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WILL IT BE A PHOTO FINISH?



Four members of the Lavazza team that is providing coffee for staff and players: Lorenzo, Andrea, Giulia and Michele

After four days of play, none of the top teams in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Senior Bowl has managed to pull away from the field. All are mindful, of course, that the primary goal is finishing the round robin in the top eight. All teams have nine matches to play.

In the Venice Cup, England and Sweden were in a dead heat at 222 victory points each, but England pulled ahead at the end to lead by 2. Close behind are USA1 with 221 and USA2 with 219.

In the Bermuda Bowl, Italy put some distance between themselves and second place, Netherlands, but the Dutch are close enough that the issue is far from settled. The young USA2 squad pulled into third place, just head of Israel.

France continues to lead in the Senior Bowl, but USA2 is nipping at their heels, with Germany and Italy close behind.

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RESULTS



Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup

ROUND 10

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Japan	China	68 - 35	23 - 7
2	Israel	Bulgaria	40 - 36	16 - 14
3	Netherlands	Egypt	33 - 42	13 - 17
4	Guadeloupe	Sweden	20 - 81	2 - 25
5	Canada	Poland	35 - 37	15 - 15
6	USA 2	India	26 - 40	12 - 18
7	Chile	New Zealand	46 - 31	18 - 12
8	Italy	Brazil	89 - 7	25 - 0
9	USA 1	Australia	29 - 50	10 - 20
10	Singapore	Iceland	16 - 45	8 - 22
11	Pakistan	South Africa	39 - 48	13 - 17

ROUND 10

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Trinidad & Tobago	Netherlands	21 - 83	2 - 25
22	Indonesia	Egypt	96 - 4	25 - 0
23	England	Jordan	60 - 15	25 - 5
24	Poland	Venezuela	94 - 10	25 - 0
25	USA 1	Italy	42 - 30	18 - 12
26	Sweden	Canada	70 - 15	25 - 3
27	China	Brazil	49 - 22	21 - 9
28	New Zealand	USA 2	13 - 41	8 - 22
29	Germany	India	32 - 28	16 - 14
30	France	Australia	72 - 33	24 - 6
31	Morocco	Japan	39 - 38	15 - 15

ROUND 11

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA 2	Canada	59 - 21	24 - 6
2	Chile	Guadeloupe	35 - 45	13 - 17
3	Italy	Netherlands	37 - 44	14 - 16
4	USA 1	Israel	17 - 28	13 - 17
5	Pakistan	Japan	34 - 45	13 - 17
6	Singapore	China	14 - 42	8 - 22
7	South Africa	Bulgaria	28 - 39	13 - 17
8	Australia	Egypt	31 - 22	17 - 13
9	Brazil	Sweden	36 - 32	16 - 14
10	New Zealand	Poland	24 - 12	18 - 12
11	India	Iceland	35 - 31	16 - 14

ROUND 11

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Sweden	USA 1	38 - 45	14 - 16
22	China	Poland	34 - 19	18 - 12
23	New Zealand	England	31 - 29	15 - 15
24	Germany	Indonesia	29 - 37	13 - 17
25	Morocco	Trinidad & Tobago	38 - 18	20 - 10
26	France	Netherlands	40 - 41	15 - 15
27	Japan	Egypt	29 - 8	20 - 10
28	India	Jordan	24 - 49	9 - 21
29	USA 2	Venezuela	64 - 21	25 - 5
30	Brazil	Italy	22 - 26	14 - 16
31	Canada	Australia	43 - 2	24 - 6

ROUND 12

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Iceland	Canada	50 - 26	21 - 9
2	Poland	Brazil	16 - 60	5 - 25
3	Sweden	Australia	34 - 39	14 - 16
4	Egypt	South Africa	59 - 50	17 - 13
5	Bulgaria	Singapore	25 - 26	15 - 15
6	China	Pakistan	51 - 31	20 - 10
7	Japan	USA 1	11 - 72	2 - 25
8	Israel	Italy	15 - 34	11 - 19
9	Netherlands	Chile	41 - 27	18 - 12
10	Guadeloupe	USA 2	7 - 58	4 - 25
11	India	New Zealand	24 - 60	7 - 23

ROUND 12

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Australia	USA 1	4 - 69	1 - 25
22	Italy	USA 2	18 - 16	15 - 15
23	Venezuela	India	34 - 28	16 - 14
24	Jordan	Japan	9 - 70	2 - 25
25	Egypt	France	9 - 58	4 - 25
26	Netherlands	Morocco	53 - 39	18 - 12
27	Trinidad & Tobago	Germany	18 - 59	6 - 24
28	Indonesia	New Zealand	60 - 13	25 - 4
29	England	China	50 - 46	16 - 14
30	Poland	Sweden	47 - 16	22 - 8
31	Canada	Brazil	56 - 6	25 - 4



RESULTS

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

Ranking after 12 rounds



ROUND 10

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	Germany	Japan	33 - 14	19 - 11
42	Italy	Egypt	58 - 45	18 - 12
43	France	Denmark	48 - 24	21 - 9
44	India	China Hong Kong	64 - 34	22 - 8
45	Netherlands	Brazil	50 - 45	16 - 14
46	Indonesia	Bulgaria	52 - 17	23 - 7
47	Pakistan	Guadeloupe	37 - 38	15 - 15
48	USA 2	Australia	17 - 33	11 - 19
49	New Zealand	USA 1	29 - 81	4 - 25
50	Canada	Reunion	79 - 8	25 - 1
51	Argentina	Poland	23 - 39	11 - 19

Bermuda Bowl

1	Italy	233	12	Egypt	182.67
2	Netherlands	220	13	Japan	179
3	USA 2	218		Poland	179
4	Israel	210.34	15	Australia	175
5	Iceland	204.5	16	South Africa	157
6	USA 1	201.5	17	Canada	156
7	China	188.5	18	India	155
8	Sweden	187	19	Pakistan	145
9	Bulgaria	186.5	20	Guadeloupe	129
10	Brazil	186	21	Chile	126
11	New Zealand	183	22	Singapore	108

ROUND 11

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	Indonesia	Netherlands	43 - 23	20 - 10
42	Pakistan	India	31 - 29	15 - 15
43	USA 2	France	49 - 30	19 - 11
44	New Zealand	Italy	33 - 22	17 - 13
45	Argentina	Germany	36 - 19	19 - 11
46	Canada	Japan	37 - 25	18 - 12
47	Poland	Egypt	49 - 27	20 - 10
48	USA 1	Denmark	6 - 35	8 - 22
49	Australia	China Hong Kong	38 - 2	23 - 7
50	Guadeloupe	Brazil	53 - 29	21 - 9
51	Bulgaria	Reunion	47 - 2	25 - 5

Venice Cup

1	England	224	12	Canada	188
2	Sweden	222	13	New Zealand	177
3	USA 1	221	14	Brazil	176
4	USA 2	220	15	Japan	168
5	Indonesia	210	16	India	159
6	Italy	209.5	17	Venezuela	128.5
7	France	209	18	Australia	127
8	Poland	202		Jordan	127
9	Netherlands	200	20	Egypt	122
10	Germany	199		Morocco	122
11	China	190	22	Trinidad & Tobago	101

ROUND 12

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	Reunion	Netherlands	11 - 50	6 - 24
42	Brazil	Australia	25 - 42	11 - 19
43	China Hong Kong	USA 1	51 - 30	20 - 10
44	Denmark	Poland	62 - 27	23 - 7
45	Egypt	Canada	40 - 41	15 - 15
46	Japan	Argentina	48 - 13	23 - 7
47	Germany	New Zealand	36 - 15	20 - 10
48	Italy	USA 2	15 - 39	9 - 21
49	France	Pakistan	40 - 51	13 - 17
50	India	Indonesia	18 - 43	9 - 21
51	Bulgaria	Guadeloupe	16 - 54	6 - 24

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

1	France	230	12	Japan	182
2	USA 2	228	13	Argentina	167
3	Germany	212	14	Italy	166
4	India	210	15	Pakistan	164
5	Indonesia	206	16	Bulgaria	161
6	Denmark	205.5		Canada	161
7	Australia	203	18	Egypt	160
8	Poland	201	19	Guadeloupe	147
9	China Hong Kong	194.5	20	Reunion	124
10	USA 1	189	21	New Zealand	118
11	Netherlands	188	22	Brazil	109.5

Just the Facts

A new feature designed to tell you more about some of the best known players here in Eindhoven.

Name

Gabriel Chagas.

Date of Birth

7 December 1944.

Place of Birth

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Place of Residence

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

What kind of food makes you happy?

All, when well prepared.

And what drink?

Wine.

Who is your favourite author?

Shakespeare (the Bard!)

Do you have a favourite actor?

James Cagney, I'm an old timer myself.

Actress?

Katherine Hepburn – see?

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

All – good.

Do you have a favourite painter or artist?

Matisse – Chopin.

What do you see as your best ever result?

Winning the Olympiad in Monte Carlo in 1976 – Grace Kelly!

Do you have a favourite hand?

Yes, many.

Is there a bridge book that had a profound influence on you?

Terence Reese's (most of them).

What is the best bridge country in the world?

USA.

What are bridge players particularly good at (except for bridge)?

Telling bridge stories.

What is it you dislike in a person?

Rudeness.

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

Yes – won't tell you.

Who or what would you like to be if you weren't yourself?

