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# FRANCE SAYS, 'MAKE IT A DOUBLE'



The French Venice Cup team, gold medal winners, pose with their Indonesian opponents from the final (in the bright-colored jackets).



The victorious French Team, winners of the D'Orsi Senior Bowl, in the VuGraph Theatre.

French teams continued the European dominance at the World Bridge Team Championships with gold medals in the Venice Cup and D'Orsi Senior Bowl.

The French women were exceptionally strong, building a 196,3-103 lead against the tenacious team from Indonesia after five sets. The Indonesians withdrew with a set to go but, as you can see from the photo with their opponents in the final, they were happy with their silver medals.

The France-USA2 match in the Senior Bowl had a more dramatic finish, as the French came from behind to win the championship. With a set to go, the winners trailed 141.3-132, but they won the final set 33-19 to claim their gold medals.

In the Bermuda Bowl, the Netherlands lead 244-189 with 32 boards to play today against USA2, and in the World Transnational Open Teams, OZ Open (Australia) will play two further 16-board sets against Israel Juniors for the gold. Israel leads 50-28.

After play is completed, the prize-giving ceremony will take place in the VuGraph Theatre starting at 7 p.m. It will include a buffet dinner.



In the foreground, the Senior Bowl silver medalists – USA2.

## Turn your clocks back



Daylight saving time in the Netherlands ends at 3 a.m. on Sunday. If you do not plan to be up in the wee hours on Sunday, turn your watches and clocks back one hour before going to bed tonight.



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# RESULTS



## Bermuda Bowl

### Final

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Boards 97 - 112	Boards 113 - 128	Total
1	USA 2	0	44	43	21	16	32	33			189
	Netherlands	1	31	35	63	54	37	23			244

## Venice Cup

### Final

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
21	Indonesia	0	13	24	19	38	9	-	103
	France	0.3	46	41	39	32	38	-	196.3

## d'Orsi Senior Bowl

### Final

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
41	USA 2	6.3	8	11	20	79	17	19	160.3
	France	0	45	21	23	13	30	33	165

## World Transnational Open Teams

### Quarter-final

Tbl		Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Total
61	China Open	24	33	57
	Israel Juniors	50	64	114
62	Angelini	12	27	39
	Gordon	32	40	72
63	Teramoto	27	42	69
	Oz Open	51	43	94
64	T Onstein	16	32	48
	Parimatch	59	46	105

### Semi-final

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Total
61	Israel Juniors	1	37	27	65
	Gordon	0	32	26	58
62	Oz Open	0	30	36	66
	Parimatch	8	41	11	60

### Another look

One of Julita Grace Tuije's opponents in the Indonesia-USA2 Venice Cup match reported that Tuije's play in 5♣ from the quarter-final round (Thursday edition, page 9) did not transpire as written. In cashing her two high trumps from AK543 opposite J9872, Tuije unblocked the ♠7 and ♣8 from dummy to allow her to return to hand in trumps if she needed to.

### VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS



#### Bermuda Bowl

Final sessions 7 (10.30), and 8 (13.45)

VuGraph (BBO 1) USA 2 - Netherlands

#### World Transnational Open Teams

Final sessions 2 (10.30), and 3 (13.45)

On BBO

## French elegance rewarded

by Jos Jacobs

In the Venice Cup Final between Indonesia and France, this was board 14:

Board: 14. Dlr: East/None

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### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Bojoh	D'Ovidio	Tueje
		Pass	1♥
Dbf	Pass	2♣	2♥
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

In the Open Room, the Indonesians had not bid game and declarer was not tested when West, after cashing a top diamond, continued with the ♣K. Indonesia an easy +170.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dewi	Neve	Murniati	Gaviard
		Pass	1♥
Dbf	INT	Pass	4♥
Dbf	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, Danièle Gaviard went to game straight away, thus placing herself in a position to show her ability in declarer play. Guided by West's double, she had no trouble in executing a fine criss-cross squeeze as the play went like this:

West cashed two top diamonds and then exited by playing ♥A and another. Declarer won this in dummy, cashed the ♦J throwing her spade loser and ruffed herself back to hand with a diamond.

On the run of the trumps, West was caught in a criss-cross squeeze. Gaviard could have gone for a pedestrian positional squeeze by cashing the ♠A before the last trump but to the joy of the connoisseurs, she did not.



When the last trump was played, the position was as in the diagram above. West had to find a discard from her two KJ combinations as the last trump was played, whereas dummy would discard the low club. Following West's discards, Gaviard could then first cash the black ace under which a king would fall, and then criss-cross back to her other black ace to cash the established black queen. A real pleasure to watch!

On this deal, France thus added another 9 IMPs to their lead in the first segment.

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WBF President Gianarrigo Rona started the press conference with praise for the Dutch Bridge Federation and the local organizers of the 40th World Bridge Team Championships in Veldhoven, in particular the main sponsor, Hans Melchers, Honourary Chairman, BC 't Onstein.

"We are very satisfied with the result of this event," said Rona. "The venue seems to be created for a big event like the Bermuda Bowl and Transnational Teams. The volunteers did a fantastic job. We have to be more than happy."

Asked about the eligibility of the Monaco team (led by Pierre Zimmermann) for the world championships next year, Rona said the decision will be made by the European Bridge League.

Running down the list of certain and possible venues for future world championships, Rona announced this schedule:

- 2012 – World Youth Teams in China, near Shanghai.
- 2013 – Contract signed for World Bridge Team Championships in Bali, Indonesia.
- 2014 – Under consideration: Germany for the World Championships, Germany or Turkey for the World Youth Teams.
- 2015 – Under consideration: Morocco, South Africa, Poland.
- 2016 – Brazil, most likely Rio de Janeiro.
- 2017 – Under consideration: Gold Coast, Australia.
- 2018 – Under consideration: United States.

# BERMUDA BOWL

# Final 2



**USA 2**

**v**

**Netherlands**



by Phillip Alder

Just before I start discussing deals 17-32, I would like to dispel a rumor running rampant around the Koningshof that I am the Psychoswami. This would be demonstrably clear to anyone who knows me because I never use words with four syllables!

Now to the bridge, with USA 2 enjoying a lead of 12 IMPs.

On Board 17, USA 2 gained 6 IMPs because of notrump differences. Bauke Muller opened INT showing 12-15 points and Simon de Wijs passed with ten. Justin Lall's identical opening indicated 14-16 points, so Joe Grue invited game, which Lall accepted with a 15 including two aces, two kings, a ten and two nines. Both declarers won ten tricks.

On the second deal, John Hurd made 4♠ after opening 1♠. At the other table, Ricco van Prooijen opened 4♠, Lall doubled, and Grue sacrificed in 5♥, which was not doubled. It drifted down four, minus 400, and USA 2 gained 1 IMP.

On Board 19, Grue and Lall defended perfectly to defeat 4♥ by three, vulnerable. In the other room, de Wijs made 3♦ to hold the Dutch loss to 5 IMPs.

