



# THE QBA BULLETIN

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## From the President



**Keith McDonald**

THE 10th Barrier Reef Championship held in Townsville 10-13 June was a great success. The Townsville Bridge Clubise to be congratulated. The Chairperson was Janelle Kipling who was assisted by Geoff Allen, Elsie Stubbs and an army of locals. Chief Director was Laurie Kelso and Assistant Director David Vance. The Townsville Entertainment & Convention Centre, overlooking Magnetic Island was a delightful setting. The event had 68 teams equal to the number of teams playing in Melbourne at the Victor Champion Cup. Our sponsors PRD Nationwide, Sunferries, Barrier Reef Dive & Cruise & Travel, and the Townsville City Council are thanked for their support.

The web site had considerable assistance from Andrew Hooper (Cairns). Please start booking for the 11th Championship at Cairns 9-12 June 2006 to be held at Hotel Sofitel, Reef Casino. Helen Thompson would be only too happy to provide information. Kim Ellaway can

pass requests to Helen or you can check the web site !

The QBA wishes the Queensland representatives at the ANC the very best of luck. The ANC and Butler are in Sydney 22 July to 6 August. I would also wish our Queenslanders, Paul Gosney and Nathan Van Jole success at the World Youth Championships 7-17 August. A big thank you to the members who have supported various fund raising efforts for our youth players.

Jose Damiani has been appointed President of the International Mind Sports Association (IMSA). The foundation members are Bridge, Chess, Draught Games and GO. In its statutes, the IMSA has provided for the unanimity of the four founders before accepting new members. The Association intends to work towards the recognition of the quality of teaching these disciplines and to facilitate the admission of national federations of these mind sports into their respective National Olympic Committees. The aim is to organize World Mind Games Intellympiads to be held in the cities following the Winter or Summer Games. The QBA will assist by attempting to arrange an event where competitors from all four Mind Games can play in one venue, perhaps the Queensland IMSA Congress. ■

## Toowoomba Swiss Teams



**Richard Wallis**

A RESPECTABLE 28 teams turned up at the Toowoomba Golf Club to contest the 2005 teams, in what turned out to be a very competitive event, with many upset results.

Winners this year were Ivy Dahler, Adrian Mayer, Neville Francis and Paul Gosney. Low level penalty doubles can be a double-edged sword in that they can sometimes be inadequate compensation for a possible game.

M 1	♠ KJ82
Bd 1	♥ J8
Dir N	♦ J874
Vul None	♣ A32
♠ AQ765	♠ 1093
♥ K7	♥ Q954
♦ A632	♦ Q5
♣ 107	♣ 9864
	♠ 4
	♥ A10632
	♦ K109
	♣ KQJ5

W	N	E	S
	P	P	1H
X	XX	1NT	X
All pass			

On board 1 of the 1<sup>st</sup> match, I was not inclined to go to game opposite a passed partner without a fit, so when Therese announced 10+ by her redouble, I was happy to double 1NT for penalties. I led the CK and Therese won the 2<sup>nd</sup> trick and led the HJ, which I encouraged and ducked to the HK on the table. However, when declarer pulled a spade off the table and took away my safe entry, the heart return by Therese after winning the SJ

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set up 2 off, but end-played me in the process. On a diamond return, I can unblock the king if declarer ducks and we will come to at least 3 off. 1S is a safer contract, likely to be 2 off at most.

At the other table NS played in 2NT for 9 tricks and 150, so our +300 was worth 4 IMPs.

M 4	♠ K92		
Bd 1	♥ A7653		
Dlr W	♦ 92		
Vul Both	♣ A72		
♠ Q54		♠ AJ	
♥ QJ1084		♥ 9	
♦ Q10		♦ A87643	
♣ K63		♣ 10954	
	♠ 108763		
	♥ K2		
	♦ KJ5		
	♣ QJ8		

W	N	E	S
P	1H	3D	P
P	X	P	3NT
All pass			

We were pressured by the weak jump overcall into trying for a dubious 3NT. On a diamond lead this contract has no chance, and that appears to be what was led at the other table as the same contract went 4 off for +400 to Lindy and Richard.

At our table, West ignored his partner's bid and led the HQ so now Therese had a chance as the spades can be set up. Therese won the HK in hand and ran the S8, won by East with the jack. On a diamond return Therese has to rise with the king to block the suit, but East led the CT so she was able to return to hand by finessing the C8 when West covered, and now set up the spades. However, likely convinced by West's failure to lead the suit that both diamond honours were on her left, she led a diamond to the Jack and finished 2 down for -200, but 5 IMPs to us.

On this board I went slamming after Therese's raise to game, due to my good

## December 18

### Keep this date free for the QBA Individual

Entry forms out later in the year

Venue: QCBC

Enquiries to the manager

M 1	♠ AQJ4		
Bd 6	♥ AJ1086		
Dlr E	♦ 43		
Vul EW	♣ J3		
♠ 109		♠ 853	
♥ Q753		♥ 942	
♦ KQ7		♦ J10986	
♣ 10542		♣ Q9	

W	N	E	S
P	1H	P	1C
P	4S	P	1S
P	5S	P	4NT
All pass			

controls, and slam turned out to be very easy when trumps behaved.

My 1S rebid generally heralded an unbalance hand, with longer clubs, and Therese either had a 5-5 preemptive hand, or an opening hand herself, so the 5-level seemed safe if we hand any key cards missing.

West led the DK, but as long as both majors are reasonable, it is a simple loser-on-loser play to make 12 tricks. I cashed 2 top spades and then the HK before winning the SA in dummy. The next move was to cash the HA and discard 1 diamond, followed by the HJ to discard my other diamond. Dummy was then good except for the losing diamond, which I was now able to ruff. +980 was worth 11 IMPs against -450 from the other table.

