

Swiss Pairs for the Harold Poster Cup

Final Rankings

Position		VPs	Greens
1	Ian Panto & Tony Waterlow	215	19.00
2	Alan Kay & Jerry Cope	212	16.25
3	Neil Rosen & Martin Jones	208	15.00
4	Ian Pagan & Chris Jagger	206	13.50
5	David Bakhshi & Peter Crouch	198	13.00
6=	Martin Garvey & John Howard	197	12.50
6=	Keith Bennett & Jeremy Dhondy	197	12.50
8	Tim Brierley & Mike Elliott	196	11.75
9	Matt Haag & Darren Evetts	195	11.50
10	Rune Hauge & Jon-Egil Furunes	194	10.50
11=	Kath Nelson & Steve Eginton	191	10.00
11=	Mike Scoltock & Brian Powell	191	10.00
11=	Alex Wilkinson & Tony Wilkinson	191	10.00
14	Paul Lamford & Stefanie Rohan	190	9.25
15	Lynton Stock & Victor Silverstone	188	8.75
16=	Chris Cooper & Nigel Dent	186	9.00
16=	Brian Senior & Geoffrey Wolfarth	186	8.50
18=	John Sansom & Richard Jephcott	185	8.00
18=	Jim Grant & Stefan Lindfors	185	8.00
20=	Chris Dixon & Michael Byrne	184	6.75
20=	Stewart Fishburne & John Yuill	184	7.50
20=	Peter Kaufmann & Dick Shek	184	7.50



The Winners of
the Swiss Pairs
and the Harold
Poster Cup:

Ian Panto and
Tony Waterlow

Position		VPs	Greens
23=	Ian Draper & Catherine Draper	183	6.50
23=	Penny Macleod & Richard Currie	183	7.00
25=	Stephen Burton & Tony Clark	182	6.25
25=	Alex Maddocks & Bill Godenzie	182	6.00
25=	Ron Davis & Monica Lucy	182	5.75
28=	Matthew Hoskins & Andrew Southwell	180	5.75
28=	Andrew Woodcock & Craig Fisher	180	6.00
30=	David Herman & Robert Brinig	179	5.75
30=	Gordon Rainsford & Dom Goodwin	179	5.75
30=	Jeff Smith & Alan Nelson	179	5.75
33=	Anne Moncrief & Ian Bruce	178	5.50
33=	Marilyn Nathan & Artur Malinowski	178	5.25
33=	Adrian Scheps & Steve Popham	178	5.25
33=	Tom Paske & Ed Jones	178	5.25
37	Jack Stocken & Peter Stocken	177.5	5.25
38=	Pat Davies & Gwynn Davis	177	5.00
38=	Espen Erichsen & Susanna Gross	177	5.25
40=	Michael Watson & Jacek Lapszys	176	5.00
40=	Andy Bowles & Shireen Mohandes	176	5.00
40=	Norman Agran & Martine Rothschild	176	5.00
43=	Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis	175	4.75
43=	Celia Oram & Derek Oram	175	4.75
43=	Dominic Pinto & Paul Huggins	175	4.75
43=	Peter Hall & Nigel Marlow	175	4.50
43=	Ray Cornell & Tessa Beer	175	4.75
43=	Trevor Thrower & Robert Miller	175	5.00
43=	Andrew Moore & Jane Moore	175	4.75
43=	Jill Feldman & Richard Bowdery	175	4.75
51=	Michael Scanlon & Robert Morris	173	4.25
51=	Ursula Harper & Martin Hoffman	173	4.25
53=	Jeremy Baker & Steve Auchterlonie	172	4.00
53=	Alan Green & David Clark	172	4.25
53=	Bernard Teltscher & Mark Teltscher	172	4.50
53=	David Beal & John Murrell	172	4.00
53=	David Dawson & Sheena Lanham	172	4.25
53=	Marietta Andree & Anila Bahal	172	4.50
53=	Andrew Fenn & Chris Cook	172	4.25
60=	Clive Owen & Bill March	171	4.00
60=	Simon Mostyn & Colin Holehouse	171	3.75
62=	Geoff Nicholas & Debbie Roberts	170	3.75
62=	Ed Scerri & Chris Burley	170	4.50
62=	Zebedee Stocken & Adam Dunn	170	4.00
62=	Jack Mizel & Andrew McIntosh	170	4.00
62=	Sarah Dunn & David Ewart	170	4.00
62=	Nathan Piper & Bernard Magee	170	3.75
68=	Brenda Cross & David Cross	169	4.00
68=	Cecil Leighton & Lionel Wernick	169	4.25

