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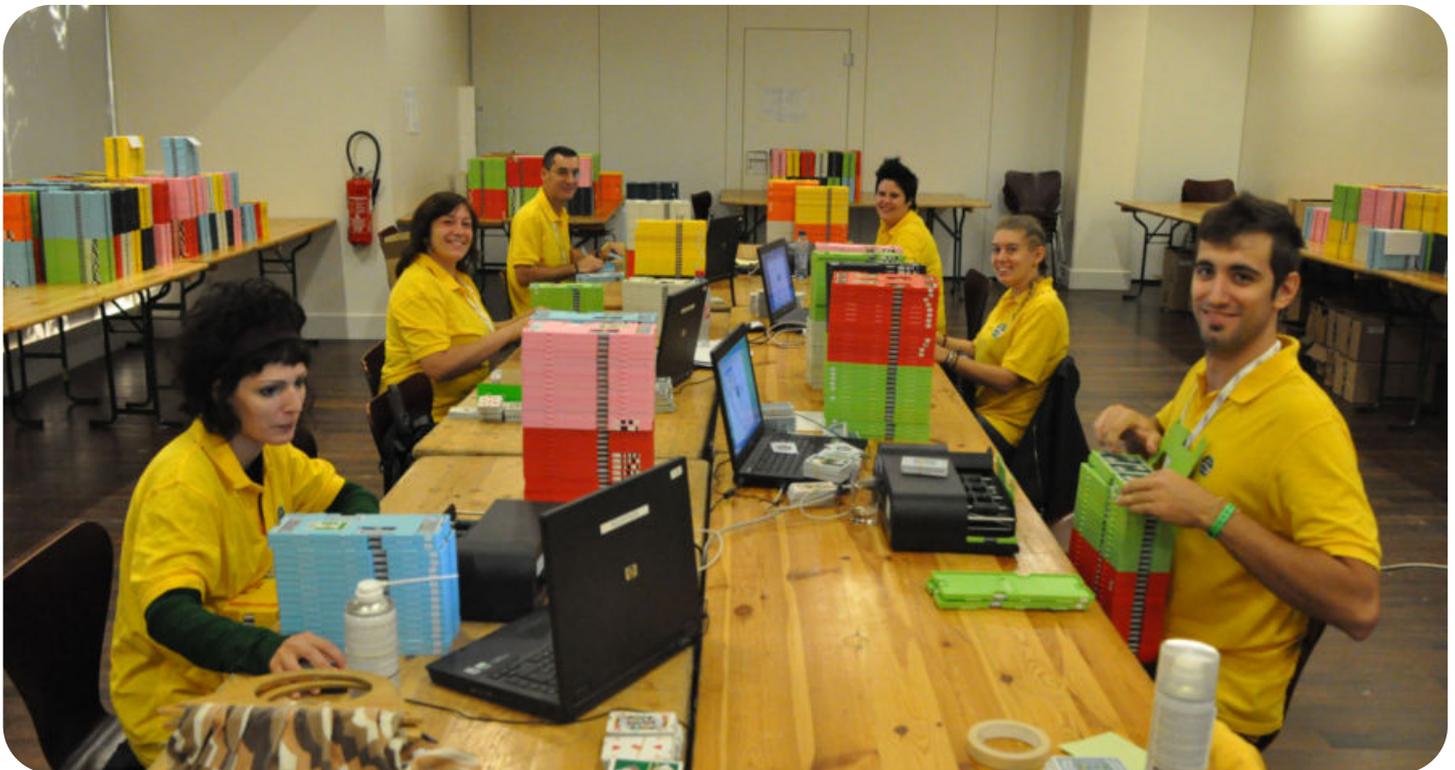
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# So far, so good for 32



This is the dedicated team who produce all the deals you have been playing: Federica Parizzi, Monica Gorreri (The Boss), Franco Crosta, Deborah Corsado, Simona Maini and Paolo Vecchio.

Now that the sprint is over, 32 teams in the Open and Women's series of the 14th World Bridge Games can get down to what they hope is the long haul. Making it to the championship round means more than a week more of play, and all are hoping to be there at the end.

The Seniors will decide on their group of 16 teams today.

The leading qualifiers in the Open series were Monaco, Italy, Germany and USA. In the Women's, Russia, Sweden and the Netherlands were on top. The women's qualifiers came from the top five in each of three groups plus one other team.

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# TODAY'S PROGRAM



## OPEN TEAMS

### ROUND of 16

|   | Home Team | Visiting Team |
|---|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | Germany   | Ireland       |
| 2 | Russia    | Norway        |
| 3 | Denmark   | Poland        |
| 4 | Italy     | Turkey        |
| 5 | USA       | India         |
| 6 | Israel    | Sweden        |
| 7 | France    | Netherlands   |
| 8 | Monaco    | Canada        |

## WOMEN'S TEAMS

### ROUND of 16

|    | Home Team   | Visiting Team |
|----|-------------|---------------|
| 11 | Russia      | Denmark       |
| 12 | Turkey      | Indonesia     |
| 13 | Brazil      | Austria       |
| 14 | USA         | Poland        |
| 15 | Sweden      | Australia     |
| 16 | China       | England       |
| 17 | Netherlands | Italy         |
| 18 | Scotland    | France        |

## SENIOR TEAMS

### ROUND 16

| GROUP H |                 | GROUP I   |    |                |             |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|----|----------------|-------------|
| 71      | Canada          | France    | 81 | Argentina      | USA         |
| 72      | Brazil          | Belgium   | 82 | Japan          | Spain       |
| 73      | Australia       | Turkey    | 83 | Pakistan       | Hungary     |
| 74      | India           | Israel    | 84 | Guadeloupe     | Sweden      |
| 75      | China Hong Kong | England   | 85 | Chinese Taipei | Italy       |
| 76      | Singapore       | Germany   | 86 | New Zealand    | Netherlands |
| 77      | Egypt           | Scotland  | 87 | Kenya          | Denmark     |
| 78      | Morocco         | Indonesia | 88 | Reunion        | Poland      |
| 79      | South Africa    | Bye       | 89 | Ireland        | Bye         |

### ROUND 17

| GROUP H |          | GROUP I         |    |             |                |
|---------|----------|-----------------|----|-------------|----------------|
| 71      | France   | Indonesia       | 81 | USA         | Poland         |
| 72      | Brazil   | Australia       | 82 | Japan       | Pakistan       |
| 73      | Germany  | South Africa    | 83 | Netherlands | Ireland        |
| 74      | England  | Morocco         | 84 | Italy       | Reunion        |
| 75      | Israel   | Egypt           | 85 | Sweden      | Kenya          |
| 76      | Turkey   | Singapore       | 86 | Hungary     | New Zealand    |
| 77      | Belgium  | China Hong Kong | 87 | Spain       | Chinese Taipei |
| 78      | Canada   | India           | 88 | Argentina   | Guadeloupe     |
| 79      | Scotland | Bye             | 89 | Denmark     | Bye            |

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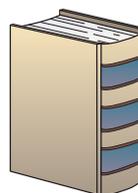
### Morning matches (10.00)

|       |                      |                                |
|-------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| VG    | France – Netherlands | Open Teams<br>(Round of 16)    |
| BBO 2 | Italy – Turkey       | Open Teams<br>(Round of 16)    |
| BBO 3 | Monaco – Canada      | Open Teams<br>(Round of 16)    |
| BBO 4 | Russia – Norway      | Open Teams<br>(Round of 16)    |
| BBO 5 | USA – Poland         | Women's Teams<br>(Round of 16) |

### Afternoon matches (13.30 and 17.00)

To be decided

## 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.

# OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

| GROUP A |            |              |          |    |
|---------|------------|--------------|----------|----|
| Match   |            | IMP's        | VP's     |    |
| 1       | Germany    | Netherlands  | 23 24 15 | 15 |
| 2       | Denmark    | England      | 39 34 16 | 14 |
| 3       | Spain      | Korea        | 34 23 17 | 13 |
| 4       | India      | Mexico       | 46 17 22 | 8  |
| 5       | Egypt      | Bosnia Hrzna | 25 33 13 | 17 |
| 6       | Guadeloupe | Switzerland  | 32 33 15 | 15 |
| 7       | Jordan     | Chile        | 30 22 17 | 13 |
| 8       | Belgium    | Bye          | 0 0 18   | 0  |

| GROUP C |              |               |          |    |
|---------|--------------|---------------|----------|----|
| Match   |              | IMP's         | VP's     |    |
| 21      | Russia       | Italy         | 25 24 15 | 15 |
| 22      | Argentina    | Sweden        | 21 25 14 | 16 |
| 23      | Romania      | Singapore     | 35 24 17 | 13 |
| 24      | Canada       | Kenya         | 66 3 25  | 2  |
| 25      | Scotland     | Slovakia      | 22 11 17 | 13 |
| 26      | South Africa | Trinidad Tbgo | 46 10 23 | 7  |
| 27      | Morocco      | Bermuda       | 46 14 23 | 7  |
| 28      | Thailand     | Bye           | 0 0 18   | 0  |

| GROUP A |              |             |         |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| Match   |              | IMP's       | VP's    |         |
| 1       | Bosnia Hrzna | Netherlands | 30 - 37 | 14 - 16 |
| 2       | Mexico       | Switzerland | 52 - 17 | 23 - 7  |
| 3       | Korea        | Jordan      | 32 - 39 | 14 - 16 |
| 4       | England      | Guadeloupe  | 20 - 69 | 4 - 25  |
| 5       | Germany      | Egypt       | 32 - 34 | 15 - 15 |
| 6       | Denmark      | India       | 40 - 17 | 20 - 10 |
| 7       | Spain        | Belgium     | 20 - 64 | 5 - 25  |
| 8       | Chile        | Bye         | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

