

# The Hague Bridge Experience

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**Marjo Chorus & Jos Jacobs - N/S  
Winners**



**Gerard Rietveld & Herman  
Drenkelford - E/W Winners**



**Vincent de Pagter & Fred de Wilde -  
Second N/S**



**Mark Thiele & Maarten Kokkes -  
Second E/W**

Sunday saw 52 pairs compete in the Butler Pairs. On the North South line **Marjo Chorus and Jos Jacobs** took first place with 94 IMPs, second were **Vincent de Pagter and Fred de Wilde** on a score of 87 and **M. Boudewijn and H. Barneveld** took third place with 86. The East West line was headed by **Gerard Rietveld and Herman Drenkelford** with 71 IMPs, second were **Mark Thiele and Maarten Kokkes** with 53 and the third place was taken by **Erik van Egmond and Danny Molenaar** on a score of 47.

Monday and Tuesday are days of rest. We will come back to The Holland Casino on Wednesday 17 August for the two-day Knock-out pairs. Followed by the Pro-Am on Friday, with the Open Pairs and Teams over the weekend.

# Welkom en veel plezier.

Namens de 's-Gravenhaagsche Bridge School heet ik iedereen van harte welkom bij Nederlands oudste en grootste bridgefestival The Hague Bridge Experience

Nieuwe naam, nieuwe locatie, nieuwe sponsors en nieuw elan. Den Haag terug op de nationale en internationale bridgekalender, dat is het doel waarnaar wij streven. Samen laten we oude tijden herleven in Scheveningen.

Er is met een grote groep mensen flink nagedacht over hoe ons bridgefestival er uit moest komen te zien en dit is het resultaat. Verschillende speelvormen, in het eerste gedeelte van de week met een enigszins recreatief karakter, midweeks om het wedstrijdbridge onder Haagse verenigingen te stimuleren en het laatste weekend voor de echte wedstrijd bridgers.

De formule slaat aan, met nog een week te gaan is het tweede weekend volledig volgeboekt. Laat sportiviteit de boventoon voeren zoals ieder jaar en geniet optimaal van het bridgen en alles wat Den Haag verder te bieden heeft.

The Hague Bridge Experience

Hans Metselaar

## De no show van Zia Mahmood.

Maandenlang was er e-mail contact tussen de organisatie en 's werelds bekendste bridger. Enige tijd geleden is de afspraak gemaakt dat Zia het laatste weekend zou spelen en wij waren zeer verguld, wie kun je beter hebben dan deze uiterst populaire speler.

Zijn afzeggen sloeg in als een bom en zette ons meteen weer met beide benen op de grond. De professionalisering heeft reeds lang zijn intrede gedaan in bridge en met deze formule en het bescheiden prijzengeld krijg je de handen gewoon niet op elkaar. Een duidelijk signaal waar we iets mee moeten doen. Daarom zal volgend jaar het programma aangepast worden en het prijzengeld voor het tweede weekend substantieel verhoogd.

## Programma The Hague Bridge Experience, 12 tot en met 20 augustus 2017.

Zaterdag 12 augustus Gemengde Paren

Zondag 13 augustus Open Paren

Woensdag 16 augustus Knock Out Paren

Donderdag 17 augustus Knock Out Paren

Vrijdag 18 augustus Pro Am

Zaterdag 19 augustus Viertallen

Zondag 20 augustus Viertallen

Zet deze datums vast in uw agenda.

## Het Viertallen Toernooi 19 en 20 augustus 2017.

Op zaterdag spelen 48 viertallen in 6 groepen van 8 een plaatsingsronde. Op zondag worden de finales gehouden, ook in groepen. Het leuke van deze formule is dat ook teams uit de hoofdklasse of de tweede divisie met goed fatsoen mee kunnen doen, tenslotte worden de prijzen pas zondags vergeven!

Ik denk nog met veel plezier terug aan het Caransa en het Forbo toernooi. Als veredelde hoofdklasser spelen tegen het Blue Team met Garozzo Belladonna om slechts een naam te noemen. We gaan er alles aan doen om dit toernooi zo aantrekkelijk mogelijk te maken voor de huidige wereldtop om u de gelegenheid te bieden er zelf optimaal van te genieten.

Wie kwam er niet naar Des Indes om te kijken naar de wereldsterren. U krijgt de gelegenheid om met en tegen ze te spelen! Is het niet tijdens het toernooi dan wel tijdens de Pro Am.

We houden u op de hoogte van onze vorderingen.

