

# SABF Mixed Trials 2026

## Bulletin # 2

The Mixed Pairs are halfway through their trials, and the first Round Robin has been completed. Carol Stanton & Kevin Smith are looking like clear favourites at this stage, having won all their matches thus far, and opened a lead of almost 24 VPs over 2<sup>nd</sup> place. 2<sup>nd</sup> through to 5<sup>th</sup> place are all relatively close.

The current full results:

#	Pair	Total VPs
6	Carol Stanton & Kevin Smith	104.05
3	Rose Duff & Andre van Niekerk	80.28
8	Michele Alexander & Glen Holman	79.50
5	Lorraine Weers & Imtiaz Kaprey	72.62
1	Maureen Narunsky & Michael Alexander	68.93
4	Di Rosslee & Greg Hingle	52.14
7	Erica Zimet & Paul Reynolds	51.22
2	Rona Holmes & Stephen McBride	47.18

Pairs will now be “reseeded” for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Robin and continue over the next 2,5 days. All scores will be carried over.

All the results and the contracts on every board can be found here:

<https://sabf.co.za/mixed-seniors-trials-2026/>

# Match 4

## A Family Affair

Dlr: West  
Vul: All

♠ 6 3  
♥ A Q 9  
♦ K Q 9 7 2  
♣ J 10 8

♠ 10 8 2  
♥ 8 6 5 4  
♦ 6 3  
♣ 5 4 3 2

NORTH  
WEST 4 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ A J 9 5 4  
♥ K J 10 7 2  
♦ 10 8  
♣ 9

12  
0 9  
19

♠ K Q 7  
♥ 3  
♦ A J 5 4  
♣ A K Q 7 6

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	12	12	7	7	12
S	12	12	7	7	11
E	1	1	1	1	1
W	1	1	1	1	1

**Board No 4 Both Vul Dealer West**

NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	5	6♦	N	♣9	13	1390		+9.30	-9.30
6	2	4♦	N	♦8	13	190		-13.30	+13.30
7	4	5♦	N	♣9	13	640		-5.30	+5.30
8	3	6♦	N	♣9	13	1390		+9.30	-9.30

Michele Alexander and Michael Alexander with their respective partners, Glen Holman and Maureen Narunsky were the 2 pairs to reach the optimal spot of 6♦ that was an easy make.

Michele and Glen's Auction:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	4♦ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	6♦
All pass			
1. Minorwood			
2. 1/4 Keycards			

I think they judged well to get to slam but it would have been better to agree diamonds first and find out about the K and Q in diamonds before bidding the slam. Here is where regular partnerships have an advantage in that they would know that bidding 3♦ after 3♣ is forcing and sets the trump suit.

Michael and Maureen had a simpler auction:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
All pass			

They set diamonds as trumps and Keycard ask revealed that partner had 2 keycards and the queen of trumps. Twelve tricks were now likely and the 6♦ contract was reached – well done!

