

The Women's trials to select a team to represent South Africa in the African Zonal Championships in September 2026 and hopefully in the Venice Cup in 2027 began on 3 May. The trials will be held as a Pairs Trials where scoring is done using cross imping. 8 pairs have entered and the top 3 pairs after a double round robin of 7x16 boards per round will form the representative team. The following pairs, in no particular order, entered the event:

1. Jill Rabie & Carol Grunder
2. Bev Hewitt & Trish Crosse
3. Diana Balkin & Sharon Izerel
4. Jennifer Foaden & Renee Kenny
5. Lotte Sorensen & Tas Nestoridis
6. Peta Balderson & Vanessa Armstrong
7. Val Bloom & Nicola Bateman
8. Peta Feinstein & Jennifer Adams

The SABF wishes all pairs the best of luck and may the cream rise to the top.

After 3 rounds today the leaderboard looked like this:

Pair	Total VPs	Round 1			Round 2			Round 3		
		Opp	IMPs	VP	Opp	IMPs	VP	Opp	IMPs	VP
7 - Nicola Bateman & Val Bloom	42.95	8	-5	8.52	3	23	15.56	2	47	18.87
6 - Jenny Foaden & Renee Kenny	42.16	5	17	14.39	1	7	12.03	4	24	15.74
1 - Trish Crosse & Bev Hewitt	36.15	2	10	12.8	6	-7	7.97	8	22	15.38
3 - Vanessa Armstrong & Peta Balderson	28.57	4	13	13.52	7	-23	4.44	5	2	10.61
5 - Tas Nestoridis & Lotte Sorensen	28.52	6	-17	5.61	2	13	13.52	3	-2	9.39
8 - Diana Balkin & Sharon Izerel	27.01	7	5	11.48	4	3	10.91	1	-22	4.62
4 - Jennifer Adams & Peta Feinstein	19.83	3	-13	6.48	8	-3	9.09	6	-24	4.26
2 - Carol Grunder & Jill Rabie	14.81	1	-10	7.2	5	-13	6.48	7	-47	1.13

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

<https://sabf.co.za/open-and-womens-trials-2026/>

Match 1

5

Dlr: N

Vul: N-S

♠ KQ54

♥ 8765

♦ 10965

♣ 7

♠ 83

♥ AKQ

♦ K4

♣ KQJ432

♠ J109

♥ 942

♦ 873

♣ 10985

18

5 1

16

♠ A762

♥ J103

♦ AQJ2

♣ A6

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	7	7	5	4	7
S	7	7	5	4	7
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

With 14 tricks on top, we would expect most pairs to get to a grand slam in NT or clubs. However, this proved difficult to reach when North opened 1♣ and rebid 2NT. At one table, Bev Hewitt and Trish Cross, North upgraded the hand to a 2NT opening and it was now easier to get to the grand slam.

A reasonable auction to get to 7NT or 7♣ might look like this:

It is important to have an agreement that as 2NT by North on the this auction would show 18-19 balanced, 3NT must show a long club suit (source of tricks and very good hand). Once partner cue bids 4♦, the South hand can count the tricks – 6 or 7 clubs, 4 diamonds, 2 outside aces and ♥K = 13+ tricks.

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	7 NT
All pass			

The traveller:

Board No 5 N/S Vul Dealer North									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	2	7NT	N	♠J	13	2220		+13.00	-13.00
3	4	6NT	N	♣10	13	1470		-4.30	+4.30
5	6	6NT	N	♥2	13	1470		-4.30	+4.30
7	8	6NT	N	♣10	13	1470		-4.30	+4.30

8 ♠ 7 *Dlr: W*
 ♥ J86 *Vul: None*
 ♦ 62
 ♣ A1098743

♠ AQ1093 ♠ K8654
 ♥ 53 ♥ A10742
 ♦ AKJ97 ♦ 10
 ♣ Q ♣ K6

5 ♠ J2
 16 10 ♥ KQ9
 ♦ Q8543
 9 ♣ J52

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	2	-	-	-	-
S	2	-	-	-	-
E	-	3	3	6	4
W	-	3	3	6	4

Only an initial heart lead gives any problems in 6S. On a heart lead, a diamond finesse will allow declarer to pitch both clubs from dummy and only 1 heart trick will be lost. The alternative line of trying to ruff out the Queen of diamonds or taking a ruffing finesse in diamonds is significantly inferior to the straightforward finesse.

