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THROUGH WIND AND RAIN AND SNOW...

Eight teams competed in the treasure hunt, despite the appalling weather conditions, which would have put off competitors less driven by the will to win.

The teams had to find five posts -at each of which there was stationed a member of staff, whose role was to provide further assistance - or in some cases to spread further confusion!

When the teams had met the challenges posed by the members of staff they were given a further batch of letters, which were about to be arranged into an anagram - leading to the immortal phrase "Throw Pagan into pool!"

However the inclement weather forced the abandonment of the competition just as the participants were getting into their stride. They had to console themselves by throwing Stefan Bach into the pool - in its own way, no doubt, an equally satisfying denouement for all concerned -and especially the Junior Editor -who has had a few scores to settle on that account, and has been harboring a grudge for himself being dunked a few years ago!

Christina Mortensen, Heidi Schultz, the Donovan brothers, Xing Yuan and Robert Glickman carried off the main prize. Congratulations to all concerned.

Camp Program

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|-------|---|-----------|------------------|
| 08.45 | - | 09.45 hrs | Breakfast |
| 12.00 | - | 13.00 hrs | Lunch |
| | - | 15.30 hrs | Crazy Pairs |
| 18.30 | - | 19.30 hrs | Dinner |
| | - | 20.30 hrs | Closing Ceremony |
| 21.00 | | 22.00 hrs | Live Performance |
| | - | 22.00 hrs | Dancing House |

CABARET

Don't forget - this evening is the cabaret; we are expecting a host of acts to astonish astound (and hopefully not disgust) us.

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1997 - World Junior Teams

Hamilton, Ontario, was the site of the 1997 World Junior Teams. For the first time ever, the event became a truly global affair, as the number of participating teams went up to 18, with representation from all the WBF zones. Europe provided four of the teams, and showed themselves to be very much the dominating influence at this tournament. 3 of the 4 teams made it through to the semi-finals, and the final was an all-Scandinavian event, as Denmark took on, and eventually disposed of Norway. Russia beat Canada for the bronze medals, with Canada being the bridesmaid rather than the bride in fourth place for the second championships in a row. What was interesting to me was the equalization of standards that seemed apparent at these events. Although a couple of teams who were competing for the first time were still in need of further experience, it was generally true that there were no easy matches in the tournament.

One other surprise was the remarkably poor showing of the USA teams. For the third championships in a row the USA did not make it through to the finals, and indeed in the last two championships both USA teams have failed to make it past the qualifying stage. Since the individual members of both teams were clearly competent, and had recorded a series of good results at open level, how can one explain the poor showing as a team? It is hard to do so.

There were several outstanding plays during the tournament, but it is hard to imagine a more sustained display of virtuosity than the following performance by Morton Madsen of the Danish juniors, who deservedly won the award for the best defended hand of the tournament, and indeed perhaps may be in the running for the defence of the year.

N/N-S

| | | |
|-------------|---|------------|
| ♠ A Q 7 6 5 | | ♠ 10 9 8 3 |
| ♥ A K 4 | | ♥ J 10 9 5 |
| ♦ A Q 6 | | 7 |
| ♣ 10 6 | | ♣ 8 7 4 2 |
| ♠ K J 4 | <div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div> | |
| ♥ 8 7 6 | | |
| ♦ K 10 6 2 | | |
| ♣ A Q 3 | | |
| | | |
| ♠ 2 | | |
| ♥ Q 3 2 | | |
| ♦ J 9 8 5 4 | | |
| ♣ K J 9 5 | | |

Morton
Madsen

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1♠ | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

Lars
Madsen

North-South were playing a five-card major system with a forcing no-trump response, so North showed 18-19 at his second turn, allowing South to bid game. Morton passed the first test when he led the eight of hearts rather than a diamond, and South took it in dummy and tried the ace of diamonds, then the queen of diamonds. Naturally Morton ducked this, his second good play, and when the bad split was revealed South played the ten of clubs. Morton made his third fine play by ducking this trick, and winning the next club to press on with hearts. Now South led his spade towards the ace-queen. Morton contributed the jack, and discarded the king of spades under the ace. If he had not made this play he would have been thrown in with a spade to concede the ninth trick, but as it was he had a small spade left with which to get off play and the defence had five winners to take.

For the Norwegian runners up Boye Brogeland and Oyvind Saur had represented their country at open level, and Brogeland was on his way to the Bermuda bowl in October. His partner Saur is prone to flashes of brilliance, which the Norwegians refer to as Saur Power.

