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FROM THE PRESIDENT

In my Christmas stocking this year

“With seven spades and seven tops
As we got into gear
Do you suppose in Interclub
That coming first was clear?
I doubt it, said my partner,
And brushed away a tear” *(with apologies to Lewis Carroll)*

“But dear, dear Santa, I’m feeling rather glad
Coming second in the Interclub – again! – really wasn’t bad” *(With apologies to A.A.Milne)*

But the highlight of the year for me remains the fact that our Ladies’ team won Gold this year at the African Zonals. I know this has been reported at length elsewhere, but I take this last opportunity to celebrate it before we face the new challenges that the new year will bring. I will also be talking about our future Trials in another article in this bulletin and what we hope to achieve. It would also be remiss of me not to mention the wonderful progress we have made in ensuring players around the country have access to top class training sessions. Here in Gauteng we have been spoilt by the well-run monthly talks by top players organized by Deirdre Ingersent, and Arie Ridderhof has been active in holding workshops that have been enthusiastically received in the Eastern Cape to mention but two. Our committee has received several complimentary letters from clubs and individual members encouraging us to continue this initiative including one from Judy Wulf in Bloemfontein, that often forgotten oasis of bridge in the Orange Free State!

Our committee has had a busy time of it and I would like to thank Jocelyn, Roz, Sheila, Ann, Helen, Philip, Graham, Peter, Arie and Ice for all their hard work and support. We have made what I believe are some good and hopefully popular decisions this year, and I have decorated this bulletin with write-ups of the more important ones. And finally a big thank you to our editor Stephen Rosenberg for producing our bulletins throughout the year.

Which reminds me, Christmas is coming so I wish you all as always a safe and peaceful festive season, and all the very best in the New Year.

James Grant

SID'S QUIZZES

by Sid Ismail



Here are two Christmas Quizzes, sent in by Sid for your entertainment and edification! In “*Gridlock*”, after some straightforward bidding, with your opponents competing in ♠, you land up in 7NT. The lead is the ♠T. How do you play the hand to ensure you make the 7NT contract?

In “*Potboiler*”, again after some straightforward bidding, with your opponents competing in ♠, you land up in 7♥. The lead is the ♣K. How do you play the hand to ensure you make the 7♥ contract?

You will find Sid’s solutions on page 5.

GRIDLOCK

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

Contract 7NT by South
Lead: ♠10

POT BOILER

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

Contract 7♥ by South,
West leads the ♣K.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Attributed to B. Jay Becker



This little gem attributed to the late bridge great B. Jay Becker was sent to me by Deirdre Ingersent. My thanks, Deirdre.

*'Twas the night before Christmas —
Two guests in our house
Had started to play bridge
With me and my spouse.*

*"Please tell me," she shouted,
"Why didn't you double?
'Twas plain from the start
That we had them in trouble."*

*"'Tis futile, my dear,"
Said I, taking no stand,
"To discuss it with you —
Let us play the next hand."*

*"Remember next time,"
Said she, icing a frown,
"To double a contract
That's sure to go down."*

*So I picked up my cards
In a downtrodden state,
Then I opened One Spade
And awaited my fate.*

East dealer. North-South vulnerable

♠ 9876
♥ 65432
♦ 8765
♣ —

♠ —
♥ QJ109
♦ KQJ109
♣ KQJ10

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♠ AKQJ10
♥ AK87
♦ —
♣ A987

♠ 5432
♥ —
♦ A432
♣ 65432

*The guy sitting South
Was like many I've known;
He played and he bid
In a world all his own.*

*"Two diamonds," he countered
With scarcely a care;
The ace in his hand
Gave him courage to spare.*

*My wife, she smiled faintly,
And tossing her head,
Leaned over the table:
"I double," she said.*

*And North, for some reason
I cannot determine,
Bid Two Hearts as though
He were preaching a sermon.*



*I grinned as I doubled,
Enjoying the fun,
And turned round to South
To see where he would run.*

*But South, undistressed,
Not at loss for a word,
Came forth with Two Spades —
Did I hear what I heard?*

