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From the President



Richard Ward

THE QBA has spent the last 18 months in the search for a replacement venue for the Gold Coast Congress. Chief searchers have been William van Bakel, Sue and David Smith, Warren Holmes, Di Hodges, Kim Ellaway and Jan Peach who were given the brief of finding the floor space and facilities suitable for a congress of around 180 tables which would still make it the largest event in Australia although nowhere near the 400+ of the GCC. They searched far and wide including but not only:

- Star Casino
- Carrara Indoor Sports Stadium
- Aquis Park (Gold Coast Turf Club)
- Dreamworld

- Mantra Gold Coast
- Mantra Sharks Southport
- Southport Community Centre
- Broadbeach Community Centre
- Novotel Sunshine Coast (Twin Waters)
- The Goods Shed Toowoomba
- Sunshine Coast Community Centre
- Cairns Convention and Exhibition Centre
- Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
- Cairns Film Studio
- Sunshine Coast Sports and Recreation Centre
- Cairns Showground Pavilion
- Pullman Hotel, King George Square
- RNA Showgrounds Convention Centre
- Greek Club
- Mariott Gold Coast
- Voco Hotel, Brisbane CBD

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ENTRIES OPEN 1st JULY

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- Warehouse Newstead

With thanks to all for a mammoth and intensive effort by all concerned. Last month the Management Committee met to consider all of these options and to make a 2027 decision for approval by the ABF. So now it's all systems go, and we are looking forward to seeing as many Queenslanders as possible supporting this brand new venture.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The QBA Management Committee wishes all Queensland bridge players a Happy Christmas and an even better New Year for 2026

TBIB QBA Festival of Bridge (Oct 11-13) – QCBC



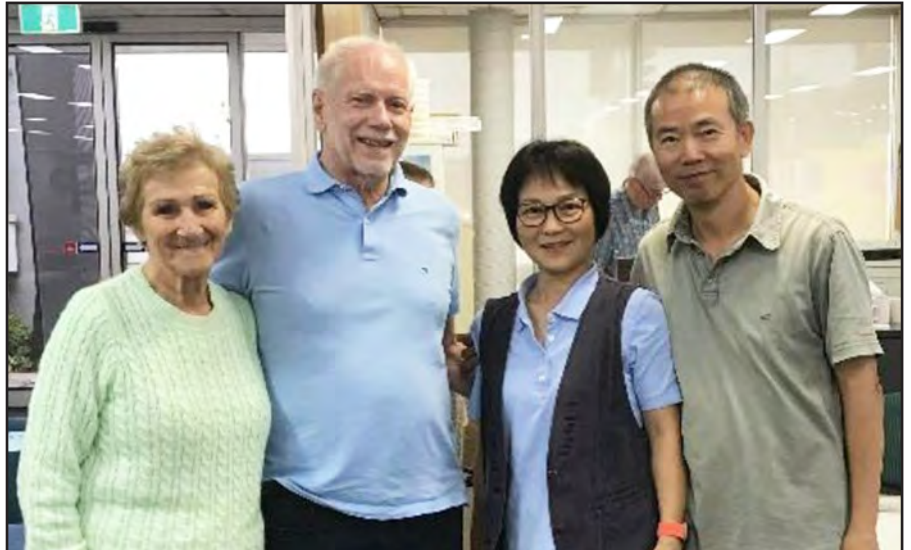
*Joan McPheat Open Pairs Winners
Richard Ward and Therese Tully*



*Reg Busch Open Teams Winners
Magnus Moren, Neville Francis, Sanmugaras Kamalarasa,
presenter David Busch, Ralph Parker*



*2nd Open Pairs: Jim Evans and
Pamela Evans*



2nd Open Teams: Eva Berger, Tony Berger, Ann Liu and Usher Zeng



*3rd Open Pairs: Ralph Parker and
Paul Hooykaas*



3rd Open Teams: Paul Collins, Sue O'Brien, Geoff Olsen and Adrienne Kelly



4th Open Pairs: Paula McLeish and David McLeish



5th Open Teams: Pele Rankin, Kate Macdonald, Heath Watkins and Michael Gearing (absent)



Best Regional Pair: Adrian Lohmann and Karin Le Rou



4th Open Teams: Ken Dawson, Ian Afflick, Alison Dawson and Janeen Solomon (absent)



1st B Pairs: Tony Lusk and Michael Byrne (absent)



1st C Pairs: Jacqui Dudurovic and Andrew Slater



5th Open Pairs: Presenter Richard Ward, Janeen Solomon and Ian Afflick (absent)



1st D Pairs: Barry Koster and Barbara Mackay



2nd C Pairs: Lex Ranke and Jack Rohde

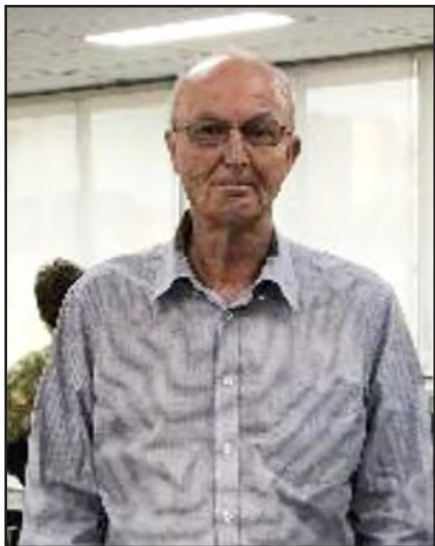


Best Regional Team: Chris Snook, Denise Hartwig, Shanaal De Zoysa and Hema De Zoysa (absent)



1st Restricted Pairs: Peter Munro and Jenny Thompson (absent)

and Bill Powell. In the two-day Teams event, I partnered Larry Moses with Pat Bugler and Tim Runting as team-mates. Seeded third, we played top seeds MORRISON in the second round and lost by 3 IMPs. MORRISON and our team then both lost our third round, leaving fourth seeds ASKEW in the lead until they were beaten by MORRISON by 28 IMPs in the third-last round. We played ASKEW in the second-last round despite what felt like a bad set, our team-mates excelled and we beat them by 14 IMPs. MORRISON led by 9 VPs with one round to go, but we just managed to win the event ahead of them thanks to a maximum win against a lower-ranked team while they had a losing draw against third seeds LUCK. ASKEW finished third and LUCK fourth.



