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WELCOME

If I were married to the Gold Coast Congress Bulletin I would be celebrating my iron (US) or Sugar (UK) anniversary an interesting combination of tough and tender. At times I feel that I am indeed married to the Bulletin because at times, before the tournament, I love writing and preparing the unfolding pages while at other times I would rather it left me alone.

It might come as a surprise to our readers that I attend tournaments totalling around 50+ days a year in various capacities and I rarely, if ever, read the Bulletins. I am not sure why this is – perhaps because I usually have breakfast company which takes away the ‘normal’ reading time. Luckily however I know enough people who come up to me and say “did you see that hand on page whatever” so I do end up reading the most interesting parts of the Bulletin.

It has been two years since I played any serious bridge and during that time I have concentrated on doing vu-graph commentary and writing much more than playing. I guess after 45 years of playing the game and having noticed that I am not playing nearly as well as I used to, which was never THAT great, I have shifted my interests to travelling to bridge tournaments around the world.

That introduction brings me to my keynote point – that the Gold Coast Congress is **far and away** the best annual tournament that I have ever been to and I would defy anybody to nominate another tournament as a contender for the title of best annual tournament in the world. You might ask yourself what factors contribute to make it so great in my opinion. That’s really easy – the tournament has an intoxicating mix of:

- location – rarely are there as many accommodation options as are available on the Gold Coast at reasonable prices and in all price ranges together with the sun and sand (OK an occasional afternoon shower);
- quality and commitment of the staff at this tournament is unparalleled **ANYWHERE**. The staff from the top to the bottom are totally committed to the enjoyment of every person participating here;
- an ever expanding calendar of social and other activities including some for non-bridge playing partners;
- a venue that could have been built specifically to accommodate the Gold Coast Congress with amenities that exceed expectations;
- purely on feedback you understand - a well-regarded tournament bulletin;
- great sale time shopping if that’s your thing – and it is certainly mine!
- a tournament organiser whose benchmark is to grow the tournament every year based on player satisfaction; I’ll bet you don’t know this, but in May every year the 10-12 key staff are gathered in Brisbane for a debriefing about this year’s tournament and what can be done to improve next year’s event!

But perhaps the most important reason why this event is so successful is that it is player-centric. Everything that is done here and every change year to year is aimed at you the players and making your experience more enjoyable and memorable. Isn’t that the key to clever marketing?

So I ask you all to sit back, relax, enjoy your bridge, enjoy the tournament, enjoy the Gold Coast and let the tournament do what it does best – pamper you!

PS: Welcome this year to Peter Marley your friendly Tournament Director who this year will be the official proof reader of the Bulletin whom we intend to blame for any and all errors of ANY description ☺

WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR OF THE GOLD COAST



As Mayor of Gold Coast City, it gives me great pleasure to welcome players from around Australia as well as overseas visitors to this, the 52nd staging of the Gold Coast Congress.

I am particularly pleased to see this year's Congress is again being held in our Convention Centre in Broadbeach on the beautiful Gold Coast.

As a coastal city, the Gold Coast boasts some of the world's most spectacular beaches and waterways to the east, as well as stunning hinterland ranges and forests to the west. Our beaches and waterways are utilised all-year-round by surfers, divers and water-skiers, to name just a few. Our hinterland, on the other hand holds a host of surprises for visitors including rainforests with cascading waterfalls and unique animal and plant life.

During your stay you will discover that the Gold Coast is a vibrant and colourful region with a wide variety of activities, sites and experiences to enjoy and to cherish on your return home.

The Gold Coast is renowned as Australia's premier tourism destination. You will find that the residents of our city are open and willing to share the experiences and enjoyment of our city with all.

I wish the Congress' participants, organisers and spectators all the best for this year's event and hope everyone enjoys their stay on the Gold Coast.

Tom Tate, Gold Coast Mayor

WELCOME FROM KEITH MCDONALD



The Australian Bridge Federation is exceptionally proud of The Gold Coast Congress, the largest tournament in the Southern Hemisphere and one that has become recognised worldwide as a significant bridge event.

Preparation for this, the 52nd staging of the Gold Coast Congress started just a few days after the end of last year's tournament. The Tournament Organiser, Therese Tully and her hard-working committee have done an exceptional amount of work to ensure all will be in order for an event that I am sure all participants will enjoy and the Queensland Bridge Association is pleased to welcome all the participants in the knowledge that this preparatory work will enhance their social and bridge experience here on the Gold Coast.

It would be remiss not to acknowledge the attractions and options that the Gold Coast offers and I would encourage you to participate and enjoy the wonderful Gold Coast lifestyle. The award-winning restaurants have much to commend and I hope you will remind them that you are with the Congress when you visit the restaurants as well as take advantage of the many coupons and discounts kindly negotiated by Hello Gold Coast and Fred Whittaker.

A special welcome is extended to our International guests and dignitaries. We will be visited by four members of the WBF Management Committee, President Gianarrigo Rona (Italy), 1st Vice President John Wignall (NZ), Executive Member Ernesto d'Orsi (Brazil) and Treasurer Marc De Pauw (Belgium). It will be particularly pleasing to have Gianarrigo with us again after he and his wife attended the 50th Congress and I urge all players to take a moment to say 'g'day'

It is hoped that the "Rookie Novice" Pairs event will be a great success with many new players able to appreciate the considerate players at this event.

A very warm thank you to our sponsors Hello Gold Coast, Peline, Paul Lavings Bridge Books & Supplies, Schweppes, Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers, Two Men and a Truck as well as Cosmetics Plus who have been major sponsors for a number of years. We also this year welcome The Oasis Shopping Centre, Cruise Traveller and RobertsLaw who have joined our tournament as sponsoring friends.

Like me you will find that the camaraderie of the Gold Coast Congress and the friendships developed are enduring.

Keith McDonald President of the Australian Bridge Federation and Queensland Bridge Association

WELCOME FROM OUR HOST, THERESE TULLY



Welcome to the 52nd staging of the Gold Coast Congress. In the 7 years that I have been organising this landmark bridge event, I have strived to ensure that every year is more successful than the year before.

While this is difficult, it is made much easier through my ability to rely on a team of people who are equally dedicated to ensuring this year on year improvement. Our team typically meets in May of every year and reviews the event that was, where we succeeded and where we failed and how we can tweak and modify the event to meet everybody's expectations.

