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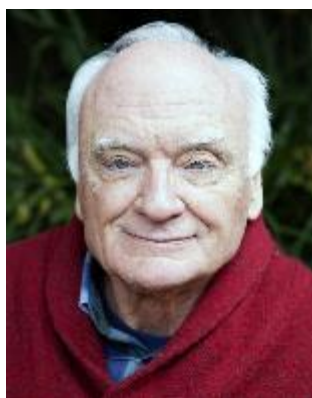
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STRAIGHT FROM THE SABF PRESIDENT



One of the things of which we can all be proud is the ability of our top players to compete against the best in the world and show that we are still a force with which to be reckoned. The HCL tournament in India and more recently the World Bridge Series held in Orlando are both cases in point and you can read how our players fared further down in this bulletin.

Closer to home we had a taste of the future when we ran our Inter-Provincials on BBO, a proposal made by Roz Bernstein. Roz has been running an Interclub event for the last couple of years on the BBO where you can simply log in and play, but this is the first time we have tried to organize a major tournament on BBO where the same hands have to be played simultaneously throughout the country. Thanks to Roz and to the unflappable Rob Stephens who was responsible for the technical set up, the tournament proved to be a great success and was enjoyed by players and kibitzers alike.

James Grant

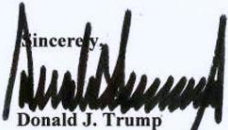
A TWEET FROM THAT OTHER PRESIDENT



Howdy folks! Notice how quiet the Russians have been lately? That's because we "accidentally" leaked the President's Puzzle to them a while back and now they're so busy trying to crack it they ain't got time to get up to their usual mischief. Guess over there a box of chocolates rates as a real luxury item. Not that we've done any better over here in

the States, but I've called in Elon Musk with his South African background an' all to work on it so I'm expecting a breakthrough any time now. Like I told him, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to solve this problem – but it helps.

Coming back to those darn Russians, I've been changing the immigration laws to try and stop those Commies from infiltratin' this great country. But listening to my Foreign Secretary (which I do occasionally when the TV's broken), it seems you have a similar problem over there in SA? He tells me you can find Ouma Ruskies in just about every corner of the country. Well, doesn't that just take the biscuit.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Trump

THE PRESIDENT'S PUZZLE

This was a tough competition, but we have a winner, which really comes as a surprise to me and something of a disappointment as I was hoping to keep the box of chocolates. Not that we were short of answers – but with the exception of this solitary one they were all wrong.

What is the answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe and everything? Many of you recognized this question was first posed by Douglas Adams in his classic book “The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy” and sent in the answer he would have been happy with if he was running this competition. But he’s not. He and his book were simply pointers so that when you arrived at the right place you would know you were on the right track.

The only clue you should have been following up on was the one that I gave you:

*“The answer my friend is in plain sight
If you search, indeed you might
Find it there on our website.”*

Now by referring to a website I knew that at least half of our members would lose interest and by referring specifically to our website, yes www.sabf.co.za I had probably reduced the number of possible contestants to something less than 100. For those of you that got that far you then had to click on SABF online guides. Had you done that it would have taken you to a page where the background is the rather beautiful Horsehead nebula and the very first User’s manual is called the Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Website. Now if the penny hadn’t dropped when you got there – well, what can I say..... But there was still a rather nasty twist in the tail. These are User’s manuals – that immediately eliminates all the men from the competition as we avoid reading these on principal. For the handful of women left the next clue was from Star Wars, a film most of them avoided watching on principle. But one intrepid traveller made it to the end. So congratulations to [Daphne Ryder](#), a member of the Rivonia and Bridge @ Orchards clubs in Johannesburg.

May the Force be with you.

James Grant

P.S., I also received a correct answer from Elon Musk but that arrived after the closure date of the competition and he hadn’t paid his SABF subs – so sorry Elon.

J.G.

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The World Bridge Series takes place in the even-numbered, non-Olympic years (i.e. not leap years), that is, 1990, 1994 and so on. It consists of a series of championship and subsidiary events which include the World Open, Women's and Senior Pairs, and the World Open, Women's and Senior Teams Championships and, more recently the World Mixed Pairs and Teams Championships.

The World Senior Pairs was introduced in 1990, while, in 1994, the first World Women Knockout Teams (for the McConnell Cup) and the first World Senior Knockout Teams were played, run on similar lines to the Rosenblum Cup.

