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## SEARCHING FOR GOLD IN SANYA



One advantage to playing bridge in the pool – if your slam looks like it's going down, you can always "accidentally" drop your cards in the water.

The smiling players at the Sheraton swimming pool are Shawn Quinn, Martha Katz, Disa Eythorsdottir and Donna Compton.

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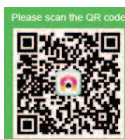
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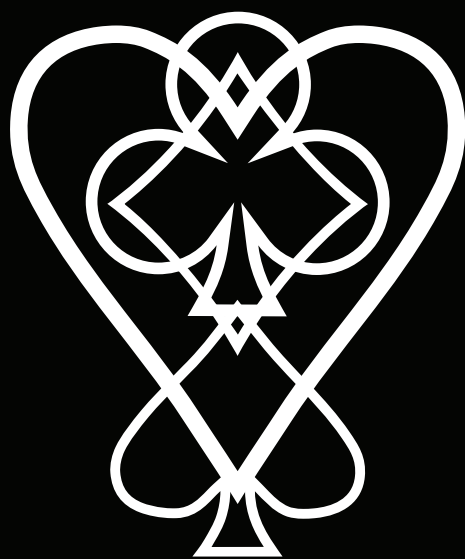
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<b>Round of 16</b>	15:30 - 16:30 W, S
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	18:10 - 19:10 W, S
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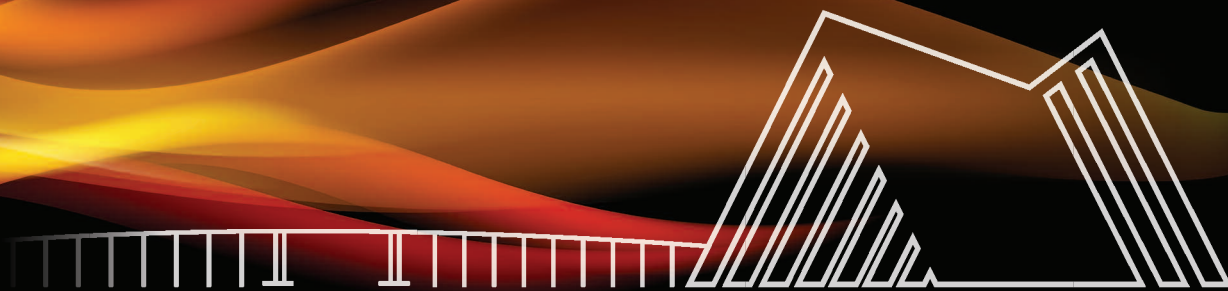
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## Anti-doping tests

There will be anti-doping testing in both the Open and Women's categories.

All players, including those sitting out from the Open and Women's Teams participating in the knockouts, must be available for testing in the playing area for the KO teams, immediately following the end of the three last sessions (i.e., at 14.20, 17.30 and 19.50)

A list of players who are selected for testing will be published on information sheets.

Jaap Stomphorst & Finn Mikkelsen

WBF Medical and Prevention Commission

## !!!!!! Changes for Women's and Senior Pairs !!!!!!

Instead of qualifying rounds followed by semi-final and final sessions, the Women's Pairs and Senior Pairs will play **only qualifying rounds and the final**. Players in these events will still play on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for qualifying.

The **Women's Pairs**, with 43 pairs entered as of Sunday night, will **qualify 18 pairs to the final**. The **Seniors**, with 28 pairs entered as of Sunday, will qualify 12 to the final.

Drop-ins from the teams events will receive carryover.

The number of boards to be played in the qualifying stages will be determined by the final number of pairs entered in the events.

## Video Corner

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Prize Giving in Mixed Events

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cb9lvvmjlc>

The Final in the Mixed Pairs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qkhh3ra6Jmo>

Press Conference Mixed Pairs Gold Medal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TB7Y7Q9x2CP8>

Interview with Juan Carlos Ventin - Team Ventin

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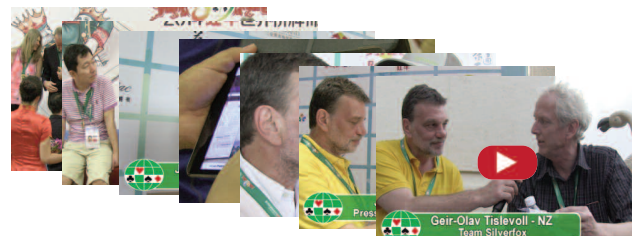
Press Room Manager

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRmHtlMOnLU>

Interview with Geir-Olav Tislevoll -

Silverfox Team

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## No smoking or drinking policy

Please be reminded that smoking and drinking is prohibited at any time and in any place during sessions. If you do, an automatic penalty of 2VPs plus 100US\$ will be applied.

# The Day after Tomorrow

By Mark Horton

The Day After Tomorrow is a 2004 American climate fiction-disaster film. The film depicts fictional catastrophic climatic effects in a series of extreme weather events that usher in global cooling and lead to a new ice age.



There is nothing extreme about the weather here in Sanya at the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series Championships, but as the qualifying rounds of the team championships unfold you can be sure that the temperature will rise.

These deals come from the Round 2 match in the McConnell between POLLACK and CHINA RED. It has taken me so long to type them that their appearance in the Bulletin might well coincide with my title.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pollack	Zhang	Bjerkan	Wu
	1♣*	1♦	Dble*
2♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

- 1♣ Precision
- Dble Values
- 3♦ Asking for a stopper

East led the ace of diamonds for the three, seven and jack and continued with the queen. Declarer ruffed, crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs, ruffed a diamond, drew the outstanding trump and played three rounds of hearts. That was sure to endplay whoever won the trick, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rang	Picus	Wang	Berkowitz
	1♣	Dble	2♣
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

It's hard to know what went wrong here. It reminds me of the occasion when a lady asked Terence Reese, 'Mr Reese, how should I have bid that last hand?' to which he replied, 'Differently'.

Declarer eliminated the diamonds as at the other table, but lost a spade to West and a heart to East, +130 and 7 IMPs to China Red.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pollack	Zhang	Bjerkan	Wu
		1♠	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	All Pass		
2♦ Game forcing			

North led the seven of clubs and declarer won with the queen, ran the queen of spades to South's king, finessed on the club return, won the third club and cashed her winners, +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rang	Picus	Wang	Berkowitz
		1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	All Pass

When I conferred with Barry Rigal he thought East might have done better to bid 3♠ over 3♥, and then 5♦ over 4♦.

On this layout even Five Diamonds would have been hopeless. Declarer lost two spades and a club, two down, -200 and 13 IMPs for Pollack.

Board 11. Dealer South. Love All.

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

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



Sue Picus



Lisa Berkowitz

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pollack	Zhang	Bjerkan	Wu
			INT
Dble*	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

- Dble DONT - a single suiter
- 2♥ Transfer
- 2NT Forcing
- 4♣ Cue bid
- 4♦ Cue bid
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 0-3 key cards

I can't be certain about my interpretation of the bidding, but 5♠ was unbeatable, +450.