Then Muller played very nicely on this deal:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

N	
W	E
	S

♠ A J 4  
♥ K 7 5 4  
♦ K Q 6 5  
♣ A Q

♠ 10 9 8 7  
♥ Q 10  
♦ 10 8 7  
♣ J 10 8 6

♠ K 6 2  
♥ J 9 8 3 2  
♦ A J 9 4 2  
♣ -

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Verhees	Grue	v. Prooijen	Lall
Pass	2♣ (1)	Pass	2♦ (2)
Pass	3♣ (3)	Pass	4NT (4)
All Pass			

- (1) 10-15 points, six-plus clubs
- (2) Inquiry
- (3) Minimum with no four-card major
- (4) Quantitative (4♦ would have been RKCB)



<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Wooldridge	de Wijs	Hurd	Muller
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the Open Room, when West led the spade ten and Lall saw the dummy, he must have wished he had bid a slam. However, when East discarded the heart two under the club ace at trick two, suddenly he was happy. But he became unhappy again when he found there was no way to ten tricks.

Lall cashed the club queen at trick three, played a heart to dummy's ace, took the club king, and played a fourth round. (East threw two diamonds, South a diamond and a heart.) West led the spade nine, ducked to declarer's ace. The diamond king lost to East's ace, and back came the heart jack. South won, cashed the diamond queen, and exited with a diamond, but lost the last three tricks to West's diamond ten, East's spade king and East's heart nine: down two.

Muller showed how to land nine tricks in notrump. He won the heart-ten(!) lead with his king, cashed his two club honors (East discarded one heart and one diamond), and led the diamond king, East winning and returning a heart to the queen and king. Now South cashed the club king, which pressured East into parting with a diamond. Then came a spade to the jack to give this position with declarer needing three more tricks:

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

N	
W	E
	S

♠ A 4
♥ 7
♦ Q 6 5
♣ -

South cashed his diamond queen, under which I thought East was going to drop the jack. If Hurd had done that, declarer would have led a diamond and got two more tricks with the spade ace and diamond six.

When Hurd kept his diamond jack, South exited with his heart, endplaying East into either establishing South's long diamond or leading away from the spade king.

That gave the Netherlands 13 IMPs.

USA2 gained 2 overtrick IMPs on the next four deals; then:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Both Norths were in 4♠. The two Easts led the diamond ace and continued with the diamond queen. The Wests overtook with their king and switched to the club king, East ruffing declarer's ace.

Hurd now led a heart. De Wijs won with dummy's ace and discarded a couple of clubs but had to go down one.

Van Prooijen returned a trump. Grue rattled off his six spades and East erred by discarding a heart. Now dummy's hearts were worth five tricks and the contract made, giving 10 IMPs to USA 2.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 9 4 ♥ K 9 5 4 ♦ A Q 8 6 3 2 ♣ 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K ♥ A Q 10 2 ♦ 4 ♣ A K Q 9 8 6	♠ 8 7 6 5 ♥ J 7 6 3 ♦ 10 7 5 ♣ J 5
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West	North	East	South
Verhees	Grue	v. Prooijen	Lall
I♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♠
Dble	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			5♣

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	de Wijs	Hurd	Muller
I♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	5♣

Make of those auctions what you will. No doubt Lall was worried about his king-jack of diamonds being led through

immediately and thinking that 3NT might be the only game. Muller followed the time-honored mantra of support with support, which made it easy for de Wijs to bid the slam.

Both declarers claimed 12 tricks almost immediately, giving the Netherlands 13 IMPs and reducing their deficit to 10.

The Dutch judged this deal better:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Grue	v. Prooijen	Lall
2♥ (1)	2♠	2NT (2)	3♥
4♣	4♠	All Pass	

- (1) Five-plus hearts, four-plus clubs, 10-15 points
- (2) Inquiry, game-invitational in hearts or any game-force



Simon de Wijs, Netherlands

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	de Wijs	Hurd	Muller
1♥	1♠	2♥	2NT (1)
3♣	3♦ (2)	4♥	All Pass

- (1) Game-invitational or better with spade support
- (2) Game-try

Against 4♠, East led the club eight and West accurately covered with the ten. Careful play thereafter gave the defenders two hearts, one diamond and two clubs for down two.

Against 4♥, North led the diamond queen, and the defenders had to collect one spade, two diamonds and one club. That gave the Netherlands 6 IMPs.

USA2 struck back immediately.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Grue	v. Prooijen	Lall
	2♠	3♠ (1)	6♠

All Pass

- (1) At least 5-5 in hearts and a minor



Bauke Muller, Netherlands

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	de Wijs	Hurd	Muller
	2♠	3♠ (1)	4♠
4NT (2)	5♠	Dble	All Pass

- (1) At least 5-5 in hearts and a minor
- (2) Asking for the minor

Both declarers took 12 tricks without difficulty to give 9 IMPs to USA 2.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Grue	v. Prooijen	Lall
		4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	de Wijs	Hurd	Muller
		4♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

When did you last see immediate leaps to 6♠ on back-to-back boards?

With West unable to get to the dummy with best defense, it looked as though Louk Verhees had judged better than Joel Wooldridge. However ...

Against 4♠, Grue led the diamond six. When dummy's ten held, declarer discarded his clubs on the ace-king of hearts and took 12 tricks.

Against 6♠, de Wijs led the spade six. West won with his jack and immediately led his club six, North rising with his ace and South dropping the nine.

What count signals do the Dutch use? Upside-down: low with an even number, high with an odd number. De Wijs, believing this was a count situation, not suit-preference, now expected declarer to have three clubs. So, in desperation, he shifted to a low diamond. Dummy's ten won and the slam made.

That was 11 IMPs to USA 2.

The Dutch retrieved one overtrick IMP in the last two boards to leave USA 2 up by 23 IMPs, 88-65.

## Lead away!

By Micke Melander

Some say that a big part of the final outcome of the boards being played in a championship is based on the fact that you eventually "have to" lead a card sometimes after a very long thought. Sitting on the serve, having to kick-off, isn't always so easy...

### Questions

1st serve. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 9 6  
♥ 8 6 5  
♦ K 9 6  
♣ A 10 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
	You		
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

\* Showing at least a stopper, may even be a second suit.

2nd serve. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q 5  
♥ 9 5  
♦ K 10 5 3  
♣ A 10 8 7

West	North	East	South
			You
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

All natural, you just have to figure out what's right or not.

3rd serve. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A 9  
♥ 5 4 2  
♦ A 9 7 5  
♣ A 10 8 4

West	North	East	South
			You
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣**	Pass	4♠	All Pass

\* Transfer \*\* Accepting ♠, ♣ cue-bid.

You know that dummy will arrive with an 18-19 NT hand with four spades and a club cue-bid.

the answers on page 15

## Farewell



Just van der Kam, Eric Laurant and Armand Trippaers

Eighteen months ago Morocco withdrew and one week later the decision was made: The Netherlands took over the organisation for the 40th World Bridge Team Championships.

A brave decision from José Damiani to choose The Netherlands and NH Conference Center Koningshof. That's why he said during the opening ceremony, "Complaints to me."

But don't forget Hans Melchers, he also likes to take quick and brave decisions. Because of his financial support, it was possible to host these championships in the Netherlands.

Hans Melchers and the Dutch Bridge Federation had two objectives: that the players should be served as best as possible and that the rest of the world had to enjoy these championships in the best possible way with the use of new technology.

It is for you to judge about the hospitality. Personally, we were very impressed by the enthusiastic and very friendly volunteers and hotel staff. The people from this region are known for their kindness and warmth. Everybody who was involved with this championship, including the players, made this a great event. Thank you all very very much.

