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**2023 GOLD COAST
BRIDGE CONGRESS
BULLETIN 7**

**YOUR DAILY
BULLETIN**

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Thursday 23 February

[Stephen Lester](#) and [Barry Rigal](#)

**Round of 4 Gold Coast Open Teams
Under 1500 Teams Final
Intermediate Teams Final
Restricted Teams Final
Novice Teams Final
Seres McMahon Matchpointed Swiss Pairs
Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs
Friday Novice Pairs**

Tables at
Thursday
evening

5819

3635 in 2022



Highly commended Bayside Queen of Hearts, Mary Lou Dwyer, Margaret Costello,
Heather Lindsay, Disa Hallett

Saturday 10.00 (11am Standard Eastern time is the Vugraph of the
finals.) Go to BridgeTV.com.au and follow the link

BRIDGE TV
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Round 9

Gold Coast Teams qualifier

by Barry Rigal

Board 5 ♠ AQJ6

Dealer N ♥ AK74

Vul N-S ♦ T732

♣ 8

♠ T853

♠ K942

♥ QJ952

♥ 6

♦ AQ95

♦ KJ4

♣

♣ KQ954

♠ 7

♥ T83

♦ 86

♣ AJT763

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West	North	East	South
Rigal	Courtney	Grynberg	Butts
	1♥	dbl	2♥
2♠	pass	pass	3♣
3♦	dbl	3♠	pass
pass	dbl	all pass	

Sometimes four-card majors work to your advantage, sometimes they do not. Here NS found their hearts, but when Butts balanced into clubs, they had got into -500 (or worse) territory. I took them off the hook, but Courtney thought he could beat 3♠ and expressed that opinion.

Can you make a case for leading the ♠A? I think so. After two rounds of spades, declarer has to be rather careful. (*Deep Finesse* takes a LONG while to decide nine tricks can be made!).

The winning line is to win the second spade, cash four diamonds pitching the heart, then lead the ♥Q; North covers, so you ruff in dummy, ruff a club, ruff a heart, and ruff a second club. North can overruff, and has a trump and a top heart but must give you trick 13 with his losing heart.

After a top heart lead, ace and a trump shift came much too late. I could cross to hand in diamonds and ruff out the missing heart honor, then come to hand with a second diamond and run hearts when the ten fell. North could ruff low, but I overruffed and ruffed out the clubs. Courtney scored just his master trump and that was +630.

Two boards later our 2/1 'bidding' was weighed in the balance and found wanting.

Board 7 ♠ QJ6

Dealer S ♥ Q7532

Vul Both ♦ 432

♣ 84

♠ AT8542

♠ K

♥ AKJ6

♥ T984

♦ KT5

♦ A7

♣ --

♣ AKQ932

♠ 973

♥ --

♦ QJ986

♣ JT765

We played 6♣, spurning our 4-4 fit and were duly punished. In the other room they reached 6♥, and only a 5-0 spit offside could damage that...and in fact even that break isn't enough.

Clearly the contract is easy at double dummy but say you play it as West on a diamond lead. Only 7 pairs made the slam! Most Norths led a diamond and it seems natural to win and cash a top heart. If you do you are down!

To succeed you need never to play trumps. Win the ♦A, cash a spade, two clubs and the ♦K. Then take ♠A and ruff a diamond low. With seven tricks in the bag you have a high cross ruff now. I know Tom Jacob followed a very similar line to bring home his slam here.

Ed: You're right, Barry, here's Tom's line:

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Jacob	v der Vlugt	Ware	Hans
			pass
1♠	pass	2♣ ¹	pass
2♥	pass	3♥	pass
3♠ ²	pass	4NT ³	pass
5♣ ⁴	pass	5♥ ⁵	pass
6♥	all pass		

1. Natural, GF
2. 1st or second round control
3. Key Card
4. 0 or 3
5. Pass if 0

Tom Jacob won North's ♦3 lead with the ace in dummy and played two rounds of clubs, discarding two spades. He cashed ♠K and played a diamond to his king. He cashed ♠A and ruffed a diamond low.

Now he ruffed a club with ♥A.

