

Bulletin 7
Thursday October 23rd
2026 Spring Nationals – Day 7

The **TBIB Open Teams** finished for most players today. The winners of the Swiss were the **TISLEVOLL** Team (Geo Tislevoll – Jack James – David Hudson – Peter Gill). They qualified in 14th place and were knocked out in the first round of the Knockouts. They then had to play six rounds of Swiss. They averaged 16.89 VPs in those rounds. Second were the **BEAUCHY** Team (Ben THOMPSON – Jamie THOMPSON – David BEAUCHAMP – Ian THOMSON), who dropped out of the Swiss with two rounds to go, and won one match, but lost to Tislevoll in the last round.
The **Linda Stern Women's Teams** event was won by the **DAWSON** Team (Helena Dawson – Avril Zets – Marcia Scudder – Judy Mott).
The **Bobby Evans Seniors' Teams** was won by the **STERN** Team (David Stern – Robert Grynberg – Robert Krochmalik – Brian Bedkober – Tony Leibowitz – Jenny Thompson).
There are still four teams in the Semi-Final playing a 56-Board match tomorrow. Good Luck to **KOZAKOS** versus **OZENIR** in a rematch, and **DALLEY** versus **WATKINS**.

There were Swiss Pairs events concluding today.
The winners of the **Under 1500 MPS Butler Pairs** were **Freddie Zulfiqar & Barry Dalsto**. Second were **Lydia Gibbs & Kevin Murray**.
In the Intermediate division, the winners were **Steven Kemp & Glen Chick**, and the Runners-Up were **Craig Mietzke & Terry Dunne.**

In the **Restricted and Novice Swiss Butler Pairs**, the Restricted winners were **Edward Czarnocki & Brian Craig**. The Runners-Up were **Merle Payne & Anthony Smuts.**
The Novice Winners were **Ron Chen & Jeff Chen.** The second-place Novice pair were **Carolynne Mucharsky & Caroline Nichols**.

Congratulations to all the winners and placegetters.
Good luck to the Semi-Finalists.
Good Luck to all those playing in the Pairs events on the weekend.
Note the start time on Saturday is 10am.
On Sunday it is 9:30am.

TBIB Open Teams

The last two **No-Loss** Teams were Kozakos who defeated Ozenir.

	Set 1	Set 2	*Total*
KOZAKOS	31	50	***81***
OZENIR	17	31	***48***

Kozakos earnt the afternoon off and moved into the Semi-Finals.

Round 3

	Set 1	Set 2	*Total*
STERN	30	28	***58***
HOFFMAN	16	22	***38***
EWART	39	36	***75***
BEAUCHY	30	35	***65***
GIDLEY-BAIRD	14	21	***35***
DALLEY	34	60	***94***
GEDDES	32	17	***49***
WATKINS	31	51	***82***
ZHU	59	20	***79***
KAPLAN	20	29	***49***

Round 4

	Set 1	Set 2	*Total*
OZENIR	52	32	***84***
STERN	18	31	***49***
EWART	26	24	***50***
WATKINS	56	83	***139***
DALLEY	45	37	***82***
ZHU	8	42	***50***

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Place	Name	Total
1	**Tislevoll**	**176.3**
2	Beauchy	166.5
3	Wamped	162.6
4	Hoffman	160.3
5	Fahrer	159.5
6	Geddes	159.0
7	Tutty	158.1
8	Lu	154.6
9	Steffensen	152.0
10	Gidley-Baird	151.9
11	Dawson	151.6
12	Young	150.8
13	Mayo	148.4
14	Askew	147.8
15	Johannsson	146.7
16	Kaplan	145.3
17	Mcmahon	143.5
18	Ushallnotpass	138.6
19	Yoshka	137.5
20	Sebesfi	136.3
21	Brahma	135.8
22	Matheson	135.7
23	Prescott	135.0
24	Cox	130.4
25	Dey	130.2
26	Weaver	129.4
27	Bugeia	128.7
28	Filmer-Ramsay	124.6
29	Beeby	124.4
30	Bloom	123.6
31	Pitt	121.6
32	Ginsberg	117.5
33	Cameron	116.6
34	Palfreyman	115.7
35	Hocking	71.1

TBIB Open Teams

The top four remaining teams play in a 56-Board Semi-Final on Saturday, and then the two winners play in a 56-Board Final on Sunday.

