

# Sun Sea & Slams 2024



Bulletin #5

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## The Norse Gods Have Returned!

The Brogeland team decided to have a nice vacation in Barbados because what's not to like about being here in this lovely warm and sunny weather. It, for sure, beats shoveling snow in Norway, right? Well, it



also cannot be bad that they have now claimed their second championship win in this year's Sun, Sea and Slams 2024! Geir, Anders, Tonje and Boye topped the Open Swiss Teams field by gliding to a very comfortable 100VPs out of a possible 120. That's 83%!!



( L-R: Geir Austad, Anders, Tonje and Boye Brogeland )

The Seagram team defeated Brogeland in the final match but not by enough to claim 1<sup>st</sup> so they had to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup> but claim the title of Giant Killers!

### Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
Fri, Feb 16th	9:30 AM	Pairs Game (1/1)
	2:30 PM	Lady Burton Pairs (1/3)
Sat, Feb 17th	9:30 AM	Lady Burton Pairs (2/3)
	2:00 PM	Lady Burton Pairs (3/3)

## A TRIBUTE TO HYACINTH, LADY BURTON

There is a saying which begins 'Once a Lady, always a Lady', and those of us who have been fortunate to have known Hyacinth for a long time can confirm that she merited the title Lady long before her husband was knighted.

The Burton name and the Burton residence in Pine Gardens figure prominently in the early history of bridge in Barbados. For it was at that residence, and under the leadership of Hya, as she was known to all, that the Mayfair Ladies Club of Barbados met and functioned. We speak here of a date in the middle 1940s, long before there was any thought of a Bridge League, but already there was the vision of regional competition. The annual tournament involving the Mayfair Ladies Club of Trinidad which began in 1953 and ran almost without interruption until 2009 can be seen as the forerunner of the wider regional efforts we support and enjoy today.

It comes as no surprise, therefore, that as a consequence of the decision taken in late 1965 to establish the Barbados Bridge League and identify a committee to oversee its critical early years, we find Hya as Vice President of that first committee. The date of that first meeting was January 14, 1966, and the record shows that by 1968 she had been elected as President. That first term in our highest office lasted only one year, but she was to return in 1990 for a more extensive Presidency which lasted until 2003, and it is during this second stint that the early flowering of wider competition, which she had supported since the early 50s with the Mayfair exchange visits, matured into our annual Sun, Sea and Slams Tournament which was calendared in October.

The timing was propitious. 1990 was our silver anniversary, and October matched our founding month. It was also just before the 'high' season. Paradise on a budget and competitive bridge against the world's best. At Sam Lord's Castle that first year we enjoyed the company and the wizardry of Zia Mahmood, Russ Ekblad and Paul Hackett and the tone was set. SSS was celebrated every October until 2012, long after Hya's presidency ended in 2003, but the effect of her work in establishing the series and bringing sponsors on board continues to this day, and now impacts on the new February series which begun in 2014, a date which recognizes the changed visitor patterns and is more convenient to our long stay guests escaping the northern winters. Lady Burton accepted the position as Patron of the League at our Annual General Meeting in 2013 as successor to her late husband, Sir Carlisle. Her legacy will continue to live on.

## THE RULE OF ONE

Let's say you have a trump suit like this:

Dummy

♠ 532

Declarer

♠ AK876

You have eight trumps. You are missing five. You play the Spades, drawing trump: Ace and King. Do not now play a third round of Spades.

Rule: When there is one high outstanding trump (the boss trump or master trump), leave it and do not play the suit anymore. You may need to have a trump in dummy with which to ruff a loser. You should now play other suits and eventually when your opponent runs out of that other suit, she can ruff with her good trump. If you use up two of your trump to take only one of the enemy's, (when theirs is the boss trump) this is never good and you may lose control of the hand.

Dir: South ♠ K 8 5 3  
 Vul: None ♥ 8 5 2  
 ♦ K 9 6 2  
 ♣ K 4

♠ 10 2	N W     E	♠ Q J 9
♥ <u>Q</u> J 10 4		♥ A 9 3
♦ Q 10 8 3		♦ J 5 4
♣ Q 7 3		♣ J 10 9 6
		♠ A 7 6 4

♥ K 7 6  
 ♦ A 7  
 ♣ A 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	

**RULE OF ONE**

When there is only one trump left in opponent's hand and it is the BOSS trump or the MASTER trump, it is usually right to not pull it. Just let the opponent ruff with this card at some point.

The only exception to this rule occurs when dummy has a long, good suit and there is no other entry to that good suit. Now you have to "pull" that last trump. Otherwise, your opponent will ruff your long suit and now you will not be able to get to that hand and enjoy your happy suit in dummy.

**Opening Lead: ♥Q**

South counts his losers. Count in Declarer's hand unless dummy has more trump.

♠: 1            ♥: 2 (without a ♥ lead, count this as 3 ♥ losers)            ♦: 0            ♣: 2

5 Losers. Two too many! South runs through the Declarer check list and finds the one at the top of the list:

Can I ruff in dummy?

East must play ♥Ace in case South's ♥ King is a singleton. East leads back a Heart. South wins ♥ King. South plays ♠Ace and King and quits drawing trump as he needs two trumps in dummy with which to ruff two Club losers. Now ♣ to King and ♣ to Ace and ruffs a ♣ in dummy. ♦ back to his ♦ King and ruffs another Club.

Declarer ends up losing two Hearts and one Spade. BUT no Clubs.