Well done if you reached 6♦ played by South (perhaps an Acoll pair might bid 1♦-1♠-INT-2♣\*-3♠-4♦-4♥-4♠-5♣-6♦).

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rang	Picus	Wang	Berkowitz
			INT
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♥*	Dble	Rdbl*
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- 2♥ Transfer
- 5♥ Cue bid
- Rdbl First round control

Should North have passed 6♦, which would have made on a heart lead?

With both North and South advertising a heart control I think East would have led a club.

West led the jack of hearts. Perhaps fortunately the play record is missing, declarer apparently finishing three down for -150 and 12 IMPs to China Red. Hard to see how that might happen - did declarer try for a dummy reversal? (which would work if spades were 2-3, but would also require diamonds to be 2-2 and that declarer finesse the nine on the first round of the suit.)

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pollack	Zhang	Bjerkan	Wu
	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
3♣	Game try		

East led the five of diamonds and declarer took West's ten with the king, drew trumps, played a diamond to the jack, cashed two diamonds pitching a spade and played a club, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rang	Picus	Wang	Berkowitz
	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	All Pass		

South led the five of hearts and North won with the king and returned the three of diamonds. South won with the jack, cashed the ace and played a diamond, North winning and playing the ace of hearts. Declarer ruffed with dummy's jack, played a spade to the ace and ran the nine of spades. She then ran the nine of clubs to North's king, one down, -100, but 11 IMPs to China Red.

I can't believe that any player from North America is unfamiliar with Meckstroth's Law - *if partner freely raises your six card major then bid game.*

Given a second chance North stood by her initial decision.

After 1♥-2♥ one of my colleagues said that given a choice of only one bid at this point he would bid 4♥. I confess I might do the same.

## Providing services at the World Bridge Series



**Left:** Hainan Industrial School Students are providing the services for BBO broadcasting. They are new to bridge, playing for about one year. Five of them have attended the National Middle School Students Bridge Championship.



**Right** Staff from Sanya Contract Bridge Association, training volunteers from Hainan Industrial School.

## Reversal of fortune

By Brent Manley

The Nick Nickell team started well in the Rosenblum Cup, winning their first match 23-1, but the second round brought a reversal of fortune. Nickell had only three modest gains in a 27-10 loss to Kasimirs Dreamteam, two players from Austria, two from Luxembourg. This was one of the pluses for Nickell.

and a diamond. It was a gain anyway because at the other table against the same contract, Steve Weinstein also cashed two hearts and played the  $\diamond K$ , but he continued with the ace to give Bobby Levin a ruff. Plus 50 meant 5 IMPs to Nickell.

The next board was an easy push for the expert players involved but is worth reporting for the benefit of a less-experienced player who might miss the key point of the deal.

Board 8. Dealer West-. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Kasimir	Rodwell	Jokisch
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	2♣	2♠	All Pass

Peter Jokisch started with the  $\heartsuit K$ , which won the trick. The  $\heartsuit Q$  also held the trick. As you can see, North is due for a diamond ruff, and it seemed that was coming when Jokisch played the  $\diamond K$  at trick three. The ruff vanished, however, when Jokisch played the  $\clubsuit J$  next (queen, king ace), establishing three tricks in that suit for declarer. The play record indicates that Eric Rodwell made eight tricks, but it seems there are nine tricks: five spades, three clubs

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

At both tables, the contract was 5♣ by North. In the Open Room, Rodwell had made a takeout double. In the Closed Room, Bernd Saurer (East) overcalled 1♦ after North's 1♣ opener. The opening lead at both tables was a high diamond. The continuation was ruffed and a low club led to dummy's king. Dummy's last diamond was ruffed and the  $\clubsuit K$  cashed, picking up trumps. Now, instead of taking a heart finesse or trying to guess the  $\spadesuit Q$ , both declarers simply cashed the  $\heartsuit A$ ,  $\heartsuit K$  and exited with the  $\heartsuit J$ , not caring who won. Whichever opponent took the third round of hearts would play a spade, picking up the queen, or play a red suit, allowing declarer to ruff in one hand and discard a spade from the other. A big swing went against Nickell on this board.



**Peter Jokisch, Jeff Meckstroth, Udo Kasimir, and Eric Rodwell in the Open Room**

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Kasimir	Rodwell	Jokisch
		1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Udo Kasimir started with the ♣8 to Meckstroth's jack. Jeff Meckstroth needed some luck, specifically a major-suit king with North. At trick two, Meckstroth played a low heart from hand, putting in the queen when North played the nine. Jokisch won the ♥K and returned the suit. Meckstroth still had a chance if North had the ♠K, but that hope was forlorn as well. The ♠Q went to South's king and the defenders cashed another heart for two down – minus 200.

West	North	East	South
Fischer	Levin	Saurer	Weinstein
		2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Doris Fischer won the club opening lead in hand and ran the ♠Q. South took the king and returned a club, but Fischer had an easy 11 tricks for plus 660 and 13 IMPs for her side.



Steve Weinstein, Doris Fischer, Eric Kokish doing the dummy and Bernd Saurer in the Closed Room

On the next board, Nickell was again on the wrong side of a slam swing.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Kasimir	Rodwell	Jokisch
			1♣
2♥	Dble	3♥	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Jokisch and Kasimir apparently use non-forcing free bids, thus the double instead of a natural 2♠. Despite the interference, they found their nine-card fit and played from the correct side. There was no defeating the slam played by South. Jokisch won the opening heart lead in hand, pitching a club from dummy. He then pulled trumps and was able to claim 13 tricks when trumps proved to be 2-2. He discarded his losing clubs on the long spades and could crossruff from there.

At the other table, Levin and Weinstein landed in 6♠, which had no play on the lie of the cards, with or without a club lead. Minus 50 meant 14 IMPs to the Europeans.



# Tomorrow is another Day

By Mark Horton

At the end of his second round match in the Rosenblum, Patrick Jourdain popped into the Bulletin Room to show me this deal:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Declarer wins the diamond lead in hand perforce and cashes the ace of clubs. Treating the queen as a true card declarer unblocks the diamonds, cashes the queen of hearts and plays off the red winners. This is one of the possible endings:

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

Patrick's question was in two parts, first how to make Six Clubs, a question to which he soon spotted the answer - declarer must reduce dummy's trumps and then endplay North (Barry Rigal examines this in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.)

But the second part is harder and it took some time, even with the benefit of being able to see all four hands, to arrive at the solution.

Declarer takes a spade finesse and then exits with a club. North wins and can choose which hand to surrender the last four tricks to.

If North keeps four spades and two clubs then after taking the spade finesse declarer exits with a spade and again North has an unsavory choice.

Having just heard that a deal I had submitted for the IBPA's annual declarer play award which I regard as perhaps the best I have seen for the last 30 years (Phillip Alder described it as a certainty to win in the New York Times) was overlooked I wondered if by some chance some superman or woman might have managed to make 6NT.

