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42<sup>nd</sup> Bermuda Bowl  
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# THE HARD PART STARTS TODAY



The leaders after the Round Robin in the Bermuda Bowl: Bulgaria



The leaders after the Round Robin in the Venice Cup: Denmark

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The leaders after the Round Robin in the d'Orsi Trophy: USA1

The three teams featured on this page did more than advance to the quarterfinal knockout stage in their respective events – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Trophy. They were the leaders after 21 rounds of qualifying play.

Those 16-board matches were easy compared to the long battles ahead in the marathon march to the finals, which start on Thursday.

Congratulations to the qualifying leaders, condolences to those who came close but missed the cut.



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# SCHEDULE

## Quarter Finals

Segment 1	11:00 - 12:20
Segment 2	14:30 - 16:50
Segment 3	17:20 - 19:40

## Transnational

Round 1	10:20 - 11:30
Round 2	11:50 - 13:20
Round 3	14:00 - 15:30
Round 4	15:50 - 17:20
Round 5	17:40 - 19:10

## Bermuda Bowl

Team	c/o
BULGARIA	8.5
SWEDEN	0
USA2	0
CHINA	16
ENGLAND	11
USA1	0
FRANCE	8
POLAND	0

## Badges !!

Don't forget your badge when you come to the playing area!



## Venice Cup

Team	c/o
DENMARK	0
FRANCE	2.33
ENGLAND	0
USA1	16
ITALY	0
NETHERLANDS	4.67
CHINA	0
USA2	4

## d'Orsi Trophy

Team	c/o
USA1	0
NORWAY	1.67
USA2	0
IRELAND	11
POLAND	4.5
ENGLAND	0
SWEDEN	0
AUSTRALIA	10



## BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

*BBO 1 = VuGraph  
BBO 6 is also OURGAME*

### 11:00

England v USA1	BBO 1
Bulgaria v Sweden	BBO 2
France v Poland	BBO 3
England v USA1 (VC)	BBO 4
USA2 v Ireland (OT)	BBO 5
China v USA2	BBO 6

### 14:30

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

### 17:20

Bulgaria v Sweden	BBO 1
England v USA1	BBO 2
France v Poland	BBO 3
Italy v Netherlands (VC)	BBO 4
Poland v England (OT)	BBO 5
China v USA2	BBO 6



# Bermuda Bowl

## After Round 21

TEAM	VP
1 BULGARIA	277.74
2 CHINA	274.90
3 POLAND	267.87
4 ENGLAND	267.18
5 FRANCE	256.68
6 USA1	243.67
7 USA2	236.56
8 SWEDEN	225.18
9 JAPAN	225.04
10 BRAZIL	223.81
11 DENMARK	220.29
12 INDIA	218.69
13 AUSTRALIA	205.86
14 SINGAPORE	205.32
15 CANADA	195.90
16 SOUTH AFRICA	181.15
17 NEW ZEALAND	178.91
18 ARGENTINA	177.05
19 EGYPT	165.65
20 GUADELOUPE	154.30
21 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	114.73
22 JORDAN	94.02

## 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 21

TEAM	VP
1 DENMARK	304.11
2 USA2	288.03
3 USA1	281.05
4 ITALY	278.87
5 ENGLAND	277.73
6 CHINA	274.12
7 NETHERLANDS	274.09
8 FRANCE	266.55
9 POLAND	259.58
10 JAPAN	231.86
11 CANADA	219.79
12 AUSTRALIA	215.65
13 CHINESE TAIPEI	200.28
14 NEW ZEALAND	190.64
15 BRAZIL	163.79
16 EGYPT	160.70
17 VENEZUELA	141.71
18 GUADELOUPE	139.02
19 SOUTH AFRICA	134.88
20 PAKISTAN	126.27
21 JORDAN	95.47
22 INDIA	91.31

# d'Orsi Trophy

After Round 21

TEAM	VP
1 USA1	298.89
2 AUSTRALIA	286.21
3 IRELAND	280.95
4 POLAND	273.84
5 ENGLAND	259.93
6 USA2	255.12
7 NORWAY	253.27
8 SWEDEN	250.41
9 AUSTRIA	240.92
10 INDONESIA	239.82
11 INDIA	224.95
12 CANADA	221.14
13 BULGARIA	218.48
14 JAPAN	218.07
15 PAKISTAN	190.04
16 EGYPT	159.15
17 CHINA	156.00
18 GUADELOUPE	136.36
19 NEW ZEALAND	129.47
20 CHILE	122.49
21 TUNISIA	99.54
22 BRAZIL	89.95



# Rough Patch (BB R13)



USA I v England



By Brent Manley

Among the favorites in the 2015 Bermuda Bowl, USA I, captained by Nick Nickell, would be at or near the top. Being highly rated, of course, does not mean you win every match. That principle was illustrated when USA I took on England in round 13. Going into the match, the Americans were in second position in the round robin qualifying. England, sitting six places lower, scored first.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Robson	Rodwell	Forrester	Meckstroth
		Pass	Pass
3♦	DbI	4♦	Pass
Pass	DbI	Pass	4♠
All Pass			



David Gold, England



Andrew Robson, England

Andrew Robson led a diamond to Tony Forrester's ace. Robson won the diamond return with the king and put the ♣4 on the table. Jeff Meckstroth guessed to play low, and Forrester won the queen to return a club to his partner's ace. That was one down, minus 100.

The auction was the same at the other table, as was the opening lead. When Bobby Levin, West, got the lead back at trick two, he also played a low club. David Gold went up with the king and was soon claiming plus 620 for a 12-IMP swing to England.

The score was 12-1 to England when this deal came up.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Robson	Rodwell	Forrester	Meckstroth
		1♣	Pass
1♥*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Meckstroth led the ♦Q to Forrester's ace. At trick two, he played a heart to dummy's jack. Eric Rodwell won with the king and played the ♦10, which held. A heart went to Meckstroth's 10, and when declarer could not avoid a club loser, he was one down. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Levin	Bakhshi	Weinstein	Gold
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
		INT	All Pass

Gold started with the  $\diamond Q$ , following with a low diamond when Weinstein ducked. He played low on Bakhshi's  $\diamond 10$  and won the third round with the ace. Weinstein cashed his spades and ran the  $\clubsuit Q$  for eight tricks, plus 120 and a 6-IMP swing to USA I.

