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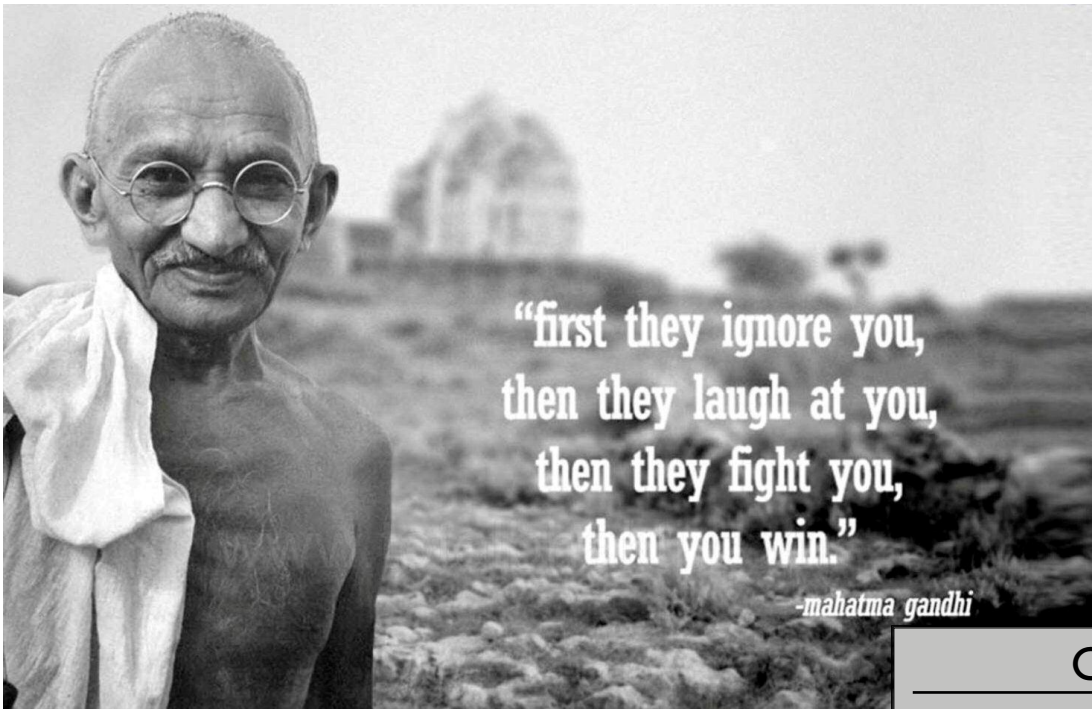
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GANDHI JAYANTI



Here are the leaders after 15 rounds in qualifying for the three main events:

Bermuda Bowl
Poland

Venice Cup
USA 2

d'Orsi Trophy
Australia

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (Father of the nation) was born on 2nd October, 1869. He gave birth to terms like non-violence, civil disobedience, freedom, etc. **Mahatma Gandhi** is also termed as 'Bapu' by his devotees. Gandhi's birthday is celebrated as a national holiday and 'a day of non violence and peace. He led and made many campaigns and described satyagraha as 'insistence on truth
If I am to die by the bullet of a mad man, I must do so smiling. There must be no anger within me. God must be in my heart and on my lips.
Mohandas K. Gandhi, 28 January 1948, two days prior to his assassination.

As is customary on Gandhi Jayanti, the celebration of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, no alcohol will be served anywhere in India on this day.

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BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

*BBO 1 = VuGraph
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11:00

Poland v Bulgaria	BBO 1
India v USA2	BBO 2
Australia v Brazil	BBO 3
Poland v France (VC)	BBO 4
Australia v Indonesia (OT)	BBO 5
USA2 v China (VC)	BBO 6

14:30

USA2 v Sweden	BBO 1
China v England	BBO 2
UAE v USA1	BBO 3
Brazil v France	BBO 4
Poland v Australia (OT)	BBO 5
China v Poland (VC)	BBO 6

17:20

USA1 v China	BBO 1
India v Bulgaria	BBO 2
Poland v Italy (VC)	BBO 3
Austria v USA2 (OT)	BBO 4
Jordan v Guadeloupe	BBO 5
France v China (VC)	BBO 6



Bermuda Bowl

After Round 15

TEAM	VP
1 POLAND	194.87
2 CHINA	186.57
3 ENGLAND	185.54
4 FRANCE	183.94
5 BULGARIA	180.82
6 BRAZIL	178.93
7 USA1	176.64
8 SWEDEN	175.44
9 USA2	166.95
10 DENMARK	162.18
11 INDIA	161.91
12 JAPAN	155.67
13 AUSTRALIA	145.18
14 CANADA	144.86
15 SINGAPORE	134.19
16 NEW ZEALAND	134.15
17 EGYPT	129.55
18 SOUTH AFRICA	117.66
19 ARGENTINA	112.30
20 GUADELOUPE	90.15
21 JORDAN	88.11
22 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	86.89

Medical Help Desk

A team of paramedics will be on hand every day to deal with any medical problems you may have. Their desk is located on the first floor close to the escalators.



Venice Cup

After Round 15

TEAM	VP
1 USA2	215.52
2 DENMARK	213.48
3 USAI	212.32
4 NETHERLANDS	206.62
5 ITALY	205.60
6 CHINA	204.36
7 FRANCE	198.37
8 POLAND	189.29
9 ENGLAND	175.26
10 JAPAN	158.65
11 CHINESE TAIPEI	152.71
12 CANADA	149.40
13 AUSTRALIA	147.44
14 BRAZIL	133.50
15 NEW ZEALAND	121.74
16 EGYPT	121.09
17 VENEZUELA	108.92
18 GUADELOUPE	101.07
19 SOUTH AFRICA	96.12
20 PAKISTAN	78.64
21 JORDAN	58.18
22 INDIA	47.22

d'Orsi Trophy

After Round 15

TEAM	VP
1 AUSTRALIA	219.53
2 USAI	200.12
3 NORWAY	195.07
4 USA2	194.90
5 AUSTRIA	191.75
6 IRELAND	190.05
7 POLAND	183.48
8 ENGLAND	177.42
9 SWEDEN	174.53
10 INDIA	170.80
11 JAPAN	156.72
12 BULGARIA	154.31
13 CANADA	149.46
14 INDONESIA	148.51
15 PAKISTAN	132.89
16 EGYPT	125.69
17 CHINA	107.69
18 GUADELOUPE	102.52
19 NEW ZEALAND	91.73
20 CHILE	88.83
21 TUNISIA	77.72
22 BRAZIL	55.28



