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## RESULTS

### Tuesday Open Pairs

Rank	Names	%
1	Jim Hay & Abigail Wilson	63.66
2	Pamela Pearce & Susan Sharp	61.34
3	Alan Shillitoe & Alice Kaye	61.13
4	Steve Raine & Tom Slater	59.62
5	Taf Anthias & Paul Keightley	58.83

### Wednesday Open Pairs

Rank	Names	%
1	Graeme Robertson & Tom Slater	64.76
2	Matthew Hoskins & Jens Toft	63.16
3	Bill Taylor & Robert Miller	62.25
4	Martin Garvey & Caz O'Donnell	59.45
5	David Williams & Tom Rainforth	58.65

### Seniors Swiss Teams

Rank	Names	VPs
1	Sheila Evans; Rick Irwin; Malcolm Harris; Maria Budd	72
2	Jean Squires; Neville Shorricks Christine Dyer; Derek Eneas	65
3=	David Galpin; Andrea Galpin Jeffrey Stanford; Lydia Stanford	59
3=	Jim Luck; Kath Nelson Rhona & Bernard Goldenfield	59

### Really Easy Results

#### Next Step Winners - Swiss Pairs

Bruce Carrison & Louise South  
Gloria Parks & Ann Agnew

#### Novice & Students Winners - Swiss Pairs

Claire Price & Tessa van Gelderen  
Gary Ames & Kate Evans

#### Next Step Wednesday PM Winners

*North/South*

Michael Roberts & Chrysta Rang

*East/West*

Titch Glenday & Elaine Griffiths

#### Wednesday Knock-out Teams

Michael Byrne beat David Latham by 55 IMPs  
Anthony Bates beat Sam Punch by 36 IMPs

### Mixed Pivot Teams Championships

Rank	Names	IMPs
1	Heather Hobson; Janet Latham Roy Garthwaite; Ted Latham	93
2	Bryony Youngs; Andrew Murphy Michael Byrne; Michael Bell	85
3	Mike Ash; Liz McGowan Irving Gordon; Sandy Duncan	81
4	Paul Lamford; Frazer Morgan Phil Godfrey; Sinéad Bird	79
5	Martin Garvey; Cas O'Donnell David Greenwood; Diane Greenwood	72
6	Chris Duckworth; Brian Callaghan Joe Fawcett; Gillian Fawcett	57
7	Dave Cropper; Cat Evans Tom Slater; Steve Raine	50
8	Michael Hamon; Ros Morgan Enid Hamon; Clare Hamon	48
9	Ros Wolfarth; Gary Hyett Sandy Davies; Carole Kelly	46
10	Michelle Brunner; Rhona Goldenfield Kath Nelson; Alan Nelson	36

### Winners of our Brighton Focus competitions

Congratulations to Rhona Goldenfield for our Bridgword and Joyce White for her Caption: "That's the last time you'll squeeze me!" Please collect your prizes from the EBU reception.

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## WELCOME

Welcome to the sixth issue of Brighton Focus - your forum for news and views at the Brighton Congress. There is plenty happening today, so have a great day and enjoy your bridge!

Contributions to Brighton Focus are always welcome, and we have a contribution form available in the Durham Room for any interesting hands. We also welcome any letters or comments to the team. Simply put them in the colourful contribution box in the Durham Room.

The Horoscope, Caption Competition and Bridgword will be returning on Friday. See you tomorrow for another edition of Brighton Focus!

## FROM HAND SCORING TO BRIDGEMATES

by John Pain

The single biggest improvement to the service offered at both clubs and tournaments in the last few years has been the introduction of Bridgemate terminals. These table-top boxes have done away with the need to have travelling scoresheets or table score cards and mean that as soon as the last table has entered its last result the ranking list can be shown. Players can go away knowing immediately how they have done. In some clubs there are display screens showing the results changing round by round.