At one table the bidding went:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	3 ♣	4 ♦	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Obviously West misunderstood the 4♦ bid but all was well when East converted to 6♠. On the opening ♣A from North, declarer made 12 tricks easily pitching a losing heart on the ♣K.

At another table the bidding went as follows:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	All pass		

North was unable to preempt 3♣ over 1♠ as this would have shown the red suits. South fell from grace when she did not double 5♥ Keycard response for the lead and 6♠ rolled home on the ♣A lead.

The traveller:

Board No 8 None Vul Dealer West									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	2	4♠	W	♥6	12		480	+6.70	-6.70
3	4	6♠	W	♣A	12		980	-7.30	+7.30
5	6	4♠	W	♥6	10		420	+8.00	-8.00
7	8	6♠	W	♣A	12		980	-7.30	+7.30

12 ♠ A2 *Dlr: W*
 ♥ 108 *Vul: N-S*
 ♦ K8
 ♣ KQ108542

♠ Q1097 ♠ K54
 ♥ J95 ♥ AKQ43
 ♦ J643 ♦ 952
 ♣ J6 ♣ 93

12 ♠ J863
 5 12 ♥ 762
 11 ♦ AQ107
 ♣ A7

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	5	3	-	1	2
S	5	3	-	1	2
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Only 1 pair, Val Bloom and Nicola Batemen, got to the excellent contract of 5♣ on the N/S hands. Their auction went as follows:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♣	1 ♥	Dbl
2 ♥	3 ♣	Pass	5 ♣
All pass			

Nicola, sitting South, correctly judged that her partner was short in heart and had shown

extra values and a 6+ club suit. She was unlikely to have heart values making 5♣ a good contract.

The traveller:

Board No 12 N/S Vul Dealer West									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	2	3♣	N	♥K	11	150		-3.30	+3.30
3	4	4♣	N	♥A	11	150		-3.30	+3.30
5	6	4♣	N	♥A	11	150		-3.30	+3.30
7	8	5♣	N	♥A	11	600		+10.00	-10.00

♠ K Q J 9 5 3	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
♥ —			1 ♦	Pass
♦ A Q 8	1 ♠	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
♣ A 5 4 2	?			

Vulnerable vs Non, what do you bid with this hand?

I think your choices are Double or 4♠ or a fancy 4♥ which should be read as a strong hand unwilling to penalize 3♥. Our West chose to bid 4S which should have been an easy make but 2 declarers found a way to go down.

The full hand:

6	♠ 7642	<i>Dir: E</i>
	♥ A987654	<i>Vul: E-W</i>
	♦ 9	
	♣ 7	
♠ KQJ953	♠	
♥	♥ KQ32	
♦ AQ8	♦ KJ7532	
♣ A542	♣ Q93	
	♠ A108	
4	♥ J10	
16 11	♦ 1064	
9	♣ KJ1086	

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	1	-	-
S	-	-	1	-	-
E	3	6	-	5	4
W	3	5	-	4	4

The traveller:

<i>Board No 6 E/W Vul Dealer East</i>									
<i>NS</i>	<i>EW</i>	<i>Bid</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>Ld</i>	<i>Tks</i>	<i>+Sc</i>	<i>-Sc</i>	<i>+</i>	<i>-</i>
1	2	4♠	W	♣7	10		620	-8.00	+8.00
3	4	4♠	W	♥A	9	100		+8.00	-8.00
5	6	4♠	W	♣7	10		620	-8.00	+8.00
7	8	4♠	W	♣7	9	100		+8.00	-8.00





