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RESULTS

Swiss Teams

The teams below have qualified for the 'A' division of today's Four Stars final.

Rank	VPs
1	N Irens; E Erichsen; G Groetheim; U Tundal; B Brogeland; D Bakhshi 162
2=	Neil Rosen; Martin Jones; Steve Green; Anne Rosen 143
2=	Jeffrey Allerton; Frances Hinden; Graham Osborne; Peter Lee 143
4=	Michael Byrne; Duncan Happer; Ben Paske; Graeme Robertson 139
4=	Alan Shillitoe; Andrew Murphy; Daniel McIntosh; Graham Sadie 139
6	Sarah Teshome; Richard Winter; Ian Reissmann; Peter Hawkes 137
7=	Sandra Penfold; Nevena Senior; Brian Senior; Catherine Seale 136
7=	Alexander Allfrey; Andrew Robson; Peter Crouch; Tony Forrester 136

The teams below have qualified for the 'B' division of today's Four Stars final.

7=	Jeremy Willans; Ian Draper; Gerald Tredinnick; Stuart Tredinnick 136
10	Victor Silverstone; Chris Dixon; Tony Waterlow; Ian Panto 132
11=	Celia Oram; Derek Oram; John Cuthbert; Sally Bennett 131
11=	Simon Gillis; Odin Svendsen; Eric Saelensminde; Geir Brekka 131
11=	Gareth Bartley; N Bausback; B Kuzselka; P Fredin, B Engel 131
14	Ed Scerri; Chris Burley; Richard Palmer; Dick Davey 130
15=	Tony Eastgate; Penny Macleod; Bob James; Rob Cookson 129
15=	Matthew Hoskins; Andrew Southwell; Mick Carrington; Richard Fedrick 129



Alice Kaye who with James Paul was Young Pair of the Year.



Ben Paske, Young Player of the Year.

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AU REVOIR

Welcome to the ninth issue of Brighton Focus - your forum for news and views at the Brighton Congress.

I would like to extend our thanks to all those who have made this year's Congress such a success: Max Bavin and his large, hard-working team of TD's, duplimators and scorers, and our Congress team: Peter, Dawn and over the weekends: Kevin Comrie. And for Brighton Focus, thank you to our proof readers: Gareth, Kryz and Sandra.

Thank you again to all our writers and all those who took part in our competitions. Thank you also to the wonderful Miselda for the really excellent Bridgwords over the ten days; to Celia for the cartoons; and to PoorBridge.com for letting us use the horoscopes.

Finally, my thanks to the seagulls, pigeons, dodos, crows and other birdlike creatures who have kept us entertained with their noises just outside the Brighton Focus office. We'll miss them when we all return to Aylesbury.

The Congress finishes today with the Four Stars Teams and Swiss Teams events. We hope you have enjoyed your time at the Brighton Congress, played some good bridge, made some new friends and renewed old acquaintances.

We will be publishing an on-line only version of Brighton Focus at the beginning of next week, but for now *au revoir!* We look forward to seeing you next year!

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Aries: Why do you keep trying so hard? Do you think you're ever going to make it in this game? Just give up, admit your shortcomings and stop embarrassing yourself! You playing for the club C team is about as likely as Jordan getting to the top of the bestsellers list.

Taurus: You will realise that your post-mortems have started to be filled with Simpsons quotes rather than actual bridge analysis. Ah! Better that way, I think.

Gemini: While wondering how to make 4♠ on board 5, you will suddenly remember that film where Bruce Willis blew up a building.

Cancer: Having spent so much of the last few years looking up at the stars trying to work out what you all should do, I think you should know that I have gotten a bad back. That means that, from now on, I'm simply going to make up the entries. And take painkillers.

Leo: You will decide to stop playing bridge for a while as you are frustrated with the game. Sadly, you will realise that you are on directing duty next week and decide not to stop playing after all. That's what comes with responsibility!

Virgo: The straw that will break the camel's back will turn out to be partner mistaking 4♣ for Gerber - again! So another partnership dissolves. Gerber - is there anything it's good for?