This deal was costly for USA I.

Board 11. Declarer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Robson	Rodwell	Forrester	Meckstroth
2♣	Dble	Pass	1♦
3♣	4♥	All Pass	2♥

Robson led the  $\clubsuit K$ , taken by Meckstroth with the ace. He played a low heart from hand at trick two, the queen winning. Now a heart from dummy went to Robson's jack. He cashed the trump ace and played the  $\clubsuit Q$ . There was no way to 10 tricks from there and the contract was one down for minus 50.

West	North	East	South
Levin	Bakhshi	Weinstein	Gold
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Dbl	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Bobby Levin started with the  $\clubsuit K$ , taken by Gold with the ace. Perhaps influenced by Levin's bidding, which indicated a strong hand, Gold played a low heart at trick two, inserting dummy's 9. When that held, he played the  $\heartsuit Q$  to Levin's ace, ruffed the club continuation, played a diamond to the king to ruff another club. He got back to hand with a diamond to the queen, pulled the last trump and played a spade. He claimed when Levin followed perforce with an honor. Plus 450 meant 11 IMPs to England.

At that point, the score was 26-9 for England. The final swing of the match was 5 IMPs to England on board 12, followed by four pushes, England prevailed 31-9.

## Video Corner



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Bob Hamman



Veteran Intrafinesse  
explained by Gabriel Chagas



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## 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.



## Thank You

The Canadian Senior Team competing for the d'Orsi Trophy would like to thank the members of the Victoria Bridge Club as well as ACBL Units 166 and 431 for their generous financial assistance.



# Good start, bad finish (BB R12)



India v Sweden



By T.C. Pant

The Indian Bermuda Bowl team trying to stay in 8th place – the last qualifying spot – faced Sweden in the final match on the fourth day of round robin play.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	G. Manna	Wrang	S. Majumder
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Closed room

West	North	East	South
R. Roy	Upmark	A. Banerjee	Nystrom
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3	NT	All Pass	

The bidding in the closed room was simple. When over Stayman, partner showed spades, West raised to 3NT. The lead from South was his fourth-best spade and declarer had no problem in taking 11 tricks for 460.

In the open room, the E/W pair went through a series of artificial bids and finally reached the 5♦ contract. North led a club and South, after winning with the ace, returned a club, eliminating further losers in that suit. Now it was a question of playing the trumps correctly. Declarer played low to ♦K, North winning with ♦A and returning another club. Declarer won in hand and played a diamond to the 9, losing to South's jack for one down and 11 IMPs to India.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

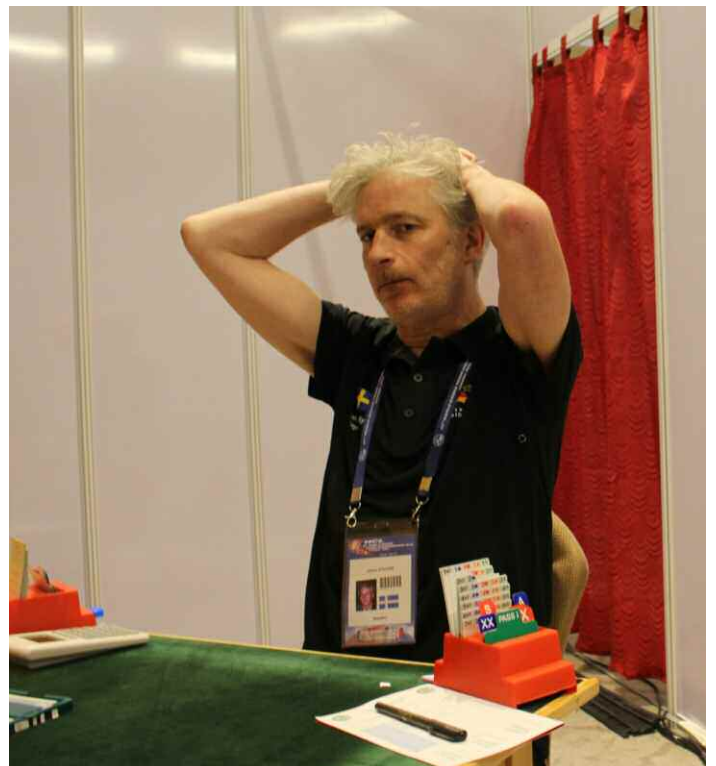
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	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	G. Manna	Wrang	S. Majumder
		2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Closed room

West	North	East	South
R. Roy	Upmark	A. Banerjee	Nystrom
		1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	All Pass		



**Johan Sylvan, Sweden**

At both tables, E/W overbid their hands and the results clearly indicated that. In the open room, the contract went three down, whereas in the closed room it was two down. That was a 2-IMP gain to India but not so deserving.

On board 19, with 24 HCPs between them, the Indian E/W in the closed room tried 3NT, which went two down, though the loss could have been restricted to one down. In the open room, the Indian N/S were allowed to play in 2♦, which made, restricting the gain of Sweden to 3 IMPs.

On board 20, India took a good save of 5♣ doubled against a vulnerable 4♥ contract of the opponents, thus gaining 3 IMPs. On board 21, Sweden gained 2 IMPs when they played game in spades making 11 tricks for 650 against India's 3NT contract, which fetched only 600. India gained another 2 IMPs on board 22, when, in possession of the ace and king of trumps, they doubled a 6♣ contract for one down. India played the same contract at the other table but were not doubled.

The score after board 22 was 18-5 in favour of India. From there on it was all Sweden.

Board 23. Dealer South, All Vul.

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

Open room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	G. Manna	Wrang	S. Majumder
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
R. Roy	Upmark	A. Banerjee	Nystrom
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The contract in both rooms was 4♠ by West. The defenders could cash two top club tricks and then wait for declarer to give two tricks in trumps. However, in the open room North led a diamond instead and declarer got rid of his club loser on the third diamond and discarded another club on the fourth diamond. North ruffed this trick but it was at the cost of a natural trump trick and declarer was home with his contract. The bad lead had cost India 12 IMPs.

