



# THE ALL AFRICAN National Congress

## Well done to the Apteker team for winning the Swiss

Today it's to the business end of the congress as teams battle it out to win their sections.

The Apteker Team (Alon Apteker, Craig Gower, Sven-Ake Bjerregaard and Robert Stevens) won the Swiss narrowly from the Kaprey Team with Der Kinderen, Ward, Donde and Cruise all qualifying.

In the first match Kaprey and Apteker both had decent wins, with Der Kinderen having a narrow win over Ward. But it's still everything to play for today to see who gets into the head to head final.

In Congress, The Thomas team is narrow ahead of Bernstein, while in the Plate the Leigh team have had two good wins. Good luck today



### Play links for Saturday

Find the play links for today on the SABF website. There will be one for the Championship and Congress sections, and one for the Plate and Presidents who are playing a different numbers of boards.

In addition, for results, bulletins, and all important notices, see <https://www.sabf.co.za/all-african-national-congress>

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### Championship

Team	S. 01		S. 02		S. 03		S. 04		S. 05		Total		PEN.	R
	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P		
Kaprey	36	17.59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	17.59	1	
Apteker	21	15.19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	15.19	2	
Der Kinderen	3	10.91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10.91	3	
Ward	-3	9.09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3	9.09	4	
Donde	-21	4.81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-21	4.81	5	
Cruise	-36	2.41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-36	2.41	6	

### Congress

Team	S. 01		S. 02		S. 03		S. 04		S. 05		Total		PEN.	R
	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P		
Thomas	21	15.19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	15.19	1	
Bernstein	12	13.28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	13.28	2	
Keet	11	13.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	13.04	3	
Grunder	-11	6.96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-11	6.96	4	
Pincus	-12	6.72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-12	6.72	5	
Narunsky	-21	4.81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-21	4.81	6	

### Plate

Team	S. 01		S. 02		S. 03		S. 04		S. 05		S. 06		S. 07		Total		PEN.	R
	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P		
Leigh	44	16.18	11	13.45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	29.63	1	
Grant	12	13.71	11	14.22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	27.93	2	
Bryant	14	14.22	1	9.64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	23.86	3	
Esmail	-12	6.29	44	16.37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	22.66	4	
Nick	1	7.39	1	10.36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-7	17.75	5	
Van Vught	4	12.61	44	3.63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-16	16.24	6	
Beinart	-14	5.78	11	6.55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-25	12.33	7	
Fooden	-11	3.82	11	5.78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-37	9.60	8	

### Presidents

Team	S. 01		S. 02		S. 03		S. 04		S. 05		S. 06		S. 07		Total		PEN.	R
	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P		
Shepard	46	18.14	11	13.44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	31.59	1	
Francis	18	14.7	11	11.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	26.40	2	
Bradley	-11	19.54	11	6.55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	26.09	3	
Balderson	21	15.73	4	8.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	24.09	4	
Colling	-15	5.3	1	10.36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-15	15.66	5	
Tearnan	-21	4.21	4	11.38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-17	15.59	6	
Hingle	-14	1.84	11	3.64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-36	11.50	7	
Solovel	-11	9.46	11	8.62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-51	9.08	8	

## Player Profile



## Brent Shapiro

**How did you start playing?** I played Klabinjas at varsity and then played backgammon, winning the CT title in 2018. After this, I felt like I wanted a new challenge and having seen my mom do bridge challenges on BBO while at the cricket coupled with watching her play when I was a teenager, I was intrigued and so took it up in 2019.

**What do you enjoy most about the game?** I view every hand as a problem to solve. Placing cards in the hands of my opposition (and partner when defending) and then seeing if I can work it out makes it very enjoyable. Having a poker background, I also love trying to read people when playing live for any "tells".

**Biggest bridge disaster?** Too many to count. I love a good sacrifice. They don't always work.

**Happiest bridge accident?** Stumbling into the game.

**Funny moments at the table?** I love playing live and a good chirp is always appreciated.

**Any tips that have served you well?** Two stick in my mind. 1) Be disciplined. 2) Always check vulnerability.

**Which bridge book really inspired you?** I've read a bunch of books by Ron Klinger that have bridge puzzles to solve.

**Other interests?** Golf, tennis, padel, cricket, most sports plus Backgammon and poker. Also love spending time with my wife and 2-week-old baby daughter.

