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Bocchi's Bermuda Birthday

Italy, represented by **Norberto Bocchi** (what a way to celebrate his birthday) **Lorenzo Lauria, Agustin Madala, Alfredo Versace, Giorgio Duboin, Antonio Sementa, Gianni Medugno npc, Giuseppe Failla** coach won the Bermuda Bowl for the 15th time, defeating Monaco's Fulvio Fantoni, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon, Claudio Nunes, Pierre Zimmermann, Jean Charles Allavena npc, Krzysztof Martens coach in a one sided final.



Poland's **Cesary Balicki, Krzysztof Buras, Krzysztof Jassem, Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Adam Zmudzinski, Piotr Walczak npc, Marek Wojcicki** coach took bronze.



In a match that kept the worldwide audience on the edge of their seats it was USA's **Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Jill Levin, Jill Meyers, Janice Seamon-Molson, Jenny Wolpert, Migry Zur-Campanile, Sue Picus npc** who won the Venice Cup from England's Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Heather Dhondy, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, Susan Stockdale, Jeremy Dhondy npc, David Burn coach

The Netherlands', **Carla Arnolds, Marion Michielsen, Jet Pasma, Anneke Simons, Wietske van Zwol, Meike Wortel, Alex van Reenen npc, Hans Kelder** coach finished third.

Germany's **Michael Elinescu, Ulrich Kratz, Reiner Marsal, Bernhard Sträter, Ulrich Wenning, Entschow Wladow, Kareen Schroeder npc, Karin Wenning** coach won the d'Orsi Senior Trophy after a thrilling final against USA2's Roger Bates, Gary Hayden, Marc Jacobus, Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, Donna Compton npc.



Poland's **Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romanski, Jerzy Russyan, Wlodzimierz Wala npc, Andrzej Biernacki** coach won the bronze medal play-off.



The World Transnational Teams Champions are the USA's Gordon: **David Berkowitz, Mark Gordon pc, Jacek Pszczola, Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Michael Seamon, Alan Sontag, Susie Miller** coach. They beat China's SAIC VW: Dai Jianming, Shao Zi Jian, Yang Lixin, Zhuang Zejun, Hu Mao Yuan, Liu Yi Qian, Zhang Jiangliang npc, Cai Longgen coach in another nail-biting final.

Third place went to the Netherlands' **White House, Jan Jansma, Gert-Jan Paulissen pc, Richard Ritmeijer, Magdalena Ticha**.



Roll of Honour

Bermuda Bowl

Gold: **Italy**: Norberto Bocchi, Lorenzo Lauria, Agustin Madala, Alfredo Versace, (Giorgio Duboin, Antonio Sementa), Gianni Medugno npc, Giuseppe Failla coach

Silver: **Monaco** Fulvio Fantoni, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon, Claudio Nunes, Pierre Zimmermann, Jean Charles Allavena npc, Krzysztof Martens coach

Bronze : **Poland**: Cesary Balicki, Krzysztof Buras, Krzysztof Jassem, Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Adam Zmudzinski, Piotr Walczak npc, Marek Wojcicki coach

Venice Cup

Gold: **USA2**: Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Jill Levin, Jill Meyers, Janice Seamon-Molson, Jenny Wolpert, Migry Zur-Campanile, Sue Picus npc

Silver: **England**: Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Heather Dhondy, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, Susan Stockdale, Jeremy Dhondy npc, David Burn coach

Bronze: the **Netherlands**: Carla Arnolds, Marion Michielsen, Jet Pasma, Anneke Simons, Wietske van Zwol, Meike Wortel, Alex van Reenen npc, Hans Kelder coach

D'Orsi Senior Trophy

Gold: **Germany**: Michael Elinescu, Ulrich Kratz, Reiner Marsal, Bernhard Sträter, Ulrich Wenning, Entschow Wladow, Karen Schroeder npc, Karin Wenning coach

Silver: **USA2**: Roger Bates, Garey Hayden, Marc Jacobus, Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, Donna Compton npc

