



# CONGRESS 2018

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## WHAT'S IT ALL FOR?

Yes, we all know that you play for the love of the game! Also, possibly for the trophies and titles that are offer. And certainly, to garner the respect of your fellow players. But, there's also nothing like a little bit of lovely lolly to



sweeten the victory. So, here's a list of the prize money on offer in both the Pairs' and Teams' events in all the sections at Congress 2018:

SECTION	PAIRS			TEAMS		
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	SECTION	FIRST	SECOND
Championship	2500	1500	1000	Championship	4000	2400
Congress	1200	800	600	Congress	2000	1600
Plate	1000	800		Plate	1600	1200
President	800	600		President	1200	800
Vice President	800	600				

In addition, the leading qualifier in the Pairs receive R 1 000 and the top three qualifiers in the Teams also win a R 1 000 each.

## AND SOME MORE FROM THE PHOTO GALLERY



# PLAYS of the DAY

## THE PENALTY CARD THAT WASN'T

Contributed by Cape Town's Springbok Imtiaz Kaprey

First, here's the hand in question:

Board 23 Dlr: S Vul: Both	AJ AJ72 T982 KT2	
K52 K763 73 AQ83		Q9873 Q854 J65 5
	T64 9 AKQ4 J9764	

The Minwalla Team was playing the Vervenne team in Match 6 on Tuesday afternoon. Clearly, we were all tiring after so much bridge, and the following actually happened on Board 23, the second-last board of a long day.

NS was on defence. I was sitting East and was declarer in 2 spades.

Everything started off quietly and normally. The AD was led, which held. South then switched to the 9H, which was ducked round to my WH. I then led a small diamond, taken by South with the Queen. This was followed by the 6C to the Ace. On trick 6, the 3C came from dummy, North covered with his King (!), declarer ruffed and then ruffed his last

diamond in dummy. At trick 7, declarer called for the QC and discarded a small heart. At this stage, declarer led 6 – 2. Now, with declarer on play at trick 9, something bizarre happened at this position:

	AJ AJT ---- ----	
K5 K76 ---- ----		Q98 85 ---- ----
	T64 ---- 4 J	

Declarer led the 5H, ruffed by South, small heart from West and the AH from North! Everything went dead-still and quiet for a moment, followed by an exchange in muttered French! Confusion reigned!! We all agreed that this was an aberration and allowed the ten of hearts to be played instead! The Ace now sat exposed on the table as a major penalty card. After all this, South on lead played KD, ruffed in dummy and North had to contribute the AH instead of over-ruffing dummy! So, a card that we all agreed had been played in error became the penalty card that was or wasn't! The moral of this story is that you should never take the law into your own hands. With apologies to our hard-working TDs.

## PUTTING on the SQUEEZE

Contributed by Sid Ismail

Board 18 Dlr: E Vul: NS	AJ93 J732 843 97	
K862 KT8 AJ5 KQ2		QT7 Q5 QT96 A653
	54 A964 K72 JT84	

Dawood Mohamed, sitting West, landed in 3NT after a quick-fire 1NT-3NT auction. North led the 3S to the ten which held, followed successively by TD, JD, AD. Then came the 6S to the Queen, which held. At trick 6, another diamond; then a club to the Queen, North discarding the JS. The 8S is then played to North's Ace, followed by 2H-5H-9H-TH which wins. At this stage, North is down to the J73 of hearts and 7C; declarer still holds QH and A85 of Clubs; South sits with AH and JT8 of Clubs, and in dummy are the KS-KH and K2 of Clubs. When declarer calls for the KS from dummy, South is horribly squeezed and discards AH! Alas, to no avail as KH, discard a Club and AK of Clubs bring come the contract!

