



# 14<sup>TH</sup> WORLD BRIDGE GAMES 5<sup>TH</sup> WORLD TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS

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## DAILY BULLETIN

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# Hungary's first, déjà vu for England



The Senior series winners from Hungary.

For the first time in Hungary's history, a team will bring home a world bridge championship as the Senior series team in the 14th World Bridge Games vanquished a veteran USA squad 247-166.

In previous bridge competition, Hungary's best achievements were European championships in 1934 and 1938. In Lille, Hungary lost a close first set, then poured it on against the Americans, forging a 70-IMP lead at halftime. USA cut the margin by 22 in the fourth set, but Hungary pulled away to win easily.

The champions are Gyorgy Barany, Miklos Dumbovich, Mihaly Kovacs, Peter Magyar and Geza Szappanos, with Beatrix Nagy as coach. The bronze medal in the Seniors was won by France.

In the Women's series, 2008 champions England powered their way to an impressive win over Russia 209-140.

The Women's winners are Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Heather Dhondy, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, Susan



England, Women's series champions.

Stockdale, with Jeremy Dhondy as npc and David Burn as coach. They took the first set by 17 IMPs and gradually built an insurmountable lead against the 2004 winners. Poland won the bronze medal. With this victory, Senior became a World Grand Master, joining Pierre Zimmermann of Team Monaco (Open series) in attaining the rank at this tournament.

In the Open series, Sweden carries a 265-185 lead over Poland into today's final 32 boards. On Wednesday, Monaco defeated Ireland 249-152 for the bronze medal.

In the World Transnational Mixed Teams, Canada enters play today with a 122-114.3 lead over the Milner squad. The bronze medal was won on Wednesday by SAIC Red, 121-88.7 over Yeh Bros.

Jack, a Dutch program, won the World Computer-Bridge Championship over Wbridge5, a French product. The Stansby team won the BAM Coupe de Ville.

## OPEN TEAMS

### Final / Play-Off

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Boards 97 - 112	Boards 113 - 128	Total
1	Poland	0	29	14	34	41	45	22			185
	Sweden	0	46	42	43	70	49	15			265
2	Ireland	0	36	41	26	23	26	—	—	—	152
	Monaco	0	75	17	69	46	42	—	—	—	249

## WOMEN'S TEAMS

### Final / Play-Off

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
11	Russia	0	26	30	22	16	21	25	140
	England	0	43	27	32	27	55	25	209
12	Poland	0	40	27	28	26	49	—	170
	France	0	20	11	29	38	20	—	118

## SENIOR TEAMS

### Final / Play-Off

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
21	USA	0	41	13	24	43	25	20	166
	Hungary	0	36	47	65	21	48	30	247
22	France	0	31	35	39	61	58	—	224
	Sweden	0	39	46	28	12	24	—	149

## TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS

### Final / Play-Off

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Total
31	Milner	5.3	36	37	26			104.3
	Canada	0	38	60	24			122
32	Yeh Bros	8.7	29	43	8	—	—	88.7
	SAIC Red	0	43	43	35	—	—	121

### BAM Coupe de Ville

#### Final Standings

1 STANSBY	72.83	8 UKRAINE	56.09
2 SAIC BLUE	64.00	9 LU	52.20
3 DINAMO RIGA	62.38	10 MIXERS	50.00
4 NORLAT	61.20	11 GOTARD	48.55
5 SCOTLAND SENIOR	61.00	12 BADGER	46.37
6 ZIA	59.20	13 ASCOT	38.92
7 BARIBAL	56.74	14 SLOVENIA	31.37

### VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS

**10.30 and 14.00**

VG	Poland – Sweden	Open Teams (Final)
BBO 2	Milner – Canada	World Transnational Mixed Teams (Final)

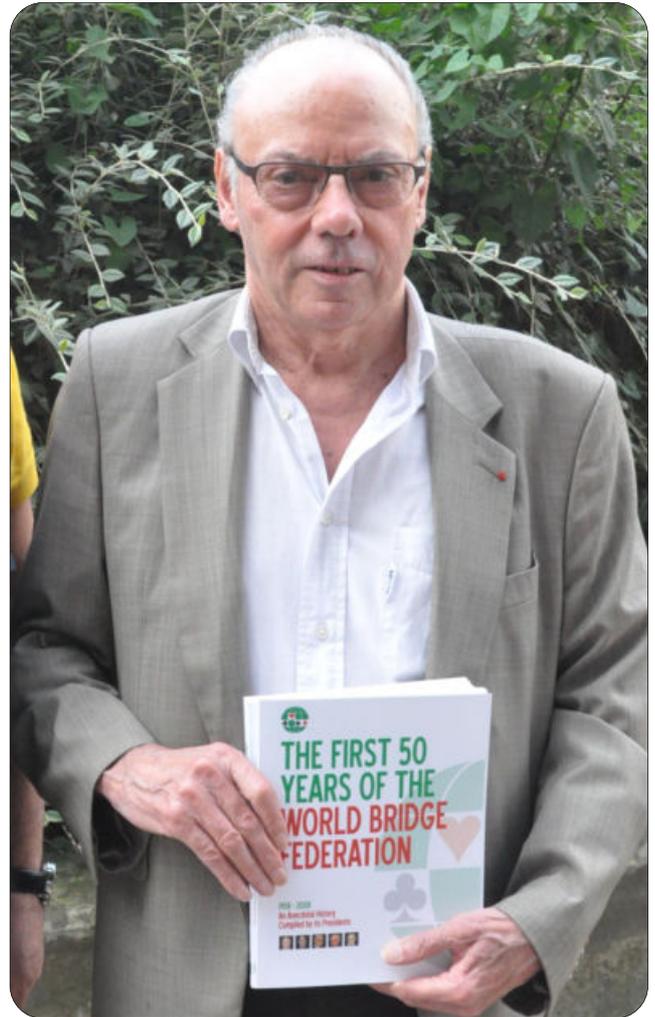
## World Computer-Bridge Championship winner



WBFF President Gianarrigo Rona congratulates Han Kuijf, developer of the computer program Jack, for winning the World Computer-Bridge Championship in Lille. Jack led Wbridge5 by 1 IMP going into the final quarter and won 153-147.



## The WBF's first 50 years



Former WBF president José Damiani, now IMSA president

A new book, *The First 50 Years of the World Bridge Federation*, compiled by its Presidents and published by the President Emeritus, Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, is now available for sale at the Jannersten book stall on the first floor at the Lille Grand Palais.