Team	C/F
KOZAKOS	7.5
OZENIR	0

KOZAKOS
George Kozakos – Hugh Grosvenor – Joachim Haffer – Fraser Rew

OZENIR
Serhat Ozenir – Catherine Zhang – Chris Hughes – Cevat Emul

Team	C/F
DALLEY	0
WATKINS	0

DALLEY
Paul Dalley – Tony Nunn – Ashley Bach – Sophie Ashton

WATKINS
Heath Watkins – Nick Jacob – Zachary Yan – Lysandra Zheng – Leon Meier

Interesting Teams Hands

Will Jenner-O'Shea

Once again, the boards in the morning were quite distributional, and a few very strong hands.

Here are some of the highlights from Swiss Round 12 (Friday morning first match).

Board 5
Dealer N
Vul N-S

	♠ KT95 ♥ T764 ♦ 92 ♣ T94	
♠ A742 ♥ Q ♦ QJ8754 ♣ AK	D 5	♠ Q6 ♥ KJ932 ♦ AKT ♣ Q76
	♠ J83 ♥ A85 ♦ 63 ♣ J8532	

Will		*Steve*	
W	***N***	***E***	***S***
--	P	1NT	P
2♣*	P	2♥	P
3♦*	P	5♦	P
6♦	//		

Steve, East, opened a 14-16 1NT>
I bid 2♣, Simple Stayman, which is my favourite commonly played convention!
Steve bid 2♥ (showing 4+ Hearts).
I bid 3♦.
This implies 4 Spades, and shows usually 5+ Diamonds, with an unbalanced, game going hand.
Steve jumped to 5♦, which took away my option of asking for Keycards.

I bid 6♦, which was the best slam.
6NT by East will go down on a Spade lead, since North will be able to win their King, either at trick one or when South gets the Ace of Hearts.
It's hard to see, but 6NT by West has some problems with establishing the Hearts, and untangling the Clubs and getting back and forth between the hands.

Interesting Teams Hands

Will Jenner-O'Shea

This was another amazing hand from the same match:

Board 11
Dealer S
Vul None

	♠ 962 ♥ J86 ♦ 95 ♣ 87652	
♠ AQ5 ♥ A ♦ AKQJ83 ♣ AK9	11 D	♠ T4 ♥ QT953 ♦ 7642 ♣ J4
	♠ KJ873 ♥ K742 ♦ T ♣ QT3	

Will		*Steve*	
W	***N***	***E***	***S***
--	--	---	P
2♣*	P	2♦*	P
3♦	P	3♥	P
3♠	P	5♦	P
6♦	//		

I opened 2♣, and when Steve responded 2♦, I bid my Diamond suit and later raised him to 6♦. Quite the strong Dummy!

Our opponents weren't deprived of all the fun, they got to play this one, again from the same match.

Board 10
Dealer E
Vul Both

	♠ T94 ♥ 43 ♦ K864 ♣ Q532	
♠ Q52 ♥ K52 ♦ Q9753 ♣ 98	10 D	♠ J763 ♥ J98 ♦ JT2 ♣ T76
	♠ AK8 ♥ AQT76 ♦ A ♣ AKJ4	

Leon		*Zachary*	
W	***N***	***E***	***S***
--	--	P	2♣*
P	2♦*	P	2♥*
P	2♠*	P	3♣
P	3NT	P	4NT
P	6♣	//	

South's 2♥ bid was a convention called Kokish Relay and has two meanings. It forces partner to bid 2♠, then the 3♣ bid showed 5+ hearts and 4+ Clubs. 4NT was Inviting slam (partner might have nothing). Good 6♣ bid by Leon.