*continued on page 9 of the web version with hands from the BBC Swiss Pairs and the Arana Swiss Teams.*

### Going to the Gold Coast next year?

The Gold Coast Booking Centre manages 15 properties. The properties in Surfers are

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## Deep Finesse

WE are lucky in this day and age to be provided with hand records and the expert opinions of "Deep Finesse" as to the optimum contracts playable by NS and EW.

Dlr E	♠ J9864		
Vul EW	♥ 2		
	♦ 2		
	♣ QJ9852		
♠ 2		♠ Q753	
♥ 1098		♥ 76	
♦ KJ753		♦ Q10964	
♣ AK104		♣ 73	
	♠ AK10		
	♥ AKQJ543		
	♦ A8		
	♣ 6		

On the above hand from the Colin Stone teams the optimum contracts for NS were given as 4C, 4H, 4S, and 4NT. However as Fats Waller sings, "It ain't necessarily so!" NS decided otherwise.

South opened 2C (game force) and after partner's response of 2D (waiting bid) bid 2H. Looking at her singleton partner offered 2S. Now encouraged by her bid South left to 6H.

On a trump lead this contract falls apart, but on this bidding who would not lead the AK of clubs? Certainly not Ralph Parker. Now declarer can make 6H. He ruffed the CK, played the DA, ruffed a diamond and now played the SJ. Declarer should now pause for thought. East, David Appleton, is not going to oblige declarer with the queen and remember your tutor's advice 'Place the cards where they need to be to make your contract.' - he should run the jack.

When it holds he then ruffs a club safely back to hand (there are singletons about in this hand!) draw trumps and claim.

Sadly it wasn't so. Declarer rose with the ace and later tried to drop the queen - next hand.

■ Margaret Drake

## Gold Coast

THE GCBC Swiss Teams Congress held on June 25th & 26th (sponsored by Lexus of Southport) was a great success (for a 2-day event these days) with 32 teams of good quality. The Lexus booklet was impressive - wonderful cars. On showing it to my husband, not a bridge player (obviously)

he asked, "Is 1st prize a car?". We wish! As happens in true 'Murphy's Law' form one pair of the winning team has two Lexus!

Sitting NS the whole weekend, Lois Steinwedel and I didn't have any great disasters except when we led the king from Kx of partner's bid suit to let a vulnerable game go through. Damned if you do and damned if you don't. Maybe at teams we shouldn't overcall a suit headed by the jack to prevent this happening. But what about when partner overcalls with QJ high and you lead the ace into declarer's doubleton K? I've done that.

Sunday afternoon's first session was full of drama at our table.

Dir E	♠ KQJ104		
Vul Both	♥ —		
	♦ Q1064		
	♣ 10963		
♠ 8		♠ A97632	
♥ AKQ10975		♥ 86432	
♦ KJ75		♦ 3	
♣ 7		♣ 8	
	♠ 5		
	♥ J		
	♦ A982		
	♣ AKQJ542		

W	N	E	S
		P	1C
4H	4S	X	5C
P	P	5H	6C
P	P	6H	X
All pass			

Down one +200.

At the other table, 6C was doubled and made on a spade lead so the diamonds disappear -1540. 16 IMPs away. Ouch!

■ Kathy Johnson

## 25 Years Ago

THE Townsville Congress reached a record this year with 42 tables of players attending. The organisation was again impeccable in the hands of Pat Back, assisted by members of the TBC. The lovely North Queensland weather, the spacious venue of the Senior Citizens Hall and the friendliness of the competitors, made the long weekend a most pleasant one.

Most areas in the North Queensland Zone were represented and four players travelled from Sydney for the second year in succession.

In the Pairs Final, Barry Kempthorne and Sean Mullamphy were the only pair to reach 4S on the following cards.

Dir E	♠ 1083		
Vul NS	♥ QJ74		
	♦ Q52		
	♣ J74		
♠ A765		♠ KQJ	
♥ 2		♥ A6	
♦ J10943		♦ K876	
♣ 953		♣ KQ62	
	♠ 942		
	♥ K109853		
	♦ A		
	♣ A108		

W	N	E	S
		1C	1H
1S	2H	4S	All pass

North led the HQ.

Barry won in dummy with the HA, cashed the SK and ruffed dummy's last heart. The DJ from hand was won by South's ace

and a spade was returned, won with dummy's queen.

Dummy's CK was allowed to hold the trick and the SJ was then led and when North played small, it was run. With the diamonds now established, ten tricks were made.

■ Kim Cooke

The third player should make a habit of counting the points when dummy goes down, so that he will have a picture of how much may be expected from partner. This practice will put the defender on the track of many a killing defence.

Howard Schenken

## DID YOU KNOW?

Aspectator must move away from a table if told to do so by the director.

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## Cuppaidge's Column



**George Cuppaidge**

### Two-suited take-outs

WHICH is the silliest convention in bridge? My vote goes for Michaels and its partner in crime, the weak 2H or 2S which contains (conceals) another five-card suit. Michaels is played by just about everyone, yet it is next to useless! That second suit may be a great safety net at low levels, but where it really counts it is almost invariably lost. A typical auction goes one-of-a-major, Michaels, four-of-the-major and the Michaels bidder's partner looks forlornly at his hand which contains length in just one of the minors. If it fits with partner a grand slam is possible, if not, the hands together should defend, and there is simply no safe way to find out.