Bronze: **Poland**: Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romanski, Jerzy Russyan, Wlodzimierz Wala npc, Andrzej Biernacki coach

Transnational Open Teams

Gold : **SAIC VW** : Dai Jianming, Hu Mao Yuan, Liu Yi Qian, Shao Zi Jian, Yang Lixin, Zhuang Zejun (CHN)), Zhang Jiangliang npc, Cai Longgen coach

Silver : **Gordon** : David Berkowitz, Mark Gordon pc, Jacek Pszczola, Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Michael Seamon, Alan Sontag (USA), Susie Miller coach

Bronze : **Whitehouse** : Jan Jansma, Gert-Jan Paulissen pc, Richard Ritmeijer, Magdalena Ticha.

This is the second Bermuda Bowl win for Norberto Bocchi and Lorenzo Lauria. It is Lauria's and Versace's seventh World Championship, Bocchi's sixth.

Lauria now has seven medals from Bermuda Bowls, his first a silver in 1979. Duboin, Versace, Helgemo and Helness have five medals each. Bocchi, Fantoni, Nunes, Balicki and Zmudzinski have four.

This is the fourth Venice Cup win for Jill Meyers (after 1993, 1997 and 2007), the third one for Jill Levin (2003, 2007) and the second for Janice Seamon-Molson (2003).

Jill Meyers now has five medals from Venice Cups, as have Carla Arnolds, Jet Pasma and Anneke Simons.

Meyers and Smith both had six world titles to their credit before today's final, so Meyers is now the most titled Woman player in history.

Roger Bates and Garey Hayden have won a fourth medal (a silver after 3 golds) in a d'Orsi Senior Trophy, as has Jerzy Russyan. The other Polish seniors have now won three medals.

Both Michael Seamon and Alan Sontag won a transnational open teams championship before. Jacek Pszczola previously won a silver and a bronze, so he now has a full set of transnational open medals.

All events combined, Helgemo and Smith now have 14 World Championship medals; Lauria, Helness, Fantoni and Meyers have 12, Nunes, Balicki and Zmudzinski 11, and Multon has 10.

WBF PRESIDENT FAREWELL

Mr. Dahlan Iskan, Chairman of the Indonesian Bridge Federation, Mr. Michael Bambang Hartono, Mr. José Damiani, President Emeritus of the World Bridge Federation, Mr. Ernesto d'Orsi, Past President of the World Bridge Federation, Authorities, dear colleagues of the WBF, distinguish guests, dear friends,

We come to the end of the 41st World Bridge Teams Championship and the 9th World Transnational Open Teams Championship and, once again and even more than in the past, I am proud and delighted to say, that this event has proved to be so successful, even more successful than we dared hope or expect.

This marvellous land, this marvellous people welcomed and hosted us in such a superb way that it seems to me superfluous to say that we will have an unforgettable memory of them and of this wonderful experience.

Thank you Indonesia, thank you Bali!

The Indonesian Bridge Federation, under the leadership of its Chairman, Dahlan Iskan and the Organising Committee, led by Toto Syafruddin, have done an extraordinary job in organizing this event, which under the coordination of the WBF Championship Committee, chaired by Ernesto D'Orsi, has gone very smoothly from all points of view. I am very pleased to award the Chairman of the Indonesian Bridge Federation with the WBF Gold Medal.

We must, of course, thank the sponsors for their support to the Championship. We owe a huge debt of thanks to our great friend Mr Michael Bambang Hartono, who with his generosity allowed us to create such a great event.

I want to dedicate a special mention and to express our gratitude to the On Site Organizer, Arnold Laseduw, who did an amazing job and I would like him to know just how much we appreciate his efficiency, professionalism and dedication. I am very pleased to award Arnold with the WBF Silver Medal.

But above all I would like to thank the entire staff operators, Indonesian and coming from all over the world and working harmoniously together before and during the these Championships, enabling its great success.

First of all I would like to thank all the Indonesian volunteers. You have done a truly wonderful job and made our stay here in Nusa Dua most memorable.

I will now call on the various departments of these Championships to please stand so that we can applaud them.