David Stern presents the Linda Stern Trophy (Best Women's Team) to Marcia Scudder, Helena Dawson, Avril Zets and Judy Mott



Our incredible Directing Team: Matt McManus, Alan Bustany, John McIlrath, Jeff Carberry, Kevin Hughes, Ronnie Ng

Butler Pairs – Under 1500 MP

Rank	Names	Total
1	Steven Kemp – Glen Chick	111.47
2	Freddie Zulfiqar – Barry Dalsto	108.30
3	Lydia Gibbs – Kevin Murray	103.29
4	Craig Mietzke – Terry Dunne	99.97
5	Hamid Sadigh – Siamak Parsanejad	92.71
6	Julie Guthrie – Mark Guthrie	92.32
7	Cheryl Henke – Julie Hamilton	91.88
8	Rhonda Khong – Paul Smith	91.30
9	Lalita Kanetkar – Susan Mcmahon	89.16
10	Frank Hardiman – Andrew Grace	87.20
11	Jean Hydleman – Ralph Edwards	86.17
12	Peter Schmidt – John Rivers	85.52
13	Nerida Gillies – Sandy Carter	83.05
14	Neil Williams – Elizabeth Neil	82.96
15	Frances Garrick – Lois Chambers	81.88
16	Garry Viner – Tony White	77.88
17	David Cumming – Mike Morrissey	77.36
18	Alec Gillespie – Dennis Raymond	75.66
19	John Cummings – David Marshall	75.14
20	Max Gilbert – Kathy Gilbert	73.51
21	Lucy D'Ambrosio – Michael Jackson	72.19
22	Sachiko Cathcart – Annegrete Kolding	71.47
23	Robyn Noach – Alan Cransberg	70.25
24	Glenda Parmenter – Barbara O'Shea	70.12
25	Denise Barnes – Rosa Pang	69.84
26	Gail Mckenzie – Michael Young	69.77
27	Felicity Wivell – Anne Fyfe	68.48
28	Stuart Schon – Maeve Doyle	66.12
29	Marie Pickering – Dave Gallagher	60.65
30	Neville Hind – Patricia Mcdonald	60.36
31	Mukesh Parekh – Paul Stebbing	59.26
32	Yulia Koh – Miriam O'Brien	54.76

Restricted and Novice Swiss Butler Pairs

Butler Pairs – Restricted/Novice

Rank	Names	Total
1	Edward Czarnocki – Brian Craig	104.91
2	Ron Chen – Jeff Chen	102.14
3	Merle Payne – Anthony Smuts	98.49
4	Michael Green – Vibeke Faurby	94.40
5	Shane Grogan – Tim Jackson	91.24
6	Elena Rochtchina – Oleg Glushchenko	89.78
7	Carolynne Mucharsky – Caroline Nichols	88.88
8	Zhan Wan – Joseph Cheng	88.62
9	Owen Aubrey – Mark Bloxham	87.66
10	Neil Mcmaster – Jennifer Bissett	80.66
11	Gordon Travers – Holly Li-Johnston	80.48
12	Nicolette Bartoli – Sue Cohen	79.36
13	Helen Gillam – Micki Summers	76.95
14	Satha Arumanayagam – Thomas Karsai	75.00
15	David Kenny – Kathleen Kenny	73.53
16	Denise Nicholson – Michael Braham	72.50
17	Kenny Su – Sherry Wang	72.04
18	Peter Koorey – Tien Chey	71.98
19	Peter Wood – Ros Selley	37.48
20	Sucheta Sarkar – Sam Sarkar	33.90

Prize-winners Photos



Second in the Novice Pairs
Caroline Nichols, presented by Lalita Kanetkar, with Carolynne Mucharsky



Restricted Pairs Winners
Brian Craig & Edward Czarnocki, presented by Lalita Kanetkar



Novice Pairs Winners
Ron & Jeff Chen, presented by Lalita Kanetkar



Under 750 MP Pairs Second Place
Terry Dunne & Craig Mietzke, presented by Michael Green



Under 750 MP Pairs Winners Glen Chick & Steven Kemp, presented by Michael Green



Mini-Monday players returned to the Novice Pairs. Peter Wood, with Convenor Shannon, and Ros Selley They are at their second ever National!



Under 1500 MP Pairs Winners Barry Dalsto & Freddie Zulfiqar, presented by Michael Green



One of the Team T-Shirts from the U SHALL NOT PASS Team. A few people could have used this T-shirt this week!