2nd Regional Pair: Don Cameron Jan Randall (absent)



1st Novice Pairs: Brian Clark and Suzy Brownlow

Dlr N	♠ KJ
Vul None	♥ KQ3
	♦ A5
	♣ AK9542
♠ 10952	♠ Q63
♥ A98754	♥ 1062
♦ 82	♦ J973
♣ Q	♣ J83
	♠ A874
	♥ J
	♦ KQ1064
	♣ 1076

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

This was our streakiest board from the Pairs. We were the only pair in 6♦, the only slam with a chance of making despite being a 5-2 fit, as any other slam has a sure club and heart loser. Andrew (South) received the lead of the ♥A followed by a spade to the jack, queen and ace. He played a diamond to the ace, and then a diamond to the ten! This was the winning play on the layout and enabled him to pull trumps, play the ♠AK, discard a club on the ♥K, use his last trump to ruff the clubs good with the ♠K as an entry - the only declarer to make slam in the entire field. Only a spade lead from West beats it, by removing a late entry to the table, while 6♦ by North is unbeatable.



Best B Team: Barbara Mackay, Davis Zhang, Barry Koster and Lilly Jia (absent)

Toowoomba King's Birthday Congress



Nikolas Moore

THIS is my fifth Toowoomba Congress in a row. I partnered Andrew Woollons in the Pairs where, despite an excellent first half, we faded to finish in seventh place. The event was won by Marjorie Askew

On the very next board, East was one of several opponents during the congress who decided to pre-empt with a full opening hand.

Dir E	♠ 83		
Vul NS	♥ KQ64		
	♦ —		
	♣ AKQ10954		
♠ 105		♠ KQJ972	
♥ 9873		♥ A102	
♦ KQ97532		♦ 8	
♣ —		♣ J83	
	♠ A64		
	♥ J5		
	♦ AJ1064		
	♣ 762		

W	N	E	S
P	X	2S	P
P	5C	P	3D
All pass		P	6C

I was North and only have 14 points, but with great shape and only three losers, jumped to game after Andrew showed some values by not using 2NT Lebensohl. With two aces, Andrew raised me to slam, which only one other pair bid.

East led the ♠K to the ace. Andrew's diamonds are largely wasted opposite my void, but his ace provided a very important spade pitch. Despite the bad breaks, this was not difficult to make thanks to Andrew's very useful ♥J. I just had to knock out the ♥A, trump the spade return and trump the third heart. This is somewhat fortunate in that if East was 2-2 in the reds instead of 3-1, he would defeat the slam by trumping the third heart with the jack.

There were a number of boards where we followed the general

advice of bidding competitively and it usually paid off.

Dir S	♠ KJ9		
Vul None	♥ K85		
	♦ Q9763		
	♣ 94		
♠ Q73		♠ A652	
♥ 732		♥ A106	
♦ 54		♦ K10	
♣ AJ1085		♣ Q762	
	♠ 1084		
	♥ QJ94		
	♦ AJ82		
	♣ K3		

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

Here, in round 4 of the Teams, we have a 9-card club fit and they can make 3♦. In theory, 3♣ can fail by two tricks, but in practice finding the best possible defence is challenging. South led the A♦, setting up my king for one extra trick. I won the diamond continuation and led the ♣Q to the king and ace and ducked a heart to South. South won and found the best switch of a spade, which I ran to the ace as it costs nothing to leave the queen on the table. I then played ace and a heart leaving North endplayed, as a diamond gives me a ruff and discard, and her actual spade lead makes the queen of spades a winner, for +110 and 6 IMPs in, as our team-mates made an overtrick in 1NT.

Once spades have not been led early, avoiding the endplay is difficult: North needs to unblock the ♥K on the second round of the suit so that South can win the third round

and lead another spade through dummy's queen.

This was from round 6 of the teams where we had our biggest win of 65 IMPs.

Dir W	♠ A975		
Vul NS	♥ K872		
	♦ A82		
	♣ Q10		
♠ Q3		♠ 1042	
♥ A653		♥ QJ109	
♦ Q107		♦ 5	
♣ J973		♣ AK865	
	♠ KJ86		
	♥ 4		
	♦ KJ9643		
	♣ 42		

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


Larry (West) made an unorthodox lead of the ♥A, which paid off. I encouraged and he continued the suit, declarer discarding a club. In theory the contract can now make, but only if declarer drops the doubleton spade queen offside. She went with the odds and played ace and a spade to the jack and queen. Larry continued hearts, forcing declarer to ruff. She drew my last trump leaving her out of trumps and, as the diamonds did not behave, we made two hearts, two clubs, a diamond and a spade for +300 and a gain of 8 IMPs, as our team-mates defeated 3♥ at the other table. ■

Caboolture



Kim Ellaway

YOU have to be fast if you want to play in the Caboolture Congress. The venue can only take 26 tables and it fills weeks before the event. Ray and I have been attending since the first one with Toni Bardon and partner. This year Yolanda Floris was back from her travelling around Australia.



Need help with any aspects of myABF including the Club Administration module?

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We started with a local team of the Gibbards and the Markovics who gave us a hiding so we had to crawl our way back which we did but the music stopped too soon and we could only do enough to come third which was our seeding so it was very fitting.

Caboolture do a wonderful spread of food and lunch, and is an automatic yes for that congress. Well done to all. This hand helped our third.

Ray, as North, opened 1♦ which could be short; 2♠ from East, a negative double from me and 3♠ from West. 4♣ from Ray was showing no better than a 5-card suit with 14/15 points.

My 4♦ showed a non-game force with club support and a suit of my own. This prompted Ray to bid 5♦ and with a double fit 12 tricks was easy. Very interesting hands were had all day. ■

Interclub Teams Winners - QCBC



Back: Matthew Page-hanify, Pam Evans, Jim Evans (Janeen is hiding behind Jim), Anne Barry, Patrick Bugler, Kellie Tesolin, Giovanni Tesolin, Karen Elmes and Helen Klieve
Front – Maria Mills and Rosemary Thomson

QCBC representatives for 2025 Interclub teams - winning the Marion Cooke Trophy

- Open Team: Pamela Evans/Jim Evans and Patrick Bugler/Janeen Solomon (1st)
- B Grade <400mp: Matthew Page-Hanify/Rosemary Thomson and Karen Elmes/Anne Barry (4th)
- C Grade <100 MP: Helen Klieve/Maria Mills and Kellie Tesolin/Giovanni

Dir W	♠ J107
Vul EW	♥ 9
	♦ KJ104
	♣ AKQ42
♠ AQ4	♠ K98532
♥ QJ754	♥ K82
♦ 73	♦ 92
♣ J73	♣ 106
	♠ 6
	♥ A1063
	♦ AQ865
	♣ 985

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

Only a couple of us bid game let alone the slam. Our system allowed us to find the double fit however we knew we only had 24 points at the maximum.

