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And The Winner is?



**The winners - Alon Apteker and
Craig Gower**



**Runners Up - Sabine Auken and
Roy Welland**

After a titanic struggle between the home pair Craig Gower and Alon Apteker and the World Champions Sabine Auken and Roy Welland where the lead changed to and fro many times the South African pair won by the slender margin of five Matchpoints. The holders, Sven-Ake Bjeeragaard and Anders Morath finished fourth behind third place Frederic Wrang & David Wrang. ABF President Bernard Pascal presented the prizes.

And in the other groups. Congress- Winners Martin Grunder & Imtiaz Kaprey; Plate- Winners Frank Chemaly & Jan Chemaly; President- Winners Stephen Dietrich & Avril Kotzen; Vice President- Winners Ivan Immerman & Faye Salomon; Shield- Winners Patty Geddes & Myrna Katz.

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Today's Schedule


10.00 Teams Qualifying Session 1
15.00 Teams Qualifying Session 2



Barometer Session 1


We will follow what happened in the Championship section of the first round of the Barometer. At the end of the rounds Craig Gower and Alon Apteker were lying first with Sabine Auken and Roy Welland second and the holders Sven-Ake Bjerregaard and Anders Morath in third.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ KQ93 ♥ K2 ♦ K ♣ J97432</p>		<p>♠ J86 ♥ — ♦ AJ1097542 ♣ A8</p>
<p>♠ 1052 ♥ A987643 ♦ Q ♣ Q6</p>		<p>♠ A74 ♥ QJ105 ♦ 863 ♣ K105</p>


A seemingly straightforward deal to begin with, or so it would seem, but eleven tables managed seven different results. The first question is with what to open the North hand. Looking at the results it appears that very few pre-empted, a view with which I am in accord. Playing in diamonds North legitimately has only nine tricks but frequently made ten when either the wrong hand won the third spade or a heart was led. Craig and Alon were one of these beneficiaries for 13/7. One of our triumvirate managed to let five diamonds make after the ace of spades lead. I can only surmise a signalling misunderstanding and East switching to a club at trick two—oops. A zero on hand one but 66% for the rest of the session.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ AJ2 ♥ A82 ♦ Q87 ♣ J874</p>		<p>♠ KQ3 ♥ KJ764 ♦ J1052 ♣ 5</p>
<p>♠ 954 ♥ 9 ♦ K643 ♣ AQ1096</p>		<p>♠ 10876 ♥ Q1053 ♦ A9 ♣ K32</p>


A small part-score hand—this is where pairs tournaments are one and lost. If you get these right every time you will win by a country mile. The bidding went at many tables Pass—Pass—1♣—1♥—1NT—All Pass. In theory East has only six tricks but the defence needs to be spot on if East makes the right decisions. South has to lead a diamond or a spade but I suspect the majority of the time will start with a heart, after all partner bid them and some of the time he will actually have a decent heart suit. It is now up to East to set up tricks six and seven and maintain communications to cash them, it is far from trivial and three out of seven declarers did not succeed. Two of our threesome defended well for 14/6. Sabine and Roy had a competitive auction with N/S getting too high with Three Diamonds and failing by one trick and giving them a top.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ K1043 ♥ Q1098 ♦ 765 ♣ 53</p>		<p>♠ 865 ♥ 653 ♦ QJ984 ♣ AK</p>
		<p>♠ J97 ♥ J2 ♦ K3 ♣ QJ10742</p>
		<p>♠ AQ2 ♥ AK74 ♦ A102 ♣ 986</p>


We all know some players who would bid Three Clubs with the East and some who would not. If he does then South doubles and North bids 3NT, if he does not then South opens 1NT and is raised to three. South should always make eleven tricks as West will be thrown in with the heart suit to lead into the spade tenace after the minor suit tricks have been cashed. Two pairs, including Craig and Alon made twelve tricks. I suspect West discarded a heart on the diamonds and in the five-card ending held three spades and two hearts so when South cashed the ace of hearts and exited with a heart he not only threw West in but established a long heart for twelve tricks and a shared top. It looks to me as though Sabine and Roy pre-empted with the East cards, South doubled and then North unimaginatively bid Three Diamonds which was passed out giving themselves a zero.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ A54	
	♥ 85	
	♦ AK54	
	♣ AJ92	
♠ 9873		♠ 6
♥ Q964		♥ AKJ1073
♦ Q		♦ J9872
♣ Q1063		♣ 5
	♠ KQJ102	
	♥ 2	
	♦ 1063	
	♣ K874	

Most Norths would open a strong no-trump and the majority of Easts would show a red two-suiter by whatever means their methods allowed. Craig and Alon hit the mother lode when it appears that N/S had a bidding accident when a double of Three Hearts was passed out. Anders and his partner scored 18/2 when they made Five Spades, there was either a defensive error or the cards were read well and declarer took a first-round finesse against the ten of clubs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.