# Hobson's Choice

Dir: East  
Vul: E/W

♠ Q 7 4  
♥ Q 9 2  
♦ 10 6  
♣ A K 10 7 3

♠ 6 5  
♥ J 10 8 6  
♦ A K J  
♣ J 5 4 2

**NORTH**  
WEST 6 EAST  
**SOUTH**

♠ A K J 10 9 8 2  
♥ K 4  
♦ 8 3  
♣ Q 8

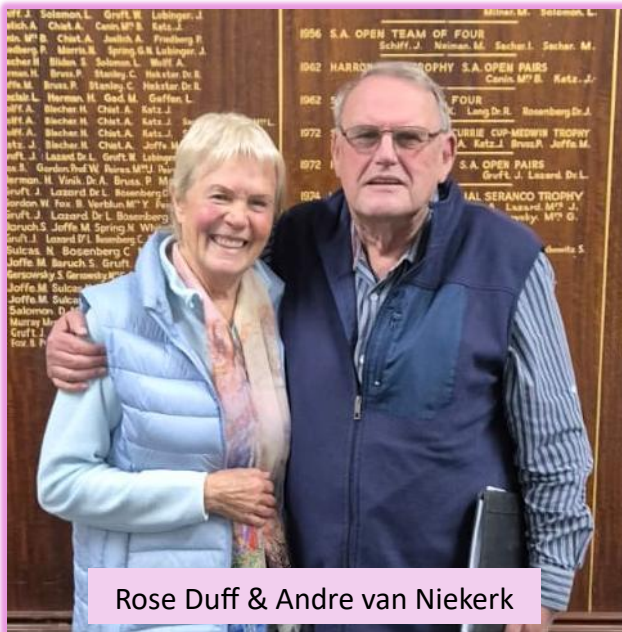
♠ 3  
♥ A 7 5 3  
♦ Q 9 7 5 4 2  
♣ 9 6

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	7	1	1	1
S	1	7	1	1	1
E	7	1	7	10	10
W	7	1	7	10	10

When E/W get to 4♠ and South leads his doubleton club, North will find himself on the horns of a dilemma. If he continues clubs, he will locate the ♠Q for his opponents. If he doesn't continue clubs, declarer will still be suspicious and will probably finesse for the queen of spades. Only 1 pair went down in 4♠ on the club lead. Even if declarer gets the spades right, he still must guess the hearts.

**Board No 6 E/W Vul Dealer East**

NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	5	4♠	E	♣9	10		620	-3.70	+3.70
6	2	4♠	E	♣6	11		650	-5.00	+5.00
7	4	4♠	E	♣9	9	100		+12.30	-12.30
8	3	4♠	E	♣9	10		620	-3.70	+3.70



Rose Duff & Andre van Niekerk



Greg Hingle & Di Rosslee

# Bidding 6-6 Shapes

Dir: North  
Vul: E/W

♠ K J 4  
♥ J 10 6 3  
♦ 10 9 7  
♣ A 6 5

♠ Q 10 8 6 5  
♥ 2  
♦ A J 6 5 4  
♣ Q 4

NORTH  
WEST 9 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ A  
♥ A K Q 9 8 5  
♦ --  
♣ J 10 9 8 3 2

9 14 8

♠ 9 7 3 2  
♥ 7 4  
♦ K Q 8 3 2  
♣ K 7

N 1 1 1 1 1  
S 1 1 1 1 1  
E 10 1 9 7 7  
W 10 1 9 7 7

**Board No 9 E/W Vul Dealer North**

NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	4	3♣	E	♦K	11	150	-1.30	+1.30	
2	3	5♣	E	♦Q	11	600	-11.70	+11.70	
5	7	4NT	W	♦10	9	100	+5.00	-5.00	
8	6	4♠	W	♦10	8	200	+8.00	-8.00	

Carol and Kevin have played extremely well in this event as evidenced by their dominance of the field but on this hand, they had an accident. There have been no books written about how to bid 6-6 shapes but the general advice is to keep on bidding. Here is their auction and you be the judge:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All pass		

There was obvious confusion about what 4♣ meant as East had already made a non-forcing bid of 2♣ and partner has shown a weak misfitting hand. I'm not sure what 4♣ should mean but I think it is reasonable that it should show a lot of hearts and clubs but not enough to game force unless there is a fit. With potentially 2 working cards, ♣Q and ♦A, I think west should have bid 5♣ but confusion set in when West elected to make a slam try cue bid of 4♦ (which might have been correct opposite ♥AXXXX and ♣AKJXXX). The 4♠ bid by West was an indication that West was not sure if 4♣ could be some sort of spade agreement.



## Another Close Call

♠ J 9 5 3    Your partner opens 2NT in 4<sup>th</sup> seat showing 20-21 HCPs with none vulnerable. What do you do?  
 ♥ 5 2  
 ♦ 6 5 3  
 ♣ K 9 5 4

Two pairs, who obviously read my previous bulletin, elected to pass and 2 went on to 3NT. This West hand is a significantly better hand than my previous example even though both have only 4 high card points.

Despite this and partner having a maximum hand, the contract of 3NT is poor but makes when the ♣A and ♦A are both onside meaning that declarer can take 3 spades, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds and 1 club. The even division of the defender's clubs and the critical ♥9 make it difficult for defenders not to give declarer a 2<sup>nd</sup> diamond trick.

