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Camp Program

08.00	-	09.45 hrs	Breakfast
12.00	-	13.00 hrs	Lunch
		13.30 hrs	Lecture
		15.00 hrs	Sports
18.30	-	19.30 hrs	Dinner
		20.00 hrs	Teams - Part I
		23.30 hrs	Snack

At about 14:00 three buses full of happy campers looking forward to an outing left from the Village. After 2½ hours we arrived at castle Visegrad, which was formally the old royal castle of Hungary. Visegrad was originally built by the Romans in the 4th century A.D. but in the 14th century the royal court moved to Visegrad, the fortress expanded and became a castle. There were several historical exhibits at the castle, including one on the historic significance of Visegrad. The view from the castle is beautiful, as it is located on a mountaintop right by the Danube.

The 1½ hours allocated for the Castle went by quickly, and we entered the buses and headed for the excellent boat trip on the Danube. The first part of the boat trip was through rural Hungary while we enjoyed dinner. At dusk the boat reached Budapest and we were treated to an enthralling view of Budapest by night, first from upstream, and then the boat turned around and we got the upstream view. The bus trip back was uneventful and everybody arrived back at the village in time for midnight snacks. No lives were lost, and no laws were broken. So a good time was had by all.

OFFICIAL SPORTS

Friday: Teams of 6 (minimum 3 nationalities) Soccer, Volleybal, Pair run Rally.

Register by 1:30 at the playing area on Friday (Kostas or Thomas)

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The 1999 Camp at Nymburk, Prague

Those of us lucky enough to spend time in Prague in 1999 will be very happy to know that we will be returning there for the Junior European championships in 2004. Here are a few deals from the event four years ago.

S/N-S

♠ 10 7 2 ♥ J 10 7 5 3 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 5 2		♠ Q J ♥ A K Q 9 6 ♦ K J 8 ♣ K Q 8	♠ K 4 3 ♥ 8 ♦ 10 6 4 3 ♣ 10 9 7 4 3
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♠ A 9 8 6 5 ♥ 4 ♦ A 7 5 2 ♣ A J 6		♠ A 9 8 6 5 ♥ 4 ♦ A 7 5 2 ♣ A J 6	♠ K 4 3 ♥ 8 ♦ 10 6 4 3 ♣ 10 9 7 4 3
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West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	7NT	All Pass	5♣

Making a Grand Slam on a squeeze is normally the sort of thing you would like to write home about. Occasionally though, as here, the squeeze is only the last step in a rather long chain of unlikely events! On the above auction North has the sort of hand where he can judge that if partner has the extra values he promises, then 7NT may come to 13 tricks even without the spade finesse, should the ♠K be missing. Alas, South was a little on the emaciated side for the bidding, so two pairs (Minarik-Mortensen and Miroslaw- van Munnen) reached the miserable Grand Slam.

Where South was declarer, on a club lead declarer advanced the ♠Q and ran it, then the ♠J covered all round. Now with the ♠10 not falling there were only slim chances. A diamond to the ♦J held and when the ♦Q appeared on the next round declarer could run the ♦8 and then cash two clubs ending in hand, followed by the ♦A. Lo and behold, West is squeezed in the majors, and the slam had come home. Only an initial heart lead cuts communications and defeats the slam, I believe.

Notice that defenders who follow with the card they are known to hold might make a trick if they started life with Q109 of diamonds. By following with the ♦Q on the second round (since the finesse has succeeded this is the card you are known to hold) you make declarer guess the suit. If you follow with the ♦10, then the ♦9 there is no guess!

Of course good bridge was being played at other tables as well.

West/All

♠ Q 6 3 ♥ A J ♦ A Q 10 4 ♣ 10 8 6 5		♠ K J ♥ K 9 7 5 4 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A K Q 9	♠ 7 4 2 ♥ J 10 8 6 ♦ 8 7 5 ♣ J 7 3
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Sigurjonsson	Rubino	Hansen	van Munnen
West 1♦ Pass Pass All Pass	North Dbl 2♥ 3♣	East Pass Pass Pass	South 1♠ 2NT 3NT

I guess you lead a club? Declarer wins in dummy and partner plays the ♣3 (low cards encouraging) as declarer produces the ♣4. Declarer runs the ♠J to you. What is your plan of campaign now?

