



# Gold Coast Bulletin

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## Teams at half way

As all 346 teams (and the Editors) went to bed early to be ready for today's early start, the Indonesian ASBI team, were unbeaten and clear leaders on Level 2. On Level 4, SNASHALL (see the photo for their training routine) & SERES had opened a nice gap. For those with aspirations, you need to average at least 19 to make the semis.

## Stopping traffic

Marion Rice, a sprightly 94-year-old was running late for the Wednesday afternoon session and it was raining. She hailed an official-looking man with a sign and asked for some help. He pointed to the crossing 100 metres down the road but Marion insisted – her team mates were waiting.

She prevailed upon him to flick his sign from Slow to Stop, then they edged out on to Gold Coast Highway through four lanes of traffic. They made it. Marion was wet but grateful.

## Ladies' Man

Yes, it was Tony Nunn in the photo, with his sister and two family friends, Fiona Brown (the youngest) and her sister. Fiona is playing in the congress.

## Dangers of Internet shopping

Bobby Richman booked 7 nights at the ANA via the net, saving \$30 a night off the advertised rate. They emailed confirmation, which Bobby read shortly before he was due to fly up. A minor finger error meant he'd actually booked **7 rooms for 1 night**. Resourceful as ever, he

began ringing his long list of female friends to see if they could help him out. Eventually the ANA relented and swapped the two digits, but he had to pay the standard rate.

## Calling OKBridge players

Come and throw a steak on the Barbie at the Moroccan, on Friday at 6pm. We'll meet in the ANA Bar after the last match. Also pick your team for the swimming race.

## The Curse of Mothers on the Net

Yesterday, Louise Leibowitz got a call from her Mother, demanding to know why her daughter was in the bar after 1am on Tuesday night. She'd seen the photo in Wednesday's Bulletin on the net.

Here are some teams hands:

## Cold until you get doubled

Teams Match 4, Bd 26

E/Both ♠ J 9 5

♥ 5

♦ 8 3

♣ K Q 7 6 5 4 2

♠ K 2

♥ K J 10

♦ A Q J 6 4

♣ A 10 9

♠ A Q 6 4 3

♥ Q 9 2

♦ 10 7 2

♣ J 8

♠ 10 8 7

♥ A 8 7 6 4 3

♦ K 9 5

♣ 3

4♠ is cold for 11 tricks, 12 if the defence don't find their heart ruff. So Kieran made one of his spec doubles and led the ♠3 from South. Declarer won the ace, played ♠K-A (to make sure trumps weren't 5-1) then led the ♦10 for a finesse.

When this held, she repeated the

## Top 10 after 6 Rounds

### Level 2 (102 teams)

|    |    |           |     |
|----|----|-----------|-----|
| 1  | 13 | Asbi      | 133 |
| 2  | 40 | Caplan    | 125 |
| 3  | 30 | Lenart    | 124 |
| 4  | 4  | Cummings  | 124 |
| 5  | 1  | Ziggy     | 119 |
| 6  | 2  | Beauchamp | 118 |
| 7  | 37 | Lyons     | 115 |
| 8  | 40 | Lee       | 115 |
| 9  | 59 | Tootell   | 114 |
| 10 | 50 | Grenside  | 114 |

### Level 4 (116 teams)

|    |    |          |     |
|----|----|----------|-----|
| 1  | 5  | Snashall | 128 |
| 2  | 3  | Seres    | 127 |
| 3  | 1  | Noble    | 118 |
| 4  | 11 | Wyer     | 115 |
| 5  | 10 | Robson   | 114 |
| 6  | 50 | Bardon   | 114 |
| 7  | 7  | Giura    | 113 |
| 8  | 2  | Cornell  | 112 |
| 9  | 4  | Otvosi   | 112 |
| 10 | 15 | Van Riel | 111 |

### Seniors (40 teams)

|    |    |          |     |
|----|----|----------|-----|
| 1  | 1  | Westwood | 122 |
| 2  | 5  | Smee     | 119 |
| 3  | 4  | Kahler   | 114 |
| 4  | 3  | Krishan  | 113 |
| 5  | 10 | Kent     | 112 |
| 6  | 31 | Cohen    | 105 |
| 7  | 21 | Ezra     | 105 |
| 8  | 17 | Hill     | 102 |
| 9  | 18 | Thompson | 102 |
| 10 | 2  | Varadi   | 101 |

### Restricted (88 teams)

|    |           |     |
|----|-----------|-----|
| 1  | Ashwell   | 128 |
| 2  | Dawe      | 123 |
| 3  | Torelli   | 120 |
| 4  | Millar    | 117 |
| 5  | Govan     | 115 |
| 6  | Kotzander | 114 |
| 7  | Bond      | 112 |
| 8  | Cooke     | 112 |
| 9  | Lindsay   | 110 |
| 10 | Fanos     | 108 |