Dir: South  
Vul: None

♠ Q 8 7  
 ♥ 7 6  
 ♦ A J 9 8 2  
 ♣ J 10 6

♠ J 9 5 3  
 ♥ 5 2  
 ♦ 6 5 3  
 ♣ K 9 5 4

NORTH  
 WEST EAST  
 11  
 SOUTH

♠ A K 10  
 ♥ A K Q 9  
 ♦ K Q 4  
 ♣ 7 3 2

8  
 4      21  
 7

♠ 6 4 2  
 ♥ J 10 8 4 3  
 ♦ 10 7  
 ♣ A Q 8

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	1	1	1	1
S	1	1	1	1	1
E	9	8	8	9	8
W	9	8	8	9	8

Board No 11 None Vul Dealer South									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	5	2NT	E	♥J	7	50		+8.30	-8.30
5	2	2NT	E	♥J	9		150	+2.30	-2.30
7	4	3NT	E	♦10	9		400	-5.30	+5.30
8	3	3NT	E	♥J	9		400	-5.30	+5.30

Dir: East  
Vul: None

♠ 5  
 ♥ A 2  
 ♦ Q 6 5 2  
 ♣ Q 10 8 6 5 4

♠ A K Q J 8 7 3  
 ♥ Q J 9 8 4  
 ♦ K  
 ♣ - -

NORTH  
 WEST EAST  
 14  
 SOUTH

♠ 6 4 2  
 ♥ K 10 6  
 ♦ A J 9 8 4  
 ♣ A 7

8  
 16      12  
 4

♠ 10 9  
 ♥ 7 5 3  
 ♦ 10 7 3  
 ♣ K J 9 3 2

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	7	1	1	1	1
S	7	1	1	1	1
E	1	8	12	12	9
W	1	8	12	12	9

Board No 14 None Vul Dealer East									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	5	4♠	W	♣5	12		480	-3.70	+3.70
6	2	7♠	W	♥A	12	50		+7.70	-7.70
7	4	6♠	W	♥A	12		980	-13.00	+13.00
8	3	7♠*	W	♥A	12	100		+9.00	-9.00

Before you bid a grand slam, you must be close to 100% sure you can take 13 tricks and will not lose 1 trick. All too often, even in the best company, at least 1 pair will not bid even a small slam and this is why you should be reluctant to bid the grand. 2 pairs did not heed this advice and 'potted' 7 only to find they had an ace to lose. The pair who stopped in 4♠ were luckily rewarded with +3.7 IMPs.

# Match 5

Dir: North  
Vul: None

♠ A 10 6 4  
♥ J 10 6  
♦ K 7 3 2  
♣ 9 7

♠ Q 9  
♥ A 4 3 2  
♦ Q 10 6 5  
♣ K 6 2

**NORTH**  
WEST **1** EAST

♠ K 7 2  
♥ K Q 7  
♦ A J 9 4  
♣ J 10 3

♠ J 8 5 3  
♥ 9 8 5  
♦ 8  
♣ A Q 8 5 4

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11 14  
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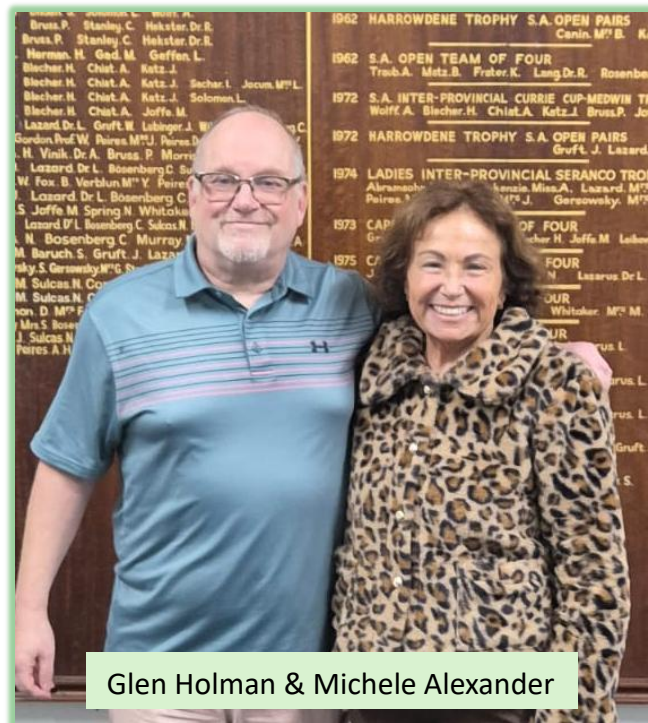
	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	1	1	1	1
S	1	1	1	1	1
E	8	11	10	7	9
W	7	10	10	7	10

