A, Beauchamp overtook the ♦J with the queen. West took the king and perforce

had to put the ♣Q on the table as the lead to trick 4.

Now declarer had a big problem. If West had ♣Q5, ducking was best. Accordingly, he ducked the queen and the roof fell in. Four clubs, three hearts, a diamond and a spade later, 1NT was –300. E/W might win a Best Defense award if the defense was intentional, or a Best Exposed Card award if there were one.

At the other table, this was the auction.

West	North	East	South	
		Pass	Pass	
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT	
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠	
All Pass				

I led the ♥J, ducked in dummy, and continued with a heart to Jeane Reitzer's ten. Jeane continued with the ♥A followed by the ♥10, declarer ruffing high with the queen as I pitched two diamonds. A spade to the jack and another spade saw me cash the ♠A and ♠10 and exit with a high diamond. Declarer inserted the ten, Jeane correctly ducked and declarer was trapped in hand, forced to concede three club tricks. Plus 300—flat.

By the way, I erred in my discards on the hearts: one club and one diamond ensures our+300 no matter what declarer does.



The Ultimate Graphic Artist

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Cannibal Squeeze

by Jim Fitz-Gerald

This was Board 16 from the third final session of the GCC Pairs.

♣ QJ764
 ♠ 9
 ♥ K7532
 ♦ -- ♠ Q8652
 ♣ 1052
 ♣ Q974

♠ A32♥ QJ10♦ J74♠ AKJ6

WestNorthEastSouthPasd1♦Pass2♣Pass2♦Pass3NTAll Pass

The opening lead was the $\heartsuit 3$. East took the ace and returned the $\heartsuit 9$, West allowing declarer's jack to hold. Declarer now tested the water with a diamond to the ace, getting the dreadful news. The club finesse had to work, so declarer played the $\clubsuit 3$ to the jack. That was eight tricks, and the only hope of a ninth was a minor-suit squeeze on East.

This requires cooperation from West. Declarer led the ♥Q to West's king. West was so surprised at her apparent good fortune that she cashed her remaining hearts. Poor East had to pitch a diamond and her spade, and the ♠A and ♠K added to her discomfort. In actuality she let a club go, giving declarer four club tricks and the contract. Then I woke up, and it was Wednesday morning...

Of course if West soils the fun by cashing only one more heart, declarer still prevails by endplaying East with the fourth club.



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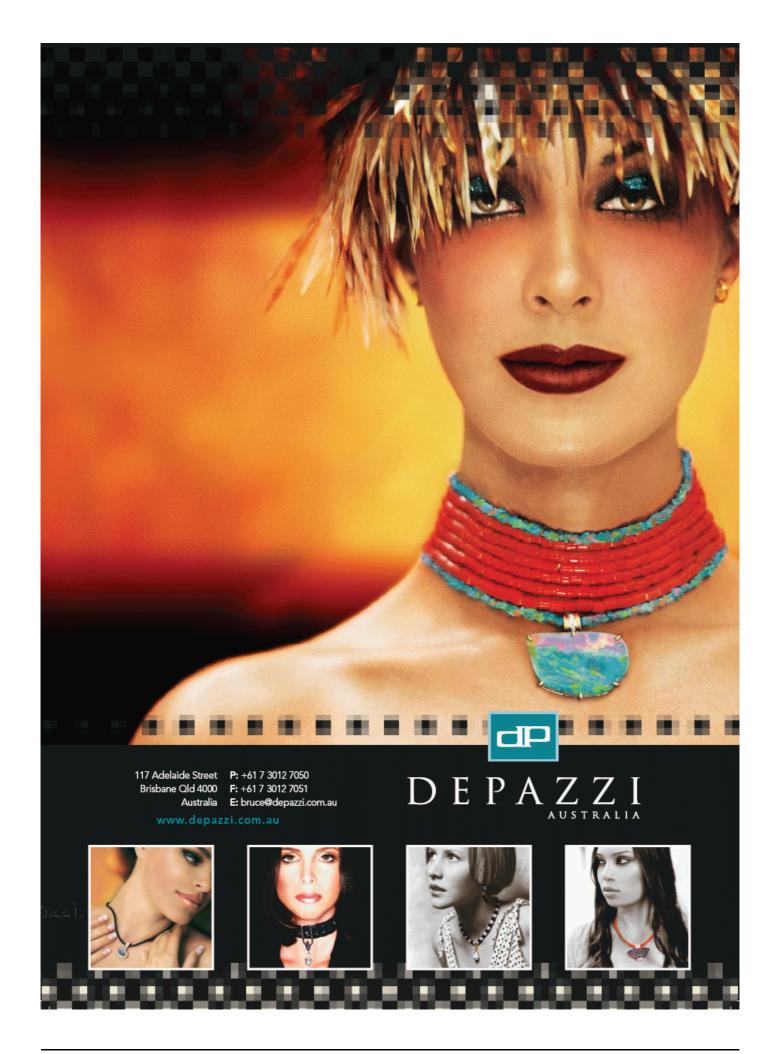
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