This historical book, as its title suggests, records the ups and downs of the WBF from the point of view of some of the people who knew it best.

This is a must-have for all bridge lovers and supporters of world bridge.

## Prize Giving and Medal Ceremonies

### Open and Transnational Teams

The prize giving for these events will be in the Vaubon Auditorium and will be during the Closing Ceremony, which starts at **18.45 hours on Thursday 23rd August**. This will be followed by a cocktail.



**WOMEN**

**Russia v England**

by Mark Horton

**FINAL SET 2**

There were three big swings in the second session.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Senior	Gromova	Dhondy	Ponomareva
		1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

North cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to a club but declarer simply put up the ace and claimed, +980.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Khonicheva	Brock	Gulevich	Smith
		1♣*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Dbl
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	All Pass		



Heather Dhondy, England

- 1♣ Polish
- 1♥ 7+, 4+♥, may have long minor
- 2♣ GF relay

East knew that the opening lead against a slam would be coming through her hand (she was not in a position to play in spades) so she gave up when West could only show two key cards. +480 but 11 IMPs to England.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Senior	Gromova	Dhondy	Ponomareva
	1♣*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- Polish Club
- 1♠ 8+, 4+♠
- 2♣ GF relay with 3+M
- 2♠ 5+♠, 8-10
- 3NT Serious

Declarer won the club lead, cashed two rounds of spades then three rounds of diamonds pitching a club, +1430.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Khonicheva	Brock	Gulevich	Smith
	1♣*	2NT*	3♣*
4♣	4♠	All Pass	
1♣	All weak NTs open 1♣ unless 5M. May be 4441 11-14		
2NT	Minors		
3♣	Majors (?)		

Declarer took the same twelve tricks, but that was 13 IMPs to Russia.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

A typically aggressive auction led to the excellent save. When South took the push the defenders had a trick in each minor and had to come to a heart, +100.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Khonicheva</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>	<i>Smith</i>
2♦	4♠	1♦*	1♠
1♦ (10) 11-16 HCP, 4+♦ unbal, may be 5+♣			

When East was unwilling to go on England scored an effortless +420 and 11 IMPs. Russia took the set 30-27 and trailed 50-76.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Senior</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>
2♠*	4♠	1♦	1♠
Pass	Pass	5♦	5♠
		Dbl	All Pass

2♠ Good fit for diamonds



SENIORS
USA v Hungary
FINAL SET I

**Fast start**

by Brent Manley

In the first set of the USA-Hungary match in the Senior series, the Americans zoomed out to a 20-0 start, slowed down in the middle but had a big swing at the end to take a slim lead in to the second stanza.

There was a big bang on the first board.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Finkel</i>	<i>Kovacs</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>
2♦	4♠	1NT	Dbl*
		All Pass	

\*Spades and another suit.

Lew Finkel didn't have much trouble with this one after the defense started with the ♣K, shifting to the ♥K at trick two. Miklos Dumbovich overtook the ♥K with the ace and played another club. Finkel ruffed in dummy and played a spade to his ace. He then ran the ♦Q, ruffed a heart to dummy, cashed the ♦A and ruffed another diamond, establishing the suit. He then played a spade up, taken by East with the king to exit with a club. Finkel ruffed in hand and claimed plus 420.

At the other table, the bidding record is not available, but North, Geza Szappanos, landed in 5♠ doubled. After a club and a heart, a third round of clubs was ruffed in dummy. Szappanos then began ruffing diamonds in hand and hearts in dummy, reaching the point where he had good diamonds and the ♠QJ7 left in dummy and the ♠A86 and three low hearts in his hand.

When declarer played the ♠A and another spade, Neil Chambers (East) simply took his king and offered Szappanos an unwelcome ruff and sluff. No matter what declarer did, he was dead. Ruffing in dummy promotes the ♠10, while ruffing in hand leaves declarer only one way to get to dummy – ruff a heart. Chambers could then ruff a diamond and cash the ♣K for three down. Plus 500 meant 14 IMPs to USA.

More IMPs were in store for USA on the second deal.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

ished with two diamonds, one club and the hearts for plus 90 – 4 IMPs to USA.

The Americans' fortunes began a nose-dive immediately thereafter. They lost 1 IMP on board 3, then came this:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

The auction was the same at both tables.

West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	Finkel	Kovacs	Schwartz
Schermer	Szappanos	Chambers	Magyar
INT	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Finkel started with a low diamond, taken in dummy with the 10. Dumbovich ran the ♣9 to Finkel's queen at trick two, and another low diamond established North's suit. Dumbovich cashed the ♥A and played a heart to the queen, followed by a second round of clubs. Schwartz went up with the ♣A and got to Finkel with a low spade. Three diamonds were followed by three spade tricks and declarer was three down – minus 150.

John Schermer came up with a better line of play at the other table. The opening lead was the same, and dummy's ♦J won the trick. Schermer then played a club to his king, followed by four rounds of hearts and another club. He fin-

West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	Finkel	Kovacs	Schwartz
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

Richard Schwartz led a low club to Finkel's ace. A low diamond was returned to the jack. A club to the jack was followed by the ♣Q. Schwartz won and exited with a heart. Declarer took in in dummy and played a heart to his king, followed by the ♣10, the ♥Q and two spades for plus 120.

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Szappanos	Chambers	Magyar
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

\* Puppet to 2♦

The 4-3 fit did not play well on the lie of the cards. A heart went to the Schermer's ace and he played a diamond to the queen, then a club to the queen and ace. Szappanos pulled trumps and exited with a heart. Declarer was limited to six tricks for minus 200 and an 8-IMP loss. It was still 20-9 USA, but there was more bad news on the next board.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Geza Szappanos, Hungary

The bidding was the same at both tables.

West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	Finkel	Kovacs	Schwartz
Schermer	Szappanos	Chambers	Magyar
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Finkel led a spade to the queen and ace. When declarer led a low club from hand, Finkel went up with the ace and cashed the ♠K, followed by a club to dummy's 10. Declarer was soon claiming 10 tricks for plus 430.

At the other table, Szappanos hit on the lead to give declarer the most trouble – a low diamond. Schermer played low from dummy and ducked when Peter Magyar inserted the ♦J. Another diamond went to declarer's king, and he played the ♣K, taken by the ace to play another diamond to dummy. Three more clubs were followed by the ♥K, North ditching the ♥Q, and a heart to dummy. Schermer took only one more trick – the ♠A. Down one and 10 IMPs to Hungary.

