



2022 Summer Festival of Bridge

Mixed Pairs and Seniors Teams

Thursday, January 13

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2022 Summer Festival of Bridge entries are closing

Entries close for the TBIB Swiss Pairs <750 and Open Swiss at 7.30pm on Friday 14th January
Entries close for the SWPT at midday on Monday 17th January

Seniors Teams

A field of 26 teams - including a House Team, down six teams from the entries in 2020, commenced today. The format for the two-day Swiss is eight 12-board matches, compared to the nine 20-board matches in 2020, so a big change in format, and of course - no women's teams.

I watched what I thought would be one of the tougher first matches, Hoffman v. Smolanko. There were chances for swings, but they did not eventuate, with just one double digit swing to Smolanko, and one 8 IMP swing to Hoffman, with Smolanko outdoing Hoffman in the partscores, and rounding out the match 24-12, or 13.71 – 6.29 in Smolanko's favour.

Board 1, North deals, nil

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



Smolanko: George Smolanko - George Kozakos, Paul Lavings - Robert Krochmalik

West	North	East	South
Kozakos	Hoffman	Smolanko	Brightling
	pass	1♠	2♦
pass	pass	dbl	all pass

It looked like it was going to be a rocky road for Richard Brightling, but things did not turn out that way.

I do not agree with George Kozakos' ♠K lead on the deal. I have Ron Klinger's good tip "Lead from length when you have trump length" or some such advice, ringing in my ear. George minimised his side's position when this ran around to Brightling's ♠AQ.

Richard started on his better fit, clubs at trick two, and a further error later in the play saw the contract go only one down when it had been booked for three down on a heart to the ace at trick one. The contract was 4♥ at the other table, +420 and 8 IMPs to Hoffman.

Mixed Pairs after four of eight matches

1. Sue O'Brien - Paul Collins 62.17 VPs
2. Ashley Bach - Arlene Dalley 61.53 VPs

Seniors Teams after four of eight matches

1. De Luca: Roger Januszke - Russel Harms - John Zollo - David Lusk - Attilio de Luca 62.20 VPs
2. Jeffery, Les Grewcock - Peer Jeffery - Dennis Zines - Steven Bock 59.20 VPs

Board 4, West deals, all vulnerable

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

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<i>Kozakos</i>	<i>Hoffman</i>	<i>Smolanko</i>	<i>Brightling</i>
1♥	pass	1♠	3♦
3♠	pass	4♠	all pass

Results on this deal hinged on South's bidding style.

Richard chose a 3♦ overcall, and when the opponents rolled into the spade game, David Hoffman had little reason to bid 5♦. Maybe 4♦ is "just right?" North will take the save in 5♦ over 4♠, surely the safest action at IMP play.

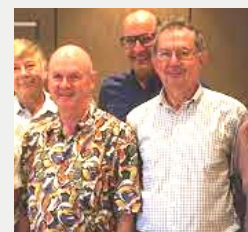
Some Souths chose 5♦ as their first bid, down one on best defence (it even made, doubled at one table). 4♠ is untouchable, as declarer, East is able to lead hearts twice towards dummy after ♦A lead, taking advantage of the split honours and favourable break.

Maybe you think 4♠ can be defeated after an opening ♣Q lead. In this more testing scenario, declarer wins the lead in either hand, cashes a top trump in the East hand and plays a heart to one of dummy's honours. South plays low and North is in with ♥K.

A club is continued to force out the second club honour, and another spade to dummy, followed by a second heart leaves the defence powerless. South is in with ♥A, and declarer loses two hearts and a diamond.

-620 was 12 IMPs to Smolanko when the Hoffman East erred after ♣Q lead. He won ♣A in dummy,

played a spade to hand and a heart to dummy, inserting ♥10 instead of an honour. That gave North two entries to collect a club trick.



*Richard Brightling -
David Hoffman*

Board 12, West deals, NS vulnerable

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

West, George Kozakos opened the West hand 3♦, not an ideal opening by any means, but it gave the opportunity for a double digit swing.

Hoffman bid 3NT, and the spotlight was on East, George Smolanko. It looked like Hoffman was prepared for a diamond lead. Maybe a club would be the killing lead? But no, George led partner's suit, and the contract made 11 tricks rather than seven.

Paul Lavings did not get a diamond preempt, so he was able to open 1♦ (!) and the normal 4♠ contract was reached.

History records that five pairs played 3NT from the North hand, all making 11 tricks.

Nobody led a club, you ask? Yes, one East led a club (the seven), but I'm not going to reveal what happened.

Mixed Pairs

A new event for 2022, a two day, eight round, 12 board Swiss Pairs event started the pairs part of the Summer Festival. 52 table in the Mixed plus 26 in the Seniors Teams is down on 2020 numbers by 14 tables, but then we are used to starting in earnest on the first Wednesday of the Festival fortnight, so apples and oranges.

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