| GROUP C |               |              |         |         |
|---------|---------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| Match   |               | IMP's        | VP's    |         |
| 21      | Trinidad Tbgo | Italy        | 6 - 101 | 0 - 25  |
| 22      | Slovakia      | Bermuda      | 66 - 17 | 25 - 4  |
| 23      | Kenya         | Thailand     | 25 - 31 | 14 - 16 |
| 24      | Romania       | Canada       | 17 - 39 | 10 - 20 |
| 25      | Sweden        | Morocco      | 65 - 8  | 25 - 3  |
| 26      | Russia        | South Africa | 57 - 3  | 25 - 3  |
| 27      | Argentina     | Scotland     | 38 - 31 | 16 - 14 |
| 28      | Singapore     | Bye          | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

| GROUP A |             |              |         |         |
|---------|-------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| Match   |             | IMP's        | VP's    |         |
| 1       | Spain       | Netherlands  | 34 - 21 | 18 - 12 |
| 2       | Belgium     | Denmark      | 40 - 37 | 16 - 14 |
| 3       | India       | Germany      | 19 - 44 | 9 - 21  |
| 4       | Egypt       | England      | 56 - 18 | 24 - 6  |
| 5       | Guadeloupe  | Korea        | 41 - 32 | 17 - 13 |
| 6       | Chile       | Mexico       | 48 - 53 | 14 - 16 |
| 7       | Switzerland | Bosnia Hrzna | 44 - 42 | 15 - 15 |
| 8       | Jordan      | Bye          | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

| GROUP C |              |               |         |         |
|---------|--------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| Match   |              | IMP's         | VP's    |         |
| 21      | Romania      | Italy         | 25 - 45 | 10 - 20 |
| 22      | Canada       | Argentina     | 41 - 30 | 17 - 13 |
| 23      | Scotland     | Russia        | 17 - 41 | 9 - 21  |
| 24      | South Africa | Sweden        | 26 - 50 | 9 - 21  |
| 25      | Morocco      | Singapore     | 58 - 52 | 16 - 14 |
| 26      | Bermuda      | Trinidad Tbgo | 27 - 45 | 11 - 19 |
| 27      | Thailand     | Slovakia      | 11 - 40 | 8 - 22  |
| 28      | Kenya        | Bye           | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

ROUND 13

| GROUP B |                 |            |          |    |
|---------|-----------------|------------|----------|----|
| Match   |                 | IMP's      | VP's     |    |
| 11      | France          | USA        | 14 33 11 | 19 |
| 12      | Brazil          | Poland     | 8 40 7   | 23 |
| 13      | China Hong Kong | Portugal   | 36 22 18 | 12 |
| 14      | Austria         | San Marino | 26 34 13 | 17 |
| 15      | New Zealand     | Ukraine    | 26 40 12 | 18 |
| 16      | Chinese Taipei  | Bangladesh | 38 34 16 | 14 |
| 17      | Pakistan        | Estonia    | 5 49 5   | 25 |
| 18      | Ireland         | Bye        | 0 0 18   | 0  |

| GROUP D |           |            |          |    |
|---------|-----------|------------|----------|----|
| Match   |           | IMP's      | VP's     |    |
| 31      | Israel    | Monaco     | 23 27 14 | 16 |
| 32      | Greece    | China      | 39 45 14 | 16 |
| 33      | Iceland   | Botswana   | 92 36 25 | 3  |
| 34      | Norway    | Costa Rica | 92 5 25  | 0  |
| 35      | Latvia    | Venezuela  | 15 33 11 | 19 |
| 36      | Australia | Finland    | 16 48 7  | 23 |
| 37      | Japan     | Reunion    | 37 22 18 | 12 |
| 38      | Turkey    | Bye        | 0 0 18   | 0  |

ROUND 14

| GROUP B |                 |                |         |         |
|---------|-----------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Match   |                 | IMP's          | VP's    |         |
| 11      | Bangladesh      | USA            | 21 - 54 | 7 - 23  |
| 12      | Ukraine         | Estonia        | 39 - 45 | 14 - 16 |
| 13      | San Marino      | Portugal       | 27 - 41 | 12 - 18 |
| 14      | Ireland         | Austria        | 4 - 45  | 6 - 24  |
| 15      | Poland          | Pakistan       | 39 - 8  | 22 - 8  |
| 16      | France          | Chinese Taipei | 37 - 28 | 17 - 13 |
| 17      | Brazil          | New Zealand    | 37 - 27 | 17 - 13 |
| 18      | China Hong Kong | Bye            | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

| GROUP D |            |           |         |         |
|---------|------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Match   |            | IMP's     | VP's    |         |
| 31      | Finland    | Monaco    | 22 - 46 | 9 - 21  |
| 32      | Iceland    | Norway    | 32 - 22 | 17 - 13 |
| 33      | Costa Rica | Venezuela | 34 - 60 | 9 - 21  |
| 34      | Botswana   | Latvia    | 36 - 26 | 17 - 13 |
| 35      | China      | Japan     | 16 - 37 | 10 - 20 |
| 36      | Israel     | Australia | 20 - 28 | 13 - 17 |
| 37      | Greece     | Turkey    | 5 - 57  | 4 - 25  |
| 38      | Reunion    | Bye       | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

ROUND 15

| GROUP B |                 |            |         |         |
|---------|-----------------|------------|---------|---------|
| Match   |                 | IMP's      | VP's    |         |
| 11      | Ireland         | USA        | 36 - 13 | 20 - 10 |
| 12      | Austria         | Brazil     | 34 - 30 | 16 - 14 |
| 13      | New Zealand     | France     | 14 - 50 | 7 - 23  |
| 14      | Chinese Taipei  | Poland     | 34 - 60 | 9 - 21  |
| 15      | Estonia         | Bangladesh | 22 - 21 | 15 - 14 |
| 16      | China Hong Kong | San Marino | 44 - 19 | 21 - 9  |
| 17      | Portugal        | Ukraine    | 31 - 45 | 12 - 18 |
| 18      | Pakistan        | Bye        | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

| GROUP D |           |            |         |         |
|---------|-----------|------------|---------|---------|
| Match   |           | IMP's      | VP's    |         |
| 31      | Iceland   | Monaco     | 13 - 83 | 1 - 25  |
| 32      | Norway    | Greece     | 46 - 39 | 16 - 14 |
| 33      | Turkey    | Israel     | 21 - 16 | 16 - 14 |
| 34      | Australia | China      | 28 - 18 | 17 - 13 |
| 35      | Japan     | Botswana   | 74 - 0  | 25 - 0  |
| 36      | Latvia    | Costa Rica | 63 - 28 | 23 - 7  |
| 37      | Reunion   | Finland    | 11 - 53 | 5 - 25  |
| 38      | Venezuela | Bye        | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

## WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

### GROUP E

| Match       |                | IMP's   | VP's    |
|-------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 41 Turkey   | Jordan         | 39 - 29 | 17 - 13 |
| 42 Poland   | Chinese Taipei | 33 - 44 | 13 - 17 |
| 43 Russia   | Guadeloupe     | 51 - 17 | 23 - 7  |
| 44 Canada   | Argentina      | 23 - 46 | 10 - 20 |
| 45 Spain    | Egypt          | 16 - 9  | 16 - 14 |
| 46 Scotland | Australia      | 57 - 6  | 25 - 4  |
| 47 England  | Kenya          | 36 - 9  | 21 - 9  |

### GROUP F

| Match        |                 | IMP's   | VP's    |
|--------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| 51 Israel    | USA             | 32 - 24 | 17 - 13 |
| 52 Denmark   | Netherlands     | 21 - 25 | 14 - 16 |
| 53 Chile     | Mexico          | 46 - 22 | 21 - 9  |
| 54 Austria   | San Marino      | 69 - 16 | 25 - 3  |
| 55 Ireland   | Reunion         | 12 - 30 | 11 - 19 |
| 56 Japan     | China Hong Kong | 29 - 26 | 16 - 14 |
| 57 India     | New Zealand     | 20 - 55 | 7 - 23  |
| 58 Indonesia | Bye             | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

### GROUP G

| Match      |              | IMP's   | VP's    |
|------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| 61 China   | Philippines  | 38 - 7  | 22 - 8  |
| 62 France  | Palestine    | 31 - 20 | 17 - 13 |
| 63 Sweden  | Pakistan     | 41 - 20 | 20 - 10 |
| 64 Germany | Morocco      | 24 - 6  | 19 - 11 |
| 65 Italy   | Venezuela    | 18 - 23 | 14 - 16 |
| 66 Norway  | Lebanon      | 21 - 45 | 9 - 21  |
| 67 Brazil  | South Africa | 26 - 21 | 16 - 14 |

### GROUP F

| Match              |             | IMP's | VP's    |
|--------------------|-------------|-------|---------|
| 51 China Hong Kong | USA         | 20 73 | 3 - 25  |
| 52 Reunion         | New Zealand | 29 67 | 6 - 24  |
| 53 San Marino      | Mexico      | 0 78  | 0 - 25  |
| 54 Indonesia       | Austria     | 36 39 | 14 - 16 |
| 55 Netherlands     | India       | 37 12 | 21 - 9  |
| 56 Israel          | Japan       | 26 36 | 13 - 17 |
| 57 Denmark         | Ireland     | 49 42 | 16 - 14 |
| 58 Chile           | Bye         | 0 0   | 18 - 0  |

### GROUP F

| Match          |                 | IMP's   | VP's    |
|----------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| 51 Indonesia   | USA             | 26 - 54 | 8 - 22  |
| 52 Austria     | Denmark         | 49 - 31 | 19 - 11 |
| 53 Ireland     | Israel          | 37 - 22 | 18 - 12 |
| 54 Japan       | Netherlands     | 32 - 22 | 17 - 13 |
| 55 New Zealand | China Hong Kong | 27 - 22 | 16 - 14 |
| 56 Chile       | San Marino      | 54 - 30 | 21 - 9  |
| 57 Mexico      | Reunion         | 59 - 38 | 20 - 10 |
| 58 India       | Bye             | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

## SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

### GROUP H

| Match              |          | IMP's | VP's  |
|--------------------|----------|-------|-------|
| 71 France          | Brazil   | 28 15 | 18 12 |
| 72 Australia       | Canada   | 20 17 | 16 14 |
| 73 India           | Belgium  | 17 26 | 13 17 |
| 74 China Hong Kong | Turkey   | 21 29 | 13 17 |
| 75 Singapore       | Israel   | 36 45 | 13 17 |
| 76 Egypt           | England  | 35 43 | 13 17 |
| 77 Morocco         | Germany  | 16 23 | 14 16 |
| 78 South Africa    | Scotland | 60 20 | 24 6  |
| 9 Indonesia        | Bye      | 0 0   | 18 0  |

### GROUP I

| Match             |             | IMP's | VP's  |
|-------------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| 81 USA            | Japan       | 10 34 | 9 21  |
| 82 Pakistan       | Argentina   | 13 59 | 5 25  |
| 83 Guadeloupe     | Spain       | 30 17 | 18 12 |
| 84 Chinese Taipei | Hungary     | 38 44 | 14 16 |
| 85 New Zealand    | Sweden      | 21 49 | 8 22  |
| 86 Kenya          | Italy       | 36 45 | 13 17 |
| 87 Reunion        | Netherlands | 21 31 | 13 17 |
| 88 Ireland        | Denmark     | 8 36  | 8 22  |
| 89 Poland         | Bye         | 0 0   | 18 0  |

### GROUP H

| Match        |                 | IMP's   | VP's    |
|--------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| 71 Canada    | Brazil          | 38 - 36 | 15 - 15 |
| 72 Indonesia | South Africa    | 55 - 14 | 24 - 6  |
| 73 Scotland  | Morocco         | 55 - 13 | 25 - 5  |
| 74 Germany   | Egypt           | 71 - 28 | 25 - 5  |
| 75 England   | Singapore       | 11 - 45 | 7 - 23  |
| 76 Israel    | China Hong Kong | 43 - 49 | 14 - 16 |
| 77 Turkey    | India           | 22 - 39 | 11 - 19 |
| 78 Belgium   | Australia       | 15 - 24 | 13 - 17 |
| 79 France    | Bye             | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

### GROUP I

| Match          |                | IMP's   | VP's    |
|----------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 81 Argentina   | Japan          | 29 - 55 | 9 - 21  |
| 82 Poland      | Ireland        | 42 - 31 | 17 - 13 |
| 83 Denmark     | Reunion        | 56 - 15 | 24 - 6  |
| 84 Netherlands | Kenya          | 42 - 31 | 17 - 13 |
| 85 Italy       | New Zealand    | 51 - 3  | 25 - 4  |
| 86 Sweden      | Chinese Taipei | 25 - 24 | 15 - 15 |
| 87 Hungary     | Guadeloupe     | 55 - 40 | 18 - 12 |
| 88 Spain       | Pakistan       | 40 - 42 | 15 - 15 |
| 89 USA         | Bye            | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

### GROUP H

| Match              |              | IMP's   | VP's    |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| 71 Turkey          | France       | 35 - 36 | 15 - 15 |
| 72 Belgium         | Israel       | 38 - 38 | 15 - 15 |
| 73 Canada          | England      | 25 - 35 | 13 - 17 |
| 74 Brazil          | Germany      | 22 - 75 | 3 - 25  |
| 75 Australia       | Scotland     | 26 - 28 | 15 - 15 |
| 76 India           | Indonesia    | 25 - 47 | 10 - 20 |
| 77 Egypt           | Morocco      | 68 - 34 | 23 - 7  |
| 78 Singapore       | South Africa | 66 - 12 | 25 - 3  |
| 79 China Hong Kong | Bye          | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

### GROUP I

| Match             |             | IMP's   | VP's    |
|-------------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| 81 Hungary        | USA         | 33 - 37 | 14 - 16 |
| 82 Spain          | Sweden      | 20 - 37 | 11 - 19 |
| 83 Argentina      | Italy       | 36 - 23 | 18 - 12 |
| 84 Japan          | Netherlands | 21 - 49 | 8 - 22  |
| 85 Pakistan       | Denmark     | 38 - 26 | 18 - 12 |
| 86 Guadeloupe     | Poland      | 40 - 24 | 19 - 11 |
| 87 Kenya          | Reunion     | 16 - 25 | 13 - 17 |
| 88 New Zealand    | Ireland     | 25 - 47 | 10 - 20 |
| 89 Chinese Taipei | Bye         | 0 - 0   | 18 - 0  |

## OPEN TEAMS – Ranking after 15 rounds

| GROUP A         |       | GROUP B            |     | GROUP C          |     | GROUP D       |       |
|-----------------|-------|--------------------|-----|------------------|-----|---------------|-------|
| 1 Germany       | 297   | 1 USA              | 290 | 1 Italy          | 314 | 1 Monaco      | 319   |
| 2 Denmark       | 270   | 2 France           | 286 | 2 Russia         | 303 | 2 Israel      | 290   |
| 3 India         | 266   | 3 Poland           | 278 | 3 Sweden         | 275 | 3 Norway      | 275   |
| 4 Netherlands   | 261   | 4 Ireland          | 258 | 4 Canada         | 265 | 4 Turkey      | 271   |
| 5 Spain         | 259   | 5 Austria          | 243 | 5 Argentina      | 258 | 5 China       | 257   |
| 6 Belgium       | 257   | 6 Brazil           | 235 | 6 Romania        | 248 | 6 Iceland     | 256   |
| 7 Switzerland   | 226   | 7 Estonia          | 233 | 7 South Africa   | 229 | 7 Japan       | 247   |
| 8 Egypt         | 223   | 8 Ukraine          | 230 | 8 Thailand       | 220 | 8 Finland     | 232   |
| 9 England       | 214   | 9 Chinese Taipei   | 223 | 9 Singapore      | 217 | 9 Greece      | 228   |
| 10 Guadeloupe   | 212.5 | 10 New Zealand     | 219 | 10 Morocco       | 207 | 10 Australia  | 213.5 |
| 11 Bosnia Hrzna | 211.5 | 11 Portugal        | 193 | 11 Slovakia      | 206 | 11 Latvia     | 192.5 |
| 12 Mexico       | 202.7 | 12 China Hong Kong | 192 | 12 Scotland      | 179 | 12 Venezuela  | 168   |
| 13 Jordan       | 193.3 | 13 San Marino      | 182 | 13 Trinidad Tbgo | 149 | 13 Costa Rica | 146   |
| 14 Chile        | 167   | 14 Pakistan        | 173 | 14 Kenya         | 146 | 14 Botswana   | 143   |
| 15 Korea        | 129   | 15 Bangladesh      | 160 | 15 Bermuda       | 137 | 15 Reunion    | 119   |

## WOMEN'S TEAMS – Ranking

| GROUP E (after 13 rounds) |     | GROUP F (after 15 rounds) |       | GROUP G (after 13 rounds) |       |
|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| 1 Russia                  | 275 | 1 Netherlands             | 289   | 1 Sweden                  | 269   |
| 2 Scotland                | 239 | 2 USA                     | 277   | 2 Brazil                  | 244   |
| 3 Turkey                  | 235 | 3 Austria                 | 264   | 3 China                   | 241   |
| 4 England                 | 222 | 4 Indonesia               | 260   | 4 France                  | 231   |
| 5 Poland                  | 218 | 5 Denmark                 | 252.5 | 5 Italy                   | 223.6 |
| 6 Australia               | 214 | 6 Israel                  | 239.5 | 6 Norway                  | 206   |
| 7 Canada                  | 195 | 7 Japan                   | 237   | 7 Germany                 | 191   |
| 8 Chinese Taipei          | 189 | 8 New Zealand             | 234   | 8 South Africa            | 180   |
| 9 Egypt                   | 181 | 9 India                   | 228   | 9 Venezuela               | 162   |
| 10 Spain                  | 178 | 10 Chile                  | 224   | 10 Morocco                | 155.4 |
| 11 Argentina              | 165 | 11 China Hong Kong        | 222   | 11 Lebanon                | 155   |
| 12 Jordan                 | 134 | 12 Ireland                | 198.5 | 12 Philippines            | 154   |
| 13 Kenya                  | 132 | 13 Mexico                 | 167   | 13 Palestine              | 148   |
| 14 Guadeloupe             | 113 | 14 San Marino             | 145.5 | 14 Pakistan               | 145   |
|                           |     | 15 Reunion                | 142   |                           |       |

## SENIOR TEAMS – Ranking after 15 rounds

| GROUP H           |     | GROUP I          |       |
|-------------------|-----|------------------|-------|
| 1 France          | 277 | 10 Turkey        | 228   |
| 2 Indonesia       | 264 | 11 India         | 226.5 |
| 3 England         | 261 | 12 Scotland      | 207   |
| Germany           | 261 | 13 Belgium       | 200   |
| 5 Israel          | 254 | 14 Egypt         | 198   |
| 6 Australia       | 241 | 15 Brazil        | 185.5 |
| 7 Singapore       | 233 | 16 South Africa  | 185   |
| 8 China Hong Kong | 232 | 17 Morocco       | 166   |
| 9 Canada          | 231 |                  |       |
|                   |     | 1 Denmark        | 278   |
|                   |     | 2 Hungary        | 272   |
|                   |     | 3 Sweden         | 262   |
|                   |     | 4 Italy          | 254   |
|                   |     | 5 Japan          | 252   |
|                   |     | Poland           | 252   |
|                   |     | USA              | 252   |
|                   |     | 8 New Zealand    | 235   |
|                   |     | 9 Chinese Taipei | 232.5 |
|                   |     | 10 Netherlands   | 231   |
|                   |     | 11 Pakistan      | 220   |
|                   |     | 12 Argentina     | 215   |
|                   |     | 13 Ireland       | 206   |
|                   |     | 14 Guadeloupe    | 205   |
|                   |     | 15 Spain         | 191   |
|                   |     | 16 Reunion       | 151   |
|                   |     | 17 Kenya         | 122   |

## For all women bridge players

The WBF Women's Committee announces these on-line activities:

### Women's Online Bridge Festival

We are delighted to announce that the Women's On-line Bridge Festival will now be held twice a year, in the Spring and Autumn.