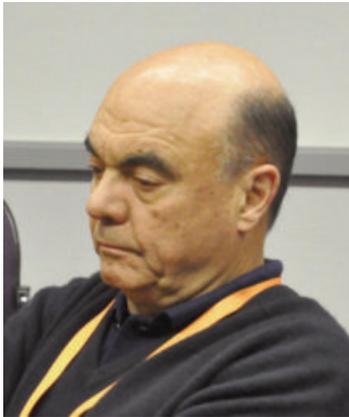
No idea.

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

The ones I do already; my wife Leda, love of my life; Zia, my sweetest friend and a major wine collector or producer.

Is there something you'd love to learn?

Everything from everybody from everywhere. And I do. Everyday.



VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS



Round 13 (10.30)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	USA 2 – Brazil	BB/7
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	Israel – Sweden	BB/3
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	Japan – Egypt	BB/11
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	Sweden – USA 2	VC/27
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	Germany – France	VC/30
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	USA 2 – Poland	SB/49
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	China – Bulgaria	BB/1
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	Netherlands – Poland	BB/4

Round 14 (13.45)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	USA 1 – Italy	BB/1
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	Brazil – Netherlands	BB/6
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	Egypt – Iceland	BB/5
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	USA 2 – England	VC/26
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	Sweden – Bulgaria	BB/10
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	USA 1 – India	SB/51
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	Poland – China	BB/9
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	Italy – Netherlands	VC/29

Round 15 (16.45)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	Poland – Israel	BB/8
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	Bulgaria – Iceland	BB/3
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	Sweden – Japan	BB/9
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	Canada – USA 1	VC/26
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	Italy – Poland	VC/27
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	USA 1 – Indonesia	SB/44
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	USA 2 – China	VC/24
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	India – Netherlands	BB/7

You can look it up

by Barry Rigal

The 7th edition of the Official Encyclopedia of Bridge will be coming out within the next few weeks. The material has been completely rearranged and re-ordered to allow for simpler access.

Of course, it does not hope to cover every possible suit combination – the Roudinesco book which tried to achieve this feat ran to about 1000 pages! One of the combinations that has already arisen twice in this tournament is AJ10xx facing K8x. on the first occasion, a Japanese declarer in slam (who could afford one loser) ran the jack and lost to the singleton queen – then suffered a ruff coming back!

By contrast Fiona Brown as East played 4♠ here on repeated heart leads, which she won in hand.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K 8 2 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ J 7 5 ♣ K Q 4 3	♠ 9 ♥ A 7 6 5 2 ♦ A 9 6 2 ♣ 9 8 7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto; background-color: #006400; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">N</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">W</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ A J 10 5 3 ♥ K 8 3 ♦ Q 10 ♣ A 5 2
	♠ Q 7 6 4 ♥ 9 4 ♦ K 8 4 3 ♣ J 10 6	

She thought she could not afford a trump loser here so she passed the ♠J at once and found the perfect lie of the cards for her action. Bobby Levin by contrast cashed the ♠A and when the ♠9 appeared took ten minutes to lead a spade to the eight. The good/bad news meant he needed clubs 3-3 and this was his lucky day.

Here are some other examples of five-three fits where the Encyclopedia tells you what to do:

97. A K x x x
J 9 8

For five tricks, cash the ace and king with a 27% chance of success. Against defenders who would not falsecard with Q 10, finesse the nine if West drops the queen on the first round – with a 30% chance of success.

For four tricks play the ace, and lead low to the jack – this has an 88% chance.

The play with the maximum expectation (essentially the best pairs strategy): Cash the ace, and unless West is void, lead low to the king. This yields 4.01 tricks on average – a number that rises to 4.04 if West would not falsecard with Q 10 doubleton.

99. A J 9 x x
K x x

The best play for five tricks – which is also the best play at pairs: Cash the king, and finesse the jack. This has a 40% chance of five tricks and an expectation of 4.27 tricks. Against defenders who would not falsecard, it is fractionally better to play the ace if East drops the ten on the first round.

100. A J x x x
K 9 x

For five tricks lead low to the jack – you have a 34% chance of success. Against defenders who would not falsecard from Q 10, finesse the nine next if the queen appears from West this brings you up to a 37% chance.

For four tricks, play the ace, and unless an honor appears from West; lead low to the nine – a 96% chance.

You have a 100% chance of three tricks by playing either top honour.

At pairs play the king, and finesse the jack with an expectation of 4.22 tricks.

101. A 9 x x x
K J x

For five tricks finesse the jack. Don't cash the ace first, for East may have the singleton queen – this has a 37% chance.

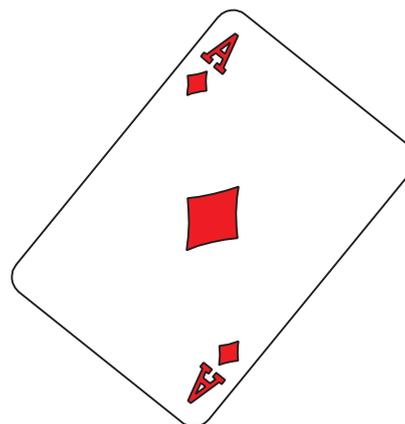
For four tricks, play the king, and unless the ten appears, lead low to the jack with a 96% chance of success.

For three tricks, you have a 100% line of finessing the jack, and cashing the king or playing the king and leading low to the jack.

The best pairs line is to finesse the jack with an expectation of 4.30 tricks.

102. J 9 8 x x
A K x

For four tricks, cash the ace, cross to dummy in another suit and lead the nine with a 96% chance of success. If East shows out or covers, play the king. If not, run the nine. At pairs or if you need five tricks, cash the ace and king. This has a 30% chance of yielding five tricks and an expectation of 4.18 tricks.



Dynamic defence

by Brian Senior



Tony Nunn, Australia

The Australian Open team has had a mixed first three days and, after nine rounds, was lying just below half-way in the rankings. On the evidence of these three deals they have every chance of making a serious challenge for a place in the knockout stages of this tournament.

Round 3. Australia v New Zealand

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Nunn		Hans
		1♦	1♥
1♠	2NT	Pass	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

Not appreciating just how weak his partner's suit was for the 1♥ overcall, Tony Nunn kicked off with the queen of hearts to declarer's bare ace. We have seen this deal before. The most successful group of declarers led a diamond at trick two, putting up the king if North ducked. Of course, if North wins the ace and returns the suit the contract can still be defeated via a trump promotion.

Here, declarer led a club to dummy's king and Sartaj Hans ducked. That was all that was required to defeat the contract. Declarer could take a diamond pitch on the king of hearts and then took a spade finesse. However, Nunn could lead a club and collect his ruff for one down.

Australia lost the match narrowly, 14-16 VPs.

Round 6. Australia v Netherlands

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hans		Nunn	
	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Five Hearts showed two key cards without the spade queen.

Nunn cashed the ace of clubs then found a brilliant switch to the king of diamonds. The Dutch declarer had to win dummy's ace, of course. He could take a diamond pitch on the king of hearts but that line would require a club ruff. Safe entries to hand were at a premium. The winning line requires declarer to assume that he can get to hand twice by ruffing hearts, once to take the club ruff, the second time to draw the remaining trumps.

Not surprisingly, declarer went for a different line. He cashed the queen of spades and top hearts for the diamond pitch then led a diamond towards his hand. When Hans could ruff and return a trump there was no club ruff and the contract had to go two down.

Australia won the match by 17-13 VPs.



Sartaj Hans, Australia

Round 7. Australia v Italy

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 6 ♥ A Q 10 8 3 ♦ K 7 4 2 ♣ 9 3	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 5 3 ♥ J 5 ♦ A Q 10 9 8 5 ♣ 6 4	♠ A Q 10 7 4 2 ♥ 4 ♦ 6 3 ♣ A Q 5 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Nunn</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Hans</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>DelMonte</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Grosvenor</i>	<i>Madala</i>
	1♥	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Both Wests led the jack of diamonds. Lauria overtook with the queen and returned the ten of diamonds. Versace ruffed and returned his remaining spade. Hans won with dummy's king and took the club finesse. That lost and back came a club. Hans was almost certain that the clubs were five-two and that the defenders had their actual distributions. He won the club return and ran all the trumps and West was squeezed between clubs and hearts. A heart finesse now provided three heart tricks and ten in all; +620.

At the other table, Hugh Grosvenor allowed the jack of diamonds to hold the first trick. Ishmael DelMonte switched to a heart and that broke up the squeeze (a defence which was still possible at the other table, of course, after West won the king of clubs). Declarer could take a heart finesse, but there would never be more than two heart tricks and, with the club over-ruff threatening, there was no way home.

Despite this board, Italy won the match by 17-13 VPs.



A testing defensive problem

by Phillip Alder

Try this defensive problem:

Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ K 6 ♦ K Q 8 4 3 ♣ J 5 4 3 2	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N E </div>	♠ A 10 6 5 ♥ Q 8 7 3 ♦ J 7 ♣ Q 10 6	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Partner</i>	<i>Dummy</i>	<i>You</i>	<i>Declarer</i>
		Pass	INT (1)
Pass	3♦ (2)	Pass	3♠ (3)
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

- (1) 14-16 points
- (2) At least 5-5 in the minors, game-forcing
- (3) A concentration of values, implying weak hearts

Your partner leads the heart two, fourth-highest, and you take the first trick with your queen. What would you do now?

As a secondary issue, do you agree with North's response. If not, what would you have bid?

Turn to page 19 for the answers

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.