In the Seniors 7/7 went down, in the Women's 10/10. In the Open 25 declarers tried 6NT and, miracle of miracles, one of them was successful.

It happened in the match between HKJ9 and Phoenix Legend.

Sensing a story I went to check the line ups. In my haste I assumed it was one of HKJ9's Cheung Lik and Fung Chi Pong who had performed the feat, but when I spoke with them it transpired that it was one of their opponents,



Zhen Shen Yong explains how he squeezed North

narrowing it down to one of Chi Feng, Hao Ge, Min Gong, Da Sun or Zhen Shen Yong.

Eventually I discovered that the declarer, Zhen Shen Yong had been treated to the lead of the three of hearts. He was able to run that round to the nine. That looks like a good start, but declarer's communications are poor. He cashed the ace of clubs unblocked dummy's hearts and took a spade finesse. He cashed the queen of hearts and a diamond to reach this position:

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

When declarer cashed the king of diamonds North was caught. Discarding a spade would allow declarer a choice of winning lines, either playing two rounds of spades or putting North on play with a club, while pitching a club would leave declarer with the pleasant option of crossing to the ace of clubs and cashing the queen of diamonds which would force a spade discard, North then being put in with a club to lead into the spade tenace, or of exiting with a low spade (if declarer wants to be flash he can throw the queen of diamonds) and North can choose his poison.

Well done, but at the back of my mind something was nagging me.

♣K10876 3 ♣A4 - I have seen this combination before - then I remembered, in a Camrose match many years ago between England and Wales Patrick Jourdain had had to tackle this suit in a slam, and of course he made the technical play for 5 tricks by running the ten, his opponent, Graham Kirby, following to the trick and saying 'I think this is the card you are hoping to see' as he contributed the nine (this play gives you a 79.13% chance of losing only one trick).

So, after a heart lead has gifted a trick should declarer unblock the diamonds, cross to dummy with a heart and run the ten of clubs?

Perhaps, but if South holds a doubleton honour he wins and plays a heart and the clubs are dead.

Now if you are in 6♣ the situation is different, as I'm sure Barry has explained.

So, immediately after failing to receive an award I have an early entry for next year's contest - I'll let you know what happens in Chennai.

PS. Exchange the seven and three of spades and now try to make 6NT.

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# A mixed bag from the McConnell/Rand Cup qualifiers

By Barry Rigal

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

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

Sylvie Willard declared 6♣ on a top diamond lead. She won in hand and tried the ♣A, believing her LHO's play of the ♣Q. So she played ♠A and ruffed a spade, crossed to the ♦K and ruffed another spade, (North missing her chance to deceive declarer by failing to unload the ♠K) then tried two top hearts, and decided that the suit was not breaking — and yes, maybe, South might have dropped one of the ♥J-10 under the king to try to generate even more deception?



Sylvie Willard

This was the ending:

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

Willard ruffed her diamond winner to dummy, then got the ending absolutely right when she ruffed a spade to hand and exited in hearts, forcing North to ruff and lead away from her trump trick. +1370 meant Willard was the only declarer to make her slam in the McConnell, while for the record, only one declarer made slam in the Seniors. (It was X Shen playing with M Shen for Xinyuan Senior team against Hubei Qiaoxie on the lead of ♥8, which made counting the hand somewhat easier). Perhaps not surprisingly this team was leading the Seniors after day one.

As indicated above, North could certainly have made Willard's life far harder by dropping the ♠K on the third round of spades. Now declarer would surely have played for hearts to break, allowing North to ruff in and exit with the fourth spade.

And yes one has to sympathize with the Rosenthal team in the open event, who went down in slam to lose 9IMPs after their opponents bid 1♣-1♠-2♣-2♥-All Pass. At least two tables in the open event played partscore here with the E/W cards.

## Round 5

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	Pass	1♦	1♥
3NT	All Pass		

Bridge players are famous for making things more difficult for themselves than they need, but I do have a little sympathy with one of the world's better analysts who was complaining in my earshot about the bad luck his team had suffered here.

He explained to me that his teammates had defended 3NT by East after a heart lead into the tenace. Declarer had won cheaply and knocked out the diamond ace, and the defenders had cleared hearts, leaving East no problems in setting up the clubs, with a spade entry to reach them.

In the other room our hero announced that West had declared 3NT on the auction shown. "After the heart nine lead, wasn't it natural to assume the suit was 5-2 and not 6-1, so one must put up the queen to kill the suit?" he asked. Now South won and shifted to spades. Declarer ducked the king, won the next, finessed in clubs, and played a diamond. South won his ace on the second round and cleared spades, setting up two spade winners, and one trick in each suit, since declarer couldn't develop clubs without letting North in?"

Up to a point, Lord Copper. Try putting up the ♥Q as you suggest, then winning the shift to the ♠K to play a diamond immediately. South wins and plays a second spade, this time the jack. You win, and unblock diamonds, then take a club finesse, observing the fall of the nine on your left. Now you cash two diamonds and find North with five diamonds, and apparently four spades. Now you lead a heart to the king, hoping that North will follow, when the club king will drop. When he shows out you can change tack and endplay North with the third spade, to lead clubs for you. Of course if South exits with a low spade at trick four, instead of the jack you have to win, unblock diamonds and take the



Lindsey Weinger

club finesse as before. Then you cash the diamonds, watching South's discards. If he keeps the blocking ♠J, you strip him of his clubs then throw him in with the ♠J to lead hearts. If he discards it, you throw North in as before to lead clubs.

There are other lines to make the contract, but double-dummy experts may like to consider what would happen if you get the ♥9 lead and cover with the queen. You win the shift to the ♠K, take a club finesse....and now what? Do you back declarer or the defense?

(Answer at the end of this article).

I was focusing on Platinum against Joel, the then-leaders of the women's event, and found this deal to set the field more problems than they could cope with. This was the only board of the seven that Joel scored IMPs on, but it was more than enough to give them the win.

Board 6. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Lund Madsen	Gromova	Weinger	Ponomareva
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Neither East nor West did enough here; perhaps East should bid 3♥ as a splinter over 2♣ and might try either 3♠ or 4NT over 3♠, West should surely try 4♣ or 4♦ over 3NT. The other room had a different problem when Willard-Cronier had to decide how to advance after 1♦-2♣-(2♠)-3♣-3♥. Cronier bid 3NT here too, which seems pessimistic though to be honest I'm not sure what is right here – but those loserless major-suit holdings surely argue for more don't they? Slam looks excellent facing the West hand without the ♦K, and West would surely pass 3NT. In fact Willard judged well to move on with 4♣ over 3NT. The auction continued 4♣-4♦-4♥-4NT-5♦-5NT-6♦-7♣. Only five of the 26 tables bid slam in the McConnell. Well done Chinese Taipei Ruyi and China Yellow Team for flattening the deal at 2140.