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Gold Coast 2026 Gold Point Online Congress

Two days of ABF gold point events conducted by the Queensland Bridge Association under licence to the ABF.



Saturday 7th February: TBIB Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Sunday 8th February: TBIB Cross-Imp Swiss Pairs

Both Days:  Start 9 am AEST (Queensland Time)

 Offer Open and Under 500* events

 Entry Fee 40 MYABF Credits per player

* Both players to have been under 500 masterpoints as at 30/9/2025

* Requires an entry of 30 pairs to be certain to play as a separate event

Generous Prizes in MYABF
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QUEENSLAND OPEN TEAM SELECTION TRIALS 2026

to be held at
QUEENSLAND CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

for the

ANC INTERSTATE TEAMS held Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July 2026 during the
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (CANBERRA) 4th - 16th July, 2026

QUALIFICATION

PAIRS MUST APPLY ON MYABF by 5 pm Wednesday, 14/1/2026

if they wish to qualify through ANY of the three processes:
Direct Entry, Queensland Qualification Points (QQP) or Selection.

Please don't think there is no chance if not near the top of the QQP Leaderboard. Higher pairs may not be interested, may be ineligible, may withdraw through illness before the trials begin. In 2025, the final qualifier was 78th on the QQP leaderboard.

Pairs who apply and fail to qualify through Direct Entry or QQP, will be considered for Selection. Two pairs will not necessarily be selected and any unfilled place reverts to QQP.

Each player applying for qualification to this event, is required to provide a written statement (by email is sufficient) before the closing date of applications acknowledging that s/he agrees to be bound by the QBA Regulations and any supplementary regulations made by the tournament organisers as:

- posted on the QBA or MYABF website prior to the closure of applications or
- appearing on the entry form/flyer or
- announced before the closure of applications.

Each player must further acknowledge that s/he understands that the regulations pertaining to authorised and unauthorised withdrawal apply from when the names of the 16 qualifiers are posted on the MYABF website regardless of whether an entry fee has been paid.

NO FEES PAYABLE UNTIL QUALIFIERS ANNOUNCED

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
5 pm Wednesday 14th January, 2026

Queensland Open Team Selection Trials 2026
4 days (2 weekends)

9.30 am Start 7th - 8th March
9.30 am Start 14th - 15th March

Sunday 8th March will be the short day.

Director: Chris Snook

Tournament Organiser: Kim Ellaway

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The 16 pairs who qualify will be listed on MYABF by the TO and
\$200 per player must be paid by 5 pm Monday 2nd March
(50% entry fee for youth players.)

All systems and Brown Sticker permitted.

Yellow systems must be in the hands of the
QBA Tournament Committee chairman by 25th February, 2026.

[QBA Tournament Regulations - Queensland Bridge Association \(qldbbridge.com.au\)](http://qldbbridge.com.au)

There may be updates to the Regulations prior to 7th March, 2026.

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QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S & SENIORS' TEAM SELECTION TRIALS 2026

to be held at

BRISBANE BRIDGE CENTRE (Please Note Different Venue)

for the

ANC INTERSTATE TEAMS held Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July 2026 during the
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (CANBERRA) 4th - 16th July, 2026

\$45 per player per day
(50% entry fee for youth players to the Women's Trials)
9.30 am start on first day

The Women's and Seniors' Team Selection Trials are two separate fields.
A player must have been born before 1st January, 1962 to be eligible for the Seniors.

Dates:	More than 5 tables	28 th & 29 th March; 18 th & 19 th April, 2026
	3.5 to 5 tables	28 th & 29 th March; 19 th April, 2026
	Up to 3 tables	28 th & 29 th March, 2026

All ENTRIES and PAYMENTS on



ENTRIES CLOSE
5 pm Monday 23rd March

Director: Chris Snook

Tournament Organiser: Kim Ellaway
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Pay \$360 per pair (4 days) by 5 pm Monday 23rd March, 2026. Surplus funds will be refunded promptly via myABF credits should only two or three days be required.

- Each player entering this event, is required to provide a written statement (by email is sufficient) before the closing date of entries acknowledging that s/he agrees to be bound by the QBA Regulations and any supplementary regulations made by the tournament organisers as:
 - posted on the QBA or MYABF website prior to the start of the event; or
 - appearing on the entry form/flyer or
 - announced before the start of the event.

Systems: All systems permitted. Yellow systems must be in the hands of the QBA Tournament Committee chairman by 18th March, 2026

Scoring Method: Cross-IMPs converted to VPs following the principle of the ANC VP scale

Current QBA Regulations:

[QBA Tournament Regulations - Queensland Bridge Association \(qldbridge.com.au\)](https://www.qldbridge.com.au)

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Sunday 8th March 2026

Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (No Conversion to VP)

TABLE LIMIT: 24

\$80 per pair

Start: 9.30 am

Venue: Queensland Contract Bridge Club
67 Ipswich Rd, Woolloongabba 4102 (3391 3241 on the day)

Please Enter and Pay on **MYABF**

Players are responsible for making sure their entry is listed.

Entries close 5 pm Friday 6th March

Late entries accepted at the Director's discretion.

BYO Lunch and BYO Pen - All Day Tea & Coffee

Morning & Afternoon Tea, Light Refreshments After Play

Cash Prizes paid with MYABF Credits

Should the field be divided for secondary prizemoney purposes,
it shall be divided on the Director's seeding.

Green, Blue and Red Systems plus Brown Sticker

QBA Regulations Apply
A B4 Red Masterpoint Congress



Director:
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Tournament Organiser: Jan Peach

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IBPA Column Service



Tim Bourke

Dlr S	♠ Q4			
Vul Both	♥ KQ76			
	♦ AQ62			
	♣ 987			
♠ J10963		♠ K752		
♥ 1042		♥ A53		
♦ K954		♦ 73		
♣ 3		♣ K542		
	♠ A8			
	♥ J98			
	♦ J108			
	♣ AQJ106			

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

After this simple auction, West led the jack of spades, covered by the queen and king. Declarer saw that he could only make the contract if both minor-suit finesses succeeded. So, after winning the ace of spades, declarer led the jack of diamonds and ran it when West followed with a low card. West played low when declarer led the ten of diamonds, which won the trick. Declarer continued with the eight of diamonds to the nine and queen. Next, declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and ran the nine of clubs. When that held, declarer continued with a second winning finesse in clubs. Alas, West discarded a heart and the contract could no longer be made.