This team ranges from the administrative staff, directors, bulletin editors, floor staff, caddies, board dealers, drivers and others who help throughout but equally importantly before and after the tournament. Please don't underestimate the number of people who gather to put on this special tournament – 80 at last count

Recent improvements include a wider range of events that give more flexibility to our participants. We now have the weekend Swiss matchpoint pairs to cater to the workers or those who prefer no evening play. We are especially proud to announce we have two events for Rookies with less than ten masterpoints and I salute those of you who were brave enough to have a go! Our extension of the Intermediate to 750 masterpoints was by popular demand – see, we do listen! A contentious issue was the starting times of the teams which this year will be 10.30am. I know we cannot please everyone but I hope you will appreciate that we now have a balanced approach with evening play for the pairs and no evening play for the teams together with more choices for the side events.

One thing very important to me is that we should be able to enjoy our time at & away from the bridge table. We have tried to put the fun back into bridge by introducing our themed evenings - I look forward to seeing you all having a tropical look to the Sunday night pairs session! We will be continuing our yoga sessions for the early birds and don't forget to book your Trivia table for the Monday evening!

After all we are marketing a product to you, our players, without whom this congress would not be possible.

Many businesses fear negative feedback while we encourage positive AND negative feedback as it is only armed with this that we can provide the improvement that we strive for.

So we ask that you sit back, relax and enjoy the next eight days of bridge and let us know if there is anything, repeat anything that we can do to maximise the enjoyment that we truly want you to take home with you.

Therese Tully Tournament Organiser – Gold Coast Congress

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

If you are an early riser (and not a Yoga enthusiast ☺) and would like to help the event distribute the Daily Bulletins to nearby Hotels and Cafes then please let Therese know (gttully@bigpond.net.au / 0409-870-324) and we will put you to work!

CELEBRITY SPEAKERS

"For the Love of the Game"



Phillip Roberts is a very keen bridge player who will be playing in the pairs at this year's Congress.

His passion for the game has this year extended to his legal practice sponsoring our Celebrity Speaker Series (see page 6) which he does with the title "*For Lovers of Bridge*".

Philip is one of the Gold Coast's most senior lawyers and Notary Public. His company RobertsLaw provides a wide variety of legal services with speciality in conveyancing and property transactions deceased estate matters, executorship, challenging unfair wills and taxation implications of superannuation benefits contained in wills.

Phillip is passionate about his profession and the interests of each and every one of his clients and invites you to contact him any time on 0418-305-700 or email philip@robertslaw.com.au to discuss your personal requirements.

HAVE YOU DISCUSSED?

Brent Manley

I tried an experiment for the Daily Bulletins in San Francisco last fall. I wrote articles for the page devoted to new players and, to make the point that bridge should always be fun, I started every article off with a weird, unusual or just plain funny story. The response was unexpectedly positive, so I'm trying the same thing on my second trip to Australia.

The stories might not always be relevant to the topic for discussion, but they should at least amuse.

The late Harold Levitt had the kind of wit that usually hit the nail on the head. Here is one of his astute observations: "Playing bridge without a system is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you're doing, but nobody else does."

If you and your partner fail to discuss your agreements thoroughly, you may find yourself winking in the dark.

For example, you may have decided to play a certain defence against the opponents' 1NT openers. In the U.S. Marty Bergen's DONT convention has many followers in part because of its simplicity. DONT is one of many schemes for competing against 1NT openers.

But what if the opponents are playing a "weak" 1NT opening? Do you use the same system? Many experts vary the system to be able to double directly to show a good hand (usually 14 or more high-card points).

Alert! Important point ahead!

Before you start thinking about an alternative system for "weak" 1NT openers, you and partner must define "weak." I have seen many experienced players using their weak 1NT takeout system when partner considered the opener to have been in the "strong" category.

Agree on the definition before you adopt a second system to compete against it. A range such as 10-12 is easy to define as weak, but what about 11-14, 13-15 and even 14-17? What's best for competing is less important than agreement between you and your partner about the range for strong and for weak.

Another important topic for discussion is continuations by advancer (the partner of the overcaller). What if advancer has a good hand? Many pairs play that all good hands (i.e., worth opening bid) start with 2NT. This will come up more against the weaker 1NT openers but it's handy to have in your arsenal for all occasions. It's frustrating to miss a game because of the opponents' methods.

It would also be helpful to discuss the kinds of hands you will have when you enter the auction. The Rule of 8, a guideline created by Mel Colchamiro of New York, can help - when deciding whether to enter the auction over a strong 1NT opener, take the number of cards in your two long suits and subtract the total number of losers in your hand (one loser for each missing ace, king and queen in a suit of three cards or longer; low doubletons have two losers, singletons one, voids none). If the answer is zero or one, pass. If the answer is 2 or higher, get in there. It becomes the Rule of 8 with the stipulation that the overcaller must have at least 6 high-card points to get involved.

While you are discussing competing against strong openings, decide on a defence to the artificial Precision 1♣ opening (or indeed any strong 1♣). There are many gadgets for this task, but simple is best, at least at the start. The easiest to work with is Mathe: Double shows the majors, 1NT shows the minors. Other bids are natural.

Continuing with the thought, you can use the same defence against the strong 2♣ opener, but there is more risk involved because you have to start a level higher. The system chosen is less important than both partners' *being on the same page*.

EARN A CHOCOLATE FROG

The headmaster of Sydney Grammar School, Alastair Mackerras was famous for his habit of handing out chocolate frogs to any boy whose name he could not remember. As he reputedly had a very good memory, this does not seem to have led to as many pimples as you might expect. I should also say he generously handed them out for acts of kindness.

Thanks to the generosity of Jay Faranda we can go down a similar path and give out chocolate frogs to any player who displays notable courtesy, ethics or equanimity as well as the person who nominates the recipient. OK I had to admit the need to look up equanimity- calmness of mind or temper; composure.

To encourage more such acts your editor has undertaken to sponsor additional chocolate frogs should the proposed supply run out!!!

No responsibility for weight gains to those who receive multiple nominations. Nominations to Kim Ellaway or the Bridge Administration Desk.

PUZZLE DU JOUR

Barry Rigal

I have formulated a series of bridge puzzles and solutions for our 2013 Bulletins. See how you go with the first puzzle – solutions the following day.

Dealer: South ♠ A 10 9 6
 Vul: East/West ♥ A 9
 ♦ A Q J 9 7 3
 ♣ J

♠ J 4
 ♥ Q 8 3 2
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ A 10 6 5 2

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

Before we look at the point of the deal, some thoughts on the auction. North should take the opportunity to show his four-card spade suit at the one-level. After South rebids one no-trump, North is too strong to bid a mere two diamonds; so he should jump to three suggesting invitational values. South's hand is then good enough to bid game.