The position was:

Board 7	♠ Q	
<i>Dealer S</i>	♥ Q7532	
<i>Vul Both</i>	♦ ---	
	♣ ---	
	♠ T85	♠ ---
	♥ KJ6	♥ T98
	♦ ---	♦ ---
	♣ ---	♣ Q92
	♠ 9	
	♥ --	
	♦ QJ	
	♣ JT7	

At this point Tom claimed five tricks on a crossruff and North agreed. North's best defence is to ruff ♠10 with the queen and return a trump, but now all the EW hearts are high for a crossruff. 7 pairs bid and made 6♥; 90+ bid 6♥ and failed. Let's say that North throws the Q spades on the



Tom Jacob

Board 15	♠ Q2	
<i>Dealer S</i>	♥ 654	
<i>Vul N-S</i>	♦ AK743	
	♣ 532	
	♠ J64	♠ AK8
	♥ AQJT8	♥ K7
	♦ 5	♦ QT2
	♣ AJ6	♣ KT984
	♠ T9753	
	♥ 92	
	♦ J986	
	♣ Q7	

ruffed club. Finally on a lighter note, (well it seemed that way to me but you never know how our opponents felt...) on our first board out on the set Robert Grynberg had AQ109-eighth of diamonds and

when I opened 1♥ and the opponents bid 3NT he felt obliged to save in 4♦. If he was going to lead a diamond he was probably right – but he bought a 4-5-0-4 hand in dummy and went one down.

On the next deal an opponent heard their partner open 1♥ and the next hand overcalled 2♣. Looking at AQ109-eight of diamonds they bid 5♦ - - doubled and down 1100 when dummy put down a void diamond and a ten-count.

I guess some people never learn...

Round 10

Gold Coast Teams qualifier

I'm not asking for sympathy here, just canvassing opinions.

You are going to be on lead to 3NT having heard the opponents bid unopposed starting on your left: 1♥ - 2♣ - 2♦ - 2NT - 3♥ - 3NT.

2♦ showed less than 16 but a decent opening bid, 3♥ showed a sixth heart. Declarer had shown a balanced hand, and was more likely to have club length than any other suit. Should you lead spades, diamonds or clubs?

My thinking was that a five-card suit had to offer the best chance here, but I'm sure in retrospect I was wrong. I need partner to have 10+ to have a chance to beat the game. With any real spade length he might have acted, so a diamond is a better shot. By leading a spade, I had robbed David Stern of the chance of being brilliant – winning the first diamond with the ace and returning a low one. BUT: to beat the game I needed to lead the diamond eight not the six. Look at what happens if I lead low and declarer misguesses; the suit blocks on the fourth round and I go home and kick the cat...

Board 21	♠ AJ543		
<i>Dealer N</i>	♥ 853		
<i>Vul N-S</i>	♦ K86		
	♣ KT		
♠ Q86		♠ KT97	
♥ QJ		♥ K	
♦ J753		♦ A9	
♣ A974		♣ QJ8632	
	♠ 2		
	♥ AT97642		
	♦ QT42		
	♣ 5		

Warning: TO ANY READERS OF A DELICATE DISPOSITION – YOU SHOULD MAYBE STOP READING NOW, AND PLEASE DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME.

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Markey</i>	<i>Stern</i>	<i>Spooner</i>	<i>Rigal</i>
	1♠	2♣	2♥
3♣	3♥	pass	4♥
all pass			

We have a doctor on our team who offered me a padded cell after seeing the hand I had bid game on. I can't deny it might have been just a little sporting, but after the club lead and continuation, game seemed quite playable.

I pitched a spade, ruffed a spade, and played ♥A and another. Markey defended strongly by continuing spades, so I took the ace and ruffed a spade. From the fall of the cards, it seemed East was 4-1-2-6 not 4-1-3-5 or he would have doubled initially. So, since West had all the high cards East had the doubleton ♦A. I led the ♦Q from hand and whether East ducked or won, he had to allow me the tenth trick. Even if his diamond was a small one, not the nine he would have to let me get to dummy to ruff out the spades and pitch my last diamond on the fifth spade.

