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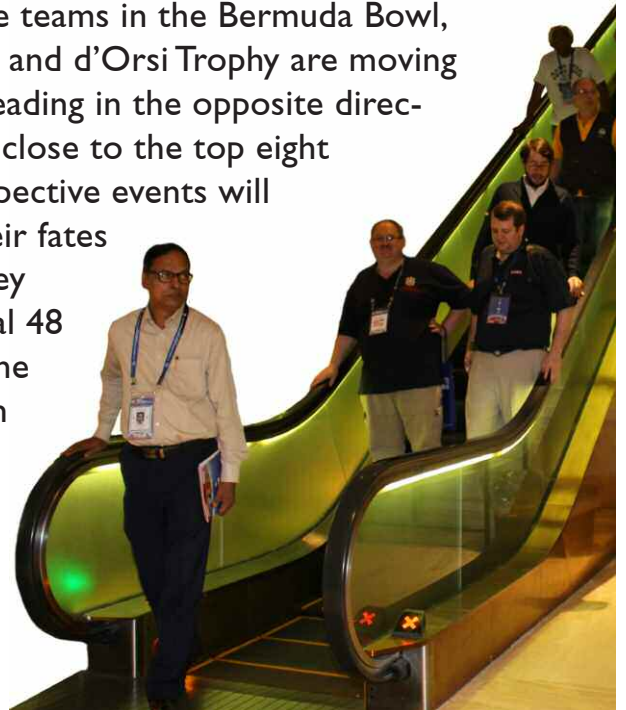
# STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN ... OR NOT



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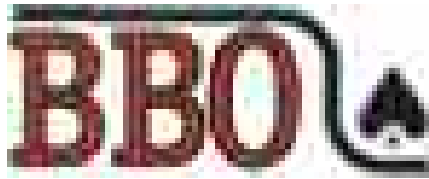
Just like the players shown on these hotel escalators, some teams in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Trophy are moving up, some heading in the opposite direction. Those close to the top eight in their respective events will find out their fates today as they play the final 48 boards of the round robin qualifying. IMPs are precious currency. Good luck to all!



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## BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

*BBO 1 = VuGraph  
BBO 6 is also OURGAME*

### 11:00

USA1 v Japan	BBO 1
Bulgaria v Sweden	BBO 2
USA2 v Brazil	BBO 3
India v England (OT)	BBO 4
USA1 v Netherlands (VC)	BBO 5
China v South Africa	BBO 6

### 14:30

Poland v England	BBO 1
Brazil Denmark	BBO 2
USA2 v Singapore	BBO 3
England v USA1 (OT)	BBO 4
Netherlands v Denmark (VC)	BBO 5
China v Italy (VC)	BBO 6

### 17:20

To be decided



## Captains' Meeting

The captains meeting for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Trophy will take place in the vugraph room on the second floor of the hotel at 20:10. today, Saturday.



# Bermuda Bowl

## After Round 18

TEAM	VP
1 BULGARIA	231.20
2 POLAND	225.45
3 CHINA	224.47
4 ENGLAND	223.03
5 FRANCE	216.05
6 BRAZIL	214.07
7 USA2	208.72
8 USA1	203.84
9 JAPAN	200.61
10 SWEDEN	194.64
11 DENMARK	187.39
12 AUSTRALIA	181.05
13 INDIA	179.65
14 SINGAPORE	162.27
15 CANADA	160.08
16 NEW ZEALAND	155.07
17 EGYPT	155.03
18 SOUTH AFRICA	145.14
19 ARGENTINA	139.08
20 GUADELOUPE	138.54
21 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	113.59
22 JORDAN	92.53

## 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 18

TEAM	VP
1 DENMARK	265.33
2 ITALY	253.55
3 NETHERLANDS	249.26
4 USA2	247.29
5 USA1	246.07
6 FRANCE	240.30
7 CHINA	231.22
8 ENGLAND	228.54
9 POLAND	207.32
10 CANADA	191.68
11 JAPAN	185.16
12 CHINESE TAIPEI	174.99
13 AUSTRALIA	170.86
14 NEW ZEALAND	167.27
15 BRAZIL	147.28
16 EGYPT	144.11
17 VENEZUELA	134.11
18 GUADELOUPE	116.07
19 PAKISTAN	113.23
20 SOUTH AFRICA	107.63
21 JORDAN	76.27
22 INDIA	57.96

# d'Orsi Trophy

After Round 18

TEAM	VP
1 USA1	249.04
2 AUSTRALIA	247.00
3 USA2	239.68
4 IRELAND	230.01
5 ENGLAND	219.53
6 POLAND	217.92
7 NORWAY	216.32
8 AUSTRIA	215.69
9 SWEDEN	215.15
10 INDIA	208.31
11 BULGARIA	204.63
12 INDONESIA	197.15
13 CANADA	190.05
14 JAPAN	184.10
15 PAKISTAN	149.09
16 EGYPT	144.22
17 CHINA	136.36
18 GUADELOUPE	117.34
19 NEW ZEALAND	106.57
20 CHILE	105.65
21 TUNISIA	82.33
22 BRAZIL	69.86



# Bermuda Bowl

## Round 19 11:00 - 13:20

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

## Round 20 14:30 - 16:50

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

## Round 21 17:20 - 19:40

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

## Video Corner



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[Christina Introduces the Danish Ladies Team](#)

[Chatting with Bernard Pascal](#)



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## Registration for Transnational Teams

The World Transnational Open Teams event begins play at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Registration for the WTOT is available online ([www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org)) as of now and also until 19:30 on the first floor of the hotel.



## Duplimates

The Duplimate dealing machines that will be taken back to Sweden after the Championships have already been pre-ordered. You can, however, buy a new (not used) Duplimate for Euro 2200 + shipping from Sweden till the end of the Championships. Please email [bridge@jannersten.com](mailto:bridge@jannersten.com) for details.



# Venice Cup

## Round 19 11:00 - 13:20

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

## Round 20 14:30 - 16:50

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

## Round 21 17:20 - 19:40

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

# d'Orsi Trophy

## Round 19 11:00 - 13:20

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

## Round 20 14:30 - 16:50

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

## Round 21 17:20 - 19:40

41	BULGARIA	POLAND
42	INDONESIA	EGYPT
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48	INDIA	NORWAY
49	CHINA	IRELAND
50	USA2	SWEDEN
51	NEW ZEALAND	CHILE

# The Raj Quartet



USA I v Egypt



By Mark Horton

The Raj Quartet is a four-volume novel sequence, written by Paul Scott, about the concluding years of the British Raj in India. The series was written during the period 1965–75. The Times called it ‘one of the most important landmarks of post-war fiction.’

The story begins in 1942. World War II is at its zenith, and in South East Asia, the Allied forces have suffered great losses. Burma has fallen, and the Japanese invasion of the Indian subcontinent from the east appears imminent. The year 1942 is also marked by Mahatma Gandhi’s call for the Quit India movement to the British rulers of India.