The Championship Management chaired by Ernesto D'Orsi, with Marc De Pauw, Maurizio Di Sacco, Jean-Claude Beineix and Armand Trippaers; the Appeals Committee headed by John Wignall, and made up of Ton Kooijman, Jean-Paul-Meyer, Jeffrey Polisner, Barry Rigal, Brian Senior, P.O. Sundelin and Herman De Wael; the Disciplinary Commission, headed by Georgia Heth with David Harris and Mazhar Jafri.

The Tournament Directors who have worked unstintingly headed by Max Bavin ably assisted by Antonio Riccardi, Matt Smith, Bertrand Gignoux, Jeanne van den Meiracker, Bernardo Biondo, Anthony Ching, Pierre Collaros, Lau-

rie Kelso, Slawek Latala, Sean Mullamphy, Magdy Mesdary, Ihsan Qadir, Arnold Laseduw, John Tumewu, Chen Xiangyang and Zhang Xin.

The Secretariat ran smoothly with Marina Madia, Carol von Linstow, and Dirk De Clercq. For the Protocol and Ceremony, our thanks go to Anna Maria Torlontano, Sevinç Atay, Tetty Sianipar Petricola, Rose de Graaf and Salvina Rosi.

The Communications section was run by Anna Gudge with the help of Christina Lund Madsen, Mario Chavarria Kaifman, Simon Fellus and Fernando Lema.

Bridgegrama was, as usual, very well done by Jean-Paul Meyer, Barry Rigal, David Stern, Ishmael Del'Monte, P.O. Sundelin, with Chicco Battistone who were responsible for the technical side with Francesca Canali, Margherita Chavarria Kaifman, Eria Franco and Fabio Lo Presti,

The Hospitality & Registration made a superb job of a very difficult task and our sincere appreciation goes to Silvia Valentini, ably assisted by Odile Beineix, Gildana Caputo, Peter De Pauw, Branka Grguric, Beverly Levy, Linda Sitompul, Anna Helena and Andreas Laba.

The Medical and Anti Doping Committee of Paolo Walter Gabriele, Giovanni Capelli and Jaap Stomphorst.

The Main Office and Caddies were overseen by Gianni Bertotto and Gianluca Barrese.

The Press Room was as usual very well run by Jan Swaan while Patrick Jourdain, John Carruthers and Jan van Cleff were responsible for IBPA.

The Daily Bulletin was co-ordinated by Jean-Paul Meyer with Brent Manley as Editor ably supported by Mark Horton, Jos Jacobs, Micke Melander, Brian Senior, Ron Tacchi as Layout Editor and Elisabeth van Ettinger the photographer.

The duplication team, responsible for duplicating no less than 50,000 boards was led by Monica Gorreri with Franco Crosta, Hélène Vivier, Sabri, Supri and Iqbal.

The Computer Championship was very efficiently run by Alvin Levy.

Gianni Baldi coordinated the Technological Services with Duccio Geronimi, Hugo Trippaers and Vicky Ferdinand Setiawan responsible for the IT Systems. Scoring was done by Fotis Skoularikis, with Dimitri Ballas as Scoring Manager assisted by Manolo Eminent. Traian Chira coordinated the BBO Key-board Operators. Ourgame was operated by Lin Zhenpeng and Kan Baloei

The extremely efficient Transport was organized by Ali Ridho with Rigga Prajutha.

Our sincere thanks go to the Nusa Dua Convention Centre, its Director of Operations, Wayan Sutapa and its personnel for very kindly welcoming and hosting us.


Finally, dear friends, on behalf of the WBF and personally I would like to express to all of you, the players, my warmest appreciation. You guaranteed the success of this event and I am really pleased to thank and congratulate you.

Enjoy all together this night.