BERMUDA BOWL Round 8



USA 2

v

Italy



Young guns prevail

by Brent Manley

Much has been made of the relative youth of the USA2 team in the Bermuda Bowl. Four members of the squad are in their early 30s, another is 24, and the oldest is still not yet 40. Inexperience in major world championships has not been a hindrance so far, as the team have acquitted themselves well, sitting in fourth place in the round robin standings after nine matches.

In their round eight match against Italy, one of the favorites, the Americans jumped out to an early lead and emerged victorious.

USA2 started the scoring on the first board.

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Bocchi	Hurd	Madala
	1♣	1♠	Dbl
INT	Dbl	2♠	3♦
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Dbl	All Pass

Joel Wooldridge started with the ♣A, continuing with a low club, John Hurd ruffing when Agustin Madala put up the king. The defenders still had the top trumps to come for plus 300. At the other table, Joe Grue as North played in a hopeless 3NT, going down two but still gaining 5 IMPs.

An overtrick IMP put USA2 up by 6 IMPs after two boards, and there were more IMPs for the Americans on the next deal.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Bocchi	Hurd	Madala
			1♦
2♣	Pass	2♦	4♦
Pass	5♦	5♥	All Pass

Norberto Bocchi and Madala never uncovered their spade fit, but they had great save at 6♦, a contract that goes down only one. Against 5♥, Madala started with the ♦K, the only trick his side would take. Plus 680 to USA2. As you can see, the only way to keep declarer from taking 12 tricks is to lead a low diamond at trick one to get a club ruff.

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Grue	Sementa	Lall
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Dbl	2NT
3♠	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♣	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		



Joel Wooldridge, USA

Grue ruffed the opening heart lead, ruffed a club, played a diamond to the queen, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart and ruffed a club. The $\heartsuit A$ was ruffed by Antonio Sementa. The defense had three more tricks coming for plus 300, but it was 9 IMPs to USA2, now leading 15-0.

Italy got on the scoreboard on the next deal.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	\spadesuit K 4 \heartsuit A J 5 2 \diamondsuit K Q 10 6 \clubsuit A Q 5					
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West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Bocchi	Hurd	Madala
Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass	2 \spadesuit
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Bocchi's 2 \clubsuit showed a balanced hand of 18-19 high-card points. John Hurd started with a low spade: 10, queen, king. Bocchi cashed the $\clubsuit A$ and followed with the $\clubsuit Q$, ducked by Hurd. A third club put Hurd back on play, and he cleared the spade suit. Bocchi cashed his $\clubsuit J$, East and West discarding diamonds, then led a diamond to the queen and ace. Bocchi threw losing hearts as the opponents cashed spades, winning the last three tricks with the $\heartsuit A$ and $\diamondsuit K$ 10 for 120.

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Grue	Sementa	Lall
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Giorgio Duboin, Italy

Joe Grue, one level higher, did not fare well at the other table. The $\spadesuit 5$ lead went to the 10, queen and king. Instead of playing on clubs, Grue played the $\heartsuit A$ and another heart, felling the king. Giorgio Duboin took the heart and cleared spades. Grue then played the $\clubsuit J$ and let it run. The defenders could then cash three spades and a diamond for two down an 8 IMPs to Italy.

It was 15-9 when board 24 came along at the halfway point of the match.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

	\spadesuit K 10 8 4 3 \heartsuit 6 5 \diamondsuit Q 10 8 6 \clubsuit 10 6					
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W E						
S						
	\spadesuit J 6 5 \heartsuit 8 4 3 \diamondsuit A 9 3 \clubsuit J 8 7 3					

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Bocchi	Hurd	Madala
1 \diamondsuit	1 \spadesuit	2 \heartsuit	2 \spadesuit
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3 \heartsuit	Pass	3 \spadesuit	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Wooldridge and Hurd found just the right spot with their two balanced hands. Bocchi started with a low spade to the jack and Wooldridge's queen. A diamond to the king and ace put the Italians in a position to collect three more tricks to hold declarer to plus 400, but Madala returned a spade to the ace and Wooldridge ran home with 10 tricks for plus 430.

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Grue	Sementa	Lall
1 \clubsuit	1 \spadesuit	2 \diamondsuit^*	2 \spadesuit
3 \heartsuit	Pass	3 \spadesuit	Pass
4 \heartsuit	Pass	4 \spadesuit	Pass
5 \heartsuit	All Pass		

Sementa's try for slam is understandable – his 17-point hand was all aces and kings. In fact, on the opening lead of the $\diamondsuit 8$, Duboin could have made 11 tricks, but he apparently suspected Grue of underleading the $\diamondsuit A$. The contract was doomed when Duboin put up dummy's king. Minus 50 meant 10 IMPs to the Americans. To make sure the contract goes down, North had to lead a club or a heart, leaving declarer to play diamonds himself.

Over the final eight boards of the set, there were five pushes, two 1-IMP swings to USA2 and a 2-IMP swing to Italy. The final score was 27-11.

BERMUDA BOWL Round 7



New Zealand v

USA 2



by Phillip Alder

The New Zealanders sent Peter Newell and Martin Reid into the Open Room using a relay system based on 1♣ being 14-plus in the first two seats and 16-plus thereafter. A 1♦ opening shows four-plus hearts and 1♥ guarantees four-plus spades. They took on Joe Grue and Justin Lall using Meckwell Lite, the pared-down version of the Precision-based methods employed by Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell.

The Closed Room saw Michael Ware and Geir-Olav (GeO) Tislevoll (who moved from Norway to New Zealand a couple of years ago) against Kevin Bathurst and Daniel Zagorin, both pairs employing five-card majors and two-over-one game-force.

The swings started immediately.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 8 7 ♥ K Q 10 3 ♦ 8 6 4 2 ♣ Q J 10	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 5 4 ♥ 6 ♦ J 9 7 3 ♣ A 9 8 4 2	♠ A K 9 6 3 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ A K Q 5 ♣ 7
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West	North	East	South
Grue	Newell	Lall	Reid
Pass	Pass	1♣ (1)	2♥
4♠	All Pass	3♠	Pass

(1) 16-plus points

West	North	East	South
Ware	Bathurst	Tislevoll	Zagorin
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

It looked as though 4♠ would fail, losing one trick in each suit, but after a diamond lead, two top trumps, a heart to dummy's queen, a diamond to the king, and a second heart, South ducked. Plus 420 to USA 2.

In the other room, where East had already shown his spade suit, he was happy to make a balancing double of South's 2♥ overcall, and West was equally happy to pass.

Declarer lost two spades, three hearts, one diamond and one club ruff by East to go down two, giving 3 IMPs to USA 2.

The Americans gained another 2 IMPs on the next deal when they doubled an excellent 4♠ that had to go down with spades 4-1 and the club finesse losing.

On Board 3, both North-South pairs stretched to a thin 4♥ that had four losers.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 6 ♥ A 7 6 3 ♦ K Q 6 ♣ K J 8 3	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A J ♥ K Q 10 9 4 ♦ A 9 5 4 ♣ 10 9	♠ 9 5 4 ♥ 2 ♦ J 8 7 3 2 ♣ A Q 7 5
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♠ K Q 8 7 3 2
♥ J 8 5
♦ 10
♣ 6 4 2



Kevin Bathurst, USA

West Grue 1♦ (1)	North Newell 1♥	East Lall 3♣ (2)	South Reid All Pass
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- (1) Two-plus diamonds, 10-15 points
- (2) Both minors, under game-invitational strength

West Ware 1♣ Pass Pass All Pass	North Bathurst 1♥ 2♦ 2♠	East Tislevoll Pass Pass Pass	South Zagorin 1♠ 2♥ 4♠
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The defense made short work of 3♣: diamond to the ace, diamond ruff, spade to the ace, diamond ruff, spade king: down one.

Against the ambitious 4♠, West led the diamond king. Declarer won with dummy's ace and called for a club. East won with his ace and switched to his singleton heart, West winning and giving his partner a ruff. After a club to West's jack and a second ruff, declarer conceded down two.

That gave New Zealand 7 IMPs and the lead by 2.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West Grue 3NT	North Newell 1♥ (1) All Pass	East Lall 3♥	South Reid Pass
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- (1) Four-plus spades, fewer than four hearts, 9-13 points

West Ware 2♥ (2) 3♥	North Bathurst Pass 2♠ All Pass	East Tislevoll 2♦ (1) Pass	South Zagorin Pass Pass
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- (1) Weak two in either major and 0-6 points
- (2) Pass or correct

Grue, in characteristic style, took a shot at 3NT, unsuccessfully this time. North accurately led a club and the defenders took the first six tricks: four clubs and two spades.

In contrast, with the trumps 2-2, 3♥ could not be touched. Declarer lost two spades and two clubs, giving New Zealand a further 6 IMPs.

On Board 6, both East-West pairs bid aggressively to 3NT and went down two.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West Grue 2♦ 4♠ All Pass	North Newell 3♦ (2) Pass	East Lall 3♠ Pass	South Reid 1♦ (1) 4♦ (3) 5♥
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- (1) Four-plus hearts, maybe a longer suit anywhere, 9-13 points

- (2) Good heart raise
- (3) Singleton or void

West Ware 1♦ 2♠ 3♦ 4♦	North Bathurst Pass Pass Pass Pass	East Tislevoll 1♠ 2NT 3♠ 4♠	South Zagorin Pass Pass Pass All Pass
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I was surprised that Grue did not double 5♥, looking at two aces and a partner who had bid freely at the three-



Daniel Zagorin, USA

level when vulnerable. Perhaps double would have had some conventional connotation.

The defenders took their three aces to end the play quickly.

In the other room against 4♠, South found the unfortunate lead of a low club. With the aid of mirrors, declarer could have got home now, but understandably he cashed his club ace and ruffed a club with the spade eight. North overruffed with his ten and switched to the diamond jack. Declarer won with dummy's ace and called for a heart, but North won with his ace and gave his partner a diamond ruff. Soon thereafter the spade king defeated the contract.

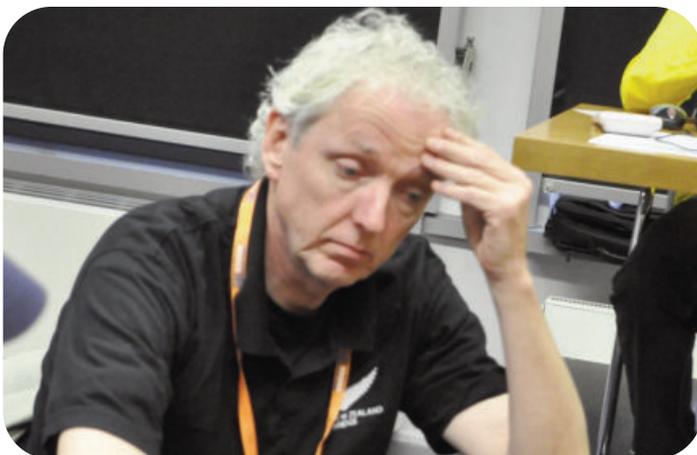
USA 2 had gained 5 IMPs to close the margin to 3.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 7 5 ♥ J 7 3 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ K Q 10 6 2	♠ 10 6 ♥ Q 5 2 ♦ J 9 5 4 3 2 ♣ 9 7	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A K Q J 9 ♥ A K 10 9 8 ♦ – ♣ J 8 4	♠ 8 4 3 2 ♥ 6 4 ♦ A K 8 7 ♣ A 5 3
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West	North	East	South
Grue	Newell	Lall	Reid
Pass	Pass	1♣ (1)	Pass
1♥ (2)	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♦ (3)	Pass
5♠ (4)	Pass	6♣	All Pass

- (1) 16-plus points
- (2) Any 8-11 pointer with fewer than five spades
- (3) Exclusion Key Card Blackwood
- (4) One key card excluding the diamond ace



Geir-Olav Tislevoll, New Zealand

West	North	East	South
Ware	Bathurst	Tislevoll	Zagorin
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

This deal sort of highlights a big plus of strong club, except that 6♣ couldn't be made! Reid led his diamond ace, ruffed. If declarer had played on trumps, South would have ducked the first round, taken the second, and cashed the diamond king. Instead, East played on spades, discarding a diamond on the third round. However, North ruffed, killing the contract.

By contrast in 4♥, when declarer took the heart finesse, he made an easy two overtricks.

Plus 50 and plus 480 gave New Zealand 11 IMPs on the board.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 5 4 ♥ A Q 7 5 4 3 ♦ J 8 7 6 ♣ 6	♠ K 9 6 3 ♥ K J 8 2 ♦ K 5 2 ♣ K J	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> N W E S </div> ♠ Q J 10 ♥ 6 ♦ Q 10 9 ♣ A 10 7 5 4 2	♠ A 8 7 2 ♥ 10 9 ♦ A 4 3 ♣ Q 9 8 3
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West	North	East	South
Grue	Newell	Lall	Reid
2♥	INT (1)	Pass	Pass
All Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbl

(1) 11+-14 points

West	North	East	South
Ware	Bathurst	Tislevoll	Zagorin
Pass	INT (1)	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) 14-16 points

The range for the INT opening made all the difference, although, of course, Grue did not have to bid, especially as he was vulnerable.

In 2♥ doubled, declarer lost two spades, three hearts and two diamonds to go down two.

Against 4♠, East led his spade queen. Declarer won with his king and played the club king, but East took the trick and gave his partner a club ruff. West then cashed the heart ace and gave his partner a ruff for down one and another 11 IMPs to New Zealand, now ahead by 25.

This deal reminded me of John Lowenthal's rules for opening leads, as devised from fact by Henry Bethe. (John

Lowenthal was a highly imaginative player, especially when it came to opening leads.) The relevant one is: If you lead a trump, you are looking for a ruff.

On Board 10, the declarers in 4♥ had to play their trump suit of K-J-7-5-4-3-2 opposite 9-6 for one loser. They both took the percentage play of low to the jack, going down one when this lost to queen-doubleton.

On Board 11, New Zealand added 2 IMPs to their lead in a partscore battle.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ 8 ♥ 9 4 2 ♦ 10 8 7 5 3 ♣ K 9 8 6		
	♠ 10 2 ♥ Q J 10 7 6 ♦ J 9 4 2 ♣ 10 3		
	♠ Q J 6 5 4 ♥ A K 5 ♦ K Q ♣ J 7 4		
	♠ A K 9 7 3 ♥ 8 3 ♦ A 6 ♣ A Q 5 2	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	

West	North	East	South
<i>Grue</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Reid</i>
1♣ (1)	Pass	1♦ (2)	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl (3)	All Pass

- (1) 16-plus
- (2) 0-7
- (3) Takeout

West	North	East	South
<i>Ware</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Zagorin</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	INT (1)
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

- (1) 12-16 points

This deal shows another advantage of strong club, although Reid's 1♠ doubled was not as costly as it might appear at first glance. Declarer had to take two spades, two hearts, one diamond and one club to escape for down one.

In the other room, Zagorin might have passed out one spade, but he was wondering about a vulnerable game. (Note the upgrade of the INT range over a major in fourth chair. This is because if you must double with 15 or 16 points, partner is likely to advance with two of a suit. Then a 2NT rebid is carrying the auction to a dangerously high level.)

Against 2♦, West led the spade ace, cashed his club ace, and continued with a low club. Declarer won with dummy's king and played a trump to his king. West won, cashed the club queen (on which East discarded his second spade), and led another spade. East ruffed and switched to the heart queen. South won, cashed the diamond queen, and had to lose one more trump trick for down one.

Plus 200 and minus 100 gave 3 IMPs to USA 2.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ K 6 ♥ A Q 10 8 3 ♦ K 7 4 2 ♣ 9 3		
	♠ J 8 ♥ K 9 7 6 2 ♦ J ♣ K J 10 8 7		
	♠ A Q 10 7 4 2 ♥ 4 ♦ 6 3 ♣ A Q 5 2		
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West	North	East	South
<i>Grue</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Reid</i>
Pass	1♦ (♥)	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

West	North	East	South
<i>Ware</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Zagorin</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Dbl	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	Redble
All Pass			4♠

In the New Zealand auction, after 1♦ showing hearts, 1♠ was natural and forcing for one round, but denied a very strong hand because South had not relayed with an artificial 1♥ response. South's 2♠ rebid was game-invitational because an initial 2♠ response would have shown six spades and a weaker hand.

Against Reid, Grue led his singleton diamond. East overtook with his queen and switched to the club six. South won with his ace, played a heart to dummy's queen, discarded his diamond loser on the heart ace, and ducked a club to West's ten, leaving:

	♠ K 6 ♥ 10 8 3 ♦ K 7 4 ♣ -		
	♠ J 8 ♥ K 9 7 ♦ - ♣ K J 8		
	♠ A Q 10 7 4 2 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ Q 5		
	♠ 9 5 3 ♥ ♦ A 10 9 8 5 ♣ -	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	

West continued with the club jack. How could declarer have got home?

South stayed alive by ruffing with dummy's spade king, but then he ruffed a heart and ruffed his last club. However, East overruffed and led a diamond for a trump promotion and down one.

After ruffing high, declarer had to work out to drop West's doubleton jack.

In the other room, West also led the diamond jack. East overtook with his queen, cashed the diamond ace, and played another diamond. When South discarded a club, West ruffed and shifted to a low heart, but Zagorin finessed dummy's queen, drew two rounds of trumps ending in the dummy, and discarded his club losers on the diamond king and heart ace.

Plus 100 and plus 620 gave USA 2 a much-needed 13 IMPs.

On the next deal, both pairs bid well to 6♠, New Zealand gaining an IMP when the lead was not a club.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ Q 10 3 ♣ Q J 10 9 4	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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		♠ 10 9 8 7 ♥ A Q J 7 5 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ 5
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	S										
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West	North	East	South
<i>Grue</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Reid</i>
2♠	2NT	4♠	1♠ (1)
Pass	Pass	Dbl	5♦
			All Pass

(1) 9-13 points, four-plus diamonds, five-plus clubs possible, no four-card or longer major

West	North	East	South
<i>Ware</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Zagorin</i>
1♠	2♣	4♠	1♦
All Pass			5♦

Against 5♦ doubled, Grue led the heart four. East won with his ace and returned the heart queen. South took his king, ruffed his last heart, ran the diamond queen, and cashed the rest of his trumps to squeeze West in the black suits for an overtrick.

In the other room, Ware led a club. After taking the trick with dummy's queen, declarer played a diamond to his ace.

West's discard was a blow. With this layout, though, South could have succeeded by continuing trumps. But he tried to

cash the club ace. East ruffed, cashed the heart ace and had the diamond king to come.

That gave New Zealand 14 IMPs and the lead by 26.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A 5 2 ♥ Q J 9 8 ♦ A 10 7 5 ♣ 6 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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		♠ 9 ♥ K 6 4 3 2 ♦ J 2 ♣ A Q 10 9 8	♠ K J 8 4 ♥ 5 ♦ K 9 8 6 4 3 ♣ K J
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	S											
		♠ Q 10 7 6 3 ♥ A 10 7 ♦ Q ♣ 7 5 4 2										

West	North	East	South
<i>Grue</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Reid</i>
1♦ (1)	1♥	Dbl	2♦ (2)
Dbl (3)	3♣	4♦	4♥
Dbl	All Pass		

- (1) 10-15 points, two-plus diamonds
- (2) Good heart raise
- (3) Three spades

West	North	East	South
<i>Ware</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Zagorin</i>
1♦	2NT (1)	5♦	All Pass

- (1) At least 5-5 in hearts and clubs

Against 4♥ doubled, Lall led his trump. Declarer won with dummy's ace and called for the diamond queen. West won with his ace and returned the heart queen. North won, ruffed his last diamond, and played a club to his queen. East took his king and shifted to a spade, West winning, cashing his two high trumps, and leading a diamond.

We can see that North could have ruffed and run his clubs for down two. But if clubs had been 3-1, he would have been risking down five. Eventually, Newell discarded a club and went down three.

Against 5♦, Bathurst led the spade nine: jack, queen, ace. Declarer drew two rounds of trumps ending in the dummy, then called for the singleton heart.

With this layout, South had to play low, letting his partner take the trick. When South actually won with his ace and shifted to a club, West got into his hand twice in trumps, once to ruff out North's heart king and once to cash the rest of the suit, aided by the ten dropping.

Minus 500 and plus 600 gave New Zealand another 3 IMPs and a win by 55 to 26, or 22-8 in victory points.



The Flying Housewife

by Mark Horton

(This article would not have been possible without the considerable assistance of Marjo Chorus and Jos Jacobs.)

With the 2012 Olympics looming ever larger it seems appropriate to recall the exploits of a legendary competitor when the games were last staged in London.

Francina 'Fanny' Elsje Blankers-Koen (26 April 1918 – 25 January 2004) was a Dutch athlete, best known for winning four gold medals at the 1948 Summer Olympics in London. She accomplished this as a 30-year-old mother of two, during a time when many disregarded women's athletics. Her background and performances earned her the nickname 'the Flying Housewife.' She was the most successful athlete at the 1948 Summer Olympics. Her performances are documented in the official film of the games that you can see on YouTube.

Apart from her four Olympic titles, she won five European titles and 58 Dutch championships, and set or tied 12 world records – the last, pentathlon, in 1951 at age 33. She retired from athletics in 1955, after which she became captain of the Dutch female track and field team. In 1999, she was voted "Female Athlete of the Century" by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).

Top female athletes who were married were rare at the time, and it was considered inconceivable that a mother would be an athlete. During war time, Blankers-Koen would set six new world records. The first came in 1942, when she improved the world mark in the 80 m hurdles. The following year, she did even better. First, she improved the high jump record by an unequalled 5 cm from 1.66 m to 1.71 m in a specially arranged competition in Amsterdam on 30 May. Then, she tied the 100 m world record, but this was never recognised officially, as she competed against men when setting the record. She closed out the season with a new world record in the long jump, 6.25 m on 19 September 1943. The latter record would last until 1954.

Fanny Blankers-Koen won four of the nine women's events at the 1948 Olympics, competing in 11 heats and finals in 8 days. She was the first woman to win four Olympic gold medals, and the first one to do so in a single Olympics. As of 2007, no other track and field athlete has won more gold medals in a single Olympics, although Alvin Kraenzlein (1900), Jesse Owens (1936) and Carl Lewis (1984) have also won four gold medals in one Olympics. Dubbed the "Flying Housewife", and "Amazing Fanny" by the international press, she was welcomed back home in Amsterdam by an immense crowd. After a ride through the city, pulled by four white horses, she received a lot of praise and gifts. From the city of Amsterdam, she received a new bicycle: "to go through life at a slower pace" and "so she need not run so much". Queen Juliana made her a knight of the Order of Orange Nassau.

Jet Pasman is another famous Dutch 'housewife' who is no stranger to the winner's rostrum.

On this deal from the Netherlands-USA 2 match, VC round 8, she displayed the qualities of a champion:



Jet Pasman, Netherlands

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 10 8 4 3		♠ A 7
♥ 6 5		♥ K 10 9 7 2
♦ Q 10 8 6		♦ K 5
♣ 10 6		♣ A K 9 2
♠ Q 9 2	<div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	
♥ A Q J		
♦ J 7 4 2		
♣ Q 5 4		
♠ J 6 5		
♥ 8 4 3		
♦ A 9 3		
♣ J 8 7 3		

The contract was 4♥ at both tables. Clearly declarer has many chances, but only Jet was successful.

After the trump lead, declarer tried the spades by playing the ace and a spade to the queen. North won with the king and returned a trump. Now, Jet cashed the ace of clubs, played a club to the queen and a third round through North. If the suit breaks, she is home and dry. If the defender with the doubleton trump also is the one with the doubleton club, the third top club will survive and the last club can then be ruffed with dummy's last trump. If either defender is able to ruff after all, the ace of diamonds might still be onside.

As you can see, the third top club survived so after ruffing her last club, declarer could lead up to her king of diamonds, trying to make an overtrick. Even though the king lost to the ace, ten tricks were secure, thanks to her excellent technique. Netherlands +420.

At the other table declarer started off by playing three rounds of trumps (the same line adopted by both declarers in the match between England & France) and thereafter failed to find a winning line (easy enough as the cards lie if you assume the ace of diamonds is offside).

VENICE CUP

Round 8



England

v

France



by Jos Jacobs

When Tuesday's middle round started, the English women were runners-up in the Venice Cup table, 14 VP behind Sweden, whereas the French women were in 8th spot, well below their reputation and record. Still, an interesting match was what we were hoping for, and we were not disappointed.

The first two IMPs of the match went to France when they won a typical partscore battle on the first board. On the next board, England duly equalised but the French might as well have extended their lead in more dramatic fashion:



Sylvie Willard, France

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

4♦. Gaviard happened to have an easy raise to game so the French, in the end, chalked up +400 for a two-IMP loss whereas they might have scored +750 and 7 IMPs by leaving 3NT in. Even the magical score of 1000 was within reach... what about a bold redouble based on trick-taking potential and a solid-enough spade stopper?

On the next board, a difference in approach proved very costly.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Cronier	Senior	Willard
		1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, the English had an uninterrupted auction to the top spot. Eleven tricks, +460 to England.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Brown	Neve	Stockdale
		1♦	1♥
3NT	Dbl	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

In the Open Room, Fiona Brown chose the right moment to frighten the French:

As Joanna Neve was looking at a very light opening bid in terms of high-card points, I sympathise with her retreat to

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Cronier	Senior	Willard
		1♦	1♦
Pass	1♠	4♥	5♦
5♥	6♦	Dbl	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Senior's 4♥ overcall made it difficult for her side to choose the right level of further competition. When EW sold out to 6♦, a big swing to France was in the air, though 6♥ can be beaten on an initial underlead of the ♦AK and 6♠, depending on the defense, might be down only one.

When Willard played to ruff all her losing hearts before establishing the spades, she had fatally shortened herself in trumps and thus had to concede two down instead of just one. Maybe, the best line is to cash just one top trump and then play on spades, hoping for the best. Anyway: +300 to England.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

In the Open Room, Gaviard made life easy for her partner when she overcalled 2♣ immediately. Her bold overcall also had the useful side effect of shutting out the opponents' huge spade fit. Therefore, all Neve had to do was to check for aces and bid the heart slam. When South, quite understandably, did not find the diamond underlead, the French easily registered +1430 and a 15-IMP swing in their favour.

There was more in store for the French on the next board:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Willard</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Once Willard could find a 1♥ response to her partner's opening bid, she had committed her side to game. Being short of entries to hand, she needed a fair amount of luck to bring it home but the cards duly met with her require-

ments. She won the spade lead with dummy's king and immediately played ♥A and another, getting the good news in the suit. West returned a diamond to dummy's king and East's ace and the last trump came back. In dummy with the ♥J, Willard then crossed to the ♠A and ran the ♣J, East winning and returning the suit to put her in dummy again. With the ♦A already gone, Willard was now able to cash dummy's top clubs, cross to her last trump, cash the last club and take the successful diamond finesse to land her contract. to give France a juicy +620.

In the Open Room, the English came nowhere near to bidding this game, due to their methods:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

The 2NT rebid showed 18-19 HCP by agreement and South had nothing to add to that. On a spade lead from East, declarer did not manage the cards well and quietly went two down. Another +200 and 13 more IMPs to France, who led 30-2 after just four boards.

England gained 5 IMPs by passing out board 21, on which the French had in vain tried to steal a partscore and then, after a few pushes, the English methods again prevailed.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Willard</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

With a minimum opening opposite a passed hand, the French could not possibly be blamed for missing this non-vulnerable game. On the actual layout, making nine tricks proved easy enough, so they scored +150 in comfort.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Brown	Neve	Stockdale
	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Once North, according to her methods and style, could open the bidding, N/S were bound to get to game. So it proved and when nine tricks were as easy to get for them as they had been at the other table, England could register +400 and 6 IMPs to their credit.