## Bridgen staat voor een zware taak.

In een maatschappij die enorm onderhevig is aan snelle veranderingen staan we als bridgers voor de taak onze hobby, onze passie, door te geven aan volgende generaties. Wat een klus! Dat lukt pas wanneer we het spelletje interessant genoeg maken voor niet ingewijden om er überhaupt eens naar te kijken. "Wat maakt bridge zo interessant?" Vroeg Frank de dj van Radio 3FM aan Hans Metselaar bij het radio interview afgelopen vrijdagmiddag.

"Goede seks!" was het stellige antwoord. Daar werd flink om gelachen en op gereageerd door een aantal luisteraars, maar Hans was bloedserieus. "Net als bij iedere gemengde sport ontstaan er aan de bridgetafel relaties en vriendschappen voor het leven." Veel verder kwamen ze niet Hans en Frank, maar wie weet pakken andere media het op en krijgen we de kans ons spelletje op een leuke manier onder de aandacht te brengen.

En mocht u binnenkort uit geheel onverwachte hoek vragen krijgen over hoe en waar men kan leren bridgen dan weet u in ieder geval waar het door komt.

The winner of the NorthSouth line in the Butler Pairs, Jos Jacobs, sent me this report.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vulnerable.

	♠ 8		
	♥ 9876		
	♦ Q1042		
	♣ AK83		
♠ 102		<div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">N</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">W</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">E</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">S</div>	♠ AKQ76
♥ K4			♥ QJ10
♦ A965			♦ 873
♣ Q10754			♣ J2
	♠ J9543		
	♥ A532		
	♦ KJ		
	♣ 96		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Worm</i>	<i>Jacobs</i>	<i>van Os</i>	<i>Chorus</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

Some pairs tigers ventured a second-round double of 1NT with the North hand, which led to an excellent matchpoint score of +140 for them in 2♥. The N/S runners-up De Wilde – De Pagter were among them. Real tigers would sit the double and defeat it by one trick for a magical +200

A number of E/W pairs went down in 1NT. If declarer starts off by playing the spades from the top, nothing special is required from the defenders. At our table, the general standard of play was much higher. North led the ♥9, dummy's ten winning. Declarer then made the fine move of playing a low spade off dummy, on which South, after overcoming her surprise, had to play her jack. When she continued with the ♦K, declarer was in trouble. After some thought, he won the ace, tried the ♥K and when South ducked this too, continued the ♠10. When North did not follow suit, declarer's chances of coming to seven tricks were legitimately gone and so it proved. He overtook the ♠10 and went on to cash his top spades, North shedding two clubs and a heart but when he next came off dummy with a club, the defenders had the rest: two top clubs, two hearts, the last spade and the ♦J about which a slightly disappointed North commented: "A pity you had ♦KJ rather than ♦Kx which would have made the shift even finer."

# Butler Pairs - First Session

On Sunday we started the Butler Pairs, though I could find no sign of Jeeves and Hudson as a pair. I watched boards 16, 17, 18 for three rounds and then I moved to B7 to watch the boards pass me by. I was to watch Marcus Been and Chris van Gestel for five rounds, in fact until they had played boards 16, 17 and 18. I chose a good hand for my first foray to table B7.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vulnerable.


	♠ 3												
	♥ AJ1065												
	♦ AKQ106												
	♣ 84												
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	N												
W		E											
	S												
♥ —		♥ K873											
♦ —		♦ 8753											
♣ AJ1073		♣ Q65											
	♠ 72												
	♥ Q942												
	♦ J942												
	♣ K92												
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>										
2♣*	2♥	Pass	3♥										
3♠	4♥	Double	Pass										
5♣	All Pass												
2♣	Game-forcing												

This is a test for partnership understandings. I wonder how many of you have discussed auctions after a game-forcing opening and a barrage from the opposition. What should East's initial Pass mean? It was not alerted at my table. What would a Double have meant? I think no one was more surprised than West when his 5♣ bid was passed. Whatever the merits or demerits of the auction it was 10 IMPs to North South. Checking the frequencies on this deal I found one instance where North South played in 5♦X. I cannot imagine holding the West cards that I would allow the opposition to be playing the hand. As you can see with ten of spades as an entry and the king of clubs onside with a 3-2 break in the suit, thirteen tricks were not difficult to come by, though only half the field managed this feat. Obviously those playing in clubs would not risk crossing to dummy in spades and taking a club finesse, but a significant proportion of those playing in spades only made twelve tricks. Of course the grand slam is not a good proposition, less than twenty per cent.