What is the best trump suit you have ever had and heard your RHO open (a non-psyche) at the three-level in that suit? David Stern was well placed to defend here – unfortunately his partner wasn't in on the game!

Board 27	♠ AKJ983		
<i>Dealer S</i>	♥ A5		
<i>Vul None</i>	♦ AJ		
	♣ J92		
♠ Q76542		♠ T	
♥ Q643		♥ KJ82	
♦ K4		♦ QT5	
♣ 7		♣ KT853	
	♠ --		
	♥ T97		
	♦ 987632		
	♣ AQ64		

The pointy end

For those still aspirational at the top end of the field, Thursday morning dawns with hope anew.

For those teams with no hope at all, it should be a time of evaluating your performance, or trying to improve your datum score. Perhaps you and your teammates are close in the datum and the last four rounds provide a chance to equal or overtake their score.

The lucky six to realise their aspirations were
 ROSENBERG - in 6th place on Thursday morning
 THOMSON - in 9th position on Thursday morning
 AA - in 3rd position on Thursday morning

HUNG - in 41st position on Thursday morning - they amassed around 70 by Round 12

DALLEY - in 8th position on Thursday morning

ZIGGY - in 2nd position on Thursday morning

Step up smartly

Board 22 ♠ 632
Dealer E ♥ Q5
Vul E-W ♦ 3
 ♣ AKQ9765

♠ KQ8 ♥ T873 ♦ 95 ♣ JT42	♠ AT ♥ 942 ♦ KQJT872 ♣ 3
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♠ J9754
 ♥ AKJ6
 ♦ A64
 ♣ 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	<i>Ewart</i>		<i>Smith</i>
		1♦	1♠
pass	3♣	pass	4♠
all pass			

1. Fit-showing

David Smith reported a deal where a defensive error led to a hopeless-looking game making.

West led ♦9 to the 10 and ace. David ruffed a diamond at trick two, then cashed ♣A,K.

East ruffed with ♠10, David overruffed and played a third diamond. West discarded a heart and David was home. He ruffed with ♠3 and played a spade from dummy. The defence only scored three spade tricks.

Had East ruffed with ♠A and played another diamond, the defence would have come to four tricks.

But the game was also down if West had stepped in with ♠8 on the third diamond, playing partner for the ace of spades and giving partner a club ruff.



Solution to Deep Finesse Prob. 6

♠ 7 5 ♥ Q 7 ♦ K J 2 ♣ A J 9 8 6 4	♠ J 4 2 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ A Q 10 9 5 3 ♣ 3 ♠ A K 9 6 3 ♥ A 10 6 5 ♦ - ♣ K Q 6 2	♠ Q 10 8 ♥ K J 4 2 ♦ 8 7 6 4 ♣ 10 7
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	♠	♥	♦	NT
N	-	2	3	3
S	-	2	3	4
E	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-

South plays 4♠ on a ♠5 lead.

On a spade lead the only winning play at trick two is a low heart away from ♥A1065. By this device you can still take two heart tricks, along with five trumps, ♦A, a club ruff, and a top club.

On ♥Q lead, duck and win the second heart Next play ♣K. West does best to win, but declarer discards dummy's heart on ♣Q, and has a number of ways to score ten tricks.



The ABF Foundation was established in 2020 to assist participants of all skill levels to enjoy and promote our fascinating game. In 2023 we sponsored our first project which sought to re-establish bridge in Australian Universities. The pilot program at the University of NSW helped us understand the best approach to use and we expect to broaden our program in the future to grow participation in this important demographic <https://abffoundation.org.au/projects.asp>.

