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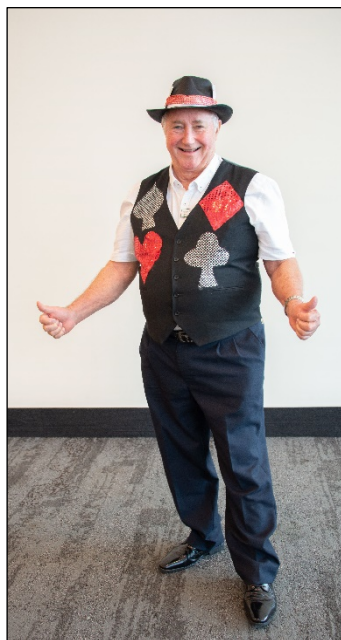


WINNERS OF THE DIAMONDS PARADE

The first prize for the 'Diamonds' theme day goes to Peter and Linda Neil! Hailing from Winterfell, seat of the Kingdom of the North (aka Kenmore Bridge Club), they dazzled with their splendour and grace. Fantastic effort to Ross Shardlow and "Ruff Diamonds" crew – congratulations to all and everyone that took part!



Winners: "King and Queen"
 Peter and Linda Neil



Equal 2nd: Ross Shardlow



Equal 2nd: "Diamond in the Rough" Jane Doyle, Sue Kennard, Magdeline Wong and Ted Morris

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Current leaders in the Teams Championships:

- Open: Milne (2), Haffer (6), Fischer (8)
- Under 1500 Evans (3), Hamilton (4), Pisko (6)
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- Restricted: Brown (1), Clarke (35), Poynten (11)
- Novice: Sydes (1), Bridgman (8), Vazirzadeh (2)

Thursday's Celebrity Speaker:

1:30pm – 2:15pm

William Jenner-O'Shea on "Improve Your Defence" (Celebrity flyer on [page 26](#))



Weather (Thu): 21-24°C, 100% chance 60-100mm

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Thursday 24th Feb

- 10:00am ♠ Teams (O, U1500, I, Re, N) Rounds 9-10/12
- ♠ Pairs 0-50MP Session 1 of 2
- ♠ Rookie Pairs
- 2:30pm ♠ Teams (O, U1500, I, Re, N) Rounds 11-12/12
- ♠ Pairs 0-50MP Session 2 of 2
- ♠ Sage Walk-In Pairs

O=Open, I=Intermediate, Re=Restricted, N=Novice

For the full schedule, see [page 28](#)
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WINNERS OF THE 0-50 MP Pairs Wednesday



Winners of the 0-50 Wednesday Pairs:
Peter Neil – Linda Neil



Runners Up of the 0-50 Wednesday Pairs:
Elizabeth Ward – David Ward

PHOTOS: DAY FIVE



Y'ALL KNOW BILL, STILL THE SAME HAUGHIE

Nick Jacob (Submitted by Richard Ward)

Bill Haughie represented both New Zealand and Australia before any of your editors were even a twinkle in their fathers' eyes. On this deal he showed that he still, in fact, has it.

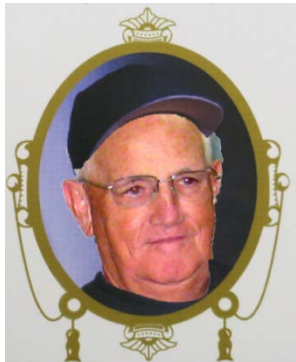
Dealer: West ♠ 9 8 5 3
 Vul: Both ♥ J 6 5 2
 Brd 4 ♦ Q 5 2
Teams R3 ♣ 10 9
 ♠ 6 4
 ♥ ---
 ♦ A K J 9 4
 ♣ A J 8 7 5 2

♠ A K Q 7
 ♥ 9 8 7
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ K 6 4 3

♠ J 10 2
 ♥ A K Q 10 4 3
 ♦ 10 8 7
 ♣ Q

West	North	East	South
Pollock	Ward	Haughie	Tully
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Makeable Contracts				
2	-	2	-	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
3	-	3	-	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
3	-	3	-	♣



This is the sort of contract the old fellas talk about in the bar. "Back in my day, we didn't have fits when we played game."

Therese Tully had this week's easiest lead and continuations, and surely a fourth spade couldn't cost. Bill ruffed to advance the club queen. Therese covered which allowed Bill to win the ace, trump a club, and cash two trumps to set the stage for the finale:

♠ --
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ Q 5 2
 ♣ --

♠ --
 ♥ --
 ♦ A K J
 ♣ J 8

♠ --
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ 10 8 7
 ♣ --

♠ --
 ♥ 9
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ 6 4

Bill played a diamond to dummy's ace and led the club jack. Whether North ruffed this or not, Bill's coup was complete. The fourth spade had been fatal, allowing Bill to shorten his trumps for the ending, winning 13 IMPs for his troubles. The only other pair to make 4♥ was Beauchamp-Smith.

Thanks to Richard and Therese for bringing this hand to our attention. You know you've played well when the opponents write up your declarer play.



NO TRUMPS ARE A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND

By Fraser Rew



With the bulletin editors all playing in the Bobby Richman, and no other contributors from the Weekend Matchpoint Swiss, I decided to step up to the plate, fill the gap, step into the breach, and no doubt some more cliches besides.

In the finest traditions of bridge literature, I'm going to overlook the dozens of bad boards and focus on the very few on which we did well. Some of our good results had a common theme, which is that they came from our 14-16 1NT opening range. It's the first time I've played it, and it's been a success so far.

Three times I opened 1NT on a mediocre 14-count; three times we got to a contract that the room didn't; three times we got an excellent and perhaps undeserved score.

Dealer: North	♠ J 10 8 5 3		West	North	East	South
Vul: N-S	♥ J 7 3		Ingham		Rew	
Brd 5	♦ 10 7			Pass	1NT	Pass
	♣ A Q 8		2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
♠ 9 4 2		♠ A K 7	2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
♥ Q 9 6 5 4		♥ K 8 2	4♥	All Pass		
♦ A 8		♦ K J 5 2		Makeable Contracts		
♣ K J 6		♣ 10 9 2	2	-	2	-
	♠ Q 6		1	-	1	-
	♥ A 10		3	-	3	-
	♦ Q 9 6 4 3		-	-	-	-
	♣ 7 5 4 3		1	-	1	-
						NT
						♠
						♥
						♦
						♣

The first thing to go right was that South made the unlucky lead of a low diamond around to my jack, which sets up the third diamond for a spade discard. After that, I needed to play either hearts or clubs for one loser. South was marked with long diamonds, so I decided to play her for short hearts. I tried a heart to the king and a heart to the eight, which worked nicely on the layout. In the end, I lost just the heart ace, club ace and club queen. With most of the room playing 1NT or 2♥ after East showed 11-14 balanced, this was an outright top.

Dealer: East	♠ 8 6		West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ 10 5		Ingham		Rew	
Brd 10	♦ A 10 8 4				1NT	Pass
	♣ K J 10 6 2		3♠*	Pass	4♣	Pass
♠ K J 10 9 5 2		♠ A Q 7	4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
♥ A J 8		♥ K 7 3	6♠	All Pass		
♦ K Q 5		♦ J 9 7 3 2		Makeable Contracts		
♣ 5		♣ A 4	4	-	4	-
	♠ 4 3		5	-	5	-
	♥ Q 9 6 4 2		3	-	3	-
	♦ 6		5	-	5	-
	♣ Q 9 8 7 3		-	2	-	2
						NT
						♠
						♥
						♦
						♣

This one was a combination of good judgement and good luck. 6♠ is excellent, so the few pairs who bid it deserved a good result. However, bridge can be a cruel game, and on the actual layout, the slam goes off on a diamond ruff. This is tough to find when North is on lead, but easier for South. Unfortunately, seven of the eight tables in slam did indeed have South on lead, I'm guessing after East upgraded to a strong NT and West transferred. (1NT is an overbid, in my view. Google 'Kaplan-Rubens hand evaluator' and plug this hand in if you don't believe me - but I digress).

Sue and I were the only pair to play it from West (auction shown above). 3♠ was a natural slam try, 4♣ showed 1st/2nd round control cuebid. Although I have a high card minimum, my cards are very suitable for slam (two aces, a king, the trump queen and a possible ruffing value), so I was happy to cooperate. The club control was music to Sue's ears, so she launched into Blackwood and had no trouble making 12 tricks.

Dealer: East	♠ Q 3	West	North	East	South
Vul: N-S	♥ K J 9 7 5 2	Ingham		Rew	
Brd 18	♦ 5 3			1NT	Pass
	♣ A 4 2	2♥ [♣]	Dbl	2♠	Pass
♠ K 10 9 8 7 2		3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
♥ 8		4♠	All Pass		
♦ A 4 2			Makeable Contracts		
♣ 8 5 3		3	-	3	-
	♠ J 6 5	3	-	4	-
	♥ 10 4 3	-	1	-	1
	♦ K 10 9 7 6	2	-	2	-
	♣ K Q	4	-	4	-
					NT
					♠
					♥
					♦
					♣

No doubt I should pass 3S, but I got greedy. When South led a club and I saw dummy, I really began to regret my decision. But when South cashed only two clubs and then switched to a heart, I saw a glimmer of hope. I won the king with the ace, cashed the queen to discard a club, and led a club. It doesn't help South to ruff, so she discarded and I ruffed in dummy to set up the clubs.