Board 24 and 25 were flat boards with no exchange of IMPs.

Board 26. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	G. Manna	Wrang	S. Majumder
Pass	INT	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	4NT
All Pass		Pass	5♥

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
R. Roy	Upmark	A. Banerjee	Nystrom
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣*
Pass	INT*	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	4♦



Rana Roy, India



The N/S closed room pair of Sweden reached 4♥ after a series of artificial bids. In the open room, North never encouraged his partner to go above game but South insisted and used RKC and finally stopped at 5♥ contract.

The lead was the ♣K at both tables and 4♥ was a very safe contract as the losing club goes on the diamond. In the closed room, declarer exactly did that. He discarded the club loser on a diamond and then played the trumps giving two trump tricks to West. In the open room, South made the mistake of playing trumps before discarding his club loser on a high diamond. So he went one down when two heart losers could not be avoided. That was another 13 IMPs to Sweden, now ahead 30-18.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>G. Manna</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>S. Majumder</i>

Pass	2♣*	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>R. Roy</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>A. Banerjee</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>

Pass	1♣*	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

In the open room, North opened his strong hand with the artificial 2♣ and East bid his natural 2♦. South did not bid 2♥ over partner's takeout double and worse was to follow. The defence allowed 2♦ to make instead of taking it one down; 180 to Sweden.

In the closed room, an easy 4♥ was reached and made with an overtrick. That was another 12 IMPs to Sweden. The score was 42 to 18 in their favour.

Board 28 was a flat board, both sides going two down in 4♥. Sweden again gained 6 IMPs on board 29 when their N/S played in INT making 9 tricks, whereas in the open room N/S played in 2♥ on a 4-3 fit going one down.

On Board 30, both teams went one down in a 6♣ contract, when the singleton heart was led and the other defender could win the ace and give his partner a ruff.

Board 31. Dealer S. N/S Vul.

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

Open room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>G. Manna</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>S. Majumder</i>

Pass	1♦	2♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
All Pass			

Closed room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>R. Roy</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>A. Banerjee</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>

Pass	1♣*	Dbl*	1♥*
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

In the open room, East's 2♦ over the 1♦ opener showed majors, and it was surprising that South, with 10 good HCPs, did not take any action. West pre-empted with 3♥ and now it was the turn of North not to take any action with his good hand. N/S could make game in either minor, but they allowed West to play in 4♥, which went one down for minus 50.

In the closed room, after N/S had reached 5♣, East did well to sacrifice in 5♥, which was doubled and went down 2 for 300 to Sweden – another 6 IMPs to Sweden.

On the last board, Sweden gained another 10 IMPs. Sylvan and Wrang got to 4♥ on the E/W cards, whereas the Indian pair stopped at 3♥, both making 10 tricks.

The final score was 64-18 IMPs (18.77-1.23) in favour of Sweden.

## Duplicates



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.

# Redemption (BB R15)



**USA I – South Africa**



By Brent Manley

When South Africa and USA I settled in for the round-15 match in the Bermuda Bowl, each team was looking to rebound from a loss in the previous round. The Americans, in the last qualifying spot in the round robin, had been defeated by France 57-21. South Africa, well out of qualifying position, had lost to England 62-15.

USA I gained on this deal early in the match.

Board 3. Declarer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Stephens	Katz	Fick
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

2♣ artificial: fourth-suit forcing



**Martin Grunder, South Africa**

Robert Stephens' leap to the slam might have worked out had Hennie Fick produced a slightly stronger hand (Steve Weinstein at the other table also opened). Katz didn't know he could cash two diamonds to get things over quickly, so he started with the ♣10. Stephens won the opening lead in hand and embarked on a crossruff, pitching one diamond on the ♠Q at one point, but he ran out of gas in the end, finding himself with one high trump in hand along with a diamond and a good heart. Dummy had all diamonds. Declarer had to play a diamond, so Katz could win and punch out declarer's last trump with his other high diamond. West would take the setting trick with his low trump. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Grunder	Levin	Kaprey	Weinstein
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♣
All Pass			5♣

Bobby Levin won the opening club lead in hand and followed with a low diamond. Imtiaz Kaprey took the ♦K and played another club, but Levin just played a second diamond and it was over quickly. Plus 400 and 10 IMPs to USA I. (On Vugraph we watched Fredrik Nyström lead clubs, the unbid suit, against 3NT. When declarer led to his ♦10, he won the ♦J and shifted precisely to the ♥10, pinning the ♥9 and defeating the game. - Barry Rigal)

On this deal, Katz played expertly to engineer another big gain for his team. The auction was the same at both tables.

Board 10. Declarer East. All Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Nickell	Stephens	Katz	Fick
Grunder	Levin	Kaprey	Weinstein
2♥	Pass	1♥	1♠
4♥	All Pass	3♣	Pass

Weinstein started with a low spade to the jack and declarer's ace. Kaprey played a club to the ace to take the heart finesse. Weinstein won and put his partner in with the ♠Q. Now the ♣10 went to declarer's jack and Weinstein's queen. A third round of diamonds was ruffed by Bobby Levin, and a diamond to the ace meant two down, plus 200 for USA I.

At the other table, Fick started with the tricky ♥9. Katz played the 10 from dummy, and when it held, he ran the ♥8 to Fick's king. Fick next played the ♦Q, won by the king in dummy. Katz pulled the last trump and exited with the ♦J. Fick took the ace and continued the suit, Katz ruffing. Reading the situation accurately, Katz cashed the ♣K and put the ♣J on the table. When Fick covered and the 10 appeared from Stephens, Katz could claim plus 620 (he still had to lose a spade), which was good for 13 IMPs.

On the next board, preemptive bidding by South Africa helped them to a useful swing.

