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From the President



Richard Ward

OUR game continues to function thanks to the substantial support of hundreds of individuals who, by and large, contribute their efforts free-of-charge to our local clubs and State and Territory Associations. The Australian Bridge Federation similarly is a lean, not-for-profit organisation partially sustained by generous volunteers

Australia-wide. Its two primary sources of income are the capitation fee (\$16.20 per player) and the Masterpoint scheme. The chart below gives a broad idea of how this income is spent in order to reach a break-even point annually.

The ABF is tasked with strengthening and growing our game for the future with regard to potential strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Its Council has been addressing all of these issues with the development of its STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2025. The Plan is people- and club-focussed with the principal goal: "being bigger and stronger in 2025 than we were going in to the pandemic". Australia's club membership decreased by almost 10 percent due to Covid-19 but that trend is now reversing and we are

quite optimistic of reaching earlier levels in the next year or so. New initiatives are already under way, especially in the technology area and with greater accessibility of gold points. The 2022 River City Gold Mixed Pairs [14-15 May] is one such example.

The 2022 Gold Coast Congress went ahead as the first major face-to-face national event post-Covid. The QBA made this decision in the interests of bridge players everywhere and in full awareness of the financial risks involved. Entries were down by 50% but there were no reports of covid infections all week and the congress was rated a great success by those who supported us. Convenor Tim Runting and QBA Manager Kim Ellaway deserve our grateful thanks for negotiating their way through all of the highs, lows and anxieties of putting on this high-quality event. We confidently expect to be back to our usual numbers in 2023.

We thank the ABF for its support throughout this time, especially with the Gold Point Online GCC Rescue Series 1, 2, 3 and 4 which will be rolled out throughout the year to offset some of our GCC 2022 losses.

ABF Expenses Pre-Covid 2019



- Administration
- Developing Bridge
- Management (inc Technology)
- International representation
- Promoting Bridge
- Memberships

GCC Open Teams



Peter Evans

THIS year 208 teams competed in five sections in the Gold Coast Congress. Numbers were well down on past years due to the ongoing restrictions. However, it was great to get back to face-to-face bridge at a major event. The congress

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ran smoothly despite the additional serious problems and uncertainties caused by COVID to the very great credit of Tim Runting and Kim Ellaway and the many, many helpers who make this congress such a wonderful event.

The Open section was won by Milne (Liam Milne, James Coutts, Nick Jacob, Geo Tislevoll, Tony Nunn, Paul Dalley) over Haffer (Joe Haffer, Jamie Thompson, Phil Markey, Andrew Spooner). Notable Queensland performances included: 2nd Under 1500: Pisko (Margaret Pisko, Trish Anagnostou, Frank Hymus, Krystyna Homik)

2nd Restricted: Thompson (Rosemary Thompson, Sally Hall, Joyanne Gissing, Raelene Clark)

Winners Novice: Jia (Lilly Jia, Wendy Cuthbert, Vanessa Brewis, Jenny McGowan)

the bad club break, the heart finesse fortunately worked and 6♦ rolled home.

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|----------|-----------|---------|--|
| Dir E | ♠ KJ7 | | |
| Vul Both | ♥ 8 | | |
| | ♦ 93 | | |
| | ♣ AKQJ874 | | |
| ♠ Q9 | | ♠ A852 | |
| ♥ KJ975 | | ♥ A106 | |
| ♦ KJ85 | | ♦ AQ104 | |
| ♣ 105 | | ♣ 92 | |
| | ♠ 10643 | | |
| | ♥ Q432 | | |
| | ♦ 762 | | |
| | ♣ 63 | | |

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|----|----------|----------------|---|
| W | N | E | S |
| 1H | 3C | 1D | P |
| 4H | All pass | X ¹ | P |

¹ Support double showing three hearts

My actions on this board cost the team the first match. It looks easy - after the defence cash two clubs and you win the diamond switch with the ♦A in dummy, you play the ♥A and lead the ♥10 for a finesse (particularly given the club pre-empt to your left) right? A cunning Meta Goodman in the South seat decided to play with my mind and reversed (high - low) on the first two trumps. Playing reverse count, this suggested an odd number of trumps. I'd observed the ♥8 from North on the ♥A. I decided to take her actions at face value and rose with the ♥K on the second round of trumps hoping to drop a doubleton queen. One down - I'll know better next time.



Tim Runting - Convenor

What is West to do over the 3♣ bid? You know partner must have at least two diamonds for the 2NT opening so there is a 9-card or better diamond fit. A void in an opposition long suit is a very good sign. In point terms you have 7 HCPs plus five for the void = 12 opposite a 20-22 hand. In loser count terms you have seven losers opposite a 4-5 loser hand suggesting that you can make at least 24 - (7+5) = 12 tricks. 6♦ seems to me the bid to make, though less than a third of the field joined me in the contract.

The contract was cold if clubs were anything but 5-0 (seven diamonds, at least four clubs and the ♥A). On

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|-----------|----------|---------|--|
| Dir N | ♠ J | | |
| Vul NS | ♥ K | | |
| | ♦ AKQJ93 | | |
| | ♣ Q10732 | | |
| ♠ KQ10943 | | ♠ 8652 | |
| ♥ 87 | | ♥ AQJ96 | |
| ♦ 10542 | | ♦ 8 | |
| ♣ 5 | | ♣ A84 | |
| | ♠ A7 | | |
| | ♥ 105432 | | |
| | ♦ 76 | | |
| | ♣ KJ96 | | |

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

A wild board. Most pairs were in five of a minor making 11 tricks. Some EWs found the making 5♠ (often doubled). In the West seat, I elected to pass out 2♣. I probably should bid 2♠, but fortunately had a gut feeling that the opposition were stronger than the bidding had shown given my five count and that I could push them into a making game.

The unlucky Neville Francis had his North opponent open 4NT for the minors, squelching any chance for some spade competition.

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|------------|----------|----------|--|
| Dir E | ♠ J975 | | |
| Vul EW | ♥ Q63 | | |
| | ♦ A | | |
| | ♣ AK954 | | |
| ♠ A | | ♠ K86432 | |
| ♥ 109852 | | ♥ AK74 | |
| ♦ KJ108762 | | ♦ - | |
| ♣ - | | ♣ QJ3 | |
| | ♠ Q10 | | |
| | ♥ J | | |
| | ♦ Q9543 | | |
| | ♣ 108762 | | |

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

¹ Two-over-one game force
² Splinter in diamonds, agreeing hearts

What on earth do you bid in response to East's 1♠ opening playing 2/1? Starting with a forcing 1NT will never get the power of the hand over on the second bid. I considered bidding

diamonds then hearts twice to show the 6/5 shape but hadn't discussed this with partner (Paul Hooykaas) and feared things going awry.

So, I elected to lie with 2♥. When Paul splintered in diamonds - my longest suit - I suddenly lost all interest in going beyond 4♥. 5♥ does make, just losing a heart (if you don't pick the heart break) and a diamond, or two diamonds if you do pick the heart break. The 5♣X for +300 was a good pick up when our opposite numbers at the other table got too high with 6♥.

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|----------|----------|--|-----------|--|
| Dlr W | ♠ 9853 | | | |
| Vul Both | ♥ J652 | | | |
| | ♦ Q52 | | | |
| | ♣ 109 | | | |
| | ♠ 64 | | ♠ J102 | |
| | ♥ — | | ♥ AKQ1043 | |
| | ♦ AKJ94 | | ♦ 1087 | |
| | ♣ AJ8752 | | ♣ Q | |
| | | | ♠ AKQ7 | |
| | | | ♥ 987 | |
| | | | ♦ 63 | |
| | | | ♣ K643 | |

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

¹ Asking for a spade stop for 3NT 5♦ has no chance, losing two spades and the ♦Q. 4♥ appears to have no chance, apparently losing three spades, the ♥J and possibly a diamond. When partner bid my heart void and the opposition bid my small doubleton spade suit, I should have settled down and bid 2♣ rather than trying to show the 6/5 shape and potentially propel things towards an unlikely five of a minor. Though, as partner pointed out, we're going to be in 4♥ (or 5♦) after I have opened, whatever I do later.

When I say 4♥ appears to have no chance, two Open players made it. Bill Haughie managed to bring the contract home in problem-like fashion with a little assistance from the defence. Three top spades were cashed against him and he ruffed a 4th round. He led the ♣Q which was covered with the king and ace. He ruffed a club, cashed two top trumps and went to dummy with ♦A. He now

led the ♣J for this picture:

| | |
|----|-----|
| — | — |
| J6 | — |
| Q5 | — |
| — | — |
| — | Q10 |
| KJ | 108 |
| J8 | — |
| — | — |
| 9 | — |
| 6 | — |
| 64 | — |

If North trumps in, all the trumps are picked up without loss and the losing diamond goes away on ♣8. If North discards, a diamond is discarded, ♦K cashed and the ♥Q 10 scoop up the ♥J 6 at the end.

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|--------|----------|--|----------|--|
| Dlr N | ♠ 2 | | | |
| Vul NS | ♥ AKQ987 | | | |
| | ♦ 9743 | | | |
| | ♣ 108 | | | |
| | ♠ AJ76 | | ♠ Q10984 | |
| | ♥ 10652 | | ♥ 3 | |
| | ♦ K8 | | ♦ AQ10 | |
| | ♣ AKQ | | ♣ 7652 | |
| | | | ♠ K53 | |
| | | | ♥ J4 | |
| | | | ♦ J652 | |
| | | | ♣ J943 | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| X | 4H | P | P |
| | P | 4S | All pass |

I had the incredibly aggressive 4H pre-empt, vul vs non-vul, essayed against me. It looks like it's three down for -800 if you actually had a penalty double in this situation. I gritted my teeth and takeout doubled, dreading a 5D response. All was well in 4S, collecting 12 tricks when the spade finesse worked.



Kim Ellaway - QBA Manager

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|--------|---------|--|---------|--|
| Dlr N | ♠ A932 | | | |
| Vul EW | ♥ 105 | | | |
| | ♦ KQ52 | | | |
| | ♣ 1065 | | | |
| | ♠ K | | ♠ J107 | |
| | ♥ AK942 | | ♥ J763 | |
| | ♦ 964 | | ♦ AJ10 | |
| | ♣ QJ98 | | ♣ A72 | |
| | | | ♠ Q8654 | |
| | | | ♥ Q8 | |
| | | | ♦ 873 | |
| | | | ♣ K43 | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| 1H | P | P | P |
| 2H | All pass | 2D ¹ | P |

¹ Reverse Drury - maximum passed hand with four trumps

A heartbreak hand. I didn't think my 13-count would be quite good enough for game opposite an invitation with four trumps. Not that I liked the fact I was staying out of a game when we were vulnerable in a teams match.

