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# NEVER GIVE UP



WBF President Gianarrigo Rona congratulates Hans Melchers, sponsor of the 40th World Bridge Team Championships, after awarding him a Gold Medal at the president's dinner on Wednesday night. Said Melchers, "It was a pleasure for me to support the WBF. I hope we can do this in the future."

Bridge teams who may feel their prospects sagging along with their results should take a lesson from the Bermuda Bowl team from Singapore. The six-man squad may be last in the standings after five days of play, but on Thursday they defeated Italy, currently leading the round robin, and USA2, the next team down the list.

With six matches to play, there are many teams in the three brackets with chances to make the final eight, which means they play on when the knockouts begin on Sunday.

Even first place in the standings is still up for grabs in each bracket. In the Venice Cup, England is ahead but by only 4 victory points over USA2. In the Senior Bowl, Denmark has a 3.5-VP lead over USA2.

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# RESULTS



## Bermuda Bowl

## Venice Cup

### ROUND 13

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 China	Bulgaria	21 - 21	15 - 15
2 Iceland	Pakistan	23 - 15	17 - 13
3 Israel	Sweden	43 - 21	20 - 10
4 Netherlands	Poland	41 - 34	16 - 14
5 Guadeloupe	India	25 - 28	14 - 16
6 Canada	New Zealand	31 - 29	15 - 15
7 USA 2	Brazil	22 - 5	19 - 11
8 Chile	Australia	18 - 64	5 - 25
9 Italy	South Africa	54 - 5	25 - 4
10 USA 1	Singapore	52 - 29	20 - 10
11 Japan	Egypt	11 - 23	12 - 18

### ROUND 13

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21 Netherlands	Egypt	55 - 6	25 - 4
22 Australia	Morocco	13 - 35	10 - 20
23 Indonesia	Venezuela	32 - 22	17 - 13
24 England	Italy	48 - 36	18 - 12
25 Poland	Canada	22 - 40	11 - 19
26 USA 1	Brazil	38 - 12	21 - 9
27 Sweden	USA 2	16 - 38	10 - 20
28 China	India	58 - 10	25 - 4
29 New Zealand	Japan	14 - 27	12 - 18
30 Germany	France	37 - 19	19 - 11
31 Trinidad & Tobago	Jordan	11 - 38	9 - 21

### ROUND 14

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 USA 1	Italy	29 - 35	14 - 16
2 Pakistan	Chile	14 - 53	6 - 24
3 Singapore	USA 2	44 - 32	18 - 12
4 South Africa	Canada	51 - 1	25 - 4
5 Egypt	Iceland	7 - 30	10 - 20
6 Brazil	Netherlands	16 - 32	11 - 19
7 New Zealand	Israel	32 - 24	17 - 13
8 India	Japan	15 - 44	8 - 22
9 Poland	China	30 - 28	15 - 15
10 Sweden	Bulgaria	25 - 23	15 - 15
11 Australia	Guadeloupe	48 - 31	19 - 11

### ROUND 14

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21 Germany	New Zealand	19 - 29	13 - 17
22 Morocco	China	2 - 60	3 - 25
23 France	Sweden	57 - 17	24 - 6
24 Japan	USA 1	38 - 15	20 - 10
25 Jordan	Australia	21 - 26	14 - 16
26 USA 2	England	28 - 24	16 - 14
27 Brazil	Indonesia	25 - 24	15 - 15
28 Canada	Trinidad & Tobago	51 - 24	21 - 9
29 Italy	Netherlands	20 - 44	9 - 21
30 Venezuela	Egypt	26 - 42	11 - 19
31 India	Poland	27 - 28	15 - 15

### ROUND 15

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Pakistan	USA 1	4 - 36	7 - 23
2 Singapore	Italy	30 - 21	17 - 13
3 Bulgaria	Iceland	11 - 44	7 - 23
4 Australia	USA 2	12 - 43	8 - 22
5 Brazil	Canada	51 - 11	24 - 6
6 New Zealand	Guadeloupe	19 - 42	10 - 20
7 India	Netherlands	41 - 29	18 - 12
8 Poland	Israel	17 - 34	11 - 19
9 Sweden	Japan	57 - 12	25 - 5
10 Egypt	China	34 - 12	20 - 10
11 South Africa	Chile	41 - 27	18 - 12

### ROUND 15

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21 Netherlands	Australia	17 - 35	11 - 19
22 Japan	Germany	31 - 23	17 - 13
23 India	New Zealand	61 - 31	22 - 8
24 USA 2	China	42 - 29	18 - 12
25 Brazil	Sweden	32 - 48	11 - 19
26 Canada	USA 1	33 - 33	15 - 15
27 Italy	Poland	27 - 22	16 - 14
28 Venezuela	England	12 - 42	8 - 22
29 Jordan	Indonesia	30 - 36	14 - 16
30 Egypt	Trinidad & Tobago	51 - 25	21 - 9
31 France	Morocco	34 - 12	20 - 10



# RESULTS

## d'Orsi Senior Bowl

## Ranking after 15 rounds



### ROUND 13

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Japan	Egypt	11 - 50	6 - 24
42 Reunion	Argentina	29 - 46	11 - 19
43 Italy	China Hong Kong	28 - 32	14 - 16
44 France	Brazil	24 - 11	18 - 12
45 India	Bulgaria	61 - 9	25 - 4
46 Netherlands	Guadeloupe	19 - 37	11 - 19
47 Indonesia	Australia	22 - 5	19 - 11
48 Pakistan	USA I	6 - 77	1 - 25
49 USA 2	Poland	44 - 29	18 - 12
50 New Zealand	Canada	34 - 33	15 - 15
51 Germany	Denmark	11 - 61	4 - 25