Jos Jacobs

After the first segment of the scheduled six, Italy had a 54-29 lead over Monaco. Here are three consecutive early boards from the second segment on which Italy left us in no doubt about their intentions in this match.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ J953		
	♥ Q62		
	♦ AK1063		
	♣ K		
♠ AQ762		♠ K1084	
♥ J104		♥ AK7	
♦ J		♦ 954	
♣ A652		♣ Q107	
	♠ —		
	♥ 9853		
	♦ Q872		
	♣ J9843		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the Open Room, the Italians were quickly in the proper contract after Lauria's GF 2♣, showing either clubs or a balanced hand. Versace had nothing to add to his opening bid so Lauria settled for game. Italy +620.

In the Seniors final between Germany and the USA 2 team, we saw a strange sequence of plays by the American declarer in 4♠. He ruffed the second round of diamonds, led a spade to dummy's king and ruffed dummy's last diamond in hand. Next, he successfully ran the ♥J and cashed dummy's top hearts before continuing with the ♣Q which ran to North's bare king. As he still had one more club and a trump to lose, he thus had managed to go one down in his contract for a loss of 12 IMPs.

In the Closed Room of the BB final, Monaco's pair fell overboard:


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Madala</i>
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Helness probably expected more of Helgemo's 3♣ rebid, hence his further move over 4♠. The contract had no play and went down two, Italy +200 and 13 IMPs to them.

On the next board, the Italians chose the right moment to bid a slam:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ 765		
	♥ K4		
	♦ AQJ1032		
	♣ Q2		
♠ 9		♠ J1032	
♥ Q9875		♥ J106	
♦ 76		♦ K985	
♣ KJ543		♣ 108	
	♠ AKQ84		
	♥ A32		
	♦ 4		
	♣ A976		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
—	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

With his 2NT rebid over Nunes' invitational relay, Fantoni showed a semi-balanced hand with diamonds. Nunes then settled for 4♠ when Fantoni confirmed his 6-3-2-2 with his 3NT rebid.

West led a club. Dummy's queen was played and held the trick. Declarer drew two rounds of trumps and then went for the ruffing finesse in diamonds. When East covered the queen with his king, 12 tricks were quickly there. Monaco +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Madala</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♦	Dbf	2♥	Dbf
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

The E/W interference did not get the Italians off the track and the slam was easily reached. On a trump lead by West, declarer drew two rounds, getting the bad news, and then

went for the ruffing finesse, a logical play in view of the auction. Italy +1430 and another 13 IMPs.

The next board brought yet another double-figure swing to Italy when South put in a frivolous two-suited overcall:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K1075 ♥ AJ ♦ KQ862 ♣ 62</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ A83 ♥ 103 ♦ J3 ♣ AJ10953</p>	<p>♠ Q942 ♥ KQ98 ♦ 10 ♣ KQ84</p>
		<p>♠ J6 ♥ 76542 ♦ A9754 ♣ 7</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Fantoni	Lauria	Nunes
–	–	1♣	2NT
Dbl	Pass	Pass	3♦
Dbl	All Pass		

West led a club to dummy's ace and declarer continued the ♣J, covered and ruffed in hand. Next came a heart to West's jack but East overtook with the queen and pushed his ♦10 through. West won the queen, unblocked his ♥A and returned the ♦K to declarer's ace. After this, declarer could only make his two remaining trumps and the ♠A so he had to go down three, Italy+500.

This would not have been a disaster had the vulnerable spade game been on for E/W:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bocchi	Helness	Madala
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♠	2♣	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The Monegasques might have doubled 2♣ for two or three down but they understandably settled for the vulnerable game, only to find out it went down from the start.. ♦J to the ace, club back to the ace, club ruff and the ♠A still to come. Italy another +100 and another juicy 12 IMPs to lead by 50 at this stage. To some of the BBO spectators, it already looked as if the match was all over by now...



Falsecard Success

Josef Harsanyi

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ Q1094 ♥ AK6 ♦ J32 ♣ K75</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ A863 ♥ Q83 ♦ AK1076 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ J5 ♥ J109742 ♦ 5 ♣ J932</p>
		<p>♠ K72 ♥ 5 ♦ Q984 ♣ AQ864</p>	

In the Seniors d'Orsi Trophy in Germany v. France Open Room Francois Leenhardt of France made an excellent falsecard in defence to allow the declarer to find a way to go down on this deal from the fourth semi-final session.