**Your favourite colour?** Green

**Your favourite food/drink?** Probably Indian food (though must be dairy free).

**Your favourite book/movie?** Loved reading the Thursday Murder Club books while my best movie would probably be a toss-up between the original Matrix and Shawshank Redemption.

**Besides bridge, your favourite sport?**

To play - probably golf. To watch - It used to be Roger Federer playing tennis....but with his absence from the tour, probably cricket.

## What is the danger here?

James Grant sent this hand from Thursday. Board 5 showed the need to be awake to the possibility of a bad trump split.

The bidding was fairly simple. West passes, 1D from North, 1H East and a double South. The Redouble promised a heart honor from West and North bids 2c. You raise to 3c and that's where you play.

The defence start with three rounds of hearts. What do you do on the third round of hearts? Do you ruff or not? You know the hearts are breaking 5/3. It looks like KQ are offside, given the overcall, but you could play this hand on the basis that the double spade finesse is going to work

What is the danger of the hand? That clubs are goin to break 4/1 and west has

four. Now if you make the mistake of ruffing the third heart and the spades are offside, you're going off.

If on the other hand you ditch a spade on third heart, if the clubs are 3/2 it doesn't matter what you do. What ever East does now, when you play the AQ of clubs and get the bad news, you can now ruff a diamond in dummy and still take four clubs tricks.

## Results of the Swiss qualifying rounds

Team	S. 01		S. 02		S. 03		S. 04		S. 05		S. 06		Total		PEN.	R
	IMP	V/P														
Apteker	20	17.24	14	14.22	22	15.99	21	17.56	14	8.62	11	11.7	97	85.33		1
Kaprey	18	15.37	20	20	21	17.56	10	13.18	14	11.38	14	7.39	122	84.88		2
Ward	26	18.28	23	20	21	2.44	22	16.91	14	14.22	14	8.3	114	80.15		3
Der Kinderen	3	11.05	14	5.78	20	15.58	18	15.15	43	19.13	8	12.61	78	79.30		4
Cruise	21	17.56	11	11.38	20	2.76	42	19.54	14	11.7	20	15.58	78	78.52		5
Donde	20	15.58	20	17.08	22	4.01	14	7.1	8	12.61	20	16.55	50	72.93		6
Narunsky	1	11.05	26	20	20	17.24	10	8.62	14	5.78	14	11.38	68	72.27		7
Pincus	2	9.29	16	14.46	20	16.55	8	12.9	11	0.87	7	12.31	11	66.38		8
Keet	24	3.63	13	8.95	16	7.99	41	18.9	20	18.28	14	8.62	40	66.37		9
Grunder	14	7.99	22	17.71	20	3.45	12	8.29	14	11.7	20	18.28	30	65.42		10
Bernstein	11	20	17	0	1	9.64	12	13.71	20	17.08	20	4.42	7	64.85		11
Thomas	23	17.86	14	8.62	14	14.46	21	2.44	14	7.39	12	13.97	18	64.74		12
Van Vught	13	2.14	0	10	10	13.18	8	12.01	22	16.91	14	7.89	3	61.93		13
Grant	8	12.01	20	0	10	8.62	18	15.37	14	7.99	14	19.44	-1	61.63		14
Beinart	2	10.71	24	14.22	14	5.54	24	18	14	8.3	20	3.45	5	60.22		15
Leigh	20	2.76	3	11.05	18	15.15	14	7.99	14	8.3	11	11.7	-14	56.95		16
Foaden	14	8.95	14	5.54	20	16.55	11	0.46	21	17.56	11	6.03	-22	55.09		17
Bryant	13	8.95	12	2.29	10	13.18	23	3.82	14	11.7	18	14.46	-28	54.40		18
Esmail	24	16.37	14	5.78	1	10.36	18	4.85	22	3.09	11	13.45	-23	53.90		19
Nick	11	0	1	10.36	10	8.62	7	12.31	12	6.29	24	16.37	-51	52.15		20
Bradley	21	2.44	0	10	14	12.01	22	16.18	20	2.92	14	8.3	-35	51.85		21
Hingle	22	4.01	20	13.18	20	4.42	11	1.1	24	18	11	8.55	-50	47.26		22
Balderson	12	13.71	16	0	20	3.45	22	15.99	8	12.01	10	1.72	-87	46.88		23
Francis	18	4.63	11	13.45	24	2	18	4.63	12	13.71	18	5.54	-64	43.96		24
Collinge	22	15.99	28	2.92	34	18	27	3.09	20	1.72	16	0.56	-81	42.28		25
Tearnan	12	6.29	11	6.55	14	4.85	7	7.69	14	8.3	18	4.85	-71	38.53		26