Solution to the problem mentioned above:

In 3NT after winning the shift to the spade king and taking a club finesse you must next duck a club as the cards lie. If you play ♣A and another club the defenders win and duck a diamond, and can then counter any move you make.

# Smirnov on the rocks, please

By David Stern

In the first two rounds of the Open Teams qualifying, the opponents were certainly hoping to have Smirnov on the rocks but found it harder to get their favourite drink than they expected.



Alex Smirnov

Alex Smirnov and his long-time partner, Josef Piekarek arrived in Sanya knowing that their team had fallen apart because of the unavailability of Antonio Sementa. After looking around, Alex and Josef joined Alex's good friends from Down Under, the Australians Nye Griffiths, Liam Milne, Michael Whibley and Sartaj Hans. The team is called LITTLE MECK.

Alex makes a few journeys to Australia each year and often stays in my place for a few days when we catch up with bridge and life. What I have noticed while he stays there is something very sadly missing in today's bridge world – he spends a few hours EVERY day practicing online with his partner and simultaneously discussing systems, treatments and understandings, all of which I am sure has added to their success as a partnership.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, North played in 2♦, off one for minus 50 for Smirnov's team, but it was a 2-IMP gain because East-West at the other table competed to 2♠ and brought it home by double-finessing in clubs for plus 110. Two boards later:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

The Egyptians bought the contract at both tables, in the Open Room reaching 2♠ by West, going one down and 3♣ by South at the other table also going one down after mispicking the heart suit – 4 IMPs to LITTLE MECK.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

		♠ A J 7 4										
		♥ 9 7 4										
		♦ K J 2										
		♣ K Q 7										
♠ 9 2		<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 6 3
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W		E										
	S											
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♦ 8 7 6			♦ A Q 3									
♣ 10 5 2			♣ J 9 8 6									
		♠ Q 10 8 5										
		♥ J 10										
		♦ 10 9 5 4										
		♣ A 4 3										

LITTLE MECK thought they would return the favour on the very next hand with North playing INT, one down in the Open Room. The best spot on the hand is 2♠, but a hard contract to reach after North opens INT unless the opponents compete.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Piekarek	Nabil	Smirnov
Pass	1♣	Dbl	1♠
2♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

West's 3♥ failed by one trick, making the score 6-5 for LITTLE MECK after four boards.

Two boards later, LITTLE MECK delivered the deciding blow for the match.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Smirnov, South, opened INT showing 14-16 and North ended the auction after a Stayman enquiry. West led the ♦Q and the spotlight fell on East. Sure, I have the benefit of seeing all four hands, but it is clear to East that his partner will have to find four or possibly five discards and he has to help him – as quickly as possible. East, holding 10 high-card points, knows partner has between 2 and 4 points outside diamonds. What should East do? I believe the answer is clear – drop the ♦K at trick one to ensure that partner retains all of his diamonds.

Alas, East played the ♦4, encouraging but was not enough to make sure partner retained all his diamonds. The one diamond that West pitched on clubs proved fatal when declarer played a heart after running clubs to score his ninth trick and plus 400.

In the The Closed Room, West also led the ♦Q against 3NT. Smith Echo showed a liking for the diamond lead and later suit preference for hearts helped the defence get their five tricks and 10 IMPs.

The last board of the first match was 2 more overtrick IMPs to LITTLE MECK, winners by the score of 18-5 IMPs (14.93 VPs to 5.07),

In the second round, LITTLE MECK drew Era where Smirnov/Piekarek face off against Dominik Filipowicz and Krzysztof Martens of Poland.

On Board 8, Griffiths/Milne for LITTLE MECK gained 2 IMPs by competing to 3♣, making, in the Closed Room against Piekarek's failing 2♠ in the Open Room.

On Board 9, the Poles missed a game for a 6-IMP loss.

The next board cost LITTLE MECK 13 IMPs when Smirnov/Piekarek bid to 6♦, going down, against 4♠ making at the other table. LITTLE MECK came right back on the next board, however.

Board 11 Dealer South. None Vul.

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

At Smirnov's table, Filipowicz/Martens had a casual auction to 4♠, which is limited to 11 tricks, after North had shown spades and diamonds. Some may say lucky, others may say otherwise as Griffiths and Milne bid to 6♦ by North. The diamond slam fails, of course, on the less-than-obvious club lead but easily makes seven against the normal lead of the ♥K. That was 10 IMPs to LITTLE MECK, who lead 18-13 with three boards to go. The final score was 29-14 or 15.5 – 4.5.

## Championship Diary

Top of the agenda today is the news that the President of the European Bridge League, Yves Aubry, will soon sign a contract with the Hungarian Bridge Federation that will take the 2016 European Championships to Budapest, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. The venue is magnificent, and close to the city centre.

Yesterday, while discussing a Monty Python sketch at breakfast with Assistant Head Tournament Director Matt Smith we were approached by Michael Rosenberg, who asked where the Rosenblum was located. When I suggested that 'NS play at the MGM and EW at the Sheraton' Michael's comment was 'Good for security'.

We are always interested in the views of the players. One multiple world champion observed that if matches were of 6 boards rather than 7 you could perhaps shave 1½ hours from the daily schedule.

## Championship cards

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# Will Lavazza win?

By Micke Melander

One of the favorites to go far in this year's edition of the Rosenblum Cup and be a competitor for the medals is certainly LAVAZZA (as always). The Lavazza team is lined up with its team members Bocchi, Duboin and Madala. But the captain Maria Teresa Lavazza has brought in Bianchedi and Muzzio from Argentina and the team is also additionally reinforced by Zia Mahmood.



**Alejandro Bianchedi and Ernesto Muzzio**

In Round 7 of the qualification, LAVAZZA took on YUETAO OF GUANGZHOU from China. Already the first hand gave declarers lots to think about, especially being back playing in teams where safety-play is an issue.

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

How would you play 4 spades, when North leads the king of clubs and South has opened the bidding in first seat, vulnerable against not, with a precision Two Clubs?

Board 15. Dealer South. N-S Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Duboin	Ye	Mahmood	Wu
			2♣
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

When dummy goes down you probably quickly realize that you might have preferred to be in Five Diamonds in terms of choice of game. However, Four Spades gives you many alternative lines and possible routes to succeed. Duboin found a nice way of trying to secure his ten tricks. He won the opening lead with the ace of clubs and fired back the nine of diamonds, which held the trick when everyone played low. Duboin then played the jack of hearts to break the communication for the defense and open routes for him to get back to hand if necessary. North went up with the queen and gave his partner a ruff in diamonds. South then tried to cash the ace of hearts. Duboin could now ruff and play ace of trumps and a trump to the king. When the queen fell from South he had eleven tricks. It would have been interesting to see how he would have coped with a club return instead of the ace of hearts. He can still make his contract though, regardless of what the defense does, but it will certainly create more problems, since he can no longer pull trumps and cash his established diamonds. In the other room the Chinese team played in Three Spades and just managed to make their contract. 7 IMPs to LAVAZZA.