Bermuda Bowl

Round 16 11:00 - 13:20

1	JORDAN	CHINA
2	ENGLAND	UAE
3	USA I	NEW ZEALAND
4	FRANCE	SOUTH AFRICA
5	JAPAN	EGYPT
6	GUADELOUPE	CANADA
7	POLAND	BULGARIA
8	ARGENTINA	DENMARK
9	INDIA	USA2
10	SWEDEN	SINGAPORE
11	AUSTRALIA	BRAZIL

Round 17 14:30 - 16:50

1	CHINA	ENGLAND
2	UAE	USA I
3	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA
4	JORDAN	JAPAN
5	EGYPT	GUADELOUPE
6	CANADA	POLAND
7	BULGARIA	ARGENTINA
8	DENMARK	INDIA
9	USA2	SWEDEN
10	SINGAPORE	AUSTRALIA
11	BRAZIL	FRANCE

Round 18 17:20 - 19:40

1	USA I	CHINA
2	SOUTH AFRICA	UAE
3	FRANCE	NEW ZEALAND
4	JAPAN	ENGLAND
5	GUADELOUPE	JORDAN
6	POLAND	EGYPT
7	ARGENTINA	CANADA
8	INDIA	BULGARIA
9	SWEDEN	DENMARK
10	AUSTRALIA	USA2
11	BRAZIL	SINGAPORE

Video Corner



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Bermuda Bowl

Piotr Gawrys and Michal Klukowski have joined the Polish Bermuda Bowl Team. They played for the first time in the third match on Wednesday.

Registration for the Side Events

Registration is now open for the three Pairs events to be held on Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October.

Please go to :

<http://www.worldbridge.org/side-events.aspx>

where you will see the link to the registration page. You need to register your pair separately for each day that you wish to play.



Bermuda Bowl Schedule

The booklet distributed to all players giving the detailed playing schedule contains a typographical error.

From Round 11 onwards 'Germany' should read 'France'.

Venice Cup

Round 16 11:00 - 13:20

21	AUSTRALIA	DENMARK
22	CHINESE TAIPEI	USA I
23	GUADELOUPE	NETHERLANDS
24	BRAZIL	PAKISTAN
25	JAPAN	ENGLAND
26	INDIA	NEW ZEALAND
27	JORDAN	EGYPT
28	CANADA	SOUTH AFRICA
29	VENEZUELA	ITALY
30	USA2	CHINA
31	POLAND	FRANCE

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 16 11:00 - 13:20

41	CANADA	BULGARIA
42	BRAZIL	POLAND
43	AUSTRALIA	INDONESIA
44	CHILE	GUADELOUPE
45	EGYPT	USA I
46	PAKISTAN	INDIA
47	JAPAN	CHINA
48	TUNISIA	USA2
49	ENGLAND	NEW ZEALAND
50	AUSTRIA	SWEDEN
51	NORWAY	IRELAND

Round 17 14:30 - 16:50

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22	USA I	GUADELOUPE
23	NETHERLANDS	PAKISTAN
24	AUSTRALIA	JAPAN
25	ENGLAND	INDIA
26	NEW ZEALAND	JORDAN
27	EGYPT	CANADA
28	SOUTH AFRICA	VENEZUELA
29	ITALY	USA2
30	CHINA	POLAND
31	FRANCE	BRAZIL

Round 17 14:30 - 16:50

41	BULGARIA	BRAZIL
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43	INDONESIA	GUADELOUPE
44	CANADA	EGYPT
45	USA I	PAKISTAN
46	INDIA	JAPAN
47	CHINA	TUNISIA
48	USA2	ENGLAND
49	NEW ZEALAND	AUSTRIA
50	SWEDEN	NORWAY
51	IRELAND	CHILE

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India on stage (OT R7)



India v. USA I



By T.C. Pant

Keeping in mind that contending teams must play consistently well to make the top eight and thus qualify for the quarterfinal knockout phase, the Indian team started day three with their round-seven match on BBO against the fancied USAI team in the d'Orsi Trophy.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ — ♥ A J 6 5 2 ♦ A K Q J 10 ♣ Q 9 5	<table style="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 9 3 2 ♥ 10 9 ♦ 5 ♣ K J 6 4 3
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W		E									
	S										
♠ 10 8 7 6 4 ♥ K Q 7 4 3 ♦ 6 3 2 ♣ —		♠ K Q 5 ♥ 8 ♦ 9 8 7 4 ♣ A 10 8 7 2									

Open room

West	North	East	South
S. Machhar	B. Hamman	R. Krishnan	M. Lair
	1♥	2♥*	Pass
4♠	5♦	All Pass	

Closed room

West	North	East	South
R. Milner	B. Das	H. Lall	A. Sadhu
	1♥	2♥*	Pass
3♠	4♦	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

In both the rooms, East used a Michaels cuebid to show spades and a minor over North's 1♥ opening. In the open room, once West jumped to 4♠, North bid 5♦, which became the final contract. West led the ♠A, ruffed in hand by declarer and he took out three rounds of trumps and played the ♣Q to the king and ace. He gave a club trick and later discarded his heart losers on his black-suit winners to make 12 tricks for 420.

In the closed room, N/S preferred defending 4♠ doubled. The lead was ♦A, which held and North continued with ♦Q, declarer ruffing the trick in dummy. The ♥10 was led to queen and ace and North, after winning, continued with ♦J, ruffed in dummy. Declarer now played a low club from dummy and when South played low, ruffed in hand and played a spade to ace. He still had a heart loser and two

spades and went three down for 500 to India and a 2-IMP gain.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ Q J 7 5 ♥ 8 5 ♦ 10 9 ♣ Q 5 4 3 2	<table style="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		♠ 2 ♥ K J 9 7 2 ♦ A K J 8 7 4 2 ♣ —
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W		E									
	S										
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		♠ 10 9 6 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ 6 3 ♣ K 9 8 7 6									

Open room

West	North	East	South
S. Machhar	B. Hamman	R. Krishnan	M. Lair
	INT	1♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
		5♦	All Pass

Closed room

West	North	East	South
R. Milner	B. Das	H. Lall	A. Sadhu
	INT	1♦	Pass
1♠		3♦	All Pass



Alope Sadhu, India



Sunil Machhar, India

The bidding styles of East in the two rooms were quite different overall. In the open room, after opening 1♦ and North's INT, he decided to show his five-carder in hearts as well and after partner's 3♦ preference bid on to 3♥. Partner resisted the temptation to go to game, but East still bid 5♦. Though the contract was not doubled, still there was no way to make the contract, which went down two. In the closed room, the reasonable 3♦ was played and made for a 5-IMP pick-up for USA I.