When I set out to watch the R12 Venice Cup match between USA I and Egypt I was hoping to be rewarded with at least four newsworthy deals.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Philippe	Wolpert	Soliman
2♣*	Dble	Pass	3♣
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
2♣	Strong		

North led the ace of clubs and switched to a trump. Declarer won, took a second round of trumps and could claim, conceding a diamond and a spade, +620.

As an aside, it seems clear that North’s double promised a club suit. That set me to wondering how many pairs have a more complex defence to an opening bid of 2♣. Everyone does something special over 1♣, but my esteemed colleague Jean-Paul Meyer suggested that less than 10% of the field would have a specific defence to 2♣.

I plan to check that after finishing this article.

Meanwhile, here is my suggestion:

- Dble Transfer to hearts
- 2♦ Transfer to spades
- 2♥ Two suits of the same colour
- 2♠ Two suits of the same rank
- 2NT Two ‘odd’ suits
- 3♣ Diamonds or both majors
- 3♦ Hearts or the black suits
- 3♥ Spades or the minors
- 3♠ Clubs or the red suits

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hamdy	Meyers	Badawi	Zur-Campanile
1♥	Dble	Pass	2♣
2♥	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	4♣	All Pass	

Having started with 1♥ West’s subsequent bidding was somewhat conservative. It’s a pity she did not bid 4♥ at any point as then we would have had an opportunity to see if NS would have found the paying save in 5♣. It was 11 IMPs to the USA.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Philippe	Wolpert	Soliman
Pass	1♦	3♣	4♣*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the king of clubs and declarer won with dummy’s ace, came to hand with the ace of spades and played the king of diamonds, pitching a club. West won with the ace and returned a club, East winning and switching to the four of spades. Declarer won with dummy’s ten, cashed the ace of hearts and played a heart to the jack and East’s queen. Back came a spade, and declarer had to lose a heart at the end, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hamdy	Meyers	Badawi	Zur-Campanile
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the eight of clubs and declarer won with the ace and played the ace of hearts and a heart. West won with the king and played a club, East taking the trick and returning the eight of diamonds. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a heart with the queen of spades, drew trumps and claimed, +620 adding 12 IMPs to USA I's total.

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Philippe	Wolpert	Soliman
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

East led the four of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the top hearts, played a spade to the ace and ran the ten of clubs to East's jack. Declarer lost a spade, a heart and three clubs, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hamdy	Meyers	Badawi	Zur-Campanile
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

- 2♦ 5-11 six card suit in either major
- 2NT Forcing inquiry
- 3♠ Good heart suit

West led the five of spades and declarer took East's jack with the ace and played a heart to the ten and queen. Back came the six of spades and declarer played low, West winning with the nine.

West, no doubt fearing that the singleton diamond might be discarded on a spade, switched to the two of diamonds and declarer won with the ten and returned the nine, covered by the jack and ruffed. She cashed all her trumps, played a spade to the king and cashed two more tricks,

losing the last trick to West's king of diamonds.

The defenders had had no opportunity to signal, so unless I have missed something it's not clear how West can work out what to do.

That gave the USA another 11 IMPs and Egypt needed to score 17 IMPs in the last two deals to collect even a fraction of a VP.

Board 31. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Philippe	Wolpert	Soliman
Pass	1♦	2♦*	Pass
4♥	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			
2♦	Majors		

Looking at ♣J832 and the ♠K West was not tempted to sacrifice, but there was no defence to the slam. East led the ace of hearts, immediately surrendering a twelfth trick, but a spade would not have helped, declarer taking the ace, drawing trumps, pitching two spades on the diamonds and then playing a heart towards the king. +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hamdy	Meyers	Badawi	Zur-Campanile
Pass	1♦	2♦*	Pass
4♥	4NT	5♥	2NT
All Pass			Dble

North led her trump and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a spade. South went in with the ace and cashed the king of hearts. When North discarded the ace of diamonds South knew what to do next, two down, +300 but 14 IMPs for Egypt.

It was not quite enough, USA I winning 94-20 IMPs, 20-0 VP.

# Venice Cup Round 10



China v Denmark



By Brian Senior

The Danish women had started this tournament in incredible form and, while a day comprising three tough matches had slowed them down a little, they still headed the rankings as day four dawned. Their opponents, China, have been genuine contenders for every world championship in the last generation and more. Here, China was just outside the top eight after nine matches so, of course, wished to get a solid win to move up the rankings.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Houlberg	Zhang	Madsen	Hongli W
Shen	Bekkouche	Wenfei W	Rahelt
–	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Both Wests saw their opponents conduct an invitational auction to 3NT and, having declarer's suit sewn up, nothing in left-hand-opponent's suit, and knowing that partner held opening values, judged their hand to be worth a penalty double.

For Denmark, Anne-Sofie Houlberg led the queen of spades. Hongli Wang won and ran the clubs then played the heart jack and, when that held, a second heart. Christina Lund-Madsen won and the defence cashed three diamonds; nine tricks for +550.

For China, Qi Shen led the seven of hearts to the jack and ace, and declarer claimed nine tricks for the same +550; no swing but a lively start to the match.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Houlberg	Zhang	Madsen	Hongli W
–	–	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Shen	Bekkouche	Wenfei W	Rahelt
–	–	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Hongli opened 1♥ and rebid INT over the 1♠ response. Looking at weak spades, Zhang Yu did not fancy a possible five-three fit so simply raised to 3NT, hoping that her strong five-card club suit would be of use in that contract. Houlberg led a diamond to the jack and king. Hongli led the nine of clubs and Houlberg covered. Hongli won and played two more rounds of clubs, Lund-Madsen winning the jack.



**Christina Lund Madsen, Denmark**



She returned a diamond to dummy's ace. Hongli cashed the clubs and, when Houlberg, who thought she was about to be endplayed, unguarded the hearts, there were 11 tricks for +660. Careful discarding, with East retaining a diamond entry, would have allowed the defence to prevail.

Maria Marit Rahelt also opened 1♥ but then raised to 2♠ and Nadia Bekkouche bid the spade game, as who would not? Wenfei Wang led a low diamond and Bekkouche started well by winning in the dummy and leading a low spade to the nine, ten and jack. Wenfei returned a club for the queen and ace and Bekkouche led a second spade. When Wenfei followed with the eight, Bekkouche put up the king, losing to the ace. She was forced to finesse on the club return and was one down when that lost to the jack; -100 and 13 IMPs to China.

Was Bekkouche right to put up the king on the second round of spades? Yes, in theory, as restricted choice comes into play. For her to succeed, spades had to be three-two. With her actual holding Wenfei could have won the first spade with either the jack or queen, and could have followed to the second round with either eight or queen, while holding ♠AJ8 she would have had no option but to play as she did to each of those tricks.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Houlberg	Zhang	Madsen	Hongli W
-	-	-	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Shen	Bekkouche	Wenfei W	Rahelt
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The Danish auction was very straightforward, transfer then offer a choice of games. Houlberg knew of the five-three spade fit but chose to play no trump due to her 4-3-3-3 distribution. Zhang led a club so Houlberg won cheaply and ran the spades then passed the ten of diamonds to

Zhang's king. She ducked the return of the queen of hearts but won the continuation, cashed the clubs and played a diamond to the ace, dropping the queen; 11 tricks for +660.