Board 18. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Duboin	Ye	Mahmood	Wu
		1♠	Pass
INT	All Pass		

When Zia didn't find any reason to bid again over INT and South didn't balance E-W were left to play there. This was very wise, when not much was behaving. West was



**Norberto Bocchi**

probably very tempted to bid something else with his 11 HCPs and three nice tens in his hand.

Ye lead a heart, whereupon Wu won with the ace and returned his four of hearts. Duboin tried the heart finesse, which lost to North's queen, he now played a third round of the suit to declarer's jack. Since declarer had set up two hearts and already had four winners in the black suits it was just a matter for Duboin where he would be able to get his seventh trick. South discarded a diamond on the third heart and a club on the fourth. That was all Duboin needed to play a club to the king and a club towards his hand. When South followed with the jack he simply ducked it. South now shifted to the queen of diamonds, declarer covered and the defense could only get their two tricks in diamonds, which was eight tricks to declarer.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Song	Muzzio	Huang	Bianchedi
		1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

When East was compelled to bid over INT it was enough for West to take a chance at game. Again a heart was lead to the ace, a heart went back to the jack and queen and a third round followed to declarer's king on which South again discarded a diamond.

It would have been interesting to see what South would have discarded if declarer had cashed his last heart, but instead he went for the spades and tried to finesse the jack, which led to a complete disaster. When South now returned a low diamond and declarer decided to play on for the ace of diamonds being onside, he went up with the king. But when North produced the ace the roof fell in. North now played back a diamond to the jack which was the fifth trick for the defense! Having defeated the contract, South wanted more, and shifted to the ten of spades. Declarer ducked, whereupon South won and cashed out his last two diamonds, bringing the contract four down!

To beat 3NT legitimately, the defense has shift to diamonds at the second or third trick. When they actually played a third heart, declarer could have played spades from the top instead of finessing at double dummy to bring home +400.

## Gold Red Bull Trophy

Hosted by World Bridge Federation in cooperation with Chinese Contract Bridge Association, Sanya Municipal Government and Beijing Lianzhong Co., Ltd., the 14TH Red Bull World Bridge Series is going on in Sanya, Hainan, China. The tournament concludes Oct. 25th.

The Red Bull Special Award "Gold Red Bull Trophy (999Pure Gold)" is presented to players whose ranking in two competitions is less than 17.

List: after the two Mixed events

Name	Team	Pairs	Total
Sabine AUKEN (Germany)	1	5	6
Roy WELLAND (Germany)	1	5	6
Kerri SANBORN (U.S.A.)	5	1	6
Jie ZHAO (China)	5	1	6
Apolinary KOWALSKI (Poland)	5	10	15
Ewa MISZEWSKA (Poland)	5	10	15
Andrey GROMOV (Russia)	9	6	15
Victoria GROMOVA (Russia)	9	6	15
Philippe CRONIER (France)	9	7	16
Sylvie WILLARD (France)	9	7	16

Notice: A winner can receive the Red Bull Special Award only once.





# More McConnell

By Barry Rigal

For the last match of the first day I watched leaders MOSS take on SCITY of Korea

Going plus as E/W may not seem that remarkable but only eight tables out of 26 managed it. Slam going down was the order of the day.

Both N/S pairs then went plus, one defending INT, one playing INT, and both E/W pairs bid on to 5♥ for +450 (game being on one of two finesses) instead of defending to 4♠x for a sure +300. It was 2-0 to Moss after three deals.

Board 22. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Park	S-Molson	Kim
	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The first deal of the seven-board set gave Seamon-Molson a nasty problem. After her partner's 3NT, it was certainly possible that Sanborn might have the ♦Q instead of the two red jacks. But supporting diamonds with ♦AK seemed excessive. Indeed 6NT is not a terrible spot; you may not always get to test spades before diamonds if they duck the ace twice, but we have all been in worse spots. This time 660 was the limit on a heart lead, and that was worth an IMP when Im/Kwon stopped in 4♠, losing three trump tricks but managing the rest painlessly enough.



Lynn Deas and Hjordis "Disa" Eythorsdottir

Board 25. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Park	S-Molson	Kim
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kwon	Eythorsdottir	Im	Deas
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dble	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Sitting behind Seamon-Molson I wondered whether she might have removed 4♠ to 5♦ rather than doubling. As you can see, 5♦ is extremely easy to play by comparison to 5♥, where the unlucky trump break dooms you to one down. As usual in these positions, where the target is simply to bid the best game not the highest scoring, removing the double of 4♠ to 4NT should get West to bid 5♣ and East to correct to 5♦, where the matter rests.

Even though the defence slipped against 4♠x (Top diamond lead to East's queen, ♥A, diamond to the ten, club to the queen, then a third diamond instead of a major-suit exit) and collected only +300, that was still worth 9 IMPs for Moss, leading 11-0.

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ 10 9 ♥ A J 10 9 3 ♦ 9 3 ♣ K J 7 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A J 4 ♥ K 4 2 ♦ A Q J 10 6 ♣ 5 2
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♠ Q 7 5 ♥ 8 7 6 5 ♦ K 2 ♣ A Q 8 6					
	♠ K 8 6 3 2 ♥ Q ♦ 8 7 5 4 ♣ 10 9 4				

The Korean E/W had bid to their eight-card trump fit to play 4♥ on a club lead. As Mark Horton has pointed out in his report on proceedings in another place, one can bring home 4♥ by the somewhat unnatural line of winning the club to lead a spade to dummy and a low heart from the board. When the queen appears you win and play on spades to pitch your club, as South ruffs in with a trump trick. This line probably isn't best, even though it works, and on normal play Im went down in her game.



Janice Seamon-Molson and Kerri Sanborn

Both tables reached 3NT by East after a strong no-trump, on a low spade lead. Seamon-Molson won cheaply in hand and followed the best percentage line for the contract, crossing to a diamond to lead a heart to the king, planning to fall back on the club finesse if necessary. When the ♥K held the trick she cashed out for nine tricks and in fact emerged with ten winners. In the other room after a spade lead declarer took a club finesse before playing on hearts, and did not rise with ♥A at her first turn. That was fatal since the defenders could get clubs going before East had established her ninth trick.

It didn't get any better for SCITY on the next deal, when they attempted game in both rooms and went down two in each contract. The good news was that they were non-vulnerable in both rooms, the bad news was that they were doubled in one room, and Moss now led 32-0. And the denouement decisively demonstrated that sometimes it better to be lucky than good – though being good certainly doesn't hurt.