Today's Schedule

10.00 a.m	Teacher Training Workshop
10.30 a.m	Tournament Director Training Course
2.00 p.m	Afternoon Knock-out Teams Round 1
2.00 p.m	Open Pairs
8.00 p.m	Seniors Pairs Qualifier
8.00 p.m	'Play With The Experts' Pairs

Position		VPs	Greens
70=	Barry Stoker & Gordon O'Hair	168	3.50
70=	Olivia Woo & Alan Woo	168	4.25
70=	Grahame Weir & Croz Croswell	168	4.00
73=	Philip Thornton & Victor Savage	167	4.00
73=	Nadia Stelmashenko & Victor Milman	167	3.75
73=	Cathy Smith & Andy Smith	167	4.00
73=	Laurie Burt & Stephanie Burt	167	3.75
77=	Ryan Stephenson & Liz Clery	166	3.75
77=	Tony Forrester & Alex Allfrey	166	3.50
77=	Peter Oake & Ian Green	166	4.50
77=	Miles Cowling & David Jones	166	3.75
77=	Sue Millard & Richard Millard	166	3.75
77=	Mathew Kime & Irene Robinson	166	3.50
77=	Brian Youd & Sue Rankin	166	3.75
77=	Les Calver & Yanus Mohamed	166	3.75
85=	Ross Harper & Paul Hackett	165	4.00
85=	Herb Mueller & Carole Mueller	165	3.75
85=	Doug Townsend & Steve Gore	165	4.00
85=	James Deacon & Susan Deacon	165	3.50
85=	David Sheerin & Mark Stretch	165	4.00
85=	Jeffrey Allerton & Frances Hinden	165	3.50
85=	Alan Powys & John Williamson	165	3.75
92=	Paul Gibbons & Cameron Small	164	3.50
92=	Sandy Davies & Tom Gisborne	164	3.25
92=	Bill Mason & Mark Davies	164	3.75
92=	Kathy Talbot & Denis Talbot	164	3.50
92=	Tracy Capal & Raymond Semp	164	3.75
92=	Michael Whittaker & Roger Sweet	164	3.50
92=	John Sutcliffe & Jackie Davies	164	3.75
92=	June Scotting & Wendy Coldham	164	3.75
92=	Richard Collis & Gilli Haarhoff	164	3.25
101=	Lyn Dempster & Roy Dempster	163	3.75
101=	Malcolm Pryor & Malcolm Harris	163	3.75
101=	Susan Stockdale & Phil Godfrey	163	3.25
101=	Sheila Price & Carole Tuininga	163	3.50
105=	Stan Collins & Agnes Blewitt	162	3.75
105=	Stephen Hurst & Karen Dewar	162	3.25
105=	Neill Marcus & Philip Town	162	3.25
105=	Alan Cooke & Maris Sheppard	162	3.25
109=	John Hampson & Matt Foster	161	3.50
109=	Simon Cope & Stuart Haring	161	3.50
109=	Roger Bamber & Christine Bradley	161	3.75
109=	Pat Barton & Tim Pike	161	3.50
113=	Ruth Edmondson & Brigid Mcelroy	160	3.00
113=	Tony Nixon & Ian Blackburn	160	3.00
113=	Alice Kaye & Helen Erichsen	160	3.25
113=	Malcolm Copley & Kathleen Copley	160	3.25
113=	Tilly Hennings & Anthony Whiteway	160	3.00

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Swiss Pairs– Session Two

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

[A 7] K Q 9 7 6 4 { Q 7 2 } 10 2	<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px;"> N W E S </div> </div>	[K Q 9 3] A J 2 { K 4 3 } 9 8 6
	[10 6 2] 5 3 { A J 6 5 } 7 5 4 3	
	[J 8 5 4] 10 8 { 10 9 8 } A K Q J	

When Peter Hall declared the popular contract of 4] from the West seat, he was favoured with the lead of the ace of diamonds from North, who then switched to the ten of spades. This appears to cost one trick, as declarer can discard a club loser on the queen of spades, however, it is actually worse than that.