	♠ KJ1086	
	♥ —	
	♦ Q5	
	♣ J109842	
♠ 5		♠ A42
♥ A109852		♥ QJ764
♦ K10986		♦ 72
♣ Q		♣ 763
	♠ Q973	
	♥ K3	
	♦ AJ43	
	♣ AK5	

A similar deal to the previous one. South will open a strong no-trump and West will interfere showing red two-suiter. This will test the bidding methods of N/S. One pair reached Six Spades from the South hand and contrived to fail. In their defence knowing West to be long in the red suits you might possibly be forgiven for taking a finesse against the queen in East's hand but I think you may well have the luxury of a safety ace of clubs before the finesse. It was 16/4 to Craig and Alon.

Reminder 1

Only bottles of water may be taken into the playing Area.


Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ 84	
	♥ KJ10982	
	♦ J7	
	♣ 763	
♠ 9753		♠ Q106
♥ 763		♥ A
♦ AK82		♦ Q64
♣ AJ		♣ Q109842
	♠ AKJ2	
	♥ Q54	
	♦ 10953	
	♣ K5	

For this segment of four boards the holders (E/W) were pitted against the world champions (N/S). On most tables North opened a weak two in hearts and on this table was allowed to buy the contract at the tree-level. The defence took the obvious five tricks for one off but that was first blood to Roy and Sabine 15/5.


On Board 10 N/S with their combined nineteen count failed to bid the cold heart game, maybe E/W did not push them enough. But the result was a push—so no change.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ Q1098	
	♥ K	
	♦ 5432	
	♣ 9764	
♠ 754		♠ 2
♥ J9642		♥ AQ108
♦ K98		♦ AJ106
♣ Q10		♣ A852
	♠ AKJ63	
	♥ 753	
	♦ Q7	
	♣ KJ3	

Here N/S saved against E/W's Heart game. It was imperative not to lose six tricks. As I was not privy to the auction I do not know exactly what information declarer had about the opposing hands but I can only surmise that he took the wrong view in clubs and so lost two club tricks and a ruff to go with the two diamonds and heart. -500 was a bottom so now honours just rested with the holders.


Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A64 ♥ Q8 ♦ K6 ♣ AJ9753		♠ 2 ♥ KJ653 ♦ QJ10532 ♣ 10
♠ Q9753 ♥ A109 ♦ A98 ♣ K6	♠ KJ108 ♥ 742 ♦ 74 ♣ Q842	

Provided one takes the right view in hearts E/W have ten tricks in either red suit. It is not self-evident that one would, especially if North announced length in clubs and South showed a modicum of support. Be that as it may the holders reached game and made it for a complete top and now honours were firmly in the Swedes' court.

From Barometer 2

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q1083 ♥ K86 ♦ K1062 ♣ J2		♠ 6 ♥ 1042 ♦ AQJ9843 ♣ 43
♠ AK975 ♥ A ♦ 75 ♣ A10875	♠ J42 ♥ QJ9753 ♦ — ♣ KQ96	

A test for you. How do you play Six Diamonds by East? I will let you see all four hands. I will nominate the king of clubs as a lead but the lead is immaterial.

Win with the ace, cash two rounds of spades discarding a club, ruff a spade. Cross back to dummy with the ace of hearts and ruff another spade. Now ruff a heart in dummy, ruff a club in hand and ruff your last heart in dummy. Now your hand is AQJ9 of diamonds and the lead is in dummy and you cannot help but make three of those diamonds for your contract. Just a simple trump reduction :-)

If anyone actually played that contract and made it without an egregious error I will buy them a beer.


I am very safe as I am on a plane home tomorrow morning and also you would have needed to see North's hand to play like that, otherwise it is a ridiculous line.