Your club lead goes to the jack, king and three, back comes the club eight to South's nine. Plan the defence.



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BRIDGE FOR THE IMPROVER

Ron Klinger

Dealer: South		West	North	East	South
Vul: Nil					Pass
West	East	1♠	Pass	3♥[1]	Pass
♠ Q 10 8 7 6 4	♠ J 5 2	4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
♥ A J	♥ K Q 9				
♦ 4 3	♦ Q J 10 8 7 5				
♣ A J 10	♣ 3				

[1] Limit Raise (10-11) 3 card support

North leads the ♥6. Plan the Play

LESS HASTE, MORE SUCCESS

From the final of a National Teams Event:

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

There are two traps to avoid on a deal where declarer needed to rush to take the diamond discard.

Line 1: ♥A, ♥K, ♥Q, pitching a diamond loser. Next came the ♣A, a club ruff and a diamond to the ace. North switched to the ♠A, ♠K and declarer had a club to lose, nine tricks.

Line 2: ♥A, ♥K, ♥Q, pitching a diamond loser, followed by a low diamond, won by the ♦9. North cashed ♠A, ♠K, ♦A, ruffed by West. There was no way to avoid a club loser later. One down.

The winning line is just a matter of timing: Take trick one with the ♥J or a high heart in dummy. Play ♣A, ruff a club, heart to the ace, ruff a club, discard a diamond on the third heart and lead the ♠J.

Best defence beats 4♠ even if you do not find the diamond switch. A top spade is certainly the best lead. It will not cost a trick and will allow you to see dummy before deciding on your next move. Continue with the ♠K. A diamond shift works but looks very risky. You still beat 4♠ if you switch to a heart or the ♣Q even if you do not find the diamond lead

CALENDAR OF SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a complete package of enjoyable activities to accompany your bridge our team presents the following selection for your consideration. Also if you feel there is anything that we can add in future years we would be pleased to receive your suggestions.

YOGA: What a way to start your day and get those brain cells working! Susan Rodgers, a certified "Iyengar" Yoga teacher has again agreed to provide classes without cost every morning from Sunday 24th to Thursday 28th inclusive. Starting at 6:00am for you early birds we ask you to bring your own mat or beach towel and recommend that even at that hour sunnies will come in handy. They are held in Kurrawa Park – just left of the Surf Club at the end of the mall.

TRIVIA: Our very popular Trivia Quiz Night will take place on Monday 25th February at the Envy Hotel opposite (north) of the Oasis Mall. Commencing at 6.30pm we guarantee you an entertaining evening. We have learned from last year to be better organised this time and tables will be set for groups of 6-8 before you arrive. We prefer that you register your team at the Bridge Administration Desk. This will provide a guide as to numbers and allow us to reserve your table. Feel free to enter as an individual or a partial table – the more the merrier ☺ Friends and relatives are welcome to join you. The Envy Hotel's address is Niecon Tower 17 Victoria Avenue Broadbeach and the Trivia is on the 1st Floor - opposite the merry go round in the mall if that helps.

FASHION PARADE & MORNING TEA: to be held at Meegs Boutique level One Oasis Shopping Centre at 08:45 until 10:00am Tuesday 26th February. Players, friends and relatives are all welcome to join us at our fashion parade and enjoy the discounted prices being offered. Meegs Fashion Boutique is providing the prizes and judging the winners of our Sunday Tropical dress up night. Many of you will already know Sally Elliott as she hosts the fashion parade. You may also know her husband who is helping her judge – Jannion “Tony” Elliott is a former politician. He was a National Party member for Cunningham in the legislative Assembly of Qld from 1974 to 2001 if you are interested.

CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2013

Your Hosts		Saturday 23rd February	Sunday 24th February	Monday 25th February	Tuesday 26th February	Wednesday 27th February	Thursday 28th February
ROBERTSLAW CELEBRITY SPEAKERS <i>For the Love of the Game - Main Playing Area</i>							
The Difference Between Winning and Losing	Peter Gill	4:30pm to 5:30pm					
Responding to Overcalls	Alex Shtimov	4:30pm to 5:30pm					
Responding to Partner's 1NT Opening	Joan Butts		4:30pm to 5:30pm				
Suit Preference	Paul Lavings					9:00am to 10:00am	
Balancing	Phil Gue						9:00am to 10:00am
EARLY MORNING YOGA IN THE PARK <i>Kurrawa Park left of Surf Club</i>							
Bring a Mat or Towel & Sunnies/Cap Recommended	Susan Rodgers	6:00am to 7:00am	6:00am to 7:00am	6:00am to 7:00am	6:00am to 7:00am	6:00am to 7:00am	6:00am to 7:00am
NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES <i>Main Playing Area</i>							
GCC Novice Welcome	Graham Rusher & Team	12:00pm to 1:00pm			9:30am to 10:30am		
Assistance with system cards, how it all works etc.	Allan Joseph & Jan Peach	12:30pm to 1:00pm			10:00am to 10:30am		
Novice Director Talk	Graham Rusher & Team		12:00pm to 1:00pm				9:30am to 10:30am
Alerting procedures, revokes, claims, unauthorised info etc.	Ron Klinger		4:30pm to 5:30pm				
GCC Rookies Welcome	David Beauchamp						2:15pm to 3:00pm
Rookies Discussion of Hands Just Played							
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OTHER ACTIVITIES <i>Locations as Noted</i>							
Welcome non-playing bridge partners at Air on Broadbeach	Therese Tully	From 2:30pm					
Trivia night at The Envy Hotel Broadbeach opposite Oasis Mall	Josie Alexandria & PW		6:30pm to 8:30pm				
Meegs Boutique Fashion Parade & Morning Tea	Sally Elliott				8:45am to 10:00am		
Level One Oasis Mall Shopping Centre	Jan Peach						
Queensland Directors Breakfast Meeting	Paul Lavings					Starting 8:00am	
1st Fl Above Bridge Office - Stairs LHS main door as leaving	TBIB						9:30am to 10:30am
Dealing Machine Demonstration - Paul Lavings Bookshop area	Make-a-Wish						All Day in Foyer
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Your Dining Guide

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More coupon sheets are available at the Administration Desk as well as Hello Gold Coast magazines (HGC) which contain all coupons [example: 12D-HGC refers to a coupon on Page 12 of the Dining Section of Hello Gold Coast Magazine].