It was 27-20 USA when this deal came along.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	Finkel	Kovacs	Schwartz
	1♠	Pass	INT
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

There was no defense to this contract, and Dumbovich soon claimed plus 620.

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Szappanos	Chambers	Magyar
	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♥	3♠	4♥	4♠
Dbl	Pass	5♥	Dbl
All Pass			

The trump stack was going to be good for at least plus 500 against 4♠, but Chambers didn't fancy defending with his hand. The result, however, was minus 200 and 13 IMPs to Hungary, now leading 33-27.

USA hit back right away, however, thanks to overly optimistic bidding by Szappanos.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

In the closed room, Finkel and Schwartz stopped in 4♠ on the North-South cards, taking 12 tricks when Mihaly Kovacs did not lead a club.

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Szappanos	Chambers	Magyar
			1♣
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

The auction no doubt left Magyar wishing he had never put the 1♣ bid in the tray, and he could do nothing but watch as Chambers found the club lead requested by his partner's double. It was over quickly, and the 11-IMP gain put USA back in front. They finished the interesting set ahead 41-36. Could Magyar have worked out to bid 6NT where there are 12 tricks?



Richard Schwartz, USA

**OPEN**

**Poland v Sweden**

**FINAL SET 3**

**22 IMPs out!**

by Micke Melander

After day one of the finals of the World Mind Sport Games 2012 Sweden had 'only' lost 77 IMPs in total to Poland over 48 deals, but there were two significant losses which came from two deals on where the Polish team could pick up 22 IMPs.

Let's see if you can solve the problems any better.

♠ K 10 8 7 6	♦ 4	♠ Q 5 3			
♥ Q 2	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♥ K 9 8
N					
W E					
S					
♦ 5 2		♦ A K Q 9 6			
♣ Q 10 7 5		♣ A 4			

As West and with all vulnerable you got to be declarer in 4♠ (North opened the bidding with 1♣, Polish style). How do you play when the four of diamonds is lead?

In the second problem with, all vulnerable, RHO opponent opens with INT (15-17) and it's your call when you hold:

♠ A K J 9 8 3 2
♥ A J 7 6 2
♦ -
♣ 5

If it matters you play Asptro and double shows 15+... any call?



Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Poland

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A 4		♠ Q 5 3			
♥ A J		♥ K 9 8			
♦ J 10 8 4		♦ A K Q 9 6			
♣ J 9 8 3 2		♣ A 4			
♠ K 10 8 7 6	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	
N					
W E					
S					
♥ Q 2					
♦ 5 2					
♣ Q 10 7 5					
♠ J 9 2					
♥ 10 7 6 5 4 3					
♦ 7 3					
♣ K 6					

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Nyström	Narkiewicz	Upmark	Buras
Pass	1♣*	Dbf	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

\* Polish club

Narkiewicz led the four of diamonds. When Nyström decided that the clubs were probably safe, assuming that North held the king, he went for the reasonable line of play by calling for a spade from dummy to his king, aiming on possibly losing two spades and a heart and discarding his losing clubs on later established diamonds. Meanwhile he was preserving the entries he needed in dummy to tackle the spades if the diamonds weren't breaking.

Narkiewicz won with the ace and switched for declarer the expected club, the curtain fall when South unexpectedly held the king of clubs.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zak	Ahlesved	Zaremba	Petersson
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

\* 1♣ Polish club and 2♦ GF relay with strong hand

In the Closed Room, Zak was declaring in the same contract, but he had no information from the opponents to be guided by. Ahlesved led the jack of diamonds, and declarer won in dummy with the ace and decided to try solving the trump problem by calling from the queen from dummy

which North won with the ace. North now shifted to a club and when declarer played low from dummy South went in with the king and returned the suit. Zak won in dummy with the ace and played a spade to the ten. When that held the trick he pulled the last trump and cashed his diamonds discarding his losing club. A heart to the queen and ace followed but declarer now had his ten tricks, and could claim the contract for 12 IMPs.

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

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

N		
W	E	
	S	

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Nyström	Narkiewicz	Upmark	Buras
		INT	4♠
All Pass			

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Zak	Ahlesved	Zaremba	Petersson
		INT	3♠
All Pass			

3♠ from Petersson was most probably not one of his better bids. If E-W would have competed with the minors he could of course have bid 4♥ to show his hand. But no rescue patrol comes from the Poles and thus 10 IMPs to them when Buras simply jumped to game in the other room.

**Championship Diary**



David Law sends a Limerick from Manchester:  
 There was a young lady from Lille  
 Went with a friend up the hill  
 If you think you know the tale  
 All about water and a pail  
 You'd be right, her name was Jill.

This one is from Sandy Friedman of NYC:  
 There was a young lady from Lille  
 Who, North, bid a grand on a deal  
 East sought a protector  
 And yelled for Director  
 But she triumphed after appeal.

Grattan Endicott's is good - but has the wrong first line:  
 A girlish young gourmet in Lille  
 Of moules mariniere ate her fill  
 From gin and champagne  
 She refused to abstain  
 So today she is horribly ill.

The Sunday Telegraph of 19 August contained a terrific piece about the tournament. Here is the link:  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/france/9484579/Olympics-of-the-mind-Furrowed-brows-and-frenzied-thinking.html>

An innocent member of the bulletin team asked if the Coup de Ville could be translated as 'The Devil's Coup'. 'Not at all' was the riposte, 'The coup has no name'.



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**WOMEN**

**England v Russia**

by Brian Senior

**FINAL SET 4**

England led the Women's final by 24 IMPs overnight. As the morning set progressed they slowly but surely added to that advantage, starting with:

Board 50. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Senior	Gromova	Dhondy	Ponomareva
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass	INT	Pass

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Chubarova	Brock	Vorobeychikova	Smith
2NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass	4♠	Pass

For Russia, Olga Vorobeychikova could open 2♥, weak with hearts and a minor. Svetlana Chubarova inquired and discovered that her partner also held clubs. The subsequent auction is a little murky, with the two players perhaps on different wavelengths, with Chubarova attempting to suggest a 4♥ contract and Vorobeychikova cuebidding her spade void. However, when Chubarova signed off in 5♣, Vorobeychikova accepted her decision.

Heather Dhondy did not have the two-suited opening in her bag so passed. She responded INT to Nevena Senior's 1♠ opener and now Senior just raised to the no-trump game.

Tatiana Ponomareva led the five of diamonds against 3NT, Dhondy winning a cheap trick with the ten. She played on hearts and Victoria Gromova won immediately and returned a diamond. Ponomareva could take three of those but with hearts coming in there was no need for the club guess and Dhondy had the rest for +400.