*The other two passed
And in sheer disbelief
I said, "Double, my friend,
That'll bring you to grief."*

*South passed with a nod,
His countenance serene;
My wife with a flourish
Led out the heart queen.*

*I sat there and chuckled
Inside o'er their fix —
But South very calmly
Ran off eight straight tricks!*

*He ruffed the first heart
In his hand right away,
And then trumped a club
On the very next play.*

*He crossruffed the hand
At a breathtaking pace,
Till I was left holding
Five spades to the ace.*

*In anguish my wife cried,
"Your mind's growing old!
Don't you see six notrump
In this hand is ice cold?"*

*By doubling this time
I'd committed a sin —
It just goes to prove
That you never can win.*

EDITORIAL

Yes, it has been one long year with a lot of bridge. I personally passed an age milestone; the SABF has had some fall-off in membership but has expanded its use of computer-based technology through the internet to run on-line tournaments and communicate with its members.

Successful mini-Congresses have been held around the country; SAWBA continues to hold its own. More and more younger players are being seen at club, provincial and national events – a sign that bridge is still alive and well and living in South Africa.

Our ladies' team under the captaincy of James Grant won the All-Africa Zonals and under Bev Hewitt had some good wins at the 44th World Bridge Championships (see page 4).

All that is missing in making "my cup to runneth over" is a few more stories from the provincial associations that would give "The Bridge" a truly national flavour.

Well, until next year, have a great holiday season and a wonderful 2020. See you all then!



Stephen Rosenberg

44TH WORLD BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

WUHAN CHINA SEPTEMBER 2019

by Bev Hewitt (Playing captain)

The 2019 SA Ladies' Bridge Team competed in the World Championship Event in Wuhan, China from the 14th to 22nd September. The tournament itself was amazing and a wonderful opportunity to play bridge at the highest level. The format comprised a round-robin of 23 matches against very strong and experienced teams from across the globe. Team SA acquitted themselves well with wins against the Netherlands; Pakistan; Tunisia; Trinidad and Tobago. There were also some close matches against Denmark; Australia and Brazil. Unfortunately, the teams' lack of experience showed in the other matches and the unforced errors negatively impacted on the final results. On a positive note, the Team was competitive in all matches and comfortable at playing at this level. The experience gained was invaluable!



Left to Right: Tanya Rawson (KZN); Trish Crosse (Gauteng); Di Rosslee (Gauteng); Carol Stanton (Gauteng); Bev Hewitt (Gauteng); Vanessa Armstrong(KZN)

The winners of the Venice Cup were Sweden with runners up China and England in 2nd and 3rd places, respectively. The team wishes to thank the SABF and all its members for their support and messages of encouragement during the tournament!

THE SAYINGS OF ALFRED SHEINWOLD



Alfred, aka Freddy, Sheinwold (January 26, 1912 – March 8, 1997), arguably one of the best bridge players of his time, was born in London and emigrated to the United States as a young man. He became an American bridge player and senior administrator, international team captain and prolific author of books about bridge. He was, with Edgar Kaplan, co-developer of the Kaplan-

Sheinwold bidding system.

He was equally well-known for his pithy bridge sayings of which we give a few of our favourites below:

“One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts”

“A player who can't defend accurately should try to become dummy”

“Learn from the mistake of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself”

SABF INTER CLUB 2019

This event was held in Cape Town at the end of October/beginning of November and drew entries from 24 clubs from all around the country. Competition over 23 matches was pretty fierce, and although Hillbrow seem to have won quite comfortably, it was closer than it appears. Less than 10 VPs separated second and sixth place. The full results are available on www.sabf.co.za, so we'll list just the top teams here:

#	TEAM	VPs
1	LINKS SATURDAY – Roz Bernstein, Sharon Lang, Chris Child, Ghita Sandler	313.15
2	HILLBROW – JAMES Grant, Larry Chemaly, Nicola Bateman, Merle Modlin	292.39
3	KEURBOOM MONDAY – Nancy and Diniar Minwalla, Paul Mestern, Julian Gruft	292.01
4	A B C – Robert Stephens, Lotte Sorensen, Di Rosslee, Greg Hingle	287.57
5	IMPALA 1 – Maureen Narunsky, Imtiaz Kaprey, Robert Sulcas, Michael Alexander	286.47
6	TRUMPS 1 – Steve Bunker, Paul Reynolds, Anton der Kinderen, Sven Bjerregaard	284.57
7	J B C – Val Bloom, Tas Nestoridis, Neville Eber, Jeff Sapire	275.77



The Links Saturday Team



Team Hillbrow



The Keurboom Monday Team



SID'S SOLUTIONS

Here are Sid's solutions to the two quizzes posed on page 2; you'll notice the theme that runs through both:

“GRIDLOCK”

The problem here is an abundance of riches, so:

Trick 1: Win SA discard HA!

Trick 2: Cash SK – discard HK!

Tricks 3-6: Cash HQ-HJ-HT-H9 discarding DA-DK-DQ-DJ!

Tricks 7 -> Run all your unblocked diamonds!

“POT BOILER”

Trick 1: Discard a diamond from dummy (important!) and win CA

Trick 2: Trump to Jack

Trick 3: Ruff S7

Trick 4: Trump to Q

Trick 5: Ruff SQ

Trick 6: last trump in hand to K

Trick 7: HA – discard DK

Trick 8: SA – discard DA

Tricks 9-> Run all your unblocked diamonds!

SABF ONLINE INTERPROVINCIAL TEAMS 2019

For the second year, the Interprovincial Teams' event was played online, which took away the often-swingeing costs of travel and accommodation that come about from playing a conventional tournament at a single venue. Thanks to Robert Stephens' organisation and control and the keenness of the participants, the event was a real success and this format will be repeated next year.

The results in the two sections were

MEDWIN: 1st Western Cape with 121.33 total VPs
2nd Gauteng 97.43
3rd KZN 80.21
4th Eastern Cape 61.01

BERKOWITZ: 1st KZN with 123.42 total VPs
2nd Western Cape 108.94
3rd Gauteng 108.35
4th Eastern Cape 96.58
5th N. Gauteng 82.71



Rob Solomon of the Gauteng Berkowitz team contemplates his next play!

THE LIGHTER SIDE



The in-bed-post-Monday-night-bridge post mortem on Board 11, down 5 doubled!



Who would ever have thought that bridge and sex belong on the same page? Well, he'd been going out with this girl for some time and they play bridge regularly, but not much is happening romantically. Finally, she puts him in this awful slam and says: "If you make this contract, I'll sleep with you." He tries his hardest, but trumps don't break, and a couple of finesses don't work, and he winds up going down three! She says: "That's close enough".

FROM THE CHAIRMAN 1. "PSYCHS"



There is a growing and worrying trend amongst our clubs to ban psyches. The reason for this is understandable as often when a TD is called to a table where a psych has occurred he is faced with one of the following scenarios –

- 1) The opponents believe they are entitled to an adjusted score – this is certainly not the case
- 2) The partnership sits there gloating – this behaviour should be awarded with a penalty for breaking our No Tolerance rules

- 2) A partnership is using these bids as a bullying tactic to take advantage of weaker players ill equipped to punish them - at best this is poor sportsmanship and the partnership needs a stiff talking to, at worst it has become an undisclosed understanding in the partnership – see the next point.
- 3) Has the psych been fielded? By this we mean has the partner's subsequent bidding suggested in any way that he has treated the bid as a psych? – In which case an adjusted score is in order.

None of the above situations are particularly pleasant but rather than deal with the symptoms, clubs have chosen to kill the patient.

What is a psych? The official definition is “any call that grossly misstates either honour strength or suit length”

Opening 1S with only 4 spades or 11 points does not constitute a psych. On the other hand opening 2S with 4 cards in the suit or only 3 points is a psych.

