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From the President



Keith McDonald

THE 45th Gold Coast Congress was a record entry - what a fabulous event. Therese Tully and her able team have raised the performance benchmark yet again. Our move to the Convention Centre will no doubt have some new problems but this is an event we all need to write in our diary.

There were a large number of sponsors and I thank them one and all. *Cosmetics plus* our major sponsor has stores at Caloundra, Chermside, Gympie, Morayfield, Noosa Junction and Sunshine Plaza. *ABN AMRO Morgans* joined as a major sponsor. A direct link to their website is on the QBA website. If we are to continue a successful partnership we need to support all our sponsors.

Nick Hughes and Nicoleta Giura produced the Bulletins for the event. Printed and sponsored by *The Local Newsletters*. To all involved and those who assisted with articles - well done.

A special thankyou to staff at The Gold Coast International Hotel and the Holiday Inn and a big thank you to the supply of

lollies from Maccas Sweets - Therese are you holding mine?

The playoffs for the selection of the Australian Representative Teams will be held in Sydney 23-27 March. Queensland is represented in the Open by Neville Francis and Magnus Moren and in the Women's by Therese Tully, Greer Tucker and Margaret Millar - good luck. The Qld Selection Trials started on Mar 4 but it will not be too late to enter the Seniors Trials. Information and results are available on the web.

Have you phoned Helen Thompson (07 4093 0546) to book for the 11th Barrier Reef Congress?

The Sunshine Coast club, and directors Jan Peach and Geoff Slack-Smith, are to be congratulated for the Seniors Teams well won by Robert and Helen Milward with Ian Afflick and Paul Collins.

I hope that a number of Queenslanders will accept the offer, of \$200 per pair (from the ABF), won at the Restricted Pairs at Surfers to play in the Territory Gold Bridge Festival. The Territory Gold will be in Alice Springs 31 August to 3 September this year.

The ABF Masterpoint Centre Newsletter Jan/ Feb details Queensland membership at 7,194. Don't forget your commitment to encourage a friend to learn bridge in your local club. ■

GCC Pairs



Kamal Sanmugarasa

Undeserved Luck

ON this board our reputed opponents reached a well judged grand slam in spades.

Dir E	♠ 975
Vul Both	♥ 642
	♦ KJ1095
	♣ 105
♠ AQJ10	♠ K863
♥ Q8	♥ AKJ5
♦ 2	♦ AQ73
♣ AQ7632	♣ J
	♠ 43
	♥ 10973
	♦ 864
	♣ K984

North led a heart, which was won in hand by the queen. The CA and a club ruff followed. A trump to the ten and another club was ruffed. The 4-2 split in clubs emerged and declarer was now in trouble. He was an entry short to ruff out another club and establish club winners.

This situation could have been avoided if the declarer had gone up with the HA on trick one, in order to preserve the HQ as an entry back to hand to help ruff out the clubs.

However, now in desperation, he used his last trump to get back to hand to pull the remaining trumps and took the diamond finesse to discard his three club losers (one on the DA and two on heart honors). Lucky indeed! But undeserved.

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Dir W	♠ AQJ106532
Vul Both	♥ 6
	♦ —
	♣ Q963
♠ 87	♠ 94
♥ J1054	♥ 972
♦ 752	♦ KQ108643
♣ A1052	♣ 7
	♠ K
	♥ AKQ83
	♦ AJ9
	♣ KJ84

W	N	E	S
P	1S	P	2H
P	4S	P	4NT
P	5D	X	6S
P	7S!	P	P
X	All pass		

When partner showed one key card I settled for 6S. But the 5D double by East propelled North to the grand slam on the assumption that the missing ace was a diamond.

Playing with a new partner we didn't have the sophistication of bidding 6D to show one key card and a void in diamonds.

Surely the double was not for a diamond lead but, from the bidding the writing on the wall was for a club lead. But East had his back facing the wall, so he led the DK.

Declarer should now make the grand slam on a "Kids' Squeeze" (a simpler version of the simple squeeze). Win the DA and run all the spades, squeezing West in hearts and clubs.

While comparing scores we called -200 and our team mates called +100 on that board. I was curious to know the contract and the lead on the other table. The contract was 7S and the lead was again the DK. Believe it or not, lightning can strike twice. Yes, both teams were lucky, not to lose big IMPs, but undeserved!

This board provided some mixed results on the other tables as well. On some tables when the 6D response (showing a void in diamonds) was made to the 4NT enquiry, defenders abandoned the DK

lead and led the singleton club and got a ruff to defeat the small slam in spades.