Libra: After a long week wondering what you should be doing with your life, you will decide to do whatever your astrologer tells you to do. I'd tell you to stop playing precision as you clearly don't understand it! But I'm not your astrologer so much as a humorist (allegedly) so I guess you will learn that it's a good time to keep a close eye on your finances, and you should be adventurous and try something new.

Scorpio: You will have a crazy dream tonight about goblins and flying Concordes. It will signify the following: your discards are all wrong - use something partner can follow (that's the goblins) and you will have a great success in the county teams next year, so remember to enter it by the end of the month!

Sagittarius: With a hand like mine you'd be folding. Only we're playing bridge not poker, and this balanced three count must be played out...

Capricorn: As another year slips past you, try to remember the good times - 'cos if you can't remember them now, you'll have real trouble in five years' time.

Aquarius: After your captain perpetrates a profanity-laden verbal assault on his partner, you decide that you will play in Mrs. Miggin's team next year. Yes, you will lose rather than win, but right now you feel up to the challenge of doing the right thing.

Pisces: You find yourself playing just one more rubber on Friday night, even though it is already well past midnight. Similarly, you will smoke just one cigarette on Saturday and then realise that you have an addictive personality.

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ACROSS THE BORDER

by Jun Pinder

On the 7 August, eight of the Scottish Juniors flew down with our coaches Jim Hay, Joan Mercer and David McCrossan to play in some of the midweek events at Brighton.

Having successfully timed the landing to coincide with the day of Brighton Pride, the first ordeal came when the parade led to the closure of all roads leading to the accommodation, and the squad had to get out of the taxi and cross the Gay Pride march with our suitcases in tow. Most survived the experience, but Yvonne Wiseman's suitcase couldn't quite make it, and the rest of the team took it in turns to carry the damn thing.

On the Sunday, before the Open Teams in the evening, some of the squad ventured a swim in the English Channel. Walking barefoot on the pebbles was painful at first, but after a few minutes in the water, numbness kicked in and the problem was solved.

After Sunday, there was very little time to do anything other than play bridge and sleep. Some good results from the Scottish juniors included Abigail Wilson carrying an average club player to win the Tuesday afternoon Open Pairs, and the Wiseman siblings finishing sixth in the Mixed Pairs.

One hand that Yvonne found interesting in Wednesday's Midnight Speedball:

Board 23. Dealer South. Game All.

♠ K 5 4
♥ Q 10 9 7 6
♦ 8 3
♣ Q 5 2

♠ 9 3
♥ 5 4
♦ A 9 4
♣ K 10 9 8 6 3



♠ A J 8
♥ A K J 8 2
♦ Q J 7
♣ 7 4

♠ Q 10 7 6 2
♥ 3
♦ K 10 6 5 2
♣ A J

In 3NT, Declarer (East) won the five of diamonds lead with the jack, and played a small club to dummy. Yvonne went up with the ace, and played the king of diamonds to kill dummy's entry. 8 tricks made for +100.

The key to all the successes was, apparently, a strict diet of cereal, cereal, cereal, and milk, milk, milk. The coaches were, however, amazed at how well a rota for washing the dishes was carried out especially by one of our team.

Finally, the Scottish squad would like to thank Peter Jordan and his wonderful team for their hospitality, and everyone else for extending their warm welcome to us all.

JOHN ARMSTRONG AWARD

by Michelle Brunner

Bob Rowlands is this year's winner of the *John Armstrong Award*. A man of great stature and often referred to as a gentle giant, Bob's humour at the bridge table as well as his good nature and impeccable ethics set him apart as a true gentleman of the game. Just like John used to be.

Bob first represented Great Britain in 1966 and has won about every major British tournament – Gold Cup, Crockfords, Spring Fours, Hubert Phillips, National Pairs, Grand Masters (to name just a few), many in partnership with his friend and long-term partner – Peter Lee. Bob has given up much of his time to promote bridge amongst the younger fraternity by coaching promising juniors and he has been incredibly hospitable in allowing them to take over his London home, rent-free, when playing in London tournaments. For many years he was an EBU selector and would kibitz trialists in order to make informed decisions at selection meetings. Bob will receive a memento as a reminder of his marvellous attitude to opponents and fellow players.