THE AZTEC is located on the left of Broadbeach Mall next to Mama Roma and offers great Mexican fare. Buy one get one half price offer 13D-HGC

SAGE RESTAURANT on the corner of Surf Parade and Queensland Ave. 25% and 40% food 8D-HGC

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GRUMPY'S BAREFOOT BAR AND GRILL is halfway up Broadbeach Mall on the right. Great steak, seafood and Mediterranean dishes. Free wine or beer when dining 12D-HGC or just mention Hello Gold Coast.

MAMA ROMA ITALIAN RESTAURANT in Broadbeach Mall (Victoria Ave). Half Price menu every day till 6.30 pm and '25% off dinner' 28D-HGC

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ALTO CUCINA AND BAR next to Mario's at the beach end of Broadbeach Mall. 10% off 3D-HGC

OBEROIS TAJ Indian Restaurant on the eastern side of Surf Parade and offers 15% off 26D-HGC

MANDARIN COURT Chinese restaurant is about 2 km to the south down the highway at Mermaid Beach. Great Yum Cha from 9am to 3pm and extensive dinner menu. 25% and 15% off offers 2D-HGC

BUGZIES SEAFOOD RESTAURANT is up towards the beach next to Mario's on the right hand side of Broadbeach Mall and you'll find '25% off food bill after 6.30pm 23D-HGC

MARIGOLD INDIAN RESTAURANT opened recently on the right of Broadbeach Mall between Grumpy's and Bugzies. Really great flavours, \$10 curries for lunch and early-bird dinner till 6pm and 15% off a la carte 27D-HGC

MAX SEAFOOD RESTAURANT is in Broadbeach Mall on the left just past the barber as you walk towards the sea. Fantastic Seafood with \$10 lunch specials and 25% off 19D of HGC

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CAFÉ KATHMANDU is at the northern end of Surf Parade next to Sage and offers Nepalese, Tibetan and Indian options. 25% off 31D-HGC

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THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

PROBLEMS

Therese Tully is the Convenor and Kim Ellaway the Manager. If you experience any problems with the events see either of them. Kim can be contacted on 04-1206-4903 at any time during the congress or Therese on 04-0987-0324.

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees – A few players, because of extenuating circumstances, have not been able to pre-pay their entry fee. If this means YOU, please proceed to Bridge Administration Desk and take care of the matter. **Your team or pair cannot commence play if an entry fee is unpaid.**

- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Pairs \$280 per pair (\$260 before 15th Feb)
- Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (3 Sessions) \$200 per pair (\$180 before 15th Feb)
- Rookie Novice Pairs (1 or 2 Sessions) \$60 per pair per session (\$40 per pair per session before 15th Feb)
- Monday Swiss Butler Pairs (2 Sessions) \$120 per pair (\$100 before 15th Feb)
- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Teams \$680 per team (\$640 before 15th Feb)
- Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs \$180 per pair (\$160 before 15th Feb)
- Seres-McMahon Mixed or Friday Teams \$240 per team (\$200 before 15th Feb)
- Friday Novice Pairs \$120 per pair (\$100 before 15th Feb)
- Holiday Walk-ins payable at the table before each session \$15 per player

Calendar							
Sat 23-Feb	Sun 24-Feb	Mon 25-Feb	Tue 26-Feb	Wed 27-Feb	Thu 28-Feb	Fri 01-Mar	Sat 02-Mar
Pairs Championship						Dinner Dance	
Swiss Matchpoint Pairs		Butler Pairs					
Rookie Novice Prs				Rookie Novice Prs			
		Holiday Walk-ins		Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins x 2	Holiday Walk-ins
		Teams Championship				Teams Finals	Open Tms Final
						Swiss Butler Prs	
						Mixed Teams	
						Friday Tms	
						Friday Novice Prs	

LATE ENTRIES IVY DAHLER BUTLER PRS, FRIDAY & MIXED TMS & FRIDAY NOVICE PRS

Entries for the end-of-week events (Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs, Friday and Mixed Teams, and Friday Novice Pairs) close at **Noon Thursday 28th February**.

To relieve the pressure on the Administration Desk at this time and to cut down on the queues, we are leaving the web site on-line entries open right up until **Noon Thursday 28th February** for players wishing to enter and pay on-line by credit card. You will still be able to pay at the Administration Desk using cash, cheque or credit card. Changes to existing entries (different players, changing events, cancellations etc.) will need to be done at the Administration Desk however **any changes will incur a \$10.00 administrative fee**

So, avoid the queues, and enter on-line using your iPad, notebook or smartphone.

YOUTH, STUDENT & OTHER CONCESSIONAL ENTRY FEES—ADVISE WHEN ENTERING

- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born after 1st January 1993 are entitled to free entry.
- In accordance with Australian Bridge Federation policy, all players born between 1st January 1987 and 31st December 1992 are entitled to a 50% discount on entry fees.
- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born BEFORE 1st January 1913 are entitled to free entry.

PARKING

Parking will be available for \$10 per entry per day or \$50 for a weekly pass with unlimited entry from Saturday 23rd February to Saturday 2nd March inclusive.

The Bridge Administration Desk is the **ONLY** place you can obtain a weekly pass which will be available from noon on Friday 22nd February for use from Saturday onwards.

For those requiring casual day parking, a one entry one exit ticket will be available from the machine upon entry and you will need to pay \$10 on departure at the pay stations which are located at the lifts as you are exiting. Note that the \$10 ticket is a one entry and one exit ticket so if you intend to leave between sessions you will be required to pay a second \$10 parking fee.

EVENT INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

- OPEN:** Carries ABF Open Playoff Points. Swiss Pairs Events do not carry playoff points
- SENIORS:** Open to players born prior to 1st January 1955 and carries ABF Senior Playoff Points
- INTERMEDIATE:** Open to players who have not attained 750 MP's as at 30th September 2012.
- RESTRICTED:** Open to players who have not attained 300 MP's as at 30th September 2012.
- NOVICE:** Open to players who have not attained 100 MP's as at 30th September 2012.
- ROOKIE NOVICE:** Open to players who have not attained 10 MP's as at 30th September 2012.
- MIXED TEAMS:** Each pair must comprise one player of each gender at each table for ALL matches
- FRIDAY TEAMS:** Open entry to ALL players

OVERSEAS ELIGIBILITY

- INTERMEDIATE:** NZ Open with no more than 100 A Points & 500 B Points as at January 1st 2013
- RESTRICTED:** NZ Intermediate as at January 1st 2013
- NOVICE:** NZ Juniors as at January 1st 2013
- ROOKIE:** NZ Open with no more than 5 B Points as at January 1st 2013

TEAM CATEGORIES

All teams should have nominated their categories when submitting their entry. The lists of categories received will be published at various points around the Convention Centre.

