

# SABF Trials Mixed and Seniors Bulletin Number 6

From Deirdre Ingersent Editor

The second half of the S A TEAM TRALS for the Senior and Mixed Teams started today, Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>. As before participants are required to bring along their electronic devices and report to a monitored bridge centre. Once again, Bernard Donde is in charge of running the event and is acting as the Tournament Director.

The Senior's Event attracted an entry of just two teams. The one team comprising 6 players is composed of four Gauteng players and two from Cape Town. On paper they would be the favourites as it is undoubtedly a team of experienced players. The Gauteng team members are James Grant, Larry Chemaly, Nicky Bateman and Val Bloom with Diniar Minwalla and Brian Pincus from Cape town making up the rest of the team. Their opposition comes from Port Elizabeth (where they have all lived for over 50 years) and although they have been SABF members for over 40 years, they have not entered S A Trials before. It is a team of 4 men, two retired accountants, an architect and a builder. They are Richard Etherington and Iain Sutherland, a regular partnership, and Albrecht Herholdt and Jack Kalogeropoulos, who are a new combination. The seniors will play a straight knockout match of 96 boards played over 2 days.



## The Kalogeropoulos team

From left to right Albrecht Herholdt (Architect), Jack Kalogeropoulos, (Retired Accountant) Richard Etherington (Retired Accountant), Iain Sutherland (Builder)

The Mixed Teams Event drew an entry of 5 teams. Two are Gauteng based teams and two from Cape Town with the remaining team hailing from a variety of places. This event will be keenly contested as all teams are fielding experienced players and there are many participants who have received S A colours in the past or have participated in S A Trials before. On paper three teams appear stronger, but we all know with bridge anything can happen. Four teams are using the same two partnerships throughout. One team, the Shapiro team, has named 5 players - Mabelle Shapiro, Brent Shapiro, Jude Apteker, Erica Zimet and Paul Reynolds. Then there is the Narunsky team with Maureen Narunsky and Michael Alexander, Glen Holman and Michele Alexander. They are from Cape Town. From Gauteng are the Rosslee team with Di Rosslee and Greg Hingle, Diana Balkin and Jeff Sapire and the Van Vught team, with Lex Van Vught and Peta Balderson, Ian Katz and Jenny Foaden. The 5th team, Kaprey, are represented by Imtiaz Kaprey with Lorraine Weers and Anton Der Kinderen with Chris Child. We wish all these teams Good Luck! It will be interesting to see if any team can gain dominance early on.

The mixed teams will play an initial full round robin to eliminate 1 team. The remaining 4 teams will play a semi-final of 56 boards over 1 day followed by a final of 96 boards over 2 days. There will be a carry-over from the round robin into the semifinal and final making every result important.

Let the battle of the cards commence!

# Match Report

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First double-digit swing went to the Kalogeropoulos team who stopped accurately out of slam on this combination. In the other room, the Grant team got to the less than 50% slam in spades which duly went 1 down. In the Mixed event, playing the same boards, in one match both pairs managed to stay out of slam and in the other, both pairs got to the unmakeable slam for no swings in either match.

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	♠	A1095		♦ J62		♣ Q106543		
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W	Jackay5330							
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D 16	N isjock	W N E S
	♠ K10962 ♥ K8 ♦ A9754 ♣ 3	P 1♠ P 2NT P 3♣ P 3♦ X 3♥ P 4NT P 5♥ P 6♠ D D D
W valfb		E nicolap
♠ 85 ♥ 109763 ♦ ♣ J109752		♠ J74 ♥ A542 ♦ 106 ♣ KQ64
	S Richarde	
	♠ AQ3 ♥ QJ ♦ KQJ832 ♣ A8	
		6♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0

This board was exciting in the Seniors. N/S agreed spades immediately and after North showed a club shortage, South cued the diamond control. Val Bloom made a dangerous lead directing double with her void in diamonds. She could be fairly confident that partner would not take a save in diamonds at the prevailing vulnerability. However, what would she have done if North had redoubled 3♦ and this got passed back to her. In fact, she was quite safe in 3♥ which may make. 4♣ would be 1 down but I suspect her heart rate would have gone up significantly. Nicola Bateman duly led the 10 of diamonds and Val ruffed and switched accurately to heart to take 6♠ two down. In the other room Brian Pincus and Diniar Minwalla bid accurately to the superior 6♦ contract which made easily for a 14-imp swing to the Grant team.

In the mixed teams, again in 1 match both pairs only reached 4♠ and in the other both pairs bid to 6♠. Without the lead directing diamond double, 6♠ proved to be easy to make.