Anyone wishing to pay tribute to the late John Armstrong can visit Heritage Wood, near Ashbourne, Derbyshire, where trees and bulbs are planted yearly in his memory as well as a bench placed in his name.




Peter Lee receives the award on Bob's behalf.

SWISS TEAMS - SESSION 1

by Brian Senior

It was good to see that the numbers held up well both for the midweek part of the congress and the second weekend's Swiss Teams. Friday evening's first session provided plenty of interesting action.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Game.

<p>♠ J 4 ♥ Q 10 9 8 2 ♦ K 9 7 ♣ J 9 3</p>		<p>♠ 6 ♥ A K J 5 ♦ A Q 10 8 ♣ K Q 8 5</p>	<p>♠ A K Q 10 8 7 3 ♥ 3 ♦ 6 5 ♣ 10 7 2</p>
<p>♠ 9 5 2 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ J 4 3 2 ♣ A 6 4</p>			

West	North	East	South
Green	Penfold	Jones	Senior
-	-	-	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All pass

When Steve Green could open 3♠ in second seat and at adverse vulnerability, Martin Jones was willing to place him with a powerful suit and to look for slam via everyone's favourite convention. The 5♠ response showed two key cards plus the queen of trumps and Jones bid the small slam.

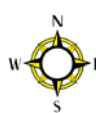
Sandra Penfold led the ten of hearts. Green rose with the ace and ruffed a heart then drew the missing trumps, pitching diamonds from dummy. A club to the king was ducked and now a club went away on the heart king and another heart was ruffed. A second club went to the nine, queen and ace, and I returned my last club. While it would have been correct to discard had I started with both four clubs and the diamond king, that was substantially against the odds and Green ruffed. When the jack appeared he did not require the diamond finesse.

That was worth 13 IMPs to the Green team when our teammates stopped in game, making eleven after a diamond lead.

It looks as though, with both red finesses working and the clubs three-three, the slam is cold. However, try it on an initial diamond lead. The odds line is surely to rise with the ace, draw trumps and pitch the second diamond on a heart. Now you can ruff a heart, lead a club to the king, back to hand with a diamond ruff and lead a second club. This succeeds when the queen of hearts comes down in three, when the club ace is onside, and when the club jack is doubleton.

All of that is clearly odds better than the straight diamond finesse at trick one - but it leads to defeat as the cards lie. So does a diamond lead defeat the slam? Maybe, but I think that any good player would lead from strength on this kind of auction. That greatly increases the likelihood of the diamond being onside. A player on form might very well spurn the combination line and trust this inference, putting all his eggs in one basket and finessing at trick one.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Game.

<p>♠ Q J 10 ♥ 10 8 4 ♦ K Q J 8 7 5 2 ♣ -</p>		<p>♠ 9 6 ♥ K Q 9 7 3 ♦ - ♣ A Q 10 5 4 3</p>	<p>♠ 4 2 ♥ A J 5 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ J 9 8 6 2</p>
<p>♠ A K 8 7 5 3 ♥ 6 2 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ K 7</p>			

West	North	East	South
Huggins	Penfold	Keightley	Senior
Pass	3♦	4♦	4♠
All pass			

On to Match Two and Sandra opened a heavy pre-empt in second seat. Four Diamonds was not specific but from my point of view it was likely that East would have a heart-club two-suiter.


SWISS TEAMS - SESSION 1

That being the case, it might be a good idea to introduce a suit which outranked hearts so that Sandra would have the option of bidding on to Five Spades over Five Hearts if necessary - plus, a spade lead looked good against either a heart or a club contract.

Mike Huggins found the way to go plus on the East/West cards, firstly passing when no five-level contract was making his way, then leading the ten of diamonds. Paul Keightley ruffed, led a heart to the ace and collected a second ruff, then cashed a second heart trick for one down. As it happened, dummy made it clear what to switch to after ruffing at trick one, but the diamond ten was a well-judged suit-preference signal to ensure a heart return should East be in any doubt.