That gets me to ten tricks (five spades, two hearts, a diamond and two clubs), but there's a catch: my last entry to hand is the spade Ace, so I can only draw two rounds of trumps. So say I play spade king, spade ace, winning club. The defence can ruff in while I discard one diamond loser, but then a heart leaves me stranded in dummy with no way back to my last winning club.

So even after all that good luck, I still needed the diamond finesse. When the Queen was covered by the King (ducking doesn't help), a diamond back to the Jack was the entry to my club winner, and at last I could claim. +420 was worth 93%.

WHAT IS LEFT

By Nick Jacob

Dealer: South	♠ Q J 9 6	West	North	East	South
Vul: None	♥ 6 5 4 3	Watson		Fordham	
Brd 27	♦ J 2				Pass
	♣ K Q J	Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
♠ 4		Dbl	2♠	Pass	Pass
♥ K Q 10 7		3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
♦ A 9 5 3			Makeable Contracts		
♣ 10 6 5 2		2	-	2	-
	♠ K 8 7 3 2	-	2	-	2
	♥ J	5	-	5	-
	♦ K 10 6	4	-	4	-
	♣ 8 7 4 3	1	-	1	-
					NT
					♠
					♥
					♦
					♣

We reported the foolhardy waywardness of the Bobby Richman Pairs winners on this board yesterday. Today, we can re-examine this hand through the eyes of another couple of seafarers who expertly navigated the dire straits.

Alan Watson found himself at the helm in a contract where, at a glance, he must somehow avoid losing control with the defenders' trumps stacked against him as well as smoke out the offside diamond king.

After a spade to the ace, a spade ruff, and the heart king, it was time to ask, "Where is the diamond?" Declarer pulled a small diamond and when North played low smoothly, the eight was played, drawing the 10 from South. Another spade was ruffed, trumps were drawn, and the diamond Queen completed the intra-finesse of North's jack and South's king. A well-deserved 11 IMPs for +450.

PS: Nabil Edgton would like readers to know that he does, in fact, know about intra-finesses. (Just don't ask him to explain what they are.)

Thanks to Rick Roeder for submitting this deal.

Diamonds, Diamonds, Diamonds



Highly Commendable: "Ruff Diamonds" - Molly Butcher
Eveline Fallshaw Margaret Glover Janice Coventry



Highly Commendable: Janet McKeough



Highly Commendable: "Jim and his Queens" Diane
Morgan, Alan Brown, Francie Brown, Janet Hansen



Highly Commendable: Rosemary Thomson



Marina Green, Faye Carter, Marj Tyson, Brenda Hall



Parade Group

OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING MATCH FIVE

Rising Stars

Liam Milne

Australia is fortunate to have a comparatively strong youth bridge scene with plenty of potential coming up through the ranks. The fifth match in the Open Teams qualifying rounds gave a few of our young players the chance to show their mettle.

Dealer: North
 Vul: N-S
 Brd 5

♠ K 8
 ♥ K 8
 ♦ A K 10
 ♣ K 8 7 5 3 2

♠ 5 4 3
 ♥ A 10 4 3
 ♦ J 8 2
 ♣ Q J 6

♠ A Q J 9 7 6 2
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ A 9

♠ 10
 ♥ Q J 9 7 6
 ♦ Q 9 6 5 3
 ♣ 10 4

West	North	East	South
S. Williams	Marks	E. Jacob	Rutkowski
	Pass	2♥ ^{weak}	2♠
4♥	All Pass		

Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
4	-	4	-	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

Ella Jacob found herself in a tight 4♥ after a typically boisterous youth auction. South led their doubleton diamond which Ella won in the dummy. She advanced the trump king, ducked, and another trump to her queen, also winning.

The lesser mortals amongst us would woodenly play a third trump, hoping for the suit to break and find both black aces onside. Ella diagnosed that if trumps were breaking, one of the opponents would have won the first or second round rather than duck twice and come down to bare ace.

Accordingly, Ella abandoned trumps and began preparing for a trump coup against North's remaining ♥A-10. She led a club towards the dummy, taken by South's ace, who proceeded to cash the spade ace then exit a club. Ella won the club continuation in dummy and ruffed a third club establishing the suit.

Now it was a simple matter of returning to dummy in diamonds and peddling winning clubs through North. Whether they ruffed or not, Ella had all but one of the tricks for +420. She was the only declarer in the room to make ten tricks in hearts.

This result meshed nicely with her teammates, Alex Smirnov and Darren Brake, who somehow made 3NT on the North-South cards for +600. The best North-South score in the room and one of the top East-West scores added up to a useful 14 imp swing.

Dealer: West
 Vul: N-S
 Brd 12

♠ Q 7 2
 ♥ A Q 9 6 5 4
 ♦ ---
 ♣ K 8 3 2

♠ K 8
 ♥ K J 7
 ♦ K J 8
 ♣ A Q 7 5 4

♠ A 9 5
 ♥ 2
 ♦ A Q 6 5 4
 ♣ J 10 9 6

♠ J 10 6 4 3
 ♥ 10 8 3
 ♦ 10 9 7 3 2
 ♣ ---

West	North	East	South
Dalley	Long	Nunn	T. Lusk
1♥	1NT	2♥	3NT
4♥	Dbl	All Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	6	-	6	NT
-	-	-	-	♠
2	-	1	-	♥
-	5	-	4	♦
-	5	-	6	♣

A relatively sound piece of advice often preached is "do not sacrifice against 3NT". The reasoning behind this trope is that when the opponents have reached 3NT, they usually have balanced hands and strength – meaning that they have good defence and your fits are likely to be worse on average.

Paul "Neo" Dalley had clearly not heard this piece of advice and made the excellent decision to dive in 4♥x over 3NT. Would you believe me if I told you he made this contract, losing just two spades and ONE trump?

Long selected an unfortunate club ace for his opening lead. Dalley ruffed, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond, cashed the king of clubs and ruffed his last club. He continued the trump shortening by ruffing a third diamond, now up to seven tricks and down to three spades and ♥AQ9 left in hand.

Dalley exited a spade, taken by North who played the thirteenth club, ruffed with the ♥9. Dalley exited again with spades, and now it was South's turn to fall from grace. Needing to lead a heart through declarer's ♥AQ, South instead played a third spade. North, down to ♥KJ7, was forced to ruff and was endplayed at trick twelve for +590.

This was another case of meshing with the best score in the room in the other direction, with GeO Tislevoll and Nick Jacob bringing back +720 in 3NT for 16 imps in.

Dealer: East ♠ ---
 Vul: None ♥ K 9 5 3
 Brd 14 ♦ A Q 10 2
 ♣ 7 6 4 3 2

♠ 10 8 6 2
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ K 8 5 4 3
 ♣ 9 5

♠ A K J 3
 ♥ A Q J 4 2
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A Q 8

♠ Q 9 7 5 4
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ J 7 6
 ♣ K J 10

West	North	East	South
Price	D. Gue	Tier	O'Reilly
		1♣ ^{16+any}	2♠ ^{why not?}

Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Makeable Contracts


-	1	-	-	NT
3	-	3	-	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
-	-	1	-	♦
-	3	-	2	♣

Victorian youth star Rebecca O'Reilly, with ice in her veins, overcalled a fearless weak 2♠ over East's Precision club. This had a magical effect, creating a tortuous East-West auction which finally ended in 3NT. This was playable single-dummy but the layout was not friendly.

O'Reilly unerringly selected the six of diamonds for her opening lead. David Gue won his ten and switched to a club, finessed by declarer to Bec's king. She returned a diamond, ducked to David's queen for another club back.

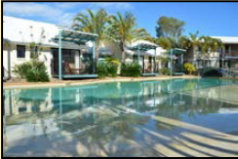
Declarer ducked this to Bec who advanced the ♦J. Declarer had lost track of the spots and did not realise that they could cover to build up the ♦8, so Bec was able to win this trick then clear the club suit.

Poor declarer now tried to set up some tricks by laying down the heart ace and continuing with the queen. David won, cashed two clubs and one diamond, and that was nine tricks for the defence. Declarer only made ♠A-K, ♥A and ♣A for -250.



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* Potentially a Bridge Holiday at Margaret River Oct 30 – Nov 5th (more info soon) *



GOLD COAST RESCUE

SERIES ONE

GOLD MASTERPOINTS

Saturday 5th March

Open and Restricted (Under 300 at 31/12/21)

Butler Swiss Pairs

Sunday 6th March

Open Swiss Teams

Two sessions each day: 9 am and 1 pm AEST
(Queensland Time)

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The Gold Coast Congress – A History

Written by Tony Jackman for the 50th anniversary.