On board 3, USA I gained an IMP for making an overtrick in a 3 NT contract.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 8 5 2 ♥ A J 7 ♦ A 10 ♣ K 7 6 4	<table style="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		♠ 7 ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ K Q J 8 5 4 3 ♣ A 8	♠ Q J 9 ♥ K 9 8 5 3 ♦ 9 ♣ J 10 5 3
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open room

West	North	East	South
S. Machhar	B. Hamman	R. Krishnan	M. Lair
1♦	1♠	2♠*	3♠
Pass	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Closed room

West	North	East	South
R. Milner	B. Das	H. Lall	A. Sadhu
1♣	1♠	2♦	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♠	Dble
5♦	All Pass		

Both rooms reached the good contract of 5♦. In the closed room, the lead was ♠Q, which held. Declarer ruffed the second spade, took out the trumps and took the heart finesse to make his 11 tricks for 600 to E/W.

In the open room, North led the ♠K and switched to a trump. Declarer won in hand and ruffed a spade, came to hand with trump ace and ruffed the third spade. He now ran diamonds and South was caught in a heart-club squeeze. When South threw a club, declarer was able to score 12 tricks for the gain of a solitary IMP to India. The score displaying 6-3 in favour of USA I.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ K 10 6 5 2 ♥ 5 ♦ K J 10 8 ♣ K J 6	<table style="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 8 7 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ Q 2 ♣ Q 10 5 3 2	♠ 9 ♥ A K 7 6 4 2 ♦ 9 6 5 4 ♣ 9 4
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open room

West	North	East	South
S. Machhar	B. Hamman	R. Krishnan	M. Lair
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
All Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦

Closed room


West	North	East	South
R. Milner	B. Das	H. Lall	A. Sadhu
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
All Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥

In the closed room, North passed partner's 2♥ bid after showing his suits. Declarer could have made his contract, if he simply plays the top hearts and leads a third heart. He will have to give up one trick each in major suits, two in diamonds and then has to play West for the ♣A. But that was not to be, as after ruffing a spade, declarer played a low diamond to the queen and East was able to get a diamond ruff from his partner for one down and 100 to USA I.

In the open room, Hamman also got the 2♥ bid from partner but did not pass that. He continued with 2♠, prompting his partner to play in 3♦. East led the ♣5 and West won the trick with ♣A. He should have shifted to diamonds now, but continued club. Declarer won with the king and ruffed his third club in dummy. Now he played his singleton ♠9 and West again faltered by not covering this. Hamman allowed it to run and East also ducked the trick. Now the top hearts were cashed and a third heart ruffed

in hand, and a spade ruffed in dummy. It was impossible to defeat the contract and Hamman made 10 tricks for +130 and a gain of 6 IMPs to USAI.

Board 6. Dealer E. E/W Vul.

♠ 6 4 3 ♥ A 9 7 3 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ K 8 5		♠ A K 10 ♥ K Q 10 2 ♦ J 7 4 ♣ 9 6 2	♠ J 7 5 2 ♥ — ♦ K 9 8 5 ♣ A Q J 4 3
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Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Machhar</i>	<i>B. Hamman</i>	<i>R. Krishnan</i>	<i>M. Lair</i>
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
Pass	INT	1♠	Pass
		All Pass	


Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>R. Milner</i>	<i>B. Das</i>	<i>H. Lall</i>	<i>A. Sadhu</i>
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♣	All Pass	1♠	Pass

In the open room, E/W were playing Precision and the club suit never came into the picture. E/W took their five clubs and the heart ace, but North took the rest of the tricks for +90. In the closed room, they were able to find the club fit and defenders could only get their three spades and two diamond tricks for +90 to USAI. That was 5 IMPs gain to USAI. The score 17-3 in favour of USAI.

On board 7, both teams played in 5♦ making 12 tricks for a flat board.

Board 8. Dealer W. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Machhar</i>	<i>B. Hamman</i>	<i>R. Krishnan</i>	<i>M. Lair</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣	Dble
3♣	4♥	All Pass	

Closed room


West	North	East	South
<i>R. Milner</i>	<i>B. Das</i>	<i>H. Lall</i>	<i>A. Sadhu</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

In the open room, East led the ♦2. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a low club to the king and East's ace. He continued with the ♦Q won in dummy with the king. Declarer now cashed the ♥A and took the heart finesse, losing to the ♥Q and East played a club to dummy's queen. Now the contract depended on not losing two spade tricks. When declarer played ♠6 from dummy after pulling trumps, West did well to insert the ♠10 but Hamman did even better to duck the trick. Declarer won the diamond return with the jack and played a low spade from hand. When the ♠K appeared, he was home.

In the closed room, the contract was 4♠. West led the club and East won with ace and returned the ♦2. South won with ace and played the ♠6. When West played 5, declarer played low from dummy. East had to win with ♠K. Declarer guessed the heart queen correctly and made 11 tricks for 1 IMP gain to India.

On board 9, in the open room, India played in 3NT by East making 12 tricks, whereas in the closed room, USAI played in 5♦ making 12 tricks for a 2-IMP gain to India. The score was 17-6 in favour of USAI.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Machhar</i>	<i>B. Hamman</i>	<i>R. Krishnan</i>	<i>M. Lair</i>
2♣	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	6♠	Pass	4♠
		All Pass	

Closed room

West	North	East	South
R. Milner	B. Das	H. Lall	A. Sadhu
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	5♦	Dble	4NT
All Pass			5♠

In the closed room, the lead was a diamond and the defenders got a diamond and a heart to restrict the contract to 11 tricks. In the open room, the 6♠ contract was allowed to make on the ♣A lead. That was a huge swing of 13 IMPs in favour of India.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open room

West	North	East	South
S. Machhar	B. Hamman	R. Krishnan	M. Lair
2♥*	Pass	2♠	INT
3♠	All Pass		Pass

Closed room

West	North	East	South
R. Milner	B. Das	H. Lall	A. Sadhu
2♦*	Pass	2♠	INT
4♠	All Pass		Pass

In the open room, West bid 2♥, a transfer to spades but then did not bid game. His invitation was passed out at 3♠. The closed room bid 2♦ (one long major) and jumped to 4♠ on partner's response. The play was simply a matter of ruffing a club in hand and taking the marked spade finesse against the queen to score the contract. That was a 6 IMP gain to USA1. The score was 23-19 in favour of USA1.