### Bermuda Bowl

1 Italy	287	12 New Zealand	225
2 USA 2	271	13 Bulgaria	223.5
3 Netherlands	267	14 Poland	219
4 Iceland	264.5	15 Japan	218
5 Israel	261.34	16 South Africa	204
6 USA I	259.5	17 India	197
7 Sweden	237	18 Canada	181
8 Brazil	232	19 Guadeloupe	174
9 Egypt	230.67	20 Pakistan	171
10 China	228.5	21 Chile	167
11 Australia	227	22 Singapore	153

### ROUND 14

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 New Zealand	USA 2	30 - 36	14 - 16
42 Argentina	Pakistan	53 - 11	25 - 5
43 Canada	Indonesia	24 - 21	16 - 14
44 Poland	Netherlands	31 - 9	20 - 10
45 Denmark	Reunion	55 - 18	24 - 6
46 Australia	France	36 - 11	21 - 9
47 Guadeloupe	Italy	11 - 14	14 - 16
48 Bulgaria	Germany	21 - 24	14 - 16
49 Brazil	Japan	47 - 33	18 - 12
50 China Hong Kong	Egypt	40 - 9	22 - 8
51 USA I	India	52 - 8	25 - 5

### Venice Cup

1 England	278	12 Poland	242
2 USA 2	274	13 Japan	223
3 USA I	265	14 New Zealand	214
4 France	264	15 Brazil	211
5 Indonesia	258	16 India	200
6 Netherlands	257	17 Jordan	176
Sweden	257	18 Australia	172
8 China	252	19 Egypt	166
9 Italy	248	20 Venezuela	160.5
10 Germany	244	21 Morocco	155
11 Canada	243	22 Trinidad & Tobago	128

### ROUND 15

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Argentina	New Zealand	30 - 34	14 - 16
42 Canada	USA 2	21 - 12	17 - 13
43 Egypt	Reunion	46 - 24	20 - 10
44 USA I	Indonesia	49 - 9	24 - 6
45 Australia	Netherlands	24 - 12	18 - 12
46 Guadeloupe	India	28 - 21	16 - 14
47 Bulgaria	France	47 - 12	23 - 7
48 Brazil	Italy	24 - 51	9 - 21
49 China Hong Kong	Germany	43 - 61	11 - 19
50 Denmark	Japan	51 - 12	24 - 6
51 Poland	Pakistan	47 - 11	23 - 7

### d'Orsi Senior Bowl

1 Denmark	278.5	12 Netherlands	222
2 USA 2	275	13 Italy	217
3 France	266	14 Egypt	212
4 USA I	263	15 Canada	209
5 Poland	256	16 Japan	206
6 India	254	17 Bulgaria	202
7 Australia	253	18 Guadeloupe	196
8 Germany	251	19 Pakistan	175
9 Indonesia	244	20 New Zealand	163
10 China Hong Kong	243.5	21 Reunion	151
11 Argentina	225	22 Brazil	148.5

## Just the Facts

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

### Name

Bep Vriend.

### Date of Birth

2 July 1946.

### Place of Birth

Andijk.

### Place of Residence

Amsterdam.

### What kind of food makes you happy?

Indonesian.

### And what drink?

White wine.

### Who is your favourite author?

Stieg Larsson.

### Do you have a favourite actor?

Dustin Hoffman.

### Actress?

Meryl Streep, Carice van Houten.

### What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Nothing special, sixties, seventies.

### Do you have a favourite painter or artist?

Modern art, no special favourite.

### What do you see as your best ever result?

2000 Venice Cup, Bermuda.

### Do you have a favourite hand?

1994 Albuquerque World Pairs.

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

How to Read your Opponent's Cards & Right through the Pack.

### What is the best bridge country in the world?

USA for professional players, otherwise the Netherlands.

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

Mind Games.

### What is it you dislike in a person?

Dishonesty.

### Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

No.

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

No idea.

### Which three people would you invite to dinner?

Of course Anton, if he is not there good friends rather than famous people.

### Is there something you'd love to learn?

Better languages.



## VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS



### Round 16 (10.30)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	Sweden – USA 1	BB/11
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	Iceland – Netherlands	BB/5
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	Egypt – Italy	BB/6
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	Indonesia – Poland	VC/30
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	Indonesia – Germany	SB/43
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	Brazil – Australia	BB/1
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	China – USA 2	BB/8
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	Netherlands – Sweden	VC/28

### Round 17 (13.45)

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

### Round 18 (16.45)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	Poland – Italy	BB/5
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	Iceland – Israel	BB/7
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	Egypt – USA 2	BB/11
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	USA 2 – France	VC/22
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	Canada – Germany	VC/24
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	USA 1 – Poland	SB/41
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	Venezuela – China	VC/26
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	Netherlands – Poland	VC/29

# Reading the cards from their bidding

by Phillip Alder

Try this single-dummy problem, which occurred in Round 4 and has been rotated to make South the declarer:

Board 32. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



♠ A J 10 5 3  
♥ K 8 3  
♦ Q 10  
♣ A 5 2

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♥	1♠ (1)
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

(1) Five or more spades

West leads the nine of hearts, East winning with his ace and returning a heart. How would you continue after West completes a high-low in hearts?