**Board No 1 None Vul Dealer North**

NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	4	1NT	E	♣5	10	180	+6.70	-6.70	
2	3	3NT	E	♣4	10	430	-1.30	+1.30	
5	7	3NT	E	♣5	11	460	-2.70	+2.70	
8	6	3NT	E	♣5	11	460	-2.70	+2.70	

Put me in the camp of the pair who played in 1NT on this hand. I strongly believe that 11 points is insufficient to invite game when partner shows a 12-14 balanced hand. The West hand does not have a 5-card suit, has only 1 ten and the honours are scattered – all bad signs for making 3NT. Nobody likes to miss a game but they always forget how many times the games they bid go down or when 2NT goes down. The above hand is no exception. The hands fit well but the game makes because both club honours are onside, the diamond finesse is on and no player has 5 spades. As a bonus the hearts break 3-3. I do not believe that 3NT would make more than half the time which is the required odds for bidding a non-vulnerable game.

For each hand like the above I will show you 3+ where inviting game is a losing option.



Glen Holman & Michele Alexander

Dir: South  
Vul: None

♠ K Q J 10 5  
♥ 10 9 3  
♦ J 8 7 6  
♣ 5

♠ 3  
♥ 8 4  
♦ A K  
♣ A K Q J 10 9 4 3

NORTH  
WEST 11 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ 9 8 7 6  
♥ J 5  
♦ Q 9 5 4 3 2  
♣ 7

♠ A 4 2  
♥ A K Q 7 6 2  
♦ 10  
♣ 8 6 2

7  
17 3  
13

♣♦♥♠ N  
1 1 1 0 1 1 1  
S 1 1 1 0 1 1 1  
E 1 0 7 1 1 1 1  
W 1 0 7 1 1 1 1

**Board No 11 None Vul Dealer South**

NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	4	6♣*	W	♠K	10	300		+1.30	-1.30
2	3	5♣	W	♠K	10	50		-6.00	+6.00
5	7	5♣	W	♠K	10	50		-6.00	+6.00
8	6	5♥*	S	♦A	11	650		+10.70	-10.70

I have some sympathy for Greg Hingle and Di Rosslee who took a 'save' against 5♥ by their opponents by bidding to 6♣x. Yes, 5♥ can be beaten but the defense has to play 2 rounds of clubs allowing their partners to overruff the dummy and then cash a diamond. It is too easy for the defenders to go wrong and taking the 'save' is like taking out insurance.

Carol and Kevin were defending 5♥ and Kevin led the ♦A. Carol was berating herself for not making an 'alarm clock' signal of the ♦Q so that partner might switch to Ace and another club. I have 2 arguments against this. The lead of an Ace against a 5-level contract tends to deny the king. It should be

standard to play that you lead the K from AK against a 5 level contract so that partner can give you count so that you will know what to do in a cashout situation. When partner leads the Ace, it must cross East's mind that this is a singleton and partner might now underlead his clubs in order to get a ruff. Playing the ♦Q would suggest a spade switch rather than a club switch. The best chance for the defence is the ♦K lead and when partner shows an even number it becomes likely that this is a 6 card suit. Now West knows the second diamond is not cashing, he can make a well-reasoned switch to Ace and another club hoping partner has a singleton and can over-ruff the dummy. If partner has a trump or spade trick, this is unlikely to run away. All good and well in theory but really difficult at the table.

Andre van Niekerk and Rose Duff got a bit unlucky when they were the only pair to bid 4♠ but went 1 down when the ♥A lay over the King. This is a 50% game and is a good contract to reach in this form of scoring. Had the ♥A been onside they would have won 6 IMPs instead of losing 5.