## Gold Coast Teams (Senior & Restricted Tms at GCI)

|     |                         |  |
|-----|-------------------------|--|
| Thu | <b>10.30 &amp; 3.30</b> | <b>Swiss Rds 7 - 10</b>                          |
|     | 9 pm                    | Semi-finals start, night off for the rest of us  |
| Fri | 10 am ?                 | Semis continue                                   |
|     | <b>12.30</b>            | <b>Swiss Rds 11 &amp; 12</b> , finishing at 5 pm |
|     | 1.30 ?                  | Final starts                                     |
|     | 8 pm                    | Vu-graph, last 20 boards of final                |
| Sat | <b>9 to 9.30</b>        | <b>ANA Shield starts</b> , walk-in, 9.30 cut-off |
|     | 7.30 for 8 pm           | Dinner/Dance                                     |

finesse and cashed the  $\diamond A$ , planning to pitch her losing club and claim +990. North ruffed, cashed the marooned  $\clubsuit K$  and led another club to promote partner's  $\spadesuit 10$ . -200! Unlucky. It would be mean to point out that drawing a third round of trumps couldn't cost.

### Dropping a stiff king offside

Teams Match 5, Bd 2

|                      |                      |                       |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| E/NS                 | $\spadesuit$ K Q 8 2 |                       |
|                      | $\heartsuit$ 10 7 2  |                       |
|                      | $\diamond$ A J 8 7   |                       |
|                      | $\clubsuit$ J 7      |                       |
| $\spadesuit$ 10 4    |                      | $\spadesuit$ J 9 6    |
| $\heartsuit$ A 8 3   |                      | $\heartsuit$ 9 6 5 4  |
| $\diamond$ 6 5 4 3 2 |                      | $\diamond$ K          |
| $\clubsuit$ Q 5 4    |                      | $\clubsuit$ A K 8 6 3 |
|                      | $\spadesuit$ A 7 5 3 |                       |
|                      | $\heartsuit$ K Q J   |                       |
|                      | $\diamond$ Q 10 9    |                       |
|                      | $\clubsuit$ 10 9 2   |                       |

After  $1\clubsuit - 1\spadesuit - 2\spadesuit$ , North shrugged and bid  $4\spadesuit$ . Vul at teams, etc. East started with  $\clubsuit A-K$ -another. Our declarer ruffed, drew trumps, then led the  $\heartsuit K$ . I won the ace and led a diamond (wrong!) which declarer ducked (wrong!) for -100.

When I led a diamond, declarer should work out that I would never lead away from the  $\diamond K$ , looking at  $\diamond Q-T-9$  in dummy. Of course I should simply have exited with a heart to save partner's possible stiff  $\diamond K$ .

### Teams Match 6, Bd 15

|                        |                        |                       |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| N/Nil                  | $\spadesuit$ A 6       |                       |
|                        | $\heartsuit$ J 7 3     |                       |
|                        | $\diamond$ A 9 8 5     |                       |
|                        | $\clubsuit$ 10 9 5 4   |                       |
| $\spadesuit$ Q J 9 4 2 |                        | $\spadesuit$ K 8 7    |
| $\heartsuit$ 10 6 2    |                        | $\heartsuit$ K 8      |
| $\diamond$ K 10 7 4 2  |                        | $\diamond$ J 6 3      |
| $\clubsuit$ —          |                        | $\clubsuit$ Q J 8 6 2 |
|                        | $\spadesuit$ 10 5 3    |                       |
|                        | $\heartsuit$ A Q 9 5 4 |                       |
|                        | $\diamond$ Q           |                       |
|                        | $\clubsuit$ A K 7 3    |                       |

Another endplay, this one by Adam Sarten. He played  $4\heartsuit/S$  on the  $\spadesuit Q$  lead, ducked. East overtook to return a low club. Adam looked at this but played the ace and saw it ruffed. After a spade to dummy's ace, it went — heart finesse,  $\diamond A$ , ruff, spade ruff, diamond ruff,  $\heartsuit A$ .

Declarer was down to a trump and  $\clubsuit K73$ , while East had  $\clubsuit QJ86$ . On a

low club to the  $10-J$ , East had to give a trick to dummy's  $\spadesuit 9$ .