The unusual NT, showing both minors, has proved a very useful weapon, properly used. Partner can look at honour strength in all four of the suits and determine what value they have. Any top honour in a minor has virtual ace value while kings, queens and jacks in either major are a liability. Unless you know the Michaels bidder's second suit you can make no such valuable assessment. And there is such a simple solution.

There are only three 2-suiters to show over an opposing one of a major, the other major and clubs, the other major and diamonds and both minors. Set aside a bid for each one. Obviously the cue-bid and 2NT are two candidates; the third should be 3C. How often do you have a triumph using this bid in its traditional sense as a weak jump overall?

These are the meanings which I suggest you assign to those bids, for reasons which will become clear:

2NT The other major and diamonds  
3C The other major and clubs  
Cue-bid Both minors

If you are absolutely wedded to 2NT showing the minors, then use the cue-bid to show the other major and diamonds and 3C, as above.

You will then be equipped to handle that most common and most effective of all pre-empts, the direct raise of one of a

major to game. Just one more thing, these bids place ten of partner's cards, information about the other cards is enormously powerful and that is the information you should be able to get in reply to your forcing response. The forcing response to each bid is:

2NT diamonds and the other major - 3C  
3C clubs and the other major - 3D  
Cue-bid both minors - 2NT, the other major to play.

When an opponent bids over your two-suited intervention, double is the forcing response.

The replies are, first step is low shortage (the shortage is in the lower ranking of the two residual suits), singleton or void, second step 1-1, third step high singleton, fourth step, high void. Over the low shortage step and the cheapest continuation (including pass of intervention) the first step, including pass of further intervention, is low singleton and the second step, including double or re-double, shows the low void.

Consider how you would feel if the bidding began 1S - 2NT - 4S - ? and you held

543  
A4  
KQ76543  
2

Consider as well how you would feel if partner had, instead, bid Michaels.

There is no need to guess, double to find partner's spade length. His replies are 4NT low shortage, 5C 1-5-6-1 or 1-6-5-1, 5D 1-5-5-2 and 5H 0-5-5-3 or 0-5-6-2 or 0-6-5-2.

He bids 5H as he holds

—  
K7653  
AJ982  
J63

It is always satisfying to bid, confidently, an eighteen point slam.

The reason for the suggested meanings arises from the fact that 2NT and 3C, showing major-minor two-suiters of limited strength make very effective opening bids.

2NT shows a 10-14 two-suiter with diamonds and a major

3C shows a 10-14 two-suiter with clubs and a major

With both minors, simply open 1D, touching two-suiters are easy to show.

Note the difference in philosophy. It is the higher ranking suit which is unknown, and responder holding length in just one major, can bid it at whatever level suits him, with hearts correctable to spades and spades to the anchor minor. Major suits don't get lost.

The forcing reply is again the cheapest

bid, but this time it is asking which major is held. Double of intervention is again the forcing reply. First step shows hearts and second step spades. For the really keen, to stop at the second step means spades with low shortage, third step means spades with 1-1, fourth step spades high singleton and fifth step, spades high void.

You don't have to be a Rhodes scholar to work out that if partner doubles a major suit intervention, you pass the double when that is your suit. If the major suit intervention comes on your right, after the forcing response, pass shows hearts and double, spades. Partner will know what to do. He can double or pass for penalty or make the cheapest bid asking for more information.

Here are some simple examples

7	AK86
AK654	93
86	97
KJ932	A8765

3C	4S (correctable)
5C	

K7643	A952
3	876
AKJ76	Q10542
75	4

2NT	3H (enough if partner's second suit is hearts)
3S	4S

4	KQJ10876
A7654	82
KQJ64	5
64	AQ2

2NT	3C
3D	4S

Over the forcing 3C, opener bids first step showing hearts. With no slam interest responder signs off in 4S. East cannot bid a direct 4S as this asks opener to bid 5D if he does not have spades! And yes, on a heart lead the club finesse will be needed, a trump lead and a heart switch will defeat you, unlucky.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Players may not veto the presence of spectators but my ask the director to move a spectator if the mere presence is found disturbing.

## Club News

If you want items about your club in this section, please send your news-letter or items to Kim Ellaway.

### Sunnybank

Honorary Life membership given to Ken Robinson.

### QCBC

\$2,500 grant from Brisbane City Council for Fit For Bridge Programme. The club is also conducting CPR for Life Programs. 28 members from QCBC took a bus trip to Tamborine Bridge Club for the day - thanks to Tamborine for hosting and what a wonderful day was had by all.

### Cairns

\$4,478 grant received from the Reef Casino Community Trust for dealing machine and accessories.

### Gold Coast

Bidding boxes have been introduced, thanks to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

### Toowong

An additional dealing machine purchased.

### Noosa

is playing host to many interstate visitors including Paul Marston and John Roberts

### Warwick

20th Anniversary celebrated on 9th July.

## Office Manager Required

The Australian Bridge Federation, incorporated in Canberra requires the services of an Office Manager, location Canberra. An attractive salary package is being offered, hours are 9-5 with 1 hour off for lunch, 5 days a week with additional secretarial interstate work at Committee meetings, normally held on weekends.

Duties to include, keeping records, maintenance and security of the ABF office property, writing minutes of meetings, general office duties and liaising with ABF Office Bearers, State Associations, State Presidents and International bodies. Knowledge of either Bridge or Bridge administration highly desirable

Applications in the first instance to The ABF Secretary at: rgrenside@ozemail.com.au by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005 along with your curriculum vitae and availability.