Shen opened 1♦, Precision, and rebid 1NT. Wenfei's Checkback auction showed five spades and asked partner to choose which game to play and Shen was sufficiently concerned about the three low hearts that she judged to play in spades despite her 4-3-3-3 shape. Here, Rahelt's club lead was through the jack, the ten forcing the ace. Wenfei cashed the king of spades then led a second round to the ace followed by a low diamond off the dummy. Bekkouche went in with the king and returned the ten of hearts, ducked, followed by the queen, which declarer won. Wenfei cashed all the trumps then got it wrong, by taking the diamond finesse, and was one down when Bekkouche won and cashed the defensive heart trick; -100 and 13 IMPs straight back to Denmark, level at 13-13.

China bid a thin game that was making, then stayed out of a thin one that was not, gaining 6 IMPs on each board to lead by 25-13.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Houlberg	Zhang	Madsen	Hongli W
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dble
3♥	4♠	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Shen	Bekkouche	Wenfei W	Rahelt
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Zhang opened a strong club, 16+, and Hongli showed a semi-positive, 5-8 HCP by doubling the 1♥ overcall. Houlberg made a pre-emptive raise and Zhang jumped to 4♠. Now Madsen introduced her second suit. Five Hearts would have been down only two, so a good save, but it gave N/S a chance to get to slam. No, Zhang made a forcing pass over Houlberg's 5♥ conversion but slam was not really in

the picture and Hongli's 5♠ ended the auction. There were 12 easy tricks for +480.

Bekkouche's strong and artificial 2♣ promised quite a bit more than Zhang's strong 1♣, being 20-21 balanced or game-forcing, so slam was a possibility from the word go. Wenfei doubled, which showed clubs, but gave Shen no reason to get involved over Rahelt's negative/waiting 2♦. When Bekkouche now jumped to 4♠, she showed a big spade suit but minimum hand for the 2♣ opening and Rahelt had sufficient to make a move towards slam. She cuebid 5♦ and Bekkouche in turn showed the heart control, but also control of clubs as Rahelt had denied that suit. Rahelt jumped to the small slam and the diamond fit meant that there were 12 top tricks for a quick +980 and 11 IMPs to Denmark;

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K J 10 8 7 2  
♥ J 8 3  
♦ K 8  
♣ 10 2

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 5 3  
♥ A Q 10  
♦ Q 5 4  
♣ A J 9 3

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

West	North	East	South
Houlberg	Zhang	Madsen	Hongli W
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	2♠	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Shen	Bekkouche	Wenfei W	Rahelt
-	-	-	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Shen opened INT, 13-16, and was raised to game. Bekkouche led the king of spades, just in case there was a bare queen. Not today, when it didn't actually matter which spade was led. Shen crossed to the ace of clubs to take the diamond finesse, attacking the entry to the hand that rated to have the long spades. The diamond lost and Bekkouche cleared the spades. Shen took no risks, cashing her nine tricks for a safe +400.

Houlberg was playing a weak no trump (11)12-14, and felt that her hand was too strong for this because of the good diamonds, so opened 1♦ and rebid 3NT, having been asked for a spade stopper. Zhang had a pretty good idea that her opponents had both the missing spade honours as Hongli had been unable to double the 3♠ cuebid, so she looked elsewhere for her opening lead, selecting the three of hearts, the most challenging lead. Houlberg could not



Maria Marit Rahelt, Denmark

afford a spade through until she had taken the diamond finesse, so rose with the ace – well done. She ran the queen of diamonds and Zhang won the king and continued with the eight of hearts. Facing a passed partner, I have no doubt that Zhang would have made the weak jump overcall whichever heart honour she held, so this really was a guess, and Houlberg got it wrong, putting up the queen. That lost to the king, and a spade was led through. With spades established for the defence and North holding an entry in the jack of hearts, there was no way to find a ninth trick, so the contract was down one for -50 and 10 IMPs to China.

China won the match by 45-25 IMPs, 15-5 VPs. They moved up to ninth while Denmark were off the top of the rankings but still well-placed in second spot.



Hongli Wang, China

# Clutch performance (BB R10)



## Japan v. Brazil



By Brent Manley

After three days of play in the Bermuda Bowl, Brazil was sitting in second place in the round robin qualifying. Their opponents in round 10, Japan, were hoping to move up from 10th to one of the top eight positions, those teams going on to play in the quarterfinal knockout phase.

This deal, the third of the match, helped Japan to a decisive victory.

Board 19. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

♠ A 5 2 ♥ 9 8 2 ♦ A J 4 2 ♣ K J 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4caf50; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ J 9 4 ♥ Q 10 7 ♦ K Q ♣ Q 10 6 4 2	♠ K Q 10 8 3 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ 10 5 ♣ A 9 8
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W     E						
S						
	♠ 7 6 ♥ K J 4 3 ♦ 9 8 7 6 3 ♣ 7 5					

West	North	East	South
<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Yokoi</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Hiroki Yokoi started with the ♦3, Diego Brenner playing low from dummy. Ryoga Tanaka won the ♦Q and got out with a heart. Brenner took the ♥A and played three rounds of spades, ending in hand, then played a diamond to dummy's jack. North won the ♦K and the defenders cashed two hearts. Declarer still had to lose a club, so he was one down – minus 100. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Salomao</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Brum</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥*	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Kazuo Furuta's 1♥ bid showed four or more spades.

Dawei Chen received a trump lead. He won with the king and played a low heart from dummy. Paolo Roberto Brum went in with the ♥K and played another trump to the jack and queen. The ♥A and another heart put North on lead, and he exited with a spade to declarer's ace. When Chen

played a low diamond from hand, Jeovani Salomao could not help winning the trick and was endplayed, forced to lead his now-singleton ♦K into declarer's tenace or lead away from the ♣Q into declarer's K-J. Plus 620 was worth 12 IMPs to Japan.

The score was 23-11 in favor of Japan when this deal came along.

Board 26. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 7 6 4 ♥ 10 9 7 4 ♦ 10 9 3 ♣ A J 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4caf50; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ K Q 5 3 ♥ 8 6 3 ♦ J 7 5 ♣ 10 9 8	♠ 10 9 8 ♥ J 5 2 ♦ A K Q 8 4 ♣ 4 2
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S						
		♠ A J 2 ♥ A K Q ♦ 6 2 ♣ K Q 7 6 5				

West	North	East	South
<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Yokoi</i>
Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Roberto Barbosa started with the ♥10, taken by Yokoi with the queen. He played the ♣Q at trick two. Barbosa won with the ace and continued with another heart. A spade to the king was followed by the ♣10, which ran to Barbosa's jack. Barbosa had one more chance to defeat the contract with a diamond switch, but he played a third round of hearts and declarer claimed 10 tricks for plus 630.



**Roberto Barbosa, Brazil**

<b>West</b> <i>Chen</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Salomao</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Furuta</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Brum</i>
Pass	3♠	2♦*	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3NT
2♦ Balanced 18-20			

Chen also started with a heart, but when Brum won with the queen and played the ♣K, Chen won and switched to the ♦10. Furuta quickly cashed out for plus 200 and 13 IMPs to Japan, now ahead 36-11.