### Third player high

Here's a left over hand from the Pairs Final, featuring Mike Robson at his trickiest:

Pairs Final 3, Bd 5

|                      |                        |                       |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| N/NS                 | $\spadesuit$ 9 8 7 5 2 |                       |
|                      | $\heartsuit$ A J 10 2  |                       |
|                      | $\diamond$ 10 5        |                       |
|                      | $\clubsuit$ A K        |                       |
| $\spadesuit$ A Q J   |                        | $\spadesuit$ 6 4 3    |
| $\heartsuit$ K 4     |                        | $\heartsuit$ 9 6 3    |
| $\diamond$ Q 7 6 3 2 |                        | $\diamond$ A 4        |
| $\clubsuit$ J 10 3   |                        | $\clubsuit$ 9 8 7 6 4 |
|                      | $\spadesuit$ K 10      |                       |
|                      | $\heartsuit$ Q 8 7 5   |                       |
|                      | $\diamond$ K J 9 8     |                       |
|                      | $\clubsuit$ Q 5 2      |                       |

| WEST | NORTH         | EAST   | SOUTH         |
|------|---------------|--------|---------------|
| Lee  | Moore         | Robson | Crittelle     |
|      | $1\spadesuit$ | No     | $2\diamond$   |
| No   | $2\heartsuit$ | No     | $4\heartsuit$ |

Mike led the  $\diamond 4$ !, which was ducked round to the  $10$ . There's a good case for rising king, can't blame Betty for withholding her queen. +620? Not at all. After a spade to the king and ace, diamond to the ace, spade to the jack, Mike saw his  $\heartsuit 9$  promoted.



*The aftermath of a post mortem with Gallus.  
Photo from Keith Huggan*

### Exception To The Rule

by Ron Klinger

Teams, Match 1, Board 11 (Rotated)

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| $\spadesuit$ A 8 7 5 | $\spadesuit$ K J 10 3 |
| $\heartsuit$ A 8 6   | $\heartsuit$ K J 9    |
| $\diamond$ A J 7     | $\diamond$ K 10 2     |
| $\clubsuit$ A 6 5    | $\clubsuit$ K Q 8     |

David Stern

$1\clubsuit$   
 $1NT$  <sup>15-17</sup>  
 $6\spadesuit$

Michael Cornell

$1\spadesuit$   
 $4NT$  invitational  
No

Lead:  $\clubsuit 7$ . Plan the play

With a 4-3-3-3 opposite a 4-3-3-3 and game values, you want to play

3NT rather than a 4-4 major fit since you usually make the same number of tricks in each contract. When that number is nine, 3NT is the place to be.

When the decision is at slam level, there is no difference in the number of tricks for success and so the 4-4 fit can be superior, as demonstrated by the complete deal:

|                      |                        |                       |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                      | $\spadesuit$ Q 6 4     |                       |
|                      | $\heartsuit$ 10 4 3    |                       |
|                      | $\diamond$ Q 3         |                       |
|                      | $\clubsuit$ J 10 9 4 3 |                       |
| $\spadesuit$ A 8 7 5 |                        | $\spadesuit$ K J 10 3 |
| $\heartsuit$ A 8 6   |                        | $\heartsuit$ K J 9    |
| $\diamond$ A J 7     |                        | $\diamond$ K 10 2     |
| $\clubsuit$ A 6 5    |                        | $\clubsuit$ K Q 8     |
|                      | $\spadesuit$ 9 2       |                       |
|                      | $\heartsuit$ Q 7 5 2   |                       |
|                      | $\diamond$ 9 8 6 5 4   |                       |
|                      | $\clubsuit$ 7 2        |                       |

Playing in 6NT you need to score two out of three finesses in spades, hearts, diamonds. Chance of success for two of three finesses is 50%. There is the extra problem of the two-way finesses in spades and diamonds.

Murphy's Law: Whenever there is a two-way finesse you will get it wrong and your opponents will get it right.

Technique for the spade layout is the  $\spadesuit A$  first, then finesse the  $\spadesuit J$ . This caters for North holding  $\spadesuit Q-x-x-x$ . In diamonds, you have a genuine two way finesse while in hearts the straight finesse of the  $\heartsuit A$  and then low to the  $\heartsuit J$  is 50-50, while the backward finesse (lead the  $\heartsuit J$  from dummy and let it run if not covered or capture the  $\heartsuit Q$  if East covers and then finesse the  $\heartsuit 9$ ) is a 25% chance.

By contrast you need only the trump finesse in  $6\spadesuit$  if spades are 3-2. (If spades are 4-1, you are in the same position as in 6NT.) Michael Cornell in  $6\spadesuit$  showed that he needed neither red suit finesse. He won the club lead, played  $\spadesuit A$ , finessed the  $\spadesuit J$  and drew the last trump. He then eliminated the clubs and cashed the  $\heartsuit A-K$ . When he exited with the third heart, it did not matter who won this. The defender had to broach diamonds or concede a ruff-and-discard.

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