E/ N-S

| | | |
|----------------|---|------------|
| ♠ A J 3 | | ♠ Q 10 8 4 |
| ♥ Q 10 9 7 | | ♥ 6 2 |
| ♦ A 3 | | ♦ J 8 2 |
| ♣ Q 7 4 2 | | ♣ J 10 6 3 |
| ♠ 9 5 2 | <div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div> | |
| ♥ A 5 | | |
| ♦ K 10 9 6 5 4 | | |
| ♣ K 9 | | |
| | | |
| ♠ K 7 6 | | |
| ♥ K J 8 4 3 | | |
| ♦ Q 7 | | |
| ♣ A 8 5 | | |

| Sutherland | Brogeland | Roberts | Saur |
|------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| 2♦ | 3♦ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | 3♥ |

Four Hearts is a reasonable contract, reached by all four tables in the semi-finals of the World Junior Teams. Since this was a junior event, it is hardly to be wondered at that



three of the four tables led the king of clubs rather than the mundane small spade which beat the contract out of hand at the fourth table! Nonetheless at two of the three tables where the top club was led, the contract went down; at the fourth table Saur showed how it should be done, against Canada. He took the ace of clubs, and drew two rounds of trumps. West took his ace and played a second club, and Saur took it in dummy and played the ace of diamonds, then a diamond to the queen and king. West won, and exited with a spade, and Saur took the king, then ran all his trumps. In the three-card ending East could not come down to two spades and a club or he would be end-played with the club to lead into the spade tenace. He smoothly bared the queen of spades early, then pitched a club, hanging on to his third diamond, but Saur dropped the queen nonetheless, and made his contract.

Mike Roberts was the unlucky defender in the above hand, but as the following hand will demonstrate, he had his moments of good fortune. Indeed when this hand appeared in the Daily Bulletin it was printed under the heading Rueful Roberts, remarking on the similarity that his play had exhibited to that of the Rueful Rabbit.

S/—

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

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| ♠ Q 9 7 4 2 | ♠ Q 9 7 4 2 |
| ♥ J | ♥ J |
| ♦ A Q 9 7 5 | ♦ A Q 9 7 5 |
| ♣ Q 6 | ♣ Q 6 |

| Nohr | Sutherland | Kristenssen | Roberts |
|----------|------------|-------------|---------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 2♠ |
| All Pass | | | 4♠ |

Both tables in the Canada-Denmark match reached Four Spades, and both Wests accurately started the defence off on the right foot by leading clubs. East took the first two tricks and pressed on with a third round of clubs. The Danish declarer discarded a diamond, which ensured the contract unless West was about to ruff while holding all five spades (or an unlikely singleton spade) and thus went quietly one down.

However Mike Roberts had forgotten that dummy's nine of clubs was high. He ruffed in with the seven of spades and Mikkel Nohr off-handedly discarded the four of diamonds.

A trump to the ace brought the bad news, and now Roberts cashed four rounds of hearts discarding three diamonds from hand, then played a trump towards dummy. West had to split his honours, and Roberts took the king, then exited with a diamond in the three card ending. West was forced to ruff his partner's winner, and lead a trump into declarer's queen-nine, to concede the last two tricks.

The question of what a double of a slam by a hand that has previously entered the auction with a double is one that often gives rise to bitter controversy. On the hand that follows from the semi-finals of the World Junior teams between Denmark and Russia it turned out to decide the match. Denmark won the encounter by 4IMPs, but on this deal Russia converted a gain of 13IMPs into a loss of 14IMPs by failing to agree on this point.

W/All

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

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

| Khokhlov | Morten Madsen | Sazonov | Lars Madsen |
|----------|---------------|---------|-------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | Pass | 1♦ | 1♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♦ | Pass | 5♥ |
| Pass | 6♥ | Dbl | All Pass |

When Russia were sitting North-South they stopped in Five Hearts, but at the other table the auction gathered greater pace after East opened One Diamond, playing a strong club system. Blackwood discovered the two aces

Life Is a Cabaret Old Chum

Remember that at the cabaret today every member of the camp is supposed to put on a live performance, together or in combination.