Our author Tony Jackman was, for a long time, convenor and 'genial host' of the Gold Coast Congress. Among his claims to fame – he is the only person to have played in all 49 congresses – so far. He also easily holds the record for most wins (six) in the Pairs Plate. This caused him to derive 'Jackman's Law – It's better to win the 'Z' grade than come nowhere in the Open'.

Finally wanting to give up the convening task 5 or 6 years ago, he called for a replacement. His GCC team member of many years, Therese Tully stepped back too slowly. She is now the big chief – and doing a great job.

Preamble: Med student's common room, late 1958. A couple of us were sitting there, waiting for the poker school to assemble. Next one in said – "Mum taught me a new game last night – Bridge". It wasn't quite new, we'd played 500 and Solo, but for me that kicked off a love affair that endures 50 years on. Soon, med studies slipping away, I was involved with the now burgeoning bridge scene in S-E Queensland.

The game had almost died after the war, but the arrival from Scotland of the energetic and enthusiastic Dr. George McCutcheon changed that rapidly. He got new clubs started, then weekend congresses, first in Toowoomba, then in Brisbane. Tim Seres and Dick Cummings came up for the first Brisbane Congress. They endorsed McCutcheon's view that a weeklong congress at a holiday venue would be viable. They were right!

Early Days – The Chevron: The first GCC was played late February 1962 – dead off season so prices were low. Venue was the Chevron Hotel in Surfers Paradise. Play was in a poky conference room below ground level. Still, it was large enough for the sixty-ish players who assembled. To my young eyes everything was hugely glamorous. I was playing, talking, drinking, eating for days on end with Queensland's best and superstars from the South. All enjoyed, loved the Pink Elephant Bar, the beach and other Gold Coast attractions. They vowed to return, and spread the word. Queensland scored a never to be repeated double. Harold Hiley/ Bob Williams won the Pairs and, with George McCutcheon, Tony Jackman, Denis Priest and Bruce Meares, edged out Seres/Cummings with Ron McIntosh/ Jim Waugh (SA) in the team's final.

We were off and running. By 1964 the Chevron had a fine new conference facility, great for the times and able to accommodate our steadily increasing numbers. It was on the Eastern side of their magnificent pool and garden complex. This was to be our playing venue until 1989. There are myriad stories about the pool area. I recall the great Queensland woman player Molly Dawson on the diving board of the top pool. She remembered she had her bath robe on so - still on the board - she removed it, pitching it back on the edge. However, at no stage did she take away the ever-present cigarette from her lips – it dived with her. There is still a mystery relating to which player caused the underwater viewing window in the pool to meet its demise in the early a.m. midweek at a '60s congress. My understanding is that Roelof Smilde denies all knowledge of, or responsibility for the ensuing flood!

Numbers grew through the sixties. The format, effectively a five session (two qualifying, three final) pairs then three days of teams culminating in finals, followed by a celebratory dinner has been expanded but is still the basis. "If it 'ain't' broke, don't fix it".

For many of the early years the team's final was a clash between a Seres led group, usually with Mary McMahon, Roelof Smilde and Jessel Rothfield among others and a partially Queensland lineup of Tony Jackman, Frank Jarvis, Mike Robson with Don Evans and Ian Weiss. Most memorable was the 1968 final. It was our first attempt at Vu-Graph (Ed: in those days known as Bridgearama or Rama. A manual system where plaques representing each card were put up on a board with lights between each card which the operator would turn off as it was played – reported from the table by telephone) .

Unfortunately, we didn't realise the procedures added a lot of time. The 40 board final started at 8.00 p.m., was halfway through at 11.15 p.m. with Tim's team up 36imps. Board 40 finished at 2.45 a.m. still with 200 people watching! We had clawed our way back and the result was - a tie! A four board playoff ensued immediately, our lot losing by 2imps. We learnt – for following years the Vu-Graph became only 20 boards.

Various people - George McCutcheon, Arthur Hoffmann, Denis Priest and Jimmy O'Sullivan were convenors through the sixties. O'Sullivan, later to be ABF president for a decade, always at our congress and later many others, was renowned for his hospitality.

Then, for most of the seventies the convening responsibility was given to George Cuppaidge (and wife Patricia). The congress continued to grow and, imitation being the sincerest form of flattery, spawned competition. The most notable is the Summer Festival now permanently held in Canberra in mid-January. Since its inception in Sydney in 1972 it has become a great success. These two events are, by far, Australia's largest.

Through the seventies, the strength and size of the field continued to increase. Tim Seres and Mary McMahon were dominant winning both Pairs and Teams many times. In that period their team-mates often included Bobby Richman and Ron Klinger – both on their way to stellar careers.

But 1977 was 'one to us'. For the last time – to date – a Queensland team took that Championship. My group 'Tony Jackman/ Mike Robson, Ian Morris/ Mike Pemberton', came from well back to grab the second finals spot, miles behind Tim. QBA VP Jan Kirk's non-bridge-playing (but punter) husband, Arthur, got 50:1 against us in the final. We won - but it's been a long time since those victory drinks.

Mid-term – Off to the ANA: In the early eighties the QBA Executive of the time had taken over the direct running of the Congress, notably via Reg Busch and Ivy Dahler. 1985 was most memorable – a long state-wide power strike was in effect and players had to cope with little light and no aircon during the pairs. The strike ended during the last pairs session and all was well by the start of the teams.

When Keith McDonald became QBA President, the executive decided to revert to giving the responsibility again to a convenor. As his VP (who believed VPs should be largely ceremonial), I suddenly had "an offer I couldn't refuse", and became Convenor/ Congress Chairman in 1988.

My first year at the helm came with one considerable shock. Early in the week the Chevron Hotel management advised that we had to move – their site was to be redeveloped. There were regrets – a great 26 year experience had come to an end. The new ANA Hotel became our next home from 1989. The new venue worked, and we had a happy partnership with the ANA Hotel. Growth continued. By 2001 we needed extra space. The Gold Coast International Hotel, 400 metres North, became a second site. New team's divisions – Seniors and Restricted – were added that year, and similar pairs events in 2002

During my time, some seventeen years, I was aided by many good people. All were valuable but, most of all, was QBA manager Kim Ellaway – always efficient, nothing ever too hard. Richard Grenside (who had taken over from Ian McKinnon) was Chief Tournament Director until international commitments forced him to resign in 1997. Reg Busch, who had for many years been Assistant Chief Director (as well as numerous other significant Congress roles) took over for two years and was succeeded admirably by Laurie Kelso, still in the chair. Roger Penny, Michael Kent, Sean Mullamphy, David Anderson and Richard Ward were among other national directors who contributed much in my term. Locals John and Joy Carbis, now succeeded by Gerald Schaaf, were invaluable – players get sick, mistake the times or simply don't turn up. Joy, unflappable, had always a Gold Coast substitute on hand to play (or work). Joan McPheat through much of my term and before has led our scoring team and did this magnificently. When she stepped down Martin Willcox came on board. The transition was seamless. Ray Ellaway was everywhere, and along, first with Judy Nothdurft, later with Sue Kelso, Sarah Jane Reid and Marg Jabore have given us meticulous floor management.

To my mind the hospitality aspect of the Congress ranks in importance with playing circumstances. We want – and mostly achieve this – our competitors to go home, perhaps thinking that they could have played better, but knowing that they have had a great time and certainly "value for money". The then ABF Secretary Dennis Yovich wrote some time ago stressing the value of a final presentation. The Closing Dinner at the Gold Coast has for years been, in our view, a big factor in the continuing success of the Congress.

Others who have contributed much in my term have been my wife Clare and our great friend Meta Goodman. Through the ANA years they ran the 'Hospital' – after session hospitality. Meta has been a driving force in making our Congress known overseas.

Leading overseas players Brian Glubok, Karen McCallum – both US – and England's Richard King were early visitors. In 1994 we invited Larry Cohen and Eric Rodwell (with his soon to be wife Donna Burt) to visit Queensland and play in the event. They were super guests and I, believe, "added value" – and glamour. The great Japanese player Akio Kurokawa has also made a couple of visits leading a party. Teacher/writer Phillip Alder combined a teaching tour with play, as later did then ACBL official teacher Audrey Grant.

During 1994 on a family visit to the UK I spent a day at the English Bridge Union (EBU) headquarters at Aylesbury (near Oxford). Then EBU Secretary, John Williams was most helpful and I left him an invitation. It essentially provided free entry (and much hospitality) to an EBU accredited team.

Soon after London solicitor Geoffrey Wolfarth brought out the first of such teams including, among others, Mark Horton and Brian Senior (and wife Nevena). Mark and Brian – apart from being great players – were editors of the two major English bridge magazines. They enjoyed their visits and the subsequent stories they printed gave the Coast increased recognition on the world scene. In 1997 the EBU returned (and upped) our offer. They then invited us to send "an Australian team with a Queensland flavour" to the major Brighton Festival. We accepted and Jim Wallis/Ish Del'Monte, Mike Robson and I enjoyed the occasion and the opportunity to proselytize.