Sanborn's 2♠ is described in her system file as PLOB (which stands for Petty Little Odious Bid) and is John Swanson's name for using the repeat of the major in this and parallel auctions to show the unbiddable hands of this pattern without a stopper in the fourth suit (and yes, on this actual hand, assuming it were an opening bid – which it clearly isn't – one might quite reasonably pretend one had a club stopper or had a doubleton honor as heart support for partner). Seamon-Molson may not have reached this page of the notes. She assumed her partner had a 5-6 pattern, and so 4♠ was reached. The defenders led a top club, and when declarer ducked dummy knew at once that a wheel had fallen off. The defenders have to shift to hearts now, but north not unnaturally continued with a club, and Sanborn won the ♣A and advanced the ♦J. South ducked, and declarer continued with a second diamond, giving the defenders one more chance – they must shift to spades when the communications are inextricably tangled. In fact South exited in clubs and declarer could ruff then draw trumps and claim +420. Not surprisingly, Sanborn was the only person to make game on the deal.

Board 28. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

♠ J 8 7 ♥ Q ♦ 10 9 6 3 ♣ K Q J 7 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 3 2 ♥ A 10 8 6 5 4 ♦ J 4 ♣ A 4
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	♠ 9 5 4 ♥ K 9 7 3 ♦ A 8 5 ♣ 8 6 3				

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Park	S-Molson	Kim
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
2♠ PLOB			

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# OPEN TEAMS WBF MP's



This list represents WBF Masterpoint holdings of the squads in the Open Teams and will be used for seeding.

TEAM	AVG		
MONACO	3706.75	IIANGSU BRIDGE ASSOCIATION	56.88
CAYNE	2794.23	DONGFENG FENGSHEN	54.25
NICKELL	2645.98	HEY YO	53.70
LAVAZZA	2520.36	BULGARIAN ALL STARS	44.75
DIAMOND	1707.45	BILSKI	43.00
BRIDGE 24	1480.41	GENTLE	41.69
P D TIMES	1465.14	YEH BROS TWO	40.63
FLEISHER	1364.42	BILAL	39.65
MARK GORDON	1224.91	ILINDINGYUAN	36.97
LEVINE	1153.95	MOROCCAN OPEN T	32.91
VENTIN	1014.32	GUANGZHOU ZHAOHENG	31.95
WEINSTEIN	891.75	BEYOND	28.75
LEBRON	866.50	REDBULL	25.39
LITTLE MECK	851.53	HKI9	25.38
PENFOLD	848.93	ILINSHENGOIAOPAIXIEHUI	24.38
HAUGE	820.63	PODDAR DEVELOPERS	19.75
CHINA OPN(A)	761.72	INDONESIA	17.47
YEH MIX	743.44	COFCO YALONG BAY	16.66
CHANGYU	740.39	PAAA	16.25
HUANG LONG TEAM	656.48	NORWAY IUNIORS	14.63
MCALLISTER	579.25	PING AN CHINA	12.19
ROSENTHAL	576.88	WEINSTOCK	11.00
MAZURKIEWICZ	575.66	CTBA	10.50
CHINA OPN(B)	543.41	PHOENIX LEGEND	7.70
SOUTH AFRICA	542.50	ZHONGSHAN IIEGAO	6.50
VITAS	533.80	ZHEIIANG IUXIN	5.89
FORMIDABLES	517.97	IINCHENGCHEMICAL ENGINEERING F	5.28
IAPAN	482.25	TURKEY	4.30
PERTAMINA EP	478.05	BLADES	1.50
BLACK	464.59	THE KINGS	1.25
GILLIS	458.00	BANK OF CHINA IN HAINAN	0.00
ERA	451.92	BEIIING TAILI KANGXIN	0.00
CONSUS POLAND	443.05	BEIIING LAWYERS	0.00
HUSSEIN	442.75	BEIIING SHARE SUN	0.00
SUZHOUTAIHU	407.47	BLACK EARTH GOD DUCK BRIDGE CL	0.00
NETHERLANDS	363.80	BRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FUJIAN P	0.00
SILVERFOX	345.03	CHINA FINANCE BRIDGE ASSOCIATI	0.00
BERLIN	295.70	CHONGOINGBANNAN	0.00
VIRGINIA	275.27	DALIAN	0.00
GUADELOUPE	260.92	DARUI INDUSTRY	0.00
ZHEIIANG IINGFAN	252.48	GSRC & P UNITED	0.00
ZAWADA	239.56	GUANGZHOU PEARL RIVE	0.00
KASIMIRS DREAMTEAM	214.00	HEILONGIIANG TEAM	0.00
BALKAN GOLD STAR	184.65	HONG KONG HAI IIU	0.00
ROMANIA	177.50	HUBEI IINPAI	0.00
AYDIN	170.22	INNER MONGOLIA IUNZHENG	0.00
PAN-CHINA	160.18	ITALIA	0.00
CHINA HYX	156.00	KALAIUN-XINIANG	0.00
MCMULLIN	144.22	KUNMING LIIAN	0.00
TEXAN ACES	123.91	LUDUS	0.00
LORENTZ	120.75	OIANWEI	0.00
BRIDGE24 B	103.75	OINGDAO BRIDGE ASSOCIATION	0.00
AUSCROWAL	98.11	OINGHAI BRIDGE ASSOCIATION	0.00
HK ZEN	78.13	RAINBOW	0.00
AZURE	75.67	SHAANXI ELECTRIC POWER DESIGN	0.00
LUCKY SEVEN	73.53	SHANDONG CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOC	0.00
P D PIONEERS	71.75	SHAOGUAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION	0.00
P D TRANSNATIONAL	66.83	SHAOGUAN RENHUA	0.00
HEMANT IALAN	65.81	TIANIIN COM-IADEITE	0.00
KCB	63.25	YUETAO OF GUANGZHOU	0.00
SHENZHEN NANGANG POWER	62.80	YUFENG ELECTRIC POWER BRIDGET	0.00
		ZHONGFU	0.00



# OPEN TEAMS SEMIFINALS



TEAM	VP
1 MARK GORDON	185.70
2 VITAS	182.08
3 DIAMOND	180.17
4 LAVAZZA	174.78
5 VENTIN	174.55
6 LEBRON	172.32
7 ZAWADA	171.68
8 MCMULLIN	171.42
9 ROSENTHAL	170.61
10 BLACK	166.36
11 CHINA OPN(B)	165.00
12 NORWAY IUNIORS	164.63
13 ERA	164.43
14 LORENTZ	162.23
15 YUETAO OF GUANGZHOU	161.53
16 IILINDINGYUAN	160.08
17 HUBEI IINPAI	159.82
18 LITTLE MECK	159.59
19 MONACO	158.61
20 NICKELL	158.15
21 FLEISHER	157.23
22 FORMIDABLES	156.25
23 CHINA OPN(A)	155.23
24 SOUTH AFRICA	155.10
25 WEINSTEIN	154.94
26 MAZURKIEWICZ	154.60
27 LEVINE	154.26
28 PAN-CHINA	153.92
29 KCB	152.84
30 KUNMING LIIAN	152.72
31 P D TIMES	152.15
32 SILVERFOX	151.69
33 YUFENG ELECTRIC POWER BRIDGE T	151.30
34 KASIMIRS DREAMTEAM	150.97
35 P D PIONEERS	150.06
36 ZHONGSHAN IIEGAO	148.60
37 SHAANXI ELECTRIC POWER DESIGN	147.77
38 HEILONGJIANG TEAM	147.38
39 CHINA HYX	147.00
40 NETHERLANDS	146.47
41 IAPAN	145.81
42 LUCKY SEVEN	144.27
43 TEXAN ACES	144.08
44 HK ZEN	142.30
45 PENFOLD	141.77
46 ZHEJIANG IUXIN	139.50
47 GILLIS	139.19
48 BULGARIAN ALL STARS	138.91
49 YEH BROS TWO	138.09
50 CAYNE	137.97
51 CHINA FINANCE BRIDGE ASSOCIATI	136.83
52 ZHEJIANG IINGFAN	134.52
53 IANGSU BRIDGE ASSOCIATION	132.36
54 SHENZHEN NANGANG POWER	130.64
55 HKI9	128.12
56 HUSSEIN	126.67
57 SHAOGUAN BRIDGE ASOCIATION	126.51
58 MCALLISTER	124.75
59 BALKAN GOLD STAR	123.06
60 AZURE	122.62
61 ITALIA	122.15
62 PAAA	120.39
63 BLADES	118.69
64 P D TRANSNATIONAL	113.78