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## Player Profile



Linda Campbell

**How did you start playing?** I started playing at varsity but had become interested because my mother played a lot. Then played lots of kitchen bridge with laughter as a given, music in the background and glasses of wine waiting. We barely knew what we were doing except that we were having lots of fun.

**What do you enjoy most about the game?** The fact that you never stop learning and that each hand is brand new and therefore an exciting prospect

**Result you're most proud of?** A few times qualifying for SAWBA interprovincials and once for the Medwin.

**Happiest bridge accident?** I was sent on a "blind date" at a Mixed Pairs event. I had never clapped eyes on my partner before. He took me outside to teach me Precision in the 10 minutes we had before the start and, guess what? We won (it was a trophy one too).

**Any tips that have served you well?** Remembering that a partner really doesn't make a mistake on purpose or just to annoy you. We are all human.

**Anything you'd like to change in the game?** I wish face to face would become the norm again. I also wish that everyone would be pleasant and polite. It does no harm.

**Other interests when not at the bridge table?** Food, wine, travel, cruising and how could I possibly not mention music.

**Your favourite food/drink?** Cheese Fondue and a Malbec

**Your favourite book/movie?** Shawshank Redemption

**Biggest shock or disappointment?** Watching the movie "Dirty Tricks" about the bridge cheating that takes place at such a high level.

**Anything you'd like to add?** I often wonder why I play the game that causes such deep despair and elation in equal measure - although maybe I have just answered the question.

# Defending 6 diamonds

James Grant sent this hand from the Swiss qualifying, that had interested him.

On Board 17 the opposition got to six diamonds via a rather curious bidding sequence 1d, 2h, 3nt, P, 6d.

"It isn't the worst contract," he says, "but can we get it off?"

The lead was a diamond, ducked in dummy and partner goes up with the king. What should he play?

He could play a heart hoping partner has the ace and declared has a singleton, or a diamond back to knock out the only other entry in dummy. Would a spade switch kill 6d?

Partner lead a heart back at our table which declarer ruffed. He played a diamond to the ace, a club to the ace and drew the last trump.

Now declarer lost his way and started playing the black suits, ending up one off. But if he plays the last two diamonds, partner is in quite a predicament. He's got to hold onto three clubs because dummy has got KQxx, so the only thing you can throw are spades. The first discard is easy but the second sets up declarer's spade suit.

Even a spade switch at trick two doesn't break up the squeeze. Then on the run of the diamonds he now has to find three discards. One spade and one heart is easy, but then crunch time again.

At the other table they were only in 5D making plus one. There the bidding was 1D, 3H, P, P, 3S, P, 3NT, P, 4S, P, 5D.

(At our table we found ourselves in a somewhat inelegant 6C after partner decided to open the hand 1S. I passed the 3H bid waiting for the double which never came, instead getting 4D. A few bidding misunderstandings later, it was one off in 6C, a lot more if the spade entry to dummy is knocked out early. Our partners were defending 3NT which made 12 - it shouldn't).

Five pairs found the slam, while 13 were in game, either diamonds, no trumps, or a couple making 4S. Four pairs collected 800 from 3H doubled, but the "top" went to Tim Cope and Andrew Cruise who managed to double 3H, and get it five off for 1100. At trick two Tim underlead the Ace of diamonds and declarer got it wrong.



# Stripe-Tailed Ape Double rears its ugly head



By Carol Stanton

A few years ago, I did a bit of research on all the doubles that exist in the land of bridge and my favourite was, by far, the stripe-tailed ape double.

It works like this, you double a 5 level contract, which your opponents leave in to make +1, in order to try and convince them not to bid a small slam.