I've heard some stories of people who enter the scores so quickly that their opponents don't get to see what has been entered. Bridge scores aren't secret so it is polite to turn the Bridgemate round to show the rest of the table – particularly the opponents, who have to press the OK button to verify the score.

On the other hand it is NOT polite to go 'whoopie, we've got a top, partner' when you see that you've scored 100% on the board – any more than you would when using travellers. It's actually against the proprieties of the game to make gratuitous comments, so no gloating please. However, praising a good bid or play by your opponents is considered part of the EBU's Best Behaviour at Bridge policy and, so long as you don't do it in a patronising way, is encouraged.

Sometimes, of course, the players enter something incorrectly – perhaps the wrong board number, the wrong contract or, most commonly, an incorrect declarer. Often the players can pick this up. If it's the wrong board

number, that will usually show up later in the round, but the incorrect contract or declarer will not show up. This has to be checked by the TD operating the programme. The incorrect polarity declarer is easiest to spot – a board with all +480 but one –480 will stand out and can be easily checked. But sometimes it isn't quite so easy – NT contracts are often played at both polarities on the same board so the checking cannot be an exact science.

If you think you have put in something incorrect, then call the TD. He can erase an incorrect result with his special key or secret password and let the player have another try.

It's all a far cry from my earliest days of directing where everything was done by hand – travellers had to be match-pointed by hand and recap sheets compiled, meaning that the scores were often not available for two or three hours after the end of the session. It was very easy to miscount your rows and columns, meaning that score sheets could be 'out' by 10 or multiples. I remember Roy Higson telling me a good trick when the sheet was 10 short – just add 10 to everyone's score. Pairs with 10 too many won't say anything and the pair that was 10 short would never know.

It was a great improvement and revelation when computer scoring came in, although transporting huge computers with 8" floppy disks (who remembers those?) made it hard work. Nevertheless, the improvement was dramatic, and results were available much more quickly, but it still meant that dedicated scorers had to type in all the scores from the travellers or table cards. We used two- or three-part carbonized travellers to collect the results, and part way through the session the top sheets were collected to allow the scorers to start entering the scores.

It also meant that more complicated types of tournament could be run as the machine did the laborious arithmetics. Nowadays we think nothing of running a pairs event with 4 or 5 sections 'across the field', but in the early days of computer scoring they were the exception rather than the rule. It still took typically up to an hour for the results to emerge, and a score entered on the wrong side would mean a complete reprint of results.

So to the latest technology – that of Bridgemates with its instant results – the early pioneers who devised many quick short-cuts for hand scoring would be very impressed, I'm sure.

## SENIOR MOMENTS

by Jeremy Dhondy

A few weeks ago we had some workmen at our house. One of them walked past the lounge and saw some medals on the wall. He asked who won them and what for and I said "my wife and for bridge". He thought for a moment and asked if she was particularly good at climbing them!

The number of participants at the Seniors Congress is relatively static at present as the minimum age moves gently upwards from 55 to 60. It will be 2012 before there is a new cohort and, of course, anno domini is at work so it's quite encouraging that the numbers have remained steady.

### Leading Cases

The qualifying round has a carry-forward so that, as well as getting in the top 64, you need to score well if you are to have a decent chance in the semi-final. Leading partner's suit is one thing that tends to earn brownie points, especially if it is right. As South you hold:

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

You deal and pass, and the auction goes:

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	All pass		

So will it be partner's suit or the king of hearts? You choose partner's suit and he, of course, had a pre-empt that would be more at home in the junior than the senior game, including bad diamonds and the ace of hearts, so you concede -710 and must live with the virtue of having followed partner's suggestion but few match points. Personally, I would have risked the king of hearts and partner's sarcasm when it didn't work.

### Cashing Winners

On this next hand virtually everyone was in 3NT and it was a matter of overtricks. West makes the standard lead of the queen of hearts.

### Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Game

♠ Q 4 3 ♥ Q J 10 9 7 ♦ 3 2 ♣ K Q 8		♠ A K 10 2 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ A J 9 ♣ J 7 2  ♠ 9 7 5 ♥ 6 4 ♦ 10 7 6 5 ♣ 9 6 5 3  ♠ J 8 6 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ K Q 8 4 ♣ A 10 4
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With the spade position as it is you can hardly emerge with fewer than 11 tricks. If you duck the opening lead that will be your limit but if you win and take a spade finesse and then cash all your spades and diamonds West will be down to four cards. He will have to keep two hearts and his sweating may enable you to read the club position correctly to make 12 tricks for an excellent score.

### A helpful partner

Partnership harmony and support help in achieving good scores, don't they? You were listening to the bit about being nice to partner that is part of Best Behaviour at Bridge, weren't you? I'd be looking for a new partner if this happened to me. On the first board of a round Declarer had a bad time when his part score was defended well and he made a slight misplay to go down. Dummy did some musing and a bit of harrumphing but the next board was soon on the table.

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### Warren Buffett Bridge Cup - Souvenir Booklet 13 - 16 September 2010

The souvenir booklet for the Warren Buffett Bridge Cup is available from the Brian Senior Bridge Shop during the Congress. A minimum donation of £5 is asked for the brochure which also provides free entry for spectators to the match.

All proceeds will go to the 1991 Education Trust for British Bridge ([www.ettb.org](http://www.ettb.org)) which provides grants for young bridge players in full-time education in the UK.

## SENIOR MOMENTS

### Board 22. Dealer East.

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



♠ 8 5 3 2  
♥ J 10 3  
♦ K 8 2  
♣ A K 4

### Board 2 Dealer East. N/S Game.

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

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



♠ J 8  
♥ J 10 7 5 2  
♦ K 10 6 5  
♣ A 8

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

You have an uncontested auction to 4♠, and East leads a trump. You win and draw a second round of trumps. They split. Now you play a heart towards dummy and West plays the king and returns a club. You win and eliminate clubs and play a second heart. East ducks, wins the third one and plays a small diamond. You have reached the moment of truth. East has shown a 2-4-4-3 shape. I suppose there are a few clues. East might have led a diamond from Qxxx but would never have done so from Axxx. Anyway you guess wrong by playing low on the diamond lead and score -50. Immediately dummy pipes up with "Well, I would have got that right" followed by saying that playing the king was obvious so your choice is:

1. To carry on in dignified silence
2. To throw the cards at partner and risk a Best Behaviour at Bridge penalty
3. To consult your address book for a new partner or
4. The chosen one of observing that the line suggested was one of two that you had considered.

#### *The final cut*

The leading 23 went through to the final accompanied by 3 pairs who had won their get-out-of-jail-free cards in the consolation event. Liz McGowan and Mike Ash were the winners of the event and they did what is customary when I asked them for a hand. Mike said he was going to bed and Liz said she couldn't think of a hand where they had been clever but eventually relented and offered this:

E/W alighted in 2♣ after the following auction:

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	-
1♠	-	INT	-
2♦	-	2♠	All pass

East had already won points for his side by choosing to play spades, the right % decision at pairs. Those who played diamonds made 110 or 130 so at least 9 tricks were being looked for. Liz got a top heart lead which she ruffed and then played two rounds of clubs, the second of which was won by South who then played a trump. Liz rose with the ace and ruffed a club and ruffed a heart back to hand. Now a diamond to dummy was followed with another heart ruff. A top trump was drawn and then two more diamonds could be cashed for 10 tricks before the opponents had the rest. A well played 170.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10.00am	The Really Easy Seminar
10:00am	Tournament Directors training course
11:00am	Discuss it with an expert
1:00pm	Seniors Swiss Teams, Session 2
1:30pm	The Really Easy, Session 6
2:00pm	Afternoon Knock-out Teams, Semi-Final
2:00pm	Open Pairs
8:00pm	Mixed Pairs Championship