We think the standard of technology was higher then ever. The VuGraph table with the voice from the commentators on Internet, the card recognition system, the card table of the future, webcams, free and fast wi-fi for everybody.

It is necessary that bridge technology is developed further, because bridge must keep pace with modern times. If we want to popularize our beautiful game, and make it attractive for the youth, we need technology. It is certainly the most challenging mission for the WBF in future years to raise the standard of technology every year to a higher level.

We all are looking forward to Bali 2013. If not to help or to play, then as a tourist to combine a holiday on this beautiful island with a visit to the 41st World Bridge Team Championships. We will be there.

We give the torch to Bali!

Local Organising Committee : Eric Laurant (chairman), Just van der Kam (local organizer) and Armand Trippaers (member).

# D'ORSI SENIOR BOWL Final 4



**USA 2**

v

**France**



by Phillip Alder

USA 2 entered the second half of the D'Orsi Senior Bowl final 43.67 IMPs behind France, but the Americans scored 42 unanswered points over the first eight boards. Then came:

had no defense, but he accelerated the play and conceded an overtrick when he led the club king.

That gave 13 IMPs to USA 2 and the lead by 11.33.

After two flat boards, France gained 13 IMPs over the next three deals to retake the lead. Then:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Robinson	Vanhoutte	Boyd
	1♦	Pass	1♥
2♦ (1)	Dble (2)	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

- (1) At least 5-5 in the black suits
- (2) Three hearts

West	North	East	South
Kozlove	Leenhardt	Kasle	Piganeau
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Open Room, Peter Boyd led the diamond six. To make his contract with this layout, the declarer, Philippe Vanhoutte, had to win with dummy's ace and play a heart to his queen, so that he could discard dummy's second diamond on the heart ace.

When East played low from the dummy, North, Steve Robinson, won with his king and switched to the heart four. Declarer won with his ace, played a diamond to dummy's ace, cashed the spade ace, and continued with a low spade, which ran to South's jack. South switched to the club jack and declarer had to lose four tricks: two spades, one diamond and one club.

At the other table, North, Francois Leenhardt, led the heart four. West, Larry Kozlove, called for dummy's queen, then discarded a diamond on the heart ace. Now declarer played a spade to his queen. North won with the king and



Steve Robinson, USA

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Robinson	Vanhoutte	Boyd
			1♥
Pass	2♣ (1)	Pass	2NT (2)
Pass	3♦ (3)	Pass	3♥ (4)
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

- (1) Natural or a balanced game-force  
 (2) Four-plus diamonds  
 (3) Sets trumps.  
 (4) Singleton club.

West	North	East	South
Kozlove	Leenhardt	Kasle	Piganeau
			1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The French never even smelled a slam. Leenhardt came home with an overtrick. The play had one amusing point: West's last four cards were all nines.

The American auction reached the excellent 6♦ contract by unusual means. North thought 4♣ was a control bid, but South thought it was Roman key card Blackwood. South showed one key card, but North thought that was RKCB. North showed three key cards but South thought he was asking for the queen of diamonds. South showed the diamond queen and spade king but North thought he was asking for the queen of diamonds. North denied the queen of diamonds, at which point South worked out what was happening and bid six diamonds.

East started with a low club, dummy's queen winning. North played a heart to his queen, East taking the trick and switching to a spade. Declarer won in his hand, ruffed a club in the dummy, cashed the heart king, ruffed a heart with his diamond ace, played a trump to dummy, ruffed another heart with the diamond king, drew trumps, and claimed.

That was worth 12 IMPs to USA 2, back in front by 10.33.

Then came the final deal of the session.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Robinson	Vanhoutte	Boyd
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦ (1)	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(1) Checkback

West	North	East	South
Kozlove	Leenhardt	Kasle	Piganeau
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Leenhardt led a trump, South taking his ace and switching to a low club. West won with his king, drew trumps, unblocked his heart honors, and led the club queen. South won and cashed the diamond ace to stop the overtrick.

Against Patrick Grenthe, Robinson led a low diamond. Boyd won with his ace and found the best defense: the ace and another club.

To get home now, declarer had to take the ruffing diamond finesse, so that he could discard dummy's remaining club. And this looks like the indicated line of play.

But West played a trump. South won and gave his partner a club ruff for down one.

That was another 12 IMPs to USA 2, who had won the set by 79-13 to take a 22.33-IMP lead into the last 32 boards.

## Psychoswami wonders

Psychoswami's crystal ball arrived safely from Jaipur yesterday, so he can now retire Geoff Hampson's dome from service as a substitute. Psychoswami had Ron Klinger's dome polished up and ready to go for the WTOT predictions, but thank Gautama it won't be needed.

Psychoswami was a little puzzled by what was going on in the World Transnational Open Teams: Monaco Z was gone and Angelini was on the precipice at 20 IMPs down to Gordon with 16 boards remaining. So what, Psychoswami hears you say, they had Meckwell and Fantunes, they would come back.

As dawn broke over Veldhoven yesterday, Psychoswami saw all the halftime leaders hanging on, then a Gordon-Parimatch final. Psychoswami looked deeply into his crystal ball, back in time to the Cold War when the USA and the USSR battled for world dominance. Neither won, but note that there is no longer a USSR. Psychoswami saw Gordon win and Alan Sontag winning his seventh world championship in seven finals. Yes, when Sonty gets to a final, he wins it.

Unfortunately for Gordon, a disaster on Board 31 finished them off, and the Israeli Juniors went through to the final despite a 7-IMP slow-play penalty. The Aussies finished off Russia and we have Oz v Iz Psychoswami hears "Waltzing Matilda" ever so faintly.

# BERMUDA BOWL Final 3



**USA 2**

v

**Netherlands**



by Brent Manley

After two sets in the Bermuda Bowl, USA2 was looking good with a 20-IMP lead. By the end of the third set, the lead was long gone.

USA2 won 15 IMPs on the first two boards, but then the well ran dry as the Netherlands scored swing after swing. This board represented an early gain for the Dutch.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Lall</i>
1♦	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

2♣ was a game-forcing relay.

Justin Lall led the ♣7 against Bas Drijver's heart game. He played the jack from dummy, taken by Joe Grue with the king. A spade was returned to the king and ace, and a second club went to the bare ace. A heart to the king held the trick and Drijver was able to claim when a second round of hearts proved the suit to be 3-2. Plus 620.

At the other table, John Hurd and Joel Wooldridge got too high.

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Prooijen</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Verhees</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

The opening club lead by Louk Verhees sunk the contract. Hurd had no choice but to hope the lead was away from the king. When Ricco van Prooijen won the ♣K, he returned a spade and waited for the setting trick with the trump ace. That was 12 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 7 was good for only 4 IMPs to the Netherlands, but it provides a example of the aggressive mind-set of the young American team.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Lall</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

An overall with the South hand, even at the one level, risks what actually happened – a balancing double converted to penalty.



Justin Lall, USA

Sjoert Brink led a low club to the 5, jack and 3. Drijver switched to the ♠Q, taken by Justin Lall with the ace. He played a low diamond from hand, taken by Brink with the king. Brink then pulled dummy's last trump with the ♥K and exited with the ♠8 to his partner's queen. Drijver cashed the ♣A and played the ♣Q, ruffed by Lall. A diamond lost to Drijver's ace. Lall had taken two tricks to that point, and he had the two high trumps (the ♥J 9), but that was it. Three down meant minus 800.

