



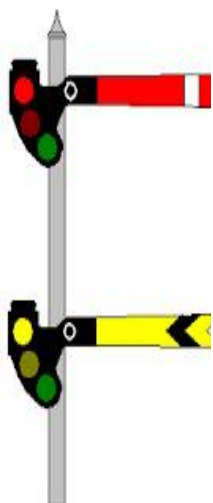
South African Bridge Federation

National Congress Teams 2017

Daily Bulletin # 4

Saturday 20 May

Watch those Signals!



In this hand, played in the President's section on the afternoon of 18 May, crossed signals cost an otherwise good, steady pair quite dearly! NS had a good 11 tricks in either of the majors, but somehow landed in 3NT, which should go down 2 for -100. Since EW's partners reached the major contract at the other table for +650, this would have resulted in a +750 swing for +13 IMPs. Nice! But no, because NS was allowed to make their 3NT for +400, a difference of only 250 and 6 IMPs, a loss to our pair of 7 IMPs! What happened? Well, EW were playing upside-down discards, showing both count and attitude. When W led his 4D, ducked in dummy, E inserted the K, encouraging. And then returned the JC, discouraging, ducked by declarer to West's K. Who can blame West for returning a diamond to the Ace and Queen! The clubs are never established, and this gave NS an extra diamond trick, and with the spade finesse on-side, South had

Board 16 Dir: W Vul: EW	J85 AJ952 A852 Q	
T93 T73 9764 K84		K2 K64 KQ JT9752
	AQ764 Q8 JT3 A63	

only to give up a heart to the king to make the contract.

The Play of the Day

In this hand, played in Round 4 of the Teams' Finals on Thursday 18 May, NS bid to 4H on the sequence on the right. Rob Sulcas of Cape Town, sitting West, ensured that he would get a club lead, first by opening one of that suit, and then by doubling the Stayman 2C call. His partner duly led the 4C to the Ace, followed by Rob's queen to declarer's king. Declarer continued with a small heart to the queen and Ace. Rob cashed his JC and then found the telling play of the fourth club which had the effect of promoting the JH as the setting trick! Here's the complete deal:

W	N	E	S
1C	1NT	P	2C
X	2H	P	3H
P	4H	P	P
P			

Board 20 Dir: W Vul: All	KQ3 K874 AQ7 K96	
952 A95 542 AQJ3		T8 J2 KJT963 T74
	AJ764 QT63 8 852	

Whatever Works for You

Helen Sobel, who had been a chorus girl in her younger days, seldom, if ever, failed to guess who had a missing Queen in a slam contract when she was playing against two men. Her trick was to lift her skirt a little above her knees.



It never failed that the one with the queen was too nervous to look around, but the one without the queen always looked. Not that we're suggesting that anyone here would ever use such tactics! Perish the thought!!

Brothers in Arms

Among our many welcome visitors from other lands, the Scandinavian countries are especially well represented, and particularly in the semi-finals of the Championship teams, no fewer than eleven of the sixteen team members originating from the "Frozen North"! It just seems appropriate to echo the old English saying (dating from the 8th Century) that prayed to God please to preserve them from the wrath of the Norsemen! Not that we've seen any displays of wrath at the tables – just courtesy and excellent bridge. In this group of players, we have two sets of brothers:



The Norwegian brothers, Leif and Tolle Stabell are, like the European Roller, very frequent visitors to these shores, and are close to becoming fixtures at our Congresses! Leif now spends his time between Zimbabwe and Johannesburg, with Tolle still resident in Norway.



One can easily imagine David and Frederick Wrang, the two very big Swedes, in horned helmets, carrying seaxes, invading the shores of England from their longboats! Frederick is in Sweden's 2017 Bermuda Bowl team, and we would love to see them back here next year for Congress 2018.

The Championship

The finalists have been decided after the exciting 48-board semi-finals that ended at lunch-time on the Friday!



STOP PRESS

After the first round of 24 boards of the Championship Final, with one more round of 24 boards to be played on Saturday morning, the Apteker team leads the Bjerregaard team by 21 IMPs.

The Leader Boards

Friday evening, 19 May

Here's how it looks before the last 24 boards in the Congress and Plate sections' finals:

CONGRESS

	Teams	Names	Rank
5	Donde	Bernard Donde & Robert Stephens & Noah Apteker & Jude Apteker	1
7	Levin	Laurie Levin & Merle Liebesman & Rosemary Kelley & Pam LaShelle	2
11	Pad	Maureen Narunsky & Joy Swiel & Brian Pincus & Robert Sulcas	3
8	Dornon	Glynis Dornon & Ester Goosen & Sally Potgieter & Carol Shaw	4
2	Brown	Terry Brown & Jeanette Reitzer & Susan Ingham & Peter Gill	5
1	Mutch	Mary Mutch & John Barlow & Yvonne Hulett & Beth Oldacre	6
10	Hewitt	Bev Hewitt & Trish Crosse & Charmaine Lipshitz & Rene Kenny	7
6	Brooke	Andrew Brooke & Gail Cameron & Hanley Philips & Angela Marr	8
3	Child	Chris Child & Avril Whelan & Brenda Foster & Di Rosslee	9
4	Bunker	Steve Bunker & Tony Popplestone & Neil Hayward & Malcolm Siegel	10
9	Grotepass	Marie Grotepass & Ann Sturrock & Cheryl Maritz & Jill Matatodes	11
12	Strydom	Bryan Strydom & Colette Stott & Ingrid Wheeler & Fred Alger	12