On board 12, both sides were in 5♦, scoring 12 tricks for no exchange of IMPs. India had a chance to gain a few IMPs when the USA N/S initially stopped in 2♦, but West balanced and the diamond game was reached for a push.

On board 13, both room N/S played in 4♥, going one down in both rooms for no gains. Board 14 saw USA1 gaining 2 IMPs as they played in 3NT making 12 tricks against India's 5♦ making 12 tricks.

Board 15. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open room

West	North	East	South
S. Machhar	B. Hamman	R. Krishnan	M. Lair
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		Pass

Closed room

West	North	East	South
R. Milner	B. Das	H. Lall	A. Sadhu
Pass	1♥	2♣	2♥
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

In the open room, left to themselves, E/W were able to reach the 5♦ contract after a Precision 2♣ opening by East. In the closed room, North opened light in third seat and the interruption had its effect. Both tables scored 11 tricks but that was a 6-IMP gain to India. That tied the score at 25-25.

The last board saw India gaining a solitary IMP, when India scored 170 against 140 in a heart partial. India had won the close match 26-25.



Reese Milner

Nine Hours to Rama



China v Bulgaria



By Mark Horton

Nine Hours to Rama is a 1963 British movie based on Stanley Wolpert's novel of the same name, which is a fictional account of the final nine hours leading up to Gandhi's assassination.

The World renowned Indian spiritual leader and advocate of the philosophy of active non-violence, not only indulged in occasional games of bridge but even used it as a metaphor to illustrate a basic Hindu belief.

Gandhi trained as an attorney in England and whilst in England he took dancing lessons, learned to play the violin and enjoyed sessions of bridge.

He used bridge to discuss the relationship between 'Kharma' (predetermined fate) and 'dharma' (man's action).

Kharma is analogous to a hand dealt at bridge; Dharma is how man plays the hand. Man is not bound to a predetermined destiny because he may play his hand well or poorly and it is ultimately up to him whether he wins or loses.

The final result of a man's life develops from his learning, striving and skill - not just from the hand he is dealt.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ A K 5 2 ♥ A Q J 8 2 ♦ 6 3 ♣ K 8	<table style="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		♠ 8 7 4 3 ♥ 10 9 7 ♦ A 10 2 ♣ Q 6 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Hu</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♦*	2NT	All Pass	
2♦	5+M, (4-10)HCP>1,2 seat 5+4+Ms(5-14)HCP > 3 or 4seat		

It appears that West momentarily forgot the system. East led the ten of hearts and declarer took West's king with the ace, cashed four rounds of spades and then played hearts from the top, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦*	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
1♦	11-15HCP, 1st/2nd, ♦4+, 22(45), 4441, 6322 3 rd/4th ♦2+		

West led the six of spades and declarer won in hand and played a heart to the queen. When declarer cashed the ace of spades West pitched the seven of diamonds.

Now the winning line is to come to hand with a trump, repeat the heart finesse and then play hearts. If East ruffs in at any point declarer will score ten tricks by leading towards the king of clubs.

However, declarer played the three of diamonds and West won with the jack and correctly returned a diamond, East winning with the ace and playing a spade. Declarer won in hand, repeated the heart finesse and continued with the ace of hearts and a heart.

When East made the surprising error of ruffing a heart declarer could overruff and lead towards the king of clubs for +620 and 10 IMPs.

The alternative line for declarer is to play a club to the king at trick two. When that holds he plays another club, East winning with the queen and playing a spade. Declarer wins in hand, takes a heart finesse, cashes the ace of hearts, ruffs a heart, draws trump and cashes two hearts.



Vladimir Mihov, Bulgaria



Linlin Hu, China

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ A K 9 7 3 ♥ K J 10 ♦ 10 8s ♣ A J 7	<table border="1" style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; 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		♠ J 5 4 2 ♥ A 6 5 3 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 6 5 4	♠ Q ♥ Q 7 ♦ K 9 7 6 5 4 ♣ Q 10 8 3
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Hu</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♠	All Pass		
1♣ 16+			
1♦ 0-7			
2NT Four card spade raise			

North led the six of spades and declarer won with the ace, drew trumps ending in dummy and played a heart to the ten, cashed the king and jack, played the carefully preserved three of spades to dummy's five and claimed ten tricks, +170.

I was surprised that West did not go on to game - once spades have been supported his hand has improved considerably.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>
			3♦
Dble	5♦	Dble	All Pass

Declarer won the trump lead, took a second round, played a spade to the queen and ace, ruffed the spade return and ran the eight of clubs, two down, -300 and 4 IMPs to China.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

♠ A Q 10 7 5 ♥ J 3 ♦ 9 5 ♣ Q J 9 8	<table border="1" style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; 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		♠ K J 3 ♥ Q 9 8 2 ♦ A 6 2 ♣ A 6 5	♠ 9 6 4 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ K 10 8 3 ♣ K 7 4
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Hu</i>
		INT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass
2♥ Transfer			

South led the queen of diamonds and when it was ducked he continued with the four, declarer winning with the ace and playing a heart to the jack and king. Declarer ruffed in dummy, played a heart to the eight and ten, won the spade return with the king, played the queen of hearts, covered by the ace and ruffed high in dummy, and ran the queen of clubs. When that held he drew trumps and played the eight of clubs, conceding one down when the king did not surface, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>
		INT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the six of spades and declarer won with dummy's jack and played a heart to the jack and king. At this point it was essential for North to switch to a diamond, but he played a second spade, taken by declarer's seven. A heart went to the eight and ten and South's diamond switch was too late.

Declarer won with the ace and played the nine of hearts, ruffing with the ace when South played the ace. Declarer drew the outstanding trump with dummy's king, cashed the master heart pitching a diamond and played a club to the jack and king. Declarer ruffed the diamond return and played clubs, scoring up his game for 12 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



Diyan Danailov, Bulgaria

Open Room

West <i>Stamatov</i>	North <i>Li</i>	East <i>Danailov</i>	South <i>Hu</i>
INT	Dble	2♥*	1♣
2♠	Dble	Pass	Dble
3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	3♦
2♥	Transfer		

Declarer won the club lead with the ace and played a heart to the queen followed by a diamond to the king and



Jerry Stamatov, Bulgaria

a spade to the king and ace. West won the next spade and played a club, declarer ruffing and playing the ten of spades, pitching a club. That restricted the defenders to three tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West <i>Sun</i>	North <i>Mihov</i>	East <i>Kang</i>	South <i>Stefanov</i>
Dble	Rdbl	1♠	1♦*
2♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥
1♦	Precision		

West led the king of clubs and declarer took the ace and played a spade to the king and ace and a spade to the queen. Declarer ruffed the club continuation, played a diamond to the king and a heart to the queen followed by a spade, pitching a club. That guaranteed ten tricks, +420 and 6 IMPs to Bulgaria.