For example, holding S KJx H Axxx D xx C AJ10x - if I choose to open this hand 1D in an attempt to prevent the lead of this suit should I end up declarer in a NT contract, have I psyched? Well, yes I have and if we ban these bids we have added nothing to the game but simply removed some of the fun and intrigue.

So let's be clear on this – there is nothing wrong with making a psych, it's not a sin and it should not automatically be punished. A good TD will be able to judge where it falls in the categories I have described above. Let me also be clear that I am not advocating the use of psyches, by all means continue to report them to the TD or limit their use to those who are addicted to them to one a session or one a year or whatever. I'm simply saying that as they form a legitimate part of our game they should not be banned.

One final observation on psyches – good players rarely make them, the reason being that over a period of time they know they will get more bad scores than good.

2. CONGRESS IN CAPE TOWN

The Bridge community in South Africa is slowly growing smaller, older and poorer; these are simple observations. I remember with fondness, as I am sure many of you do, the congresses we held in Swaziland. I used to bring my whole family; it was a holiday, a celebration of bridge, the annual tournament that stood head and shoulders above all our other tournaments, a competition where we could cross swords with the best players our country had to offer. Since those halcyon days, congress has slowly but surely lost much of its glamour and appeal. We can sit by and accept that this is how things will continue, or we can do something different. We have chosen to do something different which if



it proves successful will put much of the sparkle back into this tournament. In 2020 and 2021 we will be holding our congress in Cape Town in an attempt to launch this venue on the international bridge circuit. We have left this rather late for 2020 but hopefully through the lessons we learn now we will make a much better fist of it in 2021. Having said that, we have advertised the upcoming congress extensively through both personal contacts and the media in China, Australia, USA, Canada, the UK and Holland. You will also find our flyer on websites devoted to promoting international bridge tournaments and on the WBF site.

By the end of congress in 2021 we shall know whether our efforts have been worthwhile but unlike T.S. Eliot's Hollow Men, let's go out with a bang not a whimper.

3. SABF ONLINE

Earlier this year in a further effort to streamline the posting of masterpoints, we enabled the unions to post results of red point events. Only for the SABF tournaments - Congress, Interclub and Interprovincial - does the responsibility remain with the Webmaster. All other queries should be addressed to the union or club involved.

It is more than 3 years ago that we introduced *sabfonline* and so it is a disappointment to me that there are still many players out there who do not know how to log in to this database and make use of the facilities it offers. I would be the first to accept that it is not perhaps the most exciting place to visit, but it has its points of interest. Here are 4 of them:

- 1) You can see if your SABF subs have been registered.



At the end of the year we send out reminder letters to those players who play regularly at our clubs but have failed to pay their dues. I suspect that many of them have, and the paperwork simply didn't go through, but the best time to resolve this is at the beginning of the year when such matters are still fresh in our minds. That SABF subs have not been paid would have stuck out like a sore thumb had you only logged into the database.

- 2) You can check on all communications, including this bulletin, sent to you from SABF, your union or your club although in this latter case some of them are still unfortunately stuck in the Steam Age. From time to time I will receive a complaint from someone that he or she is not receiving our circulars. This is not the fault of the messenger, rather the fault of the service provider you have chained yourself to. Like many of our modern institutions these organizations have what they euphemistically call Help Desks - an oxymoron if ever I heard one. These islands of misinformation are there to confuse and frustrate you and, if they can, convince you that their shortcomings are actually your fault. You only have the benefit of all this of course, if they deign to answer the phone. To avoid all of this unnecessary suffering we drop all of our messages into your personal file on the database where you can read them at your leisure.
- 3) You can see if you and your teammates are entered in a competition. When you enter a tournament online, a number of things happen. First of all you need to know the SABF numbers of your fellow team mates as when these are entered the system will automatically self-populate certain information - name, email address and, behind the scenes, their Performance Index. Before signing out please wait for the screen to confirm that you are successfully entered. If you do this you, and your partner(s) will receive emails confirming your entries. If you do not receive this email then you are probably not entered. You can easily check this by returning to the appropriate screen and clicking on **View Responses**. This will list all entries received so far, hopefully including yours. The other advantage of entering online is that the organizer can generate a spreadsheet and use the PI to grade the various entries. We had an unfortunate incident at the Interclub event in Cape Town where a team turned up who hadn't entered online, had not received formal notification of their entry and had not checked to ensure they had been entered. They had assumed they had been entered by X who may or may not have paid the entry fee. So let me make this crystal clear: responsibility for ensuring your entry for any tournament does not lie with the organizer, the club administrator, the treasurer, your local member of parliament or anyone else you make look up to as a figure of authority, it lies solely with you. You have been warned...
- 4) Finally, perhaps the most useful piece of information of all, you can look up the telephone number and email addresses of other players instead of wasting time asking around for these.