Japan managed some smaller swings to forge a 49-21 lead with one board to play. The swing on that board was larger. Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Barbosa</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Tanaka</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Brenner</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Yokoi</i>
1♦	1♠	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Tanaka avoided the spade lead, which would have made nine tricks easy for declarer, instead starting with a low heart. Barbosa went up with the ace and ran the ♦Q to Tanaka's king. When he returned the ♥8, Barbosa misguessed by playing the queen. Yokoi won with the ♥K and returned the ♠9. All Barbosa could do from there was to cash out for one down.

<b>West</b> <i>Chen</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Salomao</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Furuta</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Brum</i>
INT	2♠	3NT	Pass
			All Pass

Salomao also found the heart lead, and Chen also went up with the ace to take the diamond finesse. Salomao won and exited with the ♥8. Chen made the winning play of the ♥10, taken by the king. He tried the spade finesse when Brum returned the ♠9, but it didn't matter that the finesse lost. Declarer had four diamonds, three hearts, two clubs and a spade for 10 tricks and plus 430. The 11-IMP gain for Japan made the final score 60-21, enough for a move from 10th place to 6th in the round robin standings. With the loss, Brazil dropped from second to third.

## A Curiosity

By Brian Senior

You hold 5 HCP and your partner 13 against a no trump contract – how likely is it that you will win seven tricks on defence and your partner none? This happened in the Australian Senior team's Round 11 match against USA1.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Klinger</i>	<b>North</b> –	<b>East</b> <i>Haughie</i>	<b>South</b> –
–	4NT	2♦	2♠
Dble	6♠	Pass	5♥
Pass	6NT	Pass	Pass
Dble		All Pass	

For Australia, William Haughie opened a multi 2♦, not liking his hand for a three bid at this vulnerability. South made a very light overcall and Ron Klinger made a pass or correct double. When North now drove to slam, clearly expecting more for the overcall, Klinger doubled 6♠. As he said himself, this was perhaps a little unwise – add the jack of diamonds to the North hand and North's run-out to 6NT might have been making, while 6♠ seemed sure to fail – but Ron, like many of us, can resist everything except temptation. Anyway, he judged not to double 6NT, showing that he could not be tempted twice on the same deal.

Haughie led the jack of hearts and that held the trick. He continued with the king, and declarer won the ace then played a diamond to the queen, the ace of diamonds, and a third round. Haughie won the jack and had five hearts to cash – down six for –300.

The Australian N/S pair made 4♠+2 in the other room to gain 13 IMPs.

# Bermuda Bowl Round 10



## India vs Argentina



By T.C. Pant

The Indian open team started day four of the championship against Argentina, trying to retain their ranking in the top 8. The match started well for India.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
S. Mukherjee	E. Muzzio	D. Majumder	H. Camberos
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♣	All Pass	

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
C. Pellegrini	G. Manna	R. Garcia Da Rosa	S. Majumder
Pass	1♣	1♥	1♠
All Pass	2♣	Pass	3NT

In the closed room, North opened his 10-point hand, prompting South to bid 3NT. West led the ♥7 and declarer had no problems taking nine tricks with two tricks each in major suits and five in clubs for +400.

This was not the case in the open room, where over East's 1♥, South bid 1♠ but then passed partner's 2♣ as he was a passed hand. East led the ♠6 and declarer was able to take his nine tricks, but that was only 110 to N/S, a 7-IMP gain for India.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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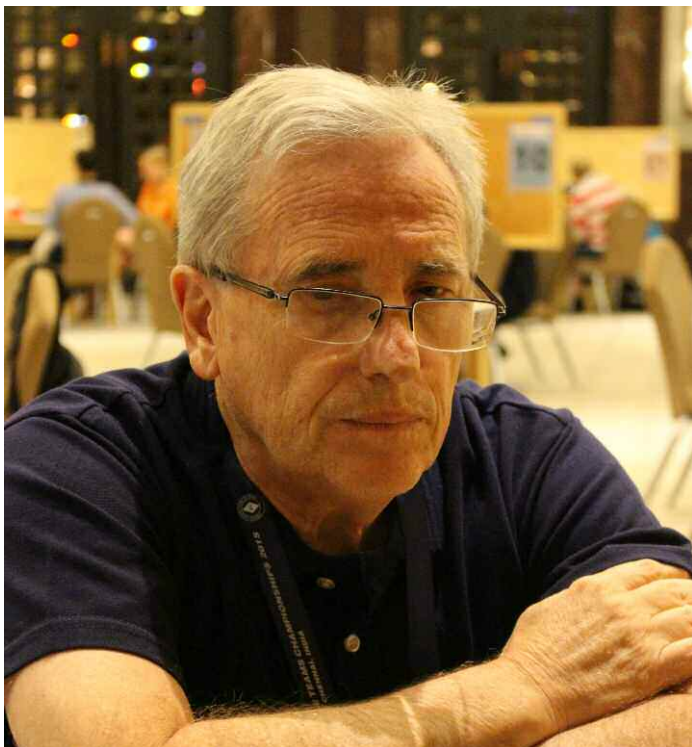
Open room:

West	North	East	South
S. Mukherjee	E. Muzzio	D. Majumder	H. Camberos
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣*	Pass	1NT
Pass	4♠	Pass	3♠*
		All Pass	

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
C. Pellegrini	G. Manna	R. Garcia Da Rosa	S. Majumder
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦*	Pass	1NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♠

In the open room, North's non-forcing 3♣ bid showed 5-5 in spades and clubs South's 3♠ was again non-forcing but with his good hand North raised it to game in spades. The lead was the ♦6 and declarer won in dummy with king and played a low spade away from the trump king. West won



**Hector Camberos, Argentina**

the ♠9 and exited with a diamond to declarer's ace. Declarer played a low spade from hand, ducking when East followed with the jack. The fall of the ♠A allowed the contract to be made.

In the closed room, North's 2♦ was a game-forcing checkback, and when partner showed three-card spade support, North raised to game. The line of play was same as in the open room and there was no swing on the board.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
S. Mukherjee	E. Muzzio	D. Majumder	H. Camberos
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
C. Pellegrini	G. Manna	R. Garcia Da Rosa	S. Majumder
		Pass	
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

In the open room, the 2♣ call by East was a checkback and 2♥ from West showed three-card spade support and 13-14 HCPs, whereas in the closed room 2♣ was a puppet to 2♦ and 3NT showed a balanced hand. West converted to 4♠.

A 3NT contract would have been easy with nine top tricks available. In the open room, East got the lead of ♣7. Declarer took North's ♣10 with the ace and played the ♦10 which lost to North's queen. Now a low heart was ducked to South, who continued with a club and declarer, after winning in dummy with ♣K, took out the trumps and tried to squeeze North. In the three-card end position, he considered North's hand to be having ♦K-x and ♣Q and hence tried end playing North with a club. That was not a success as North's hand was the ♥10, ♦K and ♣Q. That was one down for 100 to N/S.