Dir N	♠ Q108
Vul NS	♥ K
	♦ Q109832
	♣ Q75
♠ 654	♠ AK972
♥ AQ103	♥ J84
♦ 64	♦ AK
♣ 9864	♣ KJ2
	♠ J3
	♥ 97652
	♦ J75
	♣ A103

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

On this board our opponents took the direct route to 3NT. As South I was on lead. I can't hope for aces and kings from my partner on that sort of bidding. So, I can't get my long suit (hearts) established. Even if partner had long spades it is unlikely that we can combine to establish spades while maintaining communication. So the choice narrowed to the minors. A club lead didn't look attractive as I held the controlling ace. If partner had a few queens especially the DQ and some good pips in the suit, then we might have just enough fire power to get diamonds going. Having decided to attack diamonds I led the D5. Playing attitude leads this is not a proper card to lead, one might argue, but when our resources are limited to queens and jacks we have to make adjustments. The other reason for the low diamond lead was to keep the declarer guessing about who held diamond length. Upon winning the queen with the ace declarer played the SA and a small spade. I won the SJ and played the DJ. Declarer now cashed his spades and tried the heart finesse. When that failed an endless stream of diamonds appeared from North, and a bemused declarer couldn't help throwing a suspicious look at me. Bad luck Sir! Undeserved.

■ Kamal Sanmugarasa

Ruffs and Sluffs at Surfers

THE elusive art of defence was expertly displayed by David Lilley and John Lester in this hand from Round 9 of the Teams Qualifying event at Surfers' Paradise last month. They succeeded in defeating a game contract by three tricks, by handing declarer no fewer than three ruffs and sluffs, anathema to the majority of players. During the play, declarer returned the compliment by granting a ruff and sluff to the defenders.

Dir N	♠ AJ653
Vul EW	♥ J4
	♦ 9752
	♣ Q4
♠ K107	♠ Q98
♥ A107	♥ Q6532
♦ 10	♦ 63
♣ AKJ762	♣ 1093
	♠ 42
	♥ K98
	♦ AKQJ84
	♣ 85

After an ambitious 4H was declared by East, John Lester led the DA, followed by the king, ruffed in dummy. The SK was led, (North having bid spades) and won with the ace. A third diamond was led, ruffed by declarer while dummy discarded a spade. Declarer then led a heart to the ten and jack. A 4th diamond gave away another ruff and sluff, declarer ruffing in hand and discarding a club from dummy.

The defenders were given their ruff and sluff when three rounds of clubs were played, South discarding a spade. A spade then allowed South to ruff, after which he led yet another diamond, ruffed by dummy's ace. The twelfth trick was a club ruffed by South with the king, leaving declarer with the last trump.

NS had won 4 tricks with their modest trump holdings, plus 2 aces, setting the contract by 3 tricks with their imaginative defence.

■ Pat Back



2007 Gold Coast Congress
February 17-24

DID YOU KNOW?

There is no requirement under the Laws for the backs of cards to be identical. A stray red card that accidentally turns up in a blue pack is no great problem - the first time.

Ivy Charlotte Marjorie Dahler

18 December, 1923 - 6 March, 2006

THERE is little question but that Ivy Dahler has one of the most outstanding records of any woman bridge player in Queensland or Australia. She has numerous state and national titles to her credit, has represented Australia in international competition on several occasions, and has won more Far East Championships than any other Australian woman.

Little of this potential for success in the game was evident from the early stages of her life. Born in England, she had little formal education, coming to Australia as one of the first war brides after World War 2. Her first and second husbands died early in life, leaving her to raise four children on a widow's pension.

It was at this stage of her life that Ivy first became interested in bridge. She began playing at the Toowoomba Bridge club, and though she advanced rapidly, she was reluctant to play at congresses, preferring to spend as much time as possible with her young family. In 1966, she was persuaded to enter the Queensland Women's Pairs, and her win in this competition was the beginning of a long and illustrious record in representative bridge.

Apart from her playing career, Ivy has

long held an active interest in other aspects of the game. She has taught and coached a great deal, is an international bridge director, and has served long periods on QBA committees and as state Masterpoint Secretary.

In her honour, the QBA has named the trophy for the state Senior Teams Championship, the Ivy Dahler Trophy. Further details on her career may be found in *Mind Games - A Biographical History of Bridge in Queensland*.

THE sudden death of Ivy Dahler has saddened all in the bridge community. More able pens than mine will no doubt produce a proper obituary, but I'd like to share this delightful story about a young Ivy. I can't vouch for its authenticity, but my source was reliable and, to those of us who knew Ivy, it has a certain ring of truth about it.

The scene: Pre World War 2 London. A famous theatre where a gala charity concert was being held. Ivy, as a Brownie (junior Girl Guides) was selling programmes in the dress circle.

An elegant gentleman came up and asked for a programme.

Ivy: That will be threepence please.

Gentleman: I'm sorry but I don't have any money on me at the moment.

Ivy (stubbornly shaking her head): I can't give you a programme without the threepence.

The gentleman laughed, and gestured to a nearby group. Another elegant gentleman came over, dug out threepence, and solemnly gave it to Ivy, who then parted with the programme.

And that was how Ivy refused a programme to the King of England until his equerry had forked out his threepence.

Reg Busch

THE members of the Warwick Bridge Club would like to acknowledge the valuable assistance given by Ivy Dahler to the club in its early days.

She was a fund of information on masterpointing and other technical matters. She also directed our first congress without charging a fee in order to give us the chance to build up our bank balance.

We remember her as a docty opponent at the table, a calm and capable director, a stickler for correct procedure and a wise and generous mentor.