D 1	N isjock	W N E S
	♠ J106	P P 1♦ P
	♥ Q73	1♥ P 2NT P
	♦ KQ108	3♣ P 3NT P
	♣ Q108	4♣ P 5♣ P
		6♣ P P P
W diniar		E bkpsc
♠ 7		♠ AK82
♥ AK1092		♥ J
♦ 74		♦ AJ93
♣ A6532		♣ KJ74
	S Richarde	
	♠ Q9543	
	♥ 8654	
	♦ 652	
	♣ 9	
		6♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0

Brian Pincus sitting East decided to jump to 2NT to show 18-19 HCP's balanced even though he had a singleton heart and only 17 HCP's. This facilitated getting to the excellent 6♣ contract that was missed in the other room. As you can imagine, if East rebids 1♠ it will be very difficult to find the club fit. In both matches in the Mixed, 3NT was reached and the club fit was lost.

D 9	N larryc777 ♠ AQJ52 ♥ Q108 ♦ A10 ♣ K62	W N E S 1♠ P 2NT P 3♣ P 3♦ P 4NT P 5♥ P 6♠ P P D
W Jackay5330 ♠ 4 ♥ J62 ♦ J9753 ♣ J984	S goldbar ♠ 10987 ♥ AK54 ♦ 4 ♣ A753	E Andrewsmit ♠ K63 ♥ 973 ♦ KQ862 ♣ Q10
		6♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0

Larry Chemaly and James Grant got to the good 6♠ slam requiring either the spade finesse or something good happening in hearts. They were the only pair in the Senior and Mixed trials to get to this slam which was worth 11 imps to the Grant team. James' 2NT showed a game force with 4 spades and 3♣ by North was an enquiry. 3♦ showed shortage which was all North needed to hear. RKCB followed which confirmed possession of 4 keycards and the queen of trumps and the slam was bid. There were no problems in the play.

14 D	N isjock	W N E S
	♠ AJ98432 ♥ A6 ♦ 4 ♣ J94	P P P P D 3♠ 4♠ 5♥ P P P D P 2♦ 4♦ 4NT 6♦
W diniar		E bkpsc
♠ Q5 ♥ 7432 ♦ 52 ♣ A8732		♠ 1076 ♥ J10985 ♦ 1063 ♣ Q10
	S Richarde	
	♠ K ♥ KQ ♦ AKQJ987 ♣ K65	6♦ S NS: 0 EW: 0

Richard Etherington and Iain Sutherland sitting N/S were the only pair to get to the reasonable 6♦ slam. This required either the Q♠ coming down in 2 or the A♣ onside. He was rewarded when the queen came down and that was 9 imps to the Kalogeropoulos team when their counterparts subsided in 3NT.

In the mixed, 2 pairs reached 6♠ and 1 reached 6NT. This luckily came home when the q♠ came down in 2.



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	<b>S</b> treetops38 ♠ ♥ J87532 ♦ 863 ♣ AQ103		6♥ S      NS: 0 EW: 0																								

6♥ was a reasonable contract that was reached only by Maureen Narunsky and Michael Alexander. It became even better when West led the singleton K♠. It looks like there are 12 tricks unless hearts break 4-0. There is a fly in the ointment if East wins the first heart as now a spade continuation threatens an over-ruff. First idea might be to lead a low heart from dummy. This would neutralize that threat when East has to play his Ace on fresh air. However, this play gives up picking up A10XX of hearts in the West hand. Declarer decided to play the heart king and did well when East won the bare ace and returned a low spade. He ruffed high with his Jack and finessed the 9 of hearts. He could claim now but unfortunately, he forgot that his Q♠ was top and therefore went 1 down.

Not many players have discussed how to develop the auction after partner overcalls 3NT after a pre-empt. This 3NT bid is very wide ranging from about a good 14 points to as much as 23/24 points. One suggestion is to play the following;

- a. 4♦ is a marionette bid to 4♥ which can be passed or advancer can bid 4♠, 5♣ or 5♦ to play.

- b. A direct 4♥ bid is a forcing slam invitation (mild slam try by a passed hand). 4NT is regressive by the 3NT bidder. 5 level bids show keycards for hearts.
- c. Direct 5♣ and 5♦ bids are non-forcing slam tries
- d. 4♣ is Stayman

Quite complex for casual players but serious partnerships should discuss this auction fully.

At the end of the day, more or less half way, the standings are as follows;

### Senior teams

Team #:	Name	Total IMPs
1	Grant	154
2	Kalogeropoulos	49

### Mixed teams

Team #:	Name	Total VPs	Pen	Pos.
2	Kaprey	41.87		1
3	Rosslee	39.04		2
5	Van Vught	35.62		3
1	Narunsky	20.70		4
4	Shapiro	18.77		5

Full results can be seen on the SABF website [www.sabf.co.za](http://www.sabf.co.za)

The Senior final will be broadcast on BBO VuGraph from 10h30 on 17 March.

**Submitted by Bernard Donde**