Please check to see you are entered correctly into the various categories as once winners are announced no correspondence will be entered into.

CLOSING OF ENTRIES – AFTER WHICH IT IS SUBJECT TO DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL

Pairs	Friday 15 th February
Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs	Friday 15 th February
Monday Swiss Butler Pairs	Friday 15 th February
Teams	Friday 15 th February
Butler Pairs	Thursday 12:00 noon 28 th February
Mixed Teams	Thursday 12:00 noon 28 th February
Friday Teams	Thursday 12:00 noon 28 th February
Novice Pairs	Thursday 12:00 noon 28 th February

Any player making changes to their entries at the venue will be charged with an administration fee of \$10 per player.

SESSION TIMES

All session times are shown in the Daily Bulletin every day.

SUNDAY SECOND SESSION OF PAIRS FINAL

We encourage all players to dress in keeping with the Gold Coast for the Second session of the Pairs Final on Sunday. The theme is Tropical – make of it what you will!



PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED IN THE TROPICAL THEME

BBO OPERATORS REQUIRED

The event is seeking BBO operators to assist with the broadcast of the teams finals starting on Friday and ending on Saturday. A per board fee is payable to operators. So if you are experienced (or perhaps if you would like to be trained) please contact

Kim Ellaway at the Bridge Administration Office who will assist you

IVY DAHLER SWISS PAIRS - SCORING

The Open Swiss Butler Pairs is run with distinct NS and EW fields. Although the event is scored by the normal Victory Point scale, the effect of the two field format is that the average score may not be the same for NS as it is for EW. The Ivy Dahler Shield will be awarded to the pair with the highest percentage total Victory Points, relative to the average in their direction.

NOVICE & RESTRICTED EVENTS

Help will be on hand for one hour before start of play for all novice & restricted events. Assistance will be available for filling out system cards, helping you find your seat & working out where you go, where the boards move and using Bridgemates etc. We can also assist with any queries re alerting or anything else you might like to know but also refer to the timetable of activities.

WITHDRAWALS

Players are permitted to withdraw from all divisions of the Barometer pairs (Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice) event (Sunday 24th February and Monday 25th February) at the end of the qualifying rounds provided that they notify the Chief Director or Bridge Administration Desk within **ONE HOUR** of the qualifying scores being posted. No portion of the entry fees will be refunded.

MASTERPOINT AWARDS

Master Point Awards:	Gold in main events, red for walk-ins
Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs	0.27 gold masterpoints for each win
Monday Swiss Butler Pairs	0.24 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Teams	1.12 gold masterpoints for each win
Seniors Teams	0.84 gold masterpoints for each win
Intermediate Teams	0.56 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Teams	0.45 gold masterpoints for each win
Novice Teams	0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Swiss Butler Pairs	0.64 gold masterpoints for each win
Mixed and Friday Teams	0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Swiss Butler Pairs	0.26 gold masterpoints for each win

SUBSTANTIAL AWARDS FOR OUTRIGHT PLACES (TOP HALF OF FIELD IN PAIRS, TOP THIRD OF FIELD IN TEAMS AND SWISS PAIRS).

SUBSTITUTES

If you do not feel well and require a substitute, see the Bridge Administration Desk. Please use this service only when essential.

STAFFING

Our Floor Managers, Marj, Chris, Kim and Amber are dressed with the white over-shirt. Our Caddies are in purple however they are only here to caddy – see Marj, Chris, Kim or Amber if further assistance is required. Our Directors led by Laurie Kelso have the blue shirts.

Our Scoring Staff led by Matthew McManus are in the Black Schweppes shirts. However scoring issues should be addressed with the Scoring Enquiries DESK outside the scoring centre towards the back wall in the centre of the playing area.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions at the Bridge Administration Desk where there is a team of people only too willing to help.

PENS

The pen you receive in the satchel is the one you will use to bid and score throughout this congress. Please bring it to each session.

BULLETIN

David Stern, Barry Rigal and Brent Manley are the Bulletin co-editors. The quality of the Bulletin is enhanced with contributions from players of all standards. Quality play, defence or bidding or humorous stories from the tournament or even general comments or criticisms are greatly appreciated. There are many ways to make a submission including:

- see a Bulletin Editor
- phone or SMS the number on the header of the Daily Bulletin
- send an email to the address on the header of the Daily Bulletin
- put a submission in the Bulletin Submission box opposite the Administration desk

ROOM SETUP - COLOUR CODING

For the whole event, the Open Area will be dressed up in light and dark blue, the Intermediate in bronze and cream while the Restricted will be in green and dark green, the Novice and Rookies in yellow and the Seniors in pink and lilac. Coloured flags will identify your section results and playing areas.

Rookie and Opening Swiss Pairs will be played on the tables with orange tablecloths.

BRIDGEMATES

If you have never used the Bridgemate Scoring Units we suggest you arrive a few minutes before your first session and ask a Director for a quick tutorial. We are confident that your opponents will also help to use this user friendly technology.

PLAYER NUMBERS FOR THE TEAMS USING BRIDGEMATE II

During the team events, when you turn on the Bridgemates, you will be asked to enter your player numbers. This is NOT your ABF number. Each player in every team has been assigned a number. These will be found on the bright orange sheet which will be on your table at the start of play. NS at the home table should enter the player numbers for the players in your own team.

The reason for this is that, if done correctly, the scoring team will produce a summary of the results for each pair in your team, comparing their results against the average score across your section on each board (the datum). These results have no official status and are just for your own interest. It is a service we are happy to be able to provide, but in order to take advantage of it, it is important that the player numbers are accurately entered each round.

NEW for 2013: Our observations from recent years show that over 90% of teams sit in the same seats for the whole event. To simplify the process for entering player numbers for these teams, from Round 2 onwards if your team is sitting in the same seats as in Round 1, you may just enter "1" for all four players. The unit will display "as for Round 1" as the player names and the system will correctly record the pairs.