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Entry fee: \$176 per team (4 sessions)

Director: Alan Gibson

Format: Round robin or Swiss at the directors discretion

Both genders must be represented in a team's line up at all times

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Saturday 10 September

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Sunday 11 September

Entry Fee: \$22 per player for each event

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## Coming Events

- |             |              |   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| <b>July</b> | <b>30</b>    | <b>Mackay Novice Pairs</b>                        |
|             | <b>30-31</b> | <b>Moreton Bribe Pairs &amp; Teams</b>            |
|             | <b>31</b>    | <b>Toowoomba Swiss Pairs</b>                      |
|             |              | <b>Northern Suburbs Novice Teams</b>              |
| <b>Aug</b>  | <b>6-7</b>   | <b>Maryborough Pairs &amp; Teams</b>              |
|             |              | <b>Reliable Carrier Pairs - Cleveland Bay</b>     |
|             | <b>7</b>     | <b>Sunnybank Swiss Pairs</b>                      |
|             | <b>7-17</b>  | <b>World Youth Championships - Sydney</b>         |
|             | <b>13</b>    | <b>Townsville Novice Pairs</b>                    |
|             | <b>13-14</b> | <b>Surfers Teams</b>                              |
|             |              | <b>Rockhampton Swiss Teams</b>                    |
|             | <b>14</b>    | <b>Toowong Novice Teams</b>                       |
|             | <b>20-21</b> | <b>QBA Butler Pairs Championship - QCBC</b>       |
|             | <b>26</b>    | <b>QBA Mixed Teams C'ship, Rd 1 - QCBC</b>        |
|             | <b>26-28</b> | <b>Tully Pairs</b>                                |
|             | <b>28</b>    | <b>Sunshine Coast Teams</b>                       |
| <b>Sept</b> | <b>3-4</b>   | <b>QBA Mixed Teams Championship - Toowong</b>     |
|             | <b>10</b>    | <b>Townsville Teams</b>                           |
|             | <b>10-11</b> | <b>Brisbane Festival Pairs &amp; Teams - QCBC</b> |
|             | <b>17</b>    | <b>Surfers Paradise Butler Pairs</b>              |
|             |              | <b>Cleveland Bay Novice Pairs</b>                 |
|             | <b>17-18</b> | <b>Caloundra Pairs &amp; Teams</b>                |
|             | <b>18</b>    | <b>Surfers Paradise Birthday Teams</b>            |
|             | <b>23</b>    | <b>QBA Mixed Teams C'ship, Rd 2 - QCBC</b>        |
|             | <b>24-25</b> | <b>Mackay Barometer Pairs</b>                     |
|             | <b>25</b>    | <b>BBC Graded Swiss Teams</b>                     |
|             |              | <b>Noosa Swiss Teams</b>                          |
| <b>Oct</b>  | <b>1</b>     | <b>Dalby Swiss Pairs</b>                          |
|             |              | <b>Tamborine Swiss Teams</b>                      |
|             |              | <b>Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs</b>                |
|             | <b>2</b>     | <b>Tamborine Novice Swiss Teams</b>               |
|             |              | <b>Redlands Swiss Pairs</b>                       |

## News from the Manager's Desk

The first draft of the calendar was tabled at the May Meeting - to be finalised at the September meeting.

60 teams entered the 2005 Barrier Reef event with Brisbane players performing well.

QBA Regulations - Sections A, B, C and E have been amended and updated - available on the QBA website.

The 2006 Barrier Reef event is to be held at the Sofitel Hotel. The Manager has brochures on the hotel.

### Barrier Reef 2005

**T**HE day started peacefully; I got the kids to school, then we packed and rang a taxi to take Ray and me to the airport to fly to the Barrier Reef event. There was a delay with the taxis and eventually we arrived at the airport with no time to spare. The queues at Qantas were long and I thought we would never make the time frame.

However, they called our flight over the intercom and advised us to go to the front and get seat allocation. I hate flying so have a requirement to sit next to Ray so that I can hold on tight when taking off and landing. Imagine my horror when given our seat allocation that we were divided by a seat in between - I went back to the desk to protest only to be told we had been upgraded to business class and there was no seat between A and C. I must say it was very nice sitting in this section.

We arrived in Townsville on time and went to the hotel where all these bridge players were waiting for room allocation. I said that my luck was in and my room would be given straight away. Imagine Keith McDonald's disgust when I was given a room straight away so I quickly organised Keith's room.

I held many a meeting throughout the event and this year, Charles Page our Finance/Marketing/Teaching Guru attended and he was a great help to all those money questions. Townsville staged a great event in a great venue and with great organisation. I was very impressed and certainly will be back again in three years - well done Townsville.

The only thing notable about the bridge was we were seeded 19th and came 13th and we met some extremely nice opponents as they gobbled us up.

■ Kim Ellaway



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## Results

### BBC Graded Pairs May 22

#### A Grade

- 1 I Afflick D Janzekovic
- 2 I Luck W Webber
- 3 J Butts E Spiro

#### B Grade

- 1 M Murphy B Pouflis
- 2 B O'Connell M Elkington
- 3 J Dillon K Male

### Caloundra Swiss Teams May 21-22

- 1 A Mayers R Crowley  
A Kelly K Dawson
- 2 A Pryde P Gosney  
N Francis M Moren
- 3 R Parker S Parker  
B Hunt R Lachman

#### Plate

- 1 N Gibson E Gibson  
A Clayton A Nichols
- 2 C Howard K Wood  
P Hale T O'Dempsey
- 3 S Brookes I Halford  
M Radke V Brookes