The next one will be from 22nd – 28th October 2012. Additional special prizes are being arranged for this enjoyable and attractive event. WBF online master points will also be awarded.

**Online Daily Tournaments** will start again on 29th October, immediately after the Festival.

### 2013 WBF Women's Bridge Festival

The 2013 WBF Women's Festival, which is open to women bridge players from all over the world, will be held during October in Berlin, Germany. Full information will be available in due course.

### Mailing list for more information

If you would like to be added to the mailing list for more information about Women's Bridge please go to : <http://www.ecatsbridge.com/newsletters.asp> or email [anna@ecats.co.uk](mailto:anna@ecats.co.uk)



### Lost iPhone

Please, contact Mats Axdorff, captain of the Swedish Open Team. +46703004580.

## Playing Well and Guessing Better

by Phillip Alder

When a contract requires good guesswork to get home, it can also be the case that finding the best line is important.

This deal arose in Round 6 (rotated to make South the declarer).

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



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

| West | North  | East     | South   |
|------|--------|----------|---------|
| Pass | 1♦ (b) | Pass     | 1♣ (a)  |
| Pass | 3NT    | All Pass | INT (c) |

(a) 16-plus points

(b) 0-7

(c) 17-18

West leads an attitude ♠2 and East plays the eight. You win with your jack and play a diamond: jack, queen, six. How would you continue?

Answer on page 12.

## Registration for the Transnational Mixed Teams Championship

With the conclusion of play in the National Teams (Open, Women and Senior series), registration for the Transnational Mixed Teams Championship will be available to eliminated players.

As usual, registration can **only** be made on line through the WBF website (go to the Lille microsite, click 'Registration', then 'Transnational Mixed Teams'). The system is accessible from any computer, tablet or smartphone connected to Internet. Registration can be done at any time after the end of the round robin; players are encouraged to enter as soon as they have made their plans in order to facilitate the work of the organizers.

Only players already enrolled in the WBF database may be registered. If there is any player who wishes to play in the Transnational Mixed Teams Championship and is not already in the WBF database, he/she should apply for enrollment at once. The relevant form which needs to be filled out is available at <http://www.worldbridge.org/WBFRegistrationForm.asp>. Once the form is filled out and submitted, enrollment will be concluded as soon as possible.

Panos Gerontopoulos  
Communications Manager

## Jam Yesterday

by Barry Rigal

Ana Roth & Fernando Lema referred yesterday to a deal where 6♦ had been played and generally made, but one variation that came up produced a particularly interesting problem for declarer.

Board 9: Dealer North, None Vulnerable.

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

Reaching 6♦ is far from easy, but after a start such as 1♦-1♠-3♦-3♥-4♣ West might reasonably take a shot at slam. Although the majority of declarers who played 6♦ made it, many were treated to a low heart lead, and had no choice but to run it to their queen. Others received a trump lead and spade shift, so had no problems. But let's say South leads a low club; what next?

It looks natural to get the women and children off the street as fast as possible. To protect against 4-0 trump breaks you need to lead towards the ♦KQ rather than starting with the ♦J. When North wins and shifts to a heart you suddenly have a problem. Did you notice that a heart shift was going to jeopardize your entries? (Don't worry if you didn't – there was nothing you could have done any different). You might as well put up the ♥Q now more in hope than expectation – you won't get any value out of your queen, if you don't.

When South covers you take your ♥A and play a trump to the queen. Had trumps split 2-2 you would have been home free, but as it is you need to unblock spades (don't you?) before drawing the last trump. By cashing only two spades you have left the suit temporarily blocked. But to the rescue comes... SUPER-UNBLOCK! (Is it a bird, is it a plane? No!)

Now comes the point of the deal: after drawing the last trump you pitch your ♠Q on the ♣K and have unscrambled the blockage. You now have two homes for your heart losers on the ♠J and on the ♣10.

### Interactive play

You can play this deal with interactive comments at [www.vubridge.com/Lille2012](http://www.vubridge.com/Lille2012)



## Mini Hungarian Rhapsody

This deal has been reported previously, but George Retek, who was watching when it was played, has come up with a twist likely not repeated at any other table. The competitors were Spain and Hungary in the Senior Teams.

The hero was East, Geza Szappanos, who took advantage of two defensive errors.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South    |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| Pass | 1♣    | 1♠   | Pass     |
| 3♠   | Pass  | 4♣   | 2♦       |
|      |       |      | All Pass |

South led the ♦K. Szappanos won and played a heart to dummy's king. North took the ♥A, but instead of cashing his ♥Q, returned a diamond. South won and cashed another diamond. South may have thought that North did not have the ♥Q because he didn't cash it, but that does not explain why South played a fourth round of diamonds (perhaps hoping to promote a trump trick for North?). In any event, Szappanos discarded the remaining heart from dummy as he ruffed in hand.

Two rounds of trumps left declarer in dummy, and he took the club finesse. He then re-entered dummy in spades and continued the suit, reaching this position:

|        |        |       |  |
|--------|--------|-------|--|
|        | ♠ —    |       |  |
|        | ♥ Q    |       |  |
|        | ♦ —    |       |  |
|        | ♣ K J  |       |  |
| ♠ J    | N      | ♠ —   |  |
| ♥ —    | W      | ♥ J   |  |
| ♦ —    | E      | ♦ —   |  |
| ♣ 10 7 | S      | ♣ A 2 |  |
|        | ♠ —    |       |  |
|        | ♥ 10 8 |       |  |
|        | ♦ —    |       |  |
|        | ♣ 9    |       |  |

On the play of dummy's ♠J, North had to surrender. The contract of 4♠ may have been made at several tables, but this rates to be the most unusual route to 10 tricks.

## Line and Bingo with the same card!!

by Ana Roth and Fernando Lema

A **puzzle** is a problem or enigma that tests the ingenuity of the solver. In a basic puzzle, one is intended to put together pieces in a logical way in order to come up with the desired solution. Solutions to puzzles may require recognizing patterns and creating a particular order. Today, on board 18 Alfredo Versace was faced with a far from trivial puzzle... most of us thought he was not going to be able to solve it... but Alfredo once again showed us all how wrong we were...

Board #18 Dealer East, N/S Vul

|  |  |   |         |   |   |   |
|--|--|---|---------|---|---|---|
| <p>♠ 10 8 6 4 3 2<br/>♥ 9<br/>♦ A K 10 4<br/>♣ 5 3</p> | <div style="background-color: #336633; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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> </div> | N | W     E | S | <p>♠ 7 5<br/>♥ K Q 10 8 7 5<br/>♦ Q 2<br/>♣ Q J 4</p> | <p>♠ A Q J 9<br/>♥ 4 2<br/>♦ J 8 6<br/>♣ 10 9 7 6</p> |
| N  |  |   |         |   |   |   |
| W     E  |  |   |         |   |   |   |
| S  |  |   |         |   |   |   |
| <p>♠ K<br/>♥ A J 6 3<br/>♦ 9 7 5 3<br/>♣ A K 8 2</p>   |  |   |         |   |   |   |

| West     | North | East    | South   |
|----------|-------|---------|---------|
| Versace  | Gower | Zaleski | Apteker |
| 1♠       | 2♥*   | Pass    | 1♦      |
| 4♠       | Pass  | 3♠      | 4♥      |
| All Pass |       | Pass    | Double  |

\*forcing  
Lead: ♥K

Declarer lost the first trick (South played the ♥3), and ruffed the second round of hearts (North played the ♥10 and South the ♥A). He had two inevitable club losers...so he couldn't afford to lose a diamond or a spade. Alfredo needed more information and he went out to look for it. He started by playing a club, which North won with his jack. The first moment of truth arrived very soon, when Gower played back the ♠7 (hiding his ♠5). As Apteker had opened the bidding and the double located the king of spades with some certainty in his hands, Versace decided to play the ♠A. "LINE!!" First problem solved, and now Alfredo went on looking for more information by playing another club. South won this with his ♣K and played the ♦7. Versace won the trick with the ♦A, Gower played the ♦2. Alfredo played a spade to the ♠Q (Apteker pitching the ♥6), and returned to his hand via a club ruff, North played the ♣Q.

What did North have for a forcing 2♥ bid?, he had shown ♥KQ and ♣QJJ? It seemed that he needed ♦Q for his forcing overcall, If this was the position he needed a 2-6-2-3 distribution with originally ♦Qx. So his next card was the

♦K. "BINGO!!!" and claimed 10 tricks.

I like to play bingo, but I never witnessed a person who earned line and bingo with the same card. No doubt there is always a first time for everything...

In the other Room Sementa-Duboin for Italy bid hearts to the 5 level and their opponents chose to play 5♠. Sementa doubled: 3 down, 500 + 590 = 14 IMPs.

NB: We sent this article to Alfredo and he added via text: Ok nice, ty, just to say that I have no communication to ruff the last club but if he had 2=6=1=4, he would have led a diamond after his partner opened 1♦! ty again night.

TY to you Alfredo.