## Persistence Is The Order Of The Day - Submitted by Jack Rhind

Dealer North. Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ AK9		
	♥ AQ98		
	♦ 653		
	♣ 764		
♠ 82		♠ 5	
♥ 7653		♥ KJ42	
♦ JT94		♦ KQ82	
♣ A93		♣ QJT8	
	♠ QJT7643		
	♥ T		
	♦ A7		
	♣ K52		

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the jack of diamonds, on which East played the queen. Declarer took this with the ace as he did not want a club shift at trick two. Next, he led the ten of hearts to dummy's ace and called for dummy's queen of hearts, with the intention of running it should East play low. However, East covered the queen with the king of hearts. Declarer was still concerned about a club shift, so he ruffed the king of hearts with the queen of trumps.

After drawing the defenders' trumps with dummy's ace and king, declarer led dummy's nine of hearts – again with the intention of running it should East play low. However, East covered the nine of hearts with his jack, and declarer ruffed. Declarer continued with a low trump to dummy's nine and threw his losing diamond on the established eight of hearts.

Finally, he led a club from dummy to his king and West's ace, thereby confirming the value of playing on hearts to establish a winner. The defenders took three club tricks but that was all, so declarer made his contract of 4♠.

You should note that if West had the king and jack of hearts as well as the ace of clubs then declarer would still make ten tricks. South would pitch a diamond on the heart queen, and on making the king of hearts West could not attack clubs without conceding a trick to declarer's king. His best shot would be to exit with a diamond. Declarer would ruff the diamond, draw trumps with dummy's ace and king, then lead dummy's nine of hearts to throw a low club from hand. No matter whether West then exited with a club or a diamond, declarer's tenth trick would either be his king of clubs or dummy's eight of hearts.

**THU OPEN SWISS 32 Tables / Based on 47 Tables**

	A	B	C		
15.68	1			Tonje Brogeland - Anders Brogeland - Geir Austad, Flekkefjord Norway; Boye Brogeland, 4400 Flekkefjor Norway	100.00
11.76	2			Barbara Seagram - Alex Kornel, Toronto ON; Henry Deutsch, Dobbs Ferry NY; Neal Rechtman, Christ Church Barbados	87.00
8.82	3			Amanda Storey, Bridgetown Barbados; Alejandro Rivas, ; Susan Abletshauser, Weybridge ; Julie Rotchell, Christ Church Barbados	80.00
6.62	4			Richard Bowley, London N ; Simon Cope, Hertfordshire ; Constance McAvoy - James McAvoy, Victoria BC	79.00
5.23	5			David Baker, Kitchener ON; David Longstaff, Waterloo ON; Ted Boyd, Cambridge ON; Robert Griffiths, Elora ON	75.00
6.08	6	1		Elaine Gill, Wellandport ON; John Mackay - Sheila Marcantonio, St Catharines ON; Dorian Shillingford, Toronto ON	72.00
4.56	7	2		Kathy Russell - Malkin Howes, Waterloo ON; Lissa Lowes, Parry Sound ON; Mary McClelland, Kitchener ON	70.00
3.48	8			Dave Blackman, Christ Church Barbados; William Watkins,	

			Gatineau QC; Patricia Cummins, St Michael Barbados; Douglas Rotchell, Levis QC	67.00
3.42	3		Vicky Webb - Bonnie Woodruff, Raleigh NC; Elaine McDougall - Hamish Taylor, Kingston ON	66.00
2.30	4/5		Ruth Edwards - Noreen Franklin - Jennifer Street - Shirley Gregory, London ON	65.00
2.30	4/5		Luci McEachern - Lucia McCurdy - Penny Robinson - Natalie Silverstein, Toronto ON	65.00
2.53	6/7	1/2	Fred Prasser, Jonesville MI; Robert Bell, Hillsdale MI; Ann Bragg, Dickinson TX; Carlee Lehna, Norvell MI	64.00
2.53	6/7	1/2	Roy Wiseman, Brampton ON; Barbara Dance - Erik Koudstaal - Vicky Koudstaal, Toronto ON	64.00
1.63		3	Judith Hackett, North York ON; Bernie Fernandes, Toronto ON; Jim Pollock, Mississauga ON; Eddie Crews, Sidney BC	63.00
1.22		4	Roy Dandyk - Lynda Burnett - Dave Quarrie, Waterloo ON; Suzanne Edwards, Innerkip ON	60.00

**THURS 499ER SWISS TEAMS      15 Tables**

	A	B	C	
3.44	1			Graham Howes - Hazel Walker, Wolfville NS; Kathryn Nolan - Michael Maddalena, Halifax NS
				90.00

2.58	2	1	Barry Stevenson - Deborah Stevenson, Cookstown ON; Anita Hanson, Waterloo ON; Barb Neibert, Kitchener ON	80.00
1.94	3	2	J Gregory Seale, Kitchener ON; Defne Berkin - Rosiane Read, Toronto ON; Martha Scupham, Flat Rock NC	75.00
1.45	4	3	Pamela Rogacki - Marsha Raubvogel - Marlene Gage - Doreen Wigle, Toronto ON; Sandra Kendall, Elmira ON; Betty Barrons, North York ON	73.00
1.07	5/6		Deborah Griffin - Anne Riley, Toronto ON; Kathleen Shinkle - Anne Doublier, Hermosa Beach CA	71.00
1.08	5/6	4	Vanessa Brown - Anna Stachon - Joan Roberts - Margaret Smith, Durham NC	71.00
1.87		1	Dorothy Parnell - Liz MacLeod, ; Morten Hansen - Teresa Hansen, Jonesborough TN	62.00
1.40		2	Joseph Brantley, Greensboro NC; Gwen Brady, Charlotte NC; Susanna Westerwick - Greg Westerwick, Durango CO	55.00
1.05		3	William Licht - Dorothy Cockrell, Allentown PA; Felicity Crego-Bourne, ; Philip Cook,	51.00