#### Restricted

- 1 H Killiner F Killiner  
M Carpenter K Schmidt

### Qld Mixed Pairs C'ship Toowong May 14-15

- 1 N Francis J Solomon
- 2 B Barden J Pritchard
- 3 P Gosney Margaret Walters

#### Plate

- 1 D Cullen D McAdam

### Redlands Novice Pairs May 28

- 1 P Thompson M Doyle
- 2 J Morrow R Ansell
- 3 A Chan L Kwok

#### <50 MPs

- B Hunt R Rooney

### Mind Games Teams May 29

- =1 J Pritchard B Barden  
J Osmund N Tuxworth
- =1 S Kamalarasa B Hunt  
D Janzekovic R Morawiecki
- 3 A Moroney A King  
C Bloomfield P Woods

#### Handicap

- 1 E Gibson N Gibson  
G Gemmell J Hoffman
- 2 G Thomas J Harris  
P Waldrum K Robertshaw

### Goondowindi Swiss Pairs May 28-29

- 1 N Francis D Moran
- 2 T O'Dempsey B MacLeod
- 3 M Keating D Wenham

#### Plate

- 1 P Madden R Rathie
- 2 A Muusers F van Dongen

### Arana Congress June 4-5

#### Pairs

- 1 J Mills R Parker
- 2 A Kelly A Remedios
- 3 I Luck I Afflick

#### B Section

- 1 I Luck I Afflick
- 2 B Mitchell L Marshall
- 3 P Hale T O'Dempsey

#### C Section

- 1 L Steele M Perrin
- 2 R Maple J Johnson
- 3 P Cox A Hecksher

#### Teams

- 1 A Pryde N Francis  
P Gosney P Hainsworth
- 2 J Broad G Tucker  
R Lachman P Rankin
- 3 T Jackman A Richardson  
R Clayton A Smith

#### B Section

- 1 K Moschner S Sender  
Y Kilvert G Olsen
- 2 H & R McLauchlan  
V & J Rose
- 3 G Thomas C Adamson  
C Bloomfield A King

#### C Section

- 1 G Macionis A Guminski  
R & R Matthew
- 2 J Eberhardt M Moffat  
H Clayton K Palmer
- 3 G Gulley B Dancer  
L Marshall B Mitchell

### Toowong Swiss Pairs June 19

- 1 R Parker B Hunt
- 2 A Pryde N Francis
- 3 T Jackman R Wallis

#### Restricted

- 1 G Roberts K Dean
- 2 L King H Standfast
- 3 G Boldeman B Stuthie

### Sunshine Coast Congress June 18-19

#### Pairs

- 1 R Crowley A Mayers
- 2 C & C Woolley
- 3 T Bardon J Wallis

#### Plate

- 1 E & N Gibson

- 2 P Henry P Mitchell

#### Restricted

- 1 E French D Quigley

#### Teams

- 1 S Mabin T Tully  
L Vincent R Ward
- 2 G Malinas S Johnson  
D Levin W Webber
- 3 G Hart M Jakes  
P Barnett D Harris

#### Plate

- 1 K Dakin M Winch  
A Smith Jill Bell
- 2 B Featherston R Mackinlay  
J Keim T Walford

#### Restricted

- 1 H Killiner F Killiner  
A Kienhuis P Terrace

### BBC Novice Pairs June 26

- 1 R Touton G Martin
- 2 J McGrath J Lindenberg
- 3 J Morrow R Ansell

### Bowen Pairs June 25-26

- 1 J Morris S Birrer
- 2 K Ramsbotham B Hobdell
- 3 D Ryan K Poole

#### Under State

- S Collyer J Christensen

### Gold Coast Swiss Teams June 25-26

- 1 I & J Luck  
A Smith P Collins
- 2 A Pryde N Francis  
R Parker P Hainsworth
- 3 E Hurley J Brown  
H & P Tootell

#### Plate

- 1 F & T Swainston  
M & J Millar
- 2 W Choy-Show A Grodomirski  
J Summerhayes S Stevens
- 3 B Carmichael A Farthing  
S Linton M Purchase

#### Consolation

- 1 N & E Gibson  
A Clayton A Nichols
- 2= G Thomas C Bloomfield  
A King A Moroney
- 2= P Hille J Clark  
S Wylie J Harley

### Colin Stone Teams

#### Division A

- R Parker A Pryde P Hainsworth  
D Appleton P Gosney A Hung  
defeated

- G Lee A Currie P Collins  
D Hutchinson I Luck J Luck

#### Division B

- M Hoenig D Cullen  
V Foots D Wilkinson  
defeated

- B Horton J Harris  
T Strickland V Davies

## Directors' Corner

**H**UMOUR Department: The Rugby test against France is on as I start this article. The commentator's just said, "It's a David and Goliath contest but this time they are the same size."

Spectators are welcome at the bridge table. Law 76 sets out certain restrictions:

- A spectator should not look at the hand of more than one player, except by permission.
- A spectator must not display any reaction to the bidding or play while a deal is in progress.
- During the round, a spectator must refrain from mannerisms or remarks of any kind (including conversation with a player).
- A spectator must not in any way disturb a player.
- A spectator may not call attention to any irregularity or mistake, nor speak on any question of fact or law except by request of the Director.

Law 8 B says, "In general, a round ends when the Director gives the signal for the start of the following round; but if any table has not completed play by that time, the round continues for that table until there has been a progression of players." A frequent breach of the laws occurs when spectators chatter away at the end of each board.

The National Authority has made a number of rulings concerning Law 76. Firstly, as to what constitutes disturbing a player. "The National Authority was of the view that where the presence of a spectator or of a particular spectator at the table disturbs a player, the law confers a right on the player to request the spectator to withdraw from the vicinity of the table. The spectator's mere presence may be disturbing in a number of ways, for example because of a personal

relationship with a player or because of a perfume the player is wearing, regardless of the behaviour of the spectator."