### Olympic Update

by Herman De Wael

Let's have a look at the total number of medals won. Michael Phelps has shattered all records, by winning six more medals, bringing his total to 22 (18 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze). Ryan Lochte won five medals to bring his total to 11. Valentina Vezzali and Leisel Jones now have nine medals, and Katalin Kovács eight. Chris Hoy and Bradley Wiggins epitomize British cycling, and have seven medals each. So does Japanese swimmer Kosuke Kitajime. Usain Bolt now has six medals, all golds, and this clearly illustrates that a mere count of medals does not fully appreciate the worth of an athlete.

Which is why I keep a list of performance points. In this list, a gold medal in an individual event is worth 9600 points, in a doubles event 8000, a team sport 3200 and a team event for an individual sport (or a relay) 1600. Individual events in sports where more than one distance is contested are worth only 6400 points. Silver medals are awarded 60% of these values, bronzes 60% of silvers, fourth places 60% of bronze, and so on. If an athlete has a long career, he gets bonus points. Whenever he manages a top-six placing eight years apart, a bonus is added. That bonus can be of 100% if three gold medals are won.

The top-2500 of this list can be found on my website ([www.hdw.be/olymp/](http://www.hdw.be/olymp/)), but this is the top-10, updated after London (bold type indicates participation in London 2012):

- (150974) Michael Phelps (USA/SWI/2004-12)**  
(141600) Ray Ewry (USA/ATH/1900-08)  
(103200) Carl Lewis (USA/ATH/1984-96)
- (88800) Ben Ainslie (GBR/SAI/1996-2012)**  
(84863) Paul Elvstrøm (DEN/SAI/1948-60,68-72,84-88)
- (84619) Ralf Schumann (GER/SHO/1988-2012)**  
(81220) Elisabeta Oleniuc-Lipa (ROM/ROW/1984-2004)
- (80600) Birgit Fischer-Schmidt (GER/CAN/1980-2004)
- (78480) Valentina Vezzali (ITA/FEN/1996-2012)**  
(76800) Al Oerter (USA/ATH/1956-68)

## ZIMMERMANN FROM Z TO A

by Jean Paul Meyer

Pierre is 57. He has been married to Christine for 17 years, they have two children – a boy and a girl - who are on very good terms with Pierre's three children from a previous marriage. He plays bridge with French star Franck Multon for Monaco and holds two passports, Swiss and French. He lives partly in Geneva, general manager of a successful real estate company, la régie Zimmermann.

We met him between two (winning) matches for Monaco.

### Daily Bulletin

We met you last year as you were nominated Bridge Personality of the Year; here you are, having just won the European title in Dublin and in a team that is favorite to win the world title next week: Where will you stop?

### Pierre Zimmermann

I would gladly answer "no limit," but here in Lille I think four countries are favored: USA, Italy, Netherlands and Monaco with Germany, Russia and Poland as outsiders.

### DB

Successful in your family life, in your professional career, and now in bridge, is there a Zimmermann method?

### PZ

The motto of my company is *Travail et tempérance sont les meilleurs docteurs de l'homme\** – Jean Jacques Rousseau. It is true for every field, I admit errors from my collaborators and from my bridge teammates. I like action but criticism is not allowed if success is not here. What I like is that all members of our team are friends and accept accidents from the others without a word, knowing the balance will be positive. \* Translation: "Work and moderation are the best doctors for men."

### DB

The late Antoine Bernheim used to say that he preferred to win a bridge tournament than to have a winning deal in business. Do you agree?

### PZ

Real estate business is made of many small deals and losing one is not so important, so I support fully this idea.

### DB

A lot has been written about the creation of the new Monaco team. Please express your opinion on the subject.

### PZ

The "project Monaco" came to life with the important support of Jean-Charles Allavena and the eagerness of Fantoni and Nunes to get to an happy end. They were heavily criticized by some Italian players and Mrs Lavazza, who thought their ranking of first and second in the world was pure luck. They wanted to prove the contrary, and knew they had no international future in Italy. Winning is very important for them – and also for me. For playing, they get moderate fees but large bonus for results. That is my policy in bridge and business.

Monaco's team is the weapon of revenge for the two Italian champions.

### DB

You are member of French Federation, by playing for Monaco with Franck Multon, probably the best French player, are you aware that you have weakened the French team ?

### PZ

The Monaco team is not a final goal for me. I invest a lot in Monaco and organizing bridge in the principality and, with my support, the Cavendish Invitational will be played in Monte Carlo this year. I hope to get agreements to have a European and a world championships there.

I have the full support of the Société des Bains de Mer – this is not the case with casinos in Las Vegas - and had the pleasure and honor to discuss some details in private with Prince Albert. This proves to me that I am working in the right direction.

### DB

You showed recently your support to IMSA. Can you explain?

### PZ

I like the concept. I won a chess title in university in Switzerland in my early age, and I play some Go without much success, but first my support goes to José Damiani, who has done so much for the development of bridge

### DB

How much of your time and money do you invest in bridge?

### PZ

I play bridge 90 days per year. How much it costs me I will not tell you but certainly less than people usually think. Money is now for me a means, not an aim. There is a real pleasure to give!

### DB

Finally, do you wish to add anything ?

### PZ

Yes I wish the European Bridge League to become professional with stronger structure and organizing several European events every year, as the ACBL does in North America. There would be more sponsors if they get the chance to play more tournaments and win more titles.

### DB

Did we just interview the next EBL President?

### PZ

Certainly not, but if a small side chair is available...



He has put Multon's name on his t-shirt:

"So, says Zimmermann, with two Multon, the team is much stronger"

# SENIORS South Africa v France ROUND 12

by Mark Horton

France consolidated its position at the top of Group H in the Seniors with a big win over South Africa. Before we get down to the serious stuff here is what the French might call an *amuse bouche*.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

### Open Room

| West      | North    | East      | South  |
|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|
| Piganeau  | Driver   | Leenhardt | Driver |
| 2♥*       | All Pass | Pass      | INT    |
| 2♥ Spades |          |           |        |

North led the queen of clubs, continued with the jack and then switched to a trump. That was six down, -300.

It was not a case of East forgetting his arrangements - he simply failed to see that his partner had bid.



Jackie Dorfan, South Africa

### Closed Room

| West     | North  | East    | South    |
|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| Dorfan   | Poizat | Vorster | Lasserre |
| 1♠       | 2♥     | Pass    | 1♣       |
| 4♠       | Pass   | 3♠      | 4♥       |
| 5♠       | Pass   | Pass    | 5♥       |
| All Pass |        | Pass    | Dbl      |

North led the queen of clubs, switched to the king of hearts, went back to clubs and then reverted to hearts. Declarer ruffed and took the wrong position in both spades and diamonds to lose 500. That was worth 5 IMPs for France - later adjusted to 1 IMP on technical grounds.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

### Open Room

| West     | North  | East      | South  |
|----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Piganeau | Driver | Leenhardt | Driver |
| Pass     | 1♠     | Pass      | Pass   |
| Pass     | 4♠     | Pass      | 3♠     |
|          |        | All Pass  |        |

Declarer took twelve tricks, +480.

### Closed Room

| West   | North  | East     | South    |
|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| Dorfan | Poizat | Vorster  | Lasserre |
| Pass   | 1♠     | Pass     | Pass     |
| Pass   | 4♣*    | Pass     | 3♥*      |
| Pass   | 4♠     | Pass     | 4♦*      |
| Pass   | 6♠     | Pass     | 5♦*      |
|        |        | All Pass |          |

3♥ 5+♥ and 4♠, limited

An impressive auction to the making slam to hand France 11 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Open Room

| West            | North         | East             | South         |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| <i>Piganeau</i> | <i>Driver</i> | <i>Leenhardt</i> | <i>Driver</i> |
| Pass            | 1♦            | Pass             | 2NT*          |
| Pass            | 3♣            | Pass             | 3NT           |
| All Pass        |               |                  |               |

2NT 12+ balanced, no major

3♣ was presumably some kind of descriptive bid - maybe simply suggesting a minimum and South signed off. West led the four of spades and declarer claimed +490.

Closed Room

| West          | North         | East           | South           |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Dorfan</i> | <i>Poizat</i> | <i>Vorster</i> | <i>Lasserre</i> |
| Pass          | Pass          | pass           | 1♣              |
| Pass          | 1♦            | Pass           | 2NT             |
| Pass          | 3♦            | Pass           | 3♥              |
| Pass          | 4♥            | Pass           | 6♦              |
| All Pass      |               |                |                 |

East led the queen of clubs and declarer claimed 12 tricks and 10 IMPs. Well, not quite, but the BBO operator could not follow the play and could only put in the result.

I was looking for a way to suggest how might declarer have made his contract when Tacchi suggested the use of the word postulate. So, he took dummy's ace of clubs, drew trumps and cashed all his red winners. In the three card ending if West was unwise enough to come down to ♠KJ ♣K or ♠K ♣K8 then declarer would be only have to take a winning view. Not very likely I know, but these things happen.



Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

| West            | North         | East             | South         |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| <i>Piganeau</i> | <i>Driver</i> | <i>Leenhardt</i> | <i>Driver</i> |
|                 | 1♥            | Pass             | 2NT*          |
| 3♣              | Pass          | Pass             | 4♥            |
| All Pass        |               |                  |               |

2NT Fit, GF

East led the six of clubs and West won with the ace and switched to the six of spades. Fearful of losing a ruff declarer put up the ace and advanced the queen of hearts, covered by the king and ace. A heart went to the jack and East returned a spade, West winning and playing a third round -the ruff had appeared from the opposite direction - +50.

In the Closed Room declarer made no mistake, +450 and 11 IMPs to France.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



Open Room

| West            | North         | East             | South         |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| <i>Piganeau</i> | <i>Driver</i> | <i>Leenhardt</i> | <i>Driver</i> |
|                 |               |                  | 1♦            |
| Pass            | 1♠            | Pass             | 2♦            |
| Pass            | 3NT           | All Pass         |               |

East led the five of hearts and West took the ace and returned the three for the jack and queen, declarer discard-

ing the five of spades from dummy. East continued with the two of hearts to the king as the five of spades was discarded from dummy. Declarer unblocked the king of diamonds, crossed to dummy with a spade and took the top diamonds, East discarding the five of clubs. A spade to the king was followed by a club to the king was followed by a club to the jack and that was two down, -100.