PLATE

	Teams	Names	Rank
6	Wilson	Roger Wilson & Brian Thomas & Carol Grunder & Denise Nordengen	1
5	Omar	Yunus Omar & Ismail Ebrahim & Dawood Mohammed & Yusuf Daya	2
9	Bernstein	Roz Bernstein & Sharon Lang & Helen Kruger & Kit Gilmour	3
10	Cohn	Meryl Cohn & Lili Watkin & Rose Duff & Griet Smuts	4
3	Mcleod	Wilson Mcleod & Jeanne Mcleod & Barbara Bowden & Lin Welham	5
2	Wilensky	Harold Wilensky & Aubrey Fein & Merle Bracher & Richard Bowdery	6
1	Cruise	Andrew Cruise & Paul Reynolds & Martin Grunder & Imtiaz Kaprey	7
12	Praetorius	Wendy Praetorius & Moira Hugo & Madeline Joffe & Hilary Sacks	8
11	Inbona	Paul Inbona & Natie Herscovitz & Lulie Lovelace & Colin v.d. Westhuizen	9
8	Gubb	Linette Gubb & Mary Walter & Heidi Atkinson & Gail Bezuidenhout	10
4	Curzon	Trish Curzon & Judy Deuchar & Sally King & Pamela Field & Anne De Matteis	11
7	Urisohn	Rochelle Urisohn & Merle Saxe & Patty Geddes & Myrna Katz & Janette Schewitz & Joan Mendelsohn	12

For all later results and final positions in all sections, go to www.sabf.co.za

Friday evening, 19 May before the last 24 boards in the President and Vice President finals:

PRESIDENT

	Teams	Names	Rank
4	Ashberg	Jocelyn Ashberg & Shirley Kaminer & Lynn Cunningham & Susan Botha	1
2	Dorfan	Jack Dorfan & Errol Pieters & Desiree Pieters & Diana Balkin & Kathy Driver	2
6	Shepard	Delys Shepard & Peter Ward & Sheila Francis & Lotte Sorensen	3
10	Solovei	Jackie Solovei & Harold Bernstein & Ella Danilowitz & Roy Danilowitz	4
3	Cassim	Ebrahim Cassim & Ahmed Patel & Abdul Vally & Abdul Adam	5
1	Barrell	Veronica Barrell & Lynn Brown & Jimmie Potgieter & Val Cleveland & Graham Spolander	6
5	Boreanaz	Georgette Boreanaz & Bernard Sort & Dominique Lariau & Patricia Lariau	7
7	Mestern	Eileen Mestern & Pat Reid & Elizabeth Sylvester & Anne Zulich	8
8	Mason	Rosemary Mason & Deirdre Ingersent & Zoe Charnock & Shirley Phillips	9
9	Rosenberg	Brenda Rosenberg & Phyllis Rubin & Anne Dannheiser & Martin Dannheiser & Ann Murray & Liz Irving	10

VICE PRESIDENT

	Teams	Names	Rank
4	Hendler	Toni Hendler & Cynthia Posniak & Lydia Marks & Betty Rodman & Audrey Shearer & Eric Matatodes	1
1	Armstrong	Vanessa Armstrong & Tanya Rawson & Mignon Leigh & Jenny Ten-Bokum	2
2	Nick	Hilary Nick & Kitty Cruise & Marilyn Bradley & Gundi Bunker & Peter Terblanche & Guy Wilson	3
5	Sendin	Di Sendin & June Pryce & Liz Cork & Sandy Davey & Jane Underwood & Suzanne Mullord	4
3	Van Vught	Lex Van Vught & Joan Van Vught & Sameena Esmail & Mudi Deen & Sandy Wentzel & Jimmy Deen	5
6	Bartlett	Margie Bartlett & Betty Lechmere-Oertel & Anita Lapage & Debbie Law	6
7	Burrows	Graham Burrows & Wilf Sperry & Marc De Borchgrave & Sonia Levy	7
9	Aufrichtig	Rosie Aufrichtig & Miriam Meyer & Barbara Crosby & Anita Kowarski	8
10	Sutherland	Iain Sutherland & Alison Puggia & Wendy Tee & Trish Burns	9
8	Bryant	John Bryant & Mark Kenyon & Eilat Unger & Jane Bodin & Gerard Verhoog & Ian Holdsworth	10

GOOD-BYE, TOT SIENS, AU REVOIR, AUF WIEDERSEHN, TSAMAYA TSINTLE, FARVEL, ADJÖ, KWAHERE, CIAO

It doesn't matter what language you use, they all mean the same – another Congress has ended, bridge friendships once more cemented across lands and continents, and home beckons. See you all next year. From the Congress 2017 TD and scoring team.