Hall, who was partnering Nigel Marlow, won the ace of spades and drew trumps then with nothing better to do, cashed all his red-suit winners, just in case the same defender might hold both the long spades and all four missing club honours. Lo and behold, South was caught in a black-suit squeeze, declarer's } 10 being the second menace, and Hall had twelve tricks for an excellent result.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

[J 9 8 4] J 4 { J 8 6 5 } J 8 2	<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px;"> N W E S </div> </div>	[A 10 5 3] A 10 8 7 { 4 } Q 10 9 5
	[K 7 6] Q 9 3 { A 9 3 2 } 7 6 3	
	[Q 2] K 6 5 2 { K Q 10 7 } A K 4	

West	North	East	South
	<i>Owen</i>		<i>March</i>
–	–	–	1]
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3]	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A lot of people were going down in 3NT on this deal from Round 7, but Clive Owen, playing with Bill March, made an overtrick.

East led the ten of clubs which Owen won in dummy. He proceeded to get the diamonds right

and to cash all four rounds of the suit, forcing East to find three discards. The chosen discards were a club and two spades.

Owen next played a spade to the queen, followed by two rounds of clubs. East unblocked the queen, so that West could win the third club, and he switched to the jack of hearts, which ran to the king. Owen now ducked a spade to the bare ace and East was endplayed to lead up to the queen of hearts to give ten tricks. Nicely done.

Swiss Pairs – Session Three

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

[A J 4 2] K J 5 { A 9 7 2 } 6 5	<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px;"> N W E S </div> </div>	[K Q 5] A Q 9 8 7 6 { 5 } A J 7
	[7] 10 4 { K Q 10 8 6 4 } K Q 3 2	
	[10 9 8 6 3] 3 2 { J 3 } 10 9 8 4	

Roughly half the field reached the heart slam on this one, but the overtrick was worth about a quarter of a top so well worth having.

On a club lead, there are only twelve tricks as declarer's communications are broken up. However, North will usually have bid diamonds and a diamond lead becomes likely. Now the communications are there for a simple minor-suit squeeze against North.

Declarer wins the diamond and draws trumps, ending in dummy, and ruffs a diamond. If he wishes to play safe, he can then cross back to dummy with a trump to ruff another diamond, just in case the suit is not six-two – as will frequently have been indicated by the auction. Then he cashes his last trump, throwing a club from dummy.

When declarer next cashes the spades, North has to unguard the clubs to keep a diamond winner, dummy's nine being a menace against him, so the ace and jack of clubs take the last two tricks. An initial club lead would have meant that there would be no way to get to the winning } J at the end.

Correction

The correct address for the website for the Buffett Cup is: www.buffettcup.com and not that given yesterday.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	[J 5 4] A 10 9 { A Q 10 2 } J 10 8	
[A 10 7] Q J 5 3 { 5 } A K 9 6 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	[Q 6 3 2] K 6 4 { J 8 7 3 } 7 4
	[K 9 8] 8 7 2 { K 9 6 4 } Q 5 3	

West	North	East	South
	<i>Senior</i>		<i>Wolfarth</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1}	Dble	1[	Pass
2[	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3{	Pass	Pass
3[	All Pass		

West's 3[bid may look a little strange, with only three-card support, but the partnership style is normally to have five cards for the 1[bid, and that would make a big difference to the viability of the final contract. As it was, the rest of the hand was so favourable that declarer was very close to making 3[.

Geoff Wolfarth led a low diamond to my ace and, not liking to lead a trump away from the jack with ace-ten in dummy and declarer, apparently, having five cards in the suit, looked for an alternative defence.

It appeared that the everything was breaking very nicely for declarer, so I decided to attack his trump situation by forcing dummy to ruff.

Dummy duly ruffed the diamond return and declarer played the]Q, ducked, and a low heart, which I won with the ace.

A third diamond brought dummy down to bare ace of trumps. Declarer played three rounds of clubs, ruffing, then cashed the king of hearts. Finally, he ruffed his last diamond with the ace, leaving everyone with just trumps left.

When declarer now played a card from dummy, I ruffed in with the jack and he was caught. In practice, he over-ruffed with the queen and South in turn over-ruffed and claimed for one down.

Had declarer under-ruffed, then so would have South, and a spade through at trick twelve would have produced the same result.

Declarer needed only the [8 instead of the six to make his contract.

Trivia Quiz 3

Middle Names

What were the middle names of the following American Presidents?