It takes a heart lead and diamond switch to beat 5♣ and, after the 2♥ opening, that was tough to find. Nicola Smith kicked off with the ace of diamonds and switched to a

heart. Sally Brock took her ace and returned the suit and declarer was left to pick up the trumps without loss. Vorobeychikova thought about it then led a club to the king then back to the nine and lost to the doubleton queen; down one for -50 and 10 IMPs to England, up by 34.

Perhaps declarer suspected a trump holding in a hand that led an unsupported ace at trick one?

Board 54. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Senior	Gromova	Dhondy	Ponomareva
2♠	4♠	1♥	2♥
4NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
6♥	Pass	5♥	5♠
Dble	All Pass	Pass	6♠

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Chubarova	Brock	Vorobeychikova	Smith
3♠	4♠	1♥	2♥
6♥	6♠	5♥	5♠
		Dble	All Pass

This wild board saw both E/W pairs stop a level lower than they should have done and collect only +100 instead of +300.

Chubarova showed her spade shortage where Senior merely started with a constructive raise, and both Norths bid 4♠ when they might have jumped to five. Chubarova's splinter had put momentum into the auction and Vorobeychikova competed with 5♥ over 4♠. Each player in turn bid one more until Vorobeychikova, who had no reason to imagine that a grand slam was possible, doubled 6♠.

Senior's less dynamic cuebid meant that Dhondy was not willing to go to the five level in front of her partner so Senior got to use RKCB. Unfortunately, Dhondy was unsure that 4NT was actually asking – in some auctions they play that it is just a better 5♥ bid – so she was not actually showing two key-cards without the heart queen, as it might appear at first sight, but signing off. While Senior still bid the

small slam, she assumed that the heart queen was missing so did not consider seven; no swing.

Board 57. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Senior	Gromova	Dhondy	Ponomareva
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Chubarova	Brock	Vorobeychikova	Smith
4NT	2♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Both Norths, in their different ways, took advantage of the favourable vulnerability to open a light weak two bid. Ponomareva responded 3♠, natural and forcing, and Senior judged to go quietly with the West cards, despite her decent five-four in the unbid suits. Senior passed again when Gromova's spade raise came back to her. There was nothing to the play after a club lead and trump switch. Ponomareva took her spades and one heart trick so was down two for -100.



Olga Vorobeychikova, Russia

Smith responded 4♠ to the opening bid and Chubarova bid 4NT, minor-suit take-out. Vorobeychikova loved her club length and heart holding so decided to shoot out the spade position and jumped to 6♣. After two rounds of spades and a heart switch, she drew trumps and led a diamond to the ace so also had to lose a heart at the end for down two; -200 and 7 IMPs to England. The lead was up to 47.

Board 56. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Senior	Gromova	Dhondy	Ponomareva
3♠	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	Dble
All Pass		Pass	5♣

West	North	East	South
Chubarova	Brock	Vorobeychikova	Smith
2♠	Pass	1♠	Dble
All Pass		Pass	3♥

Ponomareva started with a cuebid while Smith preferred a take-out double. Senior raised pre-emptively to 3♠ and Ponomareva showed her extra values by doubling then raising the pass-or-correct 4♣ response to game. Smith treated her hand as a hand that was too good for a heart overcall and followed through with 3♥, where she was allowed to play.

Dhondy led the king of spades against 5♣ then switched to a diamond for the jack and king. Senior switched to a trump, won by Gromova who cashed the ace of diamonds then played ace and another heart. With the hearts splitting, Gromova just lost one trick in each suit for down two; -200.

Chubarova led a spade against 3♥. Vorobeychikova won and switched to her singleton club. Smith won that and ducked a heart, went up with the ace on the diamond return and cashed the ace of hearts. Not having yet been forced, she might have played a third heart now and saved a trick. However, in practice she switched her attention to clubs so the defence could make two more trump tricks plus a club and the contract was two down for -200 and a flat board.

The English lead stood at 50 with four boards to play but then there was a little good news at last for Russia, who had been shut out so far in the set.

Board 61. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Senior	Gromova	Dhondy	Ponomareva
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Dble	Rdbl	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Chubarova	Brock	Vorobeychikova	Smith
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Gromova doubled the 1♥ opening while Brock did not. I can't say that double thrills me on a 4-3-3-3 11-count with everyone vulnerable but we all have our own ideas about how to try to generate IMPs.

Dhondy redoubled then admitted to three-card heart support and Senior felt that she had enough for game, reasonably enough. Vorobeychikova made a simple heart raise and now Chubarova tried for game, 2♠ showing any shortage and 3♣ saying that it was in clubs. That was bad news



Nicola Smith, England

for Vorobeychikova, most of whose hand was in clubs, so she signed off in 3♥.

There was nothing to the play after the necessary top spade lead, it being all about the heart situation. As the cards lay there were three heart losers to go with one spade so both declarers made nine tricks; +140 for Russia but -100 for England, and Russia had 6 IMPs to close the gap to 44.

Board 64. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 8 7 6 ♥ J 4 ♦ 2 ♣ K 10 5 4 3 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q J 5 2 ♥ A Q 7 2 ♦ K 10 7 4 ♣ 7	♠ K 10 4 3 ♥ K 9 5 ♦ Q J 8 5 ♣ 9 6
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Senior	Gromova	Dhondy	Ponomareva
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Chubarova	Brock	Vorobeychikova	Smith
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

England led by 45 going into this, the final board of the session, and could be well pleased with their morning's work, however, Russia struck back with a game swing to narrow the overall deficit to just 35 IMPs and, with 32 boards still to play, the match was very much alive.

Both Souths declared 4♥ and both received the lead of the singleton diamond to the jack and ace. Ponomareva played a heart to the queen at trick two. Dhondy won the king and gave Senior a diamond ruff and Senior returned a spade to the bare ace. West's ruff with the jack was very revealing and Ponomareva did not touch trumps again. She led a diamond to the king then led the queen of spades to the king and ruff, the ace of clubs followed by the queen, covered and ruffed, and could throw her diamond loser on the established spade; ten tricks for +420.

Smith led a diamond to dummy at trick two and Chubarova discarded a club. Having won the king of diamonds, Smith led a spade to her ace then a heart to the queen and king. Vorobeychikova played queen and another diamond to give her partner a ruff and Smith was a trick short; down one for -50 and 10 IMPs to Russia.