If you have not already nailed your Brittany Spears impersonation, start rehearsing - time is running out!

missing, but Morten Madsen decided that his diamond void was working overtime, and raised to slam over his partner's sign-off. Sazonov doubled, either on general principles, or to say that he did not want a diamond lead, but Khokhlov was not on the same wavelength. He led a diamond, and now Lars Madsen played for his only legitimate chance. He pitched a club from table, ruffed a diamond, and came back to hand in trumps, then ruffed another diamond, drew the last trump, and threw both of dummy's remaining clubs away when diamonds split 4-4. Now he ruffed a club in dummy, played a spade, and claimed his contract when the ace appeared.

The Russian team which lost the semi-final of the World Junior Teams featured one of the strongest pairs ever to play in a Junior event. Petrounine and Khiouppenen are ranked first and sixth in their country's national ranking list, and they played at a very high level throughout the event. The defence that follows was typical of the high level of their card play.

| W/All | | | |
|--|---|--|-------|
| ♠ 10 8 2 ♥ Q 10 8 7 2 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ 6 3 | ♠ K 9 6 ♥ 9 4 ♦ A Q 9 3 2 ♣ J 10 2 | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> ♠ 4 3 ♥ A 5 3 ♦ J 10 4 ♣ K Q 9 7 4 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> </div> | |
| | ♠ A Q J 7 5 ♥ K J 6 ♦ 8 6 ♣ A 8 5 | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | Pass | 2♣ | 2♠ |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Petrounine's Two Clubs opening bid showed a limited hand with long clubs, and North-South brushed it aside to reach Four Spades. After that opening bid it was always going to be nearly impossible to reach Three No-trumps from the North seat. Petrounine led the six of clubs, which went to the ten and queen. Wolpert won and had to draw three rounds of trumps because of the impending club ruff. When he led the eight of diamonds from hand, intending to run it, Petrounine rose with the king!

Now declarer was helpless; he ducked the trick, and the defence cashed their clubs, then the ace of hearts for one down. But if Petrounine had not risen with the king the defence only get one diamond one club and one heart. Declarer has to guess hearts right for fear of letting West in for a club play.

Double Dummy Corner

Here is the solution to the double-dummy problem we posed yesterday.

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

South to make 5♦ on the lead of the ♥10. There are number of minor variations in timing in hearts, spades, and clubs, but they all transpose.

Declarer takes the first heart in dummy, say, and leads the ♠K. East might as well cover, and declarer ruffs and leads a low club from hand for West to win and return a heart. Declarer wins in hand, crosses to the ♣J, and pitches his ♠KQ on the top spades. Now he ruffs the fourth spade to hand, in this ending.

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

Declarer ruffs a heart with the ♦K and East under-ruffs. Now comes the ♣3 from dummy; if East ruffs low declarer overruffs and has his contract easily, so East ruffs high and declarer pitches his last heart. In the three-card ending East must lead a high diamond to dummy's ♦Q, and declarer finesses in trumps at trick 12 to take the rest.



The knock-out teams

The knock-out teams was won by Michael Byrne and Jens Brodin, playing with Alex Morris and Emil Andersson. The most interesting deal posed a question of bidding theory.

Let's look at the auction that actually came up at the table:

| | | | |
|------|------|-------|----|
| INT | Pass | 2♥(♠) | 3♥ |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | |

Obviously had opener doubled it would have been penalties. But what about responder's double? Should this simply be extras, no clear cut call, or promise a balanced hand with undefined extras?

Having posed that question; would you as responder double 3♥ with a balanced 8-count, or with game-going values and a singleton or even a void in hearts?

And what should a 4♥ cue-bid mean from you at your second turn - self-agreeing ♠, or a three-suiter? So many questions so few answers! All right; on to the deal.

S/All

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| | | | 1♣ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | 4♣ | Pass | 4♥ |
| Dbl | 6♣ | All Pass | |

Ben Green's INT rebid promised 15-16, and real clubs. Christina Mortensen now made a try for slam in clubs, and when West showed heart values she decided there was enough of a fit to accept her own try.

Ben had eleven winners outside the spade suit, and cashed them in some logical order before leading the ♠J from hand and eventually misguessing, for a painful one down. How many IMPs would you expect to lose here? Answer: gain 12 IMPs. This was what happened at the other table.

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| | | | INT |
| Pass | 2♥ | 3♥ | Pass |
| Pass | Dbl | All Pass | |

Cui Culpa? North did not want to bid past 3NT at his second turn, and 4♥ might have been long spades and short hearts? Mind you when South does not double 3♥ one might suspect something - but not necessarily the disaster that is about to ensue. Kore Gjaldbaek's 3♥x contract came in comfortably for +730, but his side still lost the match.