One of our major fund-raising activities each year is our Pro-Am Tourney held annually on 2 dates on RealBridge. Our first event for this year raised just under \$6000, but if you missed it you can still join us for our second event which will be held on:

Tuesday 7 March 2023 at 7.15pm on RealBridge

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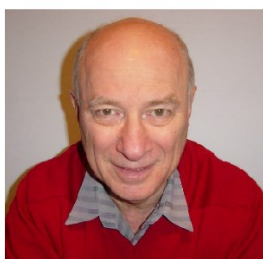
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Dual NOT winner and Australian star player Sophie Ashton



Multiple Australian representative, leading teacher and bridge professional – Phil Gue



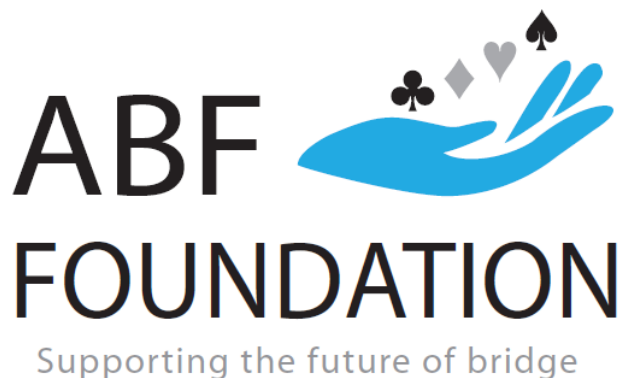
Award winning author, multiple Australian representative and national event winner – Ron Klinger



Former ABF President, multiple Australian representative and national event winner – Bruce Neill

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For those of you driving to Brisbane, there will be roadworks between Beenleigh and Roma St. Take care and leave early



Bridge Slogans

by Reg Busch

Ed: This practical advice was found in the Sunshine Coast Bridge Club newsletter. Many clubs in Queensland miss the sage advice and knowledge imparted by Reg.

When we start to learn bridge, we learn a few slogans to guide us.

For example: Cover an honour with an honour.

Second hand plays low, third hand plays high.

In finessing, eight ever, nine never.

When in doubt lead trumps.

Always return partner's suit. (these last two never were very good advice).

These are useful guides when we start, but there are no "always" and no "nevers" in bridge. You will find that there are many important ifs and buts you must also learn. This series of articles will attempt to clarify the ifs and the buts.

First, we'll discuss

Cover an honour with an honour.

The big proviso: But only if it may promote a defensive trick for one's side. Here is an obvious example where you would not follow the slogan.

Declarer (LHO) has opened a weak two in spades and his partner has raised to 4♠.

Declarer wins the opening lead on the table and leads ♠J from dummy. Do you cover?

♠J108

♠ K75 (you)

How many spades does partner hold? One only. There is no way that playing the king could ever promote a trick for your side, and indeed it may cost dearly. If partner's singleton is an honour, playing the king will be disastrous. The play will go Jack, king, ace, queen! (thus presenting declarer with a no loser suit).

Or it could be worse: Jack, King, small, Ace. Partner will love you for compressing two certain tricks into one.

North

♦K9 (you)

East

♦AQ1053

In a notrump contract, West leads ♦J. You are North.

Both your diamonds are doomed, so is there any point in covering? Perhaps not, but partner just may hold ♦8xxx and will take the fourth trick. So cover – there is nothing to lose and just a possibility of gain.

There are less obvious situations. In a club side suit dummy holds ♣QJ93. You hold ♣K52..

Declarer leads ♣Q from dummy. Do you cover? The answer is No.

Let's look at what could happen.

#1

♣1086

♣ A74

♣QJ93

♣K53 (you)

You cover the queen with the king, ace from declarer, who then plays small to the nine, finessing partner out of his ten. Declarer eventually collects four tricks in the suit. But, if you don't cover, declarer must lose a trick however he plays

So the rule is: When you are looking at touching honours, don't cover the first time, but cover the second time.

Change the layout a little.

#2

♣1086

♣A74

♣QJ932

♣K5 (you)

Now your king is doubleton, and declarer leads Q♣. You still mustn't cover. If declarer needs five tricks in this suit and you cover with the king, he has no choice but to finesse with the nine to the next trick. But if you hold off with the king, look at declarer's problem.:

The layout may be:

(1) ♣1086, ♣108

or

(2) ♣K5, ♣K65

He has to pick either the king or the 10 to be doubleton if he wants to make five tricks in the suit. In (1) he must lead small from the table (dropping the doubleton king), in (2) he must lead the queen, thus pinning the doubleton 10.

To make life harder for him, an alert partner holding ♣1086 will play ♣8 to trick one to give the impression of the 10 being doubleton. Declarer may still get it right, but at least you have made him guess, and sometimes he will guess wrongly. That's the aim of the game.