That was hardly a triumph for our side, with Five Diamonds cold. Sure enough, at the other table teammates conceded an overtrick in Five Diamonds doubled, and we lost 12 IMPs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Game.

<p>♠ 4</p> <p>♥ K Q 8 2</p> <p>♦ A K J 8 6</p> <p>♣ A 4 2</p>		<p>♠ 5</p> <p>♥ A J 10 7 5 4</p> <p>♦ 5</p> <p>♣ K Q J 6 3</p>	<p>♠ A K Q 10 7 3</p> <p>♥ 3</p> <p>♦ 9 7 2</p> <p>♣ 10 8 5</p>
		<p>♠ J 9 8 6 2</p> <p>♥ 9 6</p> <p>♦ Q 10 4 3</p> <p>♣ 9 7</p>	

West	North	East	South
Clark	Penfold	Thompson	Senior
-	-	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All pass		

Andrew Thompson opened a top-end of the range weak two bid and Tony Clark, with only a singleton spade, passed in tempo, despite his 17-count. Sandra overcalled Three Hearts and now Clark doubled, ending the auction.

Thompson led out two top spades, enabling Clark to pitch a club as Sandra ruffed. She played the queen of clubs to Clark's ace, and he cashed the king of diamonds then returned a club. Sandra won the king and tried a low heart to the nine and queen. Now Clark forced her with the ace of diamonds. Sandra duly ruffed and played ace then ten of hearts. Clark won and played a diamond into dummy's queen-ten. After taking the two diamond winners, Sandra had to ruff a spade at trick twelve and the last trick went to West's eight of hearts for down two; -500.

At the point where declarer led a heart to the nine, she would have done better to ruff a winning club with the nine. Whether or not West over-ruffs, declarer is a trick better off now and should escape for one down.

The second undertrick proved to be relatively unimportant due to events at the other table. Here, Catherine Seale opened a constructive weak 2♠. The style is to open 2♠ with a good 7-11 or so and 2♦, multi, with a bad weak two - up to an uninspiring seven-count. You might still consider a 2NT enquiry with the West cards due to the lack of any sort of spade fit, but Nevena Senior simply jumped to Four Spades. That earned a substantial and unexpected bonus when North overcalled Four No Trump - any two-suiter. Five Hearts doubled went for -1100 and we had +12 IMPs.

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Our stand is situated next to the EBU Reception.

SWISS TEAMS - SESSION 1

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Game.

<p>♠ -</p> <p>♥ K J 10 9 4 2</p> <p>♦ Q 10 6</p> <p>♣ Q 5 3 2</p>		<p>♠ Q 9 7 3</p> <p>♥ 8</p> <p>♦ 9 8 7 5 2</p> <p>♣ A K 6</p>	<p>♠ 6 5 4</p> <p>♥ A 7 6 5</p> <p>♦ J</p> <p>♣ J 10 8 7 4</p>
<p>♠ A K J 10 8 2</p> <p>♥ Q 3</p> <p>♦ A K 4 3</p> <p>♣ 9</p>			

West	North	East	South
Senior	Lucioni	Seale	Lawy
-	-	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All pass			

The 'automatic' lead of a top club leaves the defence powerless here, but Catherine Seale had listened to the bidding and led a diamond, looking to give her partner a ruff. Declarer won the queen and led a heart to the queen. Now it was Nevena Senior's turn to make a good play, ducking to retain control of the hand. Declarer threw two clubs on the top spades then played a club. Catherine won and gave Nevena her diamond ruff. Now Nevena cashed the ace of hearts, drawing dummy's last trump, and there was a second club to come for one down.

That was nicely defended but declarer should have succeeded. He should accept that he cannot prevent a diamond ruff and simply concede a club at trick two. The defence can take its ruff but can now either take two rounds of hearts, when declarer simply draws trumps and cashes diamonds and spades for three club pitches or, if the defence does not draw trumps, can ruff a club in dummy and throw the remaining clubs on the top spades.