At the table Heidar Sigurjonsson took the trick and returned a club. This was the full story:

♠ Q 6 3 ♥ A J ♦ A Q 10 4 ♣ 10 8 6 5		♠ K J ♥ K 9 7 5 4 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A K Q 9	♠ A 10 9 8 5 ♥ 3 2 ♦ K J 3 2 ♣ 4 2
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Declarer, Andor van Munnen won the second club in dummy and overtook the ♠K with the ♠A, cashed out the spades as West threw diamonds, and dummy discarded two hearts and a diamond. Now he led a heart up to dummy. Heidar won his ♥A and returned the suit, but declarer took the ♥K and played dummy's remaining top club and exited with the fourth club. Heidar was endplayed to lead diamonds into declarer at the end, for his ninth trick.

If Heidar ducks the ♠J (a tough play to find but one that blocks the suit) the play is still interesting. Declarer can cash the ♠K and the top clubs, then exit from table with a low heart. If Heidar wins this cheaply he can cash his club and heart winner but must concede the lead to declarer and provide an entry for all those spade winners. To set the hand Heidar must make a second good play. Take the ♥A

on the first round, then cash the club and exit with the ♠J, to avoid the endplay, since if declarer ducks, East will overtake and shift to diamonds.

Finally, a report from the Midnight Swiss, demonstrating that our directors can play a little bit as well! First of all look at all four hands; place your bets ladies and gentlemen on the success or failure of 4♥. Have you made your minds up?

North/–			
♠ 10 8 5 3			
♥ J 8 4 2			
♦ A 6			
♣ A K 10			
♠ Q J	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 9 7 2	
♥ 7 5 3		♥ A K	
♦ J 8 5 4 2		♦ Q 10 9 7 3	
♣ 9 5 3		♣ J 7	
	♠ A 6 4		
	♥ Q 10 9 6		
	♦ K		
	♣ Q 8 6 4 2		
West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♦	1♥
Pass	2♥	pass	4♥
All Pass			

Was your answer that 4♥ can be beaten by force on perfect defence? If not, read on and see the oldies at work. Vladimir Machat on opening lead started with the ♠Q. It does not matter particularly, but declarer made the best play for his side when he took the trick and unblocked the diamonds. Then he crossed to a top club to pitch a spade loser on the ♦A. Now a trump saw East, Jiri Balas, win and play the ♠K, and another spade. Declarer ruffed high and Vladimir pitched a club. Declarer pressed on with a second heart, and Balas won to play a fourth spade. Declarer ruffed high perforce as Machat discarded his last club, and now West could ruff the next club when declarer had no choice but to lead that suit out of his hand. Nicely done.

(After I wrote this, a back-room analyst pointed out that declarer CAN make the hand. Win the spade, cash the ♦K, cross to a top club and take the ♦A pitching a spade, then run the clubs. East can only ruff in with a trump honour... well, at double-dummy that is true I suppose.)



Treasure Hunt

It is to your advantage to have a team with as many nationalities as possible and with both boys and girls.

Furthermore a team must have 6 or 7 members.

The event will be held on Sunday - so start getting your teams organized.

Sport News

Cycling. Alessandro Petacchi won today's stage of the tour de France, his third win in only six days. But Victor Hugo Pena retains the Yellow Jersey - Petacchi's team Fassa Bortolo lost so much time in the Team Race yesterday that he does not feature amongst the leaders.

Basketball. The New York Times, citing three sources, said free-agent Jason Kidd is leaning toward accepting the Spurs' \$94 million offer, and that the Nets are scrambling to find a way to convince Kidd to stay in New Jersey.

Teenage phenomenon LeBron James is not used to playing in a nearly empty gym and it showed Wednesday. James, who made his debut in front of 15,000 fans at the Pepsi Summer League on Tuesday, played in front of an estimated 150 people Wednesday and nearly all of them were media or coaches. He wasn't nearly as sharp and neither were the Cleveland Cavaliers, who lost 82-78 to the Miami Heat in a game that was closed to the public.

Golf. While most of the PGA Tour is off preparing for the British Open, Jeff Sluman defends his second GMO title in five years this week against a watered down field. Kenny Perry is the top-ranked player at Brown Deer at 11th.