Board 11. Declarer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Stephens	Katz	Fick
Pass	Pass	4♠	4♥ All Pass

The 4♥ opening made it tough for Katz and Nickell to get to slam (6♦, 6♠ and 6NT are cold). Fick led his singleton diamond and Katz quickly wrapped up 13 tricks for a less-than-satisfying plus 510. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Grunder	Levin	Kaprey	Weinstein
2♦	Pass	2♠	1♥ Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

The play record does not indicate Bobby Levin's opening lead, but it apparently was not a heart because Martin Grunder took all the tricks for plus 940 and a 10-IMP swing to South Africa. That was, however, the team's only double-digit gain. USA I won 47-31 to move up one spot to seventh in the round robin standings.

## Record Attendance at World Championships

The organizers received word that Morella Pacheco of Venezuela might be on a record performance here. She is here on her 24th appearance at a World Championship. The records indeed reveal that she played in eight World Bridge Games (formerly called the Olympiad), and four World Bridge Series (formerly called the World Championships), while this is the twelfth time she is representing Venezuela in the Venice Cup.

This prompted me to try and discover whether this is a record.

And sadly for Mrs Pacheco, I have found at least two women who have done better. Sabine Auken has appeared in seven Games, six Series and twelve Venice Cups, making 25 even before her appearance on the Transnational Teams next week.

As far as I can spot, the record for women belongs to Nicola Smith. She played in the second-ever Venice Cup (in 1976) and on eleven Venice Cups since. She played in ten Olympiads and six World Championships, for a total of 28 World Championships. We might have to count that as just 27, though, as the 1976 Olympiad and Venice Cup were played consecutively in Monte Carlo.

Among the men, there is one outstanding figure: Gabriel Chagas of Brazil. He has competed in every Olympiad since Deauville 1968 (twelve in all), the most recent one in the senior team. He was present at all World Championships since New Orleans 1978 (ten events) and at 24 Bermuda Bowls since Rio de Janeiro in 1969. Chagas missed out on only three Bermuda Bowls in all that time: the events of 1977 and 1981, when Argentina filled the then single spot reserved for South America, and the event of 1985 in São Paulo, when he was part of the organizing staff. This means that he made the National Open team in no less than 48 consecutive years.

Again we need to make a decision on the 1976 events to call this 45 or 46 Championships, but there should be no doubt it is a record that will take some beating.

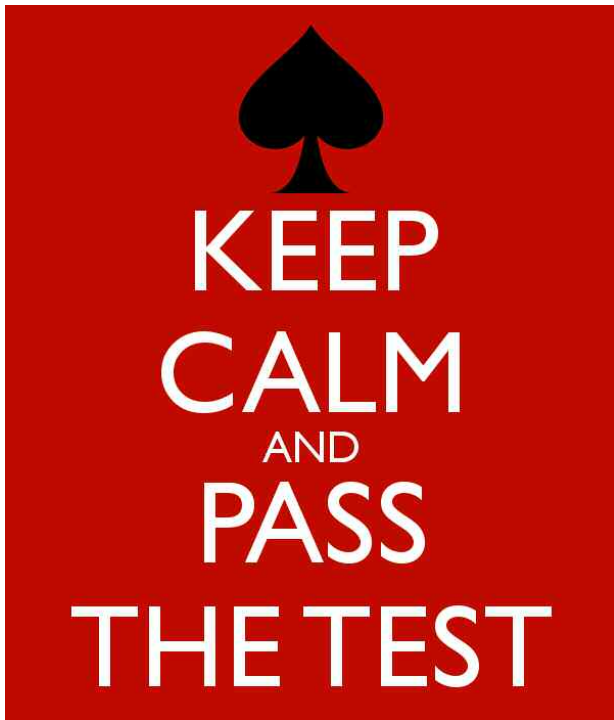
If we add Individuals, of which Gabriel has played two, and IOC Trophies (another three), we might even say that he has already passed the golden number of 50 World Championships.

And of course, we should not forget that Gabriel Chagas has won five of them: the 1976 Olympiad, the 1989 Bermuda Bowl and the 1990 Open Pairs (together these constitute the Triple Crown of Bridge, something only 10 persons have achieved), as well as the 1998 IOC Grand Prix and the 2001 Transnational teams.

Herman De Wael

## Passing the Test

By Mark Horton



On Friday evening Dilip Gidwani announced at dinner that he had seen a well-played hand in the Venice Cup match between England and India:

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ A 9 7 4 ♥ 9 ♦ J 4 3 2 ♣ Q 9 4 3	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	♠ J 6 5 ♥ K 7 2 ♦ A 10 8 6 5 ♣ K 2	♠ 3 ♥ A J 10 8 5 4 3 ♦ Q 9 7 ♣ 10 7
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W     E						
S						

In the Open Room Nicola Smith's opening bid of 3♥ was passed out and she finished two down for -100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Sain	Senior	Chothia
4♣*	Pass	4♠	3♥
4♣	Clubs and spades		All Pass

South led the seven of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's king perforce and played a top spade. North took the ace and returned a heart, South winning with the ace

and returning a heart for North to ruff. Declarer won the trump exit in hand, ruffed a diamond, drew the outstanding trump, cashed the remaining spade and came to hand with the king of clubs. This was the position:

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

When declarer played the king of hearts North had no good move.

Once North has ruffed a heart the hand almost plays itself, but there is no obviously stronger defence. Perhaps best is for North to forget about ruffing anything and exit with a spade. Declarer can still prevail - one line being to win and play the queen of hearts, South winning and returning a heart, which declarer wins, ruffs a diamond, plays a club to the king, and then plays the ace and ten of diamonds, endplaying North.

My curiosity aroused, I checked to see how many players had failed in 4♠. In the Bermuda Bowl it was 5, in the Venice Cup 6 and in the d'Orsi Trophy 3.



Aparna Sain, India

# Indian Summers (VC R16)



France v Poland



By Mark Horton

Set in 1932, *Indian Summers* is a tale of two communities. The British rule India, and in their annual tradition, they retreat into the hills with all their Indian servants to stay cool during the summer. While the British gossip over gin and tonics, the Indian streets are brewing with calls for independence.