Puzzle Corner

7) Joseph Elwell was one of the pioneers of Auction Bridge. What remarkable thing linked him to Barry Crane (after whom the trophy for collecting the most master points every year) 75 years later?

7. What is your best play for three tricks with:

10 5 2 facing A J 8 4

and what is your safest line for two tricks?

Answers

7) They were both murdered, but the criminal was never found.

7. Your best play for three tricks with:

10 5 2 facing A J 8 4

is to lead small to the eight (that picks up Q9x or K9x in East, whereas leading to the jack only picks up KQx.) If the eight loses to an honor, cross back to dummy and lead up to your hand. Unless East plays the nine, remember to put on the ace. (So East with 9xxx must follow with the nine on the second round to deflect you !)

For two tricks cash the ace and lead up to the ten, then lead back to the Jack-eight.



No Swing Deals

Two of the best played deals of the tournament produced no swing. Yet they each represent excellent technique - here they are.

S/N-S

| | | |
|---------------|--|--------------|
| ♠ A 9 7 6 5 2 | ♠ Q | ♠ 10 |
| ♥ Q J 9 | ♥ 10 6 4 | ♥ 7 2 |
| ♦ 5 3 | ♦ A 9 7 6 4 | ♦ K Q J 10 8 |
| ♣ 6 2 | ♣ J 10 8 4 | ♣ Q 9 7 5 3 |
| | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> N W S E </div> </div> | |
| | ♠ K J 8 4 3 | |
| | ♥ A K 8 5 3 | |
| | ♦ 2 | |
| | ♣ A K | |

World News

Spammers based in Russia are using stealth and a sophisticated new Trojan horse program to turn home workstations into unwitting hosts in a pornography and spam distribution ring, say security experts.

A new firestorm of controversy threatens to engulf US President George W. Bush after senior American intelligence analysts accused the administration of trying to justify the war against Iraq by overplaying links between Saddam Hussein and Al Qaeda.

Ladan and Laleh Bijani, Iranian twins who died last week in separation surgery, were prayed over by a cleric, then buried in separate graves Saturday as thousands of mourners wept.

Indonesian police are hunting several more suspected members of the militant Jemaah Islamiah network after announcing the arrests of nine last week, senior police officials said.

Scientists have discovered that high doses of fat and sugar in fast and processed foods can be as addictive as nicotine - and even hard drugs.

| Katzaris | Jensen | Dekker | De Donder |
|----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | INT | 2♦ | 1♠ |
| Pass | 4♥ | 5♣ | 3♥ |
| All Pass | | | 5♥ |

Steve De Donder's aggressive 5♥ bid robbed him of the chance to defend 5♦ doubled - North would still be counting the tricks - and gave him a very uphill struggle in 5♥. The defence sensibly led ♠A and a second spade. Steve carefully ruffed with the ♥10, played the ♥AK, cashed the ♣AK then played the ♦A and ruffed a diamond. At his point in the hand he had stripped West of everything but his master trump and four low spades. So declarer could exit with a trump and await a spade lead into his tenace; contract made!

S/Both

| | | | |
|-------------|--|-------------|--------------|
| | ♠ A K 4 3 | | |
| | ♥ K 5 4 | | |
| | ♦ 9 7 2 | | |
| | ♣ J 9 3 | | |
| ♠ J 10 8 2 | <div>♠ N ♥ W ♦ E ♣ S</div> | ♠ 9 6 5 | |
| ♥ Q J 9 8 | | ♥ A 7 2 | |
| ♦ K J | | ♦ 10 8 6 3 | |
| ♣ Q 5 4 | | ♣ 10 8 6 | |
| | ♠ Q 7 | | |
| | ♥ 10 6 3 | | |
| | ♦ A Q 5 4 | | |
| | ♣ A K 7 2 | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass. | INT |

Ophir Reshef was declarer in 3NT on the ♥Q lead. Her ducked, and covered the continuation of the ♥J with the king. He got in with the ♥10 at trick three and sensibly led a club towards the ♣J next. (In the other room West ducked, so declarer put up the ♣J and had nine tricks). Here Staffan Hed took his ♣Q, cashed the ♥9 as East pitched a spade, and exited with a spade.