My opposite number at the other table bid it and with the trump queen falling in two rounds and the ♦KQ under the ♦AJ 10, 10 tricks rolled home.

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|----------|---------|--|---------|--|
| Dlr S | ♠ QJ96 | | | |
| Vul None | ♥ 6543 | | | |
| | ♦ J2 | | | |
| | ♣ KQJ | | | |
| | ♠ 4 | | ♠ A105 | |
| | ♥ KQ107 | | ♥ A982 | |
| | ♦ A953 | | ♦ Q874 | |
| | ♣ 10652 | | ♣ A9 | |
| | | | ♠ K8732 | |
| | | | ♥ J | |
| | | | ♦ K106 | |
| | | | ♣ 8743 | |

A very difficult hand. Both tables were in 4♥ by East on a spade lead. Partner won the spade lead, ruffed a spade, came to hand with the ♣A and ruffed another spade. The ♥K now revealed the trump position when the singleton ♥J fell. Partner couldn't draw all the trumps without losing control of the hand and lost two diamonds, a club and a further trump when his trumps in the East hand were shortened by later club leads by the defence.

The opposition East showed incredible technique. He won the ♠A, ruffed a spade and played the ♥K noting the ♥J's fall. He then led the ♦3(!) to the ♦8 (given North didn't flinch suggesting the ♦K was with South) and ♦10. He later correctly guessed to lead the ♦Q catching the ♦K and pinning the ♦J in the North hand, losing only one diamond and one club.

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|----------|-------------|
| Dir E | ♠ KJ9 |
| Vul NS | ♥ — |
| | ♦ AQ1087642 |
| | ♣ 64 |
| ♠ Q76543 | ♠ A8 |
| ♥ 952 | ♥ AKJ108643 |
| ♦ J3 | ♦ — |
| ♣ 52 | ♣ KJ9 |
| | ♠ 102 |
| | ♥ Q7 |
| | ♦ K95 |
| | ♣ AQ10873 |

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|---|----|----------|----|
| W | N | E | S |
| P | 2D | 1H | 2C |
| P | 5D | 4H | P |
| | | All pass | |

A wild hand. I think South's 2♣ overcall is dubious at this vulnerability as I'm in agreement with those who think two of a minor overcalls should be very solid. Ideally something other than weak 1NT opening strength. However, South's aggressive overcall made it easy for North to compete up to 5♦. Much of the field were allowed to play in 4♥ making. Paul understandably gave up over 5♦ as the clubs looked dubiously placed given the club overcall and who knows if 5♦ is making or not.



Ray Ellaway

As it was, after trumps were drawn and the clubs finessed and ruffed good, 12 tricks were made.

| | |
|---------|----------|
| Dir W | ♠ J94 |
| Vul EW | ♥ 852 |
| | ♦ J864 |
| | ♣ K95 |
| ♠ K1073 | ♠ A |
| ♥ KQJ7 | ♥ A10943 |
| ♦ A7 | ♦ KQ32 |
| ♣ QJ10 | ♣ 762 |
| | ♠ Q8652 |
| | ♥ 6 |
| | ♦ 1095 |
| | ♣ A843 |

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|-----------------|---|-----------------|----------|
| W | N | E | S |
| 1NT | P | 2D ¹ | P |
| 3H ² | P | 3S ³ | P |
| 4D ³ | P | 4H | All pass |

¹ Transfer to hearts

² Super accept

³ First or second round control

This hand had slam potential. Move the wasted ♠K to clubs and the slam is there. However, careful control bidding as above would reveal you are wide open in clubs.

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|---------|---------|
| Dir S | ♠ K1087 |
| Vul EW | ♥ J72 |
| | ♦ K103 |
| | ♣ 652 |
| ♠ A5 | ♠ Q963 |
| ♥ K105 | ♥ AQ86 |
| ♦ Q87 | ♦ A9 |
| ♣ AQ973 | ♣ KJ4 |
| | ♠ J42 |
| | ♥ 943 |
| | ♦ J6542 |
| | ♣ 108 |

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|------------------|----|----------------|-----------------|
| W | N | E | S |
| 2NT ² | 3D | X ³ | 2D ¹ |
| 3NT | P | 6NT | P |
| | | All pass | |

¹ Our youth opponents correctly alerted, saying that they were very aggressive with weak 2s/pre-empts at this favourable vulnerability

² 15-18

³ Both majors

North led a small club. There were 10 tricks on top (five clubs, three hearts, the ♦A, and ♠A). The failure to lead a diamond suggested to me

that the ♦K was in the North hand. The best hope seemed to be to set up the ♠Q for trick 11 and then hope hearts were 3-3 or, if someone held four or more, that they also held the ♦K and thus could be squeezed.

I won the ♠K, crossed to the ♥K and led a low spade towards the ♠Q. North ducked after a lot of thought giving me trick 11. I then ducked a low diamond to the North hand to "rectify the count". I won the diamond return with the ace and, as I cashed down aiming for ♥AQ8 in dummy and ♥108 the ♦Q in hand, my opponents started discarding hearts given the 3-3 break and the slam rolled home.

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|-----------|----------|
| Dir N | ♠ A10 |
| Vul None | ♥ 96 |
| | ♦ 8753 |
| | ♣ AK1065 |
| ♠ KQ85 | ♠ J96 |
| ♥ AJ10542 | ♥ Q73 |
| ♦ K6 | ♦ J104 |
| ♣ J | ♣ Q872 |
| | ♠ 7432 |
| | ♥ K8 |
| | ♦ AQ92 |
| | ♣ 943 |

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

A lucky, thin game. North cashed the ♣A and the ♠A and led another spade. I won with the ♠J and took the successful heart finesse. With trumps breaking 2-2, I was able to get back to dummy with the third trump and lead towards the ♦K for trick 10.



Anne Russell - Photographer

Dir W ♠ 8
 Vul NS ♥ KQJ763
 ♦ 763
 ♣ K64

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|---|---|
| N | E |
| W | S |

♠ AK93 ♠ J10765
 ♥ 854 ♥ 102
 ♦ 108 ♦ J94
 ♣ 9832 ♣ Q75

♠ Q42
 ♥ A9
 ♦ AKQ52
 ♣ AJ10

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| W | N | E | S |
| P | 2H | P | 2NT ¹ |
| P | 3S ² | P | 4NT |
| P | 5C ³ | P | 5D ⁴ |
| P | 6C ⁵ | P | 6H |
| All pass | | | |

- ¹ Shortage inquiry
- ² Spade shortage and upper end of the bid
- ³ 1 or 4 keycards
- ⁴ Where's the trump queen?
- ⁵ Trump queen plus ♣K

I am a huge fan of using 2NT after a weak-2 as a shortage ask. It makes it very easy to find thin games and slams as (alas) our opponents did on this one. South knew spade losers were confined to one due to the shortage. With the ♣A, six probable heart tricks, 4-5 tricks in diamonds and some lurking extra card to explain North's max, slam looked a good proposition. The Blackwood sequences confirmed the presence



Anne Lamport & Paul Gosney



Margaret Pisko and Trish Anagnostou

of the ♥KQ and the ♠K. Only 10/70 pairs in the Open field found this one.

Dir W ♠ 973
 Vul NS ♥ 109
 ♦ KQ10973
 ♣ Q4

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| N | E |
| W | S |

♠ J108 ♠ KQ52
 ♥ 753 ♥ 86
 ♦ 42 ♦ 85
 ♣ K8652 ♣ J10973

♠ A64
 ♥ AKQJ42
 ♦ AJ6
 ♣ A

| | | | |
|----------|------------------|---|-----------------|
| W | N | E | S |
| P | P | P | 2C |
| P | 2D | P | 2H |
| P | 3D ¹ | P | 4D ² |
| P | 4H ³ | P | 4S ⁴ |
| P | 4NT ⁵ | P | 7D |
| All pass | | | |

- ¹ 5+ card suit
- ² Minorwood in diamonds
- ³ 1 or 4 keycards (obviously 1)
- ⁴ Where's the ♦Q?
- ⁵ I have the ♦Q but no outside kings

Only 18/70 pairs found the grand slam and only 16/70 others made it to the 6-level. If you have Kickback or Minorwood in your arsenal I think you should be able to get to the grand. Obviously if you have a 2♦ opening as a simple weak-2, North opening 2♦ makes life very easy for South. Once you establish that the



Allison Stralow, ABF President



Watson Zhou and Charlie Lu

♦KQ are present, you know you have six diamonds, the ♣A, the ♠A and a very likely five or six tricks in hearts. The longer I play, the more I'm becoming convinced that a simple weak-2 2♦ is superior to the multis which are so common.

I think the above sequence is a reasonable way to get to the grand. You can see 11 clear tricks (five diamonds, the ♣A, the ♠A, the ♥AKQJ) and have good chances of making the other two hearts if the hearts behave. Partner shouldn't have a void for a weak-2 and so long as the opposition hearts are no worse than 4-2 (4-2 and 3-3 total about 74% together) you will have your grand.

It might also be possible to deal with worse breaks by gaining a trick by ruffing a club in hand. In any event, if these odds are not good enough for you, you should at least be in the small slam.

Dir N ♠ Q105
 Vul EW ♥ —
 ♦ 975
 ♣ KJ87532

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|---|---|
| N | E |
| W | S |

♠ KJ3 ♠ A874
 ♥ KQJ10874 ♥ A62
 ♦ AK ♦ QJ83
 ♣ Q ♣ A9

♠ 962
 ♥ 953
 ♦ 10642
 ♣ 1064

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|-----|----------|-----------------|---|
| W | N | E | S |
| 4NT | 3C | X | P |
| 5NT | P | 5S ¹ | P |
| 7H | All pass | 6C ² | P |

- ¹ Three aces
- ² No kings

Only 11/70 found the grand on this board - I think the above sequence is a reasonable way to get there. Listening to the chatter, a lot of pairs didn't know to revert to simple Blackwood when no suit had been mentioned. When three aces are found, West can see 12 tricks. Surely East has more than 12 points for their takeout double at the 3-level and number 13 shouldn't be too hard to find. Paul Gosney and Andy Hung/Nabil Edgton found a nice way to

deal with the problem by bidding 4♣ after the double. When partner bid 4♠ they simply Roman Keycard Blackwooded on that and later bid 7♥ or 7NT.