At the other table, we bumbled our way into the inferior spot of Four Spades and made it when the defence failed

to find the heart ruff and the fortuitous club position prevented declarer from being forced too often, gaining 10 IMPs.

After three matches, we had three wins and a total of 50 VPs.

CAPTION COMPETITION



The winner of yesterday's competition is Babs Matthews with: "Is that the result of a strip squeeze?" Babs can pick up her prize from the EBU reception.

If you have any good bridge captions for the picture below (multiple entries are accepted), please place them in the contributions box in the Durham Room by 12pm. This is the last of our cartoons, thank you to everyone who took part.



QUOTES OF THE DAY

Since the average person's small supply of politeness must last him all his life, he can't afford to waste it on bridge partners. Alfred Sheinwold

In bridge clubs and in councils of state, the passions are the same. Mason Cooley

Bridge is essentially a social game, but unfortunately it attracts a substantial number of antisocial people. Alan Truscott

BRIDGE CONVENTION ANAGRAM

Each day we are including an anagram of a fairly well known bridge convention for you to puzzle over. The answer will be given in the next day's edition of *Brighton Focus*. No hyphens or apostrophes are used.

The solution to yesterday's anagram of **men plotting hamburgers** is **Gambling Three No Trumps**. Today's anagram is: **built sad cows**.

We'll have the answer in tomorrow's *Focus*!

BRIGHTON INTERVIEW

With Peter Fredin, bridge professional and Swedish international since 1996.


How did you start playing bridge?

My father had always played the game, and when I was 15 I decided to go to a beginners' class. I played with him for a number of years.

Have you been to the Brighton Congress before?

I've never been here before. I've only played in England one other time at the TGR's club in London fifteen years ago. I arrived in Brighton on Thursday and have really enjoyed meeting lots of different people. It's a really nice venue here thanks to the beach and places to look at. Plus, the competition here is very strong and exciting - I am really enjoying my time here. Just a shame about the weather which is very random!

Do you have a nightmare hand you would like to share with us?

<p>♠ Q 9 7</p> <p>♥ Q 4 3</p> <p>♦ K 6 5</p> <p>♣ K 7 6 2</p>		<p>♠ A J 10 8 6 5</p> <p>♥ 10 9 8 7</p> <p>♦ 8 7</p> <p>♣ Q</p>
<p>♠ 4 3</p> <p>♥ A K J 6 5 2</p> <p>♦ 3 2</p> <p>♣ 10 9 3</p>	<p>♠ K 2</p> <p>♥ -</p> <p>♦ A Q J 10 9 4</p> <p>♣ A J 8 5 4</p>	

The bidding went like this:

West	North	East	South
2♦ ¹	Pass	4♥ ²	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♥	6♦
All pass			

¹ 8 - 11 High Card Points

² Pass or Correct

West led the king of hearts. After drawing trumps and ruffing out the spades I found out that the opener had 2623 distribution. The only chance was that East had the stiff queen of clubs, which he had, but I went for the psychology play instead, because of the 8-11 HCPs that West had promised. I didn't think that West could cover the jack of clubs with Q9x so I ran the jack to the stiff queen. Down one in a cold contract and an angry partner.

What do you particularly like about bridge?

I like bridge because there's always a new hand, and you'll never play the same hand again for the rest of your life. Always a new and unique challenge in bridge. I find chess predictable and boring, whilst bridge is all about technique and psychology. Exciting!

Do you have a quick bridge tip for our readers?

Try and bid as much as you can. Also, try playing with better players so you can learn more and more.



If you would like to advertise in Brighton Focus next year, please email: BrightonFocus@ebu.co.uk and we can let you know availability and prices.