For our organiser, Hans Metselaar with his partner Allie Hoensyok the board was very memorable, but not for a good result. At their table West opened an agricultural 6♠ and North believing him tried 7♦ but this just goaded West into bidding one more. They were the only pair to bid the grand slam, so did they score the most points? No, for at one table the contract was 6♠XX making plus one for a score 2470 as opposed to 2210 for 7♠.

The next board gave declarer a chance to show he could take every possibility to make his contract At Butler scoring the emphasis is of course on making your contract, whilst overtrick IMPs are welcome the lose of a cold game for gambling for that extra trick does not stack up with the odds, as a general rule it is safety first at this type of scoring.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vulnerable.

	♠ K32 ♥ K6 ♦ 32 ♣ AK6432		
♠ A5 ♥ 10752 ♦ Q864 ♣ QJ8		♠ Q10764 ♥ J83 ♦ K75 ♣ 108	
	♠ J98 ♥ AQ94 ♦ AJ109 ♣ 75		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
–	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

After a standard bidding sequence North received the lead of ♠4 won by West's ace who returned the suit. North ducked and won the third round with is king. There are several lines open to declarer, your grand mother would cash the ace and king of clubs and play a third round and would make plus one. Whilst practical in its approach it is not the best line as you will fail if it is East who has the long clubs. The other possibilities include playing the clubs from dummy if West palys the queen duck the trick, Taking two finesses in diamonds and hopie for split honours with East holding honour third and then you hope that the J10 of hearts are trebleton.

Declarer's first move was to a small diamond towrds dummy with the nine losing to the queen. West tried a mildly deceptive small club which declarer took with the ace.and took a successful second finesse of the diamond suit. He is now up to eight tricks and the ninth can come from three suits. He should now cash the ace diamonds and if the king drops (which it does in this case) he is home free. If East urns up with four diamonds then according to the law of vacant places West is odds on to hold more clubs that East (he has seen nine pointedcards in East's hand as aoposed to five in West) so he should cash the other high club. If both opponents follow then he takes a deep breath and plays a third round for West to win and again he has his contract. Should Eastt discard (West won't as it would mean he had seven hearts and did not speak non-vulnerable) then you are reduced to playing for the J10 of hearts to be trebleton.

As you can see it is almost impossible to fail with the actual layout of the cards, though of course there was one pair who proved me wrong.

The boards 16, 17 and 18 were not the most exiting though looking at the frequencies on often wonders if the cards in the boards bore any resemblance to those given in the hand diagrams. I shall quickly look at board 17. As we shall see, there are ten easy tricks in hearts But ten out of the eighteen who played in hearts failed in that mission.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vulnerable.

	♠ 5	
	♥ J7	
	♦ AK10652	
	♣ K943	
♠ K986	N W    E S	♠ AJ7
♥ K10985		♥ AQ4
♦ J		♦ Q74
♣ A86		♣ J1052
	♠ Q10432	
	♥ 632	
	♦ 983	
	♣ Q7	

At most tables North started with 1♦, though I did see someone try 3♦ which failed horribly when partner raised to five and was promptly doubled - slated for three off declarer lost a trick in the play and with it 800 and 11 IMPs.

Against a heart contract the standard lead was North's singleton spade, most declarers inserted the jack for the queen and king. If declarer now just draws trumps and plays the jack of diamonds what can North do? He has no spade to lead, if he continues diamonds he sets up a trick for dummy's queen and his third option of a club lets declarer put up the ten in from dummy and capture South's queen, allowing him to lead up to dummy's jack for the tenth trick. The error most declarers seemed to make was to set up a spade trick by playing ace and another before exiting with the jack of diamonds. This basically removed dummy's entry and allowed the defence to play two rounds of diamonds and then declarer had to play clubs himself from hand.

On the following hand North missed a chance when defending.

3NT.Board 14. Dealer East. None Vulnerable.

	♠ Q63	
	♥ J	
	♦ QJ9732	
	♣ AQ10	
♠ K87	N W    E S	♠ AJ95
♥ AK8		♥ 7653
♦ K1054		♦ A8
♣ 543		♣ K76
	♠ 1042	
	♥ Q10942	
	♦ 6	
	♣ J982	

After the auction 1cx-1dx-1hx-3NT North elected to lead the queen of diamonds won in dummy with the ace. Declarer now ran the jack of spades to North's queen, not the normal play but maybe West needed some good results to finish the round. North now tried the jack of hearts which declarer ducked. North was at the crossroads. I know the card I would lead was the queen of clubs - probably the right card but certainly the most exciting and on this layout would have guaranteed the defeat of the contract, even if declarer has the club jack, if partner has another trick he will continue clubs and you will triumph.