In 1998 (and 1999) leading English professional Paul Hackett led teams including his twin sons Jason and Justin (world junior champions) to the event. They were to return along with other EBU teams. Bill Hirst/John Hassett, Mike Pomfrey/Ron Morrish were next. All proved popular and successful. Since then, Bill Hirst has acted as unofficial recruiter for the GCC in England and has brought out quality teams almost every year.

Slightly closer – ‘across the ditch’ – New Zealanders had discovered the GCC. Much credit here goes to Jim Wallis who was a relentless advocate for us on his many trips to the NZ Nationals. Kiwi numbers at the congress now approach 200. They have had much success through the later ANA years. Some liked it here so much that they based in Australia. Stephen Burgess, Paul Marston, Ish Del’Monte and Ash Bach have been multiple winners at the Coast.

Triggered by long term CTD Richard Grenside’s resignation in 1997, my committee decided to create a Gold Coast Congress “Roll of Honour”. The Honour Board is on display at the QCBC during the year and at the venue in the playing week. Those who rendered conspicuous service before 1997 are shown at the base and those who since have had to part company are listed separately above. We felt it our honour to add the names of Mary McMahon and Tim Seres in 2002. It was Mary’s last Congress. She had played in all 41 up to that year winning, mostly with Tim, a staggering 13 teams titles and six pairs.

Recent Times – Over to Therese and the Convention Centre: After the 2004 Congress it was obvious that our venues – two conference floors at both ANA and GCI – were almost at capacity and a site move had to be planned. Time for a ‘hospital pass’, as footballers say. I had decided to step down and this seemed the right time.

We were fortunate to find Therese Tully willing to take over. She has been in charge since then and has done magnificently. With her team, spearheaded by QBA manager Kim Ellaway and CTD Laurie Kelso, she coped with the last two crowded years at the existing venues, and managed the negotiations and planning for the impending move to the new Gold Coast Convention Centre at Broadbeach. There was some terror – Would the players like it? Would they be happy with the available accommodation and eateries. Above all – Would they come? and then – Would they return? The answer to all these questions was a resounding ‘Yes’.

2007 was the first year there. The site proved superb. In one great room it has space for well over 400 team along with terrific aircon and acoustics. Parking is easy and, close at hand, there’s a wide variety of places to stay and places to heat.

On the playing front it’s now obvious that the GCC has become a true international event with great players from all over the world finding their way here. Therese, for many years a regular in Australian women’s team, has long been a driving force in popularising our event overseas. A recent masterstroke was bringing the Yeh Bros Cup to the Gold Coast. Played just before our tournament, it brought many of the world’s best players here with most staying for the GCC. This influx is a little embarrassing for our own players – the visitors are often winners – but should also be an inspiration.

On most grounds, the Gold Coast (Surfers to the older folk) is an evident success. Outside bodies are aware of our event’s value. Queensland premier Anna Bligh has accepted the role of patron and Gold Coast’s mayor, Ron Clark has been a loyal supporter. Proof that the players love it is the ongoing growth.

Much of the credit is due, throughout its long history, to being able to maintain an efficient, stable and happy working team with only slow change and then with skills passed on. Recently Matthew McManus and Ed Barnes took over the scoring and David Stern became Bulletin Editor – no problems in either case.

We have a definite policy towards retaining the basic format. Changes are introduced, but slowly. In recent years, for example, we have moved to a longer finals series for the teams – now with six teams making playoffs. This has freed some time at the end of the week for extra events for those not in the finals. Most prestigious of these are the Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs and the Seres/McMahon Mixed Teams (the ‘Tim and Mary’) – both named in honour of long time Congress stalwarts. Specific events for novices, Pairs and Teams, were introduced in 2008. They went well and similar competitions for intermediates are now included. Other add-ons include ‘You ask, we answer’ sessions hosted by volunteer experts and extra walk-in pairs late in the congress.

In early days the ABF seemed unsure of how to view the Gold Coast Congress and was reluctant to accord it similar status to national events under its direct control. The reasons are now historical - the GCC was well under way before the ABF existed in its present form. Most of the apparent problems were resolved in John Brockwell’s term as ABF president.

The GCC it is now Gold Pointed, has Playoff Qualifying Points and is run totally in accordance with ABF regulations. The GCC usually returns a good profit, and this goes to the Queensland Bridge Association, who own and run the event. As well though, I note that payments (for Master Points and the Playoff Qualifying Points sanction fees) to the national body are close to \$20,000 a year. My own belief is that our Congress has a different - I believe better - flavour to it than the other Nationals, and should continue in its distinct style.

YOUTH NIGHT AT THE GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

Thank you to the Gold Coast Bridge Club for hosting a get together for the (ex)youth players to have a great night of Crazy Bridge and BAM (Board a Match). Thank you to the QBA and the GCC for supporting Youth Bridge as always, and Paul Brake along with Michael Gearing and Laura Ginnan for helping organise and run the event.



Board-a-match final results:

North South team: Nabil Edgton, Jack Luke-Paredi, Alex Smirnov, Damon Flicker (NS table 1)

East West team: Alex Phillips, Jamie Thompson, James Coutts, Darren Brake (NS table 2)

		North South team BAM	East West team BAM
Board 13	Table 1: 3NT East 10 tricks (630) Table 2: 5C West 12 tricks (620)	0	2
Board 14	Table 1: 3NT North 7 tricks (100) Table 2: 3NT South 10 tricks 630	0	2
Board 15	Table 1: 6H X West 12 tricks (1210) Table 2: 6H West 12 tricks (980)	0	2
Board 16	Table 1: 4S West 10 tricks 620 Table 2: 4S East 10 tricks 620	1	1
	Total	1	7

The Numbers Game

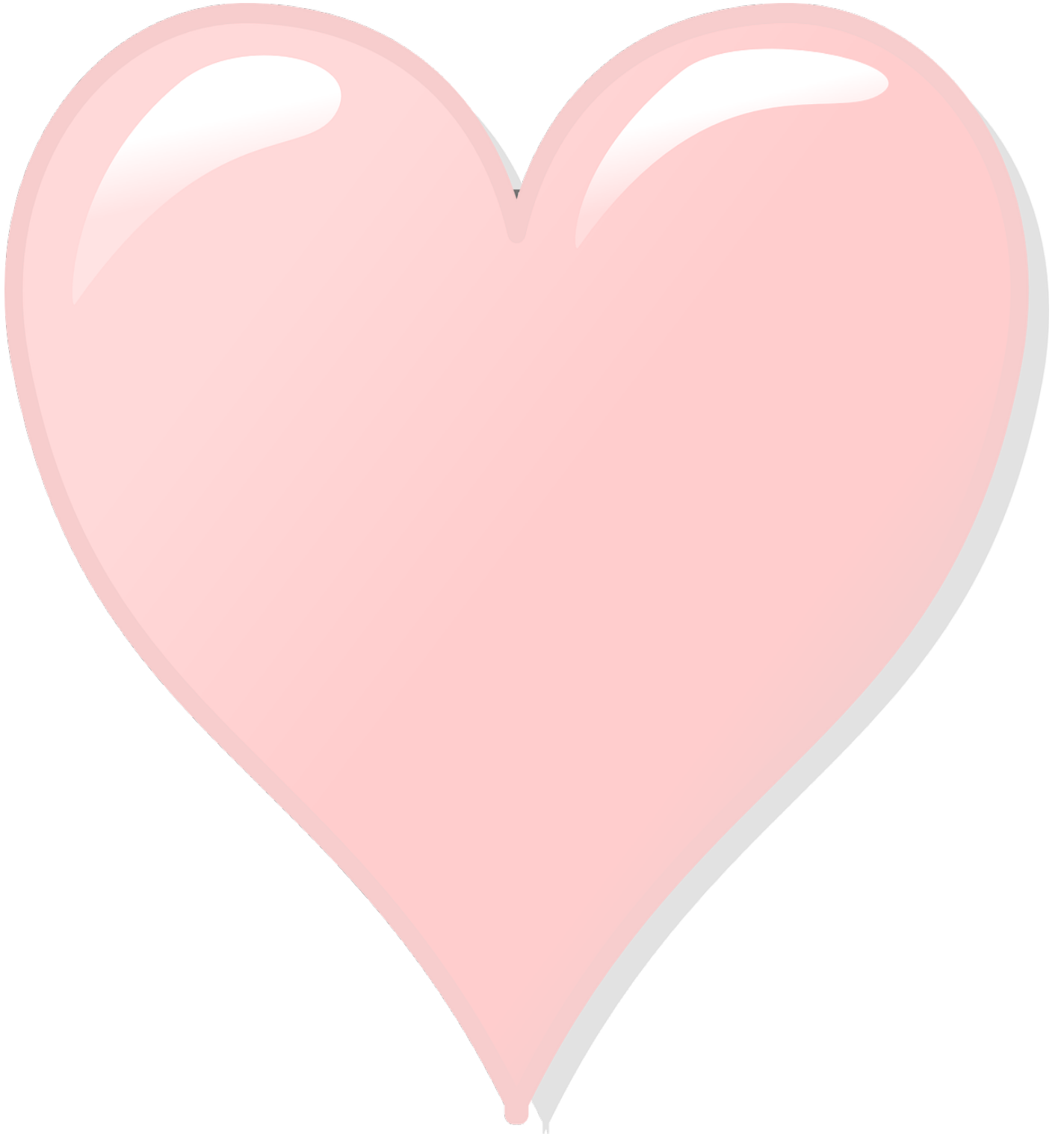
	Pairs					Teams			
	Open	Seniors	Intermediate Novice Restricted	Swiss Pairs	Total	Open	Seniors	Intermediate Novice Restricted	Total
2006	324	98	156		578	244	56	86	386
2007	297	91	180		568	243	45	103	391
2008	332	104	162		598	274	48	96	418
2009	284	106	180		570	246	46	96	388
2010	314	102	204		620	214	44	138	396
2011	304	98	292		694	240	46	150	436
2012	264	94	282		640	220	46	138	404
2013	194	88	308	242	832	200	52	174	426
2014	198	70	312	296	876	196	46	184	426
2015	198	52	328	320	898	208	36	192	436
2016	184	52	350	350	936	206	34	216	456
2017	186	48	326	470	1030	214	40	228	482
2018	190	56	352	448	1046	226	36	202	464
2019	201	35	378	406	1020	212	20	234	466
2020	228	0	396	408	1032	236	0	232	468
2022	108	0	192	162	462	70	0	138	208