Ophir won in hand, and ran the clubs, noting that West pitched the ♦J on the fourth one. Now he cashed the top spades and realized that West had started life with a 4-4-2-3 shape, meaning that the diamond finesse was 2-1 on to succeed. But there were a couple of indications that pointed to the contrary.

West's discard of the $\diamond J$, while technically a routine false-card, was indicative of a diamond honor. Secondly, West's decision to take the $\clubsuit Q$ suggested that he knew there was no point to ducking (which might have been right if declarer had $\clubsuit A10xx$ for example). That also pointed to his having the rest of the high-cards.

So Ophir went against the odds and played off the $\diamond A$ to fell the $\diamond K$ and make his contract. No swing!

Sport News

Boxing. Ricardo Mayorga made it two in a row over Vernon Forrest, although the colorful brawler from Nicaragua had to go this distance this time. Relentlessly pursuing his backpedaling opponent around the ring, Mayorga pounded out a 12-round majority decision over Forrest on Saturday night to retain his WBC and WBA welterweight titles. Mayorga had stunned the previously unbeaten Forrest when he stopped him in the third round of their Jan. 25 bout in California.

Cycling The top six in the overall classification after stage eight is:

1. Lance Armstrong (USP)
2. Jooseba Beloki (ONE) at 40"
3. Iban Mayo (EUS) at 1'10"
4. Alexandre Vinokourov (TEL) at 1'17"
5. Francisco Mancebo (BAN) at 1'37"
6. Tyler Hamilton (CSC) at 1'52"

Virenque, who started the day with the yellow jersey, finished the stage riding alongside his teammate, Michael Rogers, 9'30" behind the stage winner. Jan Ulrich, another pre-tournament favorite, is now 2 minutes behind Armstrong.

Baseball. Curt Schilling's return did nothing to alter the dominance of Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants over the Arizona Diamondbacks. Bonds tied a major league record with his 12th consecutive 30-homer season and rookie Jerome Williams allowed two hits through six innings Saturday in the Giants' 8-1 victory over Arizona. Ray Durham greeted Schilling with a home run on the second pitch of the game - the first outing for Arizona's right-handed ace since he broke his right hand on May 30. Bonds hit a mammoth 448-foot smash over the swimming pool in right-center with one out in the fourth, his major league-leading 30th home run of the season - matching the mark set by Jimmie Foxx from 1929-40.

Teams Double Game Swing

Deal 13 N/All

\spadesuit 10 9 4
 \heartsuit K J 8 6 3
 \diamond 8 7 3 2
 \clubsuit 2

\spadesuit A 3
 \heartsuit 5 4 2
 \diamond A 9 5 4
 \clubsuit Q J 8 7

N
 W E
 S

\spadesuit K Q J 8 7 5 2
 \heartsuit 7
 \diamond K Q 10 9
 \clubsuit 9

\spadesuit 6
 \heartsuit A Q 10 9
 \diamond J
 \clubsuit A K 10 6 5 4 3

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Pass | 1 \spadesuit | 2 \clubsuit |
| 2 \diamond | Pass | 4 \spadesuit | 4NT |
| Pass | 5 \heartsuit | Pass | Pass |
| Dbf | All Pass | | |

North--South were Sunil Bavalia from Ireland and Lars Sorensen from Denmark who trusted his opponents and wanted to bring his second suit into play. West certainly should have bid 5 \spadesuit because of the very likely double fit and the high offense to defense ratio. 5 \heartsuit X made for +850 for NS. At the other table:

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Pass | 1 \spadesuit | Dbf |
| 2 \clubsuit | 2 \heartsuit | 2 \spadesuit | 4 \heartsuit |
| Pass | Pass | 4 \spadesuit | All Pass |

East--West were Pat O'Loughlin from Ireland and Eva Berglund from Sweden. The tempo of the auction coupled with the 2 \clubsuit bid made it very difficult for N/S to sacrifice in 5 \heartsuit , but in the opinion of the junior-senior editor, doubling, instead of bidding 2 \clubsuit , on a hand such as South's deserve no better a fate. There was nothing to the play and N/S recorded +650 for 17 well deserved IMPs.



The Automatic Company

Mari Ryman's problems

Contract: 6♠ - Lead: ♦J

♠ Q10932

♥ AJ3

♦ K43

♣ 65

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ AKJ54

♥ Q654

♦ A8

♣ AQ

Contract: 6♠ - Lead: ♦

♠ 98652

♥ A74

♦ A

♣ Q1032

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ AKJ74

♥ K8

♦ 96

♣ AK85

East jumped in ♦. Spades are 3-0 with West having the length. Both hands have 3+♥ each.