# Standings after First Session

Pos	Name	IMPs	Pos	Name	IMPs
1	Gerard Rietveld & Herman Drenkelford	66	26	Annemieke Poort & Jack van Voorn	-1
2	Michiel Boudewijn & Hermjan Barneveld	50	26	Arnoud van Veen & Greetje Keukeler	-1
3	Mark Thiele & Maarten Kokkes	45	29	Hendrik Bijker & Dennis Kruis	-3
4	Rudi van Mol & Inge Schildermans	40	30	Cees Harinck & Paul Boers	-4
5	Gerrit Ros & Pierre Speiser	35	31	Marc Been & Chris van Gestel	-5
5	Marjo Chorus & Jos Jacobs	35	32	Chiel Beukers & Arend Jan Schoenmaker	-6
7	Yngve Lamo & Rosaline Barendregt	24	33	Hugo Rutgers & Erik Slump	-8
8	Dennis Stuurman & Roefi Vilier	23	34	A. Moerenhout & E. van Bokkum	-9
9	Louk Herber & Jan Meijer	20	35	Daniëlle de Jong & Jan de Jong	-11
9	Ada van Benthem & Frank van Benthem	20	36	Thea Willemse & Niki Pfeiffer	-12
11	Pim Coppens & Gé Schellen	19	36	Roelof Santing & Christa Feddema	-12
12	Jan Jansma & Aida Jansma	18	36	Sahar Ouda & Hans Kreuning	-12
13	Frank Veger & Aris Verburgh	17	39	Mark Bakker & Heike Leijnse	-15
14	Sjoerd Zandvoort & Boelie Hooites	16	40	Koos Vrieze & Marina Witvliet	-16
15	Rene den Hoed & Heidy Poolman	15	41	Andries van der Vegt & Geert Nieman	-20
15	Rob Donkersloot & Aris Bremer	15	42	Harry Burmania & Bas Groot	-21
15	Vincent de Pagter & Fred de Wilde	15	43	Wiveca Jongeneel & Jos Winkelman	-22
18	Reint Meijer & Rob Faase	13	44	Jan van Cleeff & Bob Drake	-23
19	Maarten van Os & Peter-Paul Worm	11	45	Wisse Huvers & Emile Schols	-28
20	Erik van Egmond & Danny Molenaar	9	46	Ivar de Hoogt & Rob Jagroop	-32
21	Frits den Haring & Edie van Os	6	46	Steph Breukel & Janny Pijnenburg	-32
22	Hans Metselaar & Allie Hoenstok	5	48	Onno Janssens & Marten la Haye	-34
23	Maxim Faber & Irene Brulleman	3	49	Ruth Murkes & Veronique Nieuwenhuys	-41
24	Raymond v Dortmund & Leendert Paape	2	50	Kees v Schenk Brill & Jannes van 't Oever	-45
24	Frank Bakkeren & Rietje Malestein	2	51	Gerard IJsebrands & Hans de Brieder	-46
26	Thijs Bergers & Leonie van der Arend	-1	52	Eduardo Fernondos & Ria Bartelomij	-60



**The Players in The Holland Casino for the Butler Pairs**

# Butler Pairs - Second Session

Since before the year 2000 I have attended many tournaments working on the Daily Bulletin. Today is the first time I have the opportunity to kibitz about one of the Bulletin team, viz. Jos Jacobs. With Jos lying in fifth place a good second session could see him in the money and me a story. He is playing with Marjo Chorus, also a frequent visitor to European and World Championships as a journalist and thus well known to me. They gave me an interesting story.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vulnerable.

	♠ Q652	
	♥ 96	
	♦ Q93	
	♣ Q632	
♠ A108		♠ KJ743
♥ KQ		♥ A108
♦ J1054		♦ A65
♣ J1054		♣ 97
	♠ 9	
	♥ J75432	
	♦ K72	
	♣ AK8	

Jacobs and Chorus did not seem to have a great opportunity on this hand as the opponents subsided in 2♠ when 4♠ makes on a non-heart lead (we will discuss the play in 4♠ later) Chorus got off to the best start by leading a heart forcing declarer to win in dummy. Declarer now cashed the ace of trumps and noted the drop of ♠9 from South. Perhaps believing an old saying that 'the queen lies with the nine' declarer now led a small spade to the king and was disappointed to see South discard a heart. Declarer now crossed to dummy with a heart and tried the diamond jack ducked to South's King. Chorus now gave Jacobs a heart ruff and he cashed the queen of spades before exiting with a club. Chorus cashed both the ace and king of clubs, playing a third round forcing declarer to ruff and he was left with a diamond loser to fail by one trick. 7 IMPs to Chorus and Jacobs.