In the closed room, the play for the first two tricks was same, but when North played back a heart after winning with ♦K, declarer took it with the ace, took out trumps and played a diamond to the ace. When the ♦Q came down, the contract was home, and that was 12 IMPs to Argentina.

On board 20, N/S in both rooms played in 3NT going two down for no exchange of IMPs.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
S. Mukherjee	E. Muzzio	D. Majumder	H. Camberos
	Pass	1♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
C. Pellegrini	G. Manna	R. Garcia Da Rosa	S. Majumder
	Pass	1♣	Pass
2NT	All Pass		



Debabrata Majumdar, India

The bidding styles differed on this board. The Indian West bid 3NT whereas West in the other room bid an invitational 2NT, passed by East. Both rooms scored 10 tricks and that was another 6-IMP gain to India.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ 6 2										
	♥ K 8 5										
	♦ A 7 6 3										
	♣ A 9 7 4										
♠ J 9 7 4	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <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 10 8 3
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♣ 8	♣ K Q 6 3 2										
	♠ A Q 5										
	♥ 9 6 4										
	♦ J 10 4 2										
	♣ J 10 5										

Open room:

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Mukherjee</i>	<i>E. Muzzio</i>	<i>D. Majumder</i>	<i>H. Camberos</i>
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
3♠	All Pass	1♠	Pass

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Pellegrini</i>	<i>G. Manna</i>	<i>R. Garcia Da Rosa</i>	<i>S. Majumder</i>
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass	1♠	Pass

The aggressive bidding by the Argentina E/W did not help their cause. The Indian E/W made 9 tricks in the partscore, whereas the Argentina E/W went two down in game for an 8-IMP loss.

Board 23 was a flat board, both sides making nine tricks in 3♦.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ A K Q 7 6 5 2										
	♥ J										
	♦ Q J 10										
	♣ A 5										
♠ 8 4	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <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		♠ 3
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♦ 9 7 6 5	♦ 4 2										
♣ 8 2	♣ K Q J 10 9										
	♠ J 10 9										
	♥ 8 4										
	♦ A K 8 3										
	♣ 7 6 4 3										

Open room:

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Mukherjee</i>	<i>E. Muzzio</i>	<i>D. Majumder</i>	<i>H. Camberos</i>
Pass	1♠	2♠*	Dble
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	5♠	All Pass	

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Pellegrini</i>	<i>G. Manna</i>	<i>R. Garcia Da Rosa</i>	<i>S. Majumder</i>
Pass	1♠	2♠*	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

There were top 12 tricks in spades for N/S, but the Michaels cuebid by East at each table seemed to gum up the N/S works and slam was missed. In the open room, N/S stopped at 5♠ for plus 480. In the closed room, the Indian N/S doubled West in 5♥, defeated only two tricks for minus 300, a 5-IMP gain for Argentina. At the halfway stage, the score was 21-17 in favour of India.

On Board 25, both N/S pairs played in 3NT going one down for no swing. On board 26, Argentina gained 3 IMPs, when N/S in the open room played in 4♠, one down for -100, whereas N/S in the closed room played in 3NT going two down for -200.

Both teams again overbid to 4♥ on Board 27. India gained 2 IMPs by going only two down, whereas the Argentina N/S were three down.

Board 28. Dealer W. N/S Vul.

	♠ A 9 4										
	♥ K J 7										
	♦ K Q 6										
	♣ A Q 10 4										
♠ K 2	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <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 10 8 7 6
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♣ 8 6	♣ K 5 3 2										
	♠ Q 5 3										
	♥ A 8 3										
	♦ A J 8 7										
	♣ J 9 7										

Open room:

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Mukherjee</i>	<i>E. Muzzio</i>	<i>D. Majumder</i>	<i>H. Camberos</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Pellegrini</i>	<i>G. Manna</i>	<i>R. Garcia Da Rosa</i>	<i>S. Majumder</i>
2♥	Dble	2♠	3NT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

In the open room, North opened with 2NT with his 19 HCPs and was promptly raised to six. The lead was ♠J and this went to the queen, king and ace. Now the contract depended on successful finesses in clubs and hearts. When the club king was off, declarer went down for 100 to India.

In the closed room, West's weak 2♥ opening made it difficult for the Indian N/S to get to the slam, which was to their benefit. As it happened, West started with the ♠K, which allowed declarer to take 12 tricks for a gain of 13 IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 10 7 ♥ Q J 3 ♦ K 8 7 ♣ 9 5 4 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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	♠ — ♥ A 8 7 6 5 2 ♦ 10 9 3 ♣ A K 10 7
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	♠ A 6 5 2 ♥ K 10 9 ♦ A Q 6 ♣ J 6 3				
	♠ Q J 9 8 4 3 ♥ 4 ♦ J 5 4 2 ♣ Q 8				

Open room:

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Mukherjee</i>	<i>E. Muzzio</i>	<i>D. Majumder</i>	<i>H. Camberos</i>
	1♣	1♥	2♠*
3♥	3♠	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Pellegrini</i>	<i>G. Manna</i>	<i>R. Garcia Da Rosa</i>	<i>S. Majumder</i>
	1♣	1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♥	4♠
All Pass			

In the open room, South bid 2♠ over 1♥, indicating a weak two-bid. This prompted E/W to reach 4♥, which went one down, losing a trick in hearts, two in diamonds and one in clubs. In the closed room, South unnecessarily took the plunge to 4♠, which had no play and went two down. The loss in both rooms cost India 7 IMPs.

On board 30, India gained 2 IMPs when their opponent went three down in 1NT by East, whereas India restricted themselves to two down.

There were no swings on the final two boards. India emerged with a 38-27 win (13.04-6.96).

## Vision

By Brian Senior

The true greats of this wonderful game of ours see things that mere mortals do not. England's Gunnar Hallberg might not claim to be a true great, but every now and then he does see things that most others would not and plays accordingly. Take this deal from the first round of the d'Orsi Trophy.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A 10 7 ♥ 2 ♦ K 5 ♣ K J 10 9 8 6 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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	♠ Q 4 2 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ A Q 10 3 2 ♣ Q 7
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	♠ J 8 3 ♥ Q J 8 6 5 ♦ J 8 7 4 ♣ 5				
	♠ K 9 6 5 ♥ A 10 9 4 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A 4 2				

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>		<i>Hallberg</i>	
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Dble
2♣	2♥	3NT	All Pass

Hallberg became declarer in 3NT on the lead of the ten of hearts. What would you play from the North hand after this auction? I think North should play the jack, which surely promises the queen, but our actual North merely encouraged with the eight. Hallberg won the king and, of course, knew that he was down on normal play. However, he saw a chance and went for it.

At trick two, Hallberg led the seven of clubs to dummy's king, the first key play as not playing the king would have revealed the position of the queen, South ducking as he did not know that there were four heart tricks to cash. Hallberg continued with the king of diamonds followed by a second round to the ten. The second key play. Next came three more rounds of diamonds. South had two easy spade discards but his last discard was a real problem. Imagine that North holds the queen of clubs instead of the queen of hearts – would he not still have encouraged at trick one? And if South now discarded his remaining low club he would be endplayed. So South threw the ace of clubs!