The inspiration for the show came to series creator Paul Rutman during a family vacation to India. His wife is Indian, and while they were travelling through Darjeeling they went into a boarding house that had been turned into a very fine hotel.

The manager showed Rutman a treasure trove of old photographs of how it was in the '30s and '40s. The images showed the British dressed up and living grand lives. In the background were their Indian servants, who did not look directly at the camera.

At that time a minimum of 12 servants was recommended to run a household, and anything less than that was considered unfashionable.

Coincidentally that is precisely the number of people involved in the production of the Daily Bulletin.

By now, I expect the reader is anxious to see what happened in the match between France & Poland, so, turning reluctantly to the bridge.....

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reess	Sarniak	Zochowska	Baldysz
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♥	2♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the jack of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and correctly played the king of diamonds.

West took the ace and switched to the six of spades, East winning with the ace and returning the five of clubs. Declarer won in dummy, pitched a club on the queen of diamonds, ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade and claimed, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Willard	Brewiak	Cronier
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dble	3♥	3♠	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

South led the seven of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the seven of clubs. North went in with the ace and played the jack queen and king of diamonds, South pitching two clubs and a heart as declarer ruffed with the ace of spades.

After a spade to the king and a spade to the queen declarer played the queen of clubs and South ruffed and returned the seven of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the jack of spades and played a club, North winning with the king for two down, +100 but 8 IMPs to Poland.

At another table, Pablo Lambardi, North, defended 4♠ doubled after a diamond lead. Declarer won and cashed ♠AQ, a mistake. When he now played a club, Lambardi won and cashed two diamonds. Then, instead of giving his partner a club ruff, he played hearts at every turn, promoting two trump tricks for his partner, for +500.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reess	Sarniak	Zochowska	Baldysz
	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the six of spades and declarer took West's queen

with the king and cashed dummy's top diamonds. When West discarded, declarer ran the jack of hearts and could breathe a little easier when it held. She played a heart to the ace, a spade to the ace and cashed the king of hearts. The appearance of milady meant she could claim ten tricks, +630.

Had East guessed to lead a low club the defenders would have taken the first five tricks.

West must have considered the possibility of bidding 2♥ over 1♥, but if NS had then found a route to 6♦ there might have been a heavy price to pay.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Willard	Brewiak	Cronier
	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	1NT	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

I like South's 2♠, which eventually led to the diamond slam. That had the merit of being a contract that could not be defeated on the go.

West led the ace of clubs and when East contributed an encouraging three she continued with the ten, covered by the jack and king and ruffed. When declarer cashed the top trumps the contract was dead in the water, -100 and 12 IMPs to Poland.

If declarer withholds the jack of clubs, East would have given count. If declarer had been able to draw an inference from that, it might, alongside the overcall, have been enough to persuade declarer to take a winning view in diamonds. Tough, as I'm sure you will agree.

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reess	Sarniak	Zochowska	Baldysz
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

West led her heart and the defenders were not hard pressed to take the first five tricks, three down, -150.

I would have been tempted to bid 3♥ over 3♦, when North would have had an easy 3NT bid.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Willard	Brewiak	Cronier
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

No prizes for guessing which auction I prefer.

East led the seven of spades and West took dummy's queen with the ace and switched to the seven of clubs. When dummy's queen took the trick declarer played the king of hearts, followed by the jack. When West discarded the nine of spades declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and then played the ten of hearts, East winning and exiting with a diamond. Declarer soon claimed, +430 and 11 IMPs to France.

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reess	Sarniak	Zochowska	Baldysz
	1♦*	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	All Pass	
1♦	(10)11-21PC, 5+♦ or 4♦41♣		
	or 4441, 3rd/4th seat 4+♦		

West led the five of spades for the four, jack and ace and declarer played off dummy's three top diamonds ditching two clubs. West ruffed and played a heart to the ten and queen and declarer ducked a spade, East winning with the nine and returning the jack of hearts. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a spade. The king of hearts represented an eighth trick, but that was it, one down, -50.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Kazmucha	Willard	Brewiak	Cronier
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the queen of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the seven of diamonds. The percentage play is to put in the ten (it delivers four tricks 85.9% of the time while securing all five is 31.8%). Mindful that the defenders would be able to cash out for at least one down if it lost declarer put up dummy's king and ran the eight of clubs, hoping that the jack would be onside and that the defenders would not be able to cash three more tricks in spades.

West won with the jack and returned the five of spades, East winning with the jack and continuing with the nine, covered by the ten and king. When West returned a diamond declarer won with the ace, cashed the queen and then played hearts, claiming when the J10 fell, +400 and 10 IMPs to France.

The defenders were perhaps unlucky that declarer did not put in the ten of diamonds, when it would have been much easier to defeat the contract.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Reess	Sarniak	Zochowska	Baldysz
			Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

1NT 14-16 bal or semi bal 5M ok ; 6m ok  
 2♥ Transfer  
 2NT Forcing

Declarer was not hard pressed and she took 12 tricks for +480 (the play record is lost).

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Kazmucha	Willard	Brewiak	Cronier
			Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

1NT BAL 14-16 3rdvuln 4th 15-17  
 (may be unregular distr 5M;6m;54, singleton H)  
 2♥ Transfer  
 4♥ Cue bid  
 4NT RKCB  
 5♥ 2 key cards

North led the nine of clubs and declarer won in hand, cashed the king of spades and played a spade to the jack. South took the queen and returned a spade, leaving declarer with no real hope of a twelfth trick, one down -50 and 11 IMPs to France.

It looks better to play a diamond to the queen at trick two. If it holds (and it would be very hard for South to withhold the king should he possess it) declarer can cash the top trumps and claim when the suit divides 3-2.

Board 28. Dealer West . NS Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Reess	Sarniak	Zochowska	Baldysz
Pass	Pass	3♠	3NT
All Pass			

West led the six of clubs and declarer won with the seven and played three rounds of diamonds, East winning and switching to a heart. Declarer won with the king, cashed the ace of clubs and played the ten, setting up the game going trick, +600.