TABLE COUNT
TO THE END OF PLAY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 2757
 (Last GCC 2020: 6053, and in 2019: 6124)

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OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING MATCH SIX

The Law of Large Numbers

Liam Milne

Dealer: North
 Vul: N-S
 Brd 21

♠ A J 8 2
 ♥ ---
 ♦ K J 8 7 6 5 4
 ♣ 8 5

♠ 9 5
 ♥ A Q J 8 2
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ 9 6 3 2

♠ K Q 10 7 6 4 3
 ♥ K 7
 ♦ 10 2
 ♣ A K

♠ ---
 ♥ 10 9 6 5 4 3
 ♦ A Q
 ♣ Q J 10 7 4

West	North	East	South	
Smirnov	Milne	E. Jacob	Coutts	
	1♦	2NT ^{♥+♣}	3♥	
5♥	5♠	Pass	6♠	
7♥	Pass ^{forcing}	Pass	7♠	
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass	
Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
-	5	-	5	♠
5	-	5	-	♥
-	5	-	5	♦
4	-	4	-	♣

This wild deal generated large swings across the field. The auction at our table was as instructive as it was unsuccessful.

Coutts' 3♥ "unusual versus unusual" was a way for responder to have multiple ways of competing with spades showing various strengths. When international visitor Alex Smirnov made a destructive jump to 5♥, I was happy to raise spades with a good fit and a void in the opponents' suit.

Coutts tried 6♠, reasonable but failing with the ♦AQ both offside. Smirnov believed we had done the right thing and dived in 7♥; also reasonable and unsuccessful, but slated to only go for -300 or -500, cheap even against a vulnerable game.

Now the wheels came off. I passed, showing first-round heart control, and Coutts tried 7♠ trusting I had the heart void and hoping for the ♠A and the ♦A-K opposite. Ella Jacob knew we had done the wrong thing in the face of their obstructive bidding and doubled, cashing the ♦A for one down.

Bringing back 7♠x -1 didn't look too good. Naturally teammates had a beautiful 6♠ -1 for an anticlimactic 3 imps in the out column.

19 North-Souths ventured to the six-level or higher unsuccessfully. A similar number of East-Westes managed to buy the hand in 6♥ or 7♥, usually doubled, with a wide variety of plus and minus results depending on the other table.

Dealer: East
 Vul: Both
 Brd 26

♠ 7 4 3
 ♥ 10 6 4 2
 ♦ 8 6 3
 ♣ 7 6 3

♠ A J 8 6 5 2
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ 8 4

♠ K Q 10
 ♥ K 8 5
 ♦ K 10 9 4
 ♣ K Q 9

♠ 9
 ♥ A Q 7 3
 ♦ J 7 2
 ♣ A J 10 5 2

West	North	East	South	
		1♣	1NT	
Dbl	All Pass			
Makeable Contracts				
3	-	3	-	NT
4	-	4	-	♠
3	-	3	-	♥
3	-	3	-	♦
4	-	4	-	♣

This was a dangerous board for South who usually overcalled 1NT, doubled by West. The best spot for North-South was contracting for the fewest tricks, which meant staying put in 1NTx rather than 'rescuing' to higher, even more fraught contracts.

On best defence, declarer should only make two spades and one club. West can establish their spade suit and declarer is horribly squeezed and endplayed in the process. Four down doubled and vulnerable is -1100, the defence's rightful entitlement on the deal.

Declarer usually has an advantage in 1NT, however, and so it proved here. Of the 15 declarers in 1NTx, three escaped for -500, six conceded -800, and five went for the full -1100.


Pride of place went to Chris Hughes and Kim Morrison who were somehow able to restrict declarer to just the two spade tricks for down five and -1400.

Those who scrambled to the loftier heights of 2♦x or 2♥x mostly went for -1100, the utility of a trump suit being more than offset by playing a level higher. In this auction, advancer's pass of the double should be 'to play' or at least 'neutral, OK to play in notrumps'. Any system that forces overcaller to redouble will inevitably miss some perfectly playable 1NTx contracts.

A large portion of the room eschewed the opportunity of a healthy penalty and played in 3♠ or 4♠. This should also make ten tricks, losing just two spades and either a club (establishing the suit) or a heart (setting up two discards for West's losers). The line of play should be marked after South's 1NT overcall, but none of the eight declarers in 4♠ were up to the task this time.

The end of match six marked the halfway point of the teams qualifying. Progress scores at the top of the leaderboard showed BUCHEN in control:

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	4	BUCHEN	5	0	1	152	79.28	12.44	91.72
2	6	HAFFER	4	0	2	109	67.92	16.21	84.13
3	26	HOFFMAN	5	0	1	122	72.31	10.97	83.28
4	16	BLOOM	5	0	1	96	75.62	7.56	83.18
5	38	MCGRATH	4	0	2	124	73.75	9.03	82.78
6	5	KROCHMALIK	5	0	1	88	66.85	15.06	81.91





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DEFENCE IN DETAIL

Liam Milne



Back again in 2022, Defence in Detail looks at real-life hands from the last six months with a focus on practical plays, counting the hand and logical thinking. These deals are designed to be solvable, so put on your thinking hat and play along as we defend the hand together.

Before making the 'automatic' play, look ahead and predict the likely consequences. Something more unusual might be required from you.

In the finals of a national teams event, you have to defend against a solid-looking 3NT contract. You pick up the following hand as East:

♠ 6 5 3 ♥ Q 10 6 4 ♦ 8 7 ♣ K 10 9 3

The opponents have a descriptive auction with South 'reversing' showing 16+ points:

Your partner leads the unbid suit, ♣4, and a strong dummy comes down:

	West	North	East	South
			Pass	1♦
	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
	Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
	Pass	3NT	End	

Dir: East ♠ A K J 8 4 2
 Vul: Nil ♥ 8 5
 ♦ 9 6 2
 ♣ Q 8

You (E)

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 5 3
 ♥ Q 10 6 4
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ K 10 9 3

Declarer tries the ♣Q from dummy and you are happy to cover with the ♣K, winning as declarer follows with the ♣2. Your ♣10 holds the next trick too (declarer plays the ♣7 and partner the ♣5).

Before playing a third club, it costs nothing to construct the shape of the hand and consider if any other play appeals. Declarer's most likely shape is 1-4-5-3 and partner is therefore something like 3-3-3-4, and declarer surely has the ♣A on the bidding.

Is there any reason not to play a third club?

Solution:

We know two things that declarer doesn't: (a) clubs are divided 4-4, so the defence can only set up three tricks in the suit; and (b) assuming that declarer has a spade, the spades are breaking 3-3 and potentially worth six tricks.

A club return will have a predictable outcome. Declarer will establish their diamonds, and if they need to lose a trick to partner, your third club only sets up one more defensive trick. You will take three clubs and one diamond and that is likely to be that.

If we don't return a club, it is clear that playing a spade or a diamond will only help declarer set up their own tricks. What about hearts? Partner has three hearts and if they hold a couple of useful cards, a heart switch might be annoying for declarer. And hearts are unlikely to be a suit that declarer will be relying on to make their contract.

We don't need to set up the whole heart suit – partner can count too, so they will always have the option of going back to clubs after winning a trick. It is worthwhile trying a heart and seeing if this generates some interest.

A nice card to lead for your partner is the ♥6 – a highish one suggesting that you prefer not to have a heart returned back to you.