Neil Bonnell, Inaugural President,
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Cuppaidge's Column



George Cuppaidge

Holding two aces when they bid a slam

WHAT do you do holding two aces and the opponents have bid a small slam? Well, the answer is, in general, that you do not double.

On lead against 6NT, in sophisticated circles it is considered poor form, to shoot at a sitting duck, so to speak. Three times in my life I have found myself in this situation and not once doubled. In all cases this simple show of sportsmanship has been cost free. On one occasion an unsophisticated partner made a public display of indignation.

On lead against a suit contract the situation is completely different. Again you do not double but for an entirely different reason, the odds are highly stacked against you. If the aces are indeed cashing you already have your 500 odd in the bank, to double for a little extra is fatuous. Even in the absence of a redouble you lose much more than the small gain you were seeking if they make. If the opponents, as they often can, redouble successfully your losses are catastrophic.

With partner on lead you have to think very carefully. The key is: will your double help or hinder him in doing the right thing. A partner of mine, in a situation recently, committed what must be the worst of all atrocities in bridge, the lead misdirecting double!

This was his hand

♠543 ♥765 ♦A1072 ♣A75

The bidding was peculiar

1H	1S
2NT	3NT
4H	6H

Feeling that both his aces would surely cash on this sort of bidding he doubled for the extra fifty and was greeted with a redouble.

From my perspective, I took my finger away from a small club and instead led a small spade. This is *the* most basic of all lead directing situations. The double of a freely bid small slam asks for the lead of dummy's first bid suit. Naturally I expected

him to hold the king to something short in spades and a side ace, or even SAK or SAQ. If your partner ever changes his mind about the meaning of your lead directing double, because of an opponent's redouble, get a new partner.

All of declarer's diamonds went on dummy's spade suit but we still got our ace of clubs. I will leave readers to calculate the cost of that small speculation.

I remember this situation well from over thirty years ago. I was West and my RHO was Joy Duveck

I held

♠A8743 ♥A1093 ♦84 ♣102

and was on lead after this bidding

S	N
2C	3C
3S	4C
4D	4H
6C	

Feeling that on this bidding, that if I chose the wrong ace, it would get ruffed, with disastrous consequences, I led a trump. I did not make either ace. But there was some consolation for me, I did not double. Declarer drew trumps in two rounds, pitched dummy's spade on the DAK and took the ruffing finesse in spades. She

	♠ 5		
	♥ KQ85		
	♦ 7		
	♣ QJ76543		
♠ A8743		♠ 6	
♥ A1093		♥ J874	
♦ 84		♦ QJ109532	
♣ 102		♣ 9	
		♠ KQJ1092	
		♥ 6	
		♦ AK6	
		♣ AK8	

re-entered hand with the C8 to run the spades and claim all thirteen tricks.

An alternate line is to play no more trumps but take the spade pitch and lead a heart. If East wins and returns a trump, declarer is forced back into taking the spade ruffing finesse. While marginally superior, with the C10 still outstanding, it abandons the "joy" of making all thirteen tricks off two aces. It is only a game after all and she wouldn't have been written up thirty years later had she done it that way. ■

George has written a comprehensive article on auctions that begin with 1H/1S - 1NT which is on page 13 of the web version.

STAMPS & COINS

Do you have stamps or coins you wish to have valued, traded or sold? I am happy to advise you, free of charge. I am available on the following: Gladstone - Fri, April 14 pm to Sun 16 pm; Rockhampton - Fri, May 5 pm to Sat 6 pm; QCBC (Woolloongabba) Sun, May 14 from 8.30 am to 1pm For further information phone David on: 0428 450 616 (day only)



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25 Years Ago

CLEARLY there are some magic ingredients in the Gold Coast formula. Each year while other congresses languish, Surfers goes onwards and upwards. This year the 300 barrier was broken. 79 tables or 316 players sat down for the pairs. But for the disturbances in the airline industry which stranded some entrants in New Zealand, the 80-table mark would have been reached.

In my view, some of the main factors in the attraction of Surfers are: leisurely playing times; no play before 1.30 pm; the long evening break, affording the opportunity to wind down and enjoy the Gold Coast restaurants; relaxing mornings by the Chevron pool, swimming races and all; the presence of so many top bridge names, and adequate number of direction staff ensuring no frazzled nerves.

Yet there is still something missing. In 1979 we had a big influx of young players to the congress. We have not been able to hold them or attract others.

Could it be the attitude of Queensland players to the younger ones? I think not, even though Queensland lies well behind the other states in the ability to attract young players to the game in general.

Two possibilities were put to me. One was the expense of a Surfers week. Surely this can't be true. A package deal holiday in a unit with cooking facilities must be as cheap a week as one can have anywhere in Australia. The other suggestion which rings truer was that the young who all aspire, as we once did, to the greatest

heights in Australian bridge, namely to represent the country, are not really attracted to a congress unless it carries some weight towards national selection.

There has always been some reluctance to have Surfers as a national team selection vehicle. Yet it seems if we want the young we will have to continue to push. At the other end of the scale, the newly introduced Veterans' Team competition was enthusiastically received.

The attitude towards play at Surfers has always been light-hearted but serious.