Match 2

The 4-4 Fit Can Be Tricky to Play or Defend

2	♠ J542 ♥ J85 ♦ 1064 ♣ KQ6	<i>Dir: E</i> <i>Vul: N-S</i>																														
♠ A986 ♥ 94 ♦ 52 ♣ J8543	♠ KQ107 ♥ K1076 ♦ AKQ83 ♣																															
7 5 17 11	♠ 3 ♥ AQ32 ♦ J97 ♣ A10972	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; font-size: 0.8em;"> <tr> <td></td> <td>♣</td> <td>♦</td> <td>♥</td> <td>♠</td> <td>NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table>		♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	N	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	3	1	4	1	W	-	3	1	4	1
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S	-	-	-	-	-																											
E	-	3	1	4	1																											
W	-	3	1	4	1																											

Tas Nestoridis, sitting West, played well and got a little help from her friends to land 4♠ on the above deal after the bidding went:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Dbl
4 ♠	All pass		

She ruffed the opening club lead and drew 2 rounds of trumps. She then played 4 rounds of diamonds pitching 2 hearts in her hand. North ruffed the 4th round of diamonds. South erred by pitching 2 clubs. North continued clubs ruffed in dummy. North continued clubs when she ruffed the fifth diamond and this set up declarer's clubs for the 10th trick. (4 spades in hand, 2 ruffs in dummy, 3 diamonds and 1 club).

The double dummy analysis suggests that 4S should always make 10 tricks. I think this may be possible if declarer does not draw any trumps and cashes 3 rounds of diamonds pitching a heart and then exits a heart. She can now

make 7 trump tricks on a crossruff and 3 diamonds even if opponents switch to trumps at that stage.

<i>Board No 2 N/S Vul Dealer East</i>									
<i>NS</i>	<i>EW</i>	<i>Bid</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>Ld</i>	<i>Tks</i>	<i>+Sc</i>	<i>-Sc</i>	<i>+</i>	<i>-</i>
1	6	4♠	W	♣K	9	50		+3.30	-3.30
2	5	4♠	W	♣K	10		420	-10.00	+10.00
4	8	4♠	W	♥5	9	50		+3.30	-3.30
7	3	4♠	W	♣K	9	50		+3.30	-3.30

A Vulnerable vs Not Save

6	♠ J52 ♥ K10975 ♦ KJ ♣ AQ5	<i>Dir: E</i> <i>Vul: E-W</i>																														
♠ K98763 ♥ 52 ♦ 52 ♣ KJ432	♠ AQ104 ♥ 8642 ♦ A76 ♣ 108																															
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W	1	-	-	4	-																											

5♠ is an excellent save against 5♥ by N/S but it is difficult to find that contract when you are vulnerable versus not. Jennifer Foaden and Renee Kenny were the only pair to get to 5♠ and were amply rewarded when their opponents failed to switch to diamonds when in with the ♣Q

and this allowed 5♠ to make. The diamond switch was not easy to find by the North hand but she needs to ask why the pre-emptor bid again and usually this is because she has a second suit. Partner's signal of an odd number of clubs should suggest to North that declarer has a lot of clubs and the diamond switch is necessary.

Their auction was:

	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			Pass	Pass
	2 ♦ ¹	Pass	3 ♥ ²	Pass
	3 ♠	4 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥
	5 ♠	Dbl	All pass	

1. Multi
2. Pass or correct

Board No 6 E/W Vul Dealer East									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	6	5♠*	W	♥5	11		850	-16.00	+16.00
2	5	5♥	N	♠A	12	480		+5.70	-5.70
4	8	5♥	N	♠2	11	450		+4.70	-4.70
7	3	5♥	N	♠A	12	480		+5.70	-5.70

Pre-empts are Double Edged Swords

♠ Q 9 4 2	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
♥ 9 7 6 5 2	Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
♦ A	All pass			
♣ Q J 7				

You are on lead after the above auction. What is your preference?