Another wild hand:

| | | | |
|----------|---------|-----------|--|
| Dir S | ♠ K62 | | |
| Vul None | ♥ 843 | | |
| | ♦ J1095 | | |
| | ♣ QJ10 | | |
| ♠ J874 | | ♠ AQ10953 | |
| ♥ A105 | | ♥ 7 | |
| ♦ AQ864 | | ♦ K73 | |
| ♣ 7 | | ♣ 863 | |
| | | ♠ — | |
| | | ♥ KQJ962 | |
| | | ♦ 2 | |
| | | ♣ AK9542 | |

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|---|----------|----|-----|
| W | N | E | S |
| P | 2H | 2S | 1H |
| X | All pass | | 6H! |

An unusual bidding sequence to say the least. South hoped to find the ♥A in the North hand when 6♥ would be a good chance. I doubled from the West seat in some trepidation, guessing South's actions were based on a massive 2-suiter. The ♦A lead holding up gave us +100. This was poor compensation for the makeable 5♠, but a large chunk of the field was allowed to play in 5♥, often doubled.

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| Dir W | ♠ Q7 | | |
| Vul NS | ♥ AQ1075 | | |
| | ♦ Q52 | | |
| | ♣ J84 | | |
| ♠ K432 | | ♠ A9865 | |
| ♥ J843 | | ♥ 6 | |
| ♦ K | | ♦ 98743 | |
| ♣ A973 | | ♣ KQ | |
| | | ♠ J10 | |
| | | ♥ K92 | |
| | | ♦ AJ106 | |
| | | ♣ 10652 | |

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|----|----|----|----------|
| W | N | E | S |
| 1C | 1H | 1S | 2H |
| 2S | P | 4S | All pass |

A difficult 4♠ game to find. Only 31/70 pairs did and not everybody made it. I think the above sequence is a reasonable way to get there. I'd be prepared to open 1♣ on

the West cards at this favourable vulnerability in teams. Once East becomes aware of the 9-card fit, I think the shortage in the opposition suit and the 7-loser nature of the hand justify a 4♠ bid in teams. The ♠AK, five ruffs and the ♠AKQ provide 10 tricks.

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| Dir N | ♠ AKQ10743 | | |
| Vul Both | ♥ 764 | | |
| | ♦ — | | |
| | ♣ Q42 | | |
| ♠ — | | ♠ 9852 | |
| ♥ Q93 | | ♥ AK85 | |
| ♦ AQ9752 | | ♦ K3 | |
| ♣ AK105 | | ♣ J96 | |
| | | ♠ J6 | |
| | | ♥ J102 | |
| | | ♦ J10864 | |
| | | ♣ 873 | |

In the semi-final of the Open Teams, Liam Milne played this hand particularly finely. He was in 5♦XX as West, with South making the double. He ruffed the opening spade lead, went to the ♦K and led a diamond to the jack and queen. He went back to dummy with ♥A and ruffed another spade. The ♠AK were now cashed in case of a doubleton ♣Q producing this picture:

| | |
|------|-----|
| KQ10 | |
| 76 | |
| — | |
| Q | |
| — | 98 |
| Q9 | K85 |
| A9 | — |
| 105 | J |
| — | |
| J10 | |
| 1086 | |
| 8 | |

Two top hearts were now cashed and a club led. Inevitably the ♦9 will score the vital 11th trick.



Eugene Pereira and Sumant Handa

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| Dir E | ♠ J75 | | |
| Vul NS | ♥ A1093 | | |
| | ♦ Q | | |
| | ♣ A8754 | | |
| ♠ K1062 | | ♠ 3 | |
| ♥ J82 | | ♥ KQ64 | |
| ♦ KJ73 | | ♦ 10842 | |
| ♣ Q2 | | ♣ J963 | |
| | | ♠ AQ984 | |
| | | ♥ 75 | |
| | | ♦ A965 | |
| | | ♣ K10 | |

Further good declarer play, this time by Joe Haffer in the final. In 4♠ from the South seat, he received the ♥2 lead. He won the ♥A, the ♦Q to the ♦A and ruffed a diamond. He played a club to the king and ruffed another diamond. Now the ♣A and another club, and made the critical play of ruffing with the ♠A producing this picture:

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| J | |
| 1093 | |
| — | |
| 87 | |
| K1062 | 3 |
| J | KQ6 |
| K | 10 |
| — | J |
| Q984 | |
| 5 | |
| 9 | |
| — | |

With 7 tricks in the bag, he now led the last diamond and ruffed in dummy. A heart was led off the table, East winning with the ♥Q and pushing a club through. South ruffed with the ♠8 and now couldn't be denied two further spade tricks one way or another. ■



Rosemary Thompson, Joyanne Gissing, Sally Hall and Raelene Clark



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GCC - Impressions of a First-Timer

FOR the first couple of years as a beginner/novice of bridge, I noticed a bit of a buzz, a sense of excitement in the air at the beginning of each year. The words Gold Coast Congress (GCC) were uttered here and there. As a newcomer to bridge the GCC appeared to be "out of reach", except for experienced players, something that was beyond my grade in bridge. This impression meant that for a couple of years I didn't investigate the GCC further.

Such a shame! I author this article, so no other Rookie or Novice player/s form the same misconception.

It wasn't until 2022, after several conversations with various Club members, who had been and continue to go to the GCC, who enthusiastically encouraged me and my partner to attend the GCC, that we decided to give it a go. With some trepidation we explored the opportunity. Lo and behold! The GCC was all-encompassing; catering for all skill-levels with competitions for the various grades of player/masterpoints and with differing play formats.

The player level offerings include;

1. Rookies: < 10 MPs
2. Novice: < 50 MPs
3. Novice: < 100 MPs
4. Restricted: < 300 MPs
5. Intermediate < 750 MPs
6. Under 1500 <1500 MPs
7. Open No restriction

The various play formats include Swiss Pairs, Butler Pairs and Teams I was fortunate to have a lovely partner. Together we forged ahead on this adventure. We were so excited to see the offering for novices.

Sometimes what you don't know is a terrific way to start an adventure. With such a smorgasbord of bridge delights we took a "bite" of nearly every novice offering. We entered in five novice events over seven days. It was bridge "heaven".

But...

We, or maybe I, should admit to having read the programme

incorrectly!!! For the events, the timetable stated 10 am and 2.30 pm which I interpreted to mean play between 10am to 2.30pm - how civilised I thought.

Noooo, first session was 10 am - to 1.30 pm and the second session was 2.30 - 6.30 pm!!! Woops - some fast talking and lame explanations to a partner who had visions of leisurely afternoon strolls and swims!

Well, we certainly got our money's worth playing seven days from 10 am to 6.30 pm except for two days that ended after the morning session.

What a great bridge experience - so much play that the subconscious nerves dissipate, you get into a rhythm and bidding decisions start to become second nature. That is not to say it was easy! The competition was challenging, and we had a rollercoaster week going from middle to second to near bottom to third to near bottom to sixth to near bottom. But isn't that the challenge of bridge?

A most enjoyable aspect of the GCC was the comradery amongst club members. Fellow members supporting each other and socialising together. This also extended to newfound friends who I eagerly look forward to seeing again next year.

One of the highlights was the performance of NSBC's own absolute Rookies, David Baru and Gary Rickard who played in Rookies and also the Wednesday 0-50 Novice pairs where they came from 22nd in the first session to come 2nd in the second session (62.78%) and 7th out of 32 overall. Fantastic result for these first timers and an inspiration for other Rookies. Well done!

I must extend congratulations to the Chief Tournament Organiser, Tim Runting and the manager of the QBA, Kim Ellaway. What a fabulous job. The GCC was well organised and ran very smoothly. At no time was there confusion about where you were to go or who you were playing against. Everything you needed (i.e. pens, record sheets, results, hand records) was readily available. The directors and caddies and all the many volunteers did a wonderful job.

In conclusion, to fellow NSBC members, especially the newer and

aspiring bridge players who have never been to the GCC, you should seriously consider attending next year. I am confident in saying you will not regret it. I look forward to seeing my fellow NSBC members at the GCC in 2023 experiencing the thrills, excitement and vagaries of bridge on the Goldie.

■ Anon

GCC Open Teams



Richard Wallis

THE GCC is back, albeit with limited numbers due to COVID, but it is back. This year I played a Match-Point Precision style system with Geoff Toon and we were fortunate to be given Kim Frazer and Jamie Ebery by the QBA as our team-mates. They were excellent team-mates, accepting our bad boards with good grace and bidding and playing very well themselves.

Kim and Jamie finished fourth overall in the datums, with Geoff and I well down, but their good performance lifted us to 12th overall. There were some spectacular hands, with a few grand slams bid and made, but as usual, a bit of luck did not go astray!

The most important thing to my mind, not always heeded, is to consider the bidding, especially partner's, and not just concentrate on your own hand when defending.

After knockout matches and semi-finals on Friday, the final was played on Saturday between Milne (Nick Jacob, Geo Tislevoll, Tony Nunn, Liam Milne, Paul Dalley and James Coutts) and Haffer (Joe Haffer,



Paul Collins and Ian Afflick

Jamie Thompson, Andrew Spooner and Philip Markey). Milne were ahead all the way in the final, and in spite of a last quarter surge by Haffer, Milne won by 28 IMPs.

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| M 1 | ♠ AQ1086 |
| Bd 8 | ♥ 102 |
| Dlr W | ♦ K10 |
| Vul None | ♣ AKJ8 |
| ♠ 32 | ♠ J4 |
| ♥ A98753 | ♥ QJ6 |
| ♦ A83 | ♦ Q972 |
| ♣ 92 | ♣ Q1074 |
| | ♠ K975 |
| | ♥ K4 |
| | ♦ J654 |
| | ♣ 653 |

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| W | N | E | S |
| 2H | X | 3H | 3S |
| P | 4S | All pass | |

West opened with a weak 2♥, and with a good hand, I started out with a double. To my delight Geoff made a free bid of 3♠ over the 3♥ bid by East, and I was happy to raise to game.

It is often said that aces are meant to be placed on top of kings, and therefore are rarely led if there is another alternative. West has a difficult hand to lead from holding just two aces, and chose the wrong one when he led the ♥A, giving Geoff his 10th trick.

After the ♦A West has an easy lead

of the ♦8 next and can sit back and wait for his heart suit to be led by East.

At the other table North overcalled spades and played in 3♠ after South refused the invitational re-raise, so Jamie was on lead and had an easy lead of the ♥Q, holding declarer to nine tricks and 7 IMPs.

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| M 1 | ♠ 6 |
| Bd 13 | ♥ K732 |
| Dlr N | ♦ KJ1092 |
| Vul Both | ♣ J64 |
| ♠ AJ75 | ♠ K942 |
| ♥ Q10 | ♥ J |
| ♦ 764 | ♦ 83 |
| ♣ AKQ10 | ♣ 987532 |
| | ♠ Q1083 |
| | ♥ A98654 |
| | ♦ AQ5 |
| | ♣ — |

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| W | N | E | S |
| X | P | P | 1H |
| All pass | 3H | P | 4H |

Geoff opened 1♥ after two passes and West doubled for takeout. I was a passed hand but had 11 points in support of hearts, so I jump-raised him and now his club void could be counted, so he bid game.