Barometer 2

Apteker vs. Apteker


In the third quartet of the second session of the Barometer in the Championship Craig Gower and Alon Apteker met Noah Apeteker and Bernard Donde. It was father versus fourteen year old son. Serious bragging rights might accrue from this segment. Father was South, Son was East so they were on opposite sides of the screen.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K75 ♥ J752 ♦ J95 ♣ 1062		♠ A104 ♥ A43 ♦ AKQ ♣ KJ87
	♠ Q92 ♥ K1096 ♦ 32 ♣ AQ53	
	♠ J863 ♥ Q8 ♦ 108764 ♣ 94	

Par on this hand is 2NT, but how do you stay out of 3NT. If East's 2NT opening is 20-21 almost all West's will bid the game. Just to follow the field. If East is 19-20 then with his very poor five count West can take a view at pairs and pass. Whatever their methods Son stayed in 2NT and so scored 12/8 and thus first blood to son.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J4 ♥ QJ7642 ♦ 82 ♣ K72		♠ Q96 ♥ 8 ♦ A53 ♣ AJ9843
	♠ AK8532 ♥ K9 ♦ Q10 ♣ 1065	
	♠ 107 ♥ A1053 ♦ KJ9764 ♣ Q	

Father played in Two Spades, a contract that is safe enough, but this is pairs, the overtricks are worth gold. The lead was naturally enough the singleton heart. Declarer has two principal avenues of attack; ruff some clubs in dummy or establish the diamonds. If you play

this out through all the many lines possible you will find out that the nine of spades in East's hand is a formidable card. If declarer takes the road to ruff a club, then if East wins the small club lead from hand then he must play the queen of spades to hold declarer to eight tricks, an unintuitive card if ever there was one. What is declarer to do? Obviously he must win the trick and now he ruffs a club. He is forced to play a diamond, East takes his ace immediately, returns a club to partner's king and ruffs a heart return.

If when declarer lead a club a trick two West takes the trick he must return a small trump. Eventually it turns into a variation of above. Should he lead a heart for partner to ruff that is the end of the defence. I will leave you to play through the variations.

If declarer tries to set up the diamonds then East takes the second round and continues the suit and declarer has the millstone of three losing clubs in his hand. This is all predicated on perfect defence; not something we see every day, and so it was on this hand. Here father made ten tricks, what defensive error was made? One possibility is that East rose prematurely with the ace of diamonds, but I do not know. This was 14/6 to Father so pendulum just swings in Father's favour.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ KQ10975 ♥ J9842 ♦ K8 ♣ —</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 63 ♥ K65 ♦ J72 ♣ Q10732</p> <p>♠ 2 ♥ AQ103 ♦ 943 ♣ AKJ64</p>
	<p>♠ AJ84 ♥ 7 ♦ AQ1065 ♣ 985</p>	

On this board Son reached Four Spades, an inferior contract to Four Hearts. My informant tells me that Son's partner realising he was not in the par contract tried an unusual line in the hope of regaining equity but I was not to be and so 19/1 to Father who was beginning to taste victory.

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Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ AJ10762 ♥ J2 ♦ J95 ♣ 72</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ Q854 ♥ 74 ♦ 107642 ♣ 109</p> <p>♠ 3 ♥ A106 ♦ K83 ♣ AJ6543</p> <p>♠ K9 ♥ KQ9853 ♦ AQ ♣ KQ8</p>
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Rumour has it that the bidding was 2♠–Pass–Pass–Double–Pass 3♦–Pass–3♥–All Pass. The opening lead was the seven of clubs, on target for two off. East takes his ace and returns his singleton spade for West's ace. Now to take the contract two down West must lead another club, NOT a spade for partner to ruff. How difficult is that to work out at the table? If the spade ruff is taken prematurely dummy's seven of hearts becomes an entry for declarer to take the diamond finesse. A difficult defensive problem indeed. For failing by just one trick Father scored 14/6 and that was serious bragging rights for Father... Well for this year.



**Father and Son
(Father is on the left)**

Championship Barometer 2

1	Alon Apteker & Craig Gower	672
2	Sabine Auken & Roy Welland	669
3	Sven-Ake Bjerregaard & Anders Morath	653
4	Frederic Wrang & David Wrang	622
5	Chris Castelein & Hennie Fick	606
6	Anton Der Kinderen & Glen Holman	597
7	Leif-Erik Stabell & Tolle Stabell	592
8	Larry Chemaly & James Grant	591
9	Frances Hinden & Graham Osborne	578
10	Noah Apteker & Bernard Donde	574
11	Chris Bosenberg & Neville Eber	565

12	Brian Pincus & Robert Sulcas	552
13	Sverre Johnsen & Jan Mikkelsen	547
14	Colette Stott & Bryan Strydom	538
15	Martin Lofgren & Carl Ragnarsson	526
16	Nicola Bateman & Merle Modlin	525
16	Ramula Shah & Bhanumatti Shah	525
18	Arthur Hughes & Mignon Leigh	495
19	Trish Curzon & Judy Deuchar	491
20	Bernard Pascal & Frederic Sarian	489
21	Di Rosslee & Irene Sundelson	480
22	Peter Gill & Susan Ingham	428