East/ All - Lead: ♥10, ♠ 3-1

♠ AQ92

♥ J32

♦ K6

♣ A742

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ K10654

♥ A4

♦ 103

♣ KJ53

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Pass | 4♠ | 1♥ All Pass | 1♠ |

ANSWERS

1. On hand one we start in routine fashion by drawing trumps while eliminating diamonds. Our expectation is that we will be able to exploit 3-3 hearts or the doubleton ♥K onside, or if not, we can fall back on the club finesse.

What is the catch? The problem is that if we finesse in hearts, and it loses, we may find that a club back forces us to guess prematurely whether to rely on clubs or hearts (we will probably go up with the ♣A playing for the heart break or a club-heart squeeze but that is no sure thing).

To avoid the problem of guessing the ending win the opening lead and eliminate spades and diamonds as before, then lead a heart to the ace and a heart to the queen. If East takes the ace we have our discard. If West takes the king we are home if he has no more hearts or started life with three - we get to see the heart split before committing ourselves in clubs, and if he has four we play on clubs. If the ♥Q holds we play a third heart and find out what we need to know in good time.

2. We test spades to find them 3-0 offside, eliminate hearts and diamonds and throw West in with a spade. When a low club comes back we run it to our hand; East produces the nine so we win and now we have to decide whom to play for club length. Did East have 12 red-suit cards, or is he 6-4 in hearts and clubs?

You are not going to guess right (it's my problem after all!) but you could have saved yourself the guess by cashing the ♣A before throwing West in with a spade. That way if he has a second club to lead you can't lose a trick in the suit; if he has no clubs, he must give you a ruff and discard. (Note that this play works equally well if North's ♣10 is the ♣9.)

3. I like this hand; the point of the deal is well concealed -- that means I missed it! Win the ♥A and draw trumps then lead a heart to the ♥J and ♥Q. ruff the heart return - and now play the ♣A and ♣K. if clubs break, this line makes the contract whenever it can be made. If the ♣Q is guarded offside you were never going to avoid four top losers - but this way you pick up the doubleton queen offside, and if East has ♣Qxx you exit to him with a third club, and force him to play diamonds for you or give you a ruff and sluff. Either way, one of the diamond losers vanishes.