Here is the full hand:

Dir: East	♠ A K J 8 4 2													
Vul: Nil	♥ 8 5													
	♦ 9 6 2													
	♣ Q 8													
		You (E)												
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♦ A 4 3			♦ 8 7											
♣ J 6 5 4			♣ K 10 9 3											
	♠ Q													
	♥ A J 7 3													
	♦ K Q J 10 5													
	♣ A 7 2													

A boring third club will give declarer no choice but to make their contract. The ninth trick can only come from diamonds and partner has only one trick to cash when they get in.

A dynamic heart shift, however, gives declarer no chance. If they rise with the ace, there are five losers, while if they duck, partner can win and switch back to clubs. Eric Rodwell named this tactic the 'bait-and-switch' for good reason!

Point to remember: if the obvious play is going to lead to an obvious defeat, consider the effects of all possible alternatives.

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THE KLINGER QUIZ

Ron Klinger



This series of quizzes consist of problems that were faced in real life tournaments. Here is the sixth problem.

What would you lead as West given the auction below:

Teams	West	West	North	East	South
Dealer: West	♠ A 10 5 3 2	Pass	1NT ¹	Pass	2♦ ²
Vul: Both	♥ Q 9 2	Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
	♦ 10 2	Pass	3♦ ³	Pass	4♣
	♣ J 10 4	Pass	4♥ ⁴	Pass	5♣
		Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (1) 15-17
- (2) Transfer to hearts
- (3) Values in diamonds
- (4) Cue bid agreeing clubs

Solution:

This deal was from a Victor Champion Cup Open Swiss Teams.

Dealer: West	♠ K 9 6		
Vul: Both	♥ A 6		
Teams	♦ A Q 8 4		
	♣ K 9 8 7		
♠ A 10 5 3 2		♠ Q 7 4	
♥ Q 9 2		♥ 10 7 3	
♦ 10 2		♦ K J 7 6 5 3	
♣ J 10 4		♣ Q	
	♠ J 8		
	♥ K J 8 5 4		
	♦ 9		
	♣ A 6 5 3 2		

As I have learned at significant expense, it is usually a losing policy to lead a low card from an ace-high suit against a trump contract. An exception arises when dummy has shown a strong, balanced hand, such as a 1NT or a 2NT opening.

After the auction given, Nigel Rosendorff judged that South was unlikely to have spade control, else South might have looked for slam. Hoping to give declarer a guess, Rosendorff led the ♠3.

Such a lead has high risk and there is no guarantee that it will bring success, but here it worked like a charm. South naturally enough played low in dummy. East won with the ♠Q and returned a spade to West's ace. The defence collected a trump trick later to take 5♣ one down.

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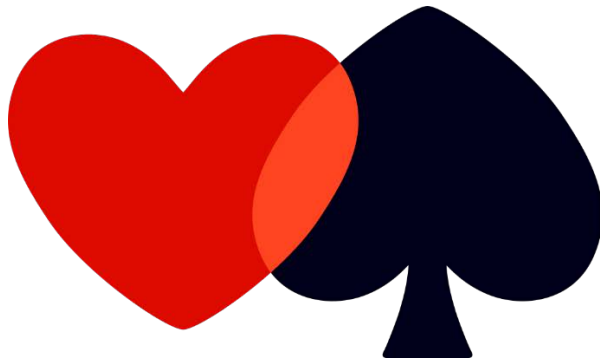
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Many of the conventions/defences listed, we already play – this fantastic book suggests extensions and additions. The book is exceptionally well laid-out and I particularly enjoyed how the countermeasure to an excellent convention follows immediately.

An excellent book, highly recommended for all levels.



REAL DEAL BRIDGE

Do you think about hands like the experts?
Same hand different situation 2 (green)

A new same hand, different situation problem will be on your table at the start of each day. Yesterday's hand came from board 18 in session 2 of the teams. David Beauchamp delivered an entertaining insight into his expert thoughts on choosing between overcalls and taking the vulnerability into account.

♠ 9 6 5
♥ A K 10 8 7 5
♦ J 9
♣ J 9

- What would you do if your Right-Hand Opponent opens 1♦:
"1♥ is my choice, 2♥ is ok."
- What would you do if your Right-Hand Opponent opens 2♠:
"Pass."
- If the auction starts on your left (1♠) X (2♠) ?
"4♥! If you are bidding 3♥. you're not bidding enough."

Today's same hand, different situation problem (see the expert opinion in the bulletin tomorrow)



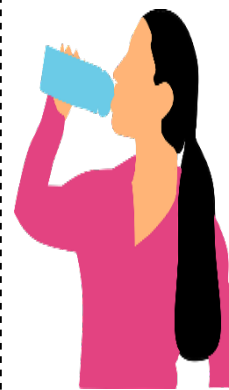
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Place	No.	Team Members				Score	
1	2	N Jacob - G Tislevoll - T Nunn - L Milne - P Dalley - J Coutts				110.53	
2	6	J Hafter - J Thompson - A Spooner - P Markey				109.60	
3	8	M Doecke - S Fischer - D Hoffman - J Tutty - W Jenner-O'Shea - P Reynolds				107.49	
4	4	A Kanetkar - I Thomson - M Thomson - P Buchen				105.80	
5	5	G Smolanko - P Lavings - A Braithwaite - A De Livera - R Krochmalik - G Kozakos				104.40	
6	16	L Adams - A Peake - S Harrison - M Bloom				102.71	
7	26	J Tobin - D Hudson - J Hoffman - D Fryda				99.98	
8	19	M Qin - W Zhou - C Lu - E Li				99.68	
9	7	A Watson - R Roeder - P Fordham - M Hughes - B Neill				99.61	
10	28	I Price - S Mayo - G Mayo - B Tier				98.51	
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	38	McGrath	96.90	41	54	Arul	77.90
12	3	Van Der Vlugt	96.37	42	68	O'Reilly	75.95
13	14	Gue	96.04	43	69	Flicker	74.85
14	9	Hutton	95.85	44	45	Mangos	74.68
15	25	Askew	95.77	45	59	Klugman	73.29
16	12	Humphries	93.70	46	53	Van Wyck	72.93
17	1	Ashton	92.11	47	40	Goodman	72.65
18	10	Pollock	91.67	48	47	Barwick	71.78
19	39	Lamport	91.13	49	55	Perrin	71.07
20	33	Berger	90.52	49	41	Fanos	71.07
21	63	Varga	90.45	51	50	Schoutrop	70.49
22	13	Magee	90.37	52	30	Allan	69.57
23	11	Smith	90.22	53	56	Stralow	69.25
24	37	Kingham	89.98	54	36	Moses	69.18
25	22	Dobes	88.10	55	29	Walters	68.33
26	15	Prescott	85.24	56	34	Wallis	67.56
27	58	Moore	84.44	57	42	Wilks	66.03
28	17	Ward	83.59	58	46	Bodycote	65.43
29	52	Hill	82.54	59	51	Kumar	64.67
30	18	Frazer	82.26	60	62	Young	64.25
31	27	Parker	81.51	61	48	Rutkowski	64.16
32	31	Collins	81.17	62	43	Martin	62.70
33	24	Wilkinson	80.66	63	49	Hackett	61.07
34	67	Ajzner	79.59	64	60	Mill	56.27
35	23	McLeish	79.14	65	65	Lindsay	55.93
36	44	Van Vucht	79.02	66	35	Tillotson	55.61
37	21	Bird	78.69	67	57	Tait	54.25
38	32	Maluish	78.23	68	70	Procel	49.84
39	20	Richman	78.00	69	64	Cordiner	47.49
40	61	Hyland	77.96	70	66	Clarke	46.39

QUALIFYING SCORES AFTER 8 OF 12 ROUNDS – UNDER 1500

Place	No.	Team Members				Score	
1	3	B Patterson - P Evans - P Bugler - J Evans				115.17	
2	4	V Roland - M Stoneman - J Glenn - A Hamilton				109.31	
3	6	F Hymus - K Homik - T Anagnostou - M Pisko				100.72	
4	24	A Corkhill - W Gibson - L Norman - C Newbery				99.71	
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
5	2	Li	97.22	18	14	Litzow	76.16
6	15	Guthrie	92.13	19	30	Johnson	75.85
7	1	McMahon	91.72	20	23	Chaffey	75.61
8	10	Nunn	91.09	21	12	Boyce	75.14
9	5	Kelly	90.78	22	17	Eastman	74.60
10	9	Wood	85.65	23	13	Rigano	73.14
11	16	Brown	85.44	24	27	Nothing	67.33
12	26	Swanson	81.74	25	21	Van Weeren	66.30
13	11	Davies	81.24	26	25	Huddart	62.50
14	20	O'Donohue	80.95	27	7	Thatcher	60.38
15	28	Baldwin	80.94	28	22	Crawt	55.23
16	19	Wanigaratne	79.44	29	29	Burrie	50.81
17	8	Ranke	76.61	30	18	Palmer	47.09