This low scoring match ended dead level, 21-21 IMPs, 10-10 VP.

I'll sign off with a few quotes from the man whose birth we honour today:

Be the change that you wish to see in the world.

An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind.

When I despair, I remember that all through history the ways of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it—always.

You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is like an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.

Change yourself – you are in control.

Bien fait, Bessis

By Jan van Cleeff

Poland v. France, Bermuda Bowl, Round 7

Japan v. France, Bermuda Bowl, Round 3

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 10 8 7 6 4 ♥ K Q 7 4 3 ♦ 6 3 2 ♣ —</p>	<div style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ — ♥ A J 6 5 2 ♦ A K Q J 10 ♣ Q 9 5</p>	<p>♠ A J 9 3 2 ♥ 10 9 ♦ 5 ♣ K J 6 4 3</p>
		<p>♠ K Q 5 ♥ 8 ♦ 9 8 7 4 ♣ A 10 8 7 2</p>	

<p>♠ A Q 6 2 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ 9 5 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 9 ♥ A 10 3 ♦ 10 9 8 6 4 ♣ 10 8 6 3</p>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ K 9 7 4 2 ♦ K J 7 ♣ A K J 7</p>
		<p>♠ K J 10 8 7 4 3 ♥ J 8 ♦ 5 3 ♣ Q 4</p>	

Open Room

In the open room, Godefroy de Tessieres as West made 11 tricks in 3NT on the lead of ♦10. The spicy stuff came from the closed room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>
	1♥	2♥*	Pass
4♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		
2♥ spades and a minor			

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Volcker</i>
			2♠*
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♠ weak			

With his double, West clearly put his hopes on a club lead. East, however, kicked off with the ♠A. Declarer ruffed, played the ♥A, heart ruff and pitched two clubs on the top spades. Then Jassem tried ♣A, but when West ruffed and returned a trump the defense had a heart trick coming. Still, declarer had 11 tricks for plus 550.

North duly led his partner's suit to the ten and low. Next, West won the ♠J with his queen, crossed to dummy with ♦J and played a low heart to his queen. When Bessis followed low, declarer ducked a heart to South, who cleared the spades. Declarer, who was convinced that South still had the ♥A as an entry for his spades, fell back to Plan B and finessed ♣J: 3NT two down. Bessis's brilliant manoeuvre was good for 11 IMPs for France. Bien fait.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Volcker</i>
	1♥	2♥*	Dbl*
4♠	6♦	All Pass	
2♥ spades and a minor			
Dbl points			

Knowing that his partner had some values Thomas Bessis immediately jumped to slam. A double by West lets the defense prevail if East finds the club lead. East, however, opted for the ♠A as in the open room. This gave Thomas Bessis the chance to make 12 tricks and he grabbed it. He ruffed the lead, draw the trumps and advanced the ♣Q, hoping to find ♣J bare in West. Not this time, but Bessis still had +920 and 9 IMPs to France. That was nice, but it got even better:



Thomas Bessis, France

The Wake Up Call (BB R7)



England v Denmark



By Micke Melander

One of the newer American TV series that just finished season one is called "Wake Up Call." The story has the following part of its introduction: "If you're willing to meet me halfway and challenge yourself . . . you've got the power to change your life. It's time to make a choice. It's time to take a stand. It's time for your wake up call."

Nothing could have fitted better for what the players were up to on Tuesday morning when round seven kicked off. If you wanted a slow start to warm up – then the bridge table in Chennai was not the place for you.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Christiansen	Ju. Hackett	Schaltz	Ja. Hackett
	1♥	2♥*	Pass
4♠	5♦	All Pass	

The Hackett twins did well, in a sense, when they managed to stop in Five Diamonds.

Justin Hackett received the three of clubs lead against his game. West ruffed with the three of diamonds to return the six. Declarer won, pulled the remaining trump and set up his clubs for eleven tricks.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Gold	Konow	Bakhshi	Askgaard
	1♣*	1♠	2♣
4♥	4♠*	Dble	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			
1♣ 16+			
4♠ Cue bid			

It looks like you have two spades, a heart and a diamond loser for two down. But when the defence led diamonds every time they had the chance, declarer had to ruff them in dummy and was soon locked in his hand with only spades and hearts and had to lose a second heart for three down and minus 500.

That was 3 IMPs to Denmark since Five Spades had proved to be one level too high - but who could blame Gold for bidding?

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Christiansen	Ju. Hackett	Schaltz	Ja. Hackett
		1♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Martin Schaltz leapt to game when North doubled, which was far too high. South led a club, Schaltz ruffed and tried the king of hearts, which went to North's ace. North then cashed the ace of spades and exited with a club. East ruffed



Martin Schaltz, Denmark

When both Justin Hackett and Kaspar Konow chose to start with the king of spades, neither of the declarers missed the chance of winning the return, pulling trumps, cash the ace and king of clubs and ruffing a club in dummy before cashing out all the remaining trumps to squeeze South in the clubs and hearts for an overtrick. The only lead to break up the squeeze West is declarer is a heart. No swing.

It's quite remarkable after four such boards where a lot could have happened that the score was only 8-3 to England. We had to wait until board nine before the first real swing of the match arrived.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

♠ Q 4 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ A K 10 8 6 3 2 ♣ 10	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ K 9 ♥ K 7 6 3 ♦ J 5 ♣ A 6 5 4 3
N						
W						
E						
S						
♠ 10 3 ♥ J 4 ♦ 9 4 ♣ K Q J 9 8 7 2		♠ A J 8 7 6 5 2 ♥ 10 9 8 5 ♦ Q 7 ♣ —				

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Christiansen	Ju. Hackett	Schaltz	Ja. Hackett
	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

The Danes in the Open Room bid all their way up to slam but when they played in diamonds and North was on lead he didn't miss the opportunity to give South a ruff in clubs.