Dir: East  
Vul: None

♠ Q J 9 5 3  
♥ K 9 8  
♦ J 9 8  
♣ A Q

♠ 10  
♥ J 10 6 3 2  
♦ A 5 3  
♣ 10 7 5 4

NORTH  
WEST 14 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ 7 6 4  
♥ A Q 7  
♦ K Q 10 7 4  
♣ J 3

♠ A K 8 2  
♥ 5 4  
♦ 6 2  
♣ K 9 8 6 2

13  
5 12  
10

♣♦♥♠ N  
7 1 1 9 1  
S 7 1 1 9 1  
E 1 9 9 1 1  
W 1 9 9 1 1

**Board No 14 None Vul Dealer East**

NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	4	3♠	N	♦K	9	140		+1.70	-1.70
2	3	3♠	N	♦Q	9	140		+1.70	-1.70
5	7	4♠	S	♥J	9		50	-5.00	+5.00
8	6	3♠	N	♦K	9	140		+1.70	-1.70

# Match 6

## Another Grand Slam

Dir: South  
Vul: N/S

♠ K Q 7 6  
♥ A 7 4 3  
♦ 5  
♣ A 9 8 4

♠ 10 9 8 4  
♥ 10 9 8  
♦ Q 6 4 3  
♣ 7 3

♠ - -  
♥ Q 6 5  
♦ 9 7 2  
♣ K Q J 10 6 5 2

NORTH  
WEST 15 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ 10 9 8 4  
♥ 10 9 8  
♦ Q 6 4 3  
♣ 7 3

13  
8      2  
17

♠ A J 5 3 2  
♥ K J 2  
♦ A K J 10 8  
♣ - -

♣	♦	♥	♠	N	
N	7	12	12	13	12
S	7	12	12	13	12
E	1	1	1	1	1
W	1	1	1	1	1

Board No 15 N/S Vul Dealer South									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	3	7♠	S	♣K	12		100	-17.00	+17.00
4	2	6♠	S	♣K	12	1430		+5.30	-5.30
5	8	6♠	S	♣K	12	1430		+5.30	-5.30
6	7	6♠	S	♣K	13	1460		+6.30	-6.30

7♠ is quite a good contract so Maureen Narunsky and Michael Alexander did well to bid it but the play is the real challenge. On a club lead it looks right to win in dummy and then cash 1 round of spades. When you see the bad break you will need diamonds to be 4-3 and you can now play ♦A and ruff a diamond back to hand with ♥K and ruff another diamond and now complete drawing of trumps getting back to hand with a club ruff. I suspect what happened was that declarer did not play one round of trumps and now ruffed the third round of diamonds high and created a trump loser. Making 7 would have given them 13 IMPs instead of losing 17 IMPs – a 30 IMP swing!

This hand is interesting in that 4♠ makes for E/W because the ♣A is onside and 5♦ can make because the ♥Q is onside. It is very difficult for N/S to get to a 5♦ (which from their point of view is likely to be a save) as they are vulnerable versus not. Only 1 pair, Carol and Kevin, did very well to bid 5♦ and E/W saved in 5♠ which went 1 down and earned them an 8.7 IMP swing.

Their bidding went:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	3♦	4♠	5♦
5♠	All pass		

Dlr: North  
Vul: N/S

♠ 10 9  
♥ 6 5 4 2  
♦ J 9 8 7 6 2  
♣ J

♠ K Q 7 6 5 2  
♥ A 3  
♦ A  
♣ K 9 6 2

NORTH  
WEST  
5  
EAST  
SOUTH

♠ A J 8 4 3  
♥ Q 9 8  
♦ 10 3  
♣ 10 7 3

2  
16 7  
15

♠ --  
♥ K J 10 7  
♦ K Q 5 4  
♣ A Q 8 5 4

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	11	10	1	1
S	1	11	10	1	1
E	7	1	1	10	8
W	7	1	1	10	8

Board No 5 N/S Vul Dealer North									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	3	4♠	W	♣J	10		420	-5.30	+5.30
4	2	2♠	E	♦K	10		170	+2.00	-2.00
5	8	4♠	W	♣J	10		420	-5.30	+5.30
6	7	5♠	W	♣J	10	50		+8.70	-8.70

What should South open? Opening 1♣ may

lead to a difficult rebid when partner bids the expected 1♠. Repeating clubs should show a 6-card suit or more rarely an excellent 5 card suit. You cannot rebid 1NT with a void in partner's suit and the hand is not strong enough to reverse. Therefore, many pairs have agreed to open 1♦ and rebid clubs which is a small lie about the relative lengths of the 2 suits and is the lesser of all evils. This opening paved the way to finding the making 5♦ contract on minimal values.

