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RESULTS

Seniors Pairs Trophy Provisional Qualifying Round Results

Rank	Names	Score
1	Kath Nelson & Jim Luck	63.69
2	Berry Hedley & Graham Hedley	63.35
3	Barbara Cohen & David Wing	62.67
4	John Holland & Erika Slatcher	62.25
5	Malcolm Lewis & Tony Sanders	61.95
6	Adrian Knight & Prue Knight	61.5
7	Victor Silverstone & Bernard Teltscher	60.06
8	Irving Gordon & Alexander Duncan	59.46
9	David Stimson & Roger Edmonds	59.17
10	Alan Kay & Jeremy Dhondy	59.08

Play with the Experts Final Results

North/South ranking

Rank	Names	IMPs
1	David S Jones & Marc Lee	103
2=	Eliza Wyatt & Katie Lyons	99
2=	June Booty & Trevor Thrower	99

East/West ranking

Rank	Names	IMPs
1	Dave Latchem & Roger Sweet	37
2	Celia Comrie & Tom Slater	36
3	Bill Taylor & Jim Deacon	31

Really Easy Results

Red Section

North/South ranking

Rank	Names	Score
1	Iain Kirkman & Gillian Kirkman	71
2	Claire Price & Tessa Van Gelderen	59.11

East/West ranking

Rank	Names	Score
1	Roshani Nanayakkara & Edd Edmondson	58.11
2	John Blanchard & Jill Blanchard	57.22

White Section North/South ranking

Rank	Names	Score
1	Michael Hall & Pamela Hall	67.5
2	Trevor Livesey & Derek Harrison	66.67

East/West ranking

Rank	Names	Score
1	Gill Smillie & Margaret Stevens	59.17
2	Alix Payne & Lis Bell	58.33

More results on the boards



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WELCOME

Welcome to the fourth issue of Brighton Focus - your forum for news and views at the Brighton Congress. There is plenty happening today. And, I forgot to say yesterday, a little welcome to the Scottish juniors that have arrived - so welcome to them.

The sixth Really Easy Congress continues with a seminar given by Andrew Kambites on Losing Trick Count. Andrew is one of England's most popular bridge teachers, so this will be another interesting seminar from him.

The Seniors Pairs hots up with the semi-finals in the afternoon, culminating in the finals in the evening, as well as a consolation event for those unlucky enough not to make it into the finals.

We also have an Open Pairs in the afternoon as well as the Tuesday Pairs Championship in the evening.

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.

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Welcome to the fourth of our daily horoscopes personally created for bridge players:

Aries: The man who installed your internet broadband will turn up to Brighton for the first time on Thursday, and you realise that the tables have been turned: he understands bridge about as well as you understand the whole internet thingy.

Taurus: The first three cards dealt to you on the first hand of your Saturday night rubber game, you realise, are all aces. What are the odds, do you think? Well $(4/52) * (3/51) * (2/50)$, or 0.018%.

Gemini: Partner wants you to be something that you are not, and matters will come to a head when old baggage is laid out on the table. And this seems to help you see things from partner's point of view: your habit of singing the national anthem at the table probably is annoying.

Cancer: Life is good for you right now: you haven't lost a match or scored less than 50% at the local club for six weeks! I'm afraid things will start to go less well next week when your partner's six-week trip to Australia is over and you actually play again.

Leo: Your name will be spelled incorrectly on the results sheet for the second time in as many weeks. This is not deliberate on the part of the scorer; your handwriting really is that bad.

Virgo: A survey of your club reveals that the average age of members is 71 years, and the average player has been playing for 32 years. That makes you young and inexperienced.

Libra: The fact that a precision $1\clubsuit$ opening would have worked out really well on this deal does not give you a license to mis-bid the hand deliberately just to try to get partner to take up that system. And you could easily have bid the slam anyway.

Scorpio: Your pretended obsession with chocolate cheesecake should probably be dropped from your comedy routine. It was funny to start with, but now it's kind of unnerving and just a bit weird. And you are not a stand-up comic anyway.

Sagittarius: The answer to the play problem on board 14 is staring you in the face. Staring at you! And you can't work it out. Hahahaha.

Capricorn: Play bridge this week and you'll have a miserable time losing. Stay away from the bridge table and you'll have a miserable time sitting at home watching TV. If only you were a Leo — then things would be better.

Aquarius: As the moon passes though Saturn, and the North Star's trajectory takes it past the Bull, all aces will be well placed. So overbid to slam on Wednesday and Thursday. But don't overdo it — it's only aces that will be well placed!

Pisces: Just who do you think you are? You swan into the Hilton every night cock-a-hoop and demand that you have 'your' seat at the table by the bar.