4. THE AFRICAN BBO LEAGUE

One of our goals this year has been the relaunching of our BBO league which has been running successfully for the last couple of years under the competent stewardship of Roz Bernstein. The league allows players from around the country to form teams and play against each other from the comfort of their homes over the course of a year, the season starting in October. We recognized that more and more of our players are accustomed to playing bridge on-line so with the help of some marketing and introducing a continental flavour by inviting our friends in Africa to participate, we have increased the number of entries from 8 last year to 24 this year! To accommodate this number we have split the teams into 2 divisions so we have the added incentive that you might be promoted or demoted at the end of the season!

As the purpose of this competition is to have fun and make new friends or renew acquaintances with old ones, the rules are fairly relaxed. Games are scheduled for the second Thursday each month starting at 1930 local time, with the exception of the month of December when there are no scheduled matches.

Once you know who you are playing against these times and dates may be changed to a more mutually acceptable time. Please bear in mind that two of our overseas guests, Reunion and Mauritius are 2 hours ahead of us so starting at 1930 isn't going to be very convenient for them!

Further details of this competition may be obtained from Roz Bernstein at microz@linkpackaging.co.za.

The standings at present with 2 matches played are available on the SABF website under **“Results of recent Tournaments”**.

5. TRIALS 2020

Another tournament that has lost its glitter over the years is our national trials. Many years ago when I qualified to play for South Africa with Bertie Broer, we competed against at least another 20 top pairs in this country. It was a proud moment for me the day I received South African colours but I was also hugely proud of the fact that we had managed to qualify in such an illustrious field. This year only one team turned up for the Open, and two teams for the Ladies. We cannot turn back the clock but we can and should do our best to reverse this trend by encouraging a much wider participation in this event.

This is what we plan to do:

- 1) Residents will now be able to participate if they meet the WBF residency criteria www.worldbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/BonaFideResidencecriteria.pdf
See also SASCOC below.
- 2) Players may enter this competition without a commitment to continue should they qualify.
- 3) The SABF commits itself to finding ways and means of helping those players who qualify but need additional financial assistance to continue.

More information regarding the Trials is available on the SABF website along with online entry forms.

6.



Many of you will recall that at the beginning of this year I was obliged to ask residents to withdraw from Trials as I was unable to get official confirmation from SASCOC that they would sanction this. A further complication was a general belief that recognition of our federation by the WBF was dependent on our good standing with SASCOC. In the worst scenario then, falling foul of SASCOC could have had dire consequences for us.

In June of this year I raised this matter at the ABF AGM held in Morocco and was assured that our standing with SASCOC had no bearing whatsoever on our standing with the ABF or the WBF. More recently I have now had it on good authority from SASCOC that in practice the rules regarding citizenship apply to all federations entering the Olympics and to those federations whose international governing bodies apply these conditions. In all other situations federations are welcome to field residents but they will not be awarded Springbok colours.

In short this means that residents will now be able to participate in future Trials if they meet the WBF residency criteria, see

www.worldbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/BonaFideResidencecriteria.pdf

Our relationship with SASCOC has never been stronger than it is today, and we need to capitalize on this. If bridge is not to wither and die in this country then we need to plant the seeds of rejuvenation as Western Cape has done in its region, throughout the country. We have a much better chance of succeeding in this mission if we have the support of SASCOC.