At the other table, Wooldridge played in 3NT, easily taking 11 tricks for plus 660, so the speeding ticket did not cost so much - only 4 IMPs.

This board had a higher price for the Americans.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Brink	Grue	Drijver	Lall
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Drijver led the ♥9, which Grue ran around to his jack. He cashed the ♥A and could have played a third round to take three heart tricks, but the opening lead apparently convinced Grue that Drijver had led from shortness. In any event, Grue's next play was the ♣9 from hand. Brink took the ♣Q and started the attack on declarer's communications with dummy by playing the ♦J. Grue took the trick in dummy and played a diamond to his king, following with the ♣A and the ♣J to Brink's king.

Brink had nothing left but spade at that point, so he played the 10 to dummy's jack. Grue cashed the ♠A and played a low heart from the queen. Drijver could have taken the trick cheaply and cashed his king, but then he would have had to lead into dummy's diamond tenace. So Drijver took the ♥K and put declarer back in dummy with a heart to the queen. Brink was waiting with the ♠K 9 over dummy's ♠Q 7. Down one, plus 50 for the Netherlands.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Wooldridge	Prooijen	Hurd	Verhees
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Hurd started with his singleton spade, declarer playing the queen and discarding a club when Joel Wooldridge took the ♠K. A low club was returned, and van Prooijen inserted the jack, which held. The ♥J was next, ducked all around, then the ♥A and a third heart. Hurd took the king and played a diamond to dummy's ace. The ♥Q was cashed, followed by the ♠A and ♠J. Declarer finished with three hearts, two spades, three diamond and two clubs for plus 430 and another 10 IMPs.

It was 51-21 for the set to the Netherlands when the final board hit the table.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Brink	Grue	Drijver	Lall
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dbl
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Lall led the ♥J, taken by Drijver with the ace. A heart went to dummy's king, and when declarer called for a low club from dummy, Grue played low. Drijver won his singleton ♣Q, pulled the last trump and played a diamond to dummy's king. Another diamond went to South's jack, which was followed by the ♦A, then a club to the king and ace, ruffed by declarer, who discarded a spade from dummy on the ♦Q and continued with the ♠K. South won the ♠A, but there were no more tricks for the defense and Drijver had plus 620.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Wooldridge	Prooijen	Hurd	Verhees
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dbl
2NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Verhees started with the ♣J, ducked in dummy. Van Prooijen took the ♣A and switched to the ♠A. Verhees covered the ♠J with the queen, then cashed his two aces for one down and 12 IMPs.

The Dutch team had outscored their opponents 63-6 over the final 14 boards to take a 130-108 lead with five sets to play.



# Gordon's Alive?!

by Mark Horton

*Flash Gordon* is a 1980 science fiction film notable for its soundtrack composed, performed and produced by the rock band Queen.

One of the characters is *Prince Vultan* (portrayed by Brian Blessed) leader of the bird-like Hawkmen in the *Flash Gordon* comic strip and its adaptations. Prince Vultan starts his career as a half-villain but soon reforms into one of Flash Gordon's greatest allies. His character fits the stereotype of the barrel-chested chieftain with more than a hint of a Pirate Captain or Viking Chieftain endowed with a booming voice and a great appetite for life, food and women. (Shades of Ron Tacchi!)

Vultan is best remembered for the line 'Gordon's alive!'

One of the Transnational quarter finals saw two powerful teams in opposition, Gordon and Angelini; only one would survive to the next round. Gordon held a handy lead at half time and the match was effectively decided by two 'flashes' of lightning (or should that be Lightner?).

Dealer East. N/S Vul

♠ 8 6 ♥ - ♦ 10 9 7 4 3 ♣ A K J 7 5 3	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 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>	N	W      E	S	♠ A 9 7 5 4 2 ♥ Q 8 7 5 ♦ Q J ♣ Q	♠ Q ♥ J 4 2 ♦ A 8 5 ♣ 10 9 8 6 4 2
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W      E						
S						

When I first looked at this deal the bidding record was empty. I asked the VuGraph operator but drew a blank. Mimicking a line from the film (dispatch war rocket Ajax to bring back his body!) I dispatched Patrick Jourdain to see what he could discover. He returned almost immediately (having encountered Michael Rosenberg) and handed over a piece of paper remarking 'I have done your bidding'.

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Rosenberg	Meckstroth	Willenken
		1♠	Pass
2NT*	3NT*	4♠	5♣
5♦*	Pass	5♠	6♣
6♠	Dbf	All Pass	
2NT	Limit raise or better in spades		
3NT	Minors		

South led a heart, North ruffed and returned a diamond and was able to ruff a second heart, +300.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sontag	Fantoni	Berkowitz	Nunes
		1♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
4♣	Void		
5♣	One key card excluding the club ace.		

If North had doubled what would South have led? A heart would flatten the board, cashing the ace of diamonds would have made it easy to switch to a heart. As it was South led his trump and declarer claimed +1010 and 16 IMPs.

Dealer South. Both Vul

♠ A 9 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ A Q J 4 ♣ A K Q 9	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 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>	N	W      E	S	♠ Q 7 4 3 ♥ Q 8 5 3 2 ♦ 7 5 3 2 ♣ -	♠ K 10 8 ♥ J 10 9 7 ♦ - ♣ 8 7 6 4 3 2
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### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Rosenberg	Meckstroth	Willenken
			Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

N/S picked a good moment to miss their diamond fit. There were twelve tricks on top, (although it seemed to take declarer some time to locate them – a transmission problem perhaps?) +1440.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sontag	Fantoni	Berkowitz	Nunes
			Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♦	Dbf	All Pass

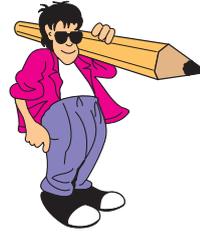
The early part of the bidding is explained by reference to notes that are available on the Internet:

- 1♣ 14+ or good 12/13 with 4+ clubs or 15+ balanced
- 1♠ 0-11 no major
- 2♥ 23+ balanced or 6+♣ 0/2 ♦ 18-20 or 21+ with clubs
- 2♠ Relay
- 2NT 23-24(-) balanced

Thereafter the diamond fit was established and the excellent slam reached. East's double (he revealed afterwards he was not sure he should have done it fearing a retreat to 6NT) sounded a warning note but after a lot of thought North stood his ground. West led the six of clubs and when East ruffed declarer saved time by claiming eleven tricks, -200 and 17 IMPs to Gordon.



## Championship Diary



Micke Melander spotted this: Marriage is like a deck of cards. In the beginning all you need is two hearts and a diamond. By the end, you wish you had a club and a spade.

Grattan Endicott rushed in with a sensational headline – Battle over future of Bridge goes to tense vote. As the Editor prepared to rewrite the front page we read on, only to discover that it related to the ownership of Chelsea's Stamford Bridge Stadium.

Following the sensational deal 30 from the second session of the Finals where several defenders had a problem with ♦K96 we are tempted to paraphrase Oscar Wilde:

*To lead from ♦K96 once may be regarded as a misfortune; to lead from it twice looks like carelessness.*

I went to a fight and a bridge match broke out.  
*Anonymous*

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LIVE ON BBO



# I shoulda stood in bed!

by Barry Rigal

Joe Jacobs, the boxing promoter who introduced this phrase to the world – along with the more famous, “We wuz robbed!” – used the expression to indicate that his day had been so bad that he should never have got up. I’m sure Dan Morse felt this way about the following deal, the very last in his match with USAII, the Senior Semi-finals.