What happened?

Reiner Marsal was declarer as North in Five Diamonds.

The ♥J opening lead from Leenhardt was taken by West, Alain Levy, who switched to a trump. Declarer has two spades, five diamonds and two heart ruffs to make 9 tricks so two club tricks are needed to make the contract without losing control in trumps.

This was the club layout:

	♣ 10	
♣ K75(3)		♣ J9(3)2
	♣ AQ864	

After the ♣A was cashed, a low club was ruffed. If East follows with a low club, declarer will be forced to play for the king to come down next. But Leenhardt gave him a losing option by contributing the nine on the second round.

Now if that was from ♣J92, declarer must lead the queen to pin the jack. Declarer actually did misguess and so failed in his game, giving France 10 IMPs.

Is it a human mistake to go wrong here? No! Mr. Johannes Leber, a participant of the Bridge Computer Championship, simulated both playing variants, and his Q-plus declarer also fell into the trap set up by an imaginative defender. The truth is that the playing machine in the role of East cannot find the clever play of ♣9 in the second round yet. This imaginative play is reserved for the best human players.

In the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and the Seniors, the board was played 12 times, producing eight different results, from 4♦ to 3NT to 4♠ to 6♦ (making).

This deal was reported on Page 4 in yesterday's Bulletin, but the BBO play record did not have East playing the nine of clubs on the second round.

Mark Horton

England trailed USA 2 38.3-52 at the end of the first sixteen boards of the Venice Cup final, but they took the next one 32-7 mainly as a result of these two deals:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ K ♥ KJ108742 ♦ 9 ♣ AK84</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ J93 ♥ 96 ♦ Q8643 ♣ 972</p>	<p>♠ 752 ♥ AQ5 ♦ AJ1075 ♣ QJ</p>
		<p>♠ AQ10864 ♥ 3 ♦ K2 ♣ 10653</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	2♠
4♥	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		
5♥	Asking for a spade control		

The defenders scored the ace of spades, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Zur Campanile</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

That was 11 IMPs to England.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ KQ432 ♥ A10764 ♦ — ♣ 1095</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ J1065 ♥ J2 ♦ Q542 ♣ Q83</p>	<p>♠ 98 ♥ KQ985 ♦ J1083 ♣ 76</p>
		<p>♠ A7 ♥ 3 ♦ AK976 ♣ AKJ42</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT	DbI
2♥	Pass	3♥	DbI
All Pass			

Declarer ruffed the diamond lead and ducked a club to North, who switched to the two of hearts. Declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the king followed by a club. South won and returned a diamond and declarer ruffed, ruffed a club and played a spade. Declarer ruffed the diamond return, cashed the ace of hearts, threw a diamond on the queen of spades and was +930.

South's second double was clearly for takeout, but had South bid 3♠ at her second turn then this particular disaster would have been avoided.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Zur Campanile</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♦*	3♦	4♥	4♠*
Pass	5♦	All Pass	
2♦	Majors		
4♠	Cue bid		

West cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the six. Declarer ruffed in dummy, played a diamond to the queen, West pitching a heart, and a diamond to the jack and ace. A club to the queen was followed by a diamond to the nine and declarer drew the last trump and claimed, +400 and 16 IMPs to England, who now led 70.3-59.

The excellent Closing Ceremony was orchestrated by Anna Maria Torlontano, with Sevinc Atay and Silvia Valentini. Anna Maria would like to thank Tetty Petricola, Rose de Graaf and Salvina Rosi from the Indonesian Organising Committee for their invaluable help and co-operation.

We would all like to congratulate the winners and wish all competitors and participants a safe journey home.

Repeat after me...