As you have probably calculated, the club lead was the only one to give declarer nine tricks. In the Closed Room West led the jack of spades against the same contract and declarer had no real chance, eventually finishing three down, -150 and 14 IMPs to Poland.

However, it was France who edged the match, 40-37 IMPs, 10.91-9.09 VP.

## “The Program”

By John Carruthers

Not long before coming to Chennai, Katie Thorpe and I received a telephone call from Bob Hamman.

“How would you like to attend a world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival?” asked Bob.

“Why would I want to do that?” I replied, being familiar with traffic in Toronto and the madness surrounding the Festival each year.

Bob explained: “The film is about Lance Armstrong and Dustin Hoffman plays me.”

“Wow,” I exclaimed.

For those who don't know, Hamman's company, SCA Promotions in Dallas, is a sports underwriting business that insures organizations against huge losses by charging small insurance premiums (okay, sometimes not so small). For example, if your company wants to hold a golf tournament and give a million-dollar prize for a hole-in-one, for a premium, SCA will insure you against that eventuality.

Hamman insured the U.S. Postal Service against Lance Armstrong's winning seven Tours de France in a row. When Armstrong succeeded, SCA was on the hook for \$7.5M (having already paid earlier bonuses in 2003 and 2004) but declined to pay in 2005, citing drug use as the reason.

Armstrong took SCA to court and won the case, but it was later overturned. However, Armstrong had Hamman's money by then. Not having had his bonuses returned when Armstrong was stripped of his titles by the U.S. Anti-Drug Agency, Hamman took Armstrong back to court and was awarded a \$10M settlement in February 2015. Collecting, however, was another matter. Just a few days ago, SCA settled with Armstrong (terms were not disclosed).

Thus Katie and I said we would be honoured to attend and Bob said he also planned to invite Sami Kehela, Eric Murray, Gerry Charney, Irving Litvack, Eric Kokish, Beverly Kraft, George Mittelman and Dianna Gordon (Bob has a lot of friends everywhere).

“You'll be there of course?” I asked Bob.

“No, but Wendy Collins will be there on behalf of SCA.”

I was astounded. “Bob, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Dustin Hoffman is playing you in a movie. How many people get to see something like that in their lifetime?”

“I'll see it in Dallas when it opens here,” Bob replied, “the NFL beckons me.” Bob is a huge (American) football fan and has been known to bet on the occasional game, watching four or more games simultaneously. The problem was that the film premiered on a Sunday afternoon, typically the day when 13 NFL games are shown live.

So, we all went to the premiere and the lunch beforehand, sans Bob. The film, directed by Stephen Frears and starring Ben Foster as Armstrong, Jesse Plemons as teammate and whistle-blower Floyd Landis and Chris

O'Dowd as David Walsh, the journalist whose dogged work uncovered the proof of Armstrong's drugs use, was riveting, despite all of us knowing the outcome.

Foster, Plemons and O'Dowd were particularly superb, but all the performances were splendid and spot-on. Dustin Hoffman looked great as Bob, if a little short in stature. It would surprise none of us if Ben Foster is nominated for an Academy Award.

I suppose we must call Bob a football fanatic to pass up that opportunity.



### Bob's date with Netflix

Bob Hamman was not surprised to hear about the premiere of the film “The Program” in Toronto on Sept. 13. The production, about the rise and fall of former cycling champion Lance Armstrong, had been in the works for two years.

In the film, Hamman is played by Dustin Hoffman. His character is included because of Hamman's legal battle with the disgraced cyclist over payments his company made related to Armstrong's seven straight wins in the Tour de France cycling competition. After Armstrong confessed to cheating, he was stripped of his titles. Hamman eventually settled with Armstrong for an undisclosed amount.

He said his character's role in the movie is basically a cameo and that Hoffman was added to the cast “for the box office.” Hamman said he never met or even spoke with Hoffman about his role.

Hamman, who lives in Dallas, declined to go to the premiere of the movie. “It's a long way to go to watch a movie,” he said. “I'll probably rent it.”



# Chasing the Leaders (VC RI 6)



USA 2 – China



By Brent Manley

A match involving the leader of an event and another contender is almost always of interest. That was the case when USA 2, No. 1 in the round robin standings after 15 matches, played against China, who were in sixth place. The Americans took the lead on the first board.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Li	Sokolow	Yan	Seamon-Molson
	1♦	Pass	1♥
	3♥	3♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			



**Qi Shen, China**

Janice Seamon-Molson started with her singleton diamond. Declarer played the ♦A, cashed the ♠K and started on clubs. Tobi Sokolow won the ♣K and cashed two high diamonds, Seamon-Molson discarding her remaining clubs. Declarer ruffed the ♦J with the ♠A and played the ♣Q. It wasn't long before Ru Yan was conceding minus 300. The contract was the same at the other table, reached on an identical auction, but no one doubled for China. The contract went two down for minus 100 – 5 IMPs to USA 2.

The lead grew to 16-0 on the next board.

Board 18. Declarer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Deas	Wang	Palmer	Shen
		1♣*	Pass
1♦*	2♦	Dbl	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	All Pass



**Beth Palmer, USA2**

The 1♣ opener showed a strong hand (16+) and 1♦ was weak – too much so to give East a chance at more than 11 tricks. It was a good stop for Lynn Deas and Beth Palmer.

West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Yan</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
		2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Minus 50 was the inevitable result, which meant 11 IMPs to USA 2.

China managed some small swings to pull to within 18-11 when this deal came along.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Yan</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
			Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Li and Yan seemed on their way to slam, but the auction abruptly stopped at 5♠. Li won the opening lead of the ♣9 in hand, played a spade to the ace and another to the king, then cashed the ♣K and played a club to dummy's queen to ruff a club. When the diamond finesse worked, Li claimed plus 480.

Deas and Palmer got to the optimum and Deas adopted a superior line of play.

West	North	East	South
<i>Deas</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Shen</i>
			Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

The opening heart lead went to the king and ace, and Deas took the diamond finesse at trick two. If it lost, she would have to rely on the finesse in trumps to make her contract. When North covered the ♦J with the king, Deas won and played the ♠A then a spade to the king and proceeded as Li had done at the other table. The result was plus 980 and 11 IMPs to USA 2. Nicely done!