Michael Askgaard, Denmark

One might wonder why East didn't remove the contract to 6NT to assure that there weren't any ruffs going on when North had preempted in front of him and he held five clubs to the ace.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Gold	Konow	Bakhshi	Askgaard
	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

6NT was cold as Bakhshi learned in the Closed Room, Askgaard led a low spade and when there were no way of misplaying the diamonds twelve tricks were soon in the bag. That was 13 IMPs to England and there were quickly more to come:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 9 6 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ 8 7 ♣ A Q 10 9 6 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 8 7 2 ♥ 8 7 4 3 ♦ K J 9 ♣ J 7 5
N						
W						
E						
S						
♠ 10 4 ♥ K Q 10 6 2 ♦ A Q 10 6 4 3 ♣ —		♠ A K Q J 5 3 ♥ J ♦ 5 2 ♣ K 8 3 2				

In both rooms South played in Four Spades, a very interesting mission.

In the Open Room, West led a trump.

Jason Hackett won in hand and played the jack of hearts, which held the trick. He then ruffed a club in dummy and simply ran the king of hearts to West's ace, pitching a second club from hand. West had no defence to this game plan because on a diamond return declarer could put up the ace and cash the established heart to pitch his last remaining club for ten tricks.

In the Closed Room Askgaard got the eight of diamonds lead and went up with dummy's ace. He next played a heart to the jack and West's ace. When West returned a diamond declarer tried the ten but East won with the jack and continued with the king of diamonds. Declarer ruffed high, which gave West the opportunity to pitch the five of hearts. South ruffed a club, and played the king and queen of hearts, pitching clubs. But West ruffed the second of these and continued with the ace of clubs, forcing declarer to ruff in dummy.

There was no way for declarer to avoid a trump loser since East's ♠872 had suddenly become a trick when South again had to ruff high again to get back to his hand.

Askgaard could have avoided going down in two ways. Instead of ruffing a club he could have cashed the ace of spades and played a spade to dummy's ten to enjoy

dummy's established hearts for club discards when the heart length also held the third spade or he could have simply finessed in diamonds on the opening lead to remove East's later diamond entry that in the end forced him to ruff high.

(On this layout declarer can even afford to ruff the king of diamonds with a low spade. West overruffs and plays a trump but declarer wins in hand ruffs a club and pitches three clubs on hearts. Editor)

That was another 12 IMPs to England, now with a comfortable lead.

Board 12. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

♠ A K 9 8 5 4 2 ♥ A K 4 ♦ 3 ♣ 7 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 10 7 ♥ 5 ♦ A 9 7 5 2 ♣ A Q 10 3	♠ Q 6 3 ♥ 10 9 8 6 2 ♦ 10 4 ♣ 8 5 4
N						
W E						
S						
♠ — ♥ Q J 7 3 ♦ K Q J 8 6 ♣ K J 9 2						

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Christiansen	Ju. Hackett	Schaltz	Ja. Hackett
1♣*	Pass	1♥*	2♦
3♠	4♦	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

Christiansen didn't guess to play South for the queen-jack of hearts and went two down when the defence started with two rounds of diamonds.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Gold	Konow	Bakhshi	Askgaard
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dble
4♠	4NT	Pass	5♦
5♠	All Pass		

When Konow led the five of hearts, it showed Gold the way to tackle the suit, and he escaped for one down. That was 2 IMPs more for England, who eventually won the match 35-20.




Jason and Justin Hackett, England

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Venice Cup Round 9



Netherlands v Italy



By Brian Senior

Going into the last match of day three, both Netherlands and Italy were handily placed in the qualifying places for the Venice Cup knockout stages. For Round 9, the WBF computer provided a rather dull set of deals, leading to a low-scoring affair.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ferlazzo	Wortel	Manara	Michielsen
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Simons	Piscitelli	Pasman	Chavarria
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

For the Netherlands, Marion Michielsen opened 1♣, two-plus clubs, and Meike Wortel responded 1♥, transfer to spades. One Spade would usually, as here, deliver a weak no-trump with two or three spades, and INT completed the picture of the North hand. Gabriella Manara led the two of clubs, attitude, and that ran to declarer's jack. Wortel ran the ten of hearts, losing to the queen, and Caterina Ferlazzo returned a club, Wortel's queen winning the trick. Declarer crossed to dummy with a heart to lead a diamond to the jack and queen, and back came a club, clearing the suit. At this point declarer could have cashed the hearts and ensured six tricks, but the play record ends with her being credited with only five, so she must have played a second diamond without cashing the hearts,

thereby losing in total, three diamonds, two clubs, two spades and the queen of hearts; down two for –200.

Margherita Chavarria also opened a potentially two-card 1♣ but Francesca Piscitelli responded with a natural 1♦. After two more natural bids, Chavarria showed her diamond support and Piscitelli had no reason to go on. Two Diamonds proved to be a comfortable spot despite the three trump losers. Jet Pasman led the two of clubs, so Piscitelli ran it to her jack and returned the queen for a second finesse. She conceded a spade now, the jack losing to the king and the nine of diamonds coming back to the jack and queen. Pasman exited with a club to dummy's ace, declarer discarding a heart and playing a second spade. Anneke Simons won her ace and played another trump through, Pasman taking the ten and ace but Piscitelli had the rest now for +90 and 7 IMPs to Italy.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ferlazzo	Wortel	Manara	Michielsen
INT	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Simons	Piscitelli	Pasman	Chavarria
INT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Both Wests opened a strong no-trump. Piscitelli passed as North but Chavarria doubled and now Piscitelli bid 2♦, one major. Chavarria bid 2♥, pass or correct and Piscitelli bid 2♠ to end the auction. Pasman led the six of hearts, ducked to the jack, and Simons cashed the king of diamonds and, on getting a count signal from partner, switched to ace and another spade, declarer unblocking the king so as to win the second round in hand. Piscitelli drew the missing trump

then passed the nine of hearts to the king and had a heart discard for her third club. Nine tricks meant +140 to Italy.

Wortel bid over INT, her 2♦ overcall showing one major. Michielsen inquired and discovered that she was facing a minimum with spades – well, that certainly looks like a minimum! Michielsen attempted to play in 3NT but Wortel could not imagine that to be the right spot so transferred to spades and Michielsen declared the spade game from the better side of the table. Ferlazzo cashed the ace of diamonds and, on the sight of dummy and partner's six, switched to the two of clubs for the king and ace. Michielsen played the king of spades so Ferlazzo won and exited passively with her remaining spade. Michielsen won and drew the missing trump, pitching a diamond, then ran the ten of hearts, losing to the jack. Ferlazzo could exit with the king of diamonds and wait for declarer to take another losing finesse. Michielsen actually chose the club finesse – down one for -50 and 5 IMPs to Italy, who led by 12-2.