These Championships are now the biggest of all WBF Championships in terms of entries. They began, however, on a modest scale, simply as World Open Pairs and a corresponding Women's event with, in the early years, a Mixed event of one kind or another to round out the program. Today, the program includes team and pairs competitions in all categories (open, women, seniors, mixed). The 2018 XVth edition was held recently in Orlando, Florida at Marriott's Orlando World Centre.



(see pic right.) with about 50 countries being represented in one or more of the events. Our South

African players were well in evidence in the Open Teams, which drew nearly 100 teams: Alon Apteker and Craig Gower in the Gower team, Bernard Donde, Neville Eber and Robert Stephens in the Maybe team, and South Sweden again, this time with Hennie Fick and Noah Aptecker, pictured here left hard-at-thinking in Orlando! In each case, the teams' numbers were completed with well-known international players. Especial congratulations to the Gower team for reaching the last 32 of an event as competitive and almost as prestigious as the Bridge Olympiad. Only 17

teams entered the Women's Teams event, including the Bloom team of Val Bloom and Tas Nestoridis with four Americans. South African entrants among the 67 pairs entered for the Women's Pairs were Kathy Driver and Diana Balkin, Diana Rosslee with former South African Denise Stamm (now resident in Canada) as well as the afore-mentioned Val Bloom and Tas Nestoridis. Robert Stephens and Lotte Sorensen represented us in the Mixed Pairs, and all our teams' players found their way into various pairs' events as well. For all the details and results go to <http://championships.worldbridge.org/orlandows18>. I strongly recommend that you check out the daily Bulletins, especially the detailed analyses of dozens of hands - some quite prosaic, others quite surprising, but all very interesting.

A HAND FROM ORLANDO

by Jeff Sapire

We are lucky indeed to have one of the hands from the Orlando event analysed by that well-known Gauteng player and teacher, Jeff Sapire. Here's the hand, and the bidding:

Dealer: S Both vul.	K962 KQJT842 3 9	
75 3 AJT4 K87652		T84 A KQ98762 AT
	AQJ3 9765 5 QJ43	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			P
P	4H	5D	5H
6D	P	P	X
P	P	P	

Jeff writes: "The 15th World Bridge Series teams' event has just taken place in Orlando, Florida. I watched much of it on BBO, with many interesting hands - but this one was quite something, and once again illustrates the so often unforeseen outcome on the very shapely hands.

The eventual winners, the Zimmerman team was playing the Texan Aces when this hand arose in the Open quarter finals. Zimmerman was East/West, and after two passes the Texan Ace players decided to get things started at the four level! East had a fairly clear 5D bid, as did South, who competed to 5H. West, with his 6-4 shape and excellent support, continued to 6D, which South doubled.

An opening lead of the ace of spades, followed by another, would have beaten the contract, but South led a heart instead. Declarer pounced on the opportunity. He drew trumps, played ace of clubs, a club to the king, and ruffed two clubs in hand, establishing dummy's two small clubs, to pitch two losing spades, wrapping up 6D doubled for +1540!

At the other table, East/West also reached 6D, but here North/South carried on to 6H, doubled losing 500, but gaining 14 imps on the board.

Most interestingly, the board was played sixteen times thru' the Open, Women's and Seniors' competitions:

- 6D doubled was the contract at five tables and made every single time. Not one south went for the ace of spades lead.
- 6D undoubled was played and made at four tables.
- 5D was made with an overtrick at two tables.
- 5D doubled was made at one table, also with an overtrick.
- At four tables, North/South played in hearts, three times in 6H doubled, and once in 4H undoubled.

The swings (in IMPs) were pretty big: 14 IMPs twice, 18 IMPs once, and 15 IMPs once. All the pairs who pushed on to 6D either showed a huge profit or equalled the score. Those North/Souths who pushed on to 6H did very well.

Yet another example of the need to bid on with the very freaky hands. What would you have done?

AROUND THE COUNTRY

The Southern and Eastern Cape Regions of the SABF don't receive much "air-time" in The Bridge, so I'll try to make up for it a bit in this edition. First, a brief history of the East London Bridge Club, as supplied by Moine Haddad and Alma Everett:



"The East London Bridge Club started out as 12 bridge players playing a people's houses; later, around 1953/4, this morphed into the Penguin Bridge Club with reputed founders R. Bosworth-Smith, Max Sapire and Mickey Haddad, after whom the region's most important bridge tournament is named. Venues were a problem, with the Club successively located at the EL Golf Club, St John's Church, Queen's Hotel, with the longest stay being at Deal's Hotel. However, the Club was summarily ejected from Deal's for not contributing sufficiently to bar-

takings! From Deal's (well-known in its day for its strip-shows), the Club moved to the less raunchy surroundings of Temple Hillel, pictured above left, where it stayed from 1980-1994.