The score was 32-11 for the Americans when this deal came along:

Board 29. Declarer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Yan</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	2♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Deas</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Shen</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Redbl
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Yan managed nine tricks in this contract for plus 110. At the other table, Deas and Palmer got too high and paid a price for it.

Palmer obviously interpreted the INT bid by Deas as showing a stronger hand than she held. Wang started with the ♠2 to the queen and ace. A low club to the 10 was won by Shen, who played another spade: 9, 10, king. A diamond from dummy was taken by Shen with the ace to play a third round of spades, at last setting up Wang's fourth spade. Deas played the ♦Q, which held the trick. The ♣Q was taken by Wang with the ace. She cashed the ♠6 and ♦K. Deas still had to lose a heart, so she was two down for minus 500. The score was 32-23 for USA 2.

The penultimate board was a push, but it featured a nice recovery from a misguess by Shen.

Board 31. Declarer South. NS Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Li	Sokolow	Yan	Seamon-Molson
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Against Seamon-Molson's contract, Li led a low heart to the 10 and declarer's jack. At trick two, she led a diamond to dummy's jack and was soon claiming nine tricks: four diamonds, two hearts, two spades and a club. At the other table:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Deas	Wang	Palmer	Shen
1♥	Dbf	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

### Thank You

The English Senior Team competing for the d'Orsi Trophy would like to thank Roger O'Shea and Pharon Financial Services for their support.



Deas led the ♥3 to the 10 and jack. Shen played a diamond to the ace and ran the jack to the queen. Deas played the ♥Q to dummy's king. Shen then played a diamond to her king, cashed her two high spades, then played her last diamond to the 10.

This was the end position:

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

Shen exited dummy with a heart. Deas could cash two more tricks in the suit but had to lead into declarer's club tenace at the end for plus 600 and a push.

China gained an IMP on the last board to make the final score 32-24.

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# Pole Position (BB R16)



## Poland v Bulgaria



By Jan van Cleeff

Before the start of this round, Poland was on Pole Position and Bulgaria was lying fifth. Let's watch some swingy boards.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Mihov</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Dble*	INT	2♣	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
Dble ♠ and ♣			



**Michal Klukowski, Poland**

E/W duly took their five club tricks and when West switched to his stiff diamond declarer claimed down one.

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1♠	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led a spade, little did he know about the clubs. Declarer won the Jack, cashed ♦A and King and ran the ♥J (!).

You may say that West should cover the ♥J, because North is bound to let it run if he does not. I couldn't possibly comment. However, it is undeniable that declarer would have done very well to finesse the ♥8 on the second round, had he covered.

When that card held, Piotr Gawrys soon scored +430 (five hearts, two diamonds and three spades). Ten IMPs to Poland.

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
		Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble	2♥*	Dble*
2♠	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Dble three hearts.

West led a spade to the jack and king. Declarer cashed a diamond from hand and advanced the ♥K to the ace. East returned a spade to the queen. When the card was allowed to hold, Michal Klukowski claimed 10 tricks.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Stefanov	Nowosadzki	Mihov
Pass	2♠	Pass	1♣*
Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT
All Pass		Pass	4♠

Obviously something went terribly wrong. Julian Stefanov managed to make eight tricks; still, the loss was 11 IMPs. After the match, Vladimir Mihov took all the blame.

So far, Poland was plain sailing. However:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open room

West	North	East	South
Gunev	Gawrys	Nanev	Klukowski
Pass	4♣*	Pass	3NT*
All Pass			4♥

Having led his two top spades, Rossen Gunev put declarer to the test with the switch of a low club. Klukowski played the jack and accepted down one when East won and returned the suit.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Stefanov	Nowosadzki	Mihov
1♠	2♣*	3♥*	4♥
All Pass			



Jacek Kalita, Poland

The same first two tricks, but here declarer inserted the ♣K after Jacek Kalita played a low club at trick three: 13 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open room

West	North	East	South
Gunev	Gawrys	Nanev	Klukowski
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
All Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT

West led a spade to the jack, ducked by declarer. East returned the ♠9 to the 10 and king. Another spade was won by declarer, who cashed the ♥Q, ♠8 and two top diamonds. At this point, Klukowski was at the crossroads. Should he go on in hearts or finesse clubs? When he opted for the latter he had to accept down one.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Stefanov	Nowosadzki	Mihov
Pass	INT*	Pass	3♦*
All Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT*
	INT 13-16		
	3♦ 4-4-4-1 shape		
	3♥ relay		
	3NT short ♦		

East led a low diamond to the 10. Declarer played a club to dummy's 10 and West's jack. West returned a diamond to declarer's ace then played a club to West's ace. The spade switch went to the jack. Declarer played low, won the next spade with the ace, then played the ♥K and ace. The ♥9 was declarer's ninth trick – Ten IMPs to Bulgaria.

Some more IMPs were exchanged, but most of them went to Bulgaria, winners by a score of 41 to 28. Poland dropped to third place. Bulgaria stayed in fifth place.

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## RESULTS

## Venice Cup

## Round 19

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	DENMARK PAKISTAN	51	31	15.00	5.00
22	USA1 NETHERLANDS	29	3	16.09	3.91
23	GUADELOUPE JAPAN	21	59	2.15	17.85
24	CHINESE TAIPEI INDIA	28	52	4.26	15.74
25	AUSTRALIA JORDAN	29	8	15.19	4.81
26	ENGLAND CANADA	50	23	16.26	3.74
27	NEW ZEALAND VENEZUELA	64	15	19.07	0.93
28	EGYPT USA2	9	60	0.75	19.25
29	SOUTH AFRICA POLAND	17	47	3.27	16.73
30	ITALY FRANCE	42	56	6.25	13.75
31	CHINA BRAZIL	43	10	17.17	2.83