**Closed Room**

| West   | North  | East     | South    |
|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| Dorfan | Poizat | Vorster  | Lasserre |
| Pass   | 1♠     | Pass     | 1♦       |
| Pass   | 2♥*    | Pass     | 2♦       |
| Pass   | 4♠     | All Pass | 3♠       |

East led the two of hearts and West won and switched to a club. Declarer took East's queen with the king, cashed the ace of spades, played a spade to the king, unblocked the king of diamonds and ruffed the jack of hearts. The ace of diamonds took care of declarer's losing club so that was +450 and another 11 IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

| West     | North  | East      | South  |
|----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Piganeau | Driver | Leenhardt | Driver |
|          | 1♠     | Pass      | INT    |
| 2♥       | 3♠     | All Pass  |        |

A bad miss - declarer took ten tricks for +170.

**Closed Room**

| West     | North  | East    | South    |
|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| Dorfan   | Poizat | Vorster | Lasserre |
|          | 2♣*    | Pass    | 2♦*      |
| 2♥       | 3♠*    | Pass    | 4♠       |
| All Pass |        |         |          |
| 3♠       | Acol   |         |          |

East led the four of hearts and West won with the seven and continued with the king. Declarer ruffed with the nine of spades, drew trumps and advanced the jack of clubs, cov-

ered by the king and ace. A diamond saw West follow with the jack and declarer claimed +650. Those 10 IMPs completed the rout, 58-24.

**Playing Well and Guessing Better Answer**

This was the full deal:

Board 28. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

Many declarers in 3NT immediately played on diamonds, but the East players ducked two rounds.

Then, realizing that they needed to develop some club tricks, they played that suit from the dummy. However, East players took the trick, cashed their ♦A and returned their last spade to defeat the contract. Even if declarer won, cashed the last high spade and played three rounds of hearts, East could return a low club, ending play declarer to lead away from the ♣Q10. The declarers lost on heart, one diamond and three clubs.

Lynn Deas, one of the strongest women players on the planet, assumed a defender had ace-third of diamonds. And if so, Deas had to work for three spades, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. Also, if she did not immediately play a second diamond, she would have two dummy entries for club plays.

So, after taking the second trick in the dummy, Deas called for the ♣8. East won with her ace and returned her last spade. South took the trick and played a second diamond, which East had to duck.

Now came another club, East playing low. Deas, who has excellent table presence, made the winning play, putting in her ten. (If West had had the jack, she would have had to win with her queen.) South cashed her ♥A, then played her last diamond. East won and would have done best to exit with two rounds of clubs. But she returned a low heart, which Deas ran to dummy's jack. She then claimed the last four tricks with three diamonds and the heart king -- 11 tricks made and a gain of 11 IMPs when the declarer at the other table played a second diamond at trick three, failing as described above.

Deas was one of several successful declarers in this contract. Eric Rodwell played it virtually the same way.

## Tricky trump trivia

by Barry Rigal

It is surprising how many ways you can utilize trumps. In today's deal from the match between Switzerland and Netherlands the opportunity for an elegant and unusual trump play presented itself.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

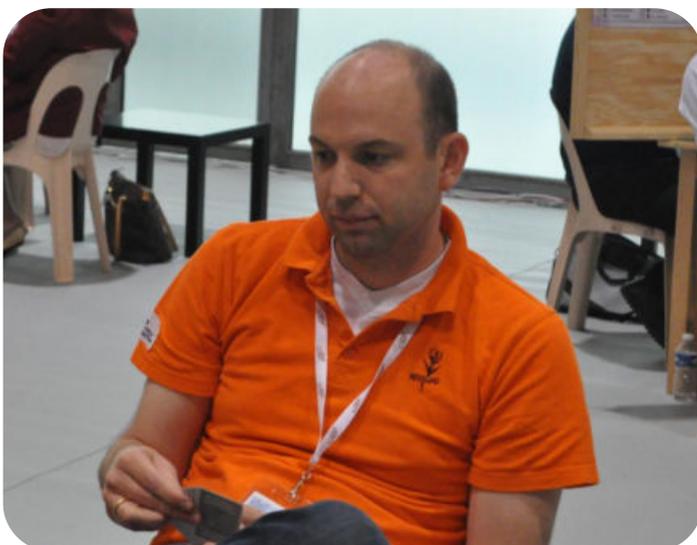
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| <p>♠ A 7<br/>♥ A J 9 7 6<br/>♦ 9 5 3<br/>♣ K 3 2</p> | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td>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

### Open Room

| West    | North     | East   | South    |
|---------|-----------|--------|----------|
| De Wijs | Wildavsky | Muller | Piedra   |
| 1♥      | Dbl.      | 2♦*    | Pass     |
| 2♥      | Pass      | 3♥     | Pass     |
| 3NT     | Pass      | 4♥     | All Pass |

\* Heart raise typically 9-11

In the other room the Swiss had been allowed to play INTx by West on the friendly lead of the ♠J. Declarer had run his spades and hearts after giving up a trick to the ♥K and had made ten tricks for the unusual score of +480. So if De Wijs could make his ambitious game he would essentially flatten the board.



Simon de Wijs, The Netherlands

Wildavsky also led a spade but he selected the more effective small spade (the third and low ♠5). De Wijs could have played him for the jack-ten by putting up the nine, but he made the right theoretical play when he ducked in dummy, playing North for the jack or ten without the eight. When the first trick did not work out the way declarer wanted, he crossed to dummy with a spade; when North followed low he rose with the king and lost the ♥Q to North's king. The winning defence is almost impossible to find: when Wildavsky continued with his small heart declarer might have been able to find the winning line – based on the reasonable assumption that North had a 4-2-3-4 or 4-3 pattern with the three top clubs.

You need to ruff out the spades, preserving a trump as an entry to the board, and run the spades while leaving the ♦A in place. This may not be sufficient, but it certainly appears necessary!

So let's try it. Win the ♥8, ruff a spade high, cross back to the ♥10, and run two more spades pitching diamonds. Have you worked out the five-card ending?

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

Since you need three tricks from the ending and have only a trump and a club winner, you need to make something of the clubs. How can you do that?

When you lead the last spade and pitch a diamond, North is caught in an unusual position. (Yes he might have done better to come down to a doubleton ♦K at the previous trick and now to discard a deceptive ♣J!). Assuming North has reduced to three clubs and two diamonds, you need him to have started life with ♠A-Q-J. Now if he discards a diamond you play the ♦A and ruff a diamond, then lead a low club from hand to endplay North in clubs. If he pitches a club honour, you duck a club, win the diamond return, and duck a second club to bring down the ace.

Just for the record a diamond shift by Wildavsky when in with the ♥K breaks up the tension of the ending as North can simply keep two clubs and diamond winners and force declarer at every turn.

### Interactive play

You can play this deal with interactive comments at [www.vubridge.com/London2012](http://www.vubridge.com/London2012)

## Dangerous Actions

by Micke Melander

Pakistani seniors Javid Khalid and Saeed Akhtar weren't too happy after they had played board 18 against Sweden in Round 12. Their actions cost 15 IMPs on a single deal.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

|  |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
| <p>♠ 10 8 6 4 3 2<br/>♥ 9<br/>♦ A K 10 4<br/>♣ 5 3</p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W      E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div> | <p>♠ 7 5<br/>♥ K Q 10 8 7 5<br/>♦ Q 2<br/>♣ Q J 4</p> | <p>♠ A Q J 9<br/>♥ 4 2<br/>♦ J 8 6<br/>♣ 10 9 7 6</p> |
|  | <p>♠ K<br/>♥ A J 6 3<br/>♦ 9 7 5 3<br/>♣ A K 8 2</p>  |   |   |

### Open Room

| West           | North         | East                   | South        |
|----------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Ashar<br>Hamid | Leif<br>Trapp | Shauq Mirza<br>Hussein | Olle<br>Axne |
| Pass           | 2NT*          | Pass                   | 1♥           |
| All Pass       |               | Pass                   | 4♥           |

### Closed Room

| West             | North           | East                   | South           |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Anders<br>Morath | Javid<br>Khalid | Sven-Åke<br>Bjerregård | Saeed<br>Akhtar |
| 2♠*              | 3♥              | Pass                   | 1♣              |
| 4♠               | Pass            | 3♠                     | 4♥              |
| All Pass         |                 | Pass                   | DbI             |

In the Open Room Trapp-Axne played a cold 4♥ which was reached after a Jacoby 2NT sequence. Axne had no problem scoring the ten tricks he needed to make the contract after the king of diamonds lead.

Far more action took place in the Closed Room where Anders Morath finally got to play 4♠ doubled in the other direction for the Swedes.

Khalid led the queen of clubs which won the trick. The king of hearts and the jack of clubs followed. South overtook the jack and tried to cash the ace of hearts.

Morath ruffed and started to think about how to solve the trump guess. He knew from the bidding that South's double was made after a great hesitation. That was enough for declarer to play a trump to dummy's ace, bringing down the singleton king from South.

With the trumps cleared Morath ruffed a club from dummy and when he saw that North had a third club he automatically had the complete count of the board and therefore knew that South held 1-4-4-4.

Declarer played a trump to dummy and called for the jack of diamonds, South followed low and again the old thesis 'if they don't cover they don't have it' worked, since Morath played ace and king of diamonds, dropping the queen from North.

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## Good Luck, partner!

by Micke Melander

Being vulnerable against not you get to be declarer in 3NT doubled, North kicks off with the king of clubs. Things looks quite okay but your communications between hands have been better.