Another partscore swing on the next board had reduced the English deficit to 30-18 when the board below hit the table:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Brown	Neve	Stockdale
	4♦	Pass	1♥
2♣	6♥	All Pass	5♣
Pass			

To me, 6♥ very much looks like the proper contract as the cards will have to be placed well to ensure making all 13 tricks. Superficially, hearts 2-2 or the singleton 10 will do if the spades behave. Besides, there is the small extra chance of the ♦K Q coming down in three rounds, as is the case here. So the English had every reason to be proud of their small slam until they saw the actual layout. England +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Cronier	Senior	Willard
			1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5NT
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

4♣ was a splinter and 4♦ showed shortness as well. 5NT then confirmed two keycards and a club void. After a long

huddle, Cronier eventually threw her hands into the air and announced the grand. As we have seen, this was an excellent moment to do so. France +1510 and 11 IMPs back to them.

On the next board, the French further extended their lead in amusing fashion.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Cronier	Senior	Willard
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

When you have a weak opening two-bid available to show both majors, you are liable to end up in ridiculous contracts from time to time. Bénédicte Cronier certainly must have thought so when the auction came back to her. Of course, she quietly passed and collected +150.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Brown	Neve	Stockdale
Pass	1♠	2♦	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

The board might still have been a near-push had Stockdale been allowed to play the hand double-dummy. Knowing nothing about the major suit distributions, she misguessed in the end to go one down. The play went like this: diamond lead to East's ten, ducked by declarer, and a club back. West won her ace and returned the suit, won by declarer in hand. The ♠J now was successfully run and declarer carefully played the ♣9 to dummy's king. Declarer's next move was to play ♠A and another, establishing a trick for the defence rather than for herself. On the actual heart layout, a heart to the 10 would have saved the day for her. Dummy can still be reached with the ♣7 to lead a diamond up and three clubs, one diamond and two tricks in both majors would have amounted to eight.

One down gave France another +100 and 6 more IMPs on their way to a 59-26 win, 23-7 V.P., to rise to 6th place in the rankings, now just 5 VP behind England.

Answer to a Testing Defensive Problem

This was the full deal:

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

At the table, East returned a heart, but now the contract could not be defeated. West took the trick and led another heart, but South won and drove out the spade ace. Declarer lost only three hearts and one spade.

South had to have three hearts to the jack not to have played the king from dummy at the first trick. So returning that suit will generate only four tricks. That is fine if West's minor-suit honor is the diamond ace or club ace, but not if it is the club king.

With this layout, the only winning play was for East to switch to the club six at trick two.

If South ducks, West wins with her king and can either shift back to hearts or continue clubs.

It is more interesting if declarer rises with her club ace, because West must unblock her king. Then, when she gets in with her heart ace, she can lead another club, giving the defenders one spade, two hearts and two clubs.

Across the three events, numerous declarers were in 3NT and facing a low-heart lead. Only one went down, and that after winning the first trick with dummy's king and being allowed to take the next two tricks with his high spades. Instead of cashing out for nine tricks, he ended up failing.

Before moving on, what did you think of North's response?

With a hand hardly suitable for five of a minor, it looks debatable to me. Of course, partner might hold:

♠ x x x ♥ A Q x ♦ A x x x ♣ K Q x

when this response works perfectly. But if 3NT becomes the final contract, the defenders have gained useful information about declarer's hand.

After INT-3NT, that club switch would be even harder to find.

Finally, did anything occur to you about declarer's play?

Surely it is right to play dummy's heart king at trick one. Assuming the lead is honest, the hearts are 4-4. And if you can take the first trick, you can lead a spade and establish nine winners (assuming diamonds are 3-2, and if they are not, you probably cannot make the contract).

If dummy's king loses to the ace, East is even more likely to return a heart, not switch to a club.

Desire outrunning performance

by Barry Rigal

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

The following may not constitute an all-time record (at the back of my mind I think the Dutch team may have done something similar against Germany in the quarter-finals of the WC a few years ago) but it is unlikely to be beaten by all that many tricks at these championships. The deal is one where E/W would rather play their 6-3 fit than their 4-4 fit and it is somewhat random that it will play much better from the East seat than the West seat. (Although as many Souths discovered, the effect of a Lightner double of 6♥ was simply to increase the slam bonus when North guessed badly – or incompetently as the case might be.)

But we are not concerned with such trifles. There were more significant issues at play in the match between England and Egypt Ladies. In one room, Egypt declared 6♠x – an unlucky contract that failed by two tricks for -500 – yes, one down was certainly on the cards. In the other room, Nevena Senior opened 2♦ – Multi – Heather Dhondy responded with a forcing 2NT and North thought that this might be a good moment to test her opponents' methods by jamming the works with a bid of 3♠. Those methods were duly forthcoming: Senior doubled to suggest defence to spades, and Dhondy decided that the chances of the penalty exceeding the game bonus was assured, with a shot at considerably more. She was not disappointed. On a diamond lead the defenders arranged to play a heart through and from there on in they allowed declarer only to score one trump trick and the spade king. That was down seven and a penalty of 1700.

In total, one team therefore contracted for 21 tricks in the same suit, and made 12 tricks. The Daily Bulletin would love to hear if you have done better (or worse)!



VENICE CUP

Round 10



Sweden

v

Canada



The Good the Bad and the Ugly

by Mark Horton

As everyone will recall, *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly* is a 1966 Italian epic spaghetti western film directed by Sergio Leone, starring Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef, and Eli Wallach in the title roles. It was also the title given to a series of articles that appeared in *International Popular Bridge Monthly* that highlighted the manifold opportunities of bridge that are inherent in the title.

In Round 10 of the Venice Cup the leaders, Sweden, played a Canadian team aiming to move closer to the qualifying positions. On a set of deals that saw a lot of IMPs change hands in many matches, both teams might feel they missed a number of opportunities to do better.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Litwin	Sjoberg	Fraser	Rimstedt
	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	All Pass

I'll leave you to decide if West should have raised diamonds. Had she done so East might well have tried 3NT, which cannot be defeated.

South elected to lead the jack of diamonds so declarer recorded +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Johansson	Eaton	Andersson	Cumpstone
	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♠ ^A	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

2♠ 8-11, four hearts and 5+ in a minor

West followed a sequence that was consistent with her 1-4-5-3 shape, but when East went on the only making game was left behind.

South led the king of clubs for the four, three and six. The three was encouraging, but South inexplicably switched to a spade and declarer was home, +400 and 6 IMPs for Sweden.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Litwin</i>	<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

North led the ten of diamonds and South took the ace and switched to the two of hearts (the convention card says 3rd even, low odd, so it might have been the five) for the queen and ace. If you think South is marked with the king of hearts then it looks sensible to lay down the ace of clubs before returning a heart. When North neglected this precaution South took the king of hearts and played a third heart.

With North's opening lead having denied the jack it look easy enough to draw trumps and finesse the nine of diamonds, enabling declarer to dispose of all dummy's clubs, but she preferred to try to slip a club past North's ace – down one, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Eaton</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Cumpstone</i>
1♠	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Once again North led the ten of diamonds. South took the ace and returned the suit. Declarer put in the nine and was able to score an overtrick (the record says +620, but I don't believe it – dummy's hearts go on the long diamonds). 13 IMPs to Sweden

Another disaster was just around the corner:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Litwin</i>	<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
	Pass	1♦	DbI
Rdbl	2♣	Pass	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

South led her diamond and in due course collected her aces, +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Eaton</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Cumpstone</i>
	Pass	1♦	DbI
Rdbl	2♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Not a great effort by E/W, but it gave them 5 IMPs.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Litwin</i>	<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
		Pass	3♠
DbI	All Pass		

2♠ would have been a weak two, but with such extreme distribution South adopted a more aggressive approach.

West cashed the king of diamonds and continued with the ace. Declarer ruffed, played a spade to the king and ace and ruffed the diamond return. She drew another round of trumps and then switched to clubs, ensuring seven tricks, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Eaton</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Cumpstone</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NTA	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

2NT maximum, 5-5 in hearts and a minor or 5-6+ majors
 3♣ relay
 3♦ diamonds

Was that a 'serious' 3NT slam try? Whatever, E/W stopped out of slam. North led a trump and declarer won and was able to ruff three hearts in dummy to get up to eleven tricks, and a defensive error gave her an overtrick, +620 and 8 IMPs.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Litwin</i>	<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
		INT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

* Forcing Stayman

South led the two of spades for the ten, queen and ace. Declarer ran the ten of clubs to North's jack and the de-

fenders cleared the spades, dummy discarding a heart. Declarer ran the nine of clubs and North won and cashed two spades for +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Eaton</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Cumpstone</i>
		INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

With rather less to go on South led the six of diamonds (a recent computer study by David Bird and Taf Anthias suggests that the two of spades works best in this type of situation). Declarer won and ran the ten of clubs. North won and switched to spades, but declarer was ahead of the game and had nine easy tricks once the diamonds had been unblocked and the king of clubs dislodged. +600 and another 12 IMPs to Sweden.

The leaders were running away with the match and Canada missed a chance to recover a little ground on this deal:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Litwin</i>	<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ Game forcing Stayman

3NT by West is theoretically unbeatable. North led a diamond and declarer played on spades for +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Eaton</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Cumpstone</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the only suit to threaten the contract, selecting the six of diamonds. Declarer played low from dummy and

Shop till you drop!

De Bijenkorf - 18 Septemberplein
 Exclusive and trend-setting department store; fashion, beauty, design and lifestyle! This Bijenkorf is one of the largest in The Netherlands.



Piazza Center - 18 Septemberplein
 A very modern covered shopping centre with a few large and well known fashion stores. But also sportswear, shoes and a large beauty store.