## Round 20

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	NETHERLANDS DENMARK	34	32	10.61	9.39
22	BRAZIL USA1	35	47	6.72	13.28
23	JAPAN PAKISTAN	57	7	19.16	0.84
24	INDIA GUADELOUPE	35	56	4.81	15.19
25	JORDAN CHINESE TAIPEI	2	67	0.00	20.00
26	CANADA AUSTRALIA	24	42	5.40	14.60
27	VENEZUELA ENGLAND	16	58	1.67	18.33
28	USA2 NEW ZEALAND	46	20	16.09	3.91
29	POLAND EGYPT	62	37	15.92	4.08
30	FRANCE SOUTH AFRICA	8	32	4.26	15.74
31	CHINA ITALY	36	21	13.97	6.03

## Round 21

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	DENMARK USA1	30	13	14.39	5.61
22	NETHERLANDS JAPAN	27	26	10.31	9.69
23	PAKISTAN INDIA	33	43	7.20	12.80
24	GUADELOUPE JORDAN	21	38	5.61	14.39
25	CHINESE TAIPEI CANADA	16	64	1.03	18.97
26	AUSTRALIA VENEZUELA	46	26	15.00	5.00
27	ENGLAND USA2	26	8	14.60	5.40
28	NEW ZEALAND POLAND	19	74	0.39	19.61
29	EGYPT FRANCE	36	30	11.76	8.24
30	SOUTH AFRICA CHINA	20	26	8.24	11.76
31	ITALY BRAZIL	43	32	13.04	6.96

## d'Orsi Trophy

## Round 19

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	BULGARIA GUADELOUPE	30	18	13.28	6.72
42	POLAND INDONESIA	53	28	15.92	4.08
43	AUSTRALIA EGYPT	56	3	19.43	0.57
44	BRAZIL PAKISTAN	24	34	7.20	12.80
45	CANADA JAPAN	38	38	10.00	10.00
46	USA1 TUNISIA	44	18	16.09	3.91
47	INDIA ENGLAND	5	68	0.00	20.00
48	CHINA AUSTRIA	35	55	4.00	15.00
49	USA2 NORWAY	33	49	5.82	14.18
50	NEW ZEALAND IRELAND	1	63	0.00	20.00
51	SWEDEN CHILE	46	53	7.97	12.03

## Round 20

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	INDONESIA BULGARIA	74	21	19.43	0.57
42	CHILE POLAND	23	102	0.00	20.00
43	EGYPT GUADELOUPE	31	18	13.52	6.48
44	PAKISTAN AUSTRALIA	39	26	13.52	6.48
45	JAPAN BRAZIL	40	3	17.72	2.28
46	TUNISIA CANADA	3	29	3.91	16.09
47	ENGLAND USA1	48	66	5.40	14.60
48	AUSTRIA INDIA	52	54	9.39	10.61
49	NORWAY CHINA	37	41	8.80	11.20
50	IRELAND USA2	35	13	15.38	4.62
51	SWEDEN NEW ZEALAND	49	41	12.29	7.71

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46	CANADA ENGLAND	27	47	5.00	15.00
47	USA1 AUSTRIA	80	30	19.16	0.84
48	INDIA NORWAY	16	31	6.03	13.97
49	CHINA IRELAND	28	51	4.44	15.56
50	USA2 SWEDEN	21	41	5.00	15.00
51	NEW ZEALAND CHILE	57	36	15.19	4.81

# Bermuda Bowl

## Round 19

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	CHINA	SOUTH AFRICA	39 27	13.28	6.72
2	UAE	NEW ZEALAND	10 88	0.00	20.00
3	USA1	JAPAN	33 8	15.92	4.08
4	ENGLAND	GUADELOUPE	38 27	13.04	6.96
5	JORDAN	POLAND	16 74	0.15	19.85
6	EGYPT	ARGENTINA	44 67	4.44	15.56
7	CANADA	INDIA	32 12	15.00	5.00
8	BULGARIA	SWEDEN	26 9	14.39	5.61
9	DENMARK	AUSTRALIA	39 18	15.19	4.81
10	USA2	BRAZIL	67 44	15.56	4.44
11	SINGAPORE	FRANCE	56 47	12.55	7.45

## Round 20

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	NEW ZEALAND	CHINA	38 75	2.28	17.72
2	FRANCE	UAE	74 21	19.43	0.57
3	JAPAN	SOUTH AFRICA	7 47	1.91	18.09
4	GUADELOUPE	USA1	17 77	0.00	20.00
5	POLAND	ENGLAND	30 43	6.48	13.52
6	ARGENTINA	JORDAN	78 13	20.00	0.00
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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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# 2016 Asia Bridge Open Congress

(Apr 15<sup>th</sup> – Apr 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Beijing, China  
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
Players who are not from China Mainland having registered in the team events as well as players from China Mainland having registered in CCBA Open Teams can participate in the Pair events of the same category of the team event and individual event without paying entry fees.			
13. CCBA Open Teams	RMB3000	15. Swiss Teams	RM800
14. IMP Pairs	RMB400	16. Pairs event in every evening	RMB400

## Prize:

**Total prize: RMB 500,000 and above**

CCBA Open Teams, Open Pairs, Ladies Pairs, Senior Pairs, Youth Pairs, Mixed Pairs, IMP Pairs, Individual, Swiss Teams: The prize money will be RMB 300,000 and above in total.

Pairs event in every evening: in addition to RMB 20,000 as the prize money, 70% entry fee will be reward to the top 1/3 pairs.

## Hotel



**Hainan Hotel 4 Stars**

(Headquarter hotel, 2 minutes to the venue by walking)



**Sheraton Beijing Dong Cheng Hotel 5 Stars**

(14 minutes to the venue by walking)

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(The website is under construction)

RED SEA INTERNATIONAL

# 21 Bridge FESTIVAL

EILAT - ISRAEL

NOVEMBER 12-22, 2♥15



### 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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# 37<sup>th</sup>

# December 1 - 6, 2015



## Bangkok Bank

# ASEAN BRIDGE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Contract Bridge League of Thailand invites you to come to Bangkok for some exciting Bridge (ASEAN and Non-ASEAN) and enjoy our "City of Angels" ... food, shopping, sightseeing and great hospitality.*

### 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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