7. TO ALL OUR NONAGENARIANS

First of all a hearty congratulations from all of us! This serves as a timely reminder that if on the 1st January 2020 you have reached the wonderful age of 90 (or over), you are entitled to free membership of the SABF. You may already be registered which you can easily check by logging on to sabfonline. If you are a member of our Honorary members Club then you're in. Otherwise you can arrange this through your local club or contact me directly at jgrant@telkomsa.net or telephone 082 800 8211

8. TRIALS FORMAT

One of the challenges we faced in 2019 was finding a format for Trials going forward that satisfied two opposing camps of thought. The first of these groups believes that all trials should be held on a Teams basis as this ensured compatibility of players and thus high morale in the team. The second group favoured Pairs trials as this was the fairest way on selecting the 3 best pairs on form, thus making up the strongest team available. There are a number of further arguments as to whether, in the South African context, the one format is better than the other but the above is the crux of it.

The sub- committee chosen for this task were Bernard Donde, Tim Cope, Kit Gilmour, Di Adrain, Leif-Erik Stabell, Rob Stephens and James Grant, with Neville Eber sitting in the wings should the committee reach a stalemate.

After much discussion the committee reached the following recommendation:

2020 WBF World Teams Championship	Pairs Trials
2021 Bermuda Bowl	Teams Trials
2022 Commonwealth Games	Pairs Trials
2023 Bermuda Bowl	Pairs Trials
2024 WBF	Teams Trials
2025 Bermuda Bowl	Teams Trials
2026 Commonwealth Games	Pairs Trials
2027 Bermuda Bowl	Pairs Trials



The Committee hard at work!

We trust that this will be equally acceptable (or equally disappointing) to both schools of thought. I should add that the above does not form part of our constitution, it is simply a policy which we will follow until a better idea takes its place.

James Grant

THE KNYSNA PRE-OYSTER BRIDGE FESTIVAL JUNE 2019



Heidi Atkinson

This popular pairs' tournament has been going from strength to strength for the last 18 years. It began with a few tables at the former Ashmead Resort, then shifted to the Brenton Community Hall where it took off as a **red point** event.

For the last three years we have held our tournament in our normal premises, the Angling Club right on the lagoon. That is why we re-named it "Pre-Oyster"; the Angling Club had never been available during the town's Oyster Festival due to the fishing competition. Our players welcomed this date shift making it easier to secure flights, accommodation, restaurant bookings and parking!

Once again, Heidi Atkinson of Knysna Duplicate welcomed players from as far as Cape Town, Hermanus, Darling, Johannesburg, Port Alfred, Port Elizabeth, Bedford and of course Plettenberg Bay, Knysna, Wilderness and George.

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We were very thankful to introduce a first-time generous cash sponsorship of R 6 000 by Personal Trust, a reputable South African financial advisory service company with offices in Knysna, who have pledged increased cash prizes for 2010 for the region. Feel free to contact Johann van der Westhuizen at 044 382 2100 for confidential personal advice on your financial matters.

The winners were:

A-Segment		B-Segment		C-Segment	
1 st	Noah Apteker & Bernard Donde, (both Jo'burg)	1 st	Jimmy Potgieter & Duncan Keet (both W. Cape)	1 st	Ingrid Wheeler (Cape Town) & Fred Alger (USA)
2 nd	Robert Stephen (Jo'burg) & Claire Whitburn (Cape Town)	2 nd	Gail & Koos Bezuidenhout (both Wilderness)	2 nd	Lynn Brown and Veronica Barrell (both Cape Town)
3 rd	Aras Apteker (Jo'burg) & Chris Bosenberg (Cape Town))	3 rd	Riekie Louw & Hettie Sterban (both Hermanus)	3 rd	Harm & Maria Jansie (both Darling)

And the photo gallery:

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Noah & Bernard



Chris & Aras



Jimmy & Duncan with Elmarie of Personal Trust



Fred & Ingrid with Elmarie



Lynn & Veronica with Elmarie

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Diarise the weekend of 19-21 June at the Knysna Angling Club.