As Hallberg had pitched one of dummy's clubs, he 'only' made 12 tricks for +690, matching many declarers around the room who played on a spade lead. Do you see why North needed to play the jack at trick one?



# Tight North American Battle



## Canada v USA I



By Micke Melander

The 10th round of the Bermuda Bowl Round Robin offered many chances, but in the North American battle between Canada and USA I, both teams did well to push nearly every board, although they both had opportunities to create a lot more IMPs.

This was the first deal where there was an opening, when Meckstroth played Four Spades for USA in the closed room and David Sabourin tried the same in the open.

ace and king of hearts, pitching clubs from dummy, and ruffed a fourth heart in dummy, which East overruffed with the eight.

So far so good.

East shifted to a club, and Meckstroth took West's queen with the ace. He next continued with a spade to the king and West's ace, and it was all over when West returned another club. Meckstroth went up with the king, cashed the ace and king of diamonds and played his last heart. West ruffed with the nine of spades, dummy overruffed with the ten and when East now had the jack of clubs to cash, declarer was down. This play would have worked if West had held the last club – but that wasn't the case!

Board 18. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Huang	Katz	Sabourin
Pass	2♥*	Pass	INT
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

Sabourin looked to be on the right track after a heart to the ten and jack, when at trick two he simply played a low spade from hand, allowing West to win with the nine. Nickell shifted to a diamond, which declarer won with dummy's ace. Another trump followed and when declarer decided to cover East's jack with the king, he had no way to escape one down, when Nickell shifted to a club.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Rodwell	D. Wolpert	Meckstroth
Pass	2♥*	Pass	INT
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♦

After the same opening lead Meckstroth continued with

Board 19. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Huang	Katz	Sabourin
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass



**David Sabourin, Canada**

After Sabourin led a low heart, Katz had work to do, being threatened with losing two hearts, a diamond and a club. He solved his problems in beautiful style when he ducked the first heart, won the second, pulled two rounds of trumps and played a low diamond from dummy. North won with the queen and played a heart to South who then shifted to a club through dummy, three, ten and declarer's ace. Katz pulled the last trump, and played a diamond to the ace. He intended to ruff another diamond, which might have set up the jack of diamonds and if not he would have relied on a club finesse. When the queen dropped under the ace of diamonds, declarer could claim. It was a nicely executed game plan!

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Rodwell	D. Wolpert	Meckstroth
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3NT*	All Pass

My guess is that here 2♣ was a puppet to 2♦, with 3NT showing a balanced hand that included five spades. (The so-called Ping-Pong convention.)

3NT was a superior contract with nine top tricks if the spades behaved, which they did. Rodwell led a club into declarer's tenace, which gave him the tempo to safely take a diamond finesse, and when the king later dropped under the ace he had eleven tricks for 660.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

	N	
W	S	E

♠ K	♠ K J 7 3 2
♥ A K 3	♥ A K 3
♣ A K J 6	♣ A K J 6

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Huang	Katz	Sabourin
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

When partner opens with a fairly sound weak two holding six to the AQ and you have the king of trumps and ace-king, ace-king and a king in the other three suits, it should be enough to play game, right? Well, not always. Sabourin even made a slam try – a bit too ambitious, to say the least.

Against Five Spades by Huang, Ralph Katz and Nick

Nickell found a killing defence. They used hearts as entries for West to play diamonds through declarer to put Five Spades three down for minus 300. There was an en passant in trumps after a diamond was led and declarer unblocked the king of trumps and tried unsuccessfully to ruff himself to dummy in diamonds to pull trumps.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Rodwell	D. Wolpert	Meckstroth
2♦*	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
4♦	Spades		

Luckily for the Canadians, Meckstroth had to go down when he had no way to avoid losing two hearts and two trumps. It was, however, just one down, so USA I gained 5 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

	N	
W	S	E

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Huang	Katz	Sabourin
Pass	1♣*	1♥	2♥*
4♥	5♠	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Rodwell	D. Wolpert	Meckstroth
Pass	1♣*	1♥	2♥*
4♥	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Similar actions in both rooms put North into the box when West raised to game in hearts. Two Hearts promised game-going values without a heart stopper. Finally, Huang and Rodwell solved their problem in a great way when they jumped to Five Spades making a slam try – happily accepted by both Souths. No Swing.

As a matter of fact, only 36 IMPs were shared in the match, which USA I won 23-13, but both teams could have created some more on the last board of the match.

Board 32. Dealer West. E-W Vul.

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



## Carolyn Lynch 1946 – 2015



Carolyn Lynch, five-time North American champion and captain of the winning team in the d’Orsi Senior Trophy two years ago, died from complications related to treatment for leukemia. She was 69.

Mike Passell, Lynch’s longtime partner, said, “She was the nicest person I ever knew and one of the best friends I ever had. My favorite wins were the events that I won with her because of how much they meant to her. She never had an unkind word for anyone.”

“She was a treasure to bridge,” said Chris Compton, another top professional player. “It is very sad.”

Lynch, who lived in the Boston area, was an ACBL Grand Life Master. She won her most recent North American championship, the Keohane North American Swiss Teams, last fall.

At the North American Bridge Championships in Chicago this summer, Lynch and her team were presented with their medals from the d’Orsi Senior Trophy victory. The medals were originally given to a German team in Bali, where the world championships took place, but it was determined that two members of that squad used illegal signals and the team forfeited the victory. The decision elevated the Lynch team from second to first in the championship, Lynch’s first world title.

She was the wife of Peter Lynch, the well-known investment manager of the Fidelity Magellan fund. After his retirement at age 40, the two established the Lynch Foundation, of which she was president, to focus on education, which she considered vital.

After the couple’s three daughters were grown, Lynch turned to bridge, earning the American Contract Bridge League’s highest rank of Grand Life Master.

“I’m really pretty happy with my life, but I’ve never done anything I’m really great at,” Mrs. Lynch told the Boston Globe. “I’ve always been kind of average, so it’s odd to be 60-something-years-old and find out you’re good at something.”

In addition to her husband, Lynch leaves three daughters.

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Huang	Katz	Sabourin
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Korbell	Rodwell	D. Wolpert	Meckstroth
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Neither South had any problems realizing that they were going to play slam when they looked at 21 HCPs after partner opened with a 13-15 INT. The question was rather, should they play in a suit contract or not and would it be a grand slam or not? Neither of them could see thirteen tricks and eventually settled for the small slam. Declaring didn’t present any problems. There were twelve top tricks and the thirteenth became obvious when East discarded on the second round of diamonds.



Ralph Katz, USA1

# Four Swings in a Row (BB R I I)



**New Zealand v.  
Bulgaria**



By Jan van Cleeff

At the beginning of the round, Bulgaria was in second place on the leader board so there was every reason to have a closer look at this match.