Declarer could have made the contract double dummy at the point where she cashed the third trump. She needed to discard a heart on the spade then play ace and another club and West would have been endplayed, either red suit lead costing a trick and, of course, one heart loser going away on the thirteenth club.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ 9 2		
	♥ 8 2		
	♦ K 10 8 6 5		
	♣ Q 7 4 2		
♠ A 10 8 5	N	♠ Q J 4 3	
♥ Q 10 9 3	W	♥ K 7 6 4	
♦ Q 9 2	E	♦ 4	
♣ K 8	S	♣ A J 5 3	
		♠ K 7 5	
		♥ A J 5	
		♦ A J 7 3	
		♣ 10 9 6	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferlazzo</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Piscitelli</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Chavarria</i>
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Manara opened 1♦, Precision, and raised the 1♥ response to 2♥. Ferlazzo made a game try but, looking at a minimum opener, Manara signed off in 3♥, where she made ten tricks for a slightly worrying +170.

Sure enough, the Dutch E/W pair bid to the vulnerable

game. Pasman opened 1♣ and raised the response to 2♥. Now Simons made an artificial game try and jumped to 4♥ when Pasman showed a diamond shortage. Piscitelli led the nine of spades, dummy's queen being allowed to hold the trick. Simons got the trumps wrong now, by leading low to the queen. She continued by running the ten to the jack and Chavarria cashed the ace before exiting with a low spade. That ran to the jack and Simons cashed the remaining spades before playing king of clubs followed by a club to the jack. When that held, she had ten tricks for +620 and 10 IMPs to Netherlands; levelling the match at 12-12.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

		♠ 9 8 6	
		♥ Q 10 9 6 4	
		♦ K 9 8	
		♣ 7 6	
♠ A 7 4	N	♠ Q 3 2	
♥ A 7 3 2	W	♥ J 8 5	
♦ 10 3	E	♦ J 6 4	
♣ 8 5 4 3	S	♣ K J 9 2	
		♠ K J 10 5	
		♥ K	
		♦ A Q 7 5 2	
		♣ A Q 10	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferlazzo</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Piscitelli</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Chavarria</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Chavarria opened 1♦ then jumped to 2♠ to show a close to game-force. Two No Trump was Lebensohl-style and allowed Piscitelli to sign off in 3♦ unless partner held a full game-force. Chavarria made ten tricks for +130.

Michielsen did not jump on the second round, contenting herself with a simple 1♠. Two Clubs was a puppet to 2♦ to allow a sign-off on the North cards but Michielsen wanted to play in game so instead jumped to 3NT to complete the description of her hand. Ferlazzo led a club against 3NT, the king losing to the ace. Short of entries to dummy, Michielsen played the king of spades from hand, Ferlazzo winning the ace. she returned a low heart to the ten, jack and king, and Michielsen continued to play on spades. When Manara won the queen she returned the club jack so Michielsen had the rest; 11 tricks for +660 and 11 IMPs to Netherlands, who had won the match by 26-12 IMPs, translating to 13.75-6.25 VPs.

Familiar Foes (OT R9)



USA I - Canada



By Brent Manley

When Canada and USA I opposed each other in the ninth round of the qualifying for the d'Orsi Trophy (seniors), the match pitted foes who know each other well.

In one room, Mark Lair – Bob Hamman (USA I) opposed Katie Thorpe and Martin Kirr. In the other room, Canada sent John Carruthers and Joe Silver to play against Michael Rosenberg and Zia Mahmood.

There was not much action in the first four deals, Canada leading 12-11 thanks to a vulnerable game swing. The Canadians increased their margin on this deal:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q 9 7 4		
	♥ 10 4 3		
	♦ K J 8 5		
	♣ Q J		
♠ A K 6 3	N	♠ 10 8 2	
♥ Q 8 7 5	W	♥ 9 6	
♦ 9 7	E	♦ A Q 10	
♣ 7 6 3	S	♣ K 8 5 4 2	
		♠ J 5	
		♥ A K J 2	
		♦ 6 4 3 2	
		♣ A 10 9	

West	North	East	South
Lair	Thorpe	Hamman	Kirr
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Thorpe led a heart to Kirr's king. On the switch to a low spade, Lair ducked and Thorpe won the queen and continued with the ♣Q. Lair played low from dummy on that trick and on the continuation of the ♣J. Now a heart to Kirr's ace was followed by the ♣A. Lair could take only six tricks for minus 100. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Carruthers	Rosenberg	Silver	Zia
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Carruthers started with the ♠A, switching to the ♦9 at trick two. Silver took the ♦J with the queen, returned a spade to his partner's king and took two more diamond tricks. A third spade went to dummy's queen. Zia ran the

♥10 to West's queen and a fourth round of spades was ruffed and overruffed. Zia could not get to dummy for the club finesse, so he finished two down for minus 200. The 7-IMP swing put Canada ahead 19-11. The lead went away on the next board.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ 10 9 7 6		
	♥ 4		
	♦ 8 7 3 2		
	♣ K 6 5 4		
♠ A 8	N	♠ K Q	
♥ A Q 8 7 2	W	♥ K J 3	
♦ J	E	♦ Q 9 6	
♣ A Q J 10 3	S	♣ 9 8 7	
		♠ J 4 3	
		♥ 10 9 6 5	
		♦ A K 10 5 4	
		♣ 2	

West	North	East	South
Lair	Thorpe	Hamman	Kirr
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♦
3♣	4♦	4♥	All Pass

Thorpe led a low diamond, and when Lair called for dummy's 9, Kirr played the 10. Lair lost a club finesse after pulling trumps, but he had 12 tricks for plus 680. The final contract was two levels higher at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Carruthers	Rosenberg	Silver	Zia
		Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

1♣ = Strong, artificial and forcing

Rosenberg led the ♦7 to the king and Zia continued with a low diamond, ruffed by Carruthers. He pulled trumps, leaving him with none in either hand, then took the club finesse. The defenders ended up with four diamond tricks and the ♣K for plus 400. That was a 14-IMP swing to the Americans, now leading 25-19.

The score was 31-21 with three boards left to play. This one produced another swing for USA I.



John Carruthers, Canada

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 9 8 6		
	♥ Q 10 9 6 4		
	♦ K 9 8		
	♣ 7 6		
♠ A 7 4	N	♠ Q 3 2	
♥ A 7 3 2	W	♥ J 8 5	
♦ 10 3	E	♦ J 6 4	
♣ 8 5 4 3	S	♣ K J 9 2	
		♠ K J 10 5	
		♥ K	
		♦ A Q 7 5 2	
		♣ A Q 10	
West	North	East	South
Lair	Thorpe	Hamman	Kirr
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Thorpe's 2NT apparently was a relay to 3♣ so that she could sign off in opener's first suit. The operation was successful but it was costly in terms of IMPs. Kirr had no difficulty making an overtrick for plus 130. At the other table, Zia landed in a better contract.