1. John Kennedy
2. Franklin Roosevelt
3. Richard Nixon
4. Dwight Eisenhower
5. Lyndon Johnson
6. Bill Clinton
7. Ronald Reagan
8. Jimmy Carter
9. William Taft
10. Harry Truman

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	[A 8 7 6 5 2] 10 6 { 10 } K J 4 2	
[Q 4] A J 3 2 { 8 5 3 2 } 9 7 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	[9] K 8 { Q J 9 6 4 } A Q 10 8 6
	[K J 10 3] Q 9 7 5 4 { A K 7 } 5	

West	North	East	South
	<i>Green</i>		<i>Happer</i>
Pass	2[	3}	4[
All Pass			

Ben Green received the lead of a diamond against his spade game. He won and played two more rounds of diamonds, throwing away both his heart losers. Now East erred when he tried to cash the king of hearts.

Ben ruffed and drew trumps then led the queen of hearts, pinning the eight as he ruffed out the ace. He gave up a club, ruffed the return and could take a ruffing finesse against the jack of hearts to establish a winner to take care of the club for which he did not have a trump in dummy. That was eleven tricks for +450 and a lot of matchpoints.

Gwyn Davies found a better time at which to attempt to cash the king of hearts against the same contract at another table. He led it at trick one and continued the suit. Pat Davies won and played a third round, and there was no way for declarer, Malcolm Pryor to avoid the loss of a trump trick. In practice, he ruffed high then finessed East for the [Q, but that lost, of course – one down and this time the matchpoints went to East/West.

Trivia Quiz 3

Solutions

1. Fitzgerald
2. Delano
3. Millhouse
4. David
5. Baines
6. Jefferson
7. Wilson
8. Earl
9. Howard
10. The middle initial 'S', according to Truman himself, did not actually stand for any particular name, being a compromise between the names of his two grandfathers, Anderson Shipp Truman and Solomon Young.

Just Another Dull Push

This was an amusing board from the recent ACBL Nationals in Chicago.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

[K J 3] J 7 5 { 10 6 2 } J 8 3 2	[8 5 4] A K 9 8 6 2 { J } K Q 5	<div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	[A Q 2] Q 10 4 3 { K 8 7 } 10 7 6
	[10 9 7 6] - { A Q 9 5 4 3 } A 9 4		

West	North	East	South
-	1]	Pass	1[
Pass	2]	Pass	3{
Pass	3[	Pass	4{
Pass	4]	Pass	4[
Pass	5}	Pass	5{
Pass	6[	All Pass	

North blamed his partnership's Two-over-one game-forcing style for the disaster, as it prevented South from responding 2{ at his first turn. With each subsequent round of the auction, North thought that his hand was getting better and better for slam as he imagined his partner to have a strong spade holding. However, as he was merrily showing his controls, South was desperately trying to sign-off.

The only slight bright spot was that it was difficult for either opponent to double the final contract.

South managed to scramble nine tricks in his ridiculous contract for -300, which seemed to be a certain 14-IMP loss. After all, who could imagine bidding a slam off the top four trump honours?

Miraculously, when North/South scored up with their team-mates they found that it was a flat board – the same crazy slam had been reached at the other table!

And More Lunacy

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

[A 2] K 4 3 2 { A J 10 } K 8 7 4	[8 6] A Q J 5 { 9 8 5 4 } J 10 5	<div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	[Q 7 4 3] 8 { Q 7 6 3 2 } A 9 3
	[K J 10 9 5] 10 9 7 6 { K } Q 6 2		

West	North	East	South
	<i>Furunes</i>		<i>Hauge</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2}	Pass
2]	Pass	2[	Dble
Rdbl	All Pass		

Norwegian pair Jon-Egil Furunes and Rune Hauge must have greatly appreciated English hospitality on this deal from Round 13 of the Swiss Pairs. The Norwegians had a great last six rounds and moved up to a top ten finish after an indifferent first two sessions. This board did their cause no harm.

East's 2[bid showed four cards and was forcing for one round. What the redouble meant according to the East/West system, I don't know, but I do know that it meant two different things to East and West, because to play 2[redoubled on these cards is obviously ridiculous.

Declarer might have done a little better, but he was never going to get even a single matchpoint. He was four down for -2200 and East/West had something to discuss over dinner.

Bulletin Hands

We have a Daily Bulletin every day throughout the week so please, if you have an interesting hand from any event at the congress, give me the details and you will get your 15 minutes of fame.

Brian Senior