De Bergen
 Across the road from the Vrijstraat you walk into the Bergen area. In these picturesque streets you will find nice specialist shops, second hand shops, galleries, interior design and antique & collectible shops.

De Heuvel Galerie – Markt
 Large and modern covered shopping centre (beautiful architecture!) with about 100 different shops for fashion, sportswear, books, music, design, accessories and beauty.

Exclusive stores – Hooghuisstraat
 Exclusive fashion stores, some trendy boutiques and exclusive fashion for children can be found in the Hooghuisstraat.

North inexplicably played the king. Declarer was in little danger now, +600.

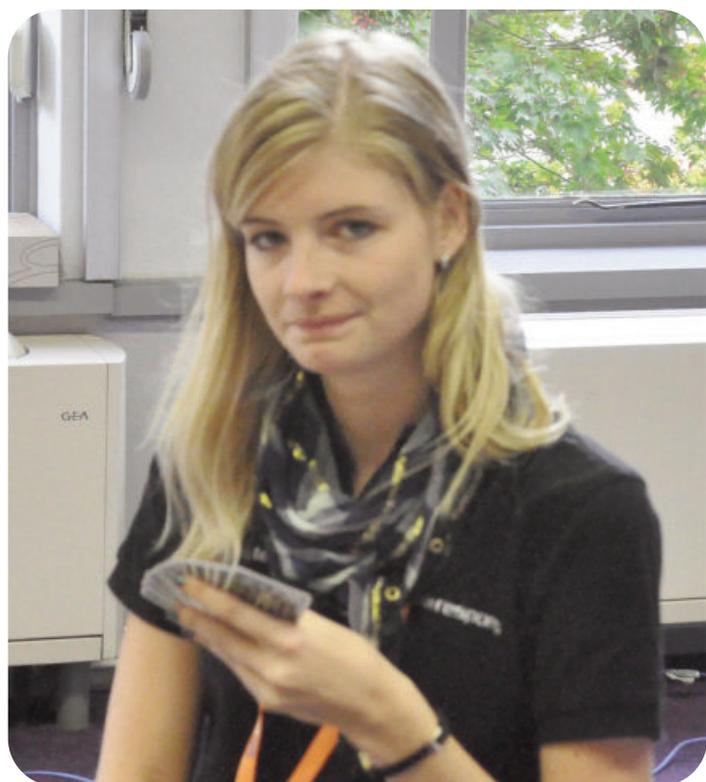
Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K 10 4 ♥ Q 9 5 3 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ K 9 5	♠ Q 7 6 2 ♥ A 10 8 7 4 ♦ 6 4 ♣ A 6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 9 3 ♥ K J ♦ A Q J 9 8 3 ♣ Q 8 3	♠ A J 8 5 ♥ 6 ♦ K 10 2 ♣ J 10 7 4 2	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Litwin	Sjoberg	Fraser	Rimstedt
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♦*
All Pass		Pass	3♦
2♦	10-16, 6+ diamonds		
2♥	8+, 5+ hearts		

Not a great advert for the methods. With a hand that is better than minimum and useful cards in partner's suit surely South should do something other than a simple rebid.



Sandra Rimstedt, Sweden

Nine tricks were straightforward, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Johansson	Eaton	Andersson	Cumpstone
Pass	2♣*	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦*
All Pass		Pass	3NT

West led the three of hearts to the jack and declarer unblocked the king and played the queen of diamonds. East won and failed to find the killing switch to the five of spades, preferring the four of clubs, which was covered by the queen, king and ace. Declarer had nine on top now, but she forgot to cash the ace of hearts before running the diamonds! One down, -50 and a tragic way to lose 4 IMPs.

Although there play had been far from faultless, Sweden was assured of a maximum 25 VP. Their opponents finally took advantage of one of their opponents' mistakes on the very last deal:

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ J 5 2 ♥ 7 3 ♦ K Q 10 8 4 ♣ K 5 4	♠ K Q 3 ♥ 10 6 ♦ J 9 6 5 3 2 ♣ 8 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 10 8 6 4 ♥ J 8 4 2 ♦ 7 ♣ A 7 6	♠ 9 7 ♥ A K Q 9 5 ♦ A ♣ Q J 10 9 2	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Litwin	Sjoberg	Fraser	Rimstedt
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dbl	2♠*	3♣	Pass
3♥	3♠	4♥	All Pass

South led her diamond and declarer won, cashed three top trumps and advanced the jack of clubs. When South played the seven declarer went up with the king and played the king of diamonds discarding a spade, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Johansson	Eaton	Andersson	Cumpstone
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dbl*	2♥*	3♣	All Pass

A sound spot, declarer taking nine tricks for +110. An 11 IMP consolation for Canada, too little, too late.

Bermuda Bowl Butler after 12 roundssee note
on page
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Players	Butler	Country	Boards
LAURIA Lorenzo - VERSACE Alfredo	1.57	Italy	128
AHMADY Waleed El - NABIL Karim	1.38	Egypt	16
PROOIJEN Ricco van - VERHEES JR Louk	1.33	Netherlands	128
BALDURSSON Jon - JONSSON Thorlakur	1.10	Iceland	128
FLEISHER Martin - KAMIL Mike	1.10	U.S.A.	112
BOCCHI Norberto - MADALA Agustin	0.88	Italy	128
GINOSSAR Eldad - PACHTMAN Ron	0.80	Israel	128
GRUE Joe - LALL Justin	0.60	U.S.A.	144
HANS Sartaj - NUNN Tony	0.60	Australia	144
BRINK Sjoert - DRIJVER Bas	0.59	Netherlands	128
JASSEM Krzysztof - MARTENS Krzysztof	0.54	Poland	144
FALLENIIUS Bjorn - FREDIN Peter	0.53	Sweden	160
BATHURST Kevin - ZAGORIN Daniel	0.52	U.S.A.	112
CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - VILLAS-BOAS Miguel	0.50	Brazil	128
HERBST Ilan - HERBST Ophir	0.45	Israel	127
TERAMOTO Tadashi - YOKOI Hiroki	0.44	Japan	128
KARAIIVANOV Kalin - TRENDAFILOV Roumen	0.40	Bulgaria	128
BRENNER Diego - CASTELLO BRANCO Marcelo	0.36	Brazil	128
BOSENBERG Christopher Henry - EBER Neville	0.33	South Africa	144
LEVIN Robert (Bobby) - WEINSTEIN Steve	0.31	U.S.A.	160
KUSHARI Pritish - MAJUMDAR Debabrata	0.31	India	128
IMAKURA Tadashi - INO Masayuki	0.27	Japan	128
NEWELL Peter - REID Martin	0.23	New Zealand	160
LIAN Ruoyang - SHI Haojun	0.22	China	128
MUKHERJEE Sumit - SAHA Bhabesh	0.21	India	128
MULLER Bauke - WIJS Simon de	0.20	Netherlands	128
HURD John - WOOLDRIDGE Joel	0.20	U.S.A.	128
DUBOIN Giorgio - SEMENTA Antonio	0.20	Italy	128
LI Jie - LIU Jing	0.19	China	144
EINARSSON Bjarni Holmar - JORGENSEN Adalsteinn	0.19	Iceland	128
CULLIN Per-Ola - UPMARK Johan	0.17	Sweden	128
AHMADY Waleed El - SADEK Tarek	0.14	Egypt	160
BERTHEAU Peter - NYSTROM Fredrik	0.14	Sweden	96
APTEKER Alon - GOWER Craig	0.13	South Africa	128
TISLEVOLL Geir-Olav - WARE Michael	0.11	New Zealand	112
MIHOV Vladimir - NANEV Ivan	0.03	Bulgaria	128

Venice Cup Butler after 12 rounds

Players	Butler	Country	Boards
BROCK Sally - SMITH Nicola	1.20	England	128
GORDON Dianna - REUS Sharyn	1.13	Canada	128
ANDERSSON Pia - JOHANSSON Marie	1.12	Sweden	112
DEWI Suci Amita - MURNIATI Kristina Wahyu	1.06	Indonesia	160
MOSS Sylvia - RADIN Judi	1.00	U.S.A.	80
KAZMUCHA Danuta - ZMUDA Justyna	0.97	Poland	128
HARASIMOWICZ Ewa - SAWICKA Malgorzata	0.94	Poland	128
CRONIER Benedicte - WILLARD Sylvie	0.91	France	128
BROWN Fiona - STOCKDALE Susan	0.90	England	128
RIMSTEDT Sandra - SJOBERG Emma	0.84	Sweden	144
STANSBY Joanna - ZUR-CAMPANILE-ALBU Migry	0.83	U.S.A.	160
GIAMPIETRO Cristina - NEHMERT Pony Beate	0.83	Germany	112
BANNO Kazuko - SHIMAMURA Kyoko	0.74	Japan	128
GAVIARD Daniele - NEVE Joanna	0.70	France	128
BOJOH Lusje Olha - TUEJE Julita Grace	0.61	Indonesia	192