Soccer. Australia international Brett Emerton has joined Blackburn Rovers from Feyenoord. West Ham have accepted an undisclosed offer for full-back Glen Johnson from Chelsea. Julian Gray of Crystal Palace is expected to complete his "dream move" to Leeds within the next fortnight following Harry Kewell's departure to Liverpool. Former Real Madrid coach Vicente del Bosque claims he has been informally approached by representatives of new Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich about the Stamford Bridge manager's job.

Two Times Two

By a strange coincidence both the two boards reported here feature nice plays by Israelis on defence to board two - and in each case dummy, the North hand, had five hearts and five clubs, with two spades and one diamond. I guess the computer just got bored and could not be bothered to invent a new distribution; but if you pick up that shape against an Israeli player on board two, be afraid...

light it was too late to recover. Down one, and all the matchpoints for E/W.

The second deal features Yotam Bar-Yosef combining very nicely together. Just look at the west hand and decide what you might lead on the auction shown against 4♦ doubled.

Open pairs 2
Deal 2 E/N-S

♠ 6 ♥ 9 5 2 ♦ K J 10 3 ♣ 10 9 6 5 2		♠ A 8 ♥ K Q 7 6 4 ♦ 9 ♣ A K Q 7 3	♠ 10 4 3 2 ♥ A J 8 3 ♦ 8 6 5 4 ♣ 8
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Open Pairs 3
Deal 02

♠ Q J 5 ♥ 10 7 4 2 ♦ 8 7 ♣ 10 8 6 3		♠ 8 2 ♥ A J 8 6 5 ♦ J ♣ K Q J 9 4	♠ A K 10 7 6 3 ♥ K Q 3 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ A
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West	North	East	South
3♦	4♦	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	4♠	Dbl
5♣	Dbl	5♦	6♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	2♠	2♦
3♠	4♣	Dbl	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	4♦
			All Pass

After Eldad Ginossar passed initially, Lea Troels-Muller felt she had license to preempt on her otherwise rather unsuitable hand. When Eldad took her seriously he propelled his side to 5♦; (not that this would have been absurdly expensive; indeed with N/S cold for 6♠ any save is bound to be rewarding here). But declarer cut short any such frivolities by leaping to 6♠. On a heart lead to the ♥A and a heart continuation he now had to deal with the possibility that East had not opened a preempt because of some side-shape; it sounded like he had six hearts. So declarer ruffed the second heart high and drew two rounds of trump with the ace and king. When the 4-1 split came to

Kranyak found the inspired club lead! Yoram won his ♣A and underled in spades to John's jack for a club ruff and another spade to the ♠Q for a second club ruff. Since 3♠ was the limit of the E/W cards because of the heart ruff, +500 was worth virtually every matchpoint.

Your Attention Please!

The organizers are trying to coordinate transfers to the airport and bus station.

There will be a box standing in the playing room. A form has been designed for transfers. Please fill it in and drop it in the box by Saturday morning. If you do not complete the form we cannot guarantee your transport for you - and please complete the form even if you do not need any help from us, so we know you have read and understood this!



The Match That Never Was

When you don't get up in time to go to Budapest, what are the options - other than going back to sleep?

The simplest one of course is to play a bridge match, and that is why I found myself taking part in the closest thing to an official bridge game at the camp on Thursday. I only played the first 8 deals of the 16-board match, but I have to say that they were some of the most entertaining I have participated in for quite a while. I was playing with Joachim Larsen, and the tone was set at our table when he opened 1♦ and rebid 2♦ over 2♣ with a 1-5-5-2 shape including five hearts to the nine. The defence to 3NT (Joachim had carefully arranged to be declarer) led and continued hearts the unbid suit, when dummy came down with ♥Ax - and when the suit split 3-3 that was ten tricks instead of eight.

On the second deal, would you reopen after 2♥-Pass-Pass with ♠J104 ♥A83 ♦7 ♣QJ10543? My teammate Kevin Bathurst did not, and conceded 140. Unlucky: partner has ♠7632 ♥K ♦A54 ♣AK982 and 3NT is cold your way - 6IMPs out when 4♥ went down at our table.

On the third deal what would you respond to a 1♣ opening bid with nobody vulnerable, holding: ♠A1092 ♥973 ♦J10964 ♣2? Bathurst selected 1♠ and of course heard partner rebid 3♣. Troels Kristensen passed 1♣ and that ended the auction. Partner has:

♠K76 ♥AK4 ♦5 ♣AKJ1083 and 3NT can be bounced off the nearest wall - no swing.