If you decide to lead a heart, it is imperative to lead the 7 to indicate to partner that you have led from a poor suit. You see the following dummy:

♠ 8
 ♥ 8
 ♦ K Q J 9 5 3 2
 ♣ 9 8 5 3

Your partner plays the ♥K and declarer wins with ♥A. Declarer next leads a low diamond and you win perforce with the A. Partner has indicated that she has an even number of diamonds. How do you proceed?

If partner has 2 diamonds, you know declarer has 6 diamond tricks and 2 hearts and must have another trick in spades or clubs making it imperative that you follow an active defense and hope that partner has a good spade holding so that you can take the next 4 tricks. If partner has 4 diamonds, the apparently entry less dummy suggests a passive defense. Once partner plays the King of hearts, it still looks dangerous to continue hearts as partner may not have the 10H and a spade or club switch looks right. If you choose a club, notch up -600.

♠ A 10 6 3 What do you bid if partner opens 3♦ in second seat?
 ♥ A Q 4 3
 ♦ 6
 ♣ A K 10 2

Pre-empts are double edged swords. When partner has a strong hand, you have just pre-empted him. Therefore, when you pre-empt in second seat, you are only pre-empting 1 opponent and 1 partner and your style should be that you have a classic hand for your pre-empt – something like KQJXXXX and out.

It takes a spade lead or switch when in with the $\spadesuit A$ to beat 3NT but West chose to lead 4th highest of longest suit. If North opens 3 \diamond , South should realize that the North hand may produce no tricks if playing in 3NT. The only contract to consider is 5D and this would not be an unreasonable shot if you know your partner's pre-empts are solid. I like to place partner with KQJXXXX for a preempt particularly when it is made in second seat. You will still need some luck to make 5 \diamond opposite that holding (diamonds must break 3-2 and the heart finesse needs to be on). The pair that bid 3NT were lucky to find that partner had a late entry in clubs to allow them to run the diamonds when West did not find the spade switch when she got in with the $\spadesuit A$.

Val Bloom and Peta Balderson opened the North hand 4 \diamond following the adage of 7-4 bid more. This made it easy for South to bid the winning 5 \diamond . I'm not convinced that this is the correct action as it gives up on 3NT which is the most likely game for your side. The full hand was:

8		<i>Dir: W</i>	
		<i>Vul: None</i>	
		\spadesuit 8	
		\heartsuit 8	
		\diamond KQJ9532	
		\clubsuit 9853	
\spadesuit Q942		\spadesuit KJ75	
\heartsuit 97652		\heartsuit KJ10	
\diamond A		\diamond 10874	
\clubsuit QJ7		\clubsuit 64	
6		\spadesuit A1063	
9	8	\heartsuit AQ43	
17		\diamond 6	
		\clubsuit AK102	

	\clubsuit	\diamond	\heartsuit	\spadesuit	NT
N	5	5	-	-	2
S	5	5	-	-	2
E	-	-	1	1	-
W	-	-	1	1	-

The traveller:

Board No 8 None Vul Dealer West									
<i>NS</i>	<i>EW</i>	<i>Bid</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>Ld</i>	<i>Tks</i>	<i>+Sc</i>	<i>-Sc</i>	<i>+</i>	<i>-</i>
1	6	3NT	S	\heartsuit 5	11	460		+3.70	-3.70
2	5	3 \diamond	N	\spadesuit 7	11	150		-6.30	+6.30
4	8	5 \diamond	N	\clubsuit 6	11	400		+1.30	-1.30
7	3	5 \diamond	N	\clubsuit 6	11	400		+1.30	-1.30

Taking the Low Road

12	♠ AK7 ♥ 7 ♦ 984 ♣ A96432	<i>Dlr: W</i> <i>Vul: N-S</i>																														
♠ 108 ♥ 843 ♦ KJ72 ♣ QJ87	♠ QJ2 ♥ AKJ95 ♦ AQ103 ♣ K																															
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	Dbf	Pass
1 ♦	2 ♣	2 ♦	All pass

Diana Balkin won a swing for her side when she took a low road with her 20 count in the East seat and merely bid a competitive 2♦ on the above auction. 2♦ made 10 tricks easily but the field were more aggressive and got to a marginal 4♥ contract requiring the heart finesse and a 3-2 break. This contract went down 2.