The mistake declarer made was playing for four diamond tricks by letting the ten of diamonds hold, essentially playing for an overtrick if he was able to make five tricks in the club suit. Instead, he should have settled for three diamond tricks by overtaking the ten with dummy's queen. The difference is that after declarer runs the nine of clubs and then finesses the ten of clubs, he still

has the ace of diamonds as an entry to take a third winning club finesse. Then he can cash the ace of clubs to make five tricks in the suit.

There would still be a chance for a ninth trick even if clubs proved to be 0-5. He would then need to find the diamonds 3-3 – an unlikely but possible scenario!

Dlr S	♠ AJ10852			
Vul Both	♥ Q42			
	♦ 2			
	♣ A53			
♠ 43		♠ 6		
♥ J96		♥ K875		
♦ AQJ9		♦ 1087643		
♣ Q1076		♣ 98		
	♠ KQ97			
	♥ A103			
	♦ K5			
	♣ KJ42			

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

This deal came up in a Team game where both South players opened with a 15-17 notrump. The auction was identical at both tables: North transferred into spades and made a splinter rebid in diamonds. Since no sidesuit lead was particularly attractive, both Wests led a trump.

At the first table, the declarer was something of a finesse fanatic. After drawing trumps with the king and ace, this declarer led dummy's two of diamonds to the king. West took this with the ace and exited with the queen of diamonds, which was ruffed in dummy. Declarer now tackled the club suit optimally (at least, in isolation): he cashed the king and ace of clubs and led a third club towards his jack. Alas, West won the trick with the ten of clubs and exited with the queen. Now, declarer crossed to hand with a trump and led a low heart to dummy's queen and East's king. When East returned a low heart, declarer took the best remaining chance for a tenth trick by playing his ten. West produced the jack of hearts for a one-trick set.

Yes, three finesses had lost and clubs were vile, but could he have

done better? At the second table, after drawing trumps, declarer proceeded to demonstrate that he could have.

First, he cashed the king and ace of clubs. Only then did he lead the two of diamonds to the king and ace. When West continued with the queen of diamonds, declarer remembered a problem in a Test Your Play book by Paul Lukacs and Jeff Rubens, where the winning move was to discard dummy's third club! The difference from the first table now was that West could not profitably play a club at this point: if he tried the queen, that would set up declarer's jack; if he led a low club instead, declarer could discard a heart from dummy, and the jack would still become the tenth trick. (It would not matter which defender won the second diamond trick – whoever did would be endplayed, to give a ruff and discard or set up a trick for the club jack or the queen-ten of hearts.)

In the end, West exited with a low heart, hoping his partner held the ten in the suit. Declarer called for a low heart from dummy and took East's king of hearts with his ace. Dummy's queen of hearts was declarer's tenth trick.

Dlr S	♠ QJ			
Vul Both	♥ 6532			
	♦ A72			
	♣ 9863			
♠ 86542		♠ K1073		
♥ 109		♥ 84		
♦ 105		♦ J98643		
♣ QJ74		♣ 10		
	♠ A9			
	♥ AKQJ7			
	♦ KQ			
	♣ AK52			

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

The auction had a few points of note. Unusually, North's raise to 3♥ conventionally promised some values and four-card support for hearts (North would have rebid

3NT with only three hearts and the same sort of strength). 3♣ was a cue bid, and North's failure to bid 3NT suggested a more modest hand than otherwise.

Against the slam, West led the ten of trumps. Declarer counted eleven top tricks, so long as he could find an entry to dummy – which the club suit would provide if the suit proved to be 3-2. After winning the first trick with the ace of trumps, declarer drew a second round of trumps and cashed the ace of clubs. Declarer's intention was to continue with the king of clubs, until he noticed that East had followed with the ten. Instead of cashing the king of clubs immediately, declarer asked himself, "What if East's ten is a singleton?"

After a few seconds' thought, declarer found a counter that would let him make for sure if West had only two diamonds, and would leave him needing the spade finesse otherwise. First, he cashed the king and queen of diamonds. Then, instead of playing the king of clubs, he led the two of clubs from hand. This would ensure three club tricks if the suit was 3-2 and guarantee an entry to dummy.

It also succeeded on this layout, when West took the trick with his jack of clubs and then found himself endplayed. West saw that declarer would romp home if he exited with a club – he would make five trumps, three clubs, three diamonds, and the ace of spades.

The only hope for the defence was

that declarer's ace of spades was a singleton. So, West exited with a low spade. This saw dummy's queen win the trick, and declarer disposed of his remaining low club on the ace of diamonds.

Dir W	♠ 64		
Vul EW	♥ 865		
	♦ AQJ		
	♣ AKQ42		
♠ 9832		♠ 5	
♥ K10		♥ AQJ97432	
♦ 73		♦ K96	
♣ J9873		♣ 5	
		♠ AKQJ107	
		♥ —	
		♦ 108542	
		♣ 106	

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

3♣ was forcing, and South's 5♥ promised a void in hearts. North could see that all his points were working, and tried for a grand slam. South signed off in what he knew was the best trump suit.

West led the king of hearts, hoping that this would make his trump holding awkward for declarer. Declarer ruffed the opening lead with his seven of trumps and then cashed the ace of trumps. When all followed, declarer played the king of trumps. East's discard of a low heart made what would be a routine hand on a

3-2 break a bridge version of, "May you live in interesting times."

All would be well if the clubs were 3-3, a somewhat remote chance given the bidding. Declarer realised that he could make at least three diamond tricks if West had the king of diamonds – he could draw trumps, take the winning diamond finesse with a low card to the queen, and then play the ace and jack of the suit. Either his diamonds would be high, or he would have three diamond tricks for his contract.

So, declarer considered what he could do if East took the queen of diamonds with the king. Obviously, East would return a heart and then, after ruffing with his last trump, declarer would be locked in dummy when he played a club or a diamond. The contract would succeed only if clubs were 3-3. It took a minute or two, but declarer found the winning play.

First he drew West's remaining trumps with the queen and jack, discarding dummy's two remaining hearts. Next he played dummy's ace and queen of diamonds. When East took his king of diamonds and, as expected, exited with a heart, declarer was ready. He ruffed it and discarded dummy's blocking jack of diamonds. As the diamonds were 3-2, declarer had twelve tricks: six trumps, four diamonds and two clubs. ■

Sydney Spring Nationals



Nikolas Moore

FOR 2025, the Sydney Spring Nationals changed its format so that the first five days was an Open Teams event consisting of three sections. The Championship section was predominantly a series of knockout matches of 28 boards, and if you lost a match you dropped into the Plate, which was also predominantly a knockout and losing

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this dropped you into the Shield, which was a Swiss event.