Let us examine the play in 4♠ after interference by South in hearts. On a heart lead declarer has no chance (the lead takes out early an important entry to dummy) other than an egregious defensive error. No one other than a results merchant would criticise South for leading a high club honour and following up with a heart to dummy. Declarer's plan must be to set up a club to discard a diamond loser. After the interference by South the odds must favour North having the trump length. Declarer must husband entries to dummy both to set up a club trick and be able to get to it. Thus to tackle trumps he must start with a small towards hand and inserting the jack and note the fall of the nine. The only continuation for declarer is to play the nine of clubs. If South takes his king then declarer can take a ruffing finesse against North's queen and if he ducks the declarer can ruff out South's king. Assuming South takes the trick and gets off lead with a heart, declarer now takes the ruffing finesse against North and then enters dummy with the ace of trumps. He then cashes the established club discarding a losing diamond and leads the ten of spades and comes to ten tricks.



# Standings after Final Session

Pos	Name - N/S Line	IMPs	Pos	Name - E/W Line	IMPs
1	Marjo Chorus & Jos Jacobs	94	1	Gerard Rietveld & Herman Drenkelford	71
2	Vincent de Pagter & Fred de Wilde	87	2	Mark Thiele & Maarten Kokkes	53
3	Michiel Boudewijn & Hermjan Barneveld	86	3	Erik van Egmond & Danny Molenaar	47
4	Louk Herber & Jan Meijer	44	4	Rudi van Mol & Inge Schildermans	36
5	Rob Donkersloot & Aris Bremer	33	5	Daniëlle de Jong & Jan de Jong	35
-6	Gerrit Ros & Pierre Speiser	23	6	Maarten van Os & Peter-Paul Worm	22
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8	Jan Jansma & Aida Jansma	16	8	Dennis Stuurman & Roefi Vilier	18
9	Koos Vrieze & Marina Witvliet	15	9	Pim Coppens & Gé Schellen	16
10	Ada van Benthem & Frank van Benthem	12	10	Sjoerd Zandvoort & Boelie Hooites	10
11	Rene den Hoed & Heidy Poolman	11	11	Reint Meijer & Rob Faase	8
12	Kees van Schenk Brill & Jannes van 't Oever	6	-12	Annemieke Poort & Jack van Voorn	7
13	Arnoud van Veen & Greetje Keukeler	5	-12	Chiel Beukers & Arend Jan Schoenmaker	7
14	Yngve Lamo & Rosaline Barendregt	0	-14	Sahar Ouda & Hans Kreuning	-2
-15	Jan van Cleeff & Bob Drake	-2	-14	Harry Burmania & Bas Groot	-2
-15	Roelof Santing & Christa Feddema	-2	-14	Steph Breukel & Janny Pijnenburg	-2
17	Andries van der Vegt & Geert Nieman	-3	17	Thea Willemse & Niki Pfeiffer	-8
-18	Frank Bakkeren & Rietje Malestein	-16	18	Wiveca Jongeneel & Jos Winkelman	-9
-18	Hans Metselaar & Allie Hoenstok	-16	19	Maxim Faber & Irene Brulleman	-13
20	Hendrik Bijker & Dennis Kruis	-31	20	Frits den Haring & Edie van Os	-14
21	Mark Bakker & Heike Leijnse	-38	21	Ivar de Hoogt & Rob Jagroop	-23
22	Cees Harinck & Paul Boers	-41	22	Hugo Rutgers & Erik Slump	-34
23	Onno Janssens & Marten la Haye	-54	23	Thijs Bergers & Leonie van der Arend	-36
24	Marc Been & Chris van Gestel	-56	24	Wisse Huvers & Emile Schols	-69
-25	Eduardo Fernondos & Ria Bartelomij	-61	25	Gerard IJsebrands & Hans de Brieder	-102
-25	A. Moerenhout & E. van Bokkum	-61	26	Ruth Murkes & Veronique Nieuwenhuys	-107

## Schedule

**August 17/18**    **Knockout Pairs**

**August 19**        **Pro-Am**

**August 20**        **Open Teams**

**August 21**        **Open Pairs**