NEW FEATURE ON WEB RESULTS PAGE

On the 2013 GCC Results Page, <http://www.qldbridge.com/gcc/results2013.php>, there is a new option, "Individual Player Results." Click on this and enter your surname or ABF number (or anyone else whose results you may be interested in). You will now see a list of every session in which you played at the 2013 GCC, your score, the number of masterpoints won, and a link to your scorecard for the session. (This page will be updated at the end of each day's play.)

IF YOU ARE "CONNECTED"

The draw for the next round in the Teams and Swiss Pairs events will be published on the web at exactly the same time it is displayed on the projector screens at the venue. So if you are "connected" you can check your standings and the draw online.

BAR

Subject to patronage, the Bar run by the Convention Centre will be open until 30 minutes before the end of play in each session.

COFFEE, TEA

As a service to participants we will be operating a tea and coffee service on behalf of the GCC. Coffee is made from freshly ground coffee beans with fresh milk and will cost \$3.00 a cup. The service will start around 30 minutes before play and continue until late into the last session for the day. Please be understanding that the service is run for the benefit of players by volunteers. Correct change is a blessing but not essential.

DINNER DANCE – NUMBERS ARE LIMITED SO - TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT - DON'T DELAY

This year's Dinner Dance will be held in the Gold Coast Convention Centre on Saturday 2nd March. Pre-dinner drinks will be served from 7:30pm and doors will open at 7:50pm. As in the past, entry to this event is by ticket only and the onus is on players to make their own booking arrangements.

Players are invited pick up a "table list" from the Dinner Dance Desk, located under the banner near the Scoring Desk. Tables accommodate a maximum of ten guests and when you lodge your list it can be for any number up to ten. Please note it is not possible to accommodate tables for more than ten people.

The table list should be returned as soon as possible but no later than 8:00pm Wednesday 27th February. Unfortunately costs continue to rise and the following are the charges (credit card facilities available) for the dinner dance:

- Players in any two of the Pairs and/or Teams and/or other 5 session event (excluding walk-ins) \$10 per person

- Players in only one of Pairs or Teams events \$45 per person
- Players in any of the 2 day events, \$70
- Non-participants \$80.

These charges are payable at the time of handing in the list to the Dinner Dance desk. Tickets will be available for collection from 3:00pm Friday afternoon.

Conditions of Entry to the Dinner Dance: The GCCEC has strict guidelines regarding its liquor licence and the Responsible Service of Alcohol. Under no circumstances can alcohol be brought onto the premises for consumption at the dinner dance, nor can any alcohol purchased at the GCC Dinner be taken from the venue during or after the event. No alcohol will be served to those under 18, or anybody deemed to be drunk and/or disorderly.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Tournament Organiser: Therese Tully - 04-0987-0324
Chief Tournament Director: Laurie Kelso
Bulletin Editors: David Stern (04-1111-1655), Barry Rigal and Brent Manley
Appeals Committee Convenor: Bruce Neill
Appeals Committee: Finalised at the venue
Appeals Scribes: Brent Manley Barry Rigal, David Stern and Sebastian Yuen
Chief Scorer: Matthew McManus
Recorders: John Brockwell, Alan Doddridge, Claire Hyne and Keith McDonald
Appeals Advisers: David Appleton, Neville Francis, Julia Hoffman and Barbara Travis
 The Director will guide you to the appropriate adviser
Novice & Restricted Player Liaison: Jan Peach, Tim Runting, Graham Rusher and Therese Tully

ON-SITE PERSONNEL

Attending the congress during the tournament will be:

John Wignall – First Vice President of the WBF and President Zone 7
Keith McDonald – QBA and ABF President
Roy Nixon – ABF Treasurer
Di Marler - ABF Secretary
Jane Rasmussen - ABF Secretariat
Alister Stuck - Executive Secretary – New Zealand Bridge

Laurie Kelso and Matthew McManus – Joint National Tournament Coordinators
Sean Mullamphy - ABF Chief Tournament Director
David Stern – WBF Youth Committee Member, International Bridge Press Association Executive Committee Member
Barry Rigal - International Bridge Press Association Executive Committee Member
Brent Manley - International Bridge Press Association Executive Committee Member, WBF Bulletin Editor

VISITING DURING THE CONGRESS

Gianarrigo Rona	President World Bridge Federation
Ernesto d'Orsi	Executive Member of the World Bridge Federation
Marc De Pauw	Treasurer World Bridge Federation

WINNERS – SPRING NATIONALS FREE ENTRY TO GCC

- The winners of the Team Entry to the GCC as a result of their win in the 2012 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Michael Bush, Philip Moroney, Kathie de Palo, Carol Sheldrake.
- Winners of the Restricted Pairs Entry to the GCC as a result of their highest datum scores in the 2012 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Jack Carson, Anne Reilly as well as runners up Ashok Chotai, Veena Chotai.

If you are a restricted player then consider entering the 2013 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams for your opportunity to win free entries for the 2014 Gold Coast Congress.

2014 DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!
Saturday 22nd February 2014 through to Saturday 1st March 2014

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

- Holiday Walk in Pairs: There are now walk-in sessions starting on Tuesday 26th February through Saturday 2nd March. You can play in as many or as few as you like at a cost of just \$15.00 per session.
There is no need to pre-enter – just turn up and pay at the table. As an incentive these sessions have been grouped into two competitions where players will qualify for an overall prize if they play in each of the three sessions of that competition.
- Tropical dress up Night, Sunday 24th February - we had such fun last year we are doing it again!
- Matchpoint Swiss Pairs - 3 sessions - no night play
- Monday One day Swiss Butler Pairs - no night play.
- Teams to start at 10:30am
- Rookie Bridge i.e. Less than 10 Masterpoint event - Sunday and Thursday. Play one or both sessions.
- Eligibility for Intermediate events raised to less than 750 MPs.
- BPay is now an option.
- Dinner Dance charge of \$10 minimum to \$80 maximum depending on number of events entered.
- Three board rounds in Pairs Qualifying in Seniors, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice Divisions

CORRECTING SCORES

After each session, a printout of the results for each pair or team will be made available. For the last session of a stage of an event, they will be placed in baskets next to the notice board where the results of your section or event are posted. For all other sessions, they will be placed on your table before or during the next session.

If you believe that there is a mistake, you need to follow this procedure:

1. on the board where you believe that there was an error, agree with your opponents that the score was entered incorrectly;
2. make the correction on your printout and have them sign it;
3. give the corrected printout to the Scoring Liaison Officer, Toni Bardon, under the sign "SCORING ENQUIRIES" next to the Scoring Room. She will check that you have provided all the necessary information. The correction will be made by the scorers during the following session and a new personal printout will be made available for you to collect.