With two sets to play, the score was 129-94 in favour of the defending champions, England.

## Multiple Team World Champions

by Herman De Wael

### The Open

The World Bridge Games, together with their predecessor, the World Bridge Olympiad, has now been conducted 14 times. Time to see who has performed the most consistent.

There are nine players who have won three Olympiads, all of them Italian. The entire Blue team (six players) remained unchanged from 1964 to 1972, while Lauria, Versace and Duboin won the trophy from 2000 to 2008. Nine other players (three Italians and six Frenchmen) won this event twice. None of the twelve players still in contention have won this event previously.

Next to their three golds, Belladonna, Forquet and Garozzo won a silver medal in 1976. Bobby Wolff is the only other player with four Olympiad medals (one gold and three silvers), but Bob Hamman has an extra silver and is the only player with five medals.

There are three other Open Team World Championships: the Bermuda Bowl, which has been contested 40 times since 1950, the Rosenblum Cup (nine events since 1978), and the Transnational Open teams (8 times since 1997).

No doubt as to who has won the most titles or medals: Giorgio Belladonna, with 16 world titles and a further four medals. Bob Hamman has more medals (24) but only 11 of them were gold ones. Four other members of the Blue Team won more than ten titles. Of the people in the final that finishes today, only Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski (Transnational teams in 2000 and 2009) have won a world team championship before. No Swede has ever won a world team title, although there have been seven Swedes (Peter Bertheau and Fredrik Nyström among them) who have played a world final before today.

### The Women

Let's now have a look at the Women's competition.

Gail Greenberg is the most successful at the Olympiads. She won the title in 1980, 1984 and 1996. Six women (four Italian and two American) have won the Olympiad twice, and they have been joined today by Sally Brock, Heather Dhondy, Nevena Senior and Nicola Smith (who have also won in Beijing). If we count all the medals, then the most successful player is Nicola Smith, who has won medals in eight Olympiads. Sally Brock now has five medals, as many as Sandra Landy. Two English and two American women follow with four medals each.

There are two other Women Team World Championships: the Venice Cup, which has been contested 18 times since 1974, and the McConnell Cup, with five events since 1994. After 37 championships, Lynn Deas has gathered five world team titles. Seven US women have 4 titles each, and they are joined today by Sally Brock and Nicola Smith.

Counting all medals in all team championships, Nicola Smith is the runaway leader, with 11 medals in total. Sylvie Willard has nine medals, with five women on eight apiece.

### The Seniors

A senior event at the Olympiad (now officially called the Bridge Games) was first conducted in 2000, and until now not a single player has managed to win more than one medal. Today, Neil Chambers, Sam Lev and John Schermer, senior champions of 2004, have won a second medal. So has François Leenhardt who won a bronze to go with his silver of 2000.

In addition to the Bridge Games, the Rand Cup has been staged five times since 1994, and the d'Orsi Bowl six times since 2001.

Over 15 championships, Garey Hayden has emerged with four world titles (three with USA teams, one on the Hackett team in Philadelphia), while Roger Bates and Grant Baze won three each. Counting all medals, we find five players with five senior medals, four Indonesians and Julian Klukowski of Poland. François Leenhardt has joined that little group today, also winning his fifth senior medal.

## THE BALI BOWL



The Indonesian Bridge Federation, organizer of the 2013 World Bridge Championship (16th – 29th September) is pleased to offer the Bali Bowl to the winning team of the 5th World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship. The Bali Bowl will be awarded at the Prize-giving Ceremony today.

**SENIORS** **USA v Hungary** **FINAL SET 3**

**The hole gets deeper**

by Brent Manley

In the second set of their Senior series final against Hungary, USA had seen a 5-IMP lead turn into 29-IMP deficit. In set three, the Americans were looking to turn the tide in the other direction. It didn't happen. Swing after swing went to Hungary.

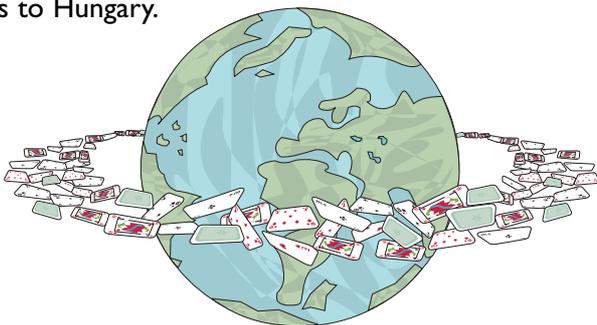
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	S										
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>								
Schermer	Dumbovich	Chambers	Kovacs								
		Pass	2♣								
4♠	6NT	All Pass									

Neil Chambers led the ♠10 to John Schermer's ace. A spade was returned to the king and the ♥10 advanced. Chambers could have held the contract to 10 tricks by playing low but he covered with the queen. Now when Miklos Dumbovich saw how clubs were splitting, he cashed dummy's other heart honor and drove out the ♥J for 11 tricks.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Magyar	Lev	Szappanos	Landen
		Pass	1♣
4♠	Dbl	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

With the 5-1 trump split, Steve Landen didn't have the option of playing for one down as Dumbovich did. Landen had to lose the ♠A and two club tricks for two down and 3 IMPs to Hungary.



The Hungarians could have done better on the following deal, but they won IMPs anyway.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A J 5 ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ 10 9 3 2 ♣ J 5 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 Q 7 ♥ A 9 ♦ 7 6 5 ♣ A Q 10 6 4
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>								
Schermer	Dumbovich	Chambers	Kovacs								
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass								
1♦	Pass	INT	All Pass								

Mihaly Kovacs led the ♥6 to the 10 and declarer's ace. Chambers led the ♠Q to dummy's ace and played the ♣J. Kovacs took the ♣K and could have cashed a heart and four diamonds, but he got out with a low heart. Chambers put up the queen and cashed his black-suit winners for plus 150.

It was still a loss because Sam Lev and Landen got too high on their 4-2 diamond fit at the other table.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Magyar	Lev	Szappanos	Landen
Pass	1♦	INT	Dbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	2♠	3♦
Dbl	All Pass		

After opening an 8-point hand in third seat, Lev didn't think he could sit for the double of INT, and bidding one of his majors wasn't in the picture either. The rebid in diamonds, however, apparently created the false impression for Landen that his partner had extra length in the suit. The Hungarians knew what to do when the opponents got to the three level.