Dlr: East  
Vul: None

♠ 8 6 3  
♥ J 10 8  
♦ J 8 6 3  
♣ 10 7 5

♠ K Q 9  
♥ K Q 9 7 5  
♦ A K  
♣ J 9 6

NORTH  
WEST  
14  
EAST  
SOUTH

♠ J 5 4 2  
♥ 6 4 2  
♦ Q 10 9 4  
♣ A 4

2  
18 7  
13

♠ A 10 7  
♥ A 3  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ K Q 8 3 2

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	1	1	1	1
S	1	1	1	1	1
E	8	9	10	10	8
W	7	8	10	10	7

Board No 14 None Vul Dealer East									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	3	4♥	W	♣5	10		420	-3.30	+3.30
4	2	4♥	W	♣5	10		420	-3.30	+3.30
5	8	4♥	W	♣5	9	50		+10.00	-10.00
6	7	4♥	W	♣7	10		420	-3.30	+3.30

Even looking at all 4 hands, it is not easy to see how to beat 4♥ but Lorraine Weers found an excellent defense to get it one down and earn her side 10 IMPs. Her partner lead a club and declarer won with the Ace and played a low trump to the King. Declarer then played the ♠K which Lorraine won with the Ace and continued with the ♣K and ♣Q. Declarer ruffed the third round in dummy and played another heart. Lorraine won this perforce and played a 4<sup>th</sup> round of clubs to promote her partner's ♥J and the setting trick. Well done!!

At this point I would like to appeal to players to send me hands that they bid, played or defended well. We all make lots of mistakes so even sending hands where you went wrong would be much appreciated so that we can all learn from your errors.

# Match 7

Dlr: South  
Vul: E/W

♠ 9 4 2  
♥ 10 2  
♦ A 10 5 2  
♣ 9 8 7 2

♠ J 6 3  
♥ A K J 9 3  
♦ K 8 4  
♣ A 5

NORTH  
WEST 3 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ K Q 8 7 5  
♥ 8 4  
♦ 9 6 3  
♣ K 10 4

4  
16 8  
12

♠ A 10  
♥ Q 7 6 5  
♦ Q J 7  
♣ Q J 6 3

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	7	1	1	1	1
S	7	1	1	1	1
E	1	1	8	9	8
W	1	7	8	9	8

Board No 3 E/W Vul Dealer South									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	2	2♠	E	♦Q	8		110	-1.00	+1.00
3	4	4♠	W	♥10	9	100		+5.70	-5.70
5	6	2♠	E	♦Q	9		140	-2.30	+2.30
7	8	3♠	E	♦Q	9		140	-2.30	+2.30

Surprisingly, only Greg Hingle and Di Rosslee got to the reasonable vulnerable game with the E/W cards, presumably following a 1NT opening by West and an invitational sequence by East showing 5♠. On the lie of the cards, this contract was easily beaten when the ♦K was offside and the South hand could get in early with the ♠A. I have to presume that most of the pairs opened the West hand with 1♥ and now getting to 4♠ is more difficult. This was a little unlucky for the pair that did bid 4♠ and lost 5.7 IMPs.

In contrast to the hand above, well done to the 3 pairs who did not invite game with the poor 8 count in the South hand opposite an opening 1NT by partner. Trying to make it, the one pair who got to game went 3 down for -300 and -9 IMPs.