On the fourth deal I picked up ♠AJ87632 ♥A ♦A10 ♣A82 and opened 1♠. INT from partner, double on the right, redouble from me, and 2♦ from partner. RHO passes; what now? I thought 2♠ was enough, and was confirmed in that impression when LHO doubled! Since spades rated to be 7-6 round the table, I decided to rescue to 3♦, doubled on the right - and LHO had second thoughts and escaped to 3♥, doubled by partner. This was the full story:

E/N-S

♠ --- ♥ Q 6 5 2 ♦ J 8 5 4 3 2 ♣ K 10 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A J 8 7 6 3 2 ♥ A ♦ A 10 ♣ A 8 2	♠ K 10 9 5 4 ♥ J 9 7 4 ♦ 6 ♣ J 6 5
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W		E										
	S											

A nice double by Joachim; he led a diamond and we cashed two clubs to arrange the club ruff for +500. Lose

2IMPs; 3NTx made in the other room on a defence that the world is not yet ready for (though I am informed that at one point +500 was available in top tricks...) 3♦ doubled is an interesting spot on a likely club lead. Declarer wins in hand and leads a diamond to the ♦10, cashes the ♦A, ♠A (pitching a club), ♥A and ♣A, ruffs a club and exits with a trump. North can cash his diamonds and club winner (declarer pitching a heart) but must then lead hearts for declarer; contract made.

Both tables went down in a pushy 3NT, then my partner learned a valuable lesson in deportment. You open INT vulnerable against not holding: ♠63 ♥AQ975 ♦A104 ♣AQ9 - OK you or I might not but that is neither here nor there. Next hand doubles for penalties, partner bless him runs to 2♠, firmly doubled by the strong hand. When the opening lead is made, what do you do? Well, start by saying "Sorry!" THEN put down the trumps - you know as well as I do that they are going to be a huge disappointment to partner, so get it over with quickly! Whatever you do, DON'T put down the clubs and diamonds first. When partner sees three clubs and three diamonds go down, won't he be hoping for four trumps -- with three a guaranteed certainty? (PS: 2♠x made anyway facing queen-sixth of spades and jack-fourth of clubs; 12IMPs in.)

The final major decision came when my teammate Lars Kierkegaard Nielsen had: ♠Q32 ♥A109 ♦Q843 ♣Q83. 4♠ on your right, you pass, LHO passes, partner bids 5♣. This is passed round to RHO who bids 5♠, and this comes back to you. Pass, bid or double?

Well, the winning action is double - you have one club and two hearts to cash, even if declarer finds the ♠Q - he probably will. 6♣ went down 500 so that was 9IMPs away, and if you are counting that meant we won the set by 3IMPs!

I sat out for the second segment, but came back in for the third, and made one of the wettest bids of my career.

You hear a 2NT opening on your right, both vulnerable, and you pass, holding ♠AQ10 ♥10 ♦A10743 ♣K973. Partner reopens with 3♥; would you raise to 4♥? I was spared that decision when my RHO doubled - and now came my wet action when I passed and partner only collected 1130 on the ♦K lead instead of 1760 (holding ♠KJxx ♥QJ865432 ♦-- ♣5). My only excuse was that I have seen Daniel Ortman-Nielsen bid before...but since teammates conceded 200 in 3♥ it hardly mattered.

No water

Between 3AM and 7AM (3:00 and 7:00) there is almost no water due to low pressure. If you need a little water use the sink or toilet downstairs.

Mari's Puzzles

Although there were no lectures today, we have some puzzle hands from Mari's earlier lectures, aimed at a slightly less demanding level. See how you can do on these.

Contract: 4♠ - Lead: ♠10

♠ KQ765
♥ A2
♦ A102
♣ 654

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AJ843
♥ 8
♦ J43
♣ AQ32

Contract: 6♠ - Lead: ♥

♠ K10876
♥ 2
♦ 876
♣ KQ43

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AQJ92
♥ A
♦ AKJ
♣ A652

Contract: 3NT - Lead: ♠

♠ 654
♥ 654
♦ Q32
♣ K1098

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AK75
♥ AK8
♦ AK76
♣ Q7

ANSWERS

Hand 1. All you have to do is to avoid losing two diamonds and two clubs, but what you can't do, for example is strip off hearts and draw trumps, then lead a

club to the queen. West will win and play a diamond through, and East will score his ♦Q and play a second club through. If you duck the first club the process repeats itself - if you have to guess what is going on, you won't get it right!