East had been taken out of the bidding by the jump and could not reasonably bid on such a weak hand.

West led the ♠A and must have been

disappointed when Geoff ruffed and drew trumps. Since the trumps were 2-1, 12 tricks were now easy and we had missed a possible slam!

Not to worry, at the other table Jamie and Kim found their spade fit and were allowed to play in 4♠EX, going just one off for -200 and 10 IMPs.

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| M 2 | ♠ KJ42 |
| Bd 17 | ♥ K10942 |
| Dlr N | ♦ 9 |
| Vul None | ♣ 532 |
| ♠ 6 | ♠ Q1098 |
| ♥ J8765 | ♥ Q |
| ♦ QJ82 | ♦ A654 |
| ♣ 864 | ♣ J1097 |
| | ♠ A753 |
| | ♥ A3 |
| | ♦ K1073 |
| | ♣ AKQ |

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| W | N | E | S |
| 2H | P | P | 1C! |
| All pass | P | P | X |

Match 2 was against the eventual winners of the event and I suppose that they thought they could take a few liberties with the likes of us. I am sure that you would not find a recommendation to bid 2♥ with the West hand in any serious bridge book, especially when there are at least 16 HCPs on your right!

I waited for the virtual certain takeout double from Geoff and passed it out.

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For the want of anything better, I led the ♦9, not looking for a ruff, but trying to avoid giving up a trick.

It was hard to visualize that West was so weak, and we only took it four off for +800. Deep Finesse suggests that we could have taken it five off!

At the other table NS played in 3NT by South, and after the lead of the ♦2 they made nine tricks for -400 and 9 IMPs to us.

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| M 2 | ♠ QJ72 | | |
| Bd 20 | ♥ A3 | | |
| Dlr W | ♦ K95 | | |
| Vul Both | ♣ Q1064 | | |
| ♠ A1086 | | ♠ 5 | |
| ♥ J104 | | ♥ K8765 | |
| ♦ Q1083 | | ♦ 7642 | |
| ♣ J2 | | ♣ A75 | |
| | | ♠ K943 | |
| | | ♥ Q92 | |
| | | ♦ AJ | |
| | | ♣ K983 | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| P | 1NT! | P | 2C |
| P | 2S | P | 4S |
| All pass | | | |

I opened with a 12-15 1NT and after an Extended Stayman sequence we finished in 4♣, to which East led the ♥5.

Unless I guess the heart at trick 1, I have four potential losers (maybe even five), and luckily, since I did not have the ♥10, I had only one play and the ♥Q won on the table.

It looked to be plain sailing from here so I led the ♠3 off the table and then the ♠2 to dummy, getting the unwelcome news, but West cannot play another spade and instead exited with a heart.

Now a club towards dummy, winning with the ♠K and returning the ♣3.



Noel Bugeia and Val Holbrook

When the ♣J popped up, I had 10 tricks, losing just two spades and a club.

Oddly, the same contract at the other table and the same lead ended one off, so we gained 12 IMPs.

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| M 2 | ♠ J | | |
| Bd 21 | ♥ K | | |
| Dlr N | ♦ AKQJ93 | | |
| Vul NS | ♣ Q10732 | | |
| ♠ KQ10943 | | ♠ 8652 | |
| ♥ 76 | | ♥ AQJ98 | |
| ♦ 10742 | | ♦ 8 | |
| ♣ 5 | | ♣ A84 | |
| | | ♠ A7 | |
| | | ♥ 105432 | |
| | | ♦ 65 | |
| | | ♣ KJ96 | |

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

I opened 1♦ and rebid only 2♣ after Geoff was silent on the first round, but when he raised to 3♣ I had no problem with my 4-loser hand in bidding 5♣ over the 4♣ by West.

We were vulnerable, so East wasted no time in doubling for penalties, and led the ♠8, won on the table to lead a club to East who now cashed the ♥A, but that was their last trick and I scored up +750.

I did not get the bidding at the other table, but the bidding finished in 2♣, so maybe Kim did not fancy bidding her spades with so few points and no heart support, and South did not bother to raise the 2♣ rebid by North.

An interesting hand, with EW cold for 5♣ and NS cold for 5♣. If East had rebid 5♠, I was planning to bid 6♣, which is a good sacrifice at adverse vulnerability.



Robyn Clarke and Evelyne Mander

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| M 3 | ♠ A10 | | |
| Bd 14 | ♥ A74 | | |
| Dlr E | ♦ Q875 | | |
| Vul None | ♣ AKQ8 | | |
| ♠ KQJ74 | | ♠ 9632 | |
| ♥ 3 | | ♥ 9862 | |
| ♦ AJ106 | | ♦ K | |
| ♣ 953 | | ♣ J1062 | |
| | | ♠ 85 | |
| | | ♥ KQJ105 | |
| | | ♦ 9432 | |
| | | ♣ 74 | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| 1S | X | 2S | X |
| 3S | All pass | | |

West opened 1♠ in third seat and I doubled for takeout, intending to bid Notrumps on the next round to show my big hand.

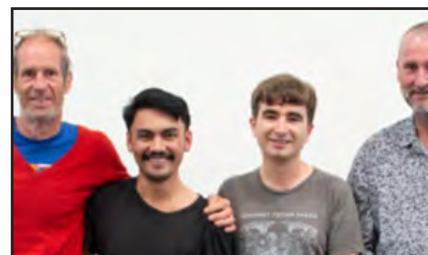
East supported spades and Geoff did not fancy the 3-level with such a weak hand so doubled to show some interest. West upped the ante with 3♠ and I was not inclined to bid on as it looked like I had five tricks, and so it proved, with 3♠ 1 off for +50.

At the other table NS got a little carried away, possibly because Kim and Jamie got to 4♠, and 5♥ went two off for +100 and 4 Imps to us.

4♥ is a reasonable contract, but has four top losers when the diamonds do not come in, though 3NT is cold for 9 tricks but neither NS pair bid it!



Open Teams C'ship winners: Tony Nunn, Liam Milne, James Coutts, Nick Jacob Absent: Geo Tislevoll, Paul Dalley



Open Teams Championship runners-up: Joe Haffer, Jamie Thompson, Andrew Spooner, Phil Markey

M 4 ♠ 109854
 Bd 15 ♥ 64
 Dlr S ♦ 65
 Vul NS ♣ KQ93

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| ♠ 72 | N | ♠ A6 |
| ♥ A1052 | W | ♥ KQJ873 |
| ♦ A872 | E | ♦ J94 |
| ♣ AJ4 | S | ♣ 105 |

♠ KQJ3
 ♥ 9
 ♦ KQ103
 ♣ 8762

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

Geoff opened 1♦ showing at least four diamonds and 11-15 and West doubled for takeout, over which I bid an obvious 1♠.

East bid 2♥, Geoff raised spades, West bid 3♥, I passed and East bid 4♥. The opening lead was the ♠K, which asks for natural count and I played the ♠4 hoping Geoff would also read this as asking for a club.

Declarer drew trumps and led a spade to Geoff and I followed up with the ♠5 which confirmed an original 5-card holding and Geoff did switch to a club.

On winning the ♣Q I had an easy ♦6 return and we had no trouble making four tricks for one off and +50.

At the other table NS were allowed to play in 3♣ by North and the easy to generate club ruff held the contract to eight tricks and +100 for 4 IMPs.

M 4 ♠ K862
 Bd 22 ♥ 965
 Dlr E ♦ KJ84
 Vul EW ♣ 102

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| ♠ 9 | N | ♠ 74 |
| ♥ AQ82 | W | ♥ J10743 |
| ♦ 107632 | E | ♦ AQ |
| ♣ J95 | S | ♣ A863 |

♠ AQJ1053
 ♥ K
 ♦ 95
 ♣ KQ74

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| W | N | E | S |
| P | 2C! | 1NT! | X |
| All pass | P | P | 2S |

East elected to open with a weak 1NT rather than bid his 5-card heart suit, and Geoff doubled to show a single-suited hand (Brozel).

EW did not compete any further and West led the ♦7. East cashed both diamonds before leading a small club, which was won by Geoff with the ♠K.

Geoff was able to draw trumps finishing on the table and discard the ♥K on the established diamond, then give up a club for 10 tricks as he could ruff the losing club.

At the other table Kim and Jamie got to the cold 4♥, but NS sacrificed in 4♣ for 1 off and another +50 making +220 in total and 5 IMPs.

M 5 ♠ J8653
 Bd 1 ♥ K642
 Dlr N ♦ 4
 Vul None ♣ J103

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| ♠ A942 | N | ♠ K107 |
| ♥ QJ3 | W | ♥ A10 |
| ♦ A86 | E | ♦ KJ10972 |
| ♣ A64 | S | ♣ 52 |

♠ Q
 ♥ 9875
 ♦ Q63
 ♣ KQ987

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

EW bid their way to 3NT with West showing spades on the way and I was on lead!

Obviously a spade or diamond were out of the question, and I thought that my hearts too sparse, so I settled on what I thought was a safe lead, the ♣J.

The ♣J held the trick and Geoff encouraged, so I led the ♣10 on which Geoff played the ♣Q, which also held the trick. The ♣8 exit by Geoff put West in and he had to negotiate the diamond suit for the contract.

Holding a 9-card fit, the simplest way is to cash the ♦A and lead towards dummy hoping for the ♦Q to drop, but there is a certain way, and Jamie at the other table found it!

Since it looked like Geoff had the length in clubs (or 4-4), enter dummy

with a spade and lead the ♦J and run it to the safe hand. Ten tricks now even if Geoff has Qxxx, and we gained 10 IMPs.

M 6 ♠ Q8653
 Bd 20 ♥ AQ2
 Dlr W ♦ QJ54
 Vul Both ♣ K

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| ♠ 102 | N | ♠ K974 |
| ♥ J75 | W | ♥ K9863 |
| ♦ A732 | E | ♦ 1098 |
| ♣ Q852 | S | ♣ 4 |

♠ AJ
 ♥ 104
 ♦ K6
 ♣ AJ109763

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

East led the ♥6 to my routine 3NT contract and after winning the ♥Q I paused to take stock. If the ♠K was onside, I can make lots of tricks, but this is teams, so nine tricks are plenty if it guarantees the contract.

Accordingly I played for the clubs not worse than 4-1 by overtaking the ♣K and leading the ♣J. This gave me my nine tricks for +600.

At the other table I did not get the play, but it was obviously the wrong line as the net result was two off for another +200 and 13 IMPs.