ROSENBERG Debbie - SEAMON-MOLSON Janice	0.58	U.S.A.	144
ARRIGONI Gianna - OLIVIERI Gabriella	0.53	Italy	128
DEKKERS Laura - MICHIELSEN Marion	0.51	Netherlands	128
PAIN Leda - VARGAS DE ANDRADE Isabella	0.51	Brazil	128
LEVIN Jill - MEYERS Jill	0.46	U.S.A.	144
JOEL Geeske - SOKOLOW Tobi	0.43	U.S.A.	96
ARNIM Daniela von - AUKEN Sabine	0.41	Germany	160
FENG Xuefeng - SUN Yanhui	0.38	China	80
PASMAN Jet - SIMONS Anneke	0.34	Netherlands	128
DEAS Lynn - PALMER Beth	0.28	U.S.A.	144
GOLIN Cristina - PAOLUZI Simonetta	0.27	Italy	144
CHOKSI Rita - DEY Bharati	0.25	India	128
CORMACK Jan - YULE Kathryn	0.17	New Zealand	144
NOGUEIRA Heloisa - PONCIONI Graca	0.16	Brazil	128
GU Ling - LU Yan	0.15	China	144
DE BIASIO Angela - GIGLIOTTI Donatella	0.12	Italy	112
NISHIDA Natsuko - SAKAMOTO Midori	0.00	Japan	128

d'Orsi Senior Bowl Butler after 12 rounds

Players	Butler	Country	Boards
HRISTOV Hristo - RUSEV Tony	1.94	Bulgaria	16
KASLE Gaylor - KOZLOVE Larry	1.20	U.S.A.	128
HIRATA Makoto - NAKAMURA Yoshiyuki	1.03	Japan	64
LASSERRE Guy - POIZAT Philippe	0.95	France	128
RUIA Ashok - SEQUEIRA Archie	0.91	India	128
LEENHARDT Francois - PIGANEAU Patrice	0.83	France	128
AUKEN Jens - SCHALTZ Peter	0.77	Denmark	160
LASOCKI Krzysztof - RUSSYAN Jerzy	0.66	Poland	128
MORSE Dan - WOLFF Bobby	0.65	U.S.A.	128
CHAMBERS Neil - SCHERMER John	0.64	U.S.A.	128
KLUKOWSKI Julian - MARKOWICZ Victor	0.63	Poland	112
CHUN Peter - LUNG Ka-Cheung	0.62	China Hong Kong	128
HAUGHIE William - KLINGER Ron	0.60	Australia	128
LASUT Henky - MANOPPO Eddy M F	0.57	Indonesia	192
MARSAL Reiner - WENNING Ulrich	0.52	Germany	128
KRATZ Ulrich - STRATER Bernhard	0.50	Germany	128
KAISER Karl-Heinz - KLUMPP Herbert	0.48	Germany	128
FINKEL Lew - SCHWARTZ Richard	0.47	U.S.A.	112
HIRATA Makoto - YAMADA Akihiko	0.40	Japan	48
BRAITHWAITE Andrew - RICHMAN Bobby	0.39	Australia	128
ASKALANI Amr El - GHAMRAWY Mohamad Shaker	0.38	Egypt	112
CZYZOWICZ Jurek - JACOB Dan	0.37	Canada	144
BORM Frans - TUWANAKOTTA Tjali	0.29	Netherlands	128
LING Roger - TSE Edmund	0.26	China Hong Kong	128
BERG Thomas - JORGENSEN Geert	0.24	Denmark	144
FABBRICATORE Sophie - MOERS Jeanine	0.21	Guadeloupe	112
OHNO Kyoko - YAMADA Akihiko	0.19	Japan	144
AKHTAR Saeed - KHALID Javaid	0.18	Pakistan	128
GUPTA Subhash - ROY Kamal Kumar	0.18	India	128
GRENTHE Patrick - VANHOUTTE Philippe	0.17	France	128
GHAMRAWY Mohamad Shaker - KHEDR Marwan	0.06	Egypt	16
DAHL Flemming - NORRIS Georg	0.05	Denmark	80
DE MIGUEL Carlos - MADALA Adolfo Daniel	0.04	Argentina	128
HARTONO Michael Bambang - SAWIRUDDIN Munawar	0.04	Indonesia	128
DJAJANEGARA Arianto Karna - TUERAH Donald Gustaaf	0.02	Indonesia	64
HRISTOV Hristo - TANEV Ivan	0.01	Bulgaria	128

Restaurant information



Brasserie Porticato

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

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

Restaurant Binnenhof

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

Reservations can be made at the restaurant itself.

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.

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.

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.



The International Bridge Press Association



There will be press outings with lunch on Friday, 21st October and Tuesday, 25th October. Further details and registration can be found in the Press Room (Room

82 in the Green Corridor). You must register to participate.

In the Press Room you can also register interest in a Journalist Bridge Contest planned for Sunday 23rd October at 1400, and for a self-financing IBPA dinner (date to be announced).

The IBPA EGM, AGM and awards will be on Monday 24th October, at 9.30 a.m., venue to be announced.

Patrick Jourdain, President

30th Jordan International Bridge Festival

*November 30th – December 4th 2011
At The Dead Sea Moevenpick Resort and Spa*

Program:

Wednesday Nov 30th	6-00pm Reception
	7-00pm Open Pairs Session 1
Thursday Dec 1st	5-30pm Open Pairs Session 2
Friday Dec 2nd	5-30pm Open Pairs Session 3
Saturday Dec 3rd	5-00pm Open Teams Session 1
Sunday Dec 4th	4-00pm Open Teams Session 2
	9-00pm Gala Dinner

The substantial prize fund includes a first prize of US\$2,000 in each event.

Accommodation (B&B inc. all taxes):

Standard Room (Single or Double)	US\$140
Superior Room (Single or Double)	US\$170
Deluxe Room (Single or Double)	US\$190

Reservation:

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Why not combine the two seas, Red and Dead, as the Israeli Red Sea Festival ends on the 27th?

WBF NOTICES

Watch Our Game

You can watch the World Bridge Team Championships on the Our Game web site by visiting <http://register.ourgame.com/special/foreign/>

Laws Committee

The Laws Committee second meeting is scheduled on Thursday 20th, 12.00-14.00 and will take place in room 7, WBF meeting room#2.



Room cancellation policy

Teams not qualifying for the quarter-finals or semi-finals and want to leave the hotel have the right to cancel their rooms without cost at the NH Koningshof. Cancellation without cost is possible only on October 22, 23, 25 and 27 and you must inform the hotel reception about your plans as soon as possible but **no later than** Sunday morning October 23.

Minivan to supermarket

A minivan drives every afternoon to a large supermarket in Veldhoven. Departure in front of the hotel at 14.00, the minivan will be back at 15.00 hrs.

WBF Women's Committee Meeting

The WBF Women's Committee Members attended a very interesting and productive meeting on Tuesday morning.

The chairman reported that the WBF web site area for women's bridge is to be updated and will have a new section "Today's News" with details of organisations and general information.

The members were very pleased to note three candidates for the World Women's Bridge Festival: Turkey for 2012 or 2014, the USA for 2013 and Australia for 2015. The WBF and BBO Online Women's Bridge Festival will be held in April 2012. All women bridge players are invited to join this enjoyable event, details of which will be found on the website at:

www.wbfwomensbridgeclub.org

Anna Maria Torlontano, Chairman

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.

WBF Seniors Committee

There will be a meeting of the WBF Seniors Committee at 9.15 a.m. today, in WBF Meeting Room 2 (Room 7 near the Sports Centre). Note that this is a change. The meeting will be followed by a meeting of the EBL Seniors Committee.



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.

Extra Transfers Koningshof Schiphol Airport

For the teams who did not qualify for the quarter-finals and return home, buses will drive to Schiphol Airport on October 23rd.

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 October 23rd at 05.00, 08:00, 11.00 and 14:00 hrs.

On other days we will take you to Eindhoven trainstation. Every hour, two trains go directly, without changing trains, to Schiphol Airport. Travel time is 1 1/2 hours+.

Butlers

Because of a shortage of space, Butler scores below zero are not shown.

The 7th Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Congress FUKUOKA, JAPAN, 2012



August 25th – September 2nd, 2012



**APBF Team Championships (Open / Women / Senior / Youth)
APBF Open Pairs**

The Japan Contract Bridge League would like to welcome our bridge friends from all over the world to participate in the 7th APBF Congress, now an OPEN event similar to the European Open Championships, which will be held in Fukuoka, Japan, from August 25th to September 2nd, 2012.

Fukuoka, a historical city located in the Kyushu island, has developed as the Asian Gateway, connected with direct flights from/to various Asian cities and with ferries from/to Busan, Korea. The venue of the 2012 Congress will be the Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk, the hotel well known as the largest convention and resort hotel in West Japan. We believe that all our friend players, coaches, and officials would love the relaxing atmosphere of the venue and the warmest welcome from the people of Fukuoka.

We look forward to seeing you all and share wonderful moments of bridge and friendship at the 2012 APBF Congress!

Japan Contract Bridge League
2012 APBF Congress Organizing Committee

Venue : Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk

The Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk is located in the city of Fukuoka, on Hakata bay, just 20 minutes drive from Fukuoka International Airport or downtown Fukuoka.

"2012 APBF" website
<http://www.jcbl.or.jp/apbf2012/>



Accommodation ... Reservations at **SPECIAL ROOM RATES** will start in this fall via 2012 APBF website.

All Youth team players participating in the APBF Championships, will be subsidized 2,000 yen per player per night (excluding NPC/coach) by the JCBL.

- ◆ **Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk** - *Stay at the APBF venue!* <http://www.fukuokaseahawk.hilton.com/>
- ◆ **Hyatt Residential Suites Fukuoka** - *With kitchen and laundry/dryer machine!* <http://www.hyatt-rsf.co.jp/>
- ◆ **Twins Momochi** - *Practical type hotel!* <http://www.twinsmomochi.jp/>

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