The solution is very simple and rather elegant. After drawing trumps and eliminating hearts, cash the club ace and lead a low club (from either hand). The worst that can happen to you is that West wins and plays a diamond through; right? East wins the ♦Q and leads a club through - but at this point in the hand unless West has shown out (in which case you'll know what to do) there are only two clubs out, a low one and the ♣K. If East plays a low club through you cover it, and if West produces the ♣K your 13th club is good so the second diamond loser goes away.

2. As usual after drawing trumps and eliminating hearts, you just have to hold your losers to one in the minor suits. Cash one top diamond then the ace and king of clubs. If West has the club length, throw him in with the fourth club to lead diamonds for you. If East has club length that will not work - he can always get out with a diamond. So you have a choice of approaches; take the diamond finesse, or play ♦K then ♦J, hoping West will have to win and be endplayed to give you a ruff and discard.

Since East has the club length, West is the favourite to hold the ♦Q, so play diamonds from the top and hope for the endplay.

3. This deal features a simple club to add to your bag of tricks. If you win the opening lead and advance the ♣Q, both defenders are sure to duck. Now whether you lead a club to the ♣10 or ♣K you won't guess right. With only one entry to dummy you won't score a second club trick. Result: misery! All you need is two club tricks; so lead initially to the ♣10. If it holds, or loses to the ♣A you have two club tricks easily enough. If it loses to the ♣J, you can regain the lead and overtake the ♣Q with the ♣K at your next turn, and that way you can ensure two club tricks for your side.

(Compare a situation where with KJx in hand and A10x in dummy and a shortage of entries to dummy, you begin by running the jack. If it loses to the queen at least you can overtake the king next time and build two entries to dummy for sure. And also look at the play of the spade suit in the second hand in today's Prague article.)

Missing Out

The team who operate the bulletin are often 'missing' in action. We have the Junior Editor to mistype and the Copy Editor to misanalyse, with the Senior Editor to miss corrections. All three of us were at the top of our game last night on the following deal from the speedball where Dennis Kramer was playing 6♥ redoubled..

♠ AKQ7 ♥ AQ763 ♦ 8 ♣ A43	♠ 982 ♥ K10542 ♦ 543 ♣ 98 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div> ♠ J654 ♥ ♦ J962 ♣ KQ1054	♠ 103 ♥ J98 ♦ AKQ107 ♣ J75
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JE's analysis of the hand included East using four of his three trumps, when this was spotted, CE (who also played the hand!) confirmed that the contract was unmakeable on best defence, and SE believed them.

But at 2.00 the light dawned. North can always defeat 6♥ if declarer tackles trump himself prematurely. (After the sequence of plays at the table, club, three diamonds, spade, heart to nine, spade, heart; North takes the ♥K and plays back a heart, leaving West with a spade loser.)

But after a club lead, declarer wins and cashes three diamonds, ruffs a club with the ♥6, and then cashes ♠AKQ.

Now in the diagrammed ending West leads his ♠7.

S/All

♠ 7 ♥ AQ73 ♦ ---- ♣ ----	♠ ---- ♥ K10542 ♦ ---- ♣ ---- <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div> ♠ J ♥ ---- ♦ J ♣ KQ10	♠ ---- ♥ J98 ♦ 10 ♣ J
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North can not succeed by ruffing with the ♥K so he ruffs with the ♥2, overruffed. Declarer ruffs a minor suit back to hand with the ♥Q, and again if North ruffs in declarer scores the rest easily enough. So he underruffs again, and declarer now leads a heart towards the ♥J for two of the last three tricks. The question is: what did we miss now?