Tony Treloar & Toni Bardon



Gerald Schaaf

This was the only salvation in a very poor match for us at our table which we lost by almost the maximum.

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| M 7 | ♠ KJ1054 | | | | |
| Bd 6 | ♥ 865 | | | | |
| Dir E | ♦ 3 | | | | |
| Vul EW | ♣ AK109 | | | | |
| ♠ A7 | ♠ Q62 | | | | |
| ♥ AQ942 | ♥ J73 | | | | |
| ♦ A954 | ♦ Q876 | | | | |
| ♣ J2 | ♣ 753 | | | | |
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| ♠ 983 | | | | | |
| ♥ K10 | | | | | |
| ♦ KJ102 | | | | | |
| ♣ Q864 | | | | | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| 1H | 1S | 2H | 2S |
| 3H | 3S | All pass | |

On this board values in the wrong suits made it difficult for both NS and EW to make a high-level contract.

I overcalled 1♠ over the 1♥ opening after both East and Geoff passed. East bid a very minimum 2♥, over which Geoff made a normal call of 2♠.

When West rebid 3♥, I made the mistake of bidding 3♠ with my very minimum hand opposite a passed partner and everyone passed.

The lead was the ♥3 and I lost the first two tricks. Geoff's ♥K and ♦K were useless and the spade finesse failed, so I finished one off for -50.

At the other table North was left in 2♠ and this just made eight tricks for -110 and 4 IMPs away.

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| M 8 | ♠ KJ9 | | | | |
| Bd 18 | ♥ — | | | | |
| Dir E | ♦ AQ1087642 | | | | |
| Vul NS | ♣ 64 | | | | |
| ♠ Q76543 | ♠ A8 | | | | |
| ♥ 952 | ♥ AKJ108643 | | | | |
| ♦ J3 | ♦ — | | | | |
| ♣ 52 | ♣ KJ9 | | | | |
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| ♠ 102 | | | | | |
| ♥ Q7 | | | | | |
| ♦ K95 | | | | | |
| ♣ AQ10873 | | | | | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| P | 5D | 1H 5H | 2C All pas |

On this board I had an extraordinary hand.

When East opened 1♥ and Geoff overcalled 2♣, I jumped to 5♦ at adverse vulnerability, relying on Geoff's suit being reasonable and the power of my 8-card suit to minimize any damage.

East had a brief pause before also calling her 8-card suit, and everyone passed (?).

Geoff led the ♦K and I was amazed when East ruffed and drew trumps. However she still had to go one off and we scored up +50.

At the other table it was even more amazing as Jamie was allowed to play in 4♥ for another +420 and 10 IMPs. I like to call an 8-card suit trumps, but for that to happen you have to bid it!

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| M 9 | ♠ J97432 | | | | |
| Bd 14 | ♥ 8 | | | | |
| Dir E | ♦ 107 | | | | |
| Vul None | ♣ AJ109 | | | | |
| ♠ K5 | ♠ Q106 | | | | |
| ♥ QJ94 | ♥ 107632 | | | | |
| ♦ KQ854 | ♦ A92 | | | | |
| ♣ 74 | ♣ 85 | | | | |
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| W | S | | | | |
| ♠ A8 | | | | | |
| ♥ AK5 | | | | | |
| ♦ J63 | | | | | |
| ♣ KQ632 | | | | | |

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

West helped me out by overcalling 1♦ over Geoff's Precision 1♣, as I could now call 1♠ without getting Geoff too excited.

Geoff showed his club suit, as without a diamond stop he could not bid 1NT to show his balanced 16-18 HCPs, and I signed off in 2♠ to which East led the ♦A.

There was nothing in the play and I lost two diamonds and two spades for +140.

At the other table NS were more adventurous, and they finished in 4♠, where the lead of the ♦A also led to nine tricks but this time +50 and 5 IMPs.

Playing a standard system South would open 1NT, and this time North would transfer to spades making South declarer. Now a non-diamond lead would allow 10 tricks.

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Sue Ziegenfuss

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| M 10 | ♠ K9 | | |
| Bd 16 | ♥ K8754 | | |
| Dir W | ♦ 96 | | |
| Vul EW | ♣ KQ105 | | |
| ♠ J1072 | | ♠ AQ8654 | |
| ♥ J62 | | ♥ 10 | |
| ♦ KQ72 | | ♦ J1083 | |
| ♣ 73 | | ♣ A8 | |
| | ♠ 3 | | |
| | ♥ AQ93 | | |
| | ♦ A54 | | |
| | ♣ J9642 | | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| | 1H | 1S | 4H |
| All pass | | | |

We were able to take advantage of my 11-15 opening when Geoff could jump straight to game with no aspirations for slam. The uncertainty of Geoff's jump and the adverse vulnerability kept West from competing to 4♠.

The opening lead was the ♦J and with everything friendly, I had no trouble getting 10 tricks for +420.

I did not get the bidding at the other table, but Kim and Jamie were in the action and bid to the cold game in

spades, thanks to the spade finesse working.

NS correctly decided to take out insurance and bid on to 5♥, which was doubled, also making only 10 tricks, but +100 was 11 IMPs to us.

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| M 10 | ♠ — | | |
| Bd 22 | ♥ 74 | | |
| Dir E | ♦ KJ108 | | |
| Vul EW | ♣ QJ98742 | | |
| ♠ Q8764 | | ♠ AJ1053 | |
| ♥ AKQ6 | | ♥ 32 | |
| ♦ 9763 | | ♦ 542 | |
| ♣ — | | ♣ AK5 | |
| | ♠ K92 | | |
| | ♥ J10985 | | |
| | ♦ AQ | | |
| | ♣ 1063 | | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| | | 1S | P |
| 3NT! | 5C | 5S | X |
| All pass | | | |

The vulnerability was in our favour so I jumped to 5♣ after West's 3NT was explained as a strong raise in spades.

East took the push to 5♠, and Geoff, holding those good diamonds and

a likely spade trick, doubled for penalties.

The double-dummy lead of the ♦A will beat 4♠, but of course Geoff led the suit I had bid, and two diamonds disappeared on the top clubs. Thus it was one off for +200 to us.

At the other table North was not as active (mad?) and 4♠ was the final contract, to which South led the ♥J.

Again two diamonds were discarded on the top clubs and a club was ruffed in dummy to take the spade finesse, which lost, but still 10 tricks for +620 and 13 IMPs to us.



Angeline Christie

Lead-out-of-turn: attempt to prevent partner making the first mistake.

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M 10 ♠ Q97
 Bd 26 ♥ Q98432
 Dir E ♦ Q5
 Vul Both ♣ 63

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| ♠ AJ10 | | ♠ K86543 |
| ♥ 5 | N | ♥ J7 |
| ♦ K942 | W E | ♦ AJ10 |
| ♣ J9854 | S | ♣ Q2 |

♠ 2
 ♥ AK106
 ♦ 8763
 ♣ AK107

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| W | N | E | S |
| P | 1H | 1S | 1D |
| 4S | 5H | X | All pass |

East passed as dealer, presumably because of the short honours in two side suits, but 2♠ must have been a possibility.

Geoff opened 1♦ (at least 4 and 11-15) and came alive when East bid 1♠ and showed 4-card support and 14/15. Now suddenly after both East and West had passed at their first opportunity to bid, they were in 4♠!

I have a 6-4 fit and very little trick potential in a spade contract opposite a partner with at most 15 HCPs so I bid 5♥ as insurance.

The opening lead was the ♠5 and EW quickly took three tricks, but that was all and -200.

At the other table Jamie was left to play in 4S for +650 and 10 IMPs. Note that ♥A, ♠A, ♣K and ♣7 leads to one off.

M 11 ♠ AJ54
 Bd 12 ♥ J
 Dir W ♦ AK105
 Vul NS ♣ KQ82

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| ♠ KQ | | ♠ 986 |
| ♥ A109 | N | ♥ KQ842 |
| ♦ Q4 | W E | ♦ 9762 |
| ♣ J107643 | S | ♣ 5 |

♠ 10732
 ♥ 7653
 ♦ J83
 ♣ A9

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| W | N | E | S |
| 1C | X | 1H | P |
| 2H | X | P | 2S |
| All pass | | | |

I doubled on the first round, intending to bid NT next if Geoff showed a heart suit, but it was East who bid hearts, so NT was definitely out.

Over West's raise to 2♥, I doubled again and got a pleasant 2♠ response from Geoff, but he could not have much, so I passed and West led the ♣J.

East got his club ruff, but Geoff still had 10 tricks thanks to the friendly ♦Q, so that was +170.

At the other table North probably opened 1♣ and South would have bid 1♥, prompting North to rebid 2NT, raised to game by South.

Jamie still led a heart and they took the first five tricks with a spade to come for two off and +200. That was 9 IMPs to us.

M 12 ♠ QJ52
 Bd 19 ♥ 762
 Dir S ♦ 105
 Vul EW ♣ A1092

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| ♠ 876 | | ♠ AK1094 |
| ♥ K107 | N | ♥ 3 |
| ♦ J984 | W E | ♦ AKQ3 |
| ♣ Q74 | S | ♣ K86 |

♠ 3
 ♥ AQJ984
 ♦ 762
 ♣ J53

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| W | N | E | S |
| P | 3H | 4S | 2H All pass |

In the twelfth and last match Geoff opened with a weak 2♥, I raised to 3♥ but East was not to be denied and bid 4♠.

Played by East, an initial club lead will beat 4♠, as a heart return allows a second club lead, but of course Geoff led the ♥A and now 4♠ was cold.

My ♥2 at trick 1 had suggested a club switch and Geoff obliged.

Declarer did not take into account that if Geoff had six hearts, he was the most likely one to be short in spades and just cashed the top spades for one off.

Play the ♠A, a diamond to the jack and then the ♠7, covering my card and 10 tricks are there.

Jamie duly made 10 tricks for 13 IMPs.

M 12 ♠ 973
 Bd 28 ♥ 109
 Dir W ♦ KQ10973
 Vul NS ♣ Q4

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| ♠ J108 | | ♠ KQ52 |
| ♥ 753 | N | ♥ 86 |
| ♦ 42 | W E | ♦ 85 |
| ♣ K8652 | S | ♣ J10973 |

♠ A64
 ♥ AKQJ42
 ♦ AJ6
 ♣ A

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| W | N | E | S |
| P | P | P | 1C! |
| P | 2C! | P | 2D! |
| P | 3D! | P | 7NT |
| All pass | | | |

Geoff opened a Precision 1C in 4th seat and I responded 2♣, ostensibly showing 8-10 HCPs and at least five diamonds. I thought the quality of my suit warranted the positive response.

Geoff's 2♦ asked for the length and strength of my suit and 3♦ showed a 6-card suit with two of the top three honours.