As with the previous three years, I partnered Rachel Langdon and we teamed up with Marjorie Askew and Bill Powell. We won our first three knockout matches, narrowly defeating the strong WILKINSON team in the third round before losing to second seeds and eventual winners MILNE though we came back from 50 IMPs down at the halfway point to only lose by 24, just short of making the quarter finals. We were immediately knocked out of the Plate, which was won by KOZAKOS, and finished 13th out of 40 in the Shield, won by WILKINSON.

We then teamed up again for the Mixed Teams, where we finished near the bottom despite winning nearly half our rounds, and finished 16th out of 72 in the Open Pairs after being in top ten for the majority of the event.

The first knockout round was a good advertisement for playing in 7-card fits.

Dir E	♠ 10942		
Vul NS	♥ K643		
	♦ —		
	♣ KQ986		
♠ A8		♠ KQ765	
♥ AQ82		♥ 107	
♦ A6543		♦ QJ72	
♣ A5		♣ 104	
	♠ J3		
	♥ J95		
	♦ K1098		
	♣ J732		

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

Non-vulnerable we often open weak twos with only 5-card suits. Partner's response to my strong 2NT enquiry showed a good weak two with no shortage. With plenty of potential tricks and worried about the club suit, I preferred to play in spades instead of no-trumps, and spades proved to be the better contract, with no means of finding our diamond fit. All games can fail due to the losing heart finesse and bad diamond and spade breaks, but South led the ♦8,

which partner ducked, and North, not realising that he had a natural trump trick and that his partner had good diamonds, ruffed, and now partner made five spades, three diamonds and the other two aces for +420 and a gain of 7 IMPs, as East/West at the other table stopped in 3♦ making.

Dir E	♠ 653		
Vul EW	♥ 1093		
	♦ Q10		
	♣ AQ976		
♠ AK108		♠ 942	
♥ Q862		♥ AK5	
♦ K8		♦ J96432	
♣ J42		♣ K	
	♠ QJ7		
	♥ J74		
	♦ A75		
	♣ 10853		

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

Partner's raise of my major here only promises 3-card support. Although I should have checked with 2NT, and we would have ended up in 3NT, in theory 4♥ was the right spot! The hands fit poorly and every game is liable to go down multiple tricks, except that the cards are sitting perfectly and therefore game in either major can make, as can 3NT unless the ♠A is played at trick 1. Against 4♥, North led the ♠A and switched to a low spade to the jack and king. Short of options, I crossed to the table and led a diamond, South rising ace and playing the ♠Q, to my king. I drew trumps and as the suit broke and the ♦Q fell under the king, I could cross to the ♠9 to enjoy all of dummy's diamonds for +650 and 13 IMPs in, as our team-mates defeated 3NT, which failed more often than not.

GNOT

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Dir W	♠ J1097632		
Vul Both	♥ J64		
	♦ Q		
	♣ J9		
♠ —		♠ K	
♥ K9873		♥ A2	
♦ A109432		♦ J875	
♣ 87		♣ A106543	
	♠ AQ854		
	♥ Q105		
	♦ K6		
	♣ KQ2		

In this board from the next round, partner opened 1♣ and South overcalled 1NT. I decided to show my longer suit with 2♦, forgetting that it shows the majors, which is a shame on this particular board as we can make 5♦, which several pairs found. My supposedly having the majors confused the opponents but did not prevent them from reaching 4♠. Partner led a diamond to my ace and I returned a heart to her ace. She returned the suit to my king and ruffed the third round with the only trump that the opponents were missing! She cashed her top club for two off and a flat board.

Later in the round I again initially forgot that 1♣ (1NT) 2♦ showed the majors and this resulted in our 4♠ being wrong-sided, which was very costly as our opponents found the killing lead, the only ones to do so.

Dir W	♠ 942		
Vul None	♥ —		
	♦ KQ108		
	♣ KJ10865		
♠ A1076		♠ K5	
♥ K94		♥ QJ8763	
♦ 9542		♦ 76	
♣ 97		♣ AQ2	
	♠ QJ83		
	♥ A1052		
	♦ AJ3		
	♣ 43		

W	N	E	S
P	3C	3H	All pass

This was from the first round that we played in the Shield and features a nice endplay by partner. North's preempt pushed us into a game that we normally wouldn't have bid, but the hands fit well and game would normally make comfortably, except

that trumps are 4-0. South led a club to the jack and queen. Partner led the ♥Q, which was ducked. She played the king and ace of spades, trumped a spade, crossed to the ♥9 to trump another spade, and trumped a club in dummy, leaving her with only red cards, and finally played a diamond to the jack, leaving South endplayed and forced to lead trumps to partner, as North had discarded her diamonds, for +420 and 8 IMPs in, as our team-mates were down two in 3♠.

Dir S	♠ Q865
Vul Both	♥ 87
	♦ 843
	♣ Q1072
♠ 43	♠ KJ1072
♥ 642	♥ K1095
♦ KJ952	♦ A10
♣ K84	♣ J9
	♠ A9
	♥ AQJ3
	♦ Q76
	♣ A653

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

This hand featured another 7-card fit and an elimination/endplay. Partner's 2♣ bid shows the majors, and 2♥ proved to be our best spot, beatable only on a trump lead from North. North led a low club to the ace. I won the club return and with limited entries tried a spade to the jack and ace. South, with no inviting exit, returned a diamond to dummy's ten. I cashed the ♠K, ruffed a spade, diamond to the ace, trumped another spade, trumped a club and exited a spade. With K109 still in dummy I could not be prevented from making another trump trick for +110 and indeed most declarers made it on a non-trump lead. We lost 2 IMPs because our team-mates' 1NT was two off. ■

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Moreton Bribie Derby Day



Shirley Watson, Ruth Webb and Joy Lawson

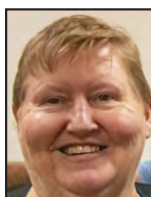


Yuko Nakamura and Chris Watson



Fashions on the Field

New Zealand



Kim Ellaway

RAY and I went to New Zealand for the first time in many years. It was a new venue, with a new Chief Director, our own Matt McManus, and a new format so it may as well have been a totally different event.

I thought there was a dozen or so players from Qld there but when we starting putting their names on paper there was well over twenty Qld players. We were partnering Alan and Fran Brown from Mackay in both teams event and we had a great time except on the second night of the first teams events when I was packing up to go home and Alan asked where I was going. I said home and he said we had another match of 14 boards so I will certainly be prepared next time for a long day on day 2.

The Palmerston North City Council

were very supportive of the event. We all had free parking as long as we displayed a sticker on the dash board and on the Monday night, when restaurants closed because it was Monday, they put on food trucks so the players could eat.