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

There was a lot of action in the bidding, and you can be quite sure that suits probably aren't breaking that well. The good news is that you 'only' need nine tricks. If you plan on ducking a couple of clubs, what do you discard and how would you plan your play when the bidding went as follows:

| West       | North   | East    | South |
|------------|---------|---------|-------|
| Zmudzinski | Cornell | Balicki | Bach  |
|            |         | 1♦      | Pass  |
| 1♠         | 2♥      | Pass    | Pass  |
| Dbl        | 3♣      | Dbl     | Pass  |
| 3♥         | Pass    | 3♠      | Pass  |
| 3NT        | Pass    | Pass    | Dbl   |
| All Pass   |         |         |       |

Balicki suggested defending against 3♣ when he doubled that bid, and was probably not sure if they could do better by playing in 3NT or defending. It was probably with many misgivings he said 'good luck, partner' as he put his cards down as dummy on the table.

Zmudzinski played almost double-dummy. By counting tricks you know that if the queen of spades is located with South you have three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and a club. But your communications are really bad... Zmudzinski won the third round of clubs discarding two hearts and a spade from hand.

The full lay-out was:

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

|             |  |  |
|-------------|--|--|
| ♠ Q 10 8 6  |  |  |
| ♥ 5         |  |  |
| ♦ K 9 6 5 4 |  |  |
| ♣ J 9 7     |  |  |

Declarer now continued with a heart to the ace and placed the queen of diamonds on the table, North discarded a heart, the two from dummy and South won the trick with the king. Bach as South now returned the six of spades which went to the seven, nine and dummy's king.

That removed the last entry to dummy and declarer couldn't afford to overtake his diamonds and therefore needed to find an endplay to be able to collect his tricks. Declarer continued with a spade to the jack which held the trick, cashed the ace of spades and the ace of hearts leaving:

|        |   |           |
|--------|---|-----------|
| ♠ —    | N | ♠ —       |
| ♥ Q 10 | W | ♥ —       |
| ♦ —    | E | ♦ A 8 7 3 |
| ♣ Q 10 | S | ♣ —       |

|        |  |  |
|--------|--|--|
| ♠ 5    |  |  |
| ♥ J    |  |  |
| ♦ J 10 |  |  |
| ♣ —    |  |  |

|         |  |  |
|---------|--|--|
| ♠ Q     |  |  |
| ♥ —     |  |  |
| ♦ 9 6 5 |  |  |
| ♣ —     |  |  |

Zmudzinski played his two established diamonds in hand and exited with the five of spades at which point Bach had to win and play a diamond to dummy for declarer's ninth trick.

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*Patrick Jourdain, IBPA President*

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**OPEN** **Monaco v Norway** **ROUND 11**

**Familiar faces**

by Brent Manley

When Monaco and Norway sat down to play in the 11th round of the Open Teams round robin, Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness might have felt like they were playing a friendly match back home – former home, that is. The two Norwegians are official residents of Monaco now, key members of the Pierre Zimmermann squad.

In the end, it was a satisfying result for the homeland – Norway, that is.

After a quiet first board, Monaco struck the first blow.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

| West            | North          | East              | South        |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <i>Charlsen</i> | <i>Fantoni</i> | <i>Hoftaniska</i> | <i>Nunes</i> |
| 2♠              | 3♠             | 1♥                | 1♠           |
| 5♥              | Pass           | 4♦                | 4♣           |
| All Pass        |                | Pass              | Dbl          |

| West           | North       | East           | South            |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Helgemo</i> | <i>Berg</i> | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Svendsten</i> |
| 3♠             | Pass        | 1♥             | 1♠               |
|                |             | 4♥             | All Pass         |

Looking at all four hands, it's obvious that 4♠ can be defeated with a diamond ruff by West. Whether Thomas Charlsen would have gone after a ruff with a singleton trump will never be known because he bid on to 5♥, which was doubled by Claudio Nunes. Thor Erik Hoftaniska could not avoid losing to the three aces, so he was one down for minus 100, an 11-IMP loss when Helness was left to play in 4♥, just making.

Norway struck back on the next board.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

| West            | North          | East              | South        |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <i>Charlsen</i> | <i>Fantoni</i> | <i>Hoftaniska</i> | <i>Nunes</i> |
| Pass            | 1♣             | Pass              | 1♠           |
| Pass            | INT            | Pass              | 3NT          |
| All Pass        |                |                   |              |

Against Fulvio Fantoni's 3NT contract, Hoftaniska started with the ♠10, taken by dummy's ace. A club went to the king and ace, and a spade was returned. Fantoni ducked, but the spade suit was cleared on the next trick, and when clubs proved to be 3-1, the contract was doomed. East-West took two spades, two clubs and the ♥A for plus 50.

The contract was played from the South side at the other table.

| West           | North       | East           | South            |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Helgemo</i> | <i>Berg</i> | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Svendsten</i> |
| Pass           | 2♦          | Pass           | INT              |
| Pass           | 3♦          | Pass           | 3♣               |
| Pass           | 3NT         | All Pass       | 3♠               |



An all-Norway table

Geir Helgemo started with a low heart, and Odin Svendsen made the fine play of going up with dummy's king. He was now a tempo ahead. He played a diamond to his hand and played a club up. The ♣K lost to the ace and a spade was returned, but Svendsen could win and continue playing on clubs. He took three clubs, three diamonds, one heart and two spades for plus 400 and 10 IMPs.

Monaco was ahead 13-11 on 2 overtrick IMPs when this deal came along.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

|                 |                |                   |              |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b>     | <b>North</b>   | <b>East</b>       | <b>South</b> |
| <i>Charlsen</i> | <i>Fantoni</i> | <i>Hoftaniska</i> | <i>Nunes</i> |
|                 |                | Pass              | Pass         |
| INT             | Pass           | 2♣                | DbI          |
| Redbl           | Pass           | 2♠                | All Pass     |

Nunes led a low spade, ducked to Fantoni's king. Fantoni played his singleton club to the king. Nunes cashed the ♣A and gave Fantoni a ruff and he exited with a diamond to the king and dummy's ace. Hoftaniska cashed the ♠A, finding out that he still had a trump loser, but he followed with the ♣Q and ♦Q, pitching hearts, and when Nunes followed with the ♦J, Hoftaniska cashed the ♥A and continued with the ♦10, discarding his last heart. Nunes ruffed, but that was it for the defense – plus 110.

|                |              |                |                 |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>West</b>    | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b>    | <b>South</b>    |
| <i>Helgemo</i> | <i>Berg</i>  | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Svendsen</i> |
|                |              | Pass           | 1♣              |
| INT            | Pass         | 2♣             | DbI             |
| Redbl          | 2♦           | 2♠             | Pass            |
| 3♥             | All Pass     |                |                 |

Jan Tore Berg led the ♦2 to the king and ace. Helgemo played the ♥A at trick two, ruffed his ♦10 in dummy and played a club. Svendsen took the ♣K and played a heart to his partner. Berg cashed his other high heart and got out with a diamond to Helgemo's queen. Helgemo ended up losing two clubs, two hearts and a spade for minus 50. Norway had taken the lead 16-13.

On the following board, Helness showed his prowess as declarer to engineer a swing for Monaco – and had Hoftaniska played the same way, the swing would have been in Norway's favor.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

|                |              |                |                 |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>West</b>    | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b>    | <b>South</b>    |
| <i>Helgemo</i> | <i>Berg</i>  | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Svendsen</i> |
| Pass           | 3♥           | 3♠             | All Pass        |

Svendsen started with the ♥J, taken in dummy with the queen. A spade to the queen held the trick, and a heart to the ace was followed by another spade to the jack. When Svendsen showed out, Helness had to play just right to get to nine tricks. He played the ♣K to South's ace, winning the club continuation with the queen. Helness exited with a club to Berg's 10. A low diamond came back, Helness winning the king. He then played the ♦9 to South's 10, and a third round of diamonds put North on lead in this end position:

|                            |   |                            |                               |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ♠ 7<br>♥ –<br>♦ –<br>♣ 8 7 |  | ♠ K 9<br>♥ 9<br>♦ –<br>♣ – | ♠ A 10 5<br>♥ –<br>♦ –<br>♣ – |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|

A spade return would allow Helness to finesse again and claim, so Berg exited with his heart. Helness ruffed with the 5 and overruffed with dummy's 7, leaving the lead in dummy for the trump coup. Well played indeed.

|                 |                |                   |              |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b>     | <b>North</b>   | <b>East</b>       | <b>South</b> |
| <i>Charlsen</i> | <i>Fantoni</i> | <i>Hoftaniska</i> | <i>Nunes</i> |
| Pass            | Pass           | DbI               | 2♥           |
| 2NT             | Pass           | 3♠                | Pass         |
| 4♠              | DbI            | All Pass          | Pass         |

Nunes would have given declarer no play for 10 tricks with a heart lead, but his lead of the ♥J – and Fantoni's play of the ace – gave Hoftaniska the chance to duplicate the

play at the other table for one more trick and plus 590. After Fantoni took the  $\diamond A$  and continued with the  $\clubsuit J$ , Hof-taniska could have won the second round of clubs, played a heart to dummy's queen, taken the spade finesse, re-turned to dummy with the  $\heartsuit A$  and taken a second spade finesse. When South discarded, Hof-taniska could then have cashed his two diamonds and exited with his club, leaving Fantoni in the same position as Berg – forced to play spades or facilitate the trump coup with a heart return. In- stead, Hof-taniska conceded one down by cashing the  $\spadesuit A$  and continuing with the queen to Fantoni's king. It was a 6- IMP swing to Monaco instead of a 10-IMP swing to Nor- way.

Even after the opening lead, Fantoni could have assured defeat of the contract by playing low on the  $\diamond J$ . With only two entries to dummy, declarer would have been able to take two spade finesses but would have ended up losing two tricks in each minor for down one so long as he man- aged the trump coup at the end.