QUALIFYING SCORES AFTER 8 OF 12 ROUNDS – INTERMEDIATE

Place	No.	Team Members				Score	
1	3	A Riepsamen - J Lassman - D Christian - G Elich				116.35	
2	30	M Tiplady - J Lokan - B Brooks - R MacEy				105.06	
3	19	J Churchett - T Henderson - M Simpson - D Hartwig				101.96	
4	22	K Murray - R Holgate - N Williams - P Fitzmaurice				98.52	
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
5	16	Rayani	94.69	24	26	Eastman	77.19
6	4	Argent	93.85	25	9	Gibson	76.70
7	15	Bradshaw	93.53	26	17	Barfoot	76.18
8	6	Van Bakel	92.80	27	40	Ramsund	74.95
9	5	Chamberlin	92.79	28	12	Delorenzo	74.08
10	41	Meyers	90.60	29	28	Coppin	71.75
11	8	Roark	90.20	30	38	Hegarty	70.94
12	37	Boyd	89.78	31	11	Powis	69.80
13	33	Stevens	87.65	32	13	Jenkins	68.74
14	14	Williams B	87.40	33	32	Weber	68.25
15	27	Walsh	85.31	34	25	Rosetta	66.99
16	1	Kelley	84.72	35	18	Lloyd	65.15
17	20	Sutherland	84.43	36	36	Nadebaum	60.21
18	24	Ward	81.09	37	35	Van Kruistum	57.56
18	21	Peacock	81.09	38	29	Willcocks	53.64
20	31	Glover	80.94	39	39	Treloar	53.28
21	2	Robinson	80.68	40	34	Beckman	50.60
22	10	Koster	78.96	41	42	House	37.97
23	23	McClintock	78.37	42	7	Cameron	35.25

QUALIFYING SCORES AFTER 8 OF 12 ROUNDS – RESTRICTED

Place	No.	Team Members				Score	
1	1	G McKenzie - M Brown - J Parsons - J Russell				112.70	
2	35	M Meakin - H Clugston - T Clarke - H Clarke				112.10	
3	11	C Taberner - M Poynten - T White - J Andrew				104.34	
4	28	A Smuts - H Henn - F Trescowthick - S Acton				102.19	
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
5	23	Carter S	102.02	27	19	Sharp	79.79
6	26	Thomson	100.36	28	8	Junge	79.42
7	9	Petterson	99.81	29	27	King	79.14
8	45	Leiba	98.75	30	43	Williams	75.95
9	12	Barnes	95.27	31	41	Anderson	75.76
10	30	Clarebrough	92.94	32	33	Blair	74.85
11	14	Males	92.54	33	20	Brink	71.77
12	46	Smith A	91.34	34	4	Mladen	71.45
13	13	Acworth	86.99	35	44	Sheldrake	71.18
14	5	Neary	85.89	36	47	Carter J	70.70
15	2	Stammel	85.72	37	40	Pappas	70.54
16	42	Bickford	85.64	38	31	Moss	68.85
17	39	Jaffe	85.23	39	38	Innes	68.52
18	36	Speller	85.19	40	32	Gilmour	68.25
19	10	Ting	84.58	41	6	Hamilton-Reen	66.96
20	18	Ledger	83.32	42	15	Love	62.77
21	16	Stoney	82.70	43	17	Sharp	61.73
22	7	Knight	82.65	44	24	Howard	61.71
23	29	Howitt	82.14	45	22	Carter B	59.67
24	48	Bonic	80.62	46	25	Smith M	51.00
25	34	Hooper	80.55	47	21	Nugent	46.68
26	3	Markovic	80.47	48	37	Sargent	27.26

QUALIFYING SCORES AFTER 8 OF 12 ROUNDS – NOVICE

Place	No.	Team Members				Score	
1	1	R Bishop - J Tagney - D Sydes - M Henry				108.17	
2	8	I Van Altena - H Bridgman - D Niesler - D George				99.81	
3	2	I Franklin - J Borg - J Vazirzadeh - D Chatman				99.28	
4	13	P Harnack - M Harnack - L Lee - G Dobson				95.83	
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
5	17	Edwards	90.35	12	5	Mathieson	76.58
6	10	Jia	90.06	13	3	Bennion	73.32
7	12	Ryan	89.92	14	7	Green	72.28
8	16	Morris	83.36	15	4	Barrett	68.29
9	6	Whelan	80.00	16	15	McIntosh	56.44
10	9	Burley	79.67	17	14	Stockley	50.30
11	18	Douglas	77.88	18	11	Friedlaender	48.46

0-50 MP Pairs – Wednesday

Place	Pair	Average	Place	Pair	Average
1	Linda Neil - Peter Neil	62.81	17	Faye Fatseas - Jacqui Dudurovic	49.70
2	David Ward - Elizabeth Ward	62.28	18	Tracey Sisson - Andrew Sisson	49.29
3	Margot McKellar - Julia Caldwell	60.31	19	Jayne Francis - Sydney Rowan	48.92
4	Rob Swann - Philip Argyris	58.46	20	Peter Leggo - Daphne Leggo	47.77
5	Tom Ferris - Lee Chenoweth	57.20	21	Marie Downing - Selby Downing	47.58
6	David Crocker - Richard Tarnawski	55.07	22	Beth Randall - Margaret Wayland	47.21
7	David Baru - Gary Rickard	54.52	23	John Reed - Chris Pohle	46.94
8	Althea Crowley - Persephone Lobb	53.07	24	Lesley Rouse - Kim Rouse	45.70
9	Louise Bennett - Stephen Bennett	53.05	25	Frank Killbey - Robyn Wells	44.95
10	Neil Sadler - Cia Adermann	52.80	26	Thomas Block - Joy Block	43.89
11	Helen Zerphey - Ada Krawczyk	51.80	27	Anna De Borah - Anna Oprysa	43.77
12	Judith Bramich - Cheryl Martin	51.80	28	Pam Schiller - Kathryn Kelly	43.22
13	Jenny Munro - Helen Blake	51.15	29	Irene Hayward - Lois Munro	42.84
14	Philip Kerr - Ange Kerr	50.98	30	Ken Greig - Wandini Noal	42.75
15	Gwynne Harris - Mike Martin	49.99	31	Jo Keylar - Chris Trimblett	40.33
16	Debbie Carroll - Jacinta Lee	49.80	32	Anne Zuscak - David Lewis	40.17

Sage Walk-In Pairs Wednesday AM

	N-S	Score		E-W	Score
1	Terry O'Dempsey - Lynne Gray	58.95	1	Lavy Libman - Tomer Libman	75.00
2	Peter Saundry - Anka Saundry	57.56	2	Ann Murray - Steve Murray	58.80
3	Colleen Berry - Val Dawson	56.33	3	Lauren Somers - John Masters	58.02
4	James Williamson - Janelle Williamson	52.31	4	Louise Garnett - Lol Garnett	51.23
5	Margie Hullah - Nick Hullah	51.85	5	Claire Vanderloos - Clemens Vanderloos	50.00
6	Pauline Lane - Robyn Stanhope	50.46	6	Sew Yoon Yap-Giles - Peter Lyons	49.23
7	Carol Sheldrake - Helen Hobbs	49.69	7	Turgut Manli - Michael Clibbon	48.30
8	Rozalyn Wright - Lesley-Ann Parry	48.30	8	Hanna Majewski - Leif Michelsson	47.38
9	Pat Sleat - Ray Ingielewicz	47.69	9	Max Paterson - Jenny Paterson	46.91
9	Bevley D'aquino - Lisa McConkey	47.69	10	Sean Quinn - Thais Morgan-Pertus	45.83
11	Kerry Flanagan - Helen Andrew	43.52	11	Penny Baldwin - Kym Batt	43.21
12	Jill Ward - Jean Matthews	43.36	12	Joyce Donovan - Lynn Harris	42.75
13	Vivienne Polak - Frances Burns	42.28	13	Christine Jensen - Sandra Lawrence	33.33

Sage Walk-In Pairs Wednesday PM

	N-S	Score		E-W	Score
1	Ross Steinwedel - Lois Steinwedel	56.89	1	Lavy Libman - Tomer Libman	58.93
2	Terry O'Dempsey - Paul Thiem	55.87	2	Eva Shand - Les Varadi	55.61
3	Colleen Berry - Val Dawson	51.28	3	Pauline Erby - Gil Clarke	53.32
4	Carol Sheldrake - Helen Hobbs	51.02	4	Lauren Somers - John Masters	49.49
5	Bob Davies - Siobhan Davies	50.26	5	Hanna Majewski - Leif Michelsson	48.98
6	Pauline Lane - Robyn Stanhope	47.45	6	Daniela Shannon - Glenda Sayers	46.43
7	T Morgan-Pertus - Sean Quinn	44.13	7	Ann Murray - Steve Murray	44.13
8	Rozalyn Wright - Lesley-Ann Parry	43.11	8	Turgut Manli - Michael Clibbon	43.11



Located upstairs opposite Administration office Min \$5 contribution to ABF Youth Bridge (free for Youth)

SATURDAY

Peter Gill

1.30pm – 2.15pm

*Which Suit to Play When
You Declare 3NT*



Lots of people find No-Trumps to be the most difficult contracts to play, and for good reason, we have to think about *all* four suits! Peter will give you lots of simple tips and ideas, and can be easily implemented in your games.