Agreed scoring errors need to be advised within the scoring correction period for the session in which the error occurred. The scoring correction periods are displayed prominently near the scoreboards. At the conclusion of the scoring correction period, scores become final and, under the Laws of Bridge, no further changes can be made.

SCORE CORRECTION PERIODS

Errors in scoring must be advised to the Scoring Enquiries desk before the following times:

Pairs Championships

Qualifying One	Midnight Saturday
Qualifying Two	One hour after scores are posted
Final One	Midnight Sunday
Final Two	2:00pm Monday
Final Three	One hour after scores are posted

Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs

Matches 1-3	12:30pm Sunday
Matches 4-5	2:30pm Sunday
Matches 6-8	One hour after scores for Match 8 are posted

Monday Swiss Butler Pairs

Matches 1-3	2:30pm Monday
Matches 4-6	One hour after scores for Match 6 are posted

Teams Championships

Matches 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

Matches 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

Matches 11, 12

One hour after the end of the next even numbered match

At the start of the next even numbered match

8:30pm Thursday for corrections affecting Final series qualification.

Midnight, Thursday, for all other corrections

Open and Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-4

Midnight, Friday

Matches 5-7

Midday, Saturday

Matches 8-10

One hour after scores for Match 10 are posted

Mixed Teams, Friday Teams

Matches 1-3

5:00pm, Friday

Matches 4-6

One hour after scores for Match 6 are posted

All Other Sessions

Sessions Not Listed Above

30 minutes after scores for the session are posted

SYSTEMS - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Each pair is required to have two current ABF approved, systemically identical system cards on the table for the opposing pair before the start of each round. Additional WBF system cards may also be brought to the table.

GREEN, **BLUE** and **RED** systems as well as **BROWN Sticker** conventions may be used during the Open Pairs and Teams, Seniors Pairs and Teams, Intermediate Pairs and Teams, Mixed Teams, Friday Teams and Ivy Dahler Open Swiss Pairs, subject to protection. (Note: protection will not be available for the major final of the Open Pairs).

Only **GREEN** and **BLUE** systems may be used during the Restricted Pairs and Teams, Novice Pairs and Teams, Rookie Novice Pairs, Friday Novice Pairs and Ivy Dahler Restricted Swiss Pairs.

YELLOW systems will only be permitted in the Open Teams from Round 3 onwards and not against teams with a current position in the lower two thirds of the field (decimals rounded up).

Teams proposing to use **YELLOW** systems must lodge an adequate copy of their system (including a bona fide suggested defence) with the CTD before 10:00am on Tuesday 26th February 2013. Such systems will be made available for inspection.

BROWN STICKER

Some overcalls and 2-level openings attract a **BROWN sticker**. Weak 2-level openings without an anchor suit (RCO & Myxo Twos, etc) are **BROWN sticker**. Pairs should attach **BROWN** spots to their cards. Also, multi one-level overcalls are **BROWN**, though gadgets used over 1NT or a strong 1♣ are not. Please also note that a Multi 2♦ (or 2♣) showing a Weak Two in either major is an exemption from the **BROWN Sticker** category.

PROTECTED PAIRS

Pairs playing a **GREEN** system can apply for an Orange sticker if both are below Life Master or one is below State Master. This affords protection from **BROWN Sticker** conventions in all events where they are permitted with the exception of the major Final of the Open Pairs.

ALERTS - SUMMARY

PRE-ALERTS

List your unusual or complex treatments in the pre-alerts section of the system card. For instance – RCO 2s, Bergen raises, DONT Dbl vs 1NT, unusual carding (leading low from doubletons, etc).

ALERTS DURING THE AUCTION

Alert by circling partner's call and saying "Alert" but don't offer an explanation unless asked (then aim to be concise, yet complete).

DON'T ALERT:

Any double or redouble

Any call beyond 3NT, except a conventional opening bid

A bid of a suit *bid or shown* by an opponent

Any 2♣ response to a 1NT opening bid (*e.g. Stayman*)

For our New Zealand players We do **NOT** use STOP Cards We do **NOT** announce the range of NT openings

DO ALERT:

All other conventional calls (such as *Transfers*, a 1♣ opening that could be a *doubleton*, 2♥=hearts and a *minor*)

'Unusual' natural bids. These include: weak jump shift responses, pre-emptive jump raises, inverted minors, canapé tendency, negative free bids, transfer accepts that deny four trumps, etc.

At the end of the auction, the declaring side should mark any unusual calls that weren't alerted at the time. Do this with a plus sign (+).

IF PARTNER STUFFS UP

Declarer/Dummy: If partner fails to alert or provides a wrong or misleading explanation, you should wait until the *end of the auction* before calling the Director and correcting. **Defenders:** wait until the *end of the hand* before piping up.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST SPONSOR THE OASIS SHOPPING CENTRE

The Oasis Shopping Centre is also delighted to announce their sponsorship of "The Open Pairs"



The Oasis Shopping Centre is the premier destination for fashion, food, lifestyle and fun in Cosmopolitan Broadbeach and is located a short 5 minute walk from the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all players attending the Gold Coast Congress.

Make sure you look out for your exclusive Oasis Shopping Centre discount booklet available at the venue with offers ranging from dining, fashion and services.

All specials are valid from the 23rd February to 2nd March 2013.

ROLE OF THE DIRECTOR

Laurie Kelso

The duties performed by directors at this congress are not dissimilar to what happens in your local club. The Gold Coast Congress is simply a different order of magnitude!

The Laws say that, "The Director is responsible for the on-site technical management of the tournament." When the Laws say 'Director' they really mean the 'Director in Charge'. Among the Director's duties are requirements to:

- Ensure the orderly progress of the game.
- Administer and interpret the Laws and advise the players of their rights and responsibilities.
- Rule upon and (sometimes) adjust disputes.

The scale of this event requires a number of directors, scorers and floor managers all performing various different duties. While the Laws allow for delegation, they do not relieve the Director in Charge of any of the ultimate responsibility. So if I appear to be preoccupied or distracted at times during the week – there is probably a good reason!

COURTESY BUS

The bus will run every 10 - 15 mins traffic permitting, commencing one hour before the start of play for each session (but not walk-ins), picking up passengers at the listed stops in numerical order.

Please hail the bus. They will have a sign Gold Coast Congress Bus in front left hand windscreen.