Dlr: East  
Vul: All

♠ 8 6 2  
♥ A Q 7  
♦ K Q 9  
♣ A 10 4 2

♠ A Q J 3  
♥ K 8 4 3  
♦ 10 5  
♣ J 9 3

NORTH  
WEST 10 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ 10 5 4  
♥ 9 6 2  
♦ J 8 4 2  
♣ K Q 5

15  
11 6  
8

♠ K 9 7  
♥ J 10 5  
♦ A 7 6 3  
♣ 8 7 6

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	7	7	1	1	7
S	8	7	1	7	7
E	1	1	7	1	1
W	1	1	7	1	1

Board No 10 Both Vul Dealer East									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	2	3NT	N	♥2	6		300	-9.00	+9.00
3	4	1NT	N	♥9	8	120		+3.00	-3.00
5	6	1NT	N	♣K	8	120		+3.00	-3.00
7	8	1NT	N	♦2	8	120		+3.00	-3.00

Dlr: West  
Vul: All

♠ Q 10 3  
♥ A Q 9 4  
♦ A 10 8 3  
♣ A 9

♠ K 8  
♥ 8 7 2  
♦ K Q 7 6 2  
♣ 7 4 3

NORTH  
WEST 4 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ 7  
♥ K 6 5  
♦ J 9 5 4  
♣ Q 10 8 5 2

16  
8 6  
10

♠ A J 9 6 5 4 2  
♥ J 10 3  
♦ - -  
♣ K J 6

♣	♦	♥	♠	N	
N	7	7	11	11	8
S	7	7	11	11	8
E	1	1	1	1	1
W	1	1	1	1	1

**Board No 4 Both Vul Dealer West**

NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	2	4♠	N	♣2	11	650		+8.70	-8.70
3	4	4♠	N	♣2	11	650		+8.70	-8.70
5	6	6♠	N	♠7	11		100	-8.70	+8.70
7	8	6♠	S	♦K	11		100	-8.70	+8.70

6♣ by N/S is an excellent contract but is extremely difficult to get to. Maureen Narunsky & Michael Alexander, and Erica Zimet & Paul Reynolds found the very good save of 5♠ by E/W going down only 1 trick to gain 6 IMPs.

Erica Zimet & Paul Reynolds, and Imtiaz Kaprey & Lorraine Weers could justifiably feel they were unlucky on this board when they bid to an excellent 6♠ contract that depended on 1 of 2 finesses, a 75% chance. Both finesses were wrong and they lost 8.7 IMPs instead of winning 8.7 imps.

Dlr: South  
Vul: None

♠ 5  
♥ A 7 3  
♦ A  
♣ K Q 9 8 6 4 3 2

♠ A Q 10 9 6 3 2  
♥ J 10 9  
♦ 2  
♣ 10 5

NORTH  
WEST 11 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ K J 4  
♥ K Q 2  
♦ J 10 7 6 5 3  
♣ J

13  
7 11  
9

♠ 8 7  
♥ 8 6 5 4  
♦ K Q 9 8 4  
♣ A 7

♣	♦	♥	♠	N	
N	12	7	8	1	1
S	12	7	8	1	1
E	1	1	1	10	1
W	1	1	1	10	1

**Board No 11 None Vul Dealer South**

NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	2	5♠	W	♦A	10	50		-6.00	+6.00
3	4	5♣	N	♠K	12	420		+6.00	-6.00
5	6	5♣	N	♦J	12	420		+6.00	-6.00
7	8	5♠	W	♦A	10	50		-6.00	+6.00

Dlr: East  
Vul: None

♠ 8 7 6 5 4  
♥ Q 2  
♦ 10 4  
♣ J 9 7 2

♠ - -  
♥ A J 7 5 3  
♦ K 8 2  
♣ K 8 6 4 3

NORTH  
WEST 14 EAST  
SOUTH

♠ A K Q J 3 2  
♥ K 10 8 6  
♦ Q 9 7  
♣ - -

3  
11 15  
11

♠ 10 9  
♥ 9 4  
♦ A J 6 5 3  
♣ A Q 10 5

♣	♦	♥	♠	N	
N	1	1	1	1	1
S	1	1	1	1	1
E	7	9	12	11	10
W	7	9	12	10	10

**Board No 14 None Vul Dealer East**

NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	2	5♥	W	♦10	12	480		+0.00	+0.00
3	4	4♥	W	♣7	12	480		+0.00	+0.00
5	6	4♥	W	♦10	13	510		-1.30	+1.30
7	8	4♥	W	♦10	11	450		+1.30	-1.30

Only 1 pair sniffed at this fair heart slam that will usually make whenever the ♥Q comes down. This was a difficult one to bid and it is only if West decides to force to game with his shapely 11 count that the slam might be bid.