The traveller:

Board No 12 N/S Vul Dealer West									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	6	4♥	E	♣10	8	100		+2.00	-2.00
2	5	4♥	E	♣10	8	100		+2.00	-2.00
4	8	2♦	W	♠A	10		130	-6.00	+6.00
7	3	4♥	E	♣10	8	100		+2.00	-2.00

Match 3

3	♠ 1063 ♥ AK742 ♦ J974 ♣ Q	<i>Dlr: S</i> <i>Vul: E-W</i>																														
♠ K72 ♥ QJ5 ♦ Q1032 ♣ K107	♠ J5 ♥ 963 ♦ A8 ♣ J98432																															
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Vanessa Armstrong and Peta Balderson were the only pair to reach the making 4♠ contract. This is a little lucky as it needs the ♦A onside and a favourable spade situation. Both were forthcoming and they earned 6,3 IMP's for their efforts.

<i>Board No 3 E/W Vul Dealer South</i>									
<i>NS</i>	<i>EW</i>	<i>Bid</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>Ld</i>	<i>Tks</i>	<i>+Sc</i>	<i>-Sc</i>	<i>+</i>	<i>-</i>
1	8	2♠	S	♠2	10	170		-1.30	+1.30
2	7	2♠	S	♥Q	8	110		-3.70	+3.70
3	5	4♠	S	♥Q	10	420		+6.30	-6.30
6	4	2♠	S	♦2	10	170		-1.30	+1.30

6 ♠ 73 *Dlr: E*
 ♥ Q5 *Vul: E-W*
 ♦ AQ1093
 ♣ 8642

♠ Q982 ♠ AJ10
 ♥ ♥ AKJ8643
 ♦ 54 ♦ K7
 ♣ AKQ10753 ♣ 9

 ♠ K654
 8 ♥ 10972
 11 16 ♦ J862
 ♣ J

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	1	-	-	-
S	-	1	-	-	-
E	6	-	4	5	6
W	6	-	4	5	5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		2 ♥ ¹	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

1. Acol 2 (Strong)

The Acol 2 opening has become unpopular in recent years mainly because of its low frequency. Val and Nicky used the bid effectively to stay out of trouble of the above hand and were the only pair to score positively on the above board. All the remaining pairs got into trouble when they opened 1♥ and heard a game forcing 2♣ from their partners.

The traveller:

Board No 6 E/W Vul Dealer East									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	8	5♥	E	♣J	10	100		+1.30	-1.30
2	7	4♥	E	♣J	10		620	-13.00	+13.00
3	5	6♥	E	♣J	9	300		+7.30	-7.30
6	4	6♥	E	♣J	10	200		+4.30	-4.30

12 ♠ K *Dir: W*
 ♥ 9643 *Vul: N-S*
 ♦ K64
 ♣ KJ962

♠ AQ10642
 ♥ 52
 ♦ A83
 ♣ Q10

♠ AQJ107
 ♥ QJ1092
 ♦ 853

♠ J98753
 ♥ K8
 ♦ 75
 ♣ A74

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	1	4	5	2	2
W	1	4	5	2	2

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Diana and Sharon had the following auction to get to 5♦ on the above hand:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦	All pass

I am not sure what happened but if North leads the obvious club and continues with 3 rounds forcing dummy to ruff, 5♦ should go 1 down. Making 5♦ was worth quite a fewimps.

The traveller:

Board No 12 N/S Vul Dealer West									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	8	5♦	W	♣2	11		400	-9.30	+9.30
2	7	2♠	W	♦4	8		110	-0.70	+0.70
3	5	3NT	W	♣6	7	100		+6.00	-6.00
6	4	3NT	W	♣6	8	50		+4.00	-4.00