Congress Barometer 2

1	Charmaine Lipshitz & Renee Kenny	661
2	Harold Bernstein & Jackie Solovei	637
3	Aubrey Fein & Harold Wilensky	629
4	Brian Thomas & Roger Wilson	625
5	Martin Grunder & Imtiaz Kaprey	624
6	Tony Popplestone & Simon Stocken	616
7	Chris Child & Avril Whelan	615
8	Ismael Ebrahim & Yunus Omar	599
9	Diniar Minwalla & Nancy Minwalla	581
10	Jude Apteker & Robert Stephens	577
11	Jack Dorfan & Errol Pieters	575

12	Greg Hingle & Paul Inbona	554
13	Toni Hendler & Cynthia Posniak	553
14	Jeanne Mcleod & Wilson Mcleod	532
15	Rosemary Kelley & Pam La Shelle	521
16	Edgar Adams & Malcolm Siegel	520
17	Di Sendin & Sandra Davey	516
18	Glynis Dornon & Ester Goosen	506
19	Trish Crosse & Bev Hewitt	484
20	Mafa Letsogile & Omphemetse Moedi	476
21	Joan Mendelsohn & Janette Schewitz	472
22	Alon Atie & Shaun Danin	447

Plate Barometer 2

1	Diana Balkin & Kathy Driver	667
2	Frank Chemaly & Jan Chemaly	631
3	Andrew Cruise & Paul Reynolds	609
4	Susan Botha & Lynn Cunningham	604
5	Joe Mohamed & Shiraz Patel	591
6	Denise Bauquier & Philippe Lagache	585
7	Laurie Levin & Merle Liebesman	579
8	Ella Danilowitz & Roy Danilowitz	576
9	Rosie Aufrichtig & Miriam Meyer	573
10	Eileen Mestern & Paul Mestern	572
11	Maureen Narunsky & Joy Swiel	567

12	Andrew Brooke & Gail Cameron	566
13	Hillary Nick & Ann Sturrock	558
14	John Barlow & Mary Mutch	556
15	Karen Fourie & Kathy Light	535
16	Yusuf Daya & Dawood Mohammed	523
17	Eric Matatodes & Audrey Shearer	513
18	Val Cleveland & Jimmie Potgieter	512
19	Bruce Macdonald & Gerald Potash	510
19	Gunilla Bjerregaard & Suzette Mckerron	510
21	Merle Bracher & Richard Bowdery	501
22	Hans Lombard & Albert Van Lier	482

President Barometer 2

1	Stephen Dietrich & Avril Kotzen	676
2	Terry Brown & Jeanette Reitzer	667
3	Jocelyn Ashberg & Shirley Kaminer	629
4	Meryl Cohn & Lili Watkin	615
5	Peta Balderson & Jennifer Gautschi	606
6	Gail Gruenbaum & Patrick Hansen	604
7	Lotte Sorensen & Claire Whitburn	598
8	Peter Terblanche & Guy Wilson	584
9	Lydia Marks & Betty Rodman	583
10	Delys Shepard & Peter Ward	574
11	Baboo Mayet & Ebrahim Moosa	573

11	Helena Ogonowski & Judy Thomson	573
13	Joan Van Vught & Lex Van Vught	554
14	Heidi Atkinson & Gail Bezuidenhout	531
15	Nitza Levin & Dawn Palmer	521
16	Brenda Rosenberg & Phyllis Rubin	516
17	Merle Saxe & Rochelle Urisohn	507
18	Graham Burrows & Wilf Sperry	506
19	Wendy Praetorius & Hilary Sacks	504
20	Sameena Esmail & Sandy Wentzel	476
21	Ice Peenz & Adri Peenz	462
22	Elisabeth Sylvester & Anne Zulich	457

Vice President Barometer 2

1	Kit Gilmour & Helen Kruger	679
2	Ivan Immerman & Faye Salomon	673
3	Fred Alger & Ingrid Wheeler	652
4	Chandrakant Shah & Aruna Shah	612
5	John Bryant & Mark Kenyon	611
6	Vanessa Armstrong & Tanya Rawson	603
7	Marie Grotepass & Jill Matotodes	602
8	Yvonne Hulett & Beth Oldacre	600
9	Derrick Newson & Gill Wansell	570
10	Joyce Hessen & Elaine Sacks	559
11	Mary Andrew & Colleen Gower	547

12	Marc De Borchgrave & Sonia Levy	538
12	Jean Blunden & Annette Scott	538
12	Norman Knight & Jenny Ten-Bokum	538
12	Ian Holdsworth & Gerard Verhoog	538
16	Clyde Mallinson & Torquil Paterson	533
17	Deidre Ingersent & Rosemary Mason	527
18	Sally Potgieter & Carol Shaw	511
19	Jane Bodin & Eilat Unger	499
20	Margie Bartlett & Betty Lechmere-Oertel	496
21	Amina Alaoui & Laila Lamnarn	459
22	Doris Danilewitz & Neicia Wallace	395