Geza Szappanos led the ♠K and continued with a low spade to Peter Magyar's ace. A third spade went back to Szappanos, who cashed his ♣A and played the queen to dummy's king. Lev ruffed a club and played a heart, taken by Szappanos with the ace. Lev reached the maximum with

seven tricks, but it was minus 300 and 4 IMPs to Hungary. Small losses are one thing. The problem for the Americans was that Hungary managed four double-digit swings in the set, starting with this one.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 8 6 5 ♥ A 7 2 ♦ 9 8 2 ♣ 7 6 3 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 3 ♥ J 10 9 6 3 ♦ J 7 6 ♣ K J 4	♠ A K Q 9 7 4 2 ♥ K Q ♦ 5 ♣ Q 9 8
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Dumbovich	Chambers	Kovacs
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

There was nothing to the play, and Kovacs took 13 tricks when Schermer led a diamond – plus 1460 to Hungary.

West	North	East	South
Magyar	Lev	Szappanos	Landen
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

Lev and Landen seemed interested in slam, but the auction petered out one level too low. That was 13 IMPs to Hungary.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

This was a 5-IMP swing to Hungary.

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Dumbovich	Chambers	Kovacs
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Magyar	Lev	Szappanos	Landen
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Landen led a spade against the heart contract, and Szappanos was soon claiming 10 tricks for the loss of one diamond (the ♦10 went away on declarer's ♠Q) and two clubs. That was plus 170 and 5 more IMPs. Hungary's lead was 109-54. It grew significantly on the next board.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Dumbovich	Chambers	Kovacs
3♦	4♥	2♠	DbI
Pass	5♥	5♦	DbI
		All Pass	

2♠ = 6+ spades, 10-13

Chambers led a low diamond from the ace, declarer ruffing Schermer's queen. Dumbovich led a heart to dummy and a spade to the king and Chambers' ace. He played a club to Schermer's ace and got a club ruff, but the ♠Q was the last trick for the defense. Plus 100 to USA was a big loss.

West	North	East	South
Magyar	Lev	Szappanos	Landen
2♦	4♥	1♠	DbI
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass		5♦	DbI

Lev led a heart, ruffed by Magyar, who played the ♠J, ducked all around, followed by a spade to the 10. The ♠A was ruffed by Landen and overruffed by Magyar. He then played a diamond to dummy's ace and continued with the ♠Q, again ruffed and overruffed. Magyar cashed the ♣A and

ruffed a club to play the ♠10. Landen took the only trick for the defense with the ♦K. The overtrick meant plus 950 to Hungary, and the 13-IMP gain pushed their lead to 122-54.

The Americans managed a couple of swings to cut Hungary's lead to 122-67, but there was more bad news for USA on this board.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Dumbovich	Chambers	Kovacs
	Pass	1♥	2♣
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Schermer and Chambers never found their diamond fit, but even playing opposite a void in trumps, Chambers easily took 12 tricks in his heart contract for an less-than-satisfying plus 680.

West	North	East	South
Magyar	Lev	Szappanos	Landen
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Szappanos lost one trick – to the ♥A. Plus 1370 meant another 12 IMPs to Hungary.

The last swing of the set for Hungary was the biggest.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



Peter Magyar, Hungary

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Dumbovich	Chambers	Kovacs
			1♣
Pass	1♠	2♦	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Dumbovich won the opening heart lead with the ace, played a spade to his ace and followed with a club to dummy's ace. He ruffed a low heart high and played a second club, East inserting the 10. Dumbovich went up with the king, dropping the queen. He claimed 13 tricks for plus 1010.

Landen and Lev got one trick higher.

West	North	East	South
Magyar	Lev	Szappanos	Landen
			1♣
Pass	1♠	3♦	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5NT
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Szappanos led a trump, won in hand by Lev. He played club to dummy's ace and followed with the ♥A and a heart ruff. He then took the percentage play in clubs – low to the jack – and was down one when the finesse lost. That was 14 more IMPs to Hungary.

USA picked up 11 IMPs over the next four boards to ease the pain somewhat, but the set was a rout for Hungary 65-24. At the halfway point, Hungary was up 70 IMPs.

**WOMEN** **Russia v England** **FINAL SET 3**

**Seven**

by Mark Horton

**S**even (sometimes stylized as *Se7en*) is a 1995 American thriller film, with horror and neo-noir elements starring Brad Pitt and Morgan Freeman, with Gwyneth Paltrow, R. Lee Ermey and Kevin Spacey in supporting roles.

The newly transferred David Mills (Pitt) and the soon-to-retire William Somerset (Freeman) are homicide detectives who become deeply involved in the case of a sadistic serial killer. Each meticulously planned murder corresponds to one of the seven deadly sins: gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, pride, lust, and envy.

The third set of the Women's final might easily have decided the outcome as it contained no less than seven deals where a slam might be attempted and several other opportunities.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q J 9 6 4 2	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 5
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♥ —	♥ Q J 5 4				
♦ 10 5 4 3 2	♦ 7 6				
♣ 10	♣ J 9 6 5 4				
	♠ 7 3				
	♥ A K 7				
	♦ A J				
	♣ A K Q 7 3 2				

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>
		Pass	1♣*
4♠	Dbl	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	6♥	Dbl	All Pass

1♣ 12-14 bal may be 5♦, 4414 11-15, 16+ any

When West crowded the auction North felt she could only double, which left South with a tough decision. Looking at two losing spades it must have crossed her mind to pass but she bravely bid slam. When East decided to shoot the sitting duck North retreated to 6♥.

East led the ten of spades and West won and returned the two. Declarer won, played a heart to the ace and claimed one down when West showed out, -200.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Chubarova</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Vorobeychiknova</i>	<i>Smith</i>
		Pass	2♣*
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

North clearly showed the red suits, but it was not easy for South to simply bid 5♥.

No double from East this time, but 6♣ had to go two down for a flat board.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 8 6 5	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 3
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♦ 9 8 2	♦ J 7 6				
♣ 7 6 3 2	♣ K J 4				
	♠ A K Q 9 7 4 2				
	♥ K Q				
	♦ 5				
	♣ Q 9 8				



Victoria Gromova, Russia

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Gromova	Brown	Ponomareva
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♣ 6+ diamonds

I am not completely sure of the meaning of 2♥ - it might have shown the extra spade length or a stopper. West led the six of clubs and declarer took all the tricks, winning in dummy, drawing trumps and cashing diamonds, +710.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Chubarova	Brock	Vorobeychiknova	Smith
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

When South refused to show her heart control over 4♣ it was asking a lot for North to go on and the excellent slam was missed for a second time. Here declarer ducked the club lead and East won with the king and switched to the jack of hearts for the king and ace. Declarer took the rest, +650 and a couple of IMPs went Russia's way.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Gromova	Brown	Ponomareva
		1♠	Dbl
2♣*	4♥	5♦	Dbl
Pass	5♥	Dbl	All Pass

2♣ Diamonds

5♦ makes easily against a heart lead (as does 6♦) but make the opening lead a club and some care is needed - indeed

in 6♦ the only winning line is to play on spades at once which is very, very tough to do.