What if your suit was doubleton ♣K10? In this case, cover the first time. Partner holds nothing to protect. If you are lucky, declarer may finesse the nine into your hand on the next trick.

Often you don't have the luxury of seeing the hand on lead.

Example: #3

♠A43

♠Q

♠K75

Declarer, the closed hand leads the queen. Do you cover? Technically, declarer should not be leading the queen unless he also has the jack. Bearing in mind #1 above, if you cover you may be establishing a no loser suit for declarer.

However, declarers don't always play correctly, and I would cover because we may be establishing a defensive trick. Otherwise, you may find yourself in the position of North in the next hand.

#4

♥K82

♥Q642

♥A753

♥J109

West was an experienced player playing against experienced players. He needed to salvage two tricks from this suit. The normal way to play this combination is to hope for the king to be on your

right and to lead small from the table. But he had good reason from the bidding to place ♥K in the North hand.

So he led ♥Q from hand. North "knew" that West, to play this way, had to hold ♥J and possibly ♥9, and that he should hold off covering until the second round. He correctly held off, allowing West to "steal" his two tricks in hearts. This is a deceptive tactic that would work only against good players. This is what we used to call a Chinese Finesse. These days, this would be a very un-PC term, but I don't know what the language police today would call it. Whatever, it's best to cover an honour unless you can actually see the touching honours.








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2023 Bridge Companions Programme

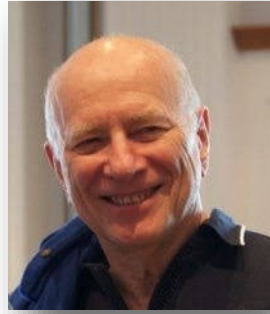
Hello and a huge welcome back to our 2023 Bridge Companions programme

We look forward to meeting you all – having a little fun – and visiting spots along our famous Gold Coast. Below, please find the organised activities for the week.

Here's to a fun week, Sue, and Lana

Location	Dates	Event	Meeting	Depart	Costs
 	Friday 24th Champagne and Nibbles	All welcome to champagne and nibbles where you will receive a 10% discount on certain items. Enter a free draw to win a pair of shoes, to be drawn that morning	Meeting at In-Her Shoes Oasis Shopping Centre, 8.15am		No cost
	Fri 24th Aquaduck https://www.aquaduck.com.au/gold-coast-river-cruise/	Aquaduck experience begins in the heart of Surfers Paradise on Cavill Avenue. From Surfers Paradise beach towards the glamour and beauty of Main Beach. Along the way, the Pacific Ocean, Southport Yacht Club, Marina Mirage, Palazzo Versace. That's where the Aqua duck gets to show its true colours splashing into the water for a scenic cruise of the spectacular river and Broadwater. The key sights from the water, wildlife and all the activity of surrounds	Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach	Bus leaves at 11:30am for a tour start time of 12:15pm	\$10 for bus Lunch at own expense \$36.55 (RPP \$43)
	Other Options Harbour Town	Visits are also available to Harbour Town, one of Australia's largest outlet shopping centres with over 240 stores, as well as providing alfresco dining. Harbour Town have their own shuttle buses to and from the Convention Centre at 9.15am & 10.30am, returning 2pm & 5pm. VIP invitations to Harbour Town are available at the get together at apartment 3005, Air on Broadbeach.			
	SkyPoint Observation Deck https://www.skypoint.com.au/	SkyPoint Observation Deck offers panoramic views of the Gold Coast, 230m above sea level, located atop the iconic Q1 building in Surfers Paradise. SkyPoint's unique vantage point lets you take in the entire city from the 77 floor.			\$29 pp one time entry
Any expressions of interest or pre-bookings would be very welcome.	Contacts:			Bridge Companions	
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Question 7
What would you do?
 by Ron Klinger



North deals, nil vulnerable

North
 ♠ Q J 6 5
 ♥ 8 3 2
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ A 5 4

West
 ♠ A K 8 2
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ Q 9 6 2



West	North	East	South
	pass	pass	1♥
pass	2♥	pass	4♥
all pass			

West leads the ♠A. East plays the ten (high-discouraging), ♠4 from South. What should West do at trick 2?