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



♠ 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

♠ 9  
♥ A 7 6 5 2  
♦ A 9 6 2  
♣ 9 8 7

Peter Buchen was South, playing for the Australian Senior team against India.

He knew that East had only ace-high hearts and one diamond honor; otherwise, he would have cashed the diamond king at trick two. Since East had made a shaded overcall, Buchen decided that he was likely to have a singleton, presumably in spades.

Backing his judgment, he won the second trick with his king and immediately ran the spade ten, pinning East's nine. After that, it was easy. Declarer played a spade to dummy's eight, cashed the spade king, crossed to his club ace, drew the last trump, and ran the clubs to gain an overtrick.

East was left to rue that his singleton had not been the queen.

At the other table, Archie Sequeira (South) was in 3NT. The defenders began with three rounds of diamonds. Declarer drove out the heart ace and did not need to guess spades, having nine tricks via two spades, two hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

Australia gained 2 IMPs on the board.

## Last chance saloon

by Ron Klinger

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



♠ Q 9  
♥ 10 9 5 3  
♦ A Q J 9  
♣ A K 6

♠ 4 2  
♥ K 4  
♦ K 8 6 5 4  
♣ J 9 5 2

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

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2NT (1)
Pass	3♣ (2)	Pass	3♥ (3)
Pass	4♥	All pass	

- (1) Maximum, no 5-major
  - (2) Asking for 4-card majors
  - (3) 4 hearts and not 4-3-3-3
- Lead: ♣2

Bill Haughie (Australia) was underwhelmed at the sight of dummy, but never say die. He took trick one with the ♣Q (to make it clear to West that a club continuation could not cost) and played the ♥2: seven – ten – king.

This was West's last chance to defeat the contract. He had to switch to a spade or return a heart (to allow East to escape the endplay). West continued with a "safe" club.

South won and played ♦A, followed by the ♦J, which held, and the ♦Q, covered and ruffed. A club to South's hand was followed by the ♦9. East declined to ruff this, but the end result would have been the same. South exited with a heart. East could cash the two heart winners, but then had to lead a spade to give South the extra trick needed.

# BERMUDA BOWL Round 7



**USA 1**

**v**

**South Africa**



## On the edge

by Brent Manley

After six rounds in the Bermuda Bowl, USA1 was in eighth place in the round robin standings, good enough to qualifying for the knockout phase but not exactly a comfortable spot.

The Americans faced a South African team looking to move up, so no one was taking anything for granted. In fact, the match was relatively close.

It was 4-2 in favor of South Africa after six boards, when this deal came along.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Bosenberg	Levin	Eber
Pass	2NT	3♥	4♣
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Neville Eber led a low heart to Christopher Bosenberg's ace. The ♣10 was returned at trick two, and Bobby Levin played the queen. Eber took the king and played the ♥K, ruffed by declarer. A diamond went to the king and ace, and when declarer played a low spade from dummy, Bosenberg hopped up with the king and returned a diamond for his partner to ruff. That was one down, plus 100 for South Africa.

West	North	East	South
Donde	Fleisher	Stephens	Kamil
3♦	4♥	Dbl	All Pass

Doubling without trump tricks often works out poorly, as it did on this deal. Bernard Donde started with the ♥J, taken in dummy by declarer, Mike Kamil. A diamond went to the king and Donde's ace. On the play of a low spade,

Kamil went up with the king, playing the ♦9 and discarding his other spade. Kamil ruffed the ♠A next, played a trump to dummy and cashed the diamond winners, discarding clubs from hand. The defense had only a club coming, so USA1 was plus 790 for a 10-IMP gain. The lead was 14-4 for the Americans.

South Africa, trailing 14-5, took the lead on this deal:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Bosenberg	Levin	Eber
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
3♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
All Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbl



Bernard Donde, South Africa

Steve Weinstein ran into a buzz saw with his balancing bid, and the result was minus 800. Bosenberg led a low spade to Eber's ace. A low club went to the jack and ace, followed by a heart to the 9, queen and king. The ♣K was ruffed. Weinstein played the trump ace and continued the suit. Bosenberg won the ♥8, cashed the ♥J then played the ♠K and another spade. Weinstein finished with six tricks for three down.

At the other table, Fleisher and Kamil played in 2♠ with the North-South cards, taking 10 tricks for plus 170 and a 12-IMP loss.

USA1 went back in front on board 11 with a partscore swing, and they added to their margin on this deal.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Bosenberg	Levin	Eber
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

Levin's 2♦ was a transfer to hearts.

Eber started with a low spade, which Levin ducked to his 10. Levin, taking advantage of dummy's superior spade spots, played the suit right back. Eber split his honors, but Levin simply took the ace and drove out the queen, giving him four tricks in spades. Eber exited with the ♦K to dummy's ace and Levin cashed two spades, pitching a diamond and a heart. He then played a diamond to the 9 and Eber's queen. On the return of the ♣J, Levin played the queen, losing to Bosenberg's king and setting up a club trick for declarer. The top hearts were the last two tricks for the defense as Levin scored up plus 120.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Donde	Fleisher	Stephens	Kamil
1♠	Pass	Pass	1NT
2♣	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Fleisher started with the ♠8: 10, jack, king. A low club from West went to the 10 and jack. Kamil returned a spade, taken by declarer with the 9. A heart went to dummy's queen and Kamil's king, and declarer took the club switch with the ace. Another heart put Kamil in again, and he exited with the ♦K. Declarer won the ace and played a dia-

mond to dummy's jack.