Board 80; Dealer West; EW Vul.

♠ 7 5 4 ♥ Q 9 7 4 3 2 ♦ 8 ♣ K 6 4	♠ 10 6 ♥ J 8 ♦ J 9 7 6 ♣ Q 10 8 7 2	♠ A K J 8 3 ♥ K 6 ♦ A K 5 2 ♣ J 3	♠ Q 9 2 ♥ A 10 5 ♦ Q 10 4 3 ♣ A 9 5
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West	North	East	South
Schermer	Fisher	Chambers	Hamilton
Wolff	Robinson	Morse	Boyd
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Both tables declared 4♠ on a diamond lead. Both declarers ruffed a diamond at trick two, but Chambers crossed to hand and with a top trump and ruffed a second diamond. Now came a heart to the king and ace and Hamilton played the ♣A and another club. Declarer won the king and ruffed a club, cashed the trump king and conceded a trump for 620.

Morse received a diamond lead (the four, playing third and low) and ruffed a diamond. Now he led a heart to the king and ace, and the club ace and another club came back. He rose with the king, and crossed to the spade ace to play ♦K and ruff a diamond. Now he had reached this ending:

♠ – ♥ Q 9 7 4 ♦ – ♣ 6	♠ 10 ♥ J ♦ – ♣ Q 10 8	♠ K J 8 3 ♥ 6 ♦ – ♣ –	♠ Q 9 ♥ 10 5 ♦ – ♣ –
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At this point Morse was worried about bad trump breaks, and in need of a swing. He cashed the heart queen, ruffed a club back to hand, and could of course have played trumps from the top. Instead he exited with a low spade – which would have succeeded against all and every lie of the trump suits except this one, when North could win the bare ten and exit with a club to promote a trump for South!



## Villamoura strikes again

by Herman De Wael

As has been mentioned in Daily Bulletins quite a few times before, a 6-6 fit in hearts has been called (by me if no-one else) a Villamoura hand, because the coat-of-arms of the Portuguese city that hosted the 1995 European championships had six hearts on either side of the crest.

Since then, I’ve been following that particular shape, and have seen some strange things happening on it. Among others, a contract of 6♠ has occurred twice (yes, by the heart holders), when the partner of a Multi-opener was quite certain of what the major suit was.

Something similar occurred in session two of the semi-finals.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A K Q 4 2 ♥ – ♦ 9 6 2 ♣ 9 8 7 3 2	♠ 10 8 5 ♥ K 7 6 5 4 2 ♦ 10 8 ♣ A 4	♠ 7 6 3 ♥ J ♦ A Q J 7 5 ♣ K Q J 6	♠ J 9 ♥ A Q 10 9 8 3 ♦ K 4 3 ♣ 10 5
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At eight of the twelve tables, the contract was 5♥, doubled, 2 down, for –300. At two tables E/W pushed to 5♠, and at one they were allowed to stay in 4♠, all making 11, for –450. The twelfth table played the contract in 2♠, and also made 11 tricks. That was a push, because it was North/South who played 2♠, down 6 for -300 as well. At that table, South, Nicola Smith had opened 2♥, weak, and North, Sally Brock psyched a 2♠ response.

## Answers to "Lead away"

For those not succeeding so well we can recommend a couple of books from the bookstore. "Blackwood on Opening Leads" is one, "Opening Leads" with Mike Lawrence or Robert Ewen two other. Here follows some solutions to check how you managed and what happened in real life.

1st Serve – Dealer East.. None Vuln.

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

West	North	East	South
	You		
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Did you manage to kick-off with a trump or the ace of clubs? If so you would have beaten the contract. We saw many examples where the bidding went everything from 4♥-6NT to 4♥-6♠ and the example above. Many led a diamond, as did Cronier for France which this time cost the French team 11 IMPs.

2nd Serve – West dealer. E/W Vuln.

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

West	North	East	South
	You		
		1NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3NT	All Pass		

Actually there was no killing lead on this hand. Declarer can always make his contract by playing it in the right way. Though checking out all leads we have to say that those leading a diamond should in some way be punished by losing an imp or two, you are in fact leading into the strong hand and you do know that you partner at a maximum may have a queen or two jacks. Another probable factor is that you know that you are behind declarer with a lot of goodies and "it won't be a walk in the park" to make the contract. A minor should most probably be avoided. In the bronze match between Italy and USA, Madala in the Closed Room led a heart which was rewarded when the American declarer went wrong.

On our twelve remaining tables playing in the final, one opted to lead the ace of spades, four the nine of hearts and seven a low diamond!

3rd Serve – West dealer. E/W Vuln.

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

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

Gaviard for France brilliantly kicked off with the ace of clubs and another round of clubs, on which she got count from partner, and thereby set up a ruff to beat the contract. North got her ruff when partner got in with the ace of trumps. Leading a club against the actual bidding sequence can only be made by champions. The ace of diamonds or a small diamond would have been my personal choice...

At the other table Murniati from Indonesia led a diamond from North. South won the trick with the ace and continued correctly with the ace of clubs and a club, won by Veronique Bessis who was declarer. Bessis now showed proof of her excellent declaring abilities and immediately continued with the queen of diamonds, setting up the jack, when North covered it. A heart to the ace followed, and the jack of diamonds on which declarer discarded the losing club in dummy. A club lead would have given you 12 IMPs in the Venice Cup final.

# BERMUDA BOWL Semi-final 6



**USA 2**

**v**

**USA 1**

## Big hill to climb

by Brent Manley

With 16 boards to play in their Bermuda Bowl semi-final match, USA2 led USA1 comfortably at 188-126. Bigger deficits have been overcome, however, so it was not time for USA1 to relax.

USA1's hopes for a comeback took a hit on the fourth board, with USA2 leading 7-1.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ K 8 7 5 ♥ K 10 9 8 4 3 2 ♦ 7 ♣ Q</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A 4 2 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 9 5 3 2 ♣ J 10 8 7</p>	<p>♠ 10 6 ♥ J 7 ♦ A J 10 8 4 ♣ 6 4 3 2</p>											
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Steve Weinstein led his singleton diamond to Bobby Levin's ace. A diamond return was ruffed by Weinstein, but that was it for the defense. Weinstein returned a heart to the jack and queen, followed by the ♠Q from Joel Wooldridge. Weinstein covered with the king. The fall of the ♠10 from East made the play easy from there – plus 600.

West	North	East	South
Grue	Fleisher	Lall	Kamil
3♥	Pass	4♥	Dbl
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Deep Finesse says 4♠ can be made from the South seat, but that's on a double-dummy basis, not to mention that getting to 4♠ by South is simply impossible on the bidding.

Against 4♠ by North, Justin Lall started with the ♥J, taken in dummy with the ace. Declarer, Martin Fleisher, ruffed a heart low at trick two, played a club to dummy. When Grue followed with the ♣Q, the impending doom surely settled on the table for Fleisher. Soldiering on, he ruffed dummy's

third heart with the ♠A and played a spade to the queen and Grue's king. The 4-2 trump split was too much for Fleisher to handle and he finished three down for minus 300, a 14-IMP gain for USA2.