He then bid the grand slam, assuming that the hearts would yield six tricks, and claimed before West had led to trick 1!

For some reason West disputed Geoff's claim, even though he has three small hearts himself, which would have made Geoff's hearts worth six tricks.

When I showed him my 109 in hearts he acquiesced.

At the other table their system was not as sophisticated so they stopped in 6NT and we gained 13 IMPs and finished the teams off with a bang! ■



Janet Hansen and Diane Morgan

Pre-empt: 'pre' meaning 'before', therefore 'to pre-empt before someone else empts'.

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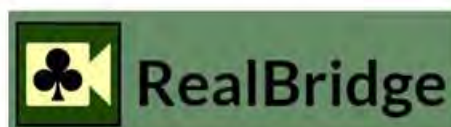
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Ethical Dilemmas



**Matthew
McManus**

MULTIPLE choice - what should you do when your partner gives an explanation of your bid that doesn't match your hand?

1. Nothing
2. Call the director
3. Go and talk to the director away from the table
4. Tell your opponents
5. Sigh/Roll your eyes
6. Leave

While #6 may be an attractive alternative, the correct answer is actually #1. Option #3 is obviously the one that feels right, because

when I'm directing that's what most people seem to do. While I am sure that most players think that they are trying to be "ethical", the Laws specifically require that, at least for the time being, you should do nothing.

So, when do you say that something has gone wrong? Well, that depends....

Case 1: Your partner has described your agreement correctly, but you don't have that hand – for instance, you forgot the system, you missorted your hand, or you miscounted your points. In this case, you have no responsibility to tell your opponents and, in fact, you shouldn't say anything. (BUT you must be absolutely sure that your partner has described your agreement correctly.)

Case 2: Your partner has mis-described your agreement, and you become declarer or dummy. In this

case, you should call the director and tell the opponents after the auction is finished and before the opening lead is made. The reason for calling the director is that he may be able to take some action which could reduce the problems caused by the misexplanation.

Case 3: Your partner has mis-described your agreement, and you become a defender. In this case, you must not say anything until the play of the hand is completely finished. Now fess up. If the opponents ended up with a poor score and may have done something different with the right information, the director may adjust the score. (Note that just because the opponents got the wrong explanation, that doesn't mean that the director will improve their score. Each situation is considered on a case by case basis.) The reason you don't do anything until the end of the hand is



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that as a defender, your partner is still very much involved in the hand. You cannot "wake him up" that you don't have the hand he thinks you have by pointing out his error.

The absolute worst thing that you can do is say nothing when you know that partner has – however innocently – misled the opponents. That is unethical.

This article looks at the player's responsibility in relation to what the opponents need to be told. There are further issues relating to what action you might take in the auction when you know because of the explanation that you and partner are not on the same wavelength. I will consider those in the next issue. ■

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Kim
Ellaway

WHAT a whirlwind of the last two weeks. Gold Coast Congress/Flooding/Cairns 50th Anniversary in 14 days. The damage to my house is minimal compared to others - I will eventually get a new bedroom ceiling and the damage to my room fixed but will be waiting. I have had mould specialists out and they have fixed that nasty green stuff spreading on my ceiling where the damage is.

The Gold Coast Congress was fabulous for those who attended. Numbers were small but we gave every single player the best time ever. Thank you to all those who attended and then for all those who will be playing in the Gold Point online events in order to recoup some of our losses. The event will lose a lot of money but we were damned if we held it and damned if we didn't. The loss would have been much more if we had cancelled. As I type this, we are still tabulating the financial data.

Next Year's Gold Coast will be on February 17 – 25 and as we can only have halls 2/3/4 numbers will be capped so

watch this space. The next big event is the Gold Point Barrier Reef event hosted by Townsville. The link if you are interested is <https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/78>.

Congratulations to State Winners – Mixed Teams – Richard Ward, Therese Tully, Jill MaGee and Terry Strong.

Giving myself two days rest after the Coast, Ray and I flew to Cairns for their 50th celebrations - what was I thinking? We arrived and were just walking from the plane to the terminal caused both Ray and I to complain about the heat. But we were just like the locals who were also complaining. They had a string of very, very hot days and it remained for the whole time we were there. Walking 10 metres was stressful to all so I didn't – I Ubered it everywhere. COVID has hurt many of their restaurants and some of my favourite long-standing places have just disappeared. However, I still found those that served a very cold beer after play. Cairns will be hosting the Barrier Reef Congress in 2023 so please support not only the event but restaurants and accommodation houses whilst there. Upon arrival we went to the bridge club to meet the Friday players and play a session of bridge. Friday evening we spent with some bridge friends. Saturday morning I went to the club to meet some of the bridge players who had not come back to play bridge after COVID. I have a long history with the club having played there when I first started playing bridge 46 years ago. Ev Turner, who was 100 and 8 months, cut the cake, and she will return next week to play bridge. It was a great morning and more than half of the those attending will now come back to bridge as they can see the effort gone to in making it safe for them to return. The afternoon was spent playing in a session and meeting the Saturday players. On Saturday night the 50th Birthday Dinner was held and what a spread we had, but I knew I had to get up for brunch with members on the Sunday so a quiet night for Ray and me.

On Sunday morning the club put on a brunch bbq for all those playing the following session of bridge. This was a board from that session.

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| Dir N | ♠ 65 |
| Vul None | ♥ A652 |
| | ♦ K108 |
| | ♣ AQ98 |
| ♠ A | ♠ J109 |
| ♥ 9843 | ♥ K107 |
| ♦ 7432 | ♦ Q965 |
| ♣ J1042 | ♣ 763 |
| | ♠ KQ87432 |
| | ♥ QJ |
| | ♦ AJ |
| | ♣ K5 |

We got to 4 NT when Ray mistakenly thought my 4NT was quantitative rather than Blackwood. 6NT can make if you start with a small spade letting the singleton ace win cheaply.

Thank you Cairns for your wonderful hospitality. Congratulations to William Van Bakel (President) and his committee for including as many members as possible in your celebrations, and members inspired by the 60th photo spread at the Gold Coast Congress did the 50-photo display in a week so well done guys. ■



GCC - Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs



Richard
Wallis

THE last major event of the Gold Coast Congress is the Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs, played in three grades on Friday and Saturday morning - ten 8-board matches, or 80 boards in all. I played with Geoff Toon and after a torrid battle, up and down

the standings, we finished 3rd. Paul Gosney and Tony Leibowitz won comfortably, over 10 VPs ahead of Andy Hung and Sebastian Langdon Macmillan in second place and we were a further 6 VPs back.

There were 98 pairs listed, and the advantage of this format is that even last place gets some Master Points. In fact, in this case slightly more than a few pairs above them in the standings. We started off with a modest 11 IMP loss, but that was enough to drop us down to 72nd place, from where even a one IMP win failed to move us. Then, after a few wins, we climbed to 4th at table 2 for the 6th match. Three modest wins at table 2 before a bad loss dropped us to table 9 for the 9th match. Two wins to finish off put us in 3rd, our highest position.

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| M 2 | ♠ 10964 | | |
| Bd 12 | ♥ A93 | | |
| Dlr W | ♦ AK | | |
| Vul NS | ♣ KQ95 | | |
| ♠ 8 | | ♠ AJ532 | |
| ♥ KJ1042 | | ♥ Q | |
| ♦ Q432 | | ♦ J9875 | |
| ♣ 1073 | | ♣ 82 | |
| | ♠ KQ7 | | |
| | ♥ 8765 | | |
| | ♦ 106 | | |
| | ♣ AJ64 | | |

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

Geoff's 2♦ response to my Precision 1♣ opening showed a balanced 8-10 without a 5-card suit. This nifty convention tells the defence very little, and when I rebid 3NT, East had to lead in the dark.

The ♦5 was led and with the ♠A onside I had no trouble making nine tricks for +400. Even if East was psychic enough to lead the ♥Q, they have the ♠A so there's no problem.

It is not clear why East chose the weakest 5-card suit to lead rather than the strongest, maybe to keep the ♠A as an entry?

Anyway it mattered not and the board average was -200, so we gained 5 IMPs.

On the following board I opened with

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| M 3 | ♠ 853 | | |
| Bd 20 | ♥ K10652 | | |
| Dlr W | ♦ 43 | | |
| Vul Both | ♣ 753 | | |
| ♠ KQ10 | | ♠ J72 | |
| ♥ A7 | | ♥ QJ4 | |
| ♦ K95 | | ♦ J862 | |
| ♣ 109862 | | ♣ AKJ | |
| | ♠ A964 | | |
| | ♥ 983 | | |
| | ♦ AQ107 | | |
| | ♣ Q4 | | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| 1NT! | P | 3NT | All pass |

a 12-15 1NT and Geoff raised to game, to which North led a negative ♣7, trying not to give a trick away.

It did give a trick away, as it was not possible for North to lead the ♣7 also holding the ♣Q, thus the finesse was going to fail, and I unblocked the top clubs to set up my suit and pleasantly the ♣Q dropped.

From the negative lead, it seemed like North had the ♥K, so I attacked spades to set up two tricks. South won and led the ♦7, which I ran around to dummy and then another diamond and I had 10 tricks for +630 and 9 IMPs.

According to Deep Finesse there are always nine tricks, but there are pitfalls and I was happy about the ♦7 switch.

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| M 4 | ♠ K102 | | |
| Bd 8 | ♥ A85 | | |
| Dlr W | ♦ 53 | | |
| Vul None | ♣ 109874 | | |
| ♠ 63 | | ♠ AQ754 | |
| ♥ K104 | | ♥ J932 | |
| ♦ 986 | | ♦ J1042 | |
| ♣ AKQJ5 | | ♣ — | |
| | ♠ J98 | | |
| | ♥ Q76 | | |
| | ♦ AKQ7 | | |
| | ♣ 632 | | |

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

We had a simple transfer auction followed by a game invitation, which seems odd given Geoff's club void, but opposite a 12-15 1NT he was not strong enough to invite.

Another sequence that would have explored a heart fit as well was Stayman followed by 2♠ after my 2♦ response.

North led the ♣10 to 3NT and it did not look like I had five club tricks after all. The ♣Q held trick 2 and the ♥10 was won by the ♥A while North persisted in clubs.

A spade to dummy to run the ♥J and South made the mistake of covering with the queen which gave me another heart on the 3-3 break and nine tricks in all for +400 and 10 IMPs.

Of course, double-dummy I could simply duck a spade at trick 2 and via the finesse and 3-3 break there are nine tricks.

