



CONGRESS 2018

WELCOME

from the President



Dear All,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our National Congress which this year is held in my home town, Johannesburg, where you will have the opportunity to enjoy our good weather and boundless hospitality. A warm welcome to those of you who have made the great trek from the far corners of South Africa to be with us

and an especial welcome to our friends who have arrived from neighbouring countries and overseas (*see page 4 for just two of our visitors from afar*) to join us today. I wish you all a very pleasant stay.

I will have other opportunities to thank them publicly but would like to acknowledge in print the work carried out by our tournament committee

Roz Bernstein
Philip Feinstein
Lotte Sorensen
Deirdre Ingersent
Heidi Atkinson

and the effort and thought they have all put into organizing this event to ensure its success.

It remains only for me to wish you an enjoyable and memorable tournament, and good fortune at the table,

Kind regards,

James Grant

President

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THE SIDE BAR
Chief T.D. Heidi Atkinson
Her Team:



Sid Ismail (T.D.)



Lotte Sorensen (T.D.)



Stephen Rosenberg (T.D.)



Peter Bircher (Scorer)

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF T.D.



Heidi Atkinson

Dear Congress players,

I would like to welcome you to our 65th National Congress. My TD colleagues, Sid Ismail (Benoni), Stephen Rosenberg and Lotte Sorensen (both from Johannesburg), and scorer Peter Bircher (Margate) are ready to work hard to make this event run smoothly, professionally, and to be an enjoyable competition for all.

To achieve this goal, we need your help. Please co-operate with us and avoid our having to dish out procedural and/or scoring penalties:

- Your cell phones must be switched off at all times and cannot be visible while you are in the playing area. Why not leave them in your car?
- Starting times in the programme mean that you are seated and ready to play at that time, and not still ambling into the hall and looking around for your seats.
- Playing to time is essential. Please check the clock and reserve your rights with the opposing pair during play. Please consult your booklet carefully for the starting times and movements.
- For late or no alerts or mis-bids which necessitate TD calls, there could be procedural penalties.
- Be vigilant when you (as North/South) are entering Bridgemates' scores and checking them when seated East/West.
- An identical, acceptable convention card is mandatory for each pair.
- Please report psyches.
- Zero tolerance will be applied throughout.

We are playing to the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge as well as the SABF Convention Control and Supplementary Regulations which have been updated and are available on the SABF website. Please familiarise yourself with their contents.

Wishing you a successful and enjoyable week of bridge.

With love ♥ from *Heidi Atkinson* - Your Chief Tournament Director
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LOOKING into the FUTURE

Here are some of the upcoming major events throughout South Africa over the next four months. **Diarise! Enter!! Win!!!**

MAY		No affiliated major tournaments
JUNE	03	WCBU Teams
	08-10	Knysna Pre-Oyster
	10	Orchards Winter Challenge
	22-24	Mickey Haddad, East London
	29- }	KZN Mini-Conference}
JULY	01 }	KZN Mini-Conference}
	14-15	GBU Teams
	27-29	Port Alfred Winter Challenge
AUGUST	05	WCBU Teams
	19	WCBU Teams
	31	ECBU Mini-Congress starts

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Subject to change

TWO SLAM HANDS from CONGRESS 2017

1. Dlr.: W Vul.: No	K96 T65 873 QJT3	
QJ75 AJ3 K95 AK6		AT43 K92 AQ 854
	82 Q874 JT642 972	

There was a fifty-fifty split in either bidding the spade slam or staying in game. Those who bid the slam were

all successful. Assuming the contract is played by West then one plausible line of play is to win the queen of clubs lead and draw trumps via a successful finesse, cash the two diamond honours in dummy and duck a club. You will win if clubs split 3-3, if they do not cash all your winners outside the heart suit leaving the club and K9 of hearts in dummy. Now take the finesse in hearts or cash the ace and king hoping you squeezed North – use your table sense to guide you.

2. Dlr.: W Vul.: NS	AJT852 54 Q QT82	
9743 6 AJT82 J93		Q QT9832 K9764 6
	K6 AKJ7 53 AK754	

Nobody reached the spade slam which is probably a bit less than 50% and a very few played it in clubs. The club slam is an infinitely

superior contract to the one in spades, as in both you need a reasonable club break, but now any 3-2 split in spades or a singleton queen and if clubs are kind enough to be 2-2 then a 4-1 split in spades can be overcome.

(With thanks to Ron Tancchi)

THE REIGNING CHAMPIONS



In 2017, Craig Gower and Alon Apteker won the Pairs for the fifth time, having previously triumphed together in 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2011. In addition, Craig has two other Championships to his credit, having won with other partners in 2002 and 2004!

A LITTLE BIT of LAW

1. LEGITIMATE DECEPTIONS

What laws cover carding and/or false-cards? Is it permissible to false-card without penalty? For example, assume that a defender discards a low card, and defender's partner (correctly) describes their carding agreement as "standard", where a low card denies holding a high card in that suit. But, the defender does have a significant higher card in that suit! And declarer subsequently plays for the discarder's partner to have that card and loses. In the above case, has declarer been damaged? If so, how do you determine how much damage is to be awarded? Law 73E is our guide here; "A player may appropriately attempt to deceive an opponent through a call or play, so long as the deception is not protected by concealed partnership understanding or experience!"

Thus, if a player chooses to deviate from a previously announced understanding, *there can be no rectification as there has been no violation of law. In terms of the Laws, a player is entitled to lie to his partner!*

As with conventional bids and other partnership agreements, the opponents are entitled to know the full meaning of leads and carding arrangements, *but they are not protected if a player chooses to go outside agreements and purposefully draws a different picture.*

[And what if the defender had no other card to discard? Say he holds QT2 – what's he supposed to do then? Ed.]

THE KIWIS ARE HERE!



Ashley and Michael in their All Black kit!

Alon Apteker and Craig Gower, strong enough in their own right, will be partnering with Ashley Bach and Michael Cornell from New Zealand in the Teams. The two Kiwis have been long-time members of the New Zealand team and were part of their recent success at the Bermuda Bowl in Lyon 2017 in getting to the semi-finals. They also won the world pairs in 2016 and will be strong contenders in our Pairs' event!

RECOMMENDED NEARBY RESTAURANTS



DISTANCE	AREA	RESTAURANT	TYPE
2½ km	NORWOOD	Momo & O Hokkaido Fireside Grill Gio Nonna Mia Shwarma Company Dugfish	Modern Japanese Trad. Japanese International Italian Italian Mediterranean Kosher Fish
3½ km	GLENHAZEL CHINATOWN SENDERWOOD GARDENS	about 30 Restaurants Mong Kok Fisherman's Plate Meze Mimmo's Thava	Authentic Chinese Peking Duck Fish Greek (lunch only) Italian North Indian
4½ km	LINKSFIELD TERRACE	Mozambik Er Buco Sabor Keg and Beagle Friends	Portuguese Italian Portuguese Pub Kosher
7 km	KENSINGTON EDENVALE	O'Vicente Eia Moura	Portuguese Portuguese
9½ km	VILLAGE VIEW	Turn & Tender Tasha's	Steakhouse Café (lunch only)

This list is by no means exhaustive and is limited to nearby restaurants of which I have personal knowledge. I will happily share my recommendations with you!

Stephen Rosenberg (Editor)