There were some teething problems but they were very minor. We will certainly be going back and if you are interested in attending don't leave it till the last minute as every seat was filled well and truly before the closing date and some players missed out. I'll be happy to give advice with the entry form as it's a little confusing.

I have a hand below but must mention William van Bakel's (QBA Management Committee) and Gidi Azar's triumphant

effort in getting into the NZ finals. Well done William and Gidi.

Dir N	♠ KJ86
Vul None	♥ A
	♦ A1075
	♣ 10985
♠ AQ10954	♠ 2
♥ KQ75432	♥ 9
♦ —	♦ KQJ986432
♣ —	♣ Q4
	♠ 73
	♥ J1086
	♦ —
	♣ AKJ7632

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

This hand caused a lot of conversation.

I was West and have a gadget that opens these sorts of hands but I was the fourth to bid so could not use it bid but you would not believe the bidding at our table

North's 1♣ was Acol and, as most New Zealanders seem to play Acol, this showed four. Ray bid 5♦ showing 8 playing tricks. South now bid 6♣ and I bid 6♥ hearts and of course it was doubled. Luckily I went only four off as others went five off. I got 38% on the board as the par spot for us was to double 6♣ and then lead the A♠ and a small spade. Of those who defended most led the ♥K and on this defence, 6♣ made. ■

Mackay 100th birthday for member Joy Robinson

Mackay Club member Joy Robinson celebrated her 100th Birthday this month. Joy's been a member of our club for over forty years and still plays bridge at least three times per

week. Joy has attended many State Zone events including GNOT finals, GCC and has always been a strong supporter of club events and other Queensland Congresses. Playing

bridge on her birthday, Joy was surprised with a visit from the Mayor, a Birthday card from the King and her family joining us in the celebrations. Joy is an inspiration to us all and her message is to Embrace Life, stay Active and be Happy. ■



Joy with her regular partners: Robert Carless, Ken Seaniger, Thelma Caruana, Geoff Taylor, and the winning 2025 President's Trophy



Joy Robinson



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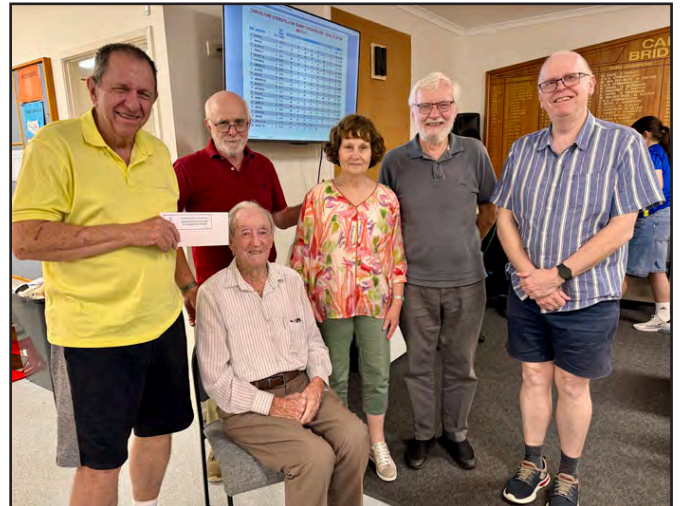
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Caboolture Stringfellow Teams



A Grade winners: Sue O'Brien, Lyn Martin, Derek Stringfellow, Peter Gruythuysen (Pres), Jim Martin and Paul Collins



2nd A Grade: Ken Dawson, Peter Gruythuysen, Derek Stringfellow, Adrienne Kelly, Geoff Olsen, and Peter Busch.



3rd A Grade: Yolanda Floris, Kim Ellaway, Ray Ellaway, Toni Bardon and Peter Gruythuysen



1st B Grade: Warren Holmes, Barbara Holmes, Derek Stringfellow, Edgar Beckett and Janice Beckett



2nd B Grade: Gary Gibbards receiving the award from Peter Gruythuysen on behalf of the team of Vesna Markovic, Voyko Markovic, Debbie Gibbards and Gary Gibbards. With Derek Stringfellow



3rd B Grade: Jenny Hays, Peter Gruythuysen, Derek Stringfellow, Charlene Frederiksen and Jan Jones



1st C Grade: Leslie Heap, George Barnulf, Helen Tyler, Peter Gruythuysen, Derek Stringfellow and Steina Barnulf



2nd C Grade: Robyn Smith, Peter Gruythuysen, Noela Hamilton, Chris Thomas and Rhonda Niven (absent)

Caloundra Grants

Capricorn Zone GNOT



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Directors' Corner



Chris Snook

What a dummy!

The club building roof has been having maintenance issues for some time. We have been applying for grants to replace the roof over a number of years. Earlier this year another application was lodged with the Queensland Govt. and the Queensland Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

This application was successful and local Caloundra State Member, Jason Hunt, recently presented a cheque to the club for \$58,297.80.

Special thanks must go to ex-club secretary, Greg Dobson, who has worked tirelessly on this and other grant applications.

There was minimal disruption to playing sessions.

Club Flooring Upgrade

Our new vinyl flooring has been installed. Thanks for the understanding of the Monday players who missed out in bridge this week for the installation. The second stage of the infrastructure, the bar, will be installed in the next few weeks. We do not anticipate the club requiring to be closed for this work.

Our thanks go to the Sunshine Coast Council for providing the grant to enable this infrastructure updates.

We seem to have ongoing problems with the ubiquitous dummy; or at least some of them. If dummy would do as they are told, there wouldn't be a problem, but sometimes they can't help themselves.

From the Definitions section of the Laws, comes a clear definition of dummy:

1. Declarer's partner. He becomes dummy when the opening lead is faced and ceases to be dummy when play ends.
2. Declarer's partner's cards, once they are spread on the table after the opening lead.

We see there are two dummies: the player and the player's cards. The Laws tend to use the terms interchangeably, but this does not pose a problem because once a person becomes dummy, they do not engage in play, so talking about the cards makes sense.

Law 41A tells the defender on presumed declarers left to make their opening lead face down. Law 41B then says that "*Before the opening lead is faced, leader's partner and the presumed declarer (but not the presumed dummy) each may require a review of the auction, or request explanation of an opponents call*". Presumed declarer is covered in the definitions, presumed declarer is not, but the intent is clear – unless there is an irregularity (that reopens the auction) presumed dummy has the rights and limitations of Laws 42 and 43. Once we are past this Clarification Period, the opening lead is faced, the play period begins irrevocably, and dummy's hand is spread.