Some Questions

Nick Hughes

Board 9
Dealer N
Vul E-W

	♠ A8 ♥ Q87 ♦ 7 ♣ JT96432	
♠ QT9764 ♥ K652 ♦ J ♣ K7	D 9	♠ K52 ♥ A4 ♦ AKQT42 ♣ Q8
	♠ J3 ♥ JT93 ♦ 98653 ♣ A5	

On Five-of-a-Major to ask for a control in their suit.

Will		*Steve*	
W	***N***	***E***	***S***
--	3♣	X	P
4♠	P	5♠*	P
P	P		

Despite having one, I passed, since my hand was not good.

We had the same auction as Will up to 5♠. Nicoleta bid 6♠ because she had a Club control.

Is that right or wrong? It's right if I have a better hand, say the same with the ♠A on top. Then 6♠ is a quick claim.

Perhaps East is not worth 5♠, though it just needs partner to have ♠-AQxxx(x) and a Club control. Too much to hope for?

While 4♠ over the double looks right, there is the usual danger of partner getting over-excited.

Will: Playing with Steve, he is always a little optimistic. Sometimes I take the low road
This auction is also very jammed up for space, so it might not be as pure as you would hope for.
For example, if West had the following Spades
AQ643 there could be a bad break (not unlikely after a pre-empt).

Some Questions

Nick Hughes

I had a King-Jack guess on Wednesday – Round 6.

Board 17
Dealer N
Vul None

	♠ QJT84 ♥ 642 ♦ Q8 ♣ T87	
♠ A ♥ A953 ♦ JT3 ♣ AK954	D 17	♠ K2 ♥ QJT7 ♦ K74 ♣ QJ32
	♠ 97653 ♥ K8 ♦ A9652 ♣ 6	

We had a bad auction to reach the poor 6♥. North had doubled a 3♠ cue-bid, so South led one.

I crossed to ♣Q to draw trumps, then played some black cards to come down to the diamond guess.
♦J-8-K-sigh. Just another 22 IMP swing.
Tell me why I should have got it right.

Hmmm… this is a tricky one.
North asked for Spade lead, and doesn't have the Ace or King of Spades.
This is not a bad idea holding something like QJT+, since if partner leads a Spade it won't be giving anything away. That is often the goal of Opening Leads!
With no Ace or King, surely they have a five+ card Spade suit.
I can't think of many clues, but perhaps a hand like:

♠ QJT84
♥ 642
♦ A8
♣ T87

might qualify for a "modern Weak Two"?

If they were young and reckless, perhaps they would have bid with this hand, but not with the actual hand. If North had six Spades (you can't know), then the 5 HCP hand is much more likely than the 7 HCP hand, which would be a routine 2♥ opening.

I'm clutching at straws a bit.
Be luckier?

Useful Conventions With Will – Two Over One

Reverses in Two-Over-One Auctions

Most people play that a two-level reverse does not promise extra points after a Two-Over-One Response

(Opener) ***(Responder)***
1♥ 2♣ (4+♣, Game Forcing)
2♠

In this auction, 2♠ just shows 5+ Hearts, and 4 Spades, and possibly a minimum opening hand.
Not everyone plays this way, but this is what I recommend.

Two-Over-One players have different ideas about a three-level reverse.

(Opener) ***(Responder)***
1♠ 2♦ (4+♦, Game Forcing)
3♣

There are three different ways to play this.

Some people play that this could be 5+Spades and 4+Clubs and minimum points.

Others play that it shows some extra points, say 15+, and could be 5/4+.

Others play that it shows 5+Spades and 4+ Clubs and 14+ points, but with a 5/5+ shaped hand it could be a minimum hand.
This is what I recommend. A three-level Reverse shows a little bit extra in either points or shape.

Bidding space is valuable, and bidding at the three-level takes up a lot of that space. It can be hard for Responder to bid next.

If you play that a three-level Reverse does show extra points (and/or shape), then you need to agree what to bid with a Reversing shaped hand, but a minimum.
This is the other scenario that I recommend that Opener rebidding their suit doesn't promise six-cards.
Example auction:

(Opener) ***(Responder)***
1♥ 2♦ (4+♦, Game Forcing)
2♥ 2NT
3♣

2♥ might only be a five-card suit. Bidding Clubs next shows 4+ Clubs, but not suitable for a Reverse.