Secondly, as to whether a player has the right to refuse to continue to play while the spectator remains at the table. The National Authority noted that Law 81 Part C provides that "The director's duties and powers normally include the following:

3. to establish suitable conditions of play and to announce them to contestants.
4. to maintain discipline and to ensure the orderly progress of the game."

"The National Authority was of the view that any suggested right of a player to refuse to continue to play while the spectator remains at the table could not be maintained in the light of this part of the laws. The player's proper course of action is to call the director's attention to the fact that the spectator's presence is disturbing the player and to request the director to take appropriate action. The director's appropriate action in these circumstances is to request the spectator to withdraw."

Thirdly, as to whether a spectator can under some circumstances refuse to withdraw from the table and as to whether a director has the right to insist that a spectator leaves the table, regardless of whether the spectator has infringed the rules regarding spectators.

The National Authority says, "It follows from Law 76.4 and Law 81.C.4 that the director has the right to direct the spectator to leave the table regardless of the behaviour of the spectator. It is not, however, within the legal power of the director to enforce such a direction in the face of recalcitrance on the part of the spectator. Given a refusal by the spectator to comply with a lawful order of the director to leave the table, the director's recourse is to send for the police."

So, "I'm just sitting here doing nothing," is not a defence to Law 78 A 4. If the director asks a spectator to move because a player has complained that s/he is being disturbed, then the spectator must move.

This shouldn't be taken to mean that a player may veto all spectators without cause.

■ Jan Peach

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## LINE

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Experience has taught us that not every strong hand should be preceded by a penalty double before bidding your suit.

M 2	♠ 86		
Bd 20	♥ 74		
Dlr W	♦ AKJ5		
Vul Both	♣ AKQ52		
♠ AKJ107	♠ 32		
♥ K43	♥ QJ932		
♦ 93	♦ 1074		
♣ J109	♣ 743		
	♠ Q954		
	♥ A108		
	♦ Q862		
	♣ 86		

W	N	E	S
1S	2C	All pass	

Therese overcalled 2C with the intention of doubling on the next round to show the good hand. Unfortunately there was no next round as while I was too weak to bid 2NT, I had enough to keep EW out of the bidding. At the other table North adopted the old style of doubling and then bidding 3C and South bid 3NT, which was cold this particular time; indeed it is puzzling as to why South only made 9 tricks. This was 10 IMPs away in a match that we struggled to win. In a weekend of wild hands, this board was the wildest, and we lost a massive 18 IMPs.

M 2	♠ A9873		
Bd 21	♥ Q7643		
Dlr N	♦ 6		
Vul NS	♣ 92		
♠ K64	♠ —		
♥ 9	♥ K8		
♦ AQ5	♦ 10987432		
♣ KQ10764	♣ AJ85		
	♠ QJ1052		
	♥ AJ1052		
	♦ KJ		
	♣ 3		

W	N	E	S
	P	P	1S
2C	4D	5C	5S
6C	P	P	X
All pass			

At our table 4D by Therese was a splinter, and East had no hesitation at favourable vulnerability in bidding 5C. Since I had a shapely hand unsuited to defence, I bid 5S (5H may have been better), and West also had no hesitation in going one more

for the road. To our consternation, this contract was cold, and even made an overtrick when a heart was not led, so we scored up -1190. To compound the loss, Richard Ware had opened with an off-beat 3D at the other table (I prefer 5D if anything), and when NS also were pushed to 5S, EW were not inclined to bid any more, for another -650. I bet that we were not the only ones to suffer on this board.

M 2	♠ AKQ		
Bd 27	♥ AK1076		
Dlr S	♦ AJ10		
Vul None	♣ 94		
♠ 963	♠ 104		
♥ Q952	♥ J4		
♦ KQ7	♦ 6543		
♣ AJ3	♣ KQ1072		
	♠ J8752		
	♥ 83		
	♦ 982		
	♣ 865		

W	N	E	S
1C	X	3C	P
P	X	P	3S
P	4S	All pass	

Experience improves instinct, and when Therese saw me respond 3S to her 2<sup>nd</sup> take-out double, she felt that it heralded a 5-card suit, and that alone would give me a play for 4S. While that turned out to be true, there was still a bit of luck involved in making 10 tricks due to lack of entries.

A top club was not led, West preferring a trump, so I concluded that West did not have AK of clubs, so she was likely to have most of the other points, including KQ of diamonds. I won the trump lead on the table and ruffed a heart to lead up to the diamonds in dummy, West splitting her honours. A diamond was lost to West, and now EW cashed 2 clubs and forced dummy with a 3<sup>rd</sup> club, but I was able to ruff a heart back to hand to draw the last trump and dummy was high.

Making +420 was worth 7 IMPs when North preferred to bid 2H after a first-round double and played there for 8 tricks.

West (next column) considered his hand to be an opening bid (others would agree) and suddenly EW ended up in a hopeless 3NT, with both opponents holding hearts.

M 4	♠ KJ		
Bd 20	♥ 87654		
Dlr W	♦ J1086		
Vul Both	♣ K4		
♠ AQ10642	♠ 8		
♥ K2	♥ A10		
♦ 3	♦ KQ9754		
♣ 10986	♣ A752		
	♠ 9753		
	♥ QJ93		
	♦ A2		
	♣ QJ3		

W	N	E	S
1S	P	2D	P
2S	P	3NT	All pass

I led the HQ, and things looked up when declarer won on the table and played the HT from hand while Therese encouraged. A diamond to the king allowed us to clear our hearts, and declarer went 4 off for +400 to us.

I am not sure about the bidding at the other table, but presume that Lindy Vincent opened with a weak 2S, and somehow or other South ended up as declarer in 4H, undoubled. This silly contract went 4 off for another +200 and 12 IMPs.