This hand where a scratch pair, Judy Halestrap from Sydney and Stella McLaughlin from Canberra 'got' one of our top Brisbane combinations, Tony Jackman and David Lee, is a typical Surfers event.

Dir E	♠ QJ32
Vul None	♥ AK986
	♦ 6
	♣ J106
♠ 4	♠ A8
♥ Q72	♥ J3
♦ KJ542	♦ A109873
♣ AK54	♣ Q93
	♠ K109765
	♥ 1054
	♦ Q
	♣ 872

W	N	E	S
Stella	David	Judy	Tony
P	2NT	P	2S
4D ¹	4S	3D	3S
5D	X ²	All pass	P

¹ A little sadistic, Stella always intends to bid 5D.

² Not based so much on defensive tricks as the simple premise that passed hands don't bid and make five-level contracts.

No defence.

■ George Cuppidge

Gold Coast Senior Pairs



Richard Wallis

RECORD numbers attended the GCC this year, which was the last at the split Holiday Inn/Gold Coast International venues at Surfers Paradise. Next year we all move into the Convention Centre at Broadbeach, which will be a whole new ball game in regards to accommodation and eating places. Many took advantage of the free bus to check out the venue and scout out places to stay, and appeared to be impressed.

As in 2005, I played in the Senior Pairs with John Brockwell, and while we only came 9th in the Final, this modest placing was a vast improvement on our 2005 result. We qualified comfortably for the Final while not threatening to win a session, and after a bad start to the Final, where we were near the tail of the field in the early rounds, we recovered ground gradually to give us a chance with one round to go. A good start to the 3rd round saw us move up to 4th, but a few faltering rounds and a bad penultimate round finished our chances of a place. Rosa Lachman and Bill Hunt were always at or near the lead, but unluckily for them, were 3 points adrift after the final round, finishing a creditable 2nd.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a page on the QBA Website to help congress conveners.

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Summer Festival Winners

Congratulations to Ziggy Konig and Jim Wallis - 2nd Mens Pairs Championship.

Paul Gosney and Jenny Ryman - 1st in Mixed Pairs Championship.

Margaret Millar and Greer Tucker - 1st in the Womens Pairs.

Francis Team (Neville Francis, Magnus Moren, Darko Janzekovic, Sanmuga Kamalarasa) for Best Country Team in the South West Pacific Teams Championship.

Schoen Team (Pam Schoen, Yolanda Carter, Mike Fox, Ellen Meldrum) for Best Novice Team in the South West Pacific Teams Championship.

Howard Team (containing Paul Gosney and Andy Hung) for Best Youth Team in the South West Pacific Teams Championship.

Q 1	♠ K1043
Bd 1	♥ 94
Dir N	♦ KJ63
Vul None	♣ K106
♠ A65	♠ QJ2
♥ KQJ872	♥ 653
♦ 4	♦ AQ98
♣ 874	♣ AJ2
	♠ 987
	♥ A10
	♦ 10752
	♣ Q953

Q 1	♠ K53
Bd 5	♥ 1092
Dir N	♦ 874
Vul NS	♣ KQ82
♠ 1076	♠ 92
♥ AQJ6	♥ 875
♦ QJ963	♦ 52
♣ 10	♣ AJ9543
	♠ AQJ84
	♥ K43
	♦ AK10
	♣ 76

Q 1	♠ J8
Bd 10	♥ 763
Dir E	♦ AK3
Vul Both	♣ AJ1094
♠ K654	♠ AQ1032
♥ Q1082	♥ J95
♦ QJ10	♦ 862
♣ 52	♣ Q8
	♠ 97
	♥ AK4
	♦ 9754
	♣ K763

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

W	N	E	S
	P	3C	X
P	3NT	All pass	

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

This was our first board and aggressive bidding got us to game, but I was not really put to the test when South led the S9 and North returned the suit. This gave me the chance to go to dummy with a heart, and take the free diamond finesse as my best chance for 10 tricks. Even if this lost, I could still discard a club and make 9 tricks, but when it won, I had game in the bag.

This is a hard hand to evaluate from West's position, as if I had the CQ instead of the DQ, 10 tricks were easy and there was a finesse for 11, so the transfer and bid game approach is probably as good as any. Especially when the DQ was well placed and 10 tricks rolled in.

If South had attacked with the C3 on the opening lead instead of being passive, it would have been more of a test, with either 8 or 10 tricks depending on the position of the DK. Not knowing where the HA was, the best line is to win the CA and go to dummy with the SA to take the diamond finesse before leading trumps, then the contract makes.

On this board I found one of my best leads of the Pairs but John could not believe his good luck and the contract still made when he was subsequently end-played.

Since I had no entries and a poor suit, I tried to find some strength in John's hand, and selected my longer major since there was a better chance of useful breaks.

John won my lead of the H7 with the HJ, and only has to return the CT (my suit) and I will next lead the H8, showing the 3-3 break and giving our side the first 5 tricks. Unfortunately he had it in his mind that I had led a doubleton, and either discounted the possibility of my wanting him to lead a club through, or forgot that I had bid clubs (this was the Seniors), so he exited with the DQ.

After declarer ran his spades (John being pseudo-squeezed and discarding a heart), I had a choice of leading a diamond or a heart when I won my CA, and either way John was end-played for the 9th trick.