Useful Conventions With Will – Two Over One

Example 9

	♠ JT4 ♥ Q4 ♦ AKT76 ♣ KT9	
♠ 65 ♥ K862 ♦ J52 ♣ A864		♠ A972 ♥ 93 ♦ Q843 ♣ 732
	♠ KQ83 ♥ AJT75 ♦ 9 ♣ QJ5	

W	*N*	*E*	*S*
--	--	--	1♥
P	2♦	P	2♠*
P	2NT*	P	3NT
P	P	P	

*2♠: After a Two-Over-One Response, this is not a Reverse.
*2NT: Game Forcing, waiting for more information.

If South had a sixth-Heart, or a Diamond fit, they could have shown it along the way.

The Play (3NT by North):
Declarer has good stoppers in all four suits, so the Defenders can't easily win many tricks. Declarer can establish up to 4 Heart tricks, and three Spade tricks. There are two top Diamonds, and the possibility to win two Club tricks.
By playing Hearts and Spades first, Declarer can probably establish enough tricks to make their game.

Useful Conventions With Will – Two Over One

Example 10

	♠ Q532 ♥ 6432 ♦ 63 ♣ T54	
♠ AKJT6 ♥ T ♦ T8 ♣ KQJ96		♠ 8 ♥ A97 ♦ AKQ95 ♣ A872
	♠ 974 ♥ KQJ85 ♦ J742 ♣ 3	

W	N	E	S
1♠	P	2♦	P
3♣*	P	4♣*	P
4♥*	P	4NT	P
5♠*	P	5NT	P
6♠*	P	7♣	P
P	P		

*3♣: Not a full Reverse, but some extra points and/or shape
*4♣: Sets Clubs as trumps
*4♥: Heart control (no Diamond)
*5♠: 2 Keycards (♣) and the ♣Q
6♠: Shows the ♠K

Slam Bidding in a minor is always a bit tricky, but East-West might find their way to 6♣ or maybe 7♣.

The Play (6♣ by West):
Declarer can easily make 12 tricks in 6♣ by drawing trumps and ruffing on Spade in Dummy.
There are two chances for a 13th trick. Declarer can play Diamonds and ruff one to establish the long Diamond trick, or potentially establish a Spade (or ruff two in Dummy).
East-West have a chance to bid and make 7♣!
In the bidding, East-West might also bid to 6NT or 7NT which are likely to go down on a Heart lead.

With slam bidding, aim to bid the safest slam (could be a minor suit) rather than what you think is the highest scoring slam.

Useful Conventions With Will – Two Over One

Joan Butts and Ted Griffin were one of only two pairs to bid this slam from Day 2 – Mixed Pairs – Round 6.

Board 23
Dealer S
Vul Both

	♠ K ♥ J984 ♦ AKQ52 ♣ K75	
♠ J542 ♥ AT653 ♦ 98 ♣ 84	23 D	♠ 973 ♥ K72 ♦ JT6 ♣ QJT6
	♠ AQT86 ♥ Q ♦ 743 ♣ A932	

They bid the hand as follows.

	Ted		*Joan*
W	***N***	***E***	***S***
--	--	--	1♠
P	2♦	P	3♣
P	3♥*	P	4♦
P	4NT	P	5♥
X	6♦	//	

They had discussed and agreed that Opener always bids out their shape.
A three-level Reverse does not show extra points.
Joan (South) Opened 1♠, and Ted bid 2♦ (Game Forcing). Joan bid 3♣ (5+♠, 4+♣) and Ted bid 3♥, Fourth-Suit Forcing, fishing for 3NT.
When Joan bid 4♦, Ted assumed that she held something like:
5♠, 4♣, 3♦, and therefore at most a singleton Heart.
With no wasted Heart points, Ted asked for Keycards and then bid 6♦.
He received the King of Hearts lead and lost trick one, but then ruffed two Hearts in Dummy. Well played.

Convenor's Corner

Today I handed out random prizes based on Round 11 of the Swiss yesterday. The recipients know exactly why they were chosen; everyone else is left in a state of mild confusion — which is precisely the magic of the arbitrary convenor prizes.

Some say it's mysterious. Some say it's whimsical. I say no correspondence shall be entered into.....



Convenor Shannon calling everyone to attention to start the day.

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