Duplicate Bridge in East London was the brain-child of Frank Farrington, a former British non-playing captain who migrated to East London to further his career in the textile industry.

When Temple Hillel closed in 1994, the Club made its final move to its current premises. The EL Women's Bridge Club was formed in 1964, playing at The Buffs' Club on a Saturday afternoon at 25 c for playing and tea! It obviously couldn't survive, being so over-priced, so merged with the original EL Bridge Club at the current venue in Berea Gardens, with duplicate bridge being played on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons."

THE 2018 INTER-PROVINCIALS

With travel and accommodation becoming progressively more unaffordable, and with so many demands on bridge-players', clubs' and unions' resources, James Grant and his SABF Committee took the bold decision to play the 2018 Inter-Provincials "on-line". Each provincial team met at a convenient, local venue with their necessary IT equipment, and under the single-handed, expert guidance and administration of Robert Stephens at The Links in Johannesburg East, battle commenced!

Inter-Provincials are traditionally contested in two sections – the Medwin being the premier section and the Berkowitz catering for teams who's combined red-point events do not qualify them for the Medwin. Both sections had team entries from Eastern Cape, Gauteng, KZN and Western Cape, with a Northern Gauteng team, in addition, entering for the Berkowitz. It was disappointing that we had no entry from Southern Cape; but maybe next year?

The Gauteng team, consisting of Craig Gower, Jude Apteker, Noah Apteker, Tas Nestoridis, Larry Chemaly and Nicola Bateman took the Medwin honours, closely followed by Western Cape's Andrew Cruise, Brian Pincus, Glen Holman, Malcolm Siegel, Rob Sulcas and Tim Cope. The same two teams ended in the same order in the Berkowitz; the winning Gauteng team is shown below; the runners-up were represented by Neil Hayward, Phil King, Steven Bunker, Tony Popplestone and Paul Reynolds



The winning Berkowitz team: from L to R,
Peter Maybury Lex van Vught Sam Trocki Pierre du Toit

Other participants in this historic event were, in the Medwin Cup:

Eastern Cape: Chris Castelein, Di Penlington, Ester Goosen, Glynis Dornan, Naomi Solomon and Nitza Levin

KwaZulu Natal: Brian Thomas, Frank Chemaly, Mark Oliff, Roger Wilson and Vanessa Armstrong,

and in the Berkowitz:

Eastern Cape: Albrecht Herholdt, Alison Puggia, Carol Shaw, Sally Potgieter, Trish Burns and Wendy Tee

KwaZulu Natal: Gail Taylor, Howard Veale, Richard Moore and Rod Pienaar

Northern Gauteng: Albert van Lier, Hans Lombard, Ice Peenz and Tymen Nagel.

Is this the future of Inter-Club, Inter-Provincial and similar tournaments? Why not? So why not invite Botswana, Zimbabwe and Reunion, and even Kenya, to contest a five-way On-Line Inter-Regional in 2019?

A LITTLE BIT OF LAW

The game of bridge is governed by a number of laws issued and amended from time to time by the World Bridge Federation. A link to these is available on our website alongside our own local rules, but like most voluminous articles few people care to wade through them apart from our technical directors whose job it is to know them. I will write a series of articles in this bulletin on situations that still seem to cause confusion to many of our players. Today I will talk about 1NT Openings and Overcalls.

Until a year ago a 1NT opening was deemed natural if it contained no more than two doubletons. This has now been amended to include hands that contain a singleton ace, king or queen in which case the hand may not also include a doubleton. The announcement then needs only to state the range which must not exceed 4 points. An overcall of 1NT may also be made on a hand containing a small singleton of any denomination but if this is the partnership agreement it has to be alerted along with the range.

For more queries concerning the laws go to <http://www.sabf.co.za/forum/laws.htm>

Sid Ismail, National Tournament Director

PETER'S PUZZLES



Peter Bircher of Natal's South Coast has been a regular contributor to our various bridge bulletins, and we would hope that he will continue to provide us with monthly puzzles, not for prizes, but to entertain and educate.

"Here is a double-dummy quiz from a hand played in Margate. The contract is 4♠ by West, after North found the normal lead of the ♣Q.