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| M 6 | ♠ Q1054 | | |
| Bd 20 | ♥ Q2 | | |
| Dlr W | ♦ AJ109 | | |
| Vul Both | ♣ A107 | | |
| ♠ AJ93 | | ♠ K762 | |
| ♥ 7 | | ♥ A854 | |
| ♦ K743 | | ♦ 8652 | |
| ♣ KQ65 | | ♣ 4 | |
| | ♠ 8 | | |
| | ♥ KJ10963 | | |
| | ♦ Q | | |
| | ♣ J9832 | | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| 1D | P | 1S(?) | 2H |
| 2S | 3H | 3S | 4H |
| All pass | | | |

It was not clear to me why Geoff responded 1♠ and not 1♥ after I opened 1♦, but it worked out well! I forgot to ask him afterwards.

South bid a frisky 2♥, and then went even further by going on to 4♥ over Geoff's 3♠ rebid.

Geoff led the ♣4 and then won the ♥A to put me in with the ♠A so I could cash my ♣K and give him a ruff for one off.

If he had responded 1♥, I would have rebid 1♠ and he would probably invite with 3♠, which is likely to have been declined, but even 3♠ has no play with everything wrong.

The board average was +80, so we gained a useful 5 IMPs, which was greater than our meagre winning margin on this match.

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| M 7 | ♠ A107 | | |
| Bd 27 | ♥ KJ | | |
| Dlr S | ♦ AKQJ | | |
| Vul None | ♣ Q965 | | |
| ♠ 632 | | ♠ KQJ84 | |
| ♥ Q107 | | ♥ 43 | |
| ♦ 98763 | | ♦ 54 | |
| ♣ 74 | | ♣ J1083 | |
| | ♠ 95 | | |
| | ♥ A98652 | | |
| | ♦ 102 | | |
| | ♣ AK2 | | |

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| M 9 | ♠ AKQJ8 | | |
| Bd 12 | ♥ K8 | | |
| Dlr W | ♦ J10 | | |
| Vul NS | ♣ Q876 | | |
| ♠ 654 | | ♠ 1093 | |
| ♥ 10962 | | ♥ AJ73 | |
| ♦ K863 | | ♦ A97 | |
| ♣ A5 | | ♣ 1092 | |
| | ♠ 72 | | |
| | ♥ Q54 | | |
| | ♦ Q542 | | |
| | ♣ KJ43 | | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| P | 2D | P | 1H |
| P | 4NT | P | 2H |
| P | 6H | All pass | 5H |

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

Geoff got my attention when he opened 1♥, so I forced with 2♦ and was pleased to see him rebid his hearts, showing a 6-card suit.

4NT was Key Card Blackwood and he showed two Key cards without the ♥Q, so I settled in 6♥, to which West led the ♦9.

When dummy tracked I am sure Geoff was glad to have escaped a spade lead, so he led the ♥K at trick 2 and passed the ♥J as a safety play, rapidly claiming 12 tricks when West played safe with another diamond.

Even on a spade lead 6♥ is cold, but the safety play is no longer an option, so it must be a 2-3 trump break. Play the top hearts and discard the spades on the diamonds while West follows suit. Only a 2 IMP gain, but a plus.

In fact if you were in 7♥, since the finesse is better odds than a doubleton ♥Q (a singleton ♥Q still leaves the ♥10 as a loser), win the ♣K at trick 2 and finesse the ♥J, then the ♥K and ♣A to draw the last trump and claim.



Gill Phillippo, Kathy Males and Winny Chan

I opened a Precision strong 1♣ and Geoff bid 2♦, which was game forcing and showed a balanced 8-10 HCPs. My spades are also good in NT and, as I wanted to protect the ♥K, I rebid 3NT giving East no clear idea of what to lead.

East led the ♥3, which made it obvious when dummy hit that that we had right-sided the contract. I ran it around to my ♥K and led a club to dummy, which was won by West to return the ♥10 and I won trick 4 with the ♥Q on the table.

When the spades and clubs proved friendly I had 10 tricks for +630 and 11 IMPs.

We had four obvious losers, so if Geoff had 3-card support for my spades, 4♠ is one off.

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| M 9 | ♠ 852 | | |
| Bd 13 | ♥ A1087 | | |
| Dlr N | ♦ 6 | | |
| Vul Both | ♣ AQ742 | | |
| ♠ J7 | | ♠ 10943 | |
| ♥ QJ963 | | ♥ K52 | |
| ♦ AJ8 | | ♦ Q543 | |
| ♣ K95 | | ♣ 86 | |
| | ♠ AKQ6 | | |
| | ♥ 4 | | |
| | ♦ K10972 | | |
| | ♣ J103 | | |

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

I opened 2♣, which shows at least five clubs and a 4-card major, or six clubs and up to 15 HCPs.

Geoff asked with 2♦, and when I showed hearts and a minimum he jumped to 3NT.

West was put off by my 2♥ bid and did not lead his suit, instead leading the ♠J, trying to find his partner's suit. This he did, but it was not worth finding, and with the club finesse working, that was nine tricks and +600.

Thanks to my heart pips and Geoff's diamond pips, 3NT always makes, but not everyone bid game as the board average was 190, so 9 IMPs to us.

This match was our salvation back towards table 2 again and a pleasing finish. ■



Andy Hung and Sebastian Langdon Macmillan



Trish Anagnostou, Krystyna Homik, Frank Hymus and Margaret Pisko



Bobby Richman Pairs winners: Paul Dalley and Tony Nunn

Arana Teams

It has been a couple of years for me, but the week before the GCC Arana BC conduct a teams congress and this year I played with Geoff Toon and our team-mates were Watson Zhou and Charlie Lu. Geoff

and I had our good and bad boards, but Watson and Charlie were really on fire, winning the datums by a large margin, and we therefore won every match. Second were Vincent (Lindy playing with Richard Ward and Neville Francis playing with Tony Hutton), with Fox (Richard playing with Christine Newbery and Robyn Clark playing with Trevor Dwerryhouse) in third place.

Julie Jeffries was her usual competent self as the director, and the Arana BC treated us and the other 29 teams to a variety of sweet biscuits and cakes throughout the day. The whole of the event was played in good spirits and I do not remember hearing any bad feelings or any calls for the director the entire day.

Everyone we played against was enjoying themselves, and the teams in the lower half of the event were having their successes as we played teams 25 and 27.

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| M 1 | ♠ 2 |
| Bd 7 | ♥ 973 |
| Dlr S | ♦ 943 |
| Vul Both | ♣ AK9874 |
| ♠ Q4 | ♠ K106 |
| ♥ AK64 | ♥ Q1082 |
| ♦ 75 | ♦ KQ1086 |
| ♣ QJ1032 | ♣ 5 |
| | ♠ AJ98753 |
| | ♥ J5 |
| | ♦ AJ2 |
| | ♣ 6 |

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| W | N | E | S |
| All pass | | | 4S |

Since it was equal vulnerability I opened with 4♠, which was passed out. West led the ♣Q and I won on the table to cash the ♣K for a discard and was mildly disturbed when East ruffed, but decided to throw a heart anyway. East switched to a heart and I ruffed the second round and played ♠A and another, happy when the trumps now broke 2-2. On winning the ♠K East led the ♦K, which held the trick but I won the continuation with the ♦J for one off and -100. At the other table the contract was 4♠ doubled and this went two off for +500 and 9 IMPs to us.

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| M 2 | ♠ J53 |
| Bd 10 | ♥ A53 |
| Dlr E | ♦ AQ1086 |
| Vul Both | ♣ 63 |
| ♠ AK642 | ♠ 987 |
| ♥ J762 | ♥ Q98 |
| ♦ K | ♦ 953 |
| ♣ J102 | ♣ KQ97 |
| | ♠ Q10 |
| | ♥ K104 |
| | ♦ J742 |
| | ♣ A854 |

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| W | N | E | S |
| 1S | 2D | 2S | 3D |
| 3S | All pass | | |

After West opened 1♠ in 3rd seat Geoff made a normal overcall of 2♦, East bid 2♠ and I bid an obvious 3♦, but West bid 3♠ which was passed out.

Geoff led the ♣6 and declarer played low from dummy, so I encouraged, as I judged the Geoff had a doubleton. Declarer played three rounds of spades and upon winning the ♠J, Geoff led the ♣3, and I ducked again. Dummy was now dead and the contract went three off for +300 against -110 when Watson and Charlie allowed NS to play in 3♦, making, for 5 IMPs.

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| M 3 | ♠ J3 |
| Bd 17 | ♥ AQ42 |
| Dlr N | ♦ A87 |
| Vul None | ♣ A942 |
| ♠ AQ95 | ♠ K62 |
| ♥ 86 | ♥ 97 |
| ♦ J9542 | ♦ KQ103 |
| ♣ Q5 | ♣ KJ86 |
| | ♠ 10874 |
| | ♥ KJ1053 |
| | ♦ 6 |
| | ♣ 1073 |

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

Geoff opened 1NT (12-15) and I transferred with 2♦, over which Geoff bid 3♥ as a super-accept.

East led the ♦K and with the friendly heart break, Geoff had no trouble making nine tricks for +140. I did not get the bidding at the other table, but

maybe 1♣, pass, 1♥, X and East bid 3♦ over North's 2♥ raise. 3♦ is also an easy nine tricks, so another 110 and we had 6 IMPs.

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| M 3 | ♠ 65432 |
| Bd 23 | ♥ 10853 |
| Dlr S | ♦ 95 |
| Vul Both | ♣ Q8 |
| ♠ A | ♠ 107 |
| ♥ A94 | ♥ QJ6 |
| ♦ KQJ1086 | ♦ 743 |
| ♣ A75 | ♣ J9432 |
| | ♠ KQJ98 |
| | ♥ K72 |
| | ♦ A2 |
| | ♣ K106 |

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| W | N | E | S |
| 5D | P | P | 1C! |
| All pass | | | X |

Sitting South I opened with 1♣(Precision) and West jumped to 5♦, which was passed around to me. I had just the bare 16 HCPs for my 1♣ opening, so I doubled for penalties and Geoff made the excellent lead of the ♣Q, which I encouraged with the ♣6. By preserving the ♦7, declarer was able to set up the clubs for a heart discard and lost just three tricks for +200. At the other table Watson was not so active and stopped in 4♦, making, for +130 and 6 IMPs.

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| M 5 | ♠ AQ954 |
| Bd 11 | ♥ A |
| Dlr S | ♦ AKQ93 |
| Vul None | ♣ 103 |
| ♠ 1086 | ♠ K7 |
| ♥ 97632 | ♥ K1085 |
| ♦ 52 | ♦ J1087 |
| ♣ 986 | ♣ KQ2 |
| | ♠ J32 |
| | ♥ QJ4 |
| | ♦ 64 |
| | ♣ AJ754 |

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

Geoff opened with a Precision 1C and my 1NT response showed five clubs and 8+ HCPs. He showed his

diamonds and I was happy to rebid 2NT with my balanced hand and even happier to bid 3NT when he showed his spades.