By Patrick Jourdain

The Indonesian Open Team in the Transnationals were among the top eight teams to qualify for the knockouts. This remarkable deal from their match against your hapless correspondent's makeshift team certainly helped them on the way:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ 65		
	♥ 974		
	♦ 987643		
	♣ 52		
♠ A84 ♥ Q82 ♦ K105 ♣ K1043	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ KJ93 ♥ AK1063 ♦ A ♣ A98	
	♠ Q1072		
	♥ J5		
	♦ QJ2		
	♣ QJ76		

West	North	East	South
George	Lewis	Karwur	Jourdain
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♥!	All Pass		

Julius George and Franky Karwur play a weak notrump. After a transfer and heart agreement, East initiated cuebids, then keycard established West held the ace of spades, and the follow-up showed he had the queen of trumps and the king of clubs. East's grand slam try was perhaps hoping for the queen of spades. As West had already shown all his high cards, it was not quite clear why he decided to bid the grand, but it was certainly justified by the outcome.

North, Marshall Lewis, led the eight of diamonds (second highest from bad suits). When declarer saw dummy and realised that even if the trumps came in he had only 11 top tricks he must not have been optimistic about his chances. However, the amazing fact is that Seven Hearts or Seven Notrump make on any lead from either side.

Declarer began by drawing trumps, relieved to find there was no loser. On the third trump, I naturally discarded a spade, but when declarer followed with a fourth trump that was much more painful. At that stage, partner might hold three clubs, so I threw a club, declarer a spade, and North a diamond. Next came ace and king of clubs, the king of diamonds, ditching the losing club (one of my honours falling),

and a club ruff establishing declarer's long club. That was a disappointment to me but worse was to come when declarer came to hand with the ace of spades and cashed that club.

As 12 of North's cards were already known, there was no prospect of leaving George with a spade guess by baring the spade queen so I had to rely on partner for the ten of diamonds and threw my remaining diamond honour. Declarer sympathetically showed his thirteenth winner.

Note that Seven Notrump also succeeds on any lead, as the squeeze repeats by declarer following the fourth heart with a fifth one. The defence have more chances to conceal the layout, but even if South bares the queen of spades early on, an alert declarer counting North's hand should read the ending accurately.

As our team-mates were in a dull Six Hearts, the swing was 11 IMPs to Indonesia Open.

Bulletin 13 page 24 Patrick Jourdain's article "Promotion to the Executive"

A missing tab at the start of the names line in the bidding diagram makes it look as if Tan & Choy were sitting West and East whereas Tan was North and Choy was South, the beneficiary of two trump promotions by his partner.

The article is correctly worded.

Thanks, team

It is always a pleasure to associate with true professionals on a difficult job like producing Daily Bulletins each day for two weeks.

The Daily Bulletin team in Bali more than measured up, so thanks to editors Mark Horton, Brian Senior, Jos Jacobs and Micke Melander (soft returns notwithstanding) for their fine work.

Ron Tacchi did his usual excellent job, but in a different role this time. Instead of taking photos, he was the layout editor. The job of recording the championships digitally fell to Elisabeth van Ettinger, who acquitted herself with energy and imagination.

The coordinator of the team was Jean-Paul Meyer, who is always supportive while helping to keep the rowdy group in line. Although not officially members of the team, Herman de Wael and Barry Rigal assisted nightly with expert proof reading – and Herman provided lots of stats.

Finally, thanks to WBF for assembling the team, and to the friendly people of Bali for making our stay here pleasant.

Brent Manley
Editor


Jos Jacobs

On Tuesday and Wednesday, France had won their quarter-final match against the Netherlands with a segment to spare when their opponents conceded. Germany, on the other hand, managed to do what their soccer players are famous for: fighting it out until the last minute (of extra time, if necessary) and emerge victorious in the end. As a result of the final standings in the qualifications, the two would have to meet in the semis and thus produce an all-European match.

France started the match with a carryover of 1 IMP. The first board was a warming-up routine game, but on boards 2 and 3, Germany scored 3 and 2 IMPs, respectively, for reaching the superior hopeless game on one board and for reaching the unbeatable game contract on the other.