A bit later, USA1 had solid gains on consecutive boards.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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Martin Fleisher, USA

Levin led the ♠A, continuing with the ♥Q to John Hurd's king. When Hurd played a low diamond from hand and Levin discarded, the fate of the contract was known. He won in dummy and ran the ♠10 to Levin's jack. Levin ran hearts and still has the ♠A for three down and plus 500.

At the other table, Fleisher also ended up in 3NT from the North seat, but with no red cards from the opponents. He also went three down, but minus 150 helped USA1 to an 8-IMP gain.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K 4 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A Q J 10 7 4 2 ♣ 5 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A Q 7 6 2 ♥ 4 ♦ K 6 ♣ A Q J 8 3	♠ 5 3 ♥ A K Q 10 6 3 ♦ 3 ♣ K 9 7 6
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West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Hurd	Levin	Wooldridge
	1♠	2♥	3♠
3NT	4♣	Dbl	Pass
Pass	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

The defense was deadly accurate. Levin led his singleton diamond, ruffing the return. He then cashed the ♥A, continuing with the king. Hurd ruffed and played a low club from his hand, hoping the ♣10 would be an entry for the spade finesse.

Levin took the ♣K, however, and continued with the ♥Q, allowing Weinstein to discard his other club. Hurd had to lose another trick and was two down for minus 300.

West	North	East	South
Grue	Fleisher	Lall	Kamil
	1♠	2♥	Pass
3NT	Dbl	Pass	Pass
4♦	Dbl	4♥	Dbl
All Pass			

Kamil led the ♠J, ducked all around. A second spade went to the king and ace, and Fleisher played a low heart. Lall took the ace, went to dummy with the ♦A and played a club up. Fleisher made the nice play of the ♣J. Lall won the ♣K, but when he played a low club from hand, Kamil was able to win the 10 and play a second trump. He conceded his natural trump trick, but Lall could not avoid losing three club tricks and the two spades for minus 500 – a 13-IMP gain for USA1.

That was about it for big swings, however. USA1 managed to gain only 2 IMPs when they needed 62 just to tie. The young USA2 team had made it to the final in impressive fashion.

## What's Your Preference?

by Patrick Jourdain

In the Transnational quarterfinal match between Angelini and Gordon the latter gained 7 IMPs through an accurate defence by Berkowitz and Sontag against Fantoni & Nunes:

Dealer North. E/W Vul

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West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Rosenberg	Meckstroth	Willenken
	Pass	1♥	1♠
2NT*	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

Rodwell's 2NT was a limit heart raise or better

West	North	East	South
Sontag	Fantoni	Berkowitz	Nunes
	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♠*	3♥*	3♠*	Pass
4♥	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

At this table Sontag's cuebid was a limit raise of hearts or better and Fantoni's 3♥ was "bounceback" version meaning a limit raise in spades or better. Berkowitz then bid 3♠ to show the hand was theirs. Unusual, I think, to have three bids of the opponent's suit in the same auction!

Four Hearts is easy and 11 tricks can be made due to the favourable diamond position. So the sacrifice in spades would show a profit if the loss could be held to three down and -500.

At both tables the lead was ♥2 to the king and a diamond switch from East. Meckstroth selected the two, to the ten, jack and king. Berkowitz chose the five which went to the three, eight and king.

Both declarers led a trump taken by East's ace and a second diamond allowed West to cash two tricks in the suit. That second diamond from East has suit preference connotations and Rodwell would no doubt have switched to a club. However, East overtook the diamond eight with the nine, and after considerable thought played a trump enabling declarer to escape for three down, -500.

By contrast the second diamond from Berkowitz was the two, implying values in clubs. Berkowitz had also had the chance to show a stronger hand in the auction.

Sontag put these two clues together to come up with the winning defence of underleading his ace of clubs. That allowed the defenders to cash both clubs and then obtain a club ruff for an 800 penalty and a swing of 7 IMPs. Well done!

# BERMUDA BOWL Semi-final 5-6



**Italy**

v

**Netherlands**



by Jos Jacobs

After 64 boards, Italy had built up a slender lead of about 2.7 IMPs. The prospects for some interesting bridge during the two final segments thus looked very bright. The game remained very tight, as you can see when looking at the score over the first 10 boards of set 5: 18-4 to Italy, mainly due to this board:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Sementa	Van Prooijen	Duboin
Pass	3♥	Pass	1♥
		All Pass	

Van Prooijen wisely kept quiet after the weak jump raise. One down, Netherlands +100.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Drijver	Lauria	Brink
Pass	3♥	Pass	1♥
4♦	Pass	Dbl	Redbl
Dbl	All Pass	Pass	4♥

Not for the first time, Lauria could not resist temptation after 3♥ and Brink immediately told him that he was wrong – that’s the meaning of the redouble. Had Brink shown consistency, he would have doubled 4♦ and collected 300 but when he fell from grace by bidding 4♥ himself, the Italians had the last laugh: down two and 500 to Italy, good for 9 IMPs.

With the score at 143-126 to Italy, the set suddenly exploded:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Sementa	Van Prooijen	Duboin
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♠	3♠	4♠	2♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	4NT

3♠ was a splinter that improved South’s hand enormously. On decent breaks in the minors, the slam only depends on the marked heart finesse but as the cards lay, there was no parking place for declarer’s losing heart. One down, Netherlands +50.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Drijver	Lauria	Brink
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♠	4♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	4♦
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Redbl
All Pass		5♠	Dbl



In the Closed Room, we saw a sensational auction. It certainly must have been a rare experience for Lauria-Versace to find themselves redoubled and running for shelter. In this respect, the Italians were right, as 5♣ is an easy make and 5♠ was even cheaper than conceding 5♣ doubled. Still, down three meant +500 and 11 IMPs to the Netherlands. Next board:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Sementa	Van Prooijen	Duboin
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dbl
2♠	Dbl	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Even if I take into account the possibly nebulous character of West's 1♦ opening bid, it remains a mystery to me why N/S never discovered their fine club fit, even more so after South's 4NT bid. Sementa obviously read it as Blackwood – maybe Duboin could have bid 4NT directly over 2♠ doubled.

So the level was right, the denomination was not: Netherlands +200.



Ricco Van Prooijen, Netherlands

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Drijver	Lauria	Brink
1♦	Pass	2♥	Dbl
3♠	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Lauria's 2♥ showed a weak 5-4 in the majors. When North bid 4♣, South had an easy raise to game. Netherlands +600 and 13 more IMPs to them. Suddenly, the complexion of the game had changed completely as the Dutch had taken over the lead by 7.

On the next board, the Dutchies doubled their lead on a simple (?) partscore deal:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Sementa	Van Prooijen	Duboin
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	All Pass	

Heart lead to declarer's ten, club to the jack and king and four rounds of spades. Maybe, North should keep all his remaining hearts and thus blank his ♣Q but he did not. When he chose to discard a diamond and two hearts on the spades, playing for the clubs to behave, he had to locate the ♦Q in the end. He led a diamond to the jack and queen and thus went two down: Netherlands +200.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Drijver	Lauria	Brink
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	All Pass	

A more natural auction ended very quickly when Brink passed his partner's 1♥ response.

On the lead of the ♦Q, Drijver made an overtrick for +110 and 7 IMPs from nowhere.