Hungarian for beginners

A trip to the Bridge club

English	Hungarian	Pronunciation
Pass	Passz	Pass
All Pass	Korpassz	Kerrpass
Double	Kontra	Contra
Clubs	Treff	Treff
Diamonds	Karo	Carreau
Hearts	Kor	Cor
Spades	Pikk	Peek
No-trumps	Szan	San
North	Eszak	Ace'ack
East	Kelet	Kelet
South	Del	Dale
West	Nyugat	Nyugat

Double-Dummy Corner

One of the most popular English-language bridge magazines in the UK is Bridge Plus, edited by Elena Jeronimidis. See www.bridge-plus.co.uk

Elena has taken over the double-dummy feature by Hugh Darwen that used to appear elsewhere, and (perhaps in an effort to defeat the use of double-dummy solvers such as Deep Finesse) the format of these problems changes from month to month. If you want to send the solution it should be sent to Mr. Bridge Quiz of the Month, Bridge Plus, PO Box 384, Reading RG1 5YP, England.

This month's problem is baffling; it took me a while to crack even the idea behind it.

We hope to publish the solution on Saturday!

♠ 2 ♥ 752 ♦ Q6 ♣ AJ	♠ ---- ♥ A ♦ K ♣ 1098652 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div> ♠ A ♥ Q86 ♦ A4 ♣ Q7	♠ 3 ♥ 43 ♦ 75 ♣ K43
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West is on lead with spades as trumps. East-West to make four tricks.

In what circumstances could the presence of the ♣2 in the North hand influence the play?

Puzzle Corner

Since today is a rest day in the camp, we have a bonus quiz for you in addition to our regular questions. No checking the bidding boxes please!

A1) Score Check Name the contract that produces the score:

- a) 2080
- b) 2330
- c) 1140
- d) 1770

A2) What are the odds against a Yarborough?

A3) What was the year of the first Bermuda Bowl? Where was it held?

A4) What is the largest penalty recorded in a World Championships? - and who conceded it?

A5) What age was the youngest player ever to win a world teams title - and who was it?

A6) What age was the oldest player ever to win a world title, and who was it?

A7) Rank the following suit a priori distributions in descending order of probability

- 2-0 split
- 1-1 split
- 3-1 split
- 4-2 split
- 5-3 split

A8) Which player participated in a Challenge match with Culbertson, and won a US National title in the 1980's?

4. How should you play

6 4 2 facing A Q 10 8

for four tricks? What is the best line for three tricks, and what is the best line for two tricks?

Answers

- A1) a) 2NTxx + 5, vul
 b) 7C/Dx making vul
 c) 1C/Dx + 6, Vul
 d) 7H/Sx + 7, NV
- A2) 1827 to 1
- A3) 1950 - and not surprisingly, in Bermuda
- A4) Fallenius and Lindkvist went for 2800 in the semi-finals of the 1987 world championships in Bermuda. An sos redouble of 3NT was not interpreted correctly...

A5) Roland Rohowsky of Germany won the Rosenblum in 1990 aged 22.

A6) Boris Schapiro of England was 89 when he won the world senior pairs.

A7) The 1-1 split is a 52% shot, the 3-1 is 50%, the 4-2 split is 48.4% the 2-0 split is 48%, and the 5-3 is 47%.

A8) Oswald Jacoby

4. The answer to the question of how you should play:

6 4 2 facing A Q 10 8

The play is very different depending on the number of tricks you require. You may not believe the answer here - I can't say I did either but Roudinesco (in his magnum opus on card combinations) tells me that it is right! For four tricks lead to the eight (intending to follow up by finessing the ten). If the finesse loses to the nine follow up by finessing the queen, otherwise by finessing the ten.

For three tricks start by finessing the queen. Intend to follow up by finessing the ten and if necessary the eight.

For two tricks start by finessing the ten. If that loses to the king play the suit from the top. If it loses to the jack, cross to North and finesse the queen if the nine appears, otherwise play the ace and go back to North to lead up to the Q-8.

New York, New York

(so good they named it twice)

New York will be the host of the 2004 World Junior Camp, as well as the first ever World Junior Individual. The timing will coincide with the ACBL Summer Nationals - the first time that the nationals have come back to NY for 25 years.

This figures therefore to be close to an once-in-a-life-time event, and you really do not want to miss it. The WBF will be trying to organize accommodation at reasonable rates relatively close to the site, as well as trying to sort out meal arrangements for juniors. But your travel to NY will be up to you.

What we suggest is the following; check out Travelocity.com and Priceline.com for fares as soon as they start quoting for July 2004 (probably six months in advance). Get on to your federations for grants or subsidies. Tell your friends about the possibilities of coming to camp.