# A

TEAM	VP
1 REDBULL	165.10
2 YEH MIX	164.44
3 HEMANT JALAN	157.72
4 GUADELOUPE	149.41
5 GUANGZHOU PEARL RIVE	148.99
6 INDONESIA	148.95
7 HUANG LONG TEAM	148.00
8 PING AN CHINA	147.98
9 GENTLE	147.76
10 BRIDGE 24	146.96
11 HEY YO	145.49
12 LUDUS	145.15
13 PODDAR DEVELOPERS	142.84
14 HAUGE	142.72
15 BERLIN	142.40
16 CTBA	139.70
17 AUSCROWAL	138.66
18 ROMANIA	138.33
19 HONG KONG HAI IJU	138.26
20 PERTAMINA EP	138.09
21 BEIJING SHARE SUN	136.25
22 BANK OF CHINA IN HAINAN	136.14
23 QINGDAO BRIDGE ASSOSIATION	135.83
24 TIANJIN COM-JADEITE	135.14
25 GUANGZHOU ZHAOHENG	134.94
26 DARUI INDUSTRY	133.81
27 AYDIN	133.81
28 BRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FUJIAN P	130.44
29 RAINBOW	130.28
30 TURKEY	129.69
31 COFCO YALONG BAY	128.32
32 BILAL	127.98
33 BRIDGE24 B	127.28
34 VIRGINIA	127.26
35 CONSUS POLAND	126.25
36 MOROCCAN OPEN T	125.79
37 ZHONGFU	125.49
38 CHONGQINGBANNAN	124.73
39 PHOENIX LEGEND	124.11
40 GSRC & P UNITED	123.95
41 SUZHOUTAIHU	123.16
42 IILINSHENGQIAOPAIXIEHUI	122.46
43 SHAOGUAN RENHUA	120.79
44 QIANWEI	117.58
45 SHANDONG CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOC	116.43
46 BILSKI	114.24
47 BEIJING LAWYERS	111.11
48 DALIAN	110.71
49 BEYOND	110.63
50 KALAJUN-XINJIANG	107.74
51 DONGFENG FENGSHEN	106.39
52 THE KINGS	105.54
53 INNER MONGOLIA JUNZHENG	104.81
54 WEINSTOCK	103.07
55 BEIJING TAILI KANGXIN	100.76
56 QINGHAI BRIDGE ASSOCIATION	100.43
57 BLACK EARTH GOD DUCK BRIDGE CL	96.00
58 CHANGYU	94.89

# B

# WOMEN'S TEAMS AFTER ROUND 17



NED	USA	CHN	CHN	CHN	CHN	CHN	INA	CHN	CHN	JOE	CHN	CHN	PLA	GWA	TPE	CHN	USA	JPN	RSA	KOR	IMAR	CHN	SIN	CHN	CHN	ARG	Pen	Team	Total	Rank
12.57	4.22	7.06	16.99	15.5	16.04	19	18.53	14.32	7.43	18.01	14.63	18.19				16.53	5.07		10.47			16.53	5.07		10.47		NETHERLANDS	221.6	1	
7.43		2.58	14.93		3.96	12.18	6.69	7.43	12.94	15.5	17.21	15.22	20	12.94	6.01	15.22	17.62	19.8				15.22	17.62		19.8		MOSS	219.4	2	
15.78		9.08	9.53	16.99		6.69	7.43		20	19.29	11.35	6.01	2.79	16.53	13.99	18.69	13.31	19.92				15.22	14.63		17.62	0.5	DEZHOUQIAOXIE(PUSHI)	217.9	3	
		10.92	13.99	13.65	16.77	0	9.53	19.56		9.53	15.54	10.92				6.35	15.22	17.62				15.22	14.63		17.62	0.5	CHINA RED TEAM	213.1	4	
	17.42	10.47	6.01	9.53	8.65	10.92	4.78	14.93	14.32	15.22	9.53	16.53				20	7.82	17.42				8.23	17.42		17.62		CHINA ORANGE TEAM	205.4	5	
12.94	5.07		16.77		8.65		7.06	9.53	13.65	18.19		9.03	7.82	16.04	8.23	2.38	9.03	7.82	16.04	8.23	2.38	17.21	15.5		17.62	0.5	BAKER	189.9	6	
12.94		9.53	2.38	6.35		13.31	13.65	15.78	6.35	15.78		3.23	7.82	15.22	17.42	11.35						8.08	17.82		16.53	1	COFCO YALONG BAY	188.2	7	
3.01	1.99		6.35	15.78	1.99		17.62	16.77	13.31	13.65	15.5	3.23	7.43	17.21	19.8	7.82						7.82			17.62		PERTAMINA EP	185.4	8	
4.5		3.01	3.23	10.47		16.04	11.35	4.78	10	3.23		12.18	11.77	18.01	20	10.47	18.19	18.19				8.08	17.82		16.53		CHINA YELLOW TEAM	185	9	
2.96	16.04		20	11.35	11.35		18.01	13.31	17.82	12.57	8.23	3.96	2.58	12.57	5.68	11.35						7.06	7.06		7.06	1	JOEL	181.9	10	
1	7.82	13.31	10.47	9.08		3.96		10.92	10	7.43	7.82	13.31				15.22	15.5	13.31				15.22	15.5	13.31			BEIJING SHARE SUN	179.6	11	
1.47		12.57	15.22	12.94		9.08			5.68	2.18	12.57	7.43	17.62	13.65	12.94	16.29	9.53	13.65				16.29	9.53		13.65		SHANDONG	173.9	12	
5.68	12.18		0.44	5.07	10.47		3.23	10.47	13.65	16.04	3.47	19.8	20	10.92	16.53	13.31	7.06	5.37				13.99	16.04		5.37		PLATINUM CEM	169.9	13	
12.57			5.68	6.35		6.69	15.22	2.18	10	7.43	6.35	3.23	12.57	14.63	12.18	2.96						17.82	20	9.53	9.08		CHINESE TAIPEI RUYI	156.5	15	
	7.06	0	4.78	1.81	13.65		4.22	6.35	16.77	10	7.43	12.57	14.32	3.96	5.07	16.04	3.96	15.5				17.82	20	9.53	9.08		THE GOURMET PLACE	156.3	16	
1.99		0.71	10.47	10.47		4.22	6.35	16.77	12.18	17.82		16.04							4.5	17.42	1.47	2.18	5.37		15.78	12.57			153.8	17
5.37	4.5		3.46	3.47	9.97		4.5	16.53	4.5			17.42	9.08	14.63	5.07	10.47					8.65	4.5	19.92		19.92	1	POLLACK	153.8	17	
1.81	2.79	8.65	9.08		12.18	16.77	16.77	16.04	0.2	16.77	15.5	2.58				14.32	2.18				2.79	6.69	14.32		2.18		JAPAN LADIES	152.6	18	
	4.78	13.99			3.96	12.18	12.57	7.82	17.42	6.69	12.57	0	7.43			4.5	5.68	11.35	17.42			4.5	5.68	11.35	17.42		BLOOM	151.9	19	
	0	17.21	1.99		11.77	8.23	7.43	9.08	5.37	16.53	5.37	17.21			4.78	17.42					4.78	17.42			18.19		SCITY	150.5	20	
	7.06	3.47			17.62	2.58	0.2	1.99	14.32	3.47	6.35	3.47	7.82			6.69						6.69			13.31		MOROCCAN WOMEN TEAM	149.6	21	
	13.99	6.01	11.65	0	2.79	8.65		0	8.65	2.79	7.06	6.69	16.04			14.32	9.08	15.22				14.32	9.08	15.22			KUNMING LUJIAN	147.1	22	
3.47		1.31		12.18	4.5	12.18	9.53	12.94	2.18			5.68	15.5	2.58	13.31	5.68						1.99	17.82	14.63			SINGAPORE	140.3	23	
14.93	4.78	6.69	4.78	11.77		1.81		7.92	6.01	0	4.22	11.35				10.92	18.01	2.38							2.38		CHINA PINK TEAM	128.1	24	
	2.38	0.08	5.37	2.58		1.81	12.94	6.69	10.47	3.96	10.47	7.43	15.5			4.78	2.18	17.62									HUBEI YIHUA	115.1	25	
9.53	0.2		2.38		2.38	3.47	2.38	14.63	12.57	10.92		0.08	17.82	2.58	1.81	6.69						5.37					EL ROSARIO	112.1	26	

# SENIOR TEAMS AFTER ROUND 14

MIL	CHN	HKG	HAC	USA	JPN	MAR	INA	USA	LEW	MAG	HUN	USA	JPN	CHN	CAN	HKG	CHN	SIN	CHN	IND	Pen	Team	Total	Rank
	16.8		11.8	8.23		15.5	8.65	10	16.3		7.82	16.3	16.5	12.9		17.4			16.3	17.4		MILNER	191.92	1
3.23		18.2			7.43	14.6				9.53	9.08			8.65	7.06	17.8	17.6	12.6	18.2	15.5	0.5	XINYUAN SENIOR TEAM	176.31	2
	1.81				1.31		9.03			11.8	16		16.8	16.5	16.5	4.57	12.9	18	14.9	14.9	1	HK SENIOR FRIENDS	170.67	3
8.23				11.8	4.22	0.44	14.3	9.08	17.4	13.7		6.35	11.8		19.6	17.6	17.8	18				HACKETT	170.26	4
11.8			8.23			8.23	18.7	8.23	10.5	8.65	14	7.82	13.7	18.9		8.15				16.5	0.5	STERNBERG	170.03	5
	12.6	18.7	15.8				8.23	11.4			7.43	7.82	6.35	15.8	13.7		16.3	1.64	13.3	18.2		IMAX	167.08	6
5.37	5.37		19.6	11.8			11.8	11.4	15.5		17	13.2	4.22	3.47			11.8		11.8	15.2	1.4	MARKOWICZ	157.28	7
11.4		9.97	5.68	1.31	11.8	8.23		7.43	18	18.4		12.6		18.5	12.2	9.53		10.9			0.5	INDONESIA	155.84	8
10			10.9	11.8	8.65	8.65	12.6		11.8	2.18	5.68	3.71	15.8		19.7	10.5				15.5		LYNCH	147.33	9
3.71			2.58	9.53		4.5	1.99	8.23			16	15.5	11.4	11.8	12.2	7.43			19.6	17.2		LEWIS	141.58	10
	10.5	8.23	6.35	11.4			1.64	17.8			11.4	16.3	4.78	16			6.35	6.35	8.23	10		MAGIC EYES	135.25	11
12.2	10.9	3.96		6.01	12.6	3.01		14.3	3.96	8.65		16.3		10.5	10.5		10	12.2				HUNGARY	134.99	12
3.71			13.7	12.2	12.2	5.85	7.43	16.3	4.5	3.71	3.71		9.53	12.6	12.6	16					0.5	LORTZ	133.92	13
3.47		3.23	8.23	6.35	13.7	15.8		4.22	8.65	15.2		10.5		15.8	7.43		7.43	7.82				PLATINUM	127.73	14
7.06	11.4	3.47		1.15	4.22	16.5			8.23	3.96				3.96	5.68	16	10.9	18.2	15.2			HAINAN OLD MAN	125.98	15
	12.9	3.47	0.44		6.35		1.47				9.53	7.43	4.22	16		8.65	9.53	17	18.7	4.03	0.8	WUHAN	119.78	16
	2.18	14.4	2.38	3.23			7.82	0.32	7.82		9.53	7.43	12.6	14.3			6.69		15.5	12.9	0.5	CANADA	117.16	17
2.58	3.23	4.5	2.18	10.9			10.5	9.53	12.6			3.96		3.96	11.4		18.9	16.3	7.08		2.5	MASTER MINDS	117.4	18
	2.38	7.06			3.71	8.23				13.7	10		12.6	9.08	10.5	13.3	1.15		14	7.82	0.32	SICHUAN DAHE COMPANY	113.74	19
	7.43	1.99	1.99		18.4		9.08			13.7	7.82		12.2	1.81	3.01		3.71	6.01	12.2	9.53		SINGAPORE	108.75	20
3.71	1.81	5.07			6.69	8.23			0.44	11.8				4.78	1.31	4.5	8.92	12.2	7.82	17.2	2	HUBEI QIAOXIE	94.44	21
2.58	3.46	5.07		3.47	1.81	4.78		4.5	2.79	10				12.5	7.06		19.7	10.5	2.79		3.3	ENGINEERS	90.93	22