Pairs Session 5

| Rank | Pairs | Nat. | % | Rank | Pairs | Nat. | % |
|------|-------------------------|---------|-------|------|------------------------|---------|-------|
| 1 | Gjaldbaek - Dirksen | DEN/NTH | 64.66 | 36 | Grumm - Drijver | AUT/NTH | 50.21 |
| 2 | Rigal - Graham | OLD/ENG | 63.89 | 37 | Greenberg - Hop | USA/NTH | 50.00 |
| 3 | Berglund - Ancelin | SWE/FRA | 61.95 | 38 | van Gelder-Anastasatos | NTH/GRE | 49.57 |
| 4 | S de Roos - Donn | BEL/USA | 60.45 | 39 | Heeres - Pfeifer | NTH/ENG | 49.56 |
| 5 | Montanari - Lambrou | ITA/GRE | 60.21 | 40 | Pearson - Carver | SCO/USA | 49.22 |
| 6 | Dykier - Mt Wortel | POL/NTH | 58.09 | 41 | Ortmann - Michielsen | DEN/NTH | 48.81 |
| 7 | Waldron - Reshef | USA/ISR | 57.89 | 42 | Mk Donovan - Clausen | CAN/DEN | 48.80 |
| 8 | J Ryman - Wooldridge | SWE/USA | 57.51 | 43 | Wuermseer - Sorling | GER/SWE | 48.68 |
| 9 | Ofir - Smirnov | ISR/GER | 56.95 | 44 | S Ryman - Feruz | SWE/ISR | 48.35 |
| 10 | Jones - R Barendregt | WAL/NTH | 56.86 | 45 | Azizi - AS Houlberg | ISR/DEN | 48.14 |
| 11 | Assaraf-Karapanagiotis | ISR/GRE | 56.50 | 46 | Onea - Yener | ROM/ISR | 47.43 |
| 12 | Byrne - Anderson | ENG/SWE | 56.39 | 47 | Fisher - Dekker | USA/NTH | 47.18 |
| 13 | Stasinski - Frabsa | POL/OLD | 56.29 | 48 | Nieuwkamer - Beyens | NTH/OLD | 47.09 |
| 14 | Pachtmann - Ballas | ISR/OLD | 56.19 | 49 | N Gaulin - Svenningsen | FRA/DEN | 47.02 |
| 15 | Ad Gogoman - Bruggeman | AUT/NTH | 56.14 | 50 | Baroni - Booc | ITA/HUN | 44.77 |
| 16 | Lhuissier - Hupka | FRA/AUT | 55.88 | 51 | Lasota - O'Loughlin | POL/IRL | 44.76 |
| 17 | J Bethers - Pinchbeck | LAT/ENG | 55.85 | 52 | Mortensen - Bathurst | DEN/USA | 44.63 |
| 18 | Majchrowski - Bavalia | POL/IRL | 55.31 | 53 | McMaugh - Gardosi | IRL/HUN | 43.96 |
| 19 | Kranyak - Egle | USA/LAT | 54.98 | 54 | Nielsen - Vondrackova | DEN/CZE | 43.06 |
| 20 | Hed - Rice | SWE/USA | 54.94 | 55 | Gorski - Hegedus | POL/OLD | 41.42 |
| 21 | Mylona - Ginossar | GRE/ISR | 54.94 | 56 | Mala - Eglseer | CZE/AUT | 41.16 |
| 22 | Atthey - Sinclair | ENG/SCO | 54.61 | 57 | Schultz - Bar-Yosef | DEN/ISR | 40.65 |
| 23 | Sivelind - Feldman | SWE/USA | 53.71 | 58 | R Glickmann - Boyd | USA/ISR | 39.99 |
| 24 | Brink - S Houlberg | NTH/DEN | 53.61 | 59 | de Donder - Jensen | BEL/DEN | 39.93 |
| 25 | MacCormac - Pagani | OLD/OLD | 53.55 | 60 | Jar Fournier - McElroy | USA/IRL | 37.64 |
| 26 | Yuan - Morris | USA/ENG | 53.49 | 61 | P Bethers - Martin | LAT/IRL | 37.10 |
| 27 | Mk Wortel - D de Roos | NTH/BEL | 52.67 | 62 | Hodge - Troels Muller | SCO/DEN | 36.30 |
| 28 | E Barendregt-Krogsgaard | NTH/DEN | 52.46 | 63 | G Ellison - Englert | SCO/USA | 31.00 |
| 29 | Schulz - Bakker | AUT/NTH | 52.38 | 64 | Bozzai - I Gaulin | HUN/FRA | 30.62 |
| 30 | M. Sorensen - Delehanty | DEN/IRL | 52.38 | 65 | Mt Donovan-Chrisostomo | CAN/USA | 30.57 |
| 31 | Kristensen - M Glickman | DEN/USA | 51.48 | | | | |
| 32 | Green - An Gogoman | ENG/AUT | 50.89 | | | | |
| 33 | van der Salm - Katsaris | NTH/GRE | 50.61 | | | | |
| 34 | Birman - Karamanlis | ISR/GRE | 50.45 | | | | |
| 35 | Backer - Doty | WAL/USA | 50.26 | | | | |

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Tuesday

| Time | Location | Passengers |
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| 1. 4:00 | Reception | R&M. Glickman J. Donn K. Bathurst S. Waldron M&M. Donovan |
| Arrive: 6:00 Airport | | |
| 2. 6:00 | Reception | 5 Scotsmen X. Yuan J. Rosenfeld C. Blaiss A. Onea |
| Arrive: 8:00 Airport | | |
| | Train station, Budapest | 8:45 |
| 3. 8:00 | Reception | 10 Greeks T. Schonfeldt S. Hed+ I J. Lall H. Ron T. Crank N&I. Gaulin J. Kranyak Ancelin Lhuissier A. Jones J. Backer S. Pinchbeck J. Atthey 14 Danes K. Koussis |
| Arrive: 10:00 Budapest downtown/bus station | | |
| 10:30 Airport | | |

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| 4. 10:00 | Reception | Israeli team A. Greenberg A. Carven B. Englert M. Graham M. Fisher B. Rigal M. Byrne A. Morris K. Reps G. Pfeifer 4 Italians S. Doty C. Chrisostomo The Netherlands A&A. Gogoman |
| Arrive: 12:00 Budapest downtown/bus station | | |
| 12:30 Airport | | |
| 5. 14:15 | Reception | Sweden team of Ireland M. Ellison |