System plays a big part in successful contracts, and this was another example.

M 4	♠ K54		
Bd 25	♥ AQ7		
Dlr N	♦ KJ5		
Vul EW	♣ AK84		
♠ J82	♠ AQ96		
♥ J84	♥ 10963		
♦ A1042	♦ Q863		
♣ J105	♣ 9		
	♠ 1073		
	♥ K52		
	♦ 97		
	♣ Q7632		

W	N	E	S
P	2C	P	2D
P	2NT	P	3C
	3NT	All pass	

At our table Therese opened 2C and rebid 2NT to show 20-22 balanced, and after confirming that Therese had no 5 or 4-card major, I bid 3NT.

East led a safe HT, but after cashing her 5 club tricks, Therese had no trouble in locating a 9<sup>th</sup> trick for +400.

At the other table North opened 1C, and played there, making 10 tricks for 130, but 7 IMPs to us.

# BBC

**T**HE May Graded Pairs at BBC this year were a little down on previous years, due to the clash with not only the Caloundra two-day teams, but also a novice pairs over town on the same day. Where once upon a time congresses occurred only every month or so, now-days there are congresses on every weekend, and most of the time players have the choice of at least two! Only the State Titles are sacrosanct, and the trend appears to be for increased competition. The clashes meant that we had only 11 tables in the A section and 6 tables in the B (Restricted) section, but it was still a very enjoyable day, although some of Tony Jackman and my results could have been better.

A pair in the B section failed to show up (they had actually entered for the Novice Pairs in June but were put into the wrong field). To fill the gap, Bev Pouflis was called into the field at the last minute to play with Michael Murphy for the first time, and they won the event!

R 1	♠ A10743
Bd 7	♥ 8
Dlr S	♦ 10973
Vul Both	♣ K108
♠ J82	♠ Q65
♥ 53	♥ AQJ1064
♦ J642	♦ KQ
♣ AQ64	♣ 95
	♠ K9
	♥ K972
	♦ A85
	♣ J732

W	N	E	S
P	P	1H	P
1NT	P	2H	P
P	2S	3H	X
All pass			

East opened 1H in 4<sup>th</sup> seat and West responded 1NT, but passed when East rebid her hearts. In the balancing seat after 2H, I ventured 2S, and this prompted East to rebid 3H, although it appears as if she had already bid her hand to the fullest.

I was not confident of balancing opposite a passed partner (normally show less than 11 playing Precision), but I was there to bid! Tony was happy to pounce on the 3H overbid with a double, and he led the SK.

After I won the SA I returned the S3 for Tony to ruff and at the same time ask for

a club return, and the contract eventually finished 2 down for +500 and a top to us. A clear message appears to be: once you have described your hand, leave any further bidding actions to partner, unless a sacrifice looks possible.

R5	♠ AJ1095
Bd1	♥ AQ85
Dlr N	♦ 108
Vul None	♣ 107
♠ Q84	♠ 2
♥ 1073	♥ K
♦ KQ73	♦ AJ95
♣ K98	♣ AQJ6532
	♠ K763
	♥ J9642
	♦ 642
	♣ 4

W	N	E	S
3C	1S	2C	2S
P	3H	P	4H
	P	5C	All pass

I made a heavyweight 2C overcall as East, and then when Tony raised, I bided my time to see if NS would get to game, which they duly did. Now was the time to emerge from the bushes, hoping that my save was not a phantom, but when dummy when down, I could see why I was not doubled as 5C was cold.

It is just as well 5C made, as although Deep Finesse says that 4S and 4H are both cold, this requires dropping the singleton HK offside, and finessing the spades the right way. There was nothing to the play, but we did not score highly, as some EW pairs were doubled in 5C.

R 6	♠ J6
Bd 13	♥ K1075
Dlr N	♦ 2
Vul Both	♣ Q109863
♠ Q75432	♠ A108
♥ 3	♥ AQ9
♦ 10543	♦ AKQJ7
♣ 52	♣ AK
	♠ K9
	♥ J8642
	♦ 986
	♣ J74

W	N	E	S
1D	2C	1C	P
4S	P	3NT	P
		6S	All pass

North was not certain that 4C would be forcing after his partner freely bid 3S over my 3D weak-jump, so with only 2 spades he jumped to game in his own suit. This

had the effect of silencing everyone and not only was slam missed, but the highest scoring game contract as well.

North missed a possible 4H bid (it may be construed as showing 5 hearts) on the way to 5C that would have allowed South to rebid his spades and confirm the 6-2 fit. Even if the slam was now missed, +510 scores a lot better than +440.

This is a key part of a system that needs to be clarified by all partnerships. If South feels strong enough to make a forcing bid of 3S (unless playing negative free-bids), then 4C by North should be treated as forcing.

R 6	♠ Q1074
Bd 10	♥ 62
Dlr E	♦ 103
Vul Both	♣ K9765
♠ J983	♠ A65
♥ A98	♥ K1054
♦ 8762	♦ AKQ9
♣ J2	♣ A3
	♠ K2
	♥ QJ73
	♦ J54
	♣ Q1084

W	N	E	S
3NT	All pass	2NT	P

I found myself in 3NT with no real chance, so I fell back on the slim chance I had that the opponents may not know how well they were placed.

Accordingly, when North covered the CJ from dummy on the opening lead I won the first club and ran my diamonds. North had to find 2 discards and, anxious to protect the spades, discarded a club and a heart. South only had to find 1 discard, and chose a small heart, but did not take any chances when I next led a heart towards dummy by inserting the HJ, ensuring that I now had 9 tricks for +600. Of course double-dummy it is easy for NS to discard spades or hearts and take 5 tricks as soon as they get in, but what is often referred to as "the power of the closed hand" came to my rescue.

# Arana

**T**HE 2005 Arana Teams drew a very good field of 42 teams and was won comfortably by Andrew Pryde, Neville Francis, Peter Hainsworth and Paul Gosney. This is one of the few congresses still directed by Reg Busch and Joan McPheat, and the last time for this congress as they further progress to a playing rather than a directing role.

On this board we were lucky in the bidding and the play.

M 1	♠ AKQ1092
Bd 4	♥ Q76
Dlr W	♦ A62
Vul Both	♣ 8
♠ 3	♠ J54
♥ J542	♥ 9
♦ 9743	♦ AKJ108
♣ Q432	♣ K965
	♠ 876
	♥ AK1083
	♦ 5
	♣ AJ107

W	N	E	S
P	1S	2D	2H
P	3H	P	4C
P	4H	All pass	

Ian Halford's diamond holding was not very attractive for slam, so he signed off in 4H after my cue-bid, and I only had marginal interest because of the double fit, so I let it go.

A useful agreement in these circumstances that Ian could have used if we had it, was to jump to 5H over my 4C cue, asking me to bid slam with 2<sup>nd</sup> round diamond control. This I would have done, but in 6H I probably would have gone 1 off due to the 4-1 break. In 4H, East won the opening lead with the DT, and divined that I had a singleton, so switched, but luckily for us he switched to the H9. Now since my hearts were so good, I could cover and came to 12 tricks without any trouble.

At the other table NS got to 6S, and North was inspired to run the HT on the first round of hearts, so finished 2 off to give us 13 IMPs. Some pairs failed in 4H by ruffing the second diamond and leading the HA and another to dummy to prepare for a finesse if East had Jxxx, but now could not make 10 tricks. A better line after a 2<sup>nd</sup> diamond, playing teams, and even more so if East overcalls in diamonds, making a short heart less likely, is to cash the HA and HK to find out about the break and then play on spades until West ruffs. The HQ in dummy is then the

entry to draw the last trump and enjoy the spades. On a club return, cross-ruff to make 8 trumps and 2 aces.

M 3	♠ 94
Bd 20	♥ AQ84
Dlr W	♦ K5
Vul Both	♣ 97654
♠ 82	♠ AKQJ106
♥ K10753	♥ J62
♦ Q2	♦ —
♣ AKJ8	♣ Q1032
	♠ 753
	♥ 9
	♦ AJ10987643
	♣ —

W	N	E	S
1H	P	1S	5D
P	P	5S	All pass

I had only one chance to defeat the final contract, and while I considered leading the H9, I rejected it on the grounds of improbability and instead chose to lead the DA. There was now no way to defeat 5S, and we had to chalk up -650 instead of +100, or even +600 if 5D was passed out.

At the other table Ralph Parker chose to bid 5H over 5D, which is cold off on any lead. Declarer avoided the immediately fatal club lead, when North led the DK, which was ruffed in dummy. John Mills now attempted to enter dummy with a club and was rudely awakened when South ruffed. A diamond return may now have led to 5H going 2 off, but John escaped for 1 off but still lost 13 IMPs. Even if South does not get a club ruff, the contract should fail, as the best West can do is lead one trump towards dummy, but now as long as North plays low, they must come to 3 trump tricks.

M 4	♠ 97
Bd 3	♥ A53
Dlr S	♦ Q752
Vul EW	♣ K532
♠ K10854	♠ AQJ
♥ K6	♥ J9874
♦ 10984	♦ A6
♣ 64	♣ 1087
	♠ 632
	♥ Q102
	♦ KJ3
	♣ AQJ9

W	N	E	S
P	1D	1H	1NT
All pass			

East made a questionable overcall of 1H,

which could have attracted the disastrous opening lead of the HK, but maybe West had seen these type of overcalls before, because they led the S4.

When West cashed his 5 spade tricks, he knew from my 1NT rebid that he could not lead a heart, so he led a diamond and I made an easy 7 tricks for +90. If he had led a heart I would have had to finesse, expecting it to lose, but with no other play. We still lost 1 IMP against a club contract at the other table.

I do not see the value of these weak overcalls as I believe that when the opposition open the bidding one of the prime reasons for overcalling is to suggest a good lead. If your strength suggests that you will be playing the hand, the quality of the suit for overcalling is not that important, as long as partner has support. I would rather overcall 1S as West then 1H as East.

M 5	♠ AQJ10973
Bd 10	♥ A6
Dlr E	♦ A3
Vul Both	♣ K10
♠ 542	♠ K86
♥ Q985	♥ 7
♦ KJ72	♦ Q965
♣ Q3	♣ J9852
	♠ —
	♥ KJ10432
	♦ 1084
	♣ A764

W	N	E	S
P	4H	P	2H
		All pass	

I opened with a weak 2H and Ian bid a simple 4H hoping that I did not have too much. 6H is cold when all 4 hands are known, but I played comfortably to make 11 tricks.

On the lead of the D2 I won in dummy and led the SA for one discard and then ran the SQ (if East had covered I would have made 12 tricks) discarding the other diamond. I then ruffed a club and lost a club and a heart. Only a diamond lead beats 6S, and that is what Ralph led at the other table, so we gained another +100 for 13 IMPs.

A good 7-card suit is often worth bidding at least once, even if holding 4-card support for partner, and that is what would normally happen with this hand. However, in our once a year game together, Ian and I have not clearly defined forcing bids after a weak 2 opening, so Ian could only guess. Had he inquired, I would have been able to show the CA (outside feature), but he is not much better off.