South was a little muddled when it came to rebidding after a better-minor opening bid of 1C from her partner. She explained her non-forcing 2D bid on such a poor suit as being because the 1C opening bid did not promise any more than 3 clubs.

What she has missed is that generally the 1C opening promises club length longer or equal with diamonds, thus if opener has support for a suit such as 9 7 5 4, her support for clubs must be even better!

Deep Finesse suggests that 4D is makeable, probably by ducking a trump early. South appeared to get such a shock when she saw dummy and realized what a better contract 3C was that she lost the plot and went 1 off, losing 2 spades, a heart, a diamond and a club ruff when she did not play the 3rd round of trumps.

The power of the closed hand is often talked about in bridge literature, and it was clearly evident on this next board.

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Sunday April 16

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Director: Trevor Strickland

Q 1	♠ 873		
Bd 11	♥ J953		
Dlr S	♦ 10752		
Vul None	♣ 102		
♠ 52		♠ AQ9	
♥ 62		♥ A4	
♦ K9		♦ AJ643	
♣ AQJ9865		♣ K74	
	♠ KJ1064		
	♥ KQ1087		
	♦ Q7		
	♣ 854		

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

After South opened and John made a spectacular jump to the 4-level (3C was a weak-jump), I could hardly not go slamming.

I got a pleasant surprise when John showed his top 2 trumps, and the DK, as we had agreed to show our lowest king after a second RKCB inquiry.

It was obvious after the opening bid that the DQ was with South, so either it had to be doubleton, or South was going to be squeezed and thrown in for my 12 tricks. At least with 11 tricks on top the stage was set for a squeeze, but my chances were not good since South was discarding after me. I knew what I had, but NS could only guess, so I ran my clubs looking eagerly at the early discards, before I had to make a crucial discard myself.

To my delight, North threw one of her useless diamonds early on, and South also threw a diamond, so I made all 13 tricks for a good score.

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Q 2	♠ 83		
Bd 6	♥ A9542		
Dlr E	♦ K1086		
Vul EW	♣ Q6		
♠ K765		♠ A102	
♥ K		♥ J863	
♦ 5432		♦ AQ9	
♣ A984		♣ KJ3	
	♠ QJ94		
	♥ Q107		
	♦ J7		
	♣ 10752		

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

This deal may have been easier to defend after the 1H opening bid if my hand (East) was on the table, but my 1NT rebid (15-18) made me declarer, and South led the C2.

The opening lead picked up the club suit for no loser when I finessed the C9 at trick 3, and when North discarded a diamond, I had 9 tricks but could not see them. At this stage if I finesse the DQ and give up a diamond, the D5 becomes my 9th trick.

However, not expecting North to discard from length in dummy, I played for a 3-3 spade break by ducking a spade to South, who after some thought led a heart to North's Ace.

South was expecting a heart return and the actual diamond return on which the DQ won the trick irked him considerably as I cashed the diamonds and threw him in on the last spade to make my 9th trick with the HJ.

He was expecting that a heart return defeats the contract, but after winning the HT he cannot cash the HQ without giving me my 9th trick so exits with a spade. I win the spade on the table, take the diamond finesse and lead a small heart to set up my HJ after all. ■

The complete article is available on the QBA website at www.qldbridge.com

DID YOU KNOW?

If a Law gives a player a choice among penalties, the Director explains the options and sees that a penalty is selected and paid.

When as a defender, you hold the ace of trumps, consider whether to hold up this card when trumps are first played.
Giorgio Belladonna

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| | 28-May | 1 Mackay Pairs & Teams |
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| May | 6 | Colin Stone Teams Rd 2 (Toowong) |
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| | 7 | BBC Graded Swiss Pairs |
| | 13 | Surfers Swiss Teams |
| | 20-21 | QBA Mixed Pairs (Toowong) |
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| | 28 | Northern Suburbs Novice Pairs |

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BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH CHALLENGE

FOLLOWING the outstanding response we received in 2005, the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute will be organising, with the support of the Australian Bridge Federation and State Bridge Associations, the Bridge for Brains Research Challenge again in 2006 in the week of May 1st to 7th.

Bridge for Brains has raised more than \$45,000 over the 2 years it has been running with all money raised supporting research into brain disorders such as Dementia and Alzheimer's. Just think, if every participating bridge player were to match their entry fee of \$5 with a

donation of \$5 we could take this total to over \$100,000 - **we can only do that with your support.** Our aim is to have all the hand information available to the clubs early in the year giving enough time for the club directors to prepare and promote the Challenge to their members - we would love to see every bridge club and every bridge player in Australia participating and supporting brain research. In order to keep our records up to date could you please email back the following information:
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We are hoping to reduce the amount of printing and postage this year by providing a lot more information across the internet and via email where possible. Once again we thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you in making the 2006 Bridge for Brain Research Challenge the most successful ever. Kind regards

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Queensland at the Commonwealth Nations Tournament

A BONUS prize for the Open Pairs of 2005 was a trip to Melbourne in March 2006 to take part as the Queensland representative team in the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Tournament being held just prior to the Commonwealth Games.