For more information, write to

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or

'phone

082 776 0238

WESTERN CAPE INTER-SCHOOLS

The Western Cape Bridge Union produces a mammoth 24-page Quarterly, of which the article below is a small, very interesting sample. Check out their full publication on their website; it is well worth it!

The annual Inter-School Tournament took place on Sunday 8th September 2019 at the Bowls section of the Western Province Cricket Club.

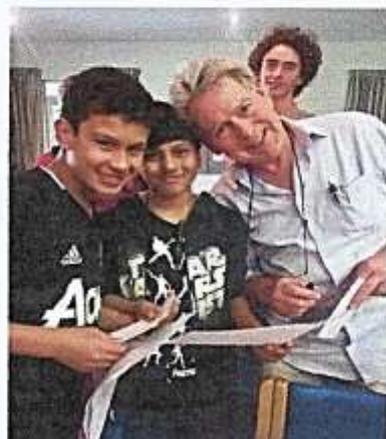
Seven schools / colleges participated - Rustenburg Girls Junior, Wynberg Girls High School, Sunlands Primary School, Grove Primary School, False Bay College, Trafalgar High School, Bridgetown High School.

Eight tables of young bridge players competed for the honour of winning for their school.



The 1st prize went to Rustenburg Girls Junior – Catherine Hayward playing with last year's winner from Wynberg Girls High, Ashleigh Mingo.

The 2nd prize went to Sunlands Primary School – David Kannemeyer playing with Aneeq Arnold.



Kitty Cruise was the organiser of this event, assisted by some members of the Western Cape Bridge Union, including Steve Bunker, WCBU President, who also handed out the prizes.

The 1st prize of R6000 and the 2nd prize of R4000 was donated by our sponsor, Fred Alger. His generosity in sponsoring the prize money is greatly appreciated.



UP AND UP THEY GO!

Here you will find a list of those players who have been promoted into the National and Regional levels since our last report. Sorry, there are just too many to include all the Club and Local Masters. As requested, the list is in alphabetical order of surnames. Congratulations to you all on your achievements!

Geesje Ackerman	Regional Master	Western Cape /WCBU
John Calvert	Regional Master	Benoni Bridge Club/GBU
Ebrahim Cassim	National Master	The Links /GBU
Lucille Cholerton	Regional Master	Le Domain/KZNBU
Stanley Dave	Regional Master	Western Cape /WCBU
Robyn de Biaggi	Regional Master	Western Cape /WCBU
Jennifer Gautschi	Grandmaster	Bridge@Orchards/GBU
Gretha Havermahl	Regional Master	ABC/GBU
Andrew Jacobs	Regional Master	ABC/GBU
Marcia Katz	Regional Master	Plettenberg Bay/SCBU
Helene Levitan	Regional Master	Two Hearts/KZNBU
Richard Marks	Regional Master	Western Cape /WCBU
Gail Meyers	Regional Master	Western Cape /WCBU
Merlyn Munro	Life Master	The Links /GBU
Pat Neumann	Regional Master	Benoni Bridge Club/GBU
Mark Oliff	Gold Life Master	Durban Bridge/KZNBU
Lindel Pammente	Regional Master	KZNBC/KZNBU
Wendy Praetorius	National Life Master	Western Cape /WCBU
Di Rosslee	Gold Life Master	WAFT/GBU
Pat Sims	Regional Master	Outeniqua/SCBU
Greg Spencer	National Master	Two Hearts/KZNBU
Lyn Stoch	Regional Master	Bridge@Orchards/GBU
Alec Stuart	Regional Master	Pretoria/NGBU
Robert Sulcas	Gold Life Master	Western Cape /WCBU
Wendy Tee	National Master	Port Elizabeth/ECBU
Jenny Ten-Bokum	Premier Life Master	KZNBC/KZNBU
Mary Walter	National Life Master	Plettenberg Bay/SCBU
Louise Warner	Regional Master	Western Cape /WCBU
Gloria Webster	National Master	KZNBC/KZNBU
Piet Westra	Regional Master	Western Cape /WCBU
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