The first sizeable swing, however, went to France on what very much looked like an innocent deal:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ KQ ♥ Q953 ♦ 8765 ♣ A96		♠ 73 ♥ AJ107 ♦ AQ92 ♣ J87	♠ AJ1094 ♥ 2 ♦ J1043 ♣ 1032 ♠ 8652 ♥ K864 ♦ K ♣ KQ54
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Wenning</i>
–	–	–	2♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

When it turned out that South did not hold his high cards in the majors he had promised with his opening bid, the Germans had to lose at least one trick in each suit. When declarer, upon winning the trump lead with his ace, immediately went after the clubs, he even went down two when West returned the suit after cashing his ♠K.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sträter</i>	<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

In the other room, the French did not enter the auction so the Germans had a free run. South led a spade to North's ace and a low diamond came back, declarer playing low from his hand. Though this forced South's king, there was little declarer could do. He ran the ♥9 which held, then tried the ♥Q which was taken by South's king. When South returned a trump, declarer drew the last trump as well and then conceded a diamond trick to North. After that, the defenders were still entitled to one spade and one club trick so this contract, too, was down two, vulnerable for another +200 to France and 9 IMPs to them.

Two boards later, the German E/W were among the substantial number of pairs who bid to a no-play slam:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 82 ♥ K8542 ♦ A843 ♣ K5		♠ AJ65 ♥ AQJ103 ♦ KQ2 ♣ Q	♠ 4 ♥ 76 ♦ J9765 ♣ A10872 ♠ KQ10973 ♥ 9 ♦ 10 ♣ J9643
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Wenning</i>
–	2NT	3♣	5♣
5♥	All Pass		

2NT showed minors, 3♣ showed majors with heart preference, 5♣ was a further pre-empt and Levy's 5♥ proved the correct level. France +650.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sträter</i>	<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>
–	Pass	1♥	3♠
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Once Sträter considered his extra trump worth a queen, there was no way back for the Germans. When North went up with his ace when declarer led a low club from dummy, the contract was one down. France another +100 and 13 more IMPs.

After a partscore swing to Germany on the next board and three pushes, board 14 arrived:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A9875 ♥ A854 ♦ 93 ♣ KQ		♠ KJ10 ♥ 10972 ♦ 106 ♣ J983	♠ Q42 ♥ KQ3 ♦ KQ52 ♣ A106
		♠ 63 ♥ J6 ♦ AJ874 ♣ 7542	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Wenning</i>
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

A standard French auction to the normal contract, 3♥ showing five spades and four hearts. France +450.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sträter</i>	<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

The German auction started along the same lines, but when West forgot to launch his Blackwood, the Germans suddenly were overboard. Down one, France +50 and 11 more IMPs.

On the last board of the segment, Germany fared much better:

Board 16. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J75432 ♥ K ♦ J1097 ♣ 104		♠ A9 ♥ 764 ♦ 8652 ♣ KQ95	♠ Q1086 ♥ AQ8 ♦ AQ3 ♣ A63
		♠ K ♥ J109532 ♦ K4 ♣ J872	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Wenning</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Leenhardt's hand was too strong for 1NT so he had to open 1♣. When he did not speak again at his next turn, looking at a now depreciated ♥AQx in his 4-3-3-3, Three Hearts, probably to the surprise of the Germans, became the final contract. West led a club to partner's ace. Declarer won East's club return in dummy and called for a low heart. When East went up with his ace, declarer even made his contract when the ♦K was worth a trick later on. Germany +140.

Not that this defensive error mattered very much, as this is what happened at the other table:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sträter</i>	<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Playing four-card majors, Kratz could open the East hand 1♠, solving all problems for E/W. As the club loser would immediately go on a top heart, if needed, the contract was never in danger. Germany another +620 and 13 IMPs to their credit rather than the 11 they would have got, had 3♥ been defeated.

The score after the first segment: 39-25 to France.

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Everybody here in Bali has been fantastic. Allow me to mention in particular, Rose de Graaf and staff who have been a great help throughout the tournament.