The fireworks started on board 3, the first of four straight boards with big swings.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Jacob</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Coutts</i>
2♦	Dble	2NT*	Pass
3♠*	Dble	Rdble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

N/S don't play negative free bids, so Jacob's double of 3♠ was his first chance to show the suit. The double backfired when his partner decided to lead the ♠10 against 3NT. The hand was soon over. Declarer went after the hearts and scored the ♣K as his tenth trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ware</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Mihov</i>
2♦	2♠	3♥*	3♠
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

North led a spade to the ace. South cashed ♥A. North ruffed the next heart. End of story? Well, not completely as 5♠ was cold. Nevertheless, 13 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ware</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Mihov</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	3♥
Dble*	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

The defenders took the ♥A, two top diamonds and a ruff and eventually a club trick. N/S +500.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Jacob</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Coutts</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
2NT*	4♥	4♠	5♥
All Pass			



**Glenn Coutts, New Zealand**



Nick Jacob, New Zealand

The spade lead was ruffed. The trump ace and queen were followed by a club to the 8. West won the jack and returned a diamond to the king. Declarer ruffed a spade, played  $\diamond A$ , ruffed a diamond and played a club from dummy to the ...king. Down one, 12 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ware	Stefanov	Tislevoll	Mihov
	1♦	2♣	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led a diamond to the queen. With the friendly layout, declarer could cash hearts and play a club from hand. North would have to surrender the ninth trick one way or the other. In practice, declarer finished with 10 tricks for plus 430.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gunev	Jacob	Nanev	Coutts
	1♦	2♣	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	2♦
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Quite amazing. E/W do have 25 HCP, but stopped off in 3♣ doubled. And what about North? Opening a nine count, he was still eager to double a part score for penalties. In a way he was right because 3♣ went down one and New Zealand won back 11 IMPs.

On the next board, everyone was gambling.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gunev	Jacob	Nanev	Coutts
		2♦*	Pass
2♥*	3NT (!)	All Pass	
2♦	Weak in a major, 3-10		
2♥	Pass or correct		

East led his stiff spade to the king. Then declarer ducked a spade and later finessed the  $\diamond Q$ . Nine tricks, N/S +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ware	Stefanov	Tislevoll	Mihov
		3♥	Pass
Pass	5♦(!)	All Pass	

When declarer lost the three obvious tricks, another 10 IMPs came rolling in for New Zealand.

After four consecutive double-digit swings, more IMPs were exchanged, resulting in a final score of 49-47 in favour of the Kiwi's. Bulgaria dropped to fourth place, as New Zealand moved from 19th to 17th in the round robin standings.



# 2016 Asia Bridge Open Congress

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Beijing Ditan Gymnasium)



## Events and Schedule

Open Teams, Ladies Teams, Senior Teams, Junior Teams, Youngsters Teams, Girls teams	Apr 20-24
Open Pairs, Ladies Pairs, Senior Pairs, Youth Pairs	Apr 18-19
Mixed Pairs	Apr 19
Individual	Apr 17
CCBA Open Teams	Apr 16-19
IMP Pairs	Apr 20-21
Swiss Teams	Apr 22-23
Pairs event in every evening	Apr 16-24

## Entry Fees

Event	Entry Fee	Event	Entry Fee
1. Open Teams	US\$1000	7. Open Pairs	RMB800
2. Ladies Teams	US\$1000	8. Ladies Pairs	RMB600
3. Senior Teams	US\$600	9. Senior Pairs	RMB600
4. Junior Teams	US\$400	10. Youth Pairs	RMB400
5. Youngsters Teams	US\$200	11. Mixed Pairs	RMB600
6. Girls teams	US\$400	12. Individual	RMB300
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13. CCBA Open Teams	RMB3000	15. Swiss Teams	RM800
14. IMP Pairs	RMB400	16. Pairs event in every evening	RMB400

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## RESULTS

## Venice Cup

## Round 16

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	AUSTRALIA DENMARK	30	55	4.08	15.92
22	CHINESE TAIPEI USAI	25	42	5.61	14.39
23	GUADELOUPE NETHERLANDS	27	38	6.96	13.04
24	BRAZIL PAKISTAN	16	35	5.20	14.80
25	JAPAN ENGLAND	22	34	6.72	13.28
26	INDIA NEW ZEALAND	31	55	4.26	15.74
27	JORDAN EGYPT	32	20	13.28	6.72
28	CANADA SOUTH AFRICA	60	7	19.43	0.57
29	VENEZUELA ITALY	19	59	1.91	18.09
30	USA2 CHINA	32	24	12.29	7.71
31	POLAND FRANCE	37	40	9.09	10.91

## Round 17

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	DENMARK CHINESE TAIPEI	53	16	17.72	2.28
22	USAI GUADELOUPE	28	14	13.75	6.25
23	NETHERLANDS PAKISTAN	36	18	14.60	5.40
24	AUSTRALIA JAPAN	36	52	5.82	14.18
25	ENGLAND INDIA	81	2	20.00	0.00
26	NEW ZEALAND JORDAN	52	31	15.19	4.81
27	EGYPT CANADA	18	53	2.55	17.45
28	SOUTH AFRICA VENEZUELA	19	51	2.97	17.03
29	ITALY USA2	40	31	12.55	7.45
30	CHINA POLAND	23	9	13.75	6.25
31	FRANCE BRAZIL	38	10	16.42	3.58

## Round 18

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	GUADELOUPE DENMARK	26	67	1.79	18.21
22	PAKISTAN USAI	47	30	14.39	5.61
23	BRAZIL NETHERLANDS	13	33	5.00	15.00
24	JAPAN CHINESE TAIPEI	23	40	5.61	14.39
25	INDIA AUSTRALIA	36	49	6.48	13.52
26	JORDAN ENGLAND	7	78	0.00	20.00
27	CANADA NEW ZEALAND	33	51	5.40	14.60
28	VENEZUELA EGYPT	37	51	6.25	13.75
29	USA2 SOUTH AFRICA	42	35	12.03	7.97
30	POLAND ITALY	7	41	2.69	17.31
31	FRANCE CHINA	29	11	14.60	5.40

## d'Orsi Trophy

## Round 16

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	CANADA BULGARIA	11	43	2.97	17.03
42	BRAZIL POLAND	23	38	6.03	13.97
43	AUSTRALIA INDONESIA	30	36	8.24	11.76
44	CHILE GUADELOUPE	25	34	7.45	11.55
45	EGYPT USAI	19	55	2.41	17.59
46	PAKISTAN INDIA	43	38	11.48	8.52
47	JAPAN CHINA	66	37	16.58	2.42
48	TUNISIA USA2	4	87	-1.00	20.00
49	ENGLAND NEW ZEALAND	36	5	16.88	3.12
50	AUSTRIA SWEDEN	17	36	5.20	14.80
51	NORWAY IRELAND	19	35	5.82	14.18

## Round 17

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	BULGARIA BRAZIL	53	26	16.26	3.74
42	POLAND AUSTRALIA	10	37	3.74	16.26
43	INDONESIA GUADELOUPE	80	7	20.00	0.00
44	CANADA EGYPT	55	6	19.07	0.93
45	USAI PAKISTAN	34	4	16.73	3.27
46	INDIA JAPAN	38	20	14.60	5.40
47	CHINA TUNISIA	74	4	20.00	0.00
48	USA2 ENGLAND	21	26	8.52	11.48
49	NEW ZEALAND AUSTRIA	33	53	5.00	15.00
50	SWEDEN NORWAY	43	5	17.85	2.15
51	IRELAND CHILE	45	31	13.75	6.25