West	North	East	South
Carruthers	Rosenberg	Silver	Zia
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Carruthers led the ♣5 to the king and ace. He played a diamond to the king and ran the ♠9 to West's ace. The return of the ♦10 was taken with the ace. Zia cashed his diamonds and the ♠K, then played the ♠J to East's queen, establishing his 10. Zia could not be prevented from taking nine tricks for plus 600 and a 10-IMP gain.

The final three boards produced small gains for USA I, who finished with a 46-21 win.

The Body in the Closed Room

IBPA member Anant Bhagwat has written a book that carries 36 bridge hands of varied interests and themes, with a murder mystery as the backdrop.

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RESULTS

Venice Cup

Round 13

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	DENMARK EGYPT	38	9	16.58	3.42
22	USA1 NEW ZEALAND	44	12	17.03	2.97
23	NETHERLANDS ENGLAND	36	19	14.39	5.61
24	PAKISTAN AUSTRALIA	20	7	13.02	6.48
25	GUADELOUPE CHINESE TAIPEI	44	26	14.60	5.40
26	SOUTH AFRICA JAPAN	5	25	5.00	15.00
27	ITALY INDIA	86	5	20.00	0.00
28	CHINA JORDAN	55	7	18.97	1.03
29	FRANCE CANADA	60	33	16.26	3.74
30	POLAND VENEZUELA	34	44	7.20	12.80
31	USA2 BRAZIL	54	22	17.03	2.97

Round 14

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	NEW ZEALAND DENMARK	21	30	7.45	12.55
22	ENGLAND USA1	22	60	2.15	17.85
23	AUSTRALIA NETHERLANDS	15	53	2.15	17.85
24	CHINESE TAIPEI PAKISTAN	52	23	16.58	3.42
25	BRAZIL GUADELOUPE	42	21	15.19	4.81
26	JAPAN EGYPT	47	34	13.52	6.48
27	INDIA SOUTH AFRICA	14	40	3.91	16.09
28	JORDAN ITALY	39	69	3.27	16.73
29	CANADA CHINA	35	58	4.44	15.56
30	VENEZUELA FRANCE	21	30	7.45	12.55
31	USA2 POLAND	25	52	3.74	16.26

Round 15

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	DENMARK ENGLAND	59	25	17.31	2.69
22	USA1 AUSTRALIA	34	44	7.20	12.80
23	NETHERLANDS CHINESE TAIPEI	40	28	13.28	6.72
24	PAKISTAN GUADELOUPE	28	33	8.52	11.48
25	NEW ZEALAND JAPAN	25	26	9.69	10.31
26	EGYPT INDIA	50	40	12.80	7.20
27	SOUTH AFRICA JORDAN	34	21	13.52	6.48
28	ITALY CANADA	24	53	3.42	16.58
29	CHINA VENEZUELA	37	16	15.19	4.81
30	FRANCE USA2	32	27	11.48	8.52
31	POLAND BRAZIL	46	15	16.88	3.12

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 13

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	BULGARIA CHINA	53	1	19.34	-0.34
42	POLAND INDIA	41	33	12.29	7.71
43	INDONESIA USA1	26	60	2.69	17.31
44	GUADELOUPE CANADA	13	67	-0.52	19.52
45	AUSTRALIA BRAZIL	60	5	19.61	-0.11
46	USA2 EGYPT	44	3	18.21	1.79
47	NEW ZEALAND PAKISTAN	28	47	5.20	14.80
48	SWEDEN JAPAN	43	18	15.92	4.08
49	IRELAND TUNISIA	53	31	15.38	4.12
50	NORWAY ENGLAND	35	12	15.56	4.44
51	AUSTRIA CHILE	42	12	16.73	3.27

Round 14

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	INDIA BULGARIA	26	38	6.72	13.28
42	USA1 POLAND	9	49	1.91	18.09
43	CANADA INDONESIA	29	65	2.41	17.59
44	BRAZIL GUADELOUPE	36	71	2.55	17.45
45	CHILE AUSTRALIA	24	64	1.91	18.09
46	EGYPT CHINA	50	27	15.56	4.44
47	PAKISTAN USA2	42	80	2.15	17.85
48	JAPAN NEW ZEALAND	63	4	19.93	0.07
49	TUNISIA SWEDEN	2	79	0.00	20.00
50	ENGLAND IRELAND	37	44	7.97	12.03
51	AUSTRIA NORWAY	25	11	13.75	6.25

Round 15

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	BULGARIA USA1	8	69	0.00	20.00
42	POLAND CANADA	42	8	17.31	2.69
43	INDONESIA BRAZIL	57	22	17.45	2.55
44	GUADELOUPE AUSTRALIA	12	51	2.03	17.97
45	INDIA EGYPT	42	39	10.91	9.09
46	CHINA PAKISTAN	41	29	13.28	6.72
47	USA2 JAPAN	52	33	14.80	5.20
48	NEW ZEALAND TUNISIA	26	17	12.55	7.45
49	SWEDEN ENGLAND	42	45	9.09	10.91
50	IRELAND AUSTRIA	38	3	17.45	2.55
51	NORWAY CHILE	51	9	18.33	1.67

Bermuda Bowl

Round 13

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	CHINA	BULGARIA	21 21	10.00	10.00
2	UAE	CANADA	11 66	0.39	19.61
3	NEW ZEALAND	EGYPT	40 23	14.39	5.61
4	SOUTH AFRICA	JORDAN	46 27	14.80	5.20
5	USA1	ENGLAND	9 31	4.62	15.38
6	DENMARK	JAPAN	41 34	12.03	7.97
7	USA2	GUADELOUPE	44 8	17.59	2.41
8	SINGAPORE	POLAND	2 43	1.79	18.21
9	BRAZIL	ARGENTINA	40 28	13.28	6.72
10	AUSTRALIA	INDIA	31 48	5.61	14.39
11	SWEDEN	FRANCE	13 44	3.12	16.88

Round 15

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	CHINA	EGYPT	36 34	10.61	9.39
2	UAE	JORDAN	27 43	5.82	14.18
3	NEW ZEALAND	ENGLAND	18 33	6.03	13.97
4	SOUTH AFRICA	USA1	31 47	5.82	14.18
5	CANADA	JAPAN	46 23	15.56	4.44
6	BULGARIA	GUADELOUPE	21 39	5.40	14.60
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