North had ♣K 9 over declarer's ♣Q 5, so the club return gave the defenders two more tricks. In the end, declarer had ♠K 7 3, Kamil Q 5 4. When Fleisher returned the ♦10, all Kamil had to do was ruff low. Declarer could overruff but still had to concede a trick to the trump queen. Two down for minus 100 cost South Africa 6 IMPs.

USA 1 picked up 5 IMPs on the penultimate board

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Bosenberg	Levin	Eber
1♠	2NT	3♠	3NT
4♠	Dbf	All Pass	

Weinstein guessed correctly that the opponents had lots of diamond tricks – and the vulnerability was right, not to mention the possibility that 4♠ might actually make. There was a lot of bidding going on, after all. The defenders could manage only two spades, a heart and a club for plus 100, not a satisfying result considering that 12 tricks are available to North-South in diamonds.

West	North	East	South
Donde	Fleisher	Stephens	Kamil
1♠	3♠	4♠	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♠	Dbf
All Pass			

Robert Stephens was lucky that Kamil chose to take the plus score instead of gambling for plus 1370. The defenders took the same four tricks to record plus 300 and a gain of 5 IMPs.

The final score was 29-17 for the Americans.



# BERMUDA BOWL Round 10



**Israel**

v

**Bulgaria**



by Jos Jacobs

At the start of the fourth day of these championships, Israel were doing well, lying in third place, less than 11 V.P. behind the Italian leaders. Bulgaria, on the other hand, were struggling to stay in the top eight, lying ninth at this point with 2.5 V.P. separating them from eighth-placed Brazil. So Bulgaria clearly would welcome a good win – as would Israel, of course, for obvious reasons.

On the first board the Bulgarians had a narrow escape:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ Q ♥ KJ96 ♦ Q7542 ♣ 874	♠ 962 ♥ 854 ♦ 986 ♣ AJ93 <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">                     N W      E S                 </div> ♠ J1053 ♥ Q10732 ♦ J ♣ KQ10	♠ AK874 ♥ A ♦ AK103 ♣ 652	
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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Barel	Stefanov	Zack	Aronov
	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, the Israelis located their diamond fit but were not able to find out about their respective club stoppers. Three low clubs in both hands would do for 3NT provided the suit breaks 4-3 but in 5♦ they turned out to be inescapable losers. One down, Bulgaria +50.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Mihov	O. Herbst	Nanev	I. Herbst
	Pass	1♣	INT
Pass	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

In the Open Room, the Bulgarian Strong Club soon ran into trouble. Over South's two-way (minors or majors)

two-suited overcall, North 2♣ was pass or correct but East apparently thought his partner's 3♣ showed the suit. The Bulgarians were lucky when nobody doubled...

Down four, Israel +200 but only 4 IMPs to open their account.

On board 20, both EW pairs were in a straightforward 4♠ on this layout:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A8432 ♥ Q7 ♦ KQ932 ♣ 8	♠ J9 ♥ AJ96 ♦ 108 ♣ A10764 <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">                     N W      E S                 </div> ♠ 5 ♥ K852 ♦ AJ65 ♣ Q532	♠ KQ1076 ♥ 1043 ♦ 74 ♣ KJ9	
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As you can see, there are four top losers in 4♠ but defeating the contract proved far from easy.

In the Open Room, Ophir Herbst led the ♦10, which Ilan won with the ace to return the ♥2. Declarer played the queen but Ophir won the ace and immediately returned the suit to Ilan's king. When the defence continued hearts, declarer ruffed, drew trumps and played a diamond to the



Ilan Herbst, Israel

nine, discarding all three clubs from dummy on the good diamonds. Bulgaria +620.

It looks as if North should consider cashing the ♣A first, before returning a heart. Declarer's play of the queen almost surely marks South with the ♥K. (By contrast, in the match on VuGraph, Mike Kamil returned the heart two, playing 3/5th leads but low from an honour in mid hand. Sartaj Hans correctly played low and Marty Fleisher won the ♥J then ♥A and now had to decide which winner was standing up. He got it wrong. As an aside, would/should Kamil shift to the ♥K from Kxx?)

In the Closed Room, Stefanov led a trump. Declarer won and immediately advanced his ♣8. When North played low, Barel next called for dummy's king. When this held, he too had brought home an impossible contract. No swing.

Two boards later, North had too much of a good thing:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 5 ♥ A Q 10 9 7 ♦ A K Q 10 8 ♣ 7 6	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 10 6 3 2 ♥ 3 ♦ J 5 4 3 ♣ A 4 2
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At both tables, South opened 3♠ and West overcalled 4♥. What should North do?

First of all, it should be noted that neither West could bid 4♦ to show this kind of two-suiter. The problem for North, however, is whether E/W have a better spot available. After Ophir Herbst doubled, Mihov might well have considered having a shot at 5♦, a quite playable spot. When he did not, he had to play an ugly contract that eventually went down three, +800 to Israel.