So, North did well to remove the double and when East led the ace of diamonds and declarer ruffed, crossed to the queen of hearts and pitched a spade on the king of diamonds. Now declarer could draw the last trump and accept one down. However, she played the two of clubs and West took the ace and switched to the jack of spades for the king and ace. Of course there was virtually no chance that East would risk letting the contract through by underleading her spades and she cashed a spade for +100.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Chubarova	Brock	Vorobeychiknova	Smith
		1♠	Dbl
2♦	4♥	All Pass	

East led the ace of diamonds and declarer ruffed, drew trumps, pitched a spade on the king of diamonds, ruffed a diamond and played a club. The defenders took a club and two spades, +420.

Do you see how to defeat 4♥?  
If East leads a club (a trump works too) West wins and switches to the jack of spades, covered by the king and ace. Now East must underlead her spades to get West in with the eight so she can score a club ruff.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Gromova	Brown	Ponomareva
Pass	1♦	Dbl	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the three of clubs and South won with the king and returned the seven of hearts, North taking the ace and switching to the two of clubs. Declarer won with dummy's ace perforce and played a heart to the queen, followed by the eight of spades. If North ducks that she can win the next spade and then play a club for South to ruff, but she went up with the ace and played the nine of clubs. Declar-

er ruffed with dummy's queen and played the five of spades to her....king. One down and -100.

Of course declarer could not believe North would have risen with the ace of spades unless she had started out with ♠AJ doubleton.

Once North had found a club lead the contract is very tough to make - the only practical way to negate the threat of a club ruff is to play a spade to the eight.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Chubarova	Brock	Vorobeychiknova	Smith
Pass	1♣*	DbI	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the ace of hearts and continued with the jack. Declarer won with the queen and played a spade. North went up with the ace and switched to a club. Declarer allowed South to win with the king (it must be better to take the ace and draw trumps) and she returned a heart, declarer ruffing with the ten of spades. When North could not overruff declarer drew trumps and claimed, +620 and 12 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Gromova	Brown	Ponomareva
1♥	DbI	3♥	4NT*
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

East led the three of hearts and declarer won with the ace, drew trumps and played a diamond, claiming when the queen appeared, +420.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Chubarova	Brock	Vorobeychiknova	Smith
1♥	DbI	3♥	4NT*
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

South's decision to go on to slam looks reasonable enough, even in these days of inflationary opening bids.

Once again declarer was faced with the threatening heart lead but here the appearance of the red queen was worth 11 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Gromova	Brown	Ponomareva
Pass	1♠	2♦	1♣*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

1♣ 12-14 bal may be 5♦, 4414 11-15, 16+ any

How might this slam be reached? Suppose South were to jump to 4♦ at her second turn. Then if North bids 4♥ South will surely at the very least make a further move and North will look favourably on her powerful trumps. Declarer took all the tricks, +510.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Chubarova	Brock	Vorobeychiknova	Smith
Pass	1♥*	2♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The only other possibility is for North to bid 4♥ - but that looks very pushy absent anything other than 3♠ from South. Here too declarer scored +510.

Both teams could sleep on a number of missed opportunities but England had added 10 points to their lead, ahead now 102-78.



# I Have a Dream

by Mark Horton and Micke Melander



ABBA was a Swedish pop/rock/disco group formed in Stockholm in 1972, comprising Agnetha Fältskog, Benny Andersson, Björn Ulvaeus and Anni-Frid Lyngstad. They became one of the most commercially successful acts in the history of pop music, topping the charts worldwide from 1972 to 1982. They are also known for winning the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest, giving Sweden its first victory in the history of the contest and being the most successful group ever to take part in the contest.

As the fourth set of the final got under way the question on everyone's lips was could Sweden secure a first ever World Team title.

## Money Money Money

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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		<p>♠ K 6 ♥ 9 5 4 3 2 ♦ 8 5 4 ♣ Q 7 4</p>										

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Narkiewicz	Cullin	Buras
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	INT
All Pass			4♠

It was not easy for Cullin to double 4♠ as the auction went.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Ahlesved	Balicki	Petersson
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dbf	2♣	3♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbf	All Pass

When Zmudzinski gave proof that he was alive and kicking with some values in the Closed Room Balicki had an easy business double with his five trumps and two aces.

East lead the ace of hearts at both tables and when it won he continued with the six, West went up with the king and declarer ruffed. Both declarers now played clubs, West won and returned the ten of hearts which East had to overtake. (If West would have returned the queen of diamonds the defense would have brought the contract four down.)

Now it went into ping - pong play, declarer played a club and East ruffed, East returned a trump which declarer won in hand. Declarer then played the ace of spades and when West showed out declarer just exited with clubs and East had to give away a trick to declarer's king of diamonds in the end. That was Money, Money, Money for the Poles, who had doubled the contract.

## Take a chance on me

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ A K 6 3 2 ♥ K 10 7 2 ♦ — ♣ K Q 4 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 10 5 ♥ A 9 6 ♦ A Q 9 8 ♣ A J 10 5</p>	<p>♠ Q J 4 ♥ Q J 4 ♦ J 10 6 3 ♣ 7 6 3</p>
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		<p>♠ 9 8 7 ♥ 8 5 3 ♦ K 7 5 4 2 ♣ 9 8</p>										

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Ahlesved	Balicki	Petersson
1♠	Dbf	2♥*	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Zmudzinski won the spade that was lead in dummy with the queen and continued with a club to the his king and North's ace. Ahlesved passively continued with another trump and again declarer rose in dummy to capture the trick with the jack, the queen of hearts followed to North's ace who just returned the nine of hearts. Declarer again

rose in dummy with the jack and played a third round to the king. Zmudzinski his last heart and discarded the losing club in dummy but South ruffed and declarer still had to lose a club. Still nine tricks.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Narkiewicz	Cullin	Buras
1♠	Dbl	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

In the other room Bertheau thought it was worth it to Take A Chance On Me and raised to game, and right he was about that.