Shield Barometer 2

1	Julie Lovelace & Colin V.D. Westhuizen	858
2	Patty Geddes & Myrna Katz	826
3	Bashir Mukuddem & Ahmed Patel	806
4	Liz Irving & Ann Murray	798
5	Janco Jypeert & Duncan Keet	788
5	Jennie Boyes & Gale White	788
7	Linette Gubb & Mary Walter	786
8	Madeline Joffe & Hilary Margolius	776
9	Sohrab Bavasah & MS Mahomed	774
10	Nita Abel & Anita Modlinne	769
11	Alison Puggia & Lana Soutar	761

12	Abdul Adam & Abdul Vally	757
12	Carren Emary & Carin Verburg	757
14	Linda Campbell & Anneke Furniss	756
15	Anne De Matteis & Anita Lapage	755
16	Merle Wiesenbacher & Tony Wiesenbacher	746
17	Peggy Deiner & Glenis Wildish	733
18	Jill Hammond & Peta Mason	714
18	Zoe Charnock & Shirley Phillips	714
20	Anne Dannheisser & Martin Dannheisser	703
21	Barbara Crosby & Anita Kowarski	676
22	Ebrahim Cassim & Mohammed Iqbal	652

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6	Chris Castelein & Hennie Fick	918
7	Leif-Erik Stabell & Tolle Stabell	915
8	Larry Chemaly & James Grant	899
9	Frances Hinden & Graham Osborne	898
10	Sverre Johnsen & Jan Mikkelsen	855
11	Noah Apteker & Bernard Donde	850

12	Chris Bosenberg & Neville Eber	832
13	Brian Pincus & Robert Sulcas	812
14	Martin Lofgren & Carl Ragnarsson	796
15	Colette Stott & Bryan Strydom	776
16	Bernard Pascal & Frederic Sarian	771
17	Ramula Shah & Bhanumatti Shah	762
18	Nicola Bateman & Merle Modlin	752
19	Arthur Hughes & Mignon Leigh	734
20	Peter Gill & Susan Ingham	721
21	Trish Curzon & Judy Deuchar	691
22	Di Rosslee & Irene Sundelson	669

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2	Charmaine Lipshitz & Renee Kenny	949
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4	Tony Popplestone & Simon Stocken	920
5	Harold Bernstein & Jackie Solovei	918
6	Aubrey Fein & Harold Wilensky	916
7	Chris Child & Avril Whelan	914
8	Jude Apteker & Robert Stephens	899
9	Ismael Ebrahim & Yunus Omar	867
10	Jack Dorfan & Errol Pieters	848
11	Diniar Minwalla & Nancy Minwalla	846

12	Greg Hingle & Paul Inbona	828
13	Rosemary Kelley & Pam La Shelle	815
14	Glynis Dornon & Ester Goosen	806
15	Jeanne Mcleod & Wilson Mcleod	805
16	Toni Hendler & Cynthia Posniak	803
17	Mafa Letsogile & Omphemetse Moedi	797
18	Edgar Adams & Malcolm Siegel	772
19	Joan Mendelsohn & Janette Schewitz	753
20	Trish Crosse & Bev Hewitt	722
21	Alon Atie & Shaun Danin	712
21	Di Sendin & Sandra Davey	712

Plate Barometer 3

1	Frank Chemaly & Jan Chemaly	988
2	Susan Botha & Lynn Cunningham	931
3	Andrew Cruise & Paul Reynolds	924
4	Laurie Levin & Merle Liebesman	897
5	Diana Balkin & Kathy Driver	895
6	Maureen Narunsky & Joy Swiel	876
7	Andrew Brooke & Gail Cameron	875
8	Yusuf Daya & Dawood Mohammed	859
9	Eileen Mestern & Paul Mestern	851
10	Denise Bauquier & Philippe Lagache	847
11	Hillary Nick & Ann Sturrock	823

12	Rosie Aufrichtig & Miriam Meyer	820
13	Joe Mohamed & Shiraz Patel	818
14	Val Cleveland & Jimmie Potgieter	810
15	Ella Danilowitz & Roy Danilowitz	809
16	Bruce Macdonald & Gerald Potash	803
17	Eric Matatodes & Audrey Shearer	797
18	Merle Bracher & Richard Bowdery	795
19	John Barlow & Mary Mutch	792
20	Karen Fourie & Kathy Light	776
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