



CONGRESS 2018

WELCOME

from the President



Dear All,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Teams' event of 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 3 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.
- Remember that the AWAY Team always sits first, with the HOME Team having the luxury of selecting their opponents.
- 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

THE NORWEGIANS ARE HERE!



Leif-Erik and Tolle Stabell

The Stabell brothers are native Norwegians, although Leif-Erik (usually known as Leif) spends most of his time in Southern Africa these days. Tolle is a “legal eagle” and is one of Norway’s State Prosecutors! They are constant, and very welcome, participants in our Congresses and we wish them every success in Congress 2018 and hope to see them back again in 2019!

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 SILVAMONTE	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)

CONGRESS 2017

Congress 2017 was held in Cape Town, and from that Congress we remember

THE REIGNING CHAMPIONS



Sven-Ake Bjerregaard

**Anders Morath
Carl Ragnarsson
Martin Löfgren**

and their captain **Sven-Ake Bjerregaard**

And who will be the 2018 Champions?
Who'd make book on this?
(Try Bet.co.za!)

“TATA MA CHANCE”



Due to printing dead-lines, we can't yet include a hand played in this Teams' event, but here is a hand, contributed by Chris Bosenberg, *pictured here*, that was played during the “Zonals”. An alert, and very brave, defender really had to “take a chance” to stop declarer making his contract. Here is the hand:

Contract: 4H by S West leads 5D	9 KJ6 AQ63 KJT32	
J873 5 K8652 A87		AK654 832 J Q954
	QT2 AQT974 T97 6	

West leads the 5D, taken in dummy with the Ace, East dropping his singleton Jack. Declarer calls for the 9S from dummy. What does East do? He *plays low* hoping his partner has the Queen! And declarer also ducks! Wouldn't you?! West finds himself in with the JS and promptly returns a diamond for East to ruff. Then a club to the Ace and another diamond ruff. At this stage, EW run out of steam, but they have already garnered two diamond ruffs, a spade and the AC to defeat the contract by one, for a very good result!

Chris Bosenberg

Let's see how many plays during Congress 2018 can match this one from the Zonals 2017!