West led the ♥3 (maybe he had an agreement that this does not show an honour) and playing teams I had lots of potential, even slam was possible on good layouts, so I won on the table and led the ♠4, catching East on the hop as she played low. When the ♠J won, I went back to dummy with the ♠A, dropping the now bare ♠K and could afford to give up a diamond and a heart, making 11 tricks for +460.

At the other table NS got to the shaky 6S, was doubled, and conceded +300 to us for 13 IMPs.

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| M 6 | ♠ 75 | | |
| Bd 17 | ♥ AQJ653 | | |
| Dir N | ♦ 9863 | | |
| Vul None | ♣ 7 | | |
| ♠ — | | ♠ 109643 | |
| ♥ K874 | | ♥ 1092 | |
| ♦ AKJ | | ♦ Q1074 | |
| ♣ AKJ542 | | ♣ 6 | |
| | ♠ AKQJ82 | | |
| | ♥ — | | |
| | ♦ 52 | | |
| | ♣ Q10983 | | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| | 2H! | P | 4S |
| X | All pass | | |

Geoff opened with a weak 2♥, and I unwisely bid 4♠ even though I had a void in his suit. West doubled on sheer power, and led the ♦K. Geoff had good hearts, but I had a void, so in desperation after ruffing the 3rd diamond, to set up a ruff I led the ♣3 towards dummy. West wanted her partner in to lead a trump and did not want to lead a heart, so also in desperation she ducked, and the ♣7 won in dummy! I was now only two off for -300, which matched the score from a more sensible 3♠X at the other table.

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| M 6 | ♠ A2 | | |
| Bd 20 | ♥ AK5 | | |
| Dir W | ♦ QJ1082 | | |
| Vul Both | ♣ KQ9 | | |
| ♠ 10876 | | ♠ K94 | |
| ♥ 87 | | ♥ Q | |
| ♦ 9754 | | ♦ AK6 | |
| ♣ 1074 | | ♣ AJ8632 | |
| | ♠ QJ53 | | |
| | ♥ J1096432 | | |
| | ♦ 3 | | |
| | ♣ 5 | | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| P | 1C! | P | 1D |
| P | 1H! | 2C | 2H |
| P | 4H | All passed | |

After Geoff's Precision 1♣ my 1♦ response was negative and Geoff's 1♥ rebid was artificial and forcing and my 2♥ showed five hearts. Geoff did not even invite game now, just signing off in 4♥, to which East led the ♦K. There was nothing in the play for 10 tricks and when East unwisely led a spade, won on the table, Geoff made 11 tricks for +650. At the other table South was constrained from bidding hearts by the system and North made nine tricks in diamonds for 11 IMPs to us.

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| M 7 | ♠ 52 | | |
| Bd 32 | ♥ Q974 | | |
| Dir W | ♦ J | | |
| Vul EW | ♣ K97653 | | |
| ♠ AKQ863 | | ♠ J4 | |
| ♥ A5 | | ♥ 106 | |
| ♦ A94 | | ♦ Q1085 | |
| ♣ Q8 | | ♣ AJ1042 | |
| | ♠ 1097 | | |
| | ♥ KJ832 | | |
| | ♦ K7632 | | |
| | ♣ — | | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| 1S | P | 1NT | 2H |
| 2S | 3H | 3S | 4H |
| All pass | | | |

This was the last board of the day and I got a little frisky with my shapely hand when Geoff passed the 1♠ opening bid, and I ventured forth with a 2♥ overcall. When Geoff supported hearts, I was down for a sacrifice, if EW bid over my 4♥, but to my surprise 4♥ was passed out!

Of course West's inexperience was evident when I saw the hand record, as his hand is far too strong for a simple 2♠ rebid.

At the other table Charlie and Watson had no trouble getting to 4♠ and even made 12 tricks for +680 and 12 IMPs. ■

QUEENSLAND RESULTS JANUARY 2022 – MARCH 2022

TOWNSVILLE AUSTRALIA DAY

CONGRESS: [Directors – Jan Smith & Leigh Owens] **PAIRS** 1 Lesleigh Rooney / Phil Rains; 2 Betty Hobdell / Rosemary Glastonbury; B Dusk Care / Kay Goodwin; C Cathy Crawford / Albert Beric; **TEAMS** 1 John Tredrea / Helen Lovegrove / Charlie Georgees / Russell Woolley; 2 Terrence Sheedy / Errol Miller / John Johnson / Audrey Ledbrook; B Phil Rains / Lesleigh Rooney / Devan Mitchell / Jacki Segantreddo; C Andree Galeano / Sam Bishop / Di Garside / Donna Fitch / Jan Manders

TOOWONG PAIRS: [Director – Alan Gibson] 1 Neville Francis / Tony Hutton; 2 Charlie Lu / Watson Zhou; B Jane Doyle / Ted Morriss; C Rob Swann / Jane Tagney

TOOWOOMBA PAIRS: [Director - Chris Snook] **RESTRICTED** Michael Doherty / Rod Brilliant; **NOVICE** Roger Green / Tim Porter

ARANA CONGRESS [Director – Julie Jeffries] 1 Geoffrey Toon / Richard Wallis; Watson Zhou / Charlie Lu; 2 Lindy Vincent / Richard Ward; Neville Francis / Tony Hutton; B 1 Robert Van Beest / Leonie Nugent; Trish Lye / Rhonda Wieckhorst; 2 Abby Wanigaratne / Carmel Martin; Lyn Tracey / Mick Fawcett; C 1 Ted Morriss / Jane Doyle; Jo Neary / Susan Kennard; 2 Dimity Burke / Sameer Pandya; Sumant Handa / Eugene Pereira

60th GOLD COAST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

BOBBY RICHMAN PAIRS: OPEN 1 Tony Nunn / Paul Dalley; 2 Justin Mill / Ben Thompson; B Joe Haffer / Jamie Thompson; C Anne Lamport

/ Paul Gosney; D Val Holbrook / Noel Bugeia; **BEST QLD PAIR** Laurie Skeate / Phil Hale; **BEST WOMEN'S PAIR** Margaret Pisco / Trish Anagnostou **INTERMEDIATE** 1 Adrian Riepsamen / Jeff Lassman; 2 Adrian Lohmann / Don Cameron; B Rebecca Rooke / Lynne Cooke; C Tilley Thillainathan / Jorgen Boettiger; **RESTRICTED** 1 Diana Saul / Douglas Hurrah; 2 Sumant Handa / Eugene Perreira; B Gwen Riordan / Liz Moss; C Gail McKenzie / Martin Brown; **NOVICE** 1 Rosemary Floquet / Jan Kinross; 2 Rhonda Khong / Ken Jones; B Rick Webster / Robert Olander; **WEEKEND SWISS PAIRS** 1 Charlie Lu / Watson Zhu; 2 Ian Afflick / Paul Collins

TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS: OPEN MILNE defeated **HAFFER** 148-122; **UNDER 1500 McMAHON [NSW]** defeated **PISKO** [Krystyna Homik / Frank Hymus / Trish Anagnostou / Margaret Pisko]; **INTERMEDIATE ELICH** [Adrian Riepsamen / Jeff Lassman / David Christian / Gabrielle Elich] defeated **WILLIAMS [NSW]** **RESTRICTED POYNTEN [NSW]** defeated **THOMSON** [Rosemary Thomson / Sally Hall / Joyanne Gissing / Raelene Clark] **NOVICE JIA** [Lilly Jia / Wendy Cuthbert / Vanessa Brewis / Jenny McGowan] defeated **BRIDGMAN** [Howard Bridgman / Ian Van Altena / Debra Niesler /

Dawn George]; **SERES-MCMAHON PAIRS** 1 Mike Pemberton – Ron Clark; 2 Judith Tobin / Julia Hoffman; 3 John Stacey / Sue Rutkowski; **IVY DAHLER PAIRS** 1 Paul Gosney / Tony Leibowitz; 2 Sebastian Langdon Macmillan / Andy Hung; B Janet Hansen / Diane Morgan; **ROOKIE PAIRS** Elizabeth & David Ward; Elizabeth Moran / Helen Klieve; Debbie Carroll / Jacinta Lee; Louise & Stephen Bennett x 2; Linda & Peter Neil; Marcia Cameron / Barry Braithwaite; Carole Bloomer / Jill Kavanagh; Clair & Clemens Vanderloos

QUEENSLAND MIXED TEAMS:

[Director – Peter Busch] 1 Therese Tully / Richard Ward / Jill Magee / Terry Strong; 2 Tim Ridley / David Harris / Sam Halvorsen / Rosemary Green / Philippa Barnett; 3 Ryan & Richard Touton / Adrienne Kelly / Jim Martin; B 1 Janice & Edgar Beckett / Pamela Hawkins / Russell Greenwood; 2 Michael Huddart / Jean Pearce / Rozanne Thomas / Sandy Long

TOOWONG NOVICE PAIRS:

[Director – Steve Murray] A1 Phoebe & Mark Harnack; 2 Chris Green / Graeme King; B 1 Louise & Stephen Bennett; 2 Judy Wallace

/ Jan Flanigan; C 1 Sue English / Joanne Bayett; 2 Sue Calthrop / Stuart Stoddart

ROCKHAMPTON AUTUMN CONGRESS:

[Director – Les Bonnick] **TEAMS:** 1 Betty Theodore / Helen Manzau / Lydia George / Peter Gordon; 2 Malcolm Allan / Ken Cupples / Donna Smith / John Lanham; B 1 Lesley Halliday / Sue Rohrig / Cindy Mackintosh / Lynne Macfarlane; 2 Paula Gibb / Brian Blackmore / Mavis Anderson / Margaret Doak; **PAIRS:** 1 Janet Hansen / Diane Morgan; 2 Ken Cupples / Malcolm Allan; B 1 Helen Manzau / Peter Gordon; 2 Diane & Max Holewa

QLD OPEN TEAM TRIALS:

[Director – Alan Gibson] 1 Therese Tully / Richard Ward; 2 Neville Francis / Tony Hutton; 3 Phil Hale / Laurie Skeate; 4 Richard Fox / Andrew Woollons; 5 Rachel Langdon Nikolas Moore; 6 Paul Collins / Ian Afflick

SUNSHINE COAST TEAMS:

[Director – Peter Busch] 1 Ryan & Richard Touton / Adrienne Kelly / Ken Dawson; 2 Alison Dawson / David Christian / Lyn & Jim Martin; B 1 Vesna & Voyko Markovic / Martin Wu / Eugene Pereira; 2 Noreen Weyling / Tony Davidson / Sarah Huntington-Wynne / Tim Sayer