Law 41D tells dummy how to *spread their hand in front of him, face up, sorted into suits, the cards in order of rank with lowest ranking towards declarer, and in separate columns pointing lengthwise towards declarer. Trumps are placed to dummy's right. Declarer plays both his hand and that of dummy.*

Law 45B "*Declarer plays a card from dummy by naming the card, after which dummy picks up the card and faces it on the table. In playing from dummy's hand declarer may, if necessary, pick up the desired card himself*".

This all sounds so simple, so how can it go wrong? Well, the more common issues are:

- (Beginner) partnerships agreeing "put the **suit led on the left** so I can remember it". We aren't allowed additional memory aids, so this is not allowed. I'm a red/blue/red/blue dummy. The only thing I ask of my partner is if we are in notrumps, please don't put a long suit that has been mentioned in the auction on the right because this dummy (there's a third type) might play the hand all wrong. Do you think this is

allowed? What should we do if we discover a player doing the "what was led" trick. It is not allowed, but hardly gives a benefit to declarer, but might do so for the defenders. Best approach is education but watch if there is a rare case when there is an obvious benefit from this unauthorised information (UI), and head to Law 16 (and rarely to Law 12).

- Dummy **hovering their hand over the card** that they think declarer will play. This is participating in the play and is certainly not allowed. This raises the hackles of the opponents. This is covered two ways. Law 43B1 "Dummy is liable to penalty under Law 90 for any violation of the limitations listed in A1 and A2". Directors are fixers, not punishers so we should only consider this for blatant or repeat offenders – but the penalty is there if the Director chooses to apply it. Education is the better approach to curtail such tendencies. Also, such action is UI to declarer, so play continues but if you determine that declarer had logical alternatives over what to play and the UI suggested one profitable action over another then you may consider an adjusted score.
- Dummy telling declarer to **claim** – also a no-no.
- Dummy "**playing**" a singleton to the played position without being told to do so. What are the consequences if the defender now plays, or worse, doesn't play because they are waiting for declarer to name the card as they legally should?
- Dummy heads off for a cup of tea, and the implication is the **defenders should play their cards**; or declarer must reach across the table to do so (which the Laws allow) but then the played cards of dummy are a jumbled mess.
- **Cards hidden in dummy.** The perception of some people is that we are all responsible because we can all count, but the reality is Law 41 places the responsibility of displaying

dummy the cards squarely on dummy the person. If failure to do so causes damage to a non-offender (defender) then the Director may award an adjusted score to remedy that damage.

- Declarer names a card (perhaps they don't have the loudest voice) but dummy **plays a different card**. It could be the common "eight" or "ace" issue or could be something entirely different. Law 45D guides us here. If attention is drawn before each side has played to the next trick the wrongly played card is withdrawn, the named card is played, and play continues. If it is too late to change dummy's wrongly placed card, play continues without alteration of the cards played to this or any subsequent trick. If the wrongly placed card was the first card of the trick, then the failure to follow suit may now constitute a revoke. If it was a trick already in progress, then dummy has revoked, and it is handled by Law 64B3 (no automatic trick adjustment) and Law 64C (redress of damage).

Most of the above are at risk of upsetting people at the table. They are a lack of following correct procedure so we should do all we can to remedy them by player education, either at the table or quietly during the tea break (to avoid further embarrassment). ■

RESULTS OCTOBER-DECEMBER OCTOBER

SUNSHINE COAST PAIRS [Director – Peter Busch]: 1 Elizabeth Zeller / Alison Dawson; 2 Anne Young / Di Rogers; **B** 1 Kerry Rutter / Julia Caldwell; 2 Melva Leal / Ted Morriss; **C** 1 Karen Gosney / Suzy Brownlow; 2 Rebecca Burnett Smith; 2 Joanne McCarthy.

GYMPIE TEAMS [Director – Steve Murray]: 1 Lyn & Jim Martin; Verna & Stephen Brookes; 2 Gordon Kellerman / Patricia Mann / Neven Burica. John Morris; 3 Debbie & Gary Gibbards; Margaret & Don Robertson; **TOOWOOMBA CONGRESS** [Director – Chris

Snook]: **PAIRS** 1 Marjorie Askew / Bill Powell; 2 Patrick Bugler / Tim Runting; **B** 1 John Churchett / Trevor Handerson; 2 Gillian Mason / Ann McGhee; **C** Anna Jadach / Prunella Adams; 2 Jill Dunning / Sie Ziegenfuss; **TEAMS** 1 Larry Moses / Nikolas Moore / Patrick Bugler / Tim Runting; 2 Kim Morrison / Rachel Langdon / Neville Francis / Tony Hutton; **B** 1 Jill Dunning / Sue Ziegenfuss / Margaret Giebels / Mick Fawcett; 2 Eileen Josey / John Churchett / Trevor Henderson / Ngaire Wills; **C** 1 Gwendoline Francis / Diana Drummond / Carol & David Edwards; 2 Vicki Ivosevac / Jennifer McDowell / Kay Pearson / Ken Jones.

QBA FESTIVAL [Directors Daryl Whitfield, Peter Busch, Jan Peach, Jo Neary]: **REG BUSCH OPEN TEAMS** 1 Neville Francis / Ralph Parker / Magnus Moren / Sanmugaras Kamalarasa; 2 Eva & Tony Berger / Ann Liu / Usher Zeng; **B** Davis Zhang / Lilly Jia / Barry Koster / Barbara Mackay; **REGIONAL** Chris Snook / Denise Hartwig / Shanaal & Hema De Zoyza; **RESTRICTED** Jeremy Lin / Alexandra Mills / Jassy & Ricky Carthew; **JOAN MCPHEAT OPEN PAIRS** 1 Therese Tully / Richard Ward; 2 Pamela & Jim Evans; **B** Michael Byrne / Tony Lusk; **C** Jacqui Dudurovic / Andrew Slater; D Barbara Mackay / Barry Koster; E Peter Farley / Bruce Headey; **REGIONAL** Karin Le Roux / Adrian Lohmann; **RESTRICTED** Jenny Thompson / Peter Munro; **NOVICE** Suzy Brownlow / Brian Clark.