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WINNERS AND ANSWERS

Well done to Tim Matthews for his caption: "As a novice player, Gladys was used to looking out for splinters." Tim can collect his prize from the EBU reception. See yesterday's issue for the cartoon. Also well done to Craig Bradnam who won our Bridgword competition. Craig can also collect his prize from our reception. The solution is on the BF desk. Finally our bridge convention anagram from **convenient ninja mob** was **Benjamin Convention**

PLAY WITH THE EXPERTS

by Ed Scerri

This year's Play with the Experts event allows us the opportunity of 'scoring up' with the England Camrose team of 2003/2004.

Some of the results from the original match perfectly illustrate the aggressive nature of bidding at international level. Several times we see games being bid on very slender values, as a matter of routine, and although these 'thin' games can often be beaten on perfect defence, we all know that perfect defence is not easy:

Board 12. N/S Game. Dealer West.

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

The Irish East/West had a bidding misunderstanding to stop in 3♦ (going three off), but this should not have been a disaster as their England counterparts reached an apparently hopeless 3NT contract. A friendly opening lead turned "hopeless" into unlikely, and when this was followed by a defensive slip and a good view by declarer, 3NT had made for an 11-IMP swing. Any North/South pair in our competition who defended more successfully will benefit to a similar extent.

News Flash

John Probst and his son-in-law (Jon Cooke) will be playing in the Open Pairs on Wednesday afternoon.

They will be in the Hilton bar beforehand, if you would like to come and say hello.

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

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

If East/West stretch to a thin 3NT here (as did both teams in the original match), then everything will depend on the lead. South has an automatic spade lead which should defeat the contract, but if West becomes declarer, then North is in the spotlight as anything but a spade will allow declarer the time to develop three club tricks and also to twice lead diamonds towards dummy for the 9th trick.

Any North finding the eight of spades lead will certainly have earned a 12-IMP swing.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

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PLAY WITH THE EXPERTS

Once again the England East/West pair stretched to a thin 3NT contract, while the Irish played in 2♦+ 1. As can be seen, declarer has only eight tricks available, but the defence could easily let this through, either by leading a club in response to intervention by South, or by discarding badly on the run of the diamond suit.

Another big swing for England in the match, and another one for any North/South pair in our competition who can defend this accurately.

WHAT DO I DO IF I...?

by John Pain

..... force my partner to pass when it is his next go?

First of all, how might this happen? It can happen in a number of ways during the auction – you might bid when it is your partner's turn; you might accidentally drop an honour card on the table during the auction or you might make an insufficient bid.

All of these mean your partner will have to pass – sometimes for the next turn only and sometimes for the whole auction. It also means that you can bid whatever you like when it is your turn but you have to guess a contract for your side to play in. Of course, partner isn't allowed to say anything that gives away how many points he has. It isn't very helpful when the TD tells partner that he has to pass throughout and partner blurts out 'What? Pass with this hand!'

Let's look at an example. You are South holding...

♠ A Q 7				
♥ K J 8 6	West	North	East	South
♦ A K 6				2NT
♣ K Q 3				

...and you open 2NT. Unfortunately, it was your partner's turn to open, so the TD is called. Quite correctly the TD silences your partner and the auction starts

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	?

What would you bid? Remember you can bid whatever you like. You have 22 points so there are 18 points left for the other three hands – so partner could have about six points. Most players would bid 3NT and hope for the best.

What might happen?

- You make 3NT because partner has six points. You open the traveller to find that everyone else has done the same. So you get an average.
- You make 3NT because partner has six points but when you open the traveller you find that everyone else is in 4♥ because partner had four hearts with you. Unfortunately, the hearts broke badly, and 4♥ had no chance. You've got a top and your opponents a bottom.
- You make 12 tricks in 3NT because partner has 12 points. The traveller shows everyone else bids and makes 6NT. You get a bottom.

All of these scores are absolutely fine. The opponents can jump up and down and say how unfair the second case is, but the law book has no sympathy for them. Law 10C4 says that the offender may make any call or play advantageous to their side, even though they appear to profit through their own infraction.

Sometimes it will be much more difficult to decide what to do but often trying 3NT, 4♥ or 4♠ will give you the best chance of scoring well – but of course it might be a disaster.

Funny – opponents never mind when it goes wrong for you, but they always think how unfair it is when it comes off.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00am	Really Easy Seminar
10:30am	Tournament Director Training Course
11:00am	Discuss it with an Expert
2:00pm	Seniors Pairs, semi final
2:00pm	Afternoon Knock-out Teams, round 2
2:00pm	Open Pairs
2:30pm	Really Easy, Session 2
7:30pm	Really Easy, Session 3
8:00pm	Seniors Pairs, finals and consolation event
8:00pm	Tuesday Pairs Championship

NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be published for tomorrow morning and will be available in the Durham Room. Contributions to Brighton Focus are always very welcome, and we have a contribution form in the Durham Room, so you can add any interesting hands to our box.