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41	AUSTRALIA BULGARIA	14	46	2.97	17.03
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43	CHILE INDONESIA	18	49	3.12	16.88
44	EGYPT BRAZIL	49	28	15.19	4.81
45	PAKISTAN CANADA	13	57	1.45	18.55
46	JAPAN USAI	32	50	5.40	14.60
47	TUNISIA INDIA	36	53	5.61	14.39
48	ENGLAND CHINA	41	27	13.75	6.25
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# Bermuda Bowl

## Round 16

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	JORDAN CHINA	5	64	0.07	19.93
2	ENGLAND UAE	72	14	19.85	0.15
3	USA1 NEW ZEALAND	16	16	10.00	10.00
4	FRANCE SOUTH AFRICA	54	46	12.29	7.71
5	JAPAN EGYPT	38	33	11.48	8.52
6	GUADELOUPE CANADA	65	19	18.77	1.23
7	POLAND BULGARIA	28	41	6.48	13.52
8	ARGENTINA DENMARK	41	18	15.56	4.44
9	INDIA USA2	32	40	7.71	12.29
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Cavendish Teams  
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- Monday October 19th and Tuesday October 20th
- Open Team 7500 Euros
- Ladies or Junior team : 3500 Euros
- Auction : no

Cavendish Invitational Open Pairs

- Auction : October 20th (18h30)
- Wednesday October 21st, to Friday 23rd
- Entry fee: 1500 Euros per pair
- Auction guarantee : 5000 Euros per pair

Cavendish Invitational Ladies Pairs

- Auction : Tuesday October 20th (18h30)
- Wednesday October 21st, to Friday 23rd
- Entry fee: 750 Euros per pair
- Auction guarantee : 2000 Euros per pair

Prize Money

- 90% of the entry fees and auctions paid back to the players and bidders.

Hotel Accomodation

- The Société des Bains de Mer (SBM), partner of the Monaco Bridge Fed, will propose great conditions for her prestigious hotels (Hôtel de Paris, Hôtel Hermitage), but you may find any other accomodations in Monaco as well at different rates. Tell us about your needs and we'll find solutions for you.

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# LYON - the place to be in August 2017

## World Bridge Teams Championships



from **12th – 26th August 2017**  
**LYON - FRANCE**



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The World Bridge Teams Championships, which are organised by the World Bridge Federation in cooperation with the French Bridge Federation, will be held at the Cité Internationale de Lyon

### Schedule of play for the 2017 World Bridge Teams Championships

Teams registration	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August
Opening Ceremony	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August at 19.00
Round Robin	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> ~ Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August
Quarter Finals	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> ~ Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> August
Semi final	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> ~ Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August
Final & Play-Off	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> ~ Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> August

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#### Transnational Teams:

Qualification	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> ~ Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August
Knock-Out	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> ~ Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> August

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Coupe de Lyon	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> ~ Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> August
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The French Bridge Federation looks forward to welcoming you to the:

**Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup,  
d'Orsi Seniors Trophy & 10th  
World Transnational Open  
Teams Championship**

# 37<sup>th</sup>

# December 1 - 6, 2015



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## Schedule

- 1<sup>st</sup> December**
  - 5 pm : Delegates Meeting
  - 6 pm : Opening Ceremony
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December** : Open Pairs  
Captains Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December** : Mixed Teams
- 4,5,6 December** : Open / Ladies  
Senior / Youth Teams
- 6<sup>th</sup> December**
  - 8 pm : Victory Dinner,  
Prize Presentation

## Bridge Tournament Entry Fees

Open Pairs	US \$ 100
Mixed Teams	US \$ 150
Open/Ladies/Seniors Teams	US \$ 400
Youth Teams	US \$ 150



## Venue & Accommodation

**The Montien Hotel,**  
Surawongse Road, Bangkok, THAILAND

- **Single / Double Room**  
Including breakfast  
US \$ 80.00 per room



- **Airport transfer to Hotel :**
- Baht 1,400 per 2 persons
- Baht 1,900 per 4-6 persons

## Organising Committee :

### Contract Bridge League of Thailand

Chairperson : Esther C.Sophonpanich  
 President : Chayawat Pisessith  
 Tournament Director : Anthony Ching  
 Tournament Organiser : Vallapa Svangsopakul  
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### Tournament Program

Mixed Pairs	November 12,13
M.P. Pairs	November 14
National Simultaneous	November 15
IMP Pairs	November 16,17
Open Pairs	November 18,19,20
Teams	November 21

### Participants from All Over the World

Including European and World Champions.

### Entrance Fee

€16 per session.

Total Prize Money in Excess of €25,000

Special Accommodation Packages

Daily Social Events



### Further information and registration:

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## Jordan Bridge Federation

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34<sup>th</sup> Annual Jordan International Bridge Festival  
And the Seventh Pan Arab Inter Club

In coordination with the

## Arab Bridge League

November 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 At

Bristol Hotel- Amman



### PROGRAM OF EVENTS:

Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Pan Arab Inter Club – 10:30 am

Reception 06:00 pm

Open Pairs, Session (1) 07:00 pm

Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Pan Arab Inter Club – 10:30 am

Open Pairs, Session (2) 05:30 pm

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

Pan Arab Inter Club – 10:30 am

Open Pairs, Session (3) 05:30 pm

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

Pan Arab Inter Club – 10:30 am

Mixed Pairs, Session (1) 05:30 pm

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Pan Arab Inter Club – 10:30 am

Mixed Pairs, Session (2) 04:30 pm

Gala Dinner 09:00 pm

(\* Pan Arab Inter- club's time schedule is subject to modification by The Organizing Committee according to number of participants.

### PRIZES

**OPEN PAIRS**      Guest (US\$)      Jordanian (JD)

1<sup>st</sup> Pair              2000              1000

2<sup>nd</sup> Pair              1200              600

3<sup>rd</sup> Pair              800              400

4<sup>th</sup> Pair              600              300

5<sup>th</sup> Pair              500              250

6<sup>th</sup> Pair              400              200

7<sup>th</sup> Pair              300              150

8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Pairs      200              100

Best Ladies Pair    150              80

Best Mixed Pair    150              80

Best Improvement 150              80

**MIXED PAIRS**      Guest(US\$)      Jordanian (JD)

1<sup>st</sup> Pair              1200              500

2<sup>nd</sup> Pair              800              300

3<sup>rd</sup> Pair              600              250

4<sup>th</sup> Pair              500              200

5<sup>th</sup> Pair              400              150

6<sup>th</sup> Pair              300              100

7<sup>th</sup> Pair              200              100

Best Improvement 100              50

### ENTRY FEES

Event	Guest (US\$)	Jordanian (JD)
Open Pairs	120	40
Mixed Pair	60	25
Pan Arab	400 PER TEAM	

### ACCOMMODATION:

Single or Double room      145 US.\$

Bed and breakfast, all taxes inclusive.



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