



## GOLD COAST CONGRESS UPDATE # 2

Here is the latest information we have re what we see as the focal points of interest.

### **ENTRIES.**

All entries should be in by now so PLEASE check on the website & ensure your names are registered in the correct events. It is only the Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs that can be entered the day before. If you find you are not entered or have just realised you wish to play please contact us ASAP as entries can still be taken at the discretion of the QBA

### **PARKING**

Sorry but the Convention Centre is not budging & there will be a charge for parking. There will be a weekly pass issued from Saturday 17/02/07 to Saturday 24/02/07 for \$20.00 (8 days) or a flat rate of \$5.00 per day. I understand you will pay on arrival at the car park.

### **BUS**

We will now be running 2 buses & will incorporate a run up to Surfers. We will have the bus routes worked out & a better understanding of the timetables later in the week. A tentative list of pick up points is shown below (as at 01/02/07 – it may have expanded) but does not include the Surfers run which will be – GCI, Holiday Inn & Mayfair Apartments. If you want to be picked up & are not close to one of these pick up points please email Diana at [alahari@tpg.com.au](mailto:alahari@tpg.com.au) & we will do our best to incorporate it into the run.

In Surf Parade - In front of Aruba Beach Resort

In Surf Parade - In front of Markham Court Apts

In Surf Parade - In front of Leawarra Apts

In Old Burleigh Road - In front of Ocean Royale Holiday Apts

In Old Burleigh Road - In front of King Tide Apts

In Old Burleigh Road - At Loading Zone in front of Kurrawa Life Saving Club (back of Mall)

In Old Burleigh Road - Opposite Carmel by the Sea

In Alexandra Avenue - In front of Breakfree Diamond Beach Resort

In Surf Parade - In front of Bel Air

In Surf Parade - In front of Best Western Travel Inn

In Surf Parade - At Bus Stop opposite Sofitel

At Freshwater Point

At Jupiter's Casino - At the Coach set down/pick area

### **SURVEY**

We have been granted funding for the 2008 GC from the Qld Regional Tourist Board but one of the requisites is that we need to supply certain facts & figures re our players. We also need these demographics when applying for Sponsorship (which would keep our costs down) so we have bitten the bullet & compiled a Survey that will be put in every satchel. It is completely confidential – no name phone number or

email is asked for. I BEG of you to fill them in & bring them back (to the registration desk) .It is very important to us to get a complete picture. So that means we need YOURS! A copy is at the end of this document – feel free to fill out and return now.

### **SATCHELS**

Everyone will be supplied with a satchel which can be collected from the Registration desk at the Convention Centre. Each satchel will have a label showing where you will be seated for the first session of the pairs. (Eg Table Open 10 NS). It will contain useful information, various vouchers & your pen which we expect you to take with you when you go to play.

### **OPEN EVENTS**

Everything will be colour co-ordinated in shades of blue including tablecloths & table numbers. There should be blue balloons indicating the general area in the room you will be sitting & blue balloons in the corridors showing you where your results will be displayed.

### **SENIORS**

Everything will be colour co-ordinated in shades of red/pink /lavender with pink & lavender tablecloths & red table numbers, There will be balloons in shades of red indicating the general area in the room you will be sitting (towards the Casino side of the playing area) & more balloons showing you where your results will be displayed (in the corridor facing the walkway to the Casino)

### **RESTRICTED**

Everything will be colour co-ordinated in shades of green including tablecloths & table numbers. There will be green balloons indicating the general area of the room you will be playing (to the right as you face the playing area). There will be green balloons in the corridor to show where your results will be displayed (again to the right of the registration desk)

### **HELP for RESTRICTED**

From 12.30pm on Sunday 18/02/07 (a half hour before play starts) there will be help available You can go to the playing area & people will be available to answer any questions you might have, check your system card is filled out correctly & ensure you know the procedures.

### **BAR**

The bar in the Convention Centre will be open half an hour before play starts & will remain open until 11.30pm each night.. At least this is how it will start out but it will be the old “**USE IT OR LOSE IT**” philosophy. A full review of the other drinking spots in the area will be in the first bulletin. The bar will be open at 6pm on Saturday night for the Welcome Pairs.

### **SMORGASBOARD**

On Tuesday night The Convention Centre will be putting on a smorgasbord with seafood for \$45.00 per head. All those wishing to attend please let our Registration desk know as Gerald will be looking after the tickets. Jupiters offer as an alternative a buffet dinner with an Asian theme in their Food Fantasy restaurant. The bridge player’s special (in 5.30 pm & out by 6.30pm) is \$23.60 plus a complimentary glass

of house wine or beer. You must produce your score book or a hand record as evidence you are a bridge player. You will need to book through 1800074144.

### **CHINESE NEW YEAR**

I understand Chinese New Year is Tuesday 20/02/07 - this has put a strain on accommodation requirements but luckily there is so much available there was never a problem (all 580 beds in Jupiter's were booked out by the week after Christmas). It may be advisable to book for dinner on this night (so the smorgasbords may well be a good option).

### **FIRST SESSION OF PLAY**

Barometer Pairs Qualifying Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 1.00 pm

Teams Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 pm

Swiss Butler Pairs Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1.00 pm

### **SUBSTITUTES**

Anyone requiring a substitute for a session please ensure they have notified Kim & filled in the correct form (to ensure correct master points etc). Anyone who is available to substitute please let Noelene at the Registration Desk know as we are always looking for volunteers.

Therese Tully  
Convenor

Kim Ellaway  
Manager



# Survey of Players – Gold Coast Congress 2007

It is essential that we get accurate demographics of players at the Gold Coast Congress. It would be greatly appreciated if you would fill out this survey and return completed form to the Bridge Desk at the Convention Centre.

Your information is important and will be of great value to us.

### Age

Under 25  25 – 35  36 – 45  46 – 55  56 – 65  66 – 75  76 and over

Sex M  F

### Employed/Retired Status

Full time paid employment  Part time paid employment  Self employed  Retired   
Other (eg. investor, non-paid employment)

Travel to the Gold Coast Car  Bus  Train  Plane

If plane, was your flight:

Internal  Airline/s \_\_\_\_\_

International  Airline/s \_\_\_\_\_

### Accommodation

Where did you stay? \_\_\_\_\_ How many nights? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you get information on how/where to book accommodation?

GC website  GC Accommodation Officer (Connie)  GC official or QBA publication  Other

### Other

Did you bring non-playing people with you? If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you staying at the Gold Coast for a holiday before/after the congress? Yes  No

### Bridge-related (optional)

We are considering expanding the team event from 10 to 14 rounds (14 boards – no change). To achieve this, the congress would start **one day earlier**, as follows:

- Welcome Pairs on Friday night (instead of Saturday night)
- Pairs event to begin Saturday at 1.30 pm (instead of Sunday, 1.30 pm), finishing Monday at 5.30 pm (instead of Tuesday, 5.30 pm).
- Team event to begin Monday at 7.30 pm (instead of Tuesday, 7.30 pm), finishing Thursday 7.30 pm (no change).

Indicate your agreement or otherwise.

Agree  Disagree  Don't care  Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Would be happy to use bidding boxes (used at the Summer Festival in Canberra this year), as opposed to written bidding at the Gold Coast Congress?

Agree  Disagree  Don't care  Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Any general comments \_\_\_\_\_

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