Jan Swaan, Press Room manager

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Yeh Mix: not an every-day experience

Jan van Cleeff

After 12 rounds of play, the team of Yeh Mix clearly topped the field and was plain sailing to the quarter-finals of the Transnationals. In Round 13, the Yeh squad met Fleisher, number 2 in the rankings. The match looked promising as star-studded Fleisher had big names in the team like Zia Mahmood, Chip Martel and Michael Rosenberg. But Yeh, amongst others, had former world champion Ming Sun on board. Two deals stood out:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ AK9 ♥ KQ9 ♦ AQ73 ♣ A82</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ J653 ♥ J42 ♦ 865 ♣ QJ7</p>	<p>♠ 10742 ♥ 75 ♦ K1092 ♣ 1093</p>
		<p>♠ Q8 ♥ A10863 ♦ J4 ♣ K654</p>	

West	North	East	South
	–	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the closed room the American North led a heart to the ace and after the heart continuation Shin (West) soon ended up with nine tricks.

In the open room Ming Sun (North) led a spade to the queen and ace. West tried a sneaky ♠9, but Ming Sun rose with the jack and correctly switched to a club honour, leaving declarer without a chance.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q9873 ♥ Q7 ♦ AJ3 ♣ K53</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ KJ65 ♥ K105 ♦ K105 ♣ 1064</p>	<p>♠ A42 ♥ AJ96 ♦ Q92 ♣ J97</p>
		<p>♠ 10 ♥ 8432 ♦ 8764 ♣ AQ82</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamil</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Chen</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♥ 4+♠
2♣ 2-way Checkback
2♦ Forced
2NT Invitational

North went in the tank and finally kicked-off with the ♦5. When dummy's nine held, South playing the four. Michael Kamil continued with the ♠A and a spade to the nine and jack, South throwing the ♦6. Ming Sung drew the right conclusion from her partner's carding and switched to the ♣4, nine, queen (!) and king. Declarer gave another spade to North who continued with the ♣10. So N/S took another three club tricks. And though declarer successfully finessed in hearts he still went one down. Excellent defence by N/S.

At the other table East was declarer:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shih</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Zia</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♣ 2-way Checkback
2♦ forced
2NT invitational

Zia led the ♣2 for the ten and jack. Ping Wang tabled the ♠A and continued the suit to the nine and jack. Martel went on with a club, covered by the queen and king, won the next spade trick and exited with a third club. South took the ace and cashed the last club as well. North was feeling some pressure already. It became unbearable on the fifth spade. Nine tricks and well done by Ping Wang. I am not sure if Zia and Chip enjoyed it. Being squeezed suicidal, by a Chinese lady is not an every day experience.

When the smoke cleared Mighty Yeh had won the match by 15.97 to 4.03 and were on top of the field by a margin of 20 VPs.



Bermuda Bowl Final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
MONACO	0	29	29	16	45	2	47	34	81	16	97	29	126
ITALY	6	48	54	45	99	15	114	20	134	54	188	22	210

Venice Cup Final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
USA2	0	52	52	7	59	53	112	1	113	84	197	32	229
ENGLAND	2.33	36	38.3	32	70.3	37	107.3	49	156.3	33	189.3	31	220.3

d'Orsi Trophy Final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
USA2	1	43	44	15	59	17	76	22	98	37	135	26	161
GERMANY	0	58	58	24	82	20	102	18	120	17	137	35	172

Bermuda Bowl Play-off scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total
POLAND	11.67	51	62.7	22	84.7	49	133.7	13	146.7
USA1	0	28	28	31	59	36	95	47	142

Venice Cup Play-off scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total
NETHERLANDS	14	40	54	42	96	38	134	18	152
CHINA	0	48	48	15	63	39	102	37	139

d'Orsi Trophy Play-off scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total
POLAND	0	33	33	37	70	25	95	35	130
FRANCE	14	25	39	16	55	15	70	10	80

Transnational Final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	
SAIC VW		0	45	45	22	67	14	81
GORDON		0	22	22	45	67	25	92

Transnational Play-off scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	
WHITE HOUSE		0	17	17	38	55
P D TIMES		0	25	25	26	51

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