Monaco had regained the lead 19-16.

Norway went back in front on the next deal when Hel- gemo and Helness went down in a thin  $4\heartsuit$  while Charlsen and Hof-taniska stopped in  $3\heartsuit$  at the other table. It was 21- 19 Norway. The lead expanded on the next deal.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

|   |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| <p><math>\spadesuit</math> K 10 8 7 6<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> J<br/> <math>\diamond</math> A 7 6<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> Q J 9 4</p> | <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 |  | <p><math>\spadesuit</math> Q 9 4 2<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> A 5<br/> <math>\diamond</math> K 8<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> A 8 7 5 2</p> | <p><math>\spadesuit</math> A J 3<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> 9 7 3 2<br/> <math>\diamond</math> 10 9 4<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> K 10 3</p> |
|   | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
| W   |   | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|   | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |

| West           | North    | East           | South          |
|----------------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Helgemo        | Berg     | Helness        | Svendsen       |
|                | Pass     | 1 $\clubsuit$  | 3 $\heartsuit$ |
| 3 $\spadesuit$ | Pass     | 4 $\heartsuit$ | Pass           |
| 4 $\spadesuit$ | All Pass |                |                |

Berg led the  $\diamond 10$ , taken in dummy with the king. A spade went to the king and ace, and the diamond return was taken by Helgemo, who then played a low spade to dummy's 9. Helgemo still had to lose a club, but he scored up plus 650.

| West           | North          | East          | South |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------|
| Charlsen       | Fantoni        | Hof-taniska   | Nunes |
|                | Pass           | 1 $\clubsuit$ | 2NT   |
| Dbl            | 4 $\heartsuit$ | Pass          | Pass  |
| 4 $\spadesuit$ | Dbl            | All Pass      |       |

Fantoni started with the  $\diamond 10$ , also taken in dummy. A spade went to the king and ace, and a heart was returned.



Fulvio Fantoni, playing for Monaco

Charlsen won, ruffed a heart to hand and ran the  $\spadesuit 7$ . He soon was claiming his doubled contract with an overtrick for plus 990 and an 8-IMP gain.

On the next deal, Monaco bounced back, aided by a strange opening lead from Hof-taniska.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

|  |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| <p><math>\spadesuit</math> Q 6 2<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> 10 9 8 7<br/> <math>\diamond</math> A 10 6 4<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> 4 2</p> | <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 |  | <p><math>\spadesuit</math> K 9 5<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> A 6 5 4 2<br/> <math>\diamond</math> K J 9 2<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> 10</p> | <p><math>\spadesuit</math> A 10 8 4<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> Q J 3<br/> <math>\diamond</math> 7 5<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> Q J 7 5</p> |
|  | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| W  |   | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
|  | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |

| West     | North          | East        | South         |
|----------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Charlsen | Fantoni        | Hof-taniska | Nunes         |
|          | 2 $\heartsuit$ | Pass        | 2 $\clubsuit$ |
| Pass     | 3 $\diamond$   | Pass        | 2NT           |
| Pass     |                | All Pass    |               |

Hof-taniska no doubt had his reasons for leading the  $\spadesuit 4$  – he may have thought the opponents were weak in the suit – but the result was turning a probable three losers into one. When Hof-taniska later switched to the  $\diamond 7$ , that provided further help for declarer, who gratefully chalked up plus 110 for 5 IMPs when Svendsen went two down in a 3NT contract that was doomed by bad suit breaks and poor communication between the North and South hands.

Monaco picked up 2 IMPs on the final board to pull to within 3 IMPs. The final score was 32-29 for Norway.

**OPEN** **Monaco v Israel** **ROUND 13**

**Monte Carlo or Bust**

by Mark Horton

(This article is dedicated to Francesca Canali)

**M**onte Carlo officially refers to an administrative area of the Principality of Monaco, specifically the ward of Monte Carlo/Spélagues, where the Monte Carlo Casino is located.

Monte Carlo or Bust is a 1969 comedy film. The story is based on the Monte Carlo Rally – first raced in 1911 – and the film recalls this general era, set in the 1920s.

The cast includes Peter Cooke and Dudley Moore, Gert Fröbe, Eric Sykes and Terry-Thomas; the latter appeared as the equally dastardly son of the character he had played in an earlier film, *Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines*. Tony Curtis and Susan Hampshire play other contestants in the race.

In Round 13 of Open D Monaco met Israel as the teams raced towards the finishing line.

On the opening lap Monaco ran out of gas.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

**Open Room**

|                               |                                 |                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Helgemo</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Pachtman</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Helness</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Ginossar</i> |
|                               | 1♠                              | 2♦                            | Pass                            |
| 3NT                           | All Pass                        |                               |                                 |

North led the six of hearts and South made the technical play of the queen. When that held he cashed the ace and played the third heart. Declarer was two down, -100.

**Closed Room**

|                               |                                |                             |                              |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Baraket</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Fantoni</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Lengy</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Nunes</i> |
|                               | Pass                           | 3♦                          | Pass                         |
| Pass                          | Dbf                            | Pass                        | 4♣                           |
| All Pass                      |                                |                             |                              |

West led the king of diamonds and when that held he switched to the ace of spades and a spade. Declarer put up the king and East ruffed and returned the nine of diamonds to the ace. Declarer cashed the ace and queen of hearts and played a diamond. West ruffed with the four, A heart now would allow a cross ruff for six down but West played a spade and when East ruffed with the four declarer over-ruffed and exited with a club to escape for four down, -200 and 7 IMPs for Italy.

It did not take long for Monaco to make up most of the lost ground:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

**Open Room**

|                               |                                 |                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Helgemo</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Pachtman</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Helness</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Ginossar</i> |
|                               |                                 |                               | Pass                            |
| Pass                          | 1♥                              | 1♠                            | 2♥                              |
| Pass                          | 3♣                              | Pass                          | 3♥                              |
| All Pass                      |                                 |                               |                                 |

East's lead of the queen of diamonds was covered by the king and ace and West accurately switched to a trump, East winning with the jack and returning the king of hearts - would you have found that? Declarer won with the ace and tried a spade to the jack. West won with the queen and exited with a trump. Declarer could win with dummy's ten and cash a couple of diamonds, but he had to lose two more tricks for one down, +50.

**Closed Room**

|                               |                                |                             |                              |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Baraket</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Fantoni</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Lengy</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Nunes</i> |
|                               |                                |                             | Pass                         |
| Pass                          | 1♥                             | 1♠                          | 2♥                           |
| All Pass                      |                                |                             |                              |



**Closed Room**

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Baraket     | Fantoni      | Lengy       | Nunes        |
|             |              | Pass        | Pass         |
| 1♥          | INT          | 2♥          | Dbf          |
| Pass        | 3♣           | All Pass    |              |

East led the five of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace and played ace of clubs and a club. When East ducked he won in hand, played a diamond to the king, a diamond to the ten and cashed the queen of diamonds discarding a heart, +130 and 6 IMPs.

With the chequered flag in site Monaco produced a dramatic overtaking manoeuvre:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Helgemo     | Pachtman     | Helness     | Ginossar     |
|             | INT          | Pass        | 2♣*          |
| Pass        | 2♠           | All Pass    |              |

2♠ is a decent spot - for East/West.

East led the seven of diamonds and West won with the king and switched to the jack of spades. When that held he played the five of hearts. East won with the king and played the king of spades. Declarer took the ace, cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. A heart lost to West's ace and he cashed the ace of diamonds and played the jack of clubs. Declarer could win, but East claimed the rest for four down, -400.

A number of pairs went for a number on this deal when West reopened with a double, but I guess if this West didn't it must be too dangerous.

Still, you have to blame North for the poor result - open 1♣ and East will overcall 1♠.

**Closed Room**

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Baraket     | Fantoni      | Lengy       | Nunes        |
|             | 1♣           | 1♠          | Pass         |
| 2♦          | All Pass     |             |              |

North started with three rounds of clubs and South ruffed and played spade. North won with the ace and played a club, South ruffing with the nine. Declarer discarded a heart but there was still a trump to lose, -100 and 11 IMPs to Monaco, who crossed the line ahead by 27-23 IMPs, 16-14 VP.

**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.

**In the Spotlight**

Find out a little bit more about your fellow bridge players.

*Anna Gulevich, Russia*

**How did you take up bridge?**

My father taught me at the age of 12.

**Biggest influence?**

Brilliant Russian player Maxim Khven.

**Bridge Club?**

Moscow Bridge Club.

**First Bridge Book**

Robert Ewen's Opening Leads.

**Favourite Music?**

Sorrowful songs.

**Favourite drink?**

Pina Colada.

**All time favourite player?**

Russia's Georgi Matushko.

**Favourite TV Show?**

Don't watch TV.

**Best achievement in Bridge?**

In Russia: two time mixed champion.  
In Europe: Played only twice, the best is fifth in the mixed teams in Poznan 2011.

**Least favourite opponent?**

Those who play slowly.

**Biggest failing at the table?**

I blocked a 5-4 trump suit in a doubled vulnerable game to go one down.





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#### **Cavendish Teams**

- Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th
- Entry fee: 7500 Euros per team
- Auction: no

#### **Cavendish Invitational Pairs**

- Auction: Tuesday Night 16th
- Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th, Friday 19th
- Entry fee: 1500 Euros per pair
- Auction guarantee: 5000 Euros per pair

#### **FMB International Pairs**

- Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th, Friday 19th
- Entry fee: 500 Euros per pair
- Auction: not obliged, but minimum 500 Euros

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- Prizes will be more or less the same as in the Las Vegas Cavendish, with at least 90% of the entry fees and auctions paid back to the players and bidders.

#### **Hotel Accomodation**

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

#### **And...**

- For a great start of your great in bridge, don't forget the *24th Monaco Int. Teams Tournament*, from Friday October 12th to Sunday October 14th.

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