



CONGRESS 2018 A WELCOME VISITOR

Sarita Mathur finds herself at our local Congress all the way from India, by way of Durban. Jenny ten Bokkum writes:



“Sarita Mathur is a philosopher and poet, originally from India and now resident in KZN. We are honoured to have her and her husband, Vivek, as prominent members of the KZN Bridge Union. Every now and then Sarita sends me (and others, *and she is also a published author*) a snippet of her thoughts.

Sarita recently sent me a lovely poem, entitled “Bridge”, which, with her permission, I shared by posting it on “The Wall” in the SABF web-site. Please read it”



THE TOP TEN

at the END of SESSION 1 - 26 BOARDS

It’s not enough that the All Blacks dominate us on the rugby field, now they are also doing it at the bridge table. Still, it’s early days yet, and a further five pairs, James and Larry (Lions), Glen and Michael (Stormers), defending champions Craig and Alon (also Lions), Imtiaz and Maureen (Stormers), and the Sharks’ Beth and Yvonne, all remain within touching distance of the leaders.

1	Michael Cornell & Ashley Bach	1865/ 2860	65.21
2	James Grant & Larry Chemaly	1839/ 2860	64.30
3	Glen Holman & Michael Alexander	1821/ 2860	63.67
4	Craig Gower & Alon Apteker	1804/ 2860	63.08
5	Imtiaz Kaprey & Maureen Narunsky	1789/ 2860	62.55
6	Beth Oldacre & Yvonne Hulett	1768/ 2860	61.82
7=	Joe Israeli-Zindel & Paul Inbona	1710/ 2860	59.79
7=	Desiree Pieters & Chris Child	1710/ 2860	59.79
9	Graham Sacks & Michael Salomon	1695/ 2860	59.27
10	Joe Mohamed & Shiraz Patel	1691/ 2860	59.13

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THE SIDE BAR

“A LITTLE BIT of
LAW” # 2

BIDDING AFTER A SYSTEM ERROR

“Who can bid what after a system error?” David Stevenson looks at this based on a real event. In a club event in England, the bidding went:

W	N	E	S
1NT*	P	2♦	2♥
P			

*12-14 points

North wrote to Stevenson as follows: “At this point, I asked if 2♦ was natural; West said she should have announced it as a transfer but forgot. The director was called and said that South could withdraw the 2♥ bid which she did and passed. West then bid 2♥ raised by East to 4♥. EW received what amounts to unauthorised information and should either not be permitted to bid, or not permitted to bid hearts.”

Stevenson’s ruling goes like this: “Sometimes players get away with such errors because nothing illegal has occurred. West has no unauthorised information because the question from opponents reminded him and any information from opponents is authorised. East has unauthorised information that something is wrong because of the lack of an announcement, but it does not seem to matter since West has remembered before East does anything. The 2♥ bid by South is unauthorised to East and West (but authorised to North) but it is not clear how it has affected anything. East bid 4♥ anyway. So, unless East might have bid 6♥ otherwise, or unless it affected the play of the hand there does not seem to be any damage.”

The moral of this story is that penalties and punishments are not automatic; they depend on the circumstances and each case must be considered on its own merits.

A PLAY OF THE DAY

Another Nice Play

by Ron Tancchi

Board 19 of Round 12 of the 2017 Zonals held in Cape Town

South Africa v Reunion

Here are the hands:

Dlr: S Vul: EW	A832 JT97 AQ5 85	
J94 Q8632 K962 Q		6 K4 T73 AKJ9632
	KQT75 A5 J84 T74	

and the bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Stephens	Brethes	Donde	Hamel
			P
P	1D	3C	3S
P	4S	All Pass	

The CQ was led and overtaken by the King, and the Ace cashed. East made the good shot of a small heart. Should South duck he is home free but he rose with the Ace. It looks as though now South cannot establish a heart to discard his diamond loser. Declarer was not without recourse, he exited with a heart to East's king. The club continuation was ruffed in dummy.

Two rounds of trumps finishing in dummy were followed by a heart ruff hoping to drop the Queen, but East showed out. Now South cashed his two trumps and West had to capitulate, he could not part with his heart and so came down to the doubleton king of diamonds; when South now took the diamond finesse the King dropped under the ace and the contract-making trick was the jack of diamonds – nicely played. Six IMPs in as South Africa played in a part-score in the other room.

I found this on the personals card at a recent all-day tournament at BRIDGE@ORCHARDS. How is it as the basis of our code of honour for this tournament?

“REMEMBER YOUR TABLE MANNERS

Respect your opponents' rights to full disclosure

Know your conventions; explain them politely

Play hard but keep it courteous

Be tolerant of weaker players

Maintain an even tempo

Keep up with the pace of play”

Stephen Rosenberg (Editor)



‘George takes his bridge evenings very seriously’