RESULTS

Remaining teams are in the Brighton Bowl

17= Ben Green;Keith Sowerbutts;Phil Godfrey;Steve Wood	128	40= John Matheson;Willy Coyle;Kitty Teltscher;Steve Eginton	116
17= Peter Clinch;Ian Payn;Joe Fawcett;Gillian Fawcett	128	42= Gareth Birdsall;Andy Hughes;Richard Hyde;Jeremy Baker	114
17= Jeremy Dhondy;Ian Pagan;Filip Kurbalija;Tim Rees	128	42= Janet Latham;Ted Latham;Heather Hobson;Roy Garthwaite	114
17= Howard Melbourne;Ros Wolfarth;Gary Hyett;Geoff Wolfarth	128	42= Monica Lucy;Alan Cooke;Chris Cook;Peter Buttery	114
21 Christophe Grosset;Pierre Franceschetti;Frederic Flacaslier;Philippe Grosset	127	45= Kath Nelson;Alan Nelson;Jeffrey Smith;Andrew Petrie	113
22= David Gritt;Marie Gritt;David Municchi;David Sedlickas	125	45= Lara Ruso;Ben Handley-Pritchard;Tom Paske;Ed Jones; Sandra Probst	113
22= Michael Keeping;Matthew Read;John Williams;Philip Hunt	125	45= Dave Franklin;Gerry Stanford;Ian Lancaster;John Frosztega	113
22= Iain Sime;Fiona McQuaker;Paula Leslie;Liz McGowan	125	48= David S Jones;Trevor Ward;Stefan Lindfors;Jim Grant	112
22= Alice Kaye;Bryony Youngs;Susan Stockdale;Chris Cooper	125	48= Sue O'Hara;Nelson Stephens;Aidan Schofield;Daniel Lewis	112
22= David Greenwood;Patrick Collins;Richard Butland;John Reardon;Rob Stevens	125	50= Cameron Small;Richard Probst;Jon Cooke;Martin Garvey	111
27= Marietta Andree;Janet Cahm;Helen Beattie;Tricia Gilham	124	50= John Pemberton;Stephen Popham;Simon Cocheme;Tim Gauld	111
27= Frazer Morgan;Myles Ellison;Basil Letts;Shivam Shah	124	52= Andrew Thompson;Eddie Lucioni;Rob Lawy;Tony Clark	110
27= Alex Hydes;Simon Cope;Olivia Woo;Alan Woo	124	52= Gay Keaveney;Nick Boss;Martin Jones;Richard Johnson	110
27= Alan Mayo;Peter Franklin;Mike Vail Mike Gold	124	52= Sue Woodcock;Nick Woodcock;Liz Wattleworth;Bill Wattleworth	110
31= Christine Duckworth;Agnes Wesseling;Niels Van Der Gaast;Marek Malysa	122	52= Ryan Stephenson;Liz Clery;John Stimson;Ken Barnett	110
31= Paul Gipson;Alex Gipson;A Symons;S Adamson	122	52= Robyn Fletcher;Paul McGrath;Keith Cornish;Arthur Hughes	110
33= Irving Gordon;John Murdoch;Brian Spears;Sandy Duncan	120	52= Tony Goodman;Mike Ash;Sam Punch;Stephen Peterkin	110
33= Ian Swanson;Ken Ford;Bill Hodgkiss;Charles Chisnell	120	58= Anne Flockhart;Vernon Gaskell;Tony As'ad;Michael Grounds	109
33= Bernard Goldenfield;Rhona Goldenfield;Alan Williams;Jim Luck	120	58= Marilyn Malinowska;Artur Malinowski;Perove Grime;Thomas Charlsen	109
36 Brian Callaghan;Heather Dhondy;David Burn;Fiona Brown; Hugh McGann	119	58= Guy Hart;Fiona Hutchison;Mark Lehto;Brian McGuire	109
37= Jerry Harouni;Ray Robinson;Patrick Jourdain;Gary Jones	118		
37= Tarun Badiani;Patrick Bocken;Eric Debus;Rutger Van Mechelen	118		
39 Sarah Dunn;David Ewart;Gunnar Hallberg;Dom Goodwin	117		
40= Michelle Brunner;John Holland;John Hassett;Bill Hirst	116		

For the rest of the results, please look at the boards in the Durham Room or the EBU website.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

11:00am	BOS Seminar and Dealing Machine Workshop.
11:00am	Four Stars Finals, Session 1 (3 matches)
12:30pm	Swiss Teams, Session 4 (4 matches)
15:20pm	Four Stars Finals, Session 2 (4 matches)