Peter Gill has won more than 50 open national titles and is frequently in the Australian Open Team, (7 of the last 9 years).

SUNDAY (2 Sessions)

Andy Hung

(1) 9.00am – 9.45am
(2) 1.30pm – 2.15pm

*High Level Competitive
Decisions*



Imagine an auction where you and partner bid up to 4♥ and annoyingly your opponent's bid 4♣... what do you do? This is a common dilemma that every bridge player hates! Come along to Andy's talk for tips that will help you 'guess' better and better.

Andy Hung is a professional bridge player and teacher who has represented Australia in Open competitions. He has won several Australian National titles and a US National in 2019. He will be playing on the Australian Open team for the 2022 World Championships. He also regularly runs bridge holidays - contact him for more info!

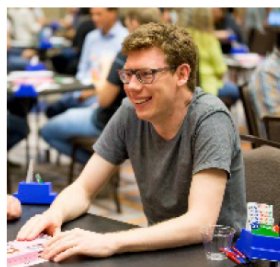
Second session is a repeat.

MONDAY

Liam Milne

9.00am – 9.45am

Bid Boldly Like the Pros



Ever noticed that when you play at the top tables, your opponents won't stop bidding? Find out when the pros like to bid a bit more than usual and learn about the modern aggressive competitive style.

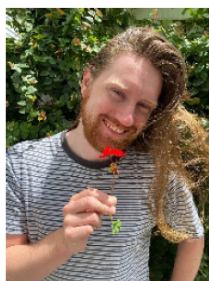
Liam Milne has appeared on the Australian Open team several times in recent years. His recent domestic wins include the 2019 Gold Coast Teams, 2019 South West Pacific Teams and 2021 Autumn National Open Teams.

TUESDAY

Nick Jacob

1.30pm – 2.15pm

Looking after Partner



No matter our level or ambitions, we all rise or fall with one person: partner. Whether you want to improve communication, discipline, bidding or defence, there is always something we can improve to get the most out of our partnerships.

Nick Jacob played in New Zealand youth and Open team events and has represented Victoria in the Australian National Championships. He has won numerous National Teams and Pairs events.

THURSDAY

William Jenner-O'Shea

1.30pm – 2.15pm

Improve Your Defence



A few simple tweaks to your leads and signals to help you and partner defend better. Improving your defence is the best way to improve your scores!

Will Jenner-O'Shea has represented Australia in several bridge events, including the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing in 2008. Will has also built a successful career teaching.

CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Thursday
24th
February


Friday
25th
February

Venue

NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES

Rookies Help Available	In the Playing Area Rookies Section	9:00am to 10:00am
Under 50MPs Help Available	In the Playing Area Under 50s Section	9:30am to 10:00am
Novices Help Available	In the Playing Area Novices Section	9:30am to 10:00am

SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

TBIB Daily Prize Wheel You Must be Present to Win. A TBIB lucky star under a chair in main playing area for a spin opportunity	Foyer GCCEC	
Champagne Breakfast For Shoe Shoppers In Her Shoes	In Her Shoes Ground Floor Oasis Shopping Centre	 8:15am <small>local & imported shoes · bags · accessories</small>

BRIDGE 'WIDOWS' ACTIVITIES

Please note that in 2022, we will have one bus and one people carrier. All events, we require patrons to be fully vaccinated. Numbers limited, pre bookings welcome

Hosted Walk at Burleigh Heads National Park, with Paddock Bakery for Lunch/tea (at own expense) Cost \$10.00 p.p. for return bus	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach	Depart 10:30am return 4:30pm	
Unhosted Surfers Paradise River Cruises Cost \$5 bus, \$29 pp for cruise	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach	Depart 1:15pm return appx 3:30pm	
Other Options: Harbour Town, or Skypoint Surfers Paradise	Please contact/enquire		

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GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2022

	Thursday 24th February		Friday 25th February	Saturday 26th February	
OPEN EVENTS					
Open Pairs Championship			Q/F Teams S/F Teams	Finals Teams	Dinner Dance 7:00pm for Drinks 7:30pm Start Bookings Essential <small>A popular climax to the week. Attendees will be invited to register for this event during the week. The cost will be \$20 to anyone who played in an event (walk- ins not included) and \$50 otherwise.</small>
Open Teams (No final for Women's and Seniors')	10:00am 2:30pm R9-R10 of 12 R11-R2 of 12		9:00am 2:00pm 2x12 Brds 3x12 Brds	9:00am 4x12 Brds	
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs			10:00am 1/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3	
Seres/McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs			10:00am 1/2 2:00pm 2/2		
Under 1500 MP Teams			Under 1500 Teams Final		
Under 1500 MP Teams	10:00am 2:30pm R9-R10 of 12 R11-R2 of 12		10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final		
INTERMEDIATE EVENTS (Under 750MPs)					
Intermediate Teams	10:00am 2:30pm R9-R10 of 12 R11-R2 of 12		10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final		
Ivy Dahler Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs			10:00am 1/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3	
RESTRICTED EVENTS (Under 300MPs)					
Restricted Teams	10:00am 2:30pm R9-R10 of 12 R11-R2 of 12		10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final		
Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs			10:00am 1/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3	
NOVICE EVENTS (Under 100MPs)					
Novice Teams	10:00am 2:30pm R9-R10 of 12 R11-R2 of 12		10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final		
Friday Novice MP Swiss Pairs			10:00am 1/2 2:00pm 2/2		
ROOKIE PAIRS (Under 10MPs)					
Rookie Pairs - Single Session Events	10:00am 1/1				
0-50MP PAIRS					
0-50 Masterpoint Pairs	10:00am 1/2 2:30pm 2/2				
WALK-IN PAIRS					
Walk-in Pairs (No Frills only on Friday 18th Feb)		2:30pm	10:00am 2:00pm	10:00am	
	Thursday 27th		Friday 28th	Saturday 29th	



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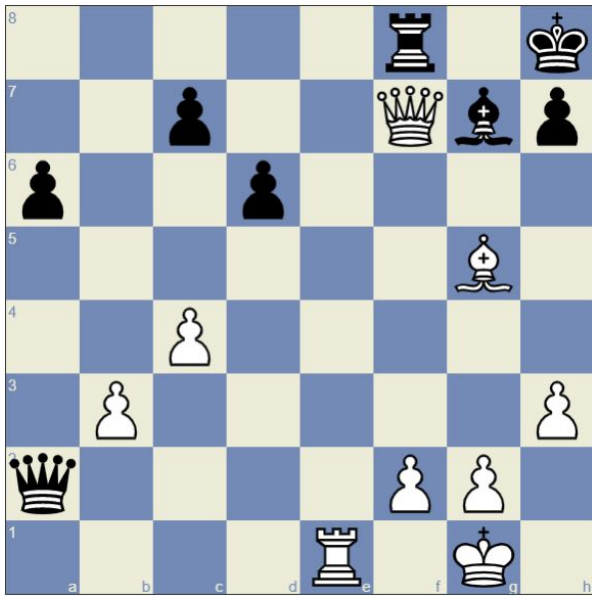
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SOLUTION TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU [TOUGH]

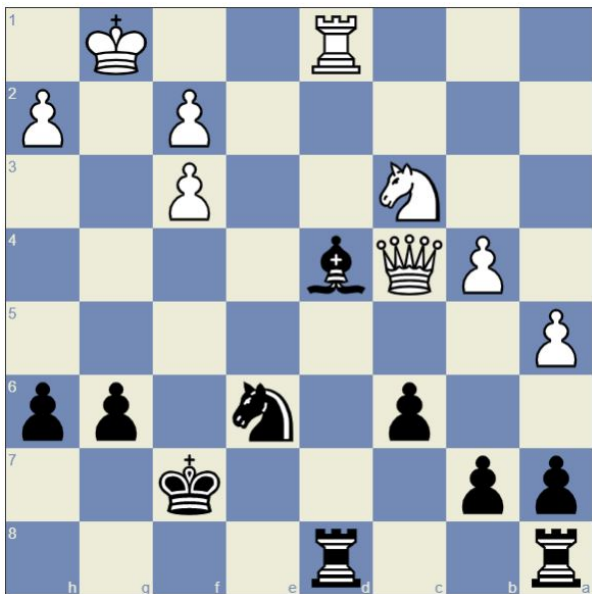


White to move and win

1. Bf6 Rxf7
2. Re8+ Rf8
3. Rxf8

5	3	8	9	6	7	4	1	2
9	1	6	2	8	4	5	7	3
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8	9	3	5	2	1	7	4	6
7	4	2	6	3	9	1	8	5
6	5	1	4	7	8	3	2	9

TODAY'S CHESS PROBLEM



Black to move and win

TODAY'S SUDOKU [MEDIUM]

		1	8		9	7		
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	7						3	
3	2		4		8		7	5
			3		2			
8	4		5		1		9	2
	9						5	
6				3				8
		2	9		5	6		

Solutions in the next bulletin issue