Answer overleaf

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YOUR DAILY BULLETIN

There are many great problems if you care to go over the hand records when you play, often via the deep finesse analysis box.

Deep Finesse Problem 7

♠ K	♠ 10 9 7 2
♥ J 10 8 5 2	♥ -
♦ 10 9 8 2	♦ A 6 5 3
♣ 10 7 6	♣ A K 5 4 3
♠ A Q 5 3	♠ J 8 6 4
♥ A Q 7 3	♥ K 9 6 4
♦ 7	♦ K Q J 4
♣ Q J 9 8	♣ 2

	♠	♥	♦	♣	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	7	1	1	5	5
W	7	1	1	5	5

This deal is from the recent SWPT in Canberra. Playing with a new partner we agree to play transfer responses to 1♣. On hand 1 partner forgets and we end up jumping all over the place and end up in 7♣ by West. I finesse ♠Q early and finish down 3 doubled.

A distant voice in my head says, "I wonder if Deep Finesse makes 7♣" and indeed DF can make 7♣.

Looking at all 4 hands make 7♣ on any lead, maybe a trump.

Answer tomorrow in bulletin 8.

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Solution to Question 7

What would you do?

A switch in time

The deal comes from a bridge workshop, conducted by Sydney experts, David Beauchamp and Sartaj Hans at the Coffs Coast Gold Congress, 2011. The topic was defensive play and this deal was one example:

North deals, nil vulnerable

♠ Q J 6 5

♥ 8 3 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ A 5 4

♠ A K 8 2

♥ 9 4

♦ 9 6 4

♣ Q 9 6 2

♠ 10 7 3

♥ J 7 6

♦ A 8 2

♣ K J 8 7

♠ 9 4

♥ A K Q 10 5

♦ K Q J 10

♣ 10 3

West	North	East	South
	pass	pass	1♥
pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
all pass			

Lead: ♠A

East plays the ten (high-discouraging), ♠4 from South. What should West do at trick 2?

West should switch to ♣2 to attack dummy's entry. If East can produce ♣K, the defence can knock out ♣A and hopefully deny declarer access to any spade winners.

As the card lie, it also gives the defence four tricks. Another reason for the club shift is that ♣K-J-x in the East hand is much more valuable than ♦K-J-x if West were to switch to a diamond at trick 2.



Jayne Francis and Sydney Rowan, 3rd 0-50 MP Butler Swiss Pairs



Gregory Sulzberger and Angela Robinson, 1st Thursday Rookie Pairs



Helen Klieve and Elizabeth Moran, 1st 0-50 MP Butler Swiss Pairs



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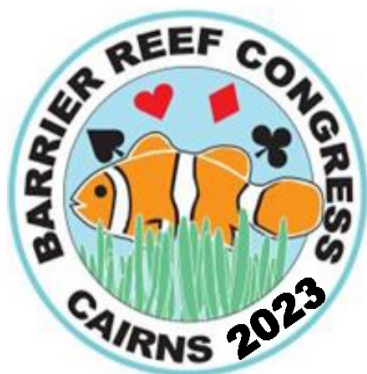
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Alex Daw, Clare Drew, Karyn Pert, Anita Spurling, joint 2nd placegetters Thursday Rookie Pairs



27th Barrier Reef Congress

Cairns Colonial Club

April 28 – May 1, 2023

Chief Director: Jan Peach

An ABF Gold Point Event

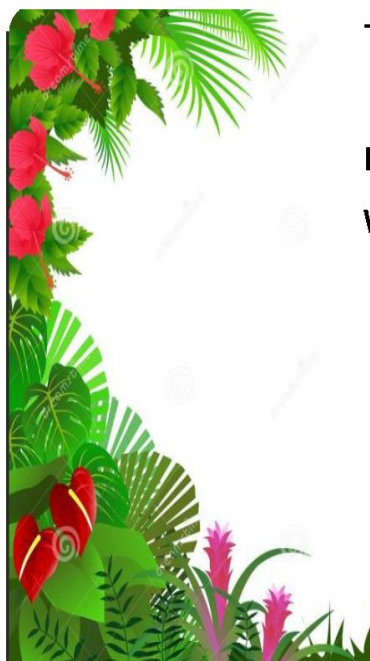
Swiss Teams (Open and Barrier Reef 300)
Butler Swiss Pairs (Open, Restricted and Novice)