It was time now for the Italians to hit back:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Sementa	Van Prooijen	Duboin
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	Dbl	3♠
Dbl	4♠	Dbl	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

The Strong Club once again proved vulnerable against high intervention, so the good slam was missed by the Dutch. If diamonds are 3-3, even ♥KJx behind AQ9 won't hurt you, provided West is declarer in 6♣. Netherlands +420.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Drijver	Lauria	Brink
		Pass	Pass
1♣	2♠	Dbl	4♠
Dbl	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		



Louk Verhees Jr, Netherlands

Versace correctly reasoned that the only values partner could possibly hold had to be in clubs. Right he was so the Italians registered yet another of their many favourable slam swings: +920 and 11 IMPs.

It was everybody's match again, the Dutch leading by 3 at this point.

So the final segment got underway in this same tense situation. Italy gained a precious overtrick on board 18 but then lost 6 IMPs when the Dutch managed to defeat 3NT in one room and to stay in INT on a combined 24 HCP holding in the other.

Immediately afterwards, two slams settled the issue and, believe it or not, they both went the Dutch way:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brink	Bocchi	Drijver	Madala
			Pass
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Brink's decision to show his hand by way of a spade transfer first, struck gold when Drijver was able to super-accept this. 4♦ now was "last train," showing at least some slight slam interest. A cuebid of 4♥ was out of the question as this would have been a retransfer to 4♠ to sign off.

The 4♦ itself was already enough to launch Drijver into Blackwood. When Brink next showed both his ♠Q and ♥K over 5♥, Drijver knew for sure he would be on firm ground in his slam.

Netherlands a fine +1430.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Van Prooijen	Lauria	Verhees
			Pass
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Once Versace used Puppet Stayman, there was no easy way to find out about both the good spade fit and the doubleton ♠A. Italy +680 but 13 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Three boards later, the Netherlands effectively put the match out of reach with another slam swing:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ J 10 ♥ – ♦ Q 10 6 2 ♣ K J 10 9 8 7 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>N</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> <span>S</span> </div> </div>	<p>♠ 9 4 ♥ K J 6 4 2 ♦ K J 8 7 4 ♣ Q</p>	<p>♠ A Q 8 6 2 ♥ 10 8 5 3 ♦ 9 3 ♣ 4 3</p>
		<p>♠ K 7 5 3 ♥ A Q 9 7 ♦ A 5 ♣ A 6 5</p>	

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Madala</i>
		Pass	2♣
3♣	3♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Apparently, 3♣ took away just enough bidding space for the Italians. Three Diamonds showed hearts on which Madala just jumped straight to game. On a spade lead, East ducked and declarer won the king. The ♠A revealed the 4-0 break but declarer could ruff two spades in dummy now, getting back to hand with diamond ruffs for an easy 12 tricks: 8 trumps and four tops. Italy +680.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Verhees</i>
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

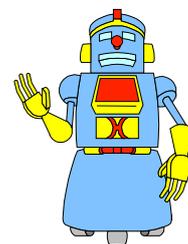
In the other room, N/S had an undisturbed auction, so after South broke the transfer they were never in danger of missing the slam if it would be there. On essentially the same line of play, Verhees too made 12 tricks but they were worth +1430 and 13 IMPs.

Suddenly, the Netherlands had taken a considerable lead of 36 with only 6 boards left. When these final boards happened to be quiet, the Dutch had made it into the final in front of their enthusiastic home crowd.

## First gold medal to a robot

by Al Levy

Shark Bridge, developed by John Norris of Denmark, was triumphant in this year's World Computer-Bridge Championship, defeating Q-Plus Bridge, developed by Hans Leber of Germany. The final score was 175-94 in the 64-board final. For the first time in 11 years, a robot other than Jack, developed by Hans Kuijff of The Netherlands, or Wbridge5, developed by Yves Costel of France, has captured the title.



Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ Q 8 7 5 2 ♥ K Q ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ K 10 7</p>	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>N</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> <span>S</span> </div> </div>	<p>♠ A 10 4 ♥ 10 9 7 3 ♦ K Q J ♣ 9 6 5</p>	<p>♠ J 6 ♥ J 6 5 4 2 ♦ A 10 5 2 ♣ 8 4</p>
		<p>♠ K 9 3 ♥ A 8 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ A Q J 3 2</p>	

West	North	East	South
<i>Jack</i>	<i>Q-Plus</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Q-Plus</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In two upsets in the semi-finals, Q-Plus Bridge defeated Jack by 2 IMPs and Shark Bridge defeated Wbridge5 by 7 IMPs. The semi-final matches came down to the wire with Jack leading Q-Plus Bridge by 4 IMPs and Shark Bridge leading Wbridge5 by 7 IMPs with one board to play.

Both Q-Plus Bridge and Wbridge5 needed to reach and make 3NT (Wbridge5 needed an overtrick to tie). Both Jack and Shark Bridge had already played the board in INT after a 1♣ opening at both tables. Q-Plus Bridge valued the hand differently and opened INT (15-17) and easily reached 3NT for +400 and a 6-IMP pick-up to overtake Jack.

In the other match, Wbridge5 opened 1♣ and played in INT. At that point Yves Costel, the developer of Wbridge5, congratulated John Norris. Yves graciously commented that it was good to see a different robot win this year's championship.

Much thanks to the Dutch Bridge Federation for their great support, and to the WBF and ACBL for sponsoring this event.



## Honourable Achievements

*compiled by Herman De Wael*

Eighteen players have won a Bermuda Bowl medal here in Veldhoven.

For Ricco Van Prooijen, Louk Verhees, Agustin Madala and the entire USA2 team, it is their first medal in the Bermuda Bowl, the others have been there before:

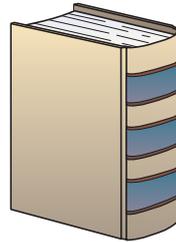
Norberto Bocchi now has a full set of medals (gold 2005, silver 2003). Alfredo Versace and Giorgio Duboin also completed their set, but they have one more silver (2009). Even for Lorenzo Lauria, it was the first bronze, but he already has 4 silvers (1979 and 1983). Antonio Sementa has a silver and a bronze.

Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver and Simon De Wijs were on the bronze-medal winning team of 2007, along with Bauke Muller, who wins his third medal here – hopefully a repeat of his gold from Santiago 1993.

In the Venice Cup, three Dutch Ladies won their fourth medal yesterday, while Bep Vriend already has five. It will not surprise anyone that the Indonesian ladies are winning their first medal, but there is even a novice in the French team: Joanna Neve. The others have won their fifth (Daniele Gaviard), sixth (Véronique Bessis, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine d'Ovidio), or even seventh medal (Sylvie Willard). All but Véronique, who missed out in 2005, already have a Venice Cup title under their belts.

In the d'Orsi Seniors Bowl, remarkably, the entire Polish team added a bronze to the silver they won two years ago, while for Jerzy Russyan it is the third medal (silver 2001). Guy Lasserre and Philippe Poizat already won silver in 2003; François Leenhardt additionally has a bronze from 2001, so he now has a full set. Gaylor Kasle also has a full set, after gold in 2003 and bronze in 2007. Steve Robinson was also on the gold winning team of 2003.

## 2011 World Championship Book



The official book of these championships will be available in late March/early April next year. As usual, it will consist of 336 large pages. There will be coverage of every deal in both the finals and semi-finals of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, plus substantial coverage of the earlier stages of those two events, the Seniors Bowl, and the Transnational Championship. The book will include a full results service, including Butler rankings, and many photographs.