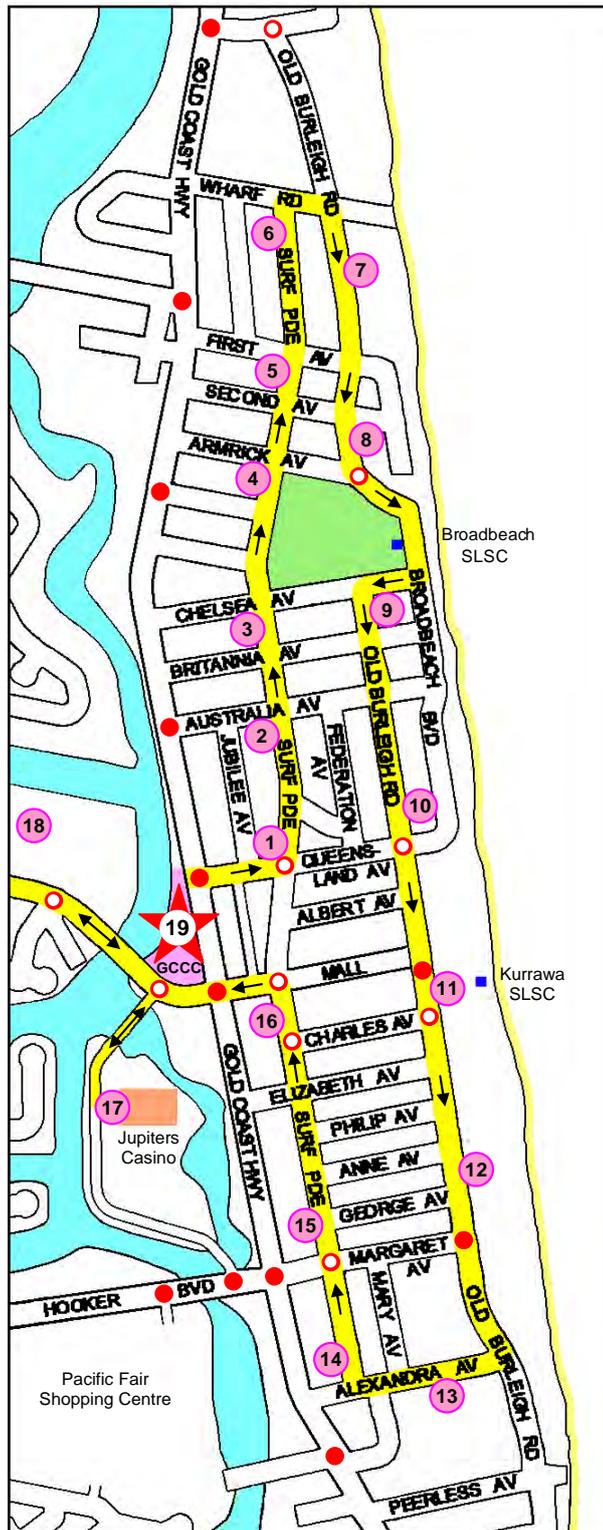
Buses will also be available to ferry people only to restaurants in Broadbeach during meal breaks, and for pickup in time for commencement of play. Please remember this is a courtesy bus, primarily for those less capable of walking over to the Mall area.

Buses will also be available at the end of each playing session, stopping again at indicated stops. Regrettably buses will not be available to take people to the dinner dance.

Courtesy Bus Stops & Route



- 1 Aruba Beach Resort
- 2 Markham Court
- 3 Leawarra Apartments
- 4 Linden Court
- 5 Rua Apartments
- 6 Surf Parade Resort
- 7 The Breakers
- 8 Oceana Apartments
- 9 Ocean Royale
- 10 King Tide Apartments
- 11 Kurrawa SLSC
- 12 Opp. Carmel By The Sea
- 13 Breakfree Diamond Beach
- 14 Bel Air
- 15 Best Western Travel Inn
- 16 Opposite Sofitel
- 17 Jupiters Casino
- 18 Freshwater Apartments
- 19 G C Convention Centre



The Gold Coast Congress Bulletin will be delivered to the front desk each morning between 8.00am and 9.15am Monday to Saturday mornings. If you are staying nearby, you are welcome to drop into any of these establishments and collect a copy. Otherwise, they will be available at the Gold Coast Convention Centre. They may keep them under the desk or out of sight – if you can't see them there please ask.

Air on the Beach

Coffee Club

Hi Ho Holiday Apartments

La Lavandou Holiday Apartments

Mantra Broadbeach on the Park

Markham Court

Starbucks

Difficult Calcudoku

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				6*	
	1200*		3-	36*	

Hard Sudoku

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LESS ADVERTISING

To reduce the level of advertising in the Gold Coast Congress Bulletin, it has been decided that any congresses or events taking place after the VCC will only appear in summary form so here are the tournament details for those tournaments which do not have advertisements in the Bulletin.

Date	Event	Website / Contact / Venue
7 th to 10 th June 2013	Barrier Reef Congress	brc@abf.com.au Janet Hansen 07-4954-6844 North Mackay Bowls Club
7 th to 18 th July 2013	Australian National Championships and Butler Pairs - Adelaide	anc2013@abf.com.au Deb Wellman Wayville Showgrounds, Adelaide
13 th to 18 th August 2013	Coffs Coast Gold Congress	helenblewitt@gmail.com Helen Blewitt 02-6651-1686 Coffs Harbour (Opal Cove Resort)
4 th to 8 th September 2013	Territory Gold Bridge Festival Pairs and Teams	www.ntba.com.au Eileen Boocock (08)8952+4061 or 0409-677-356 Alice Springs Convention Centre
23 rd to 31 st October 2013	Spring Nationals Open Teams, Restricted Teams Dick Cummings Open Pairs Linda Stern Women's Teams Bobby Evans Seniors Teams	sn@abf.com.au Marcia Scudder – NSWBA 02-9264-8111 Canterbury Racecourse
<p>SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE 14TH TO 26TH JANUARY 2014</p>		

OUR COMMITMENT TO SERVICE - BEVERAGES

As a service to players we have a crew of volunteers (Green Shirts) who will be serving a full espresso coffee service at reasonable prices, as an example \$3 for a cappuccino. The service will operate all sessions until late into the last session for the day. In events with more than seven boards a round (Weekend Swiss, Monday Butler, Teams), beverages will be delivered. The loss we incur is a service and expense we take so that our players can have a great beverage service.

Please note that the Gold Coast Convention Cafes and Bars located throughout the centre and operated by Convention Staff will NOT serve hot drinks during the congress.