CABOOLTURE SPRINGFELLOW TEAMS [Director – Steve Murray]: 1 Lyn & Jim Martin / Sue O'Brien / Paul Collins; 2 Adrienne Kelly / Peter Busch / Ken Dawson / Geoff Olsen; **B** 1 Barbara & Warren Holmes / Janice & Edgar Beckett; 2 Debbie & Gary Gibbards / Vesna & Voyko Markovic; **C** 1 Helen Tyler / Lesley Heap / Stina & George Barnulf; 2 Noela Hamilton / Robyn Smith / Rhonda Niven / Christine Thomas; **TOOWONG NOVICE PAIRS** [Director – Julie Jeffries]: 1 Merle Thomas / George O'Brien; 2 Gill Homan / Sue Wallace; **B** Peter Moritz / Dean Wolfenden; **C** Julia Marler / Erika-Jane Baigent; **ATHERTON SPRING PAIRS** [Director – Jo Neary]: 1 Anna Monks

Senior Teams winners



Kim Ellaway (QBA Manager) presenting the shield to Fay Stanton, Susie Warren, Gabrielle Elich and Di Rogers

Senior Pairs winners



Neven Burica, Gabrielle Elich (Sunshine Coast president) and John Morris

Rockhampton - John Lanham Trophy winners



Michelle Rau, Stacey Lanham, Ray Lanham, Donna Smith

John Lanham was a foundation member of the Rockhampton Contract Bridge Club who died this year. The

family donated a trophy to the club which goes to a Novice player with the most master points in the year.

/ Fred Whitaker; 2 Carol Hocking / Patricia Bruce; **B** Kate Gargan / Patricia Ottone; **C** Helmet Geyer / Sandrine Manning; **SURFERS PARADISE TEAMS** [Director – Alan Gibson]: 1 Edward Hahn / Alan Race / Ann Liu / Usher Zeng; **B** Joan Jenkins / Joyce O'Brien / Valerie & Peter Robbins; **C** Anne Cosgrave / Linda Richards / Annette Grimdsdale / Sew Yoon Yap-Giles.

NOVEMBER

CALOUNDRA PAIRS [Director – Bob Davies]: 1 Lyn & Jim Martin; 2 Stephen Hughes / Andrew Dunlop; **B** 1 Vesna & Voyko Markovic; 2 Jackie Hendrix / Bob Hannam; **C** 1 Ann Quarby / Jean Coffey; 2 Tracey Barnett / Kerry Thorp; **CLEVELAND BAY ANNIVERSARY PAIRS** [Director – Jan Smith]: 1 Heather Colbert / Ian Patterson; 2 Anna Monks / Fred Witaker; **B** 1 Luthile Arlett / Ruth Morris; 2 Margie & John Toogood; **BRISBANE BRIDGE CENTRE PAIRS** [Director – Julie Jeffries]: **UNDER 500** 1 Margot Fabian / Michael Clibbon; 2 Lynne Henley / Lesleigh Egan; **NOVICE** 1 Barbara Mokrzecki / Clive Terry; 2 Maria Mills / Ruth Bloxham.

NORTHERN SUBURBS PAIRS [Director – Alan Gibson]: 1 Alison Dawson / Ken Dawson; 2 Neville Francis / Kim Morrison; **B** 1 June Glenn / Alan Hamilton; 2 John Rivers / Sameer Pandya; **C** 1 Peter Schmidt / Peter Lyons; 2 Vesna Markovic /

Voyko Markovic

QUEENSLAND SENIOR PAIRS [Director – Peter Busch]: 1 Neven Burica / John Morris; 2 Elizabeth Zeller / Alison Dawson; 3 Deborah McLay / Ian Michelson; **B** 1 Lyn Tracey / Richard Spelman; Sue Gardner / Howard Baker; 3 Frances Price / Judith Leathley; **UNDER 300 MPs:** 1 Peter Zanki / Mark Harnack; 2 Jackie Hendrix / Margo Solomon; **B** 1 Yuko Colthurst / Rhys Dewar.

GOLD COAST TEAMS [Director – Alan Gibson]: 1 Jill Magee – Terry Strong – Pamela & James Evans; 2 Lauren Morgan / Kate Macdonald / Paddy Taylor / Andy Hung; **B** 1 Juliet Rogers / Sheila Wills / Dewi Eastman / Linda Norman; 2 Joan Jenkins / Joyce O'Brien / Valerie & Peter Robbins; **C** 1 Maria & Alexandra & Anthony & Stephen Mills; 2 Kevin Gosling / Deryl McConaghy / Jacqui Wardhaugh / Helen Betts; **REDCLIFFE UNDER 300 PAIRS** [Director – Julie Jeffries]: 1 Brian Clark / Brooke Anderson / Karen Gosney / Maria Setiyawan; 2 Siobhan & Bob Davies / Linda Lee / Peter Zanki; 3 Lesley Brown / Jen Borowski / Jenny Easey / Peter Hancock

TOOWONG GRADED PAIRS [Director – Alan Gibson]: 1 Tony Hutton / Richard Ward; 2 Peter Evans / Tony Treloar; 3 Vanessa Brewis / Michelle Radke; **B** 1 Dewi Eastman / Geoffrey Thomas; 2

Cathleen Clifford / Oliver Goodman; 3 Lyn Tracey / Richard Spelman; **C** 1 Sue Smith / Michael Huddart; 2 Robin Bishop / David Sydes; 3 Emma Langford / Robert Cumming

DECEMBER

HERVEY BAY CONGRESS [Director – Chris Snook]: **PAIRS** 1 Judy & Elizabeth Zeller; 2 Rhonda Chantler / Kevin Chapman; **B** 1 Gillian Mason / Ann McGhee; 2 Sa & Paul Smith; **C** 1 Maria Wood / Kelly Greaney; 2 John Molloy / Pierre Martin; **TEAMS** 1 Lyn & Jim Martin / Adrienne Kelly / Peter Busch; 2 Sue Ziegenfuss / Tim Runting / Margaret Giebels / Mick Fawcett; **B** 1 Gillian Mason / Ann McGhee / Annie Shotter / Paul Jansen; 2 John Molloy / Pierre Martin / Jocelyn Cooper / Ariane McLean.

REDLAND TEAMS [Director – Jo Neary]: 1 Ann Liu / Usher Zeng / Rachel Langdon / Nikolas Moore; 2 Margaret Millar / Sue O'Brien / Paul Collins / Ian Afflick; **B** Carmel Wikman / Margie Knox / Sue & Andrew Sharp; 2 Judith Corney / Jane Whelan / Nigel Cleminson / Shirley Burgess; **TOOWOOMBA TEAMS** [Director – Chris Snook]: 1 Vanessa Brewis / Jenny McGowan / Vesna & Voyko Markovic; 2 Denise Hartwig / Mavis Simpson / Shanaal & Hema De Zoysa; **B** 1 Pauline Curin / Carol Wilson / Kerry Gibson / Anne Kirkpatrick; 2 David Roberts / Ngaire Wills / Wendy Smith / Jim Smith.