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2023 AUSTRALIA WIDE TEAMS CLUB KNOCKOUT

When: Second Tuesday of each month, starting June, 7.30 pm Eastern

Qualifying: June-August-September:

Knockout and Consolation: October-November-December:

Where: RealBridge

Format: Clubs (home and alternate members) can enter one team (total 4) in each division:

All Clubs' players < 50 masterpoints

Clubs < 100 members and players less than 100 masterpoints

Clubs > 100 members and players less than 100 masterpoints

All Clubs and players less than 750 masterpoints

All Clubs and no masterpoint limit (* Masterpoints and Club members at 31 March 2023)

" Unlimited substitutes and monthly format avoid any significant disruption to existing club programs and the second Tuesday avoids the Melbourne Cup." Dave Munro, South Perth Bridge Club

Cost: \$240 per team (\$10 per player per round) with entry and payment via myABF covers 6 rounds for all teams. Teams not making the knockout stage join a three round Swiss consolation

Prize money: \$1000 winner and \$500 runner up payable to Club (this prizemoney is payable to clubs in divisions with 16 entries. The organisers will scale prizemoney for divisions with fewer entries)

Gold Masterpoints at A2 level

Director: Matthew McManus

Organiser: Rob Ward (SMS 0418 611 908)

" This was a great competition particularly for the less experienced players who grew significantly during the event. Home and alternate club provisions broadened eligibility. " Sue Falkingham Tasmania BA and Liz Sylvester Mollymook.

Tournament Regulations: can be found via myABF



Club vs club: the 2022 Final

The Inaugural Final of the Australia Wide Teams Club Knockout was held on RealBridge Tuesday 6 December 2022 at 7:30pm AEDT. Kibitzing was available for all divisions via My ABF - Congress View. The finalists were:

Open: Nedlands Bridge Club vs Moonee Valley Bridge Club



Vinod Nasta, Jonathan Free, Mimi Packer, Cynthia Belonogoff



George Lovrecz, Leo Saoud, TP Ranasinghe, Gordon McRobert

Under 750: Canberra Bridge Club vs Mollymook Bridge Club



Elizabeth Yoo, Liz Shonk, Jo Thomas, A DeLorenzo, Helen Little



T Rolfe, Lauri Perino, Lucy Robinson, R Milbourne, M McTiernan

Under 100: Brisbane Bridge Centre vs South Canberra Bridge Club



M Corney, Vanessa Brewis, J McGowan, Lilly Jia, Martin Wu

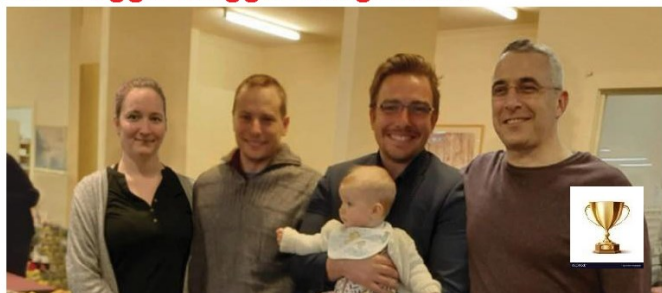


Paul Appelby, Kevin Caruana, Martha Griffiths, Brenda Watts

Under 50: Waverley Bridge Club vs Wagga Wagga Bridge Club



Kevin Gu, Nitin Joglekar, Ann Zhu, Marg Ferguson



Marie Gin, Henry McMahon, Kyle Giggacher, Paul Gianniotis

Thirty teams kicked off the inaugural annual club knockout in September 2022 culminating in the final 6 December. Organiser Rob Ward said, "Special thank you to all Clubs and players who participated in this new event. Getting up and going had its challenges but we did and look forward to 2023 and beyond with enhancements that will make this event a highlight of the ABF Calendar."



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