Narkiewicz lead the ten of spades, declarer won in dummy and played a club to the king and North's ace, a second trump come back but here the play went on a different route from the other room. Bertheau won the trick in hand with the ace, cashed the queen of clubs and tried a third round of the suit, hoping to find it 3-3, unlucky for him South discarded the eight of hearts. That left Narkiewicz on play with these remaining cards:

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

Apparently he read partner's eight of hearts as encouraging and continued with a low heart!, that was all Bertheau



Krzysztof Buras, Poland

needed, the heart ran to his ten in hand, he ruffed the last club in dummy, ruffed a diamond on the way back and draw the last trump from South. Declarer lost a trick to the ace of hearts but could then claim his ten tricks

**Mamma Mia**

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Ahlesved	Balicki	Petersson
4♠*	Pass	1♥	3♣*
5♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♥	6♠	5♥	Pass
		Dbl	All Pass

\*3♣ Spades and diamonds

Here Zmudzinski and Balicki weren't on speaking terms with each other. 4♠ for Zmudzinski was exclusion blackwood but for Balicki just a splinter. From there on the bidding went out of control and the Poles took the money when Ahlesved finally sacrificed against 6♥ with 6♠.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Narkiewicz	Cullin	Buras
4♥	5♠	2♥	4♦*
6♥	6♠	Pass	Pass
7♥	Dbl	Pass	Pass
		All Pass	

In the Open Room Bertheau sat up a trap for Narkiewicz when he knew that the other side most probably had a huge fit in spades. First he tried to buy 4♥ and when they bid 5♠ he gave the impression of sacrificing in 6♥ and on 6♠ he finally bid 7♥ which should be makeable if partner had some support or shortness in clubs. Mamma Mia, it was laydown when East was declaring and couldn't give partner a ruff to beat the contract. 100 to the Poles in the Closed Room wasn't much to deliver when it was time to compare the scores when the Swedes on the other table got 2470! 20 IMPs to Sweden and one of the highest scores in this championship.

### The Name of the Game

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Narkiewicz	Cullin	Buras
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the nine of spades and declarer won in hand and cashed the top hearts. He was two down, -200.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Ahlesved	Balicki	Petersson
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ten of spades and declarer won, cashed the ace of hearts and played a low heart to the jack. He ducked a heart to South's ten and claimed +600 and 13 badly needed Polish IMPs.



Poland and Sweden on Vugraph

### Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Narkiewicz	Cullin	Buras
All Pass	2♦*	Pass	4♠

5-10, 6(5)♥ or ♠

Declarer took seven spades and a heart for down two, -100.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Ahlesved	Balicki	Petersson
5♣	Pass	2♣*	4♠

2♣ 11-16-6+♣ or 5♣+4M

South started with three rounds of spades so declarer could discard a losing heart from dummy, ruff in hand, play a round of trumps and claim, +600 and 11 IMPs for Poland.

### Dancing Queen

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K Q 7 3 ♥ A J 6 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ J 10 8	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 6 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ Q 8 2 ♣ A K 9 4 3	♠ A J 5 ♥ Q 10 9 8 5 ♦ A K J 3 ♣ 6
	N											
W		E										
	S											

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



Johan Upmark, Sweden

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Narkiewicz	Cullin	Buras
	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
1♥	Pass	2♣*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North led the king of spades and declarer won, crossed to the ace of clubs and played a heart to the ten and jack. When North failed to cash his 'dancing queen' of spades, exiting with the jack of clubs, declarer won in dummy discarding a spade and played four rounds of diamonds, discarding dummy's last spade. South could ruff but there was only one trump trick to come, +620.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Ahlesved	Balicki	Petersson
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Play followed an identical course and this time North made no mistake, one down, +100 and 12 IMPs for Sweden.



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## Kyle Larsen (1950-2012)

Kyle Larsen of San Francisco CA died on Tuesday after a nearly two-year-long battle with cancer. He was 62.

An ACBL Grand Life Master with two world championship wins (the 2001 Bermuda Bowl and the 2006 Rosenblum Teams) and 12 North American titles, Larsen was elected to the 2012 class of the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame in July.



Unable to attend his induction ceremony in person because of his illness, he and his family were present electronically (via a Skype connection) to hear the accolades bestowed upon him.

Presenting Larsen for induction, Rose Meltzer, his frequent championship partner, said, "Kyle characterizes the perfect bridge partner at or away from the table . . . always with a smile on his face, always trying to help the partnership to do their best. He is the person people enjoy seeing at the table."

Frequent teammate Billy Miller described Larsen as, "a graceful, first-class gentleman."

"Kyle was a great player, of course, but he was a terrific sportsman, too. He was one of the rare bridge players who always said the right thing, and was always professional and courteous at the table."

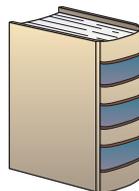
Longtime friend Ron Smith wrote on his blog of Larsen: "(He was) not only a great player but probably one of the best human beings you could ever meet. He will be missed."

Larsen, known for his sound technique and excellent card-reading abilities, was a prodigy at the game. He became a Life Master at 15, at that time the youngest player ever to earn a gold card. In 1968, his team (Larsen, Erik Paulsen, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, and Howard Schenken) won the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams. Larsen was 18, the youngest player at the time to win a North American team title.

His World Bridge Federation ranking was World Grand Master.



## 2012 World Championship Book



The official book of these championships will be available early next year. As usual, it will cover all the best of the action, including every board of the finals of the Women's and Open Teams Championships. There will be a full results service and listing of all participants and many photos.

The writing team will consist of Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, John Carruthers and Geo Tislevoll.

On publication, the price will be US\$35.00 per copy, but if you order and pay for your copy here in Lille you will get the special discount price of US\$25.00 or €20.00, including surface mail.

To order, please see Jan Swaan in the Press Room.

## Duplimates for sale



The Duplimates used during the tournament are sold at the Jannersten book stall for €2350.

## Gratis playing cards

The European Bridge League offer used cards free of charge. Those who want gratis cards should make a request at the Jannersten stall on the first floor. NBOs with weak economies will be given priority.

## Smoking forbidden in Grand Palais

Please be reminded that the Grand Palais is a non-smoking facility. Players who smoke in the Grand Palais are subject to penalty for doing so.

Here are the rules and regulations regarding smoking at this tournament:

"Any player smoking in the building will cause his team to be fined 2 victory points (6 IMPs in a knockout match), plus a fine of 100 euros. Repeated violation of this regulation may, and constant violation will, result in the player being prohibited from playing. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing."

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