3	♠ Q1032	<i>Dir: S</i> <i>Vul: E-W</i>
	♥ J10 ♦ J64 ♣ QJ104	
	♠ AK9865	♠ J4
	♥ 83 ♦ 85 ♣ A85	♥ AK4 ♦ A107 ♣ K9732
	♠ 7	
	♥ Q97652	
7	♦ KQ932	♣♦♥♠NT
11 15	♣ 6	N - 1 1 - -
7		S - 1 1 - -
		E 4 - - 4 3
		W 4 - - 4 3

Declarer went down in 4 spades, but the traveller says you should make. In fact, on this lead you may make an over-trick! (On any red-suit lead declarer can be held to 10 tricks)

Looking at all four hands, see if you can find your way to make 11 tricks after the ♣Q is led.

As with all dummy-dummy quizzes, (cards revealed to all) you must expect best defence at all times.



It looks like you must lose a club, a trump (or two) and maybe a diamond. The task is to reduce 4 potential losers to 2!

You need to establish a club to pitch your diamond loser and then eliminate North's side-suits forcing him to lead away from his remaining trumps at thick 12.

You take the ace of clubs and cash the ace of spades then play a club towards dummy. North puts in the 10 and you win with the king and give up a club to North. The best he can do is lead a diamond. You win with the ace and pitch the diamond on the established club and ruff a diamond, re-enter dummy via a heart for another diamond ruff.

Cash the ♥K to reach this three-card ending:

3	♠ Q103	
	♥	♠ J
	♦	♥ 4
	♣	♦ 7
♠ K98		
♥		
♦	♠ Q	
♣	♥ K9	
	♦	
	♣	

At this point you have lost only one trick.

Having eliminated all of North's cards outside the trump suit you have him where you want him, without a safe exit.

Any card from dummy will do:

Assume a heart or a club, ruffed with the 8, over-ruffed with the 10. North has to lead away from the Q-3. Whichever card he chooses you must make the last two tricks. Alternatively you could have run the ♠J to north's queen and he has to lead away from the 10-3 for the same result."



UP AND UP THEY GO!

One of the very neat things we did this year was to give club administrators the ability to upload their results along with master points directly onto the database. The advantage to the players is that they can see them immediately they are uploaded by logging in to the database and more importantly incorrect results and results that simply go missing should be a thing of the past. Below is a list of those players who have been promoted into the National and Regional levels since our last report. Sorry, there are just too many to include all those below Regional level. Congratulations to you all on your achievements!

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER.

Well done to **Greg Hingle** of the Johannesburg Bridge Club and GBU

NEW NATIONAL LIFE MASTERS.

- Linda Bircher** of Garden Route Bridge Club and SCBU
- Judy Deuchar** of Knysna Duplicate Bridge Club and SCBU
- Bruce Mac Donald** of Pinelands Bridge Club and WCBU
- Wilson McLeod** of The Bridge Centre and WCBU

NEW LIFE MASTERS.

- Sharon Izerel** of The Links Bridge Club and GBU
- Richard Moore** of Margate Bridge Club and KZNBU

NEW NATIONAL MASTERS.

- John Roberts** of Port Elizabeth Bridge Club and ECBU
- Louise Tager** of Northern Bridge Club and GBU
- Gerda van Zyl** of Margate Bridge Club and KZNBU

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS.

- Doris Moffat** of Northern Bridge Club and GBU
- Jean McMullan** of East London Bridge Club and ECBU
- Shirley Saus** of The Bridge Centre and WCBU
- Mark Eisen** of The Bridge Centre and WCBU
- Carol Stanton** of The Bridge Centre and WCBU
- Myra Henman** of Northern Bridge Club and GBU
- Heidi Grimmelikhuisen** of Western Cape Bridge Club and WCBU
- Anneke du Toit** of Western Cape Bridge Club and WCBU
- Jenny Brink** of Western Cape Bridge Club and WCBU
- Charley Lewis** of Western Cape Bridge Club and WCBU
- Anne Hamper** of Mt. Edgecombe Bridge Club and KZNBU
- Eric Annegarn** of Margate Bridge Club and KZNBU
- Alison Puggia** of Port Elizabeth Ladies Bridge Club and ECBU
- Pat Stapleton** of Pinelands Bridge Club and WCBU
- Abdul Aziz Adam** of Benoni Bridge Club and GBU

For a complete list of promotions this year go to <http://www.sabf.co.za/promotions/Promotions.pdf>



You may remember that in the previous issue, there was a competition **HELP PETER AND**

WENDY WIN THE NEVER-NEVER LAND INVITATIONAL

which carried a R 500 Woolworths Voucher prize? Regrettably, there were no correct entries, and the prize will be carried over to our December edition.