Principle analysts will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, John Carruthers and Geo Tislevoll. Justin Lall will be this year's guest contributor.

On publication, the official retail price will be US\$35.00. For the duration of these championships, you can pre-order and pay at the special price of US\$25.00 or Euros 18.00. Your copy will then be sent direct from the printers.

To order please see Jan Swaan in the Press Room – Room 82 in the Green section.

## Notice

Please be advised that it is not allowed to consume your own food or drinks in the hotel's restaurants or the WK Plaza. The hotel serves a wide variety of snacks, drinks and food for every taste and palette!



Also be aware that it is prohibited to smoke within the walls of the entire hotel (guest rooms, public areas, restaurants, meeting rooms); ONLY outdoor-smoking is allowed. Thank you for adhering to this.

## Special Offer

During the World Bridge Championships, you can get a special rate for annual subscription to French Magazine "Le Bridgeur."

100 Euros per year, anywhere in the world, surface mail.

Contact Jean-Paul Meyer in the Daily Bulletin office – green section or Philippe Cronier in Bridge Plaza.

## Duplimate Discounts



The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount. Visit the Jannersten book store in the Bridge Plaza.

## WBF NOTICES

### Virtual bridge stadium

Pay a visit to [www.Wkbridge2011.nl](http://www.Wkbridge2011.nl) and you arrive at the Virtual Bridge Stadium. You will be amazed at how rich it is.

You will have live videos from Bridgeplaza and from playing rooms.

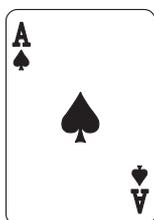
You will also, as with VuGraph, enjoy diagrams as the play proceeds, plus video images of the players.

You will find the running scores on each match, and you will be able to follow the play of the 12 tables equipped with cameras.

There is more to discover, but finding out what will be your surprise.

All this is the work of a team of young men on the Netherlands Bridge Federation together with the young men working at Brainport ([www.studiopiip.com](http://www.studiopiip.com)).

### Careful with the cards, please



Championships Manager Maurizio Di Sacco has asked players to please take care in returning the cards to the boards when play is completed. When cards are not re-inserted face down, the duplicating team must spend extra time making sure the cards go into the duplicating machine properly so that new deals can be produced for the tournament. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Maurizio Di Sacco  
Championships Manager

### Transfers Koningshof – Schiphol Airport, Oct. 30

For players and officials, buses will drive to Schiphol Airport on Oct. 30.

Tickets for your trip from Veldhoven to Schiphol Airport are available at € 20 - at the NBB-Info/Transport desk in the lobby of NH Koningshof. Buy your ticket in time to make sure you will have a seat in the bus. It takes almost two hours to travel by bus to Schiphol Airport.

Departure times Oct. 30 at 05.00, 06.30, 08.00, 10.00, 12.00, 14.00 and 16:00 hrs.

On other days, we will bring you to Eindhoven train station. Every hour, two trains go directly, without changing trains, to Schiphol Airport. Travel time: 90 minutes.

### Prize-giving and Closing Ceremony



The 40th Bridge Team Championships prize-giving and closing ceremony will be held on Saturday 29th October at 19.00 in the VuGraph Theatre. A buffet dinner will follow.

Awards:

Medals will be awarded to the first three teams in the World Transnational Open Teams.

Medals, trophies and replicas will be presented to the first three teams in the D'Orsi Senior Bowl, the Venice Cup and the Bermuda Bowl.

### Restaurant information



#### Restaurant Binnenhof

In the restaurant Binnenhof, we serve an extended daily changing three-course dinner buffet. Our chef created dishes from several different countries with enough choice for everybody.

Vouchers can be bought at the WK

Bridge plaza and the reception.

During the championships, restaurant Binnenhof is opened for:

Breakfast: 07:00 – 10:30 (11:30 on Sundays)

Lunch: 12:00 – 14:00

Dinner: 18:30 – 22:00

Reservations can be made at the restaurant itself.

Vouchers can be bought at the WK Bridge plaza and the reception.

#### Brasserie Porticato

This brasserie offers real authentic Italian dishes. A lunch or dinner in Porticato is enjoyed on a cozy terrace in a relaxing environment. The dishes are prepared with fresh ingredients. Fine wines are especially selected for these championships.

Brasserie Porticato is opened every day from 11:00 – 22:00

#### Restaurant Uithof

This restaurant provides a wide choice of excellent dishes. In a warm comfortable environment our chef prepares dinners of a high standard. Everyday he and his team present a delicious menu of the day. Our service staff will serve you the best wines of the hotel. Reservations are required, either at the restaurant or call +31 (0)40 2581988

This restaurant is open for dinner between 18:00 and 22:00.

## Tournament venue for 2012 still undecided



*IBPA President Patrick Jourdain, IMSA President José Damiani, WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and Communications Manager Panos Gerontopoulos.*

At the annual press conference for World Bridge Federation executives, the question of the hour was one that has been discussed almost daily at this tournament – Where will the 2012 championships take place?

The answer, offered by José Damiani, is that the venue has not been decided but that talks are in progress to find a solution.

“I am not really worried,” said Damiani, President of the International Mind Sports Association and immediate Past President of the WBF. “I will find a solution.”

WBF President Gianarrigo Rona echoed the sentiment: “I don’t have any worry about that point.”

Three years ago in Beijing, China, bridge was one of five sports in the first World Mind Sports Games, which requires a large venue to accommodate all the competitors. The plan for the 2012 IMSG is to include bridge as in 2008.

Damiani said that the desire of IMSA was to have the second WMSG in the same nation as the Olympic Games, set for next summer in London.

When it was determined that London was not a viable option, Damiani said, attention turned to Manchester, England. “We were in contact with Manchester,” he said, “and the venue was very convenient.” That city was removed from consideration because of rioting there plus the global economic downturn that has troubled many nations.

Still interested in having the IMSG in Great Britain, Damiani said, talks began with officials in Cardiff, Wales, but insufficient funding for support of the tournament plus some potential scheduling conflicts have put that venue in doubt. Damiani did say, however, that there will be discussions with Cardiff next week. “It will be a pity,” he said, “if we don’t do it (the IMSG) in the same country.”

Asked if the world bridge championships would still go on if a venue cannot be found for the IMSG, Damiani said, “We will have the bridge games.”

He added that Strasbourg and Paris, France, are being considered for 2012 along with Macau.

Damiani noted that the Brazilian Bridge Federation, with the guidance of WBF Vice President Ernesto D’Orsi, has been of significant assistance in negotiations to have the IMSG in Brazil in 2016, the year that the Olympics will be staged in that country.

Damiani said the SportAccord World Mind Games – incorrectly identified in the Friday Daily Bulletin – are set for Dec. 8-17 in Beijing, with eight teams in open and women’s competition vying for cash awards totaling \$250,000.

Earlier this year, SportAccord and IMSA offered free trips to the invitational event for people who played at least 10 sessions on one of four online bridge game sites (three winners being selected in drawings from among those who qualified). He said more than 250,000 unique players participated.

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*SportAccord President Hein Verbruggen, center, with International Mind Sports Association President José Damiani, left, and World Bridge Federation President Gianarrigo Rona.*