At the other table, Stefanov was content simply to collect two undertricks for +200 to Bulgaria. So the swing was a big one and went Israel's way: 12 more IMPs to them to lead 16-2 at this stage. At a few tables West declared 6♦. When North thought it a good moment to lead a trump declarer found an easy way to score his ♦8 and 12 tricks on the ruffing finesses in hearts became a pianola. Even without a trump lead slam can be made. Win the spade lead and find the extremely unnatural play of cashing the ♦J. Now cross-ruff hearts and spades and one way or another North will either have to follow suit or set up your hearts to allow both clubs to go away.

(This double is called a Fredin double by the cognoscenti; it is relatively uncommon to double the opponents in one strain when they can make game in another... but when they can make slam? That requires an expert!)

On board 25, a misplay by the Israeli declarer brought a big swing to Bulgaria:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Mihov</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>I. Herbst</i>
	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dbl	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♥	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	4♥	Dbl
All Pass			

Ilan Herbst led his singleton diamond which declarer carefully won in hand with the king. He went on to unblock the ♣A and then led a spade off dummy, North winning the king and returning a trump. Up went the ♥A (if declarer ducks, the winning defence is to take the trick and sacrifice your trump trick by returning a low heart). A low diamond came next. South discarded, of course, so the ♦A won the trick. From here, declarer was in control. He ruffed a spade, threw the losing diamond on the ♣K and went on with his cross-ruff, easily emerging with ten tricks in the end. Bulgaria +790.



Ivan Nanev, Bulgaria

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Barel	Stefanov	Zack	Aronov
	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dbl	2♠	3♥	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

The same contract was reached undoubled in the Closed Room and Aronov, too, led his singleton diamond. Play went along exactly the same lines as in the Open Room until declarer forgot to cash his ♣K for the discard of dummy's last diamond. There was no way to recover...Bulgaria another +100 and 13 IMPs back to them to trail by 6 now.

Nice inferential bidding brought Israel a fine game swing on board 28:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	O. Herbst	Nanev	I. Herbst
1♦	Dbl	Pass	2♥
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

South correctly deduced that all North's points would be working. Right he was, though he might not have foreseen the essential presence of some spade intermediates in dummy...

The play was sort of straightforward. Double spade finesse, one club going on the 13th spade and a good view in clubs (not too difficult after the actual auction) quickly saw the contract home. Israel a good +620.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Barel	Stefanov	Zack	Aronov
1♦	Dbl	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Barel wisely passed 2♥, and thus the Bulgarians were left to play there. Ten tricks as well but 10 IMPs to Israel to lead 32-16 with four boards to go.

The next board was a matter of play and defence.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Both Wests were in 4♠ with no adverse bidding and both Norths led a trump, dummy playing the ten. From here, the paths diverged immediately. Ilan Herbst won the king and returned a trump whereas Aronov made the good move of ducking his ♠K. (The same play was found by Nabil Edgton against Steve Weinstein for USAI; when declarer finessed in diamonds and a trump came back he finessed again and was now down without the option after a third spade).

Mihov went on to take the diamond finesse at trick 3, North winning his king and returning the ♥J. Mihov won the king in hand, cashed the ♦A, ruffed a diamond, cashed dummy's last trump, crossed to the ♣A and drew the last trump. On the ♣9 continuation, Ophir Herbst played the jack but Mihov simply called for dummy's queen. When this held, he was home...Bulgaria +620.

At the other table, Barel led a club to his ace at trick two and continued the ♣9. Stefanov, too, covered the nine with his jack but Barel decided to duck in dummy. A trump came back to the jack and Aronov's king and trumps were cleared.

This good defence led to two down and a very well-deserved 13 IMPs for Bulgaria to reduce their losing margin to just 3 IMPs.



Michael Barel, Israel

The Bulgarians even took the lead on the next board by bidding a hair-raising 3NT:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Mihov	O. Herbst	Nanev	I. Herbst
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
All Pass		Dbl	2♦

A quiet partscore for Israel, +130.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Barel	Stefanov	Zack	Aronov
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	3♠	Pass	2♦
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Once Aronov upgraded his hand to a 14-16 NT, N/S were bound to reach game. Stayman and Smolen did the trick for them. With the diamonds behaving well, making 3NT was no problem at all. Ten tricks, Bulgaria +430 and 7 more IMPs to lead by four.

The final swing of the match, however, went to Israel again:

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

♠ 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
Mihov	O. Herbst	Nanev	I. Herbst
Pass	Pass	1♣	INT
Dbl	2♦	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The two-way overcall against the Strong Club struck again for Israel on this board, when Mihov made a wild shot at what might have been the best contract. When North led an obvious top spade, the defenders simply took their six tricks. Israel +200.

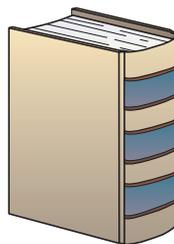
**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Barel	Stefanov	Zack	Aronov
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dbl	3♠	4♣	All Pass

A more disciplined auction in this room led to the Israeli E/W pair reaching a very good contract indeed. Staying out of game really looks an achievement to me on a deal like this. Just made, +130 and 8 IMPs to Israel to turn the match back into their favour on the last board. 40-36 made it 16-14 V.P. to Israel.