As the 5 level contract is pretty much guaranteed most opponents will often leave it in. In teams 5dx+1 is 650 while 6d is 920, a 7 imp difference.

However, this little double only works if you have somewhere to run in the event your opponents redouble, thus you need your partner to have pre-empted or bid at some stage.

This was the exact situation that occurred today, and I failed in two regards. The first was when I failed to use my favourite double, while at the other table they did, and the second way was that 6♦ shouldn't actually make, but you guessed it, Carol played too fast and aided the opponents on their way to a nice little victory.

Board 15. I've rotated the hand for convenience. West was declarer.

South bids 6♦ and partner leads the Ace of ♣, I encouraged and South ruffed it. South now leads the Ace of ♠ and ruffs a ♠ with dummy's 7♦. A small club from dummy ruffed in declarer's hand and now another spade up to the J♦. The position now looks like this:

N North		W N E S			
♠ 3		3♣	3♥	P	1♠
♥ J98642		P	P	5♦	4♦
♦ KJ7		P	P	P	6♦
♣ Q85					
	E East				
	♠ J7				
	♥ KQ53				
	♦ Q853				
	♣ K74				
	♠ 9				
	♠ 4				

What should you do? What you should do is stop and think and not be a grabby little defender and try and get your one trick. Your job is to get this contract down.

You know partner has 7 cards in ♣, you know your partner has 4 cards in ♠

	N North	W	N	E	S
	♠ 3	3♣	3♥	P	1♠
	♥ J98642	P	5♦	P	4♦
	♦ KJ7	P	P	P	6♦
	♣ Q85				
W West		E East			
♠ Q985		♠ J7			
♥ 107		♥ KQ53			
♦		♦ Q853			
♣ AJ109632		♣ K74			
	S South				
	♠ AK10642				
	♥ A				
	♦ A109642				
	♣				
		6♦ S	NS: 0 EW: 0		

(that is if you have a good partner, like I do, who gave me count on the first spade lead) so what type of hand justifies South bidding 6♦. Chances are South is 6160.

If South started with 5♦ this contract was going down anyway because I now have 1 more diamond than she does but if South started with 6♦ I need to be careful. If I ruff the diamond I have now reduced my diamond holding to 3, 1 less than declarer has and declarer has no more problems. She can win whatever I return either ruffing in her hand if I come a club, draw my diamonds and run her spades. If I play a heart she wins with the Ace, draws my trumps and runs the spades to make her contract.

However, if I do not ruff can declarer make the contract? Lets have a look...

	N North	W	N	E	S
	♠ 3	3♣	3♥	P	1♠
	♥ J98642	P	5♦	P	4♦
	♦ KJ7	P	P	P	6♦
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	♠ AK10642				
	♥ A				
	♦ A109642				
	♣				
		6♦ S	NS: 8 EW: 0		

After cashing the King of ♦ declarer will now have to get into her hand, which she probably does by playing a small heart to her Ace. She now plays the Ace of ♦.

	N North	W	N	E	S
	♠ 3	3♣	3♥	P	1♠
	♥ J98642	P	5♦	P	4♦
	♦ KJ7	P	P	P	6♦
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♦		♦ Q853			
♣ AJ109632		♣ K74			
	S South				
	♠ AK10642				
	♥ A				
	♦ A109642				
	♣				
		6♦ S	NS: 8 EW: 0		

	N North	W	N	E	S
	♠ 3	3♣	3♥	P	1♠
	♥ J98642	P	5♦	P	4♦
	♦ KJ7	P	P	P	6♦
	♣ Q85				
W West		E East			
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♥ 107		♥ KQ53			
♦		♦ Q853			
♣ AJ109632		♣ K74			
	S South				
	♠ AK10642				
	♥ A				
	♦ A109642				
	♣				
		6♦ S	NS: 9 EW: 1		

What can she do? If she plays another ♦ now then I can win it and exit the King of clubs, which declarer will be forced to ruff. There goes declarer's last trump and guess who is still sitting pretty with one remaining trump? Me!

I can ruff the spade and claim my hearts. Did I do this? Oh no! I grabbed the first opportunity to overruff that diamond without stopping to really think about how shortening my trumps could only help declarer.

You are welcome opponents, and sorry partner and teammates, hopefully, a lesson well learned.