Accordingly, Betty Lee and Mike Robson (winners) and Peter Hainsworth and Ralph Parker (second) were endorsed as the QBA team, with Tony Jackman as the non-playing captain.

The team started slowly, with a loss to the NSW team, but then powered through the next 12 matches to finish the second day in equal second place, ahead of Hackett England and other more fancied teams.

Unfortunately, the momentum slowed on the third day, and the team finished creditably in mid-field, and ahead of NSW and NZ.

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Teacher's Corner



**Joan
Butts**

LOCAL teachers benefit hugely from the opportunity to exchange ideas with teachers from other countries, and this was the focus of the 2006 Gold Coast Congress meeting. We were lucky to have both a "youth" point of view and a "mature" one, in the shape of **Gavin Wolpert** (a rising young Canadian and world star) and **Hugh Grosvenor** (Australian, but with much USA and European experience) to tell us about Northern American bridge education theory.

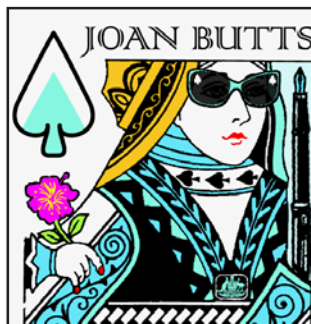
Gavin, at 22, owns a bridge club with his mother Hazel, in Toronto. He teaches and plays professionally. He feels that the education programmes in Canada and the USA are helping to change the face of modern bridge, and have given young players a chance to compete for good prizemoney in open tournaments, as well as the youth arena. His club uses all Audrey Grant's teaching materials, and they run regular beginners' sessions. They offer members incentives for encouraging friends to learn. He believes in having a Teams-of-Three competition every few months to introduce new players to regular members. He pointed out that for young people to have bridge offered in schools, it must be as part of the curriculum, because they would never choose it as an optional extra after school hours, and we shouldn't hope for this. Let young people turn to bridge when they're

ready, because at first they can't sit still for the three hours required for a game, and secondly they have many other interests to pursue in after-school time.

This theme was expanded on by Hugh Grosvenor, who has spent the past few years playing and teaching professionally in the USA, and has set up bridge programmes in Estonia. His view is that we should accept the fact that the main age group we are dealing with is 50+ players, and to look at the retiring population and offer incentives there.

Ron Klinger, Ish del Monte and I agreed that introducing the game via *play* rather than endless boring whiteboard lessons on bidding is the only way to go. Ron doesn't introduce bidding until the third lesson, as I do in the QBA beginners book.

"Less is more" in all levels of bridge lessons, and teachers should be happy to leave out material rather than cramming everything in. The teacher is really a "salesman", promoting bridge, and making sure that the students enjoy themselves. ■



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1.00-4.00 Hyatt Teams
6.00 Victory Dinner
7.30 Goodbye Pairs

Friday 23

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1.00 Romney Pairs 1
7.30 Romney Pairs 2.

Sunday 25

9.30 & 11.00 Lessons
1.00-4.00 Duplicate
7.30 Duplicate

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QCBC Butler Swiss Pairs Jan 15

A Section

- 1 T Bardon P Hainsworth
- 2 N Francis M Moren
- 3 J Malinas G Malinas
- 4 T Jackman R Wallis

B Section

- 1 D Sharma A Sharma
- 2 R Asham N McAdam
- 3 E Gibson N Gibson

Northern Suburbs Teams Jan 29

- 1 A Mayers R Crowley
R Busch J McPheat
- 2 J Summerhayes B Hunt
M Pemberton A Gianazza
- 3 M Robson B Lee
T Bardon P Hainsworth

Plate

- 1 P Alp J Sherrell
A Green B Morgan
- 2 G Gemmell J Hoffman
M Waller E McLeod

Consolation

- 1 B Carroll G McCarthy
J Power A Smith
- 2 M Stoneman V Roland
P Thompson M O'Donohue

Toowong Swiss Pairs Feb 5

- 1 P Gosney A Hung
- 2 N Francis M Moren
- 3 M Hobbs A Stitt

Plate

- 1 G Thomas N Langford
- 2 G Roberts K Dean
- 3 G McCarthy B Carroll

QCBC Novice Pairs Feb 12

- 1 V Chotai A Chotai
- 2 P Burton P Tranberg
- 3 S Pandya P Bugler

Plate

- 1 E Beckett J Beckett

QBA Senior Teams Feb 11-12

- 1 R Milward H Milward
I Afflick P Collins
- 2 R Ashman P Wells
C & C Woolley
- 3 R Busch J McPheat
I Dahler A Mayers

Plate

- 1 N Gibson E Gibson
A Chaudhry G Rusher

- 2 P Rittey J Czekanski
B Gibson B Romeijn
 - 3 D Harris K Early
S Regan R Trollope
- Best Life & below**
C Cooke S Adcock
D Borchardt N Holloway

Qld-wide Pairs

EW

- 1 W Choy-Show M Watson
- 2 P Barnett D Harris
- 3 K Dakin J Bell
- 4 L Moses S Moses
- 5 L Berger C Reed
- 6 J Gordon C Adcock
- 7 K Ramsbotham M Foster
- 8 J Power A Smith
- 9 D Yardley O Yardley
- 10 A Preece A Corkhill

Gold Coast Congress Feb 18-25

Teams

- 1 J Holland M Brunner J Armstrong
H Melbourne P Marston H McGann
- 2 R Jedrychowski G Wolpert
P Gill V Demuy

Restricted

- 1 W Houghton C Houghton
W Boxall R Plush
- 2 J Whitmee B Whitmee
R Chapman H Chapman

Senior

- 1 G Ridgway A Robbins
E Ramshaw J Brockwell
- 2 J Puskas P Chan R Januszke
R Bignall W Malaczynski

Pairs

- 1 M Szymanowski J Strepinsky
- 2 B Neill R Klinger
- 3 T Brown P Gue

Restricted

- 1 G Collins J Clyne
- 2 P Schoen A Dormer
- 3 M Allison R O'Dell

Senior

- 1 D Smee D Smith
- 2 B Hunt R Lachman
- 3 G Ridgway A Robbins

Toowong Novice Pairs Mar 5

- 1 C Adcock J Gordon
- 2 J Belward P Pollett
- 3 P Bugler S Pandya

Plate

- 1 E Beckett J Beckett
- 2 C Johnson M Staley

Broadwater Swiss Pairs Mar 5

- 1 L Melchior S Allen
- 2 J Pritchard B Barden
- 3 G Jewell J Dawson

Plate

- 1 G & P Powis
- 2 Y Kilvert D McAdam

Rockhampton Butler Pairs Mar 11-12

- 1 B Baldry R Taylor
- 2 J Steele J Steele
- 3 A Boland P Borchardt

Plate

- 1 J Philip L McFarlane

Novice

- 1 P Gibb B Blackmore

Club News

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

Mackay

Monica Darley, Del Ryan, Barbara Parsons and Bess Baldry won the Veterans category at the Canberra Festival of Bridge Womens category.

QCBC

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News from the Manager's Desk

The QBA Email Mailing List has been established - if you wish to be on it, contact me via email.

The Senior Selection Trials Entry Form is now available.

The GNOT Final is to be held at Banora Point for next three years.

Paul Marston and Mike McLaughlin are booked for May 27th - QBA Development Weekend.,

Pennys Blanket Raffle raised just under \$5,000.

Peter Busch has been appointed as the second Web Master.

Trevor Strickland has been appointed Hand Setter for the Queensland Wide Pairs for 2006 and 2007.

Congratulations to Clarice Suthers, member of Cleveland Bay Bridge Club, on her recent award of OAM.

DID YOU KNOW?

A director may award penalties for any errors in procedure that require an adjusted score for any contestant.

Director's Corner

UNTIL the end of the auction period, a call that was probably based on misinformation may be changed without penalty providing partner has not yet called.

Clearly this limits the director to cancelling two calls at most. The most recent one made by the non-offending side (ie the call based on the misinformation) and any subsequent call made by the next opponent in rotation.

Let's say a call is changed because the director ruled that it is probable that it was based on misinformation. The withdrawn call is authorized information to the non-offending side but is not authorized to the offending side.

LHO opponent may in turn change any call he made without penalty however sometimes the withdrawn call conveys such information as to damage the non-offenders in which case the director may assign an adjusted score.

Often calls much further back in the auction will have been based on misinformation. In these cases the auction cannot be wound back to the scene of the crime. When it is too late to change a call, the director may award an adjusted score. A player claiming to be damaged must convince the director that this is so. The quality of the contract is not in itself evidence of damage.

Dummy may keep count of tricks won and lost. To be able to do this independently he must have sighted the cards for himself. For this to be possible, Law 66A must apply to dummy too.

Deciding how many tricks have been won and lost is not a majority vote thing. Each player is entitled to be satisfied that the score is correct. The wail, "Three of us agree so you must be wrong," carries no weight. Apart from it being possible for the three to be wrong, I have noticed on many occasions that players will often turn around a quitted trick during play simply because they notice it was different to someone else's.

Law 75 B: A player may violate an announced partnership agreement (but habitual violations within a partnership may create implicit agreements, which must be disclosed). No player has the obligation to disclose to the opponents that he has violated an announced agreement and if the opponents are subsequently damaged, as through drawing a false inference from such violation, they are not entitled to redress.

Far too many players are getting their Multi Twos wrong. Everything's fine if they end up with a disaster but it usually makes some very unhappy opponents when those making the error land on their feet with a good score.

There is nothing the director can do if everything points to a correct explanation but a wrong bid. If there is insufficient evidence of the explanation being correct and there being a misbid then the direc-

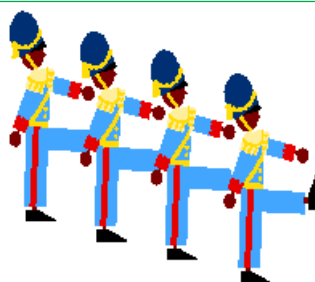
tor rules mistaken explanation and may adjust the score if damage to the opponents results.

When a player misbids his hand, opponents are not entitled to be told what he really holds. Players are only entitled to be told the opponents' agreements.

■ Jan Peach

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Club Director Accreditation Exam - June 24

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L I N E

Auctions beginning 1H/1S - 1NT

Hands on which we respond 1NT to one of a major, in standard bidding, are so many and varied that it is essential that every serious-minded partnership has a means of dealing efficiently with them. To my knowledge, comprehensive treatments barely exist. Where they do, they tend to treat the 1NT in the same way as and opening 1NT and allow opener to better describe his own hand. This is completely upside down. The 1NT bidder will often hold an extreme single-suiter or two-suiter. Slam or grand slam may be available in one of those suits with no game at all in opener's major or no trump. The absolute priority is to find out about responder's hand.

By simply abandoning the unsophisticated 2NT invitational in favour of 2NT game forcing huge benefits accrue. Any regular reader will by now have considered the irrefutable logic against ever using invitational sequences, so the loss is not even a loss. What use is a 2NT invitation, say, to a man with 1-4-1-7 shape?

We make these assumptions; players who do things differently will have to make adjustments. Players of 1NT forcing can adopt these ideas with little or no change to their system structure, I would suggest however that the weak three-card raise rather than the strong one goes through forcing 1NT.

Ground rules for 1S-1NT

The opening bid of 1S will contain a five-card suit and a maximum of nineteen high card points in first or second position. It may be a strong four-card suit in a balanced hand in third or fourth position.

The 1NT response is not forcing it shows 5-11 points, opposite a first or second position opener. It may contain three, but never more, spades.

With two five-card or longer suits, we open the higher ranking, always.

A two-over-one response is a game force so the shape range, as well as the strength range, of the 1NT response is very wide.

Responder's immediate 2S raise shows the 10-12 three-card raise, the 5-9 three-card raise is shown by first bidding 1NT.

With a balanced hand of up to 16 points, opener passes 1NT, he always rebids a lower four-card or longer suit if he has one, this is not forcing but may contain up to a poor 17 points, not quite enough to force to game.

Jump rebids by opener in a new suit are game forcing they show 5-5, a jump in spades is not forcing it shows a non-solid suit and warns against playing the hand

in no trumps without a doubleton honour in support or a source of tricks.

With a game forcing single-suiter it is wrong to jump in the suit, with a game forcing 2NT available, it is too important to investigate a fit elsewhere.

A new suit by responder after a jump rebid is natural and long, not an advance cuebid.

The 2NT rebid is game forcing, not necessarily balanced, and continuations thereafter are the subject of this article.

Of course if you insist on 2NT invitational this article is not for you, struggle on.

By bidding 2NT opener is taking control of the auction and seeking clarification of responder's hand. These are responder's first round replies

3S shows three spades, the poor raise with 5-9 points.

3C promises four cards in hearts or diamonds, such shapes as 1444, 2443, 0427

3D a five-card or longer suit with possibly four hearts or a club suit.

3H a five-card or longer suit with possibly a diamond or club suit.

3NT five or more clubs, not three spades and no four-card red suit eg. 2335, 0337 etc.

4H six or more hearts, no four card side suit.

Continuations

Over 3S, opener can bid 3NT, which responder can pass, or convert to 4S. Slam is too remote to consider.

Over 3C, opener bids 3D showing four diamonds or 3H showing 4 hearts, **3S** showing four clubs, while 3NT is terminal. If responder bids 3H over opener's 3D he is showing four, responder can raise, sign off in 3NT or bid **3S** saying that his clubs are long.

Over 3D, opener bids 3H showing four, **3S** showing four clubs or 3NT terminal. As always, responder can show long clubs over opener's 3H by bidding **3S**.

Over 3H, opener raises, shows four clubs by bidding **3S** or signs off in 3NT

Note that in *all* these continuations a **3S** bid shows club length.

An eight-card fit will rarely be missed and an eight-card heart fit never. The partnership can make a very well informed decision before subsiding in 3NT.

AKxxxx	x
AJx	KQxxxx
—	xxx
Axx	xxx
1S	1NT
2NT	4H
5NT	6H (6C=0, 6D=1, 6H=2)
7H	

AKxxx	x
x	Qxx
KQxx	Jxx
AJx	KQxxxx
1S	1NT
2NT	3NT
5C	

AKxxx	x
KQx	AJxx
AJxx	Kxxx
x	xxxx

1S	1NT
2NT	3C
3D	3H
3NT	4D
4H or 5D	

AKxxx	xxx
Qx	Kxx
AKx	xx
Kxx	QJxxx

1S	1NT
2NT	3S
3NT	4S

KQxxx	x
x	Axxxx
KJx	Qxx
AKQx	Jxxx

1S	1NT
2NT	3H
3S (clubs)	5C

KJxxx	Ax
AQ	Kxxx
Jx	Kxxx
AKxx	xxx

1S	1NT
2NT	3C
3S (clubs)	3NT

KQJxx	Ax
AKx	xxxxx
Jx	xxx
Axx	Qxx

1S	1NT
2NT	3H
4H	

In all these examples, note how both partners are able to exercise judgement. To follow, auctions beginning 1H-1NT.