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# BERMUDA BOWL Round 11



Netherlands

v

Italy



by Micke Melander

In Round 11 host country Netherlands were due to play against leading Italy. With 14 VPs the margin the Netherlands now had the chance to strike back to level the standings a little bit. But with Italy so far scoring an average of 20 VPs per round the Dutch players knew that it wouldn't be an easy task, with no free lunches.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ J 10 9 7 6 ♥ K ♦ A 8 6 4 2 ♣ 9 3</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><span>E</span></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>W</span><span>S</span></div> </div>	<p>♠ — ♥ A J 9 7 6 5 3 ♦ 3 ♣ A K J 10 6</p>	<p>♠ A 8 5 4 3 2 ♥ Q 4 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ 8 2</p>
<p>♠ K Q ♥ 10 8 ♦ K Q J 10 7 ♣ Q 7 5 4</p>			

West	North	East	South
Brink	Bocchi	Drijver	Madala
4♠	1♥	1♠	2♣*
*♦	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Duboin	v.Prooijen	Sementa	Verhees Jr
4♠	1♣*	1♠	2♣*
Pass	5♥	Pass	Dbl

\* Strong  
\*♦



Sjourt Brink, Netherlands

Already on board one, the IMPs started to flow. In the open room Italy drove to slam, but unluckily they managed to get to slam from the wrong hand when Madala's 2♣ put him as declarer. Brink didn't have any problem leading his ace of diamonds and declarer had to give up a heart trick later on for one down.

Meanwhile in the closed room van Prooijen decided to open with a strong club. Here too South used a transfer response. But Prooijen, who hadn't been able to show anything, introduced his longest and strongest suit with 5♥, at which the auction stopped. The eight of clubs was Sementa's opening, declarer winning the trick with the ace. He immediately continued with the ace of trumps, most probably relaxing when he saw the king disappearing from East, with clubs evenly divided there was no hope for the defense and declarer could claim his contract. 11 much needed IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K 10 4 ♥ 10 7 5 3 ♦ Q 9 7 6 ♣ Q 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><span>E</span></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>W</span><span>S</span></div> </div>	<p>♠ J 7 6 2 ♥ K Q 4 ♦ K 5 3 ♣ 8 5 3</p>	<p>♠ A Q 5 3 ♥ 2 ♦ 8 ♣ A K J 9 6 4 2</p>
<p>♠ 9 8 ♥ A J 9 8 6 ♦ A J 10 4 2 ♣ 10</p>			

West	North	East	South
Brink	Bocchi	Drijver	Madala
Pass	4♥	1♣*	2NT*
5♣	Dbl	4♠	Pass
		All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Duboin	v.Prooijen	Sementa	Verhees Jr
Pass	4♥	1♣*	2NT*
Pass	Dbl	4♠	Pass
		All Pass	

Similar auctions at both tables, Brink realized that it might be dangerous, to risk 4♠ and removed his partner into 5♣, even though it looked like he had the right honor cards to present to partner. The 2NT bid at both tables showed a red two-suiter, this should have alerted West that there might be danger in the air in playing on a 4-3 fit...

In the open room Madala lead the ace of hearts and continued with the six, Drijver now carefully discarding his diamond loser. Bocchi then shifted to a diamond, ruffed by declarer. A club to the queen and three rounds of spades followed; when South wasn't able to ruff Drijver knew he could claim his contract by ruffing the last spade in dummy. Well played by Drijver who read the situation correctly.

In the closed room Sementa who was left in 4♠ doubled got into problems when the defense kicked off with the ace of hearts and another heart. Declarer ruffed, played the ace of clubs and a low club towards dummy. South now ruffed and continued the attack on hearts, forcing declarer to ruff a second time. Another high club followed, ruffed by South, and overruffed in dummy. Declarer ruffed dummy's last heart and had to get a trick separately with the ace and king of trumps when he managed to reverse dummy, though going three down. 500 to the Netherlands meant a massive 14 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 10 5 3 ♥ 6 5 4 ♦ 2 ♣ K 10 7 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 6 2 ♥ K J 10 ♦ A Q 6 ♣ Q 9 5 4	♠ 8 7 ♥ A 9 7 2 ♦ 8 7 5 4 3 ♣ A 6 ♠ Q 9 4 ♥ Q 8 3 ♦ K J 10 9 ♣ J 8 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>v.Prooijen</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Verhees Jr</i>
Pass	1♥*	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

On the third board Prooijen opened with 1♥ which might be canapé and a little bit weaker than normal. This fact probably helped drive the Italians into game when they knew to expect some of the missing high cards rightly placed. Verhees lead a heart to the ace and other heart came back, Sementa tried to finesse the jack, losing to South's queen. Another round of hearts followed, clearing the suit. Sementa now played double-dummy, ace of spades, spade finesse, club to the queen, and a club to the ten in dummy. Prooijen won with his ace and could cash the es-

tablished heart, but that was it, and Sementa now had his nine tricks.

In the open room Brink declared 3♠. Bocchi attacked diamonds and Brink went in with the ace continuing with the ace of spades and a small to the ten. The king of spades followed, clearing the trump suit. If declarer now had played clubs like Sementa did in the other room, he would have made his contract. Instead he tried a heart to the ten and when Madala's queen won the trick he continued, with another heart to Bocchi's ace and a new diamond through dummy removed declarer's trump, before he had set up the clubs. Declarer continued with a heart to dummy's king and a club up to his hand, believing that South held the ace of clubs; when that wasn't the case he had to concede two more tricks to the defense for one down. 12 IMPs to Italy.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 8 7 5 ♥ 9 5 ♦ A Q 9 2 ♣ K 8 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 6 3 ♥ A Q 4 3 ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ 9 3	♠ K Q 9 ♥ 10 8 7 6 ♦ K J 8 3 ♣ 10 6 ♠ J 10 4 2 ♥ K J ♦ 10 6 ♣ A Q J 4 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Dbl	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>v.Prooijen</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Verhees Jr</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	1NT
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

With all the keycards in the red suits onside, Verhees in the closed room was allowed to play a nice and easy 2♣ which was just made.

In the other room Bocchi moved into the action with 2♦ after the same start to the bidding. Drijver doubled for takeout and Brink turned it into business. Bocchi removed it into safer grounds with 2♠ and when also that was doubled by West the Dutch pair were trapped. Any bid else than pass would most probably have been doubled for a heavy penalty. Nevertheless 2♠ doubled was probably one of the more expensive things they could try, since the defense only had four tricks and Bocchi could thus score an

overtrick for 870! 13 IMPs to Italy meant that after only four boards the standings were 25-25.

After this dramatic start to the match the game went into more "normal" scoring. Over the following ten boards the Dutch team went into the lead by 18 IMPs, because of three part scores going in their direction. Then came the last hand of the match.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A 8 7 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ J 10 ♣ K 9 7 5 4	♠ K ♥ A Q 6 ♦ A K 9 8 7 3 2 ♣ Q 3 <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">                     N W      E S                 </div> ♠ J 9 6 4 3 ♥ K J 5 3 ♦ Q 6 ♣ A 2	♠ Q 10 5 2 ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ 5 4 ♣ J 10 8 6	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠*	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Prooijen</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Verhees Jr</i>
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

In the closed room Prooijen in North knew that South had 5-4-2-2 and 9-11 HCPs. If Prooijen had made the next relay to find out what he needed to know for playing slam, they might have passed 5♦ without the values... therefore he ended the relays by jumping to game.

Madala as South got all the information in the other room. 2NT was a kind of Multi showing different kind of hands with at least 16 HCPs and 5+♦. 3♥ revealed that he had six diamonds, a heart stopper and 19-21 HCPs. 4♦ was a slam try and 4♠ a cuebid with an odd number of aces. That was all the information he needed to bid the great slam.

Drijver led a club but even though it was the best lead for the defense it didn't matter; Bocchi checked that the trumps were breaking and could claim his contract. 11 IMPs to Italy meant 37-44 to the Netherlands. 14-16 in VPs.

## Driving Brazil nuts

by Barry Rigal

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A 10 6 4 3 ♥ 9 4 3 2 ♦ A 7 ♣ 9 5	♠ J 9 8 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ J 9 3 ♣ K 8 6 3 <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">                     N W      E S                 </div> ♠ K 5 2 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ K 8 4 ♣ J 10 7 2	♠ Q 7 ♥ A K 5 ♦ Q 10 6 5 2 ♣ A Q 4	
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Take a look at this deal from round nine. When it appeared on VuGraph the audience saw that the field had made nine tricks in 3NT. This was a little surprising since on a club lead it would appear that you needed to guess diamonds right to have any chance. Bobby Levin demonstrated that this would not necessarily be the case.

Sitting East he declared 3NT after West had shown the majors and Marcelo Branco led a top heart. Levin won and immediately misguessed diamonds, won the club suit in hand and cleared diamonds.

As the cards lie, neither a heart shift nor a club continuation works for the defenders. If North reverts to hearts declarer simply sets up the long heart; if North continues clubs then South must unblock and be prepared to pitch his other high club on the run of the diamonds. This is the ending:

♠ A 10 6 ♥ 9 4 3 ♦ — ♣ —	♠ J 9 ♥ 8 7 ♦ — ♣ 8 6 <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">                     N W      E S                 </div> ♠ K 5 ♥ Q J ♦ — ♣ 10 7	♠ Q 7 ♥ K 5 ♦ 5 ♣ 4	
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South discards his club ten on the last diamond, dummy lets go a heart – and what does North pitch? A spade lead lets declarer run his spade queen, and a club lets declarer set up the heart in dummy. So North pitches his second heart and declarer plays the ♥K, and then leads his last club. Whichever defender wins this trick has one more winner to cash but must then lead a spade in a position where declarer will know which guess to make.

## Laurie Kranyak

1950–2011



Laurie Kranyak, an ACBL Grand Life Master of Bay Village, Ohio, died on Oct. 19 after an extended battle with cancer.

Laurie was a familiar sight at North American bridge tournaments and became well known originally through her son, John. In her later years, she often played with John, a world Youth Teams champion.

Mother and son won the Rockwell Mixed Pairs at the 2005 Spring NABC in Pittsburgh. They also played together at the 2010 World Championships in Philadelphia, where they led the Mixed Pairs before Laurie's health forced them to withdraw from the competition, though her health improved so that she continued to be a regular tournament-goer for several more months.

Kranyak also had four second-place finishes in nationally rated events, including the 2011 Norman Kay Platinum Pairs at the Spring NABC in Louisville, where, though very ill, she played with her husband, Ken.

As a player, Laurie was not what you might describe as a scientific bidder, nor was she shy in the auction, but her card play was excellent and, after her family, bridge was the passion of her life.

Laurie was an at-home nurse but, when she was diagnosed with what rated to be terminal cancer, decided that she should enjoy her last years of life and retired.

Her husband, Ken, also an expert bridge player, reduced his playing schedule considerably so that he could concentrate more on his work as, of course, he was now the sole breadwinner for the family. There were also substantial medical bills coming in on a regular basis. John moved back home to be with his mother and contributed greatly to paying those bills, putting all his poker winnings and bridge earnings into the family funds.

Laurie was a very popular person at North American bridge events, and will be sadly missed.

## The numbers game

by Barry Rigal

Reluctant as the Bulletin Editors are to intrude on private grief, we have no choice but to intrude on the mourning period of our hosts and divulge the details of the largest penalty incurred at these or any other world championships.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

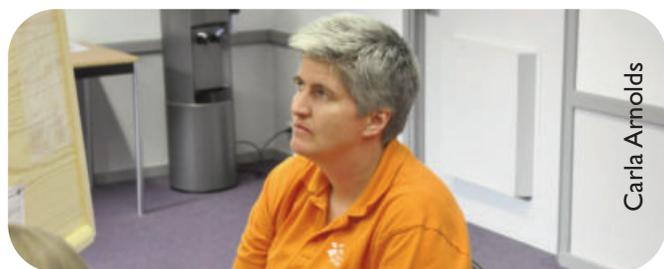
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♦ K 9 8 6 2	♦ Q 7 5	♦ A 10 3
♣ 10 9 5	♣ 7 3	♣ 6 4

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Benchemsi</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Guerraoui</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
Pass	2♥	Dbl	INT
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	All Pass	



Carla Arnolds

One can only admire the symmetry of the auction from North's perspective – she did, after all, transfer into spades on each of the six occasions when required to bid. Her partner outdid Saint Peter by a factor of two – he denied Jesus only three times.

In the other room E/W for Netherlands (Dekkers and Michielsen) must have been temporarily happy with their +500; 4♠x on a heart lead saw the defenders promote an extra trump trick – curiously, this can be achieved by repeated heart OR diamond leads. As it was, that held the loss to 21 IMPs (minus 3400 at the other table).

# D'ORSI SENIOR BOWL Round 11



**USA 2**

v

**France**



by Brian Senior

It was a case of first versus second when France met USA2 in Round 11 of the Seniors Bowl, France having an 18VP advantage at the head of the rankings.

The opening lead decided the direction of the swing on this first deal:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kozlove	Poizat	Kasle	Lasserre
4♠	1♥ 6♣	1♠ All Pass	2♦

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Schermer	Vanhoutte	Chambers
Pass	1♥ 2♥ 3♣ 6♥	Pass Pass Pass All Pass	2♦ 2NT 3♥

Gaylor Kasle overcalled, Philippe Vanhoutte did not. Both South's responded 2♦, GF. Larry Kozlove could pre-empt to 4♠ facing the overcall and now Philippe Poizat had a tough call. He guessed to jump to 6♣ on the strength of his spade void – he would surely have bid 5♣ had his spades and diamonds been reversed. One can have sympathy with that choice and there was every chance that the contract would make if Kasle led his partnership's suit, creating a discard for the diamond loser. No, Kasle led a trump and now there were two unavoidable losers; down one for –50.

The Americans were given a free run at the other table and here I see less justification for the leap to slam – even if 4♠ over 3♥ would not be Exclusion Keycard, surely there is a slower route that allows N/S to avoid slam on this combination? Schermer really won't care about my opinion because, not having the information as at the other table that his partner was also long in spades, Vanhoutte tried to

cash the ace of spades. Schermer ruffed, cashed the ace of hearts and crossed to the queen of clubs, took his diamond pitch on the spade winner and played a second heart; +980 and 14 IMPs to USA2.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kozlove	Poizat	Kasle	Lasserre
Pass 3♠ Pass	2♥ 4♥ Dble	1♣ 2♠ 4♠ All Pass	1♥ 3♦ Pass



John Schermer, USA 2

<b>West</b> Grenthe	<b>North</b> Schermer	<b>East</b> Vanhoutte	<b>South</b> Chambers
Pass	4♥	1♣	2NT
Pass	Dble	5♣	Pass
		All Pass	

Is the East hand a one-suiter, a two-suiter, or a hand with a long club suit and secondary spades? A silly question, I agree – obviously, it is the last of three options. I don't like Kastle's 2♠ bid. It misrepresents the relative lengths of the two suits and, I think, is shortsighted. From which you will deduce that I have every sympathy with Kozlove's 4♠ over 4♥.

What is the likelihood that if East bids 3♣ over 2♥ he will be left to play there when he actually wants to declare 4♠? N/S are surely going to bid again, which makes 3♣ a better prepared bid, leaving the option to either bid spades at East's next turn or for him to double. Either way, West will never bid/support spades with fewer than four cards in the suit.

With spades four-two, leading and continuing either red suit should defeat the contract quite comfortably. But Guy Lasserre led his singleton club. It was easy for Kastle to win, draw three rounds of trumps and play winning clubs. There was one trump to lose and one trick in each red suit; +590.

Neil Chambers made a two-suited overcall in the other room, showing the reds, and the double fit persuaded Schermer to jump to game. Vanhoutte treated his hand as a one-suiter, bidding a simple 5♣.

Compared to 4♠, 5♣ has the extra chance of a singleton or doubleton spade ten or the same defender holding length in both black suits. That last chance duly came in for Vanhoutte. He threw his diamond loser on the second round of hearts, ruffed the diamond switch and cashed the queen of clubs. Four rounds of spades saw the losing spade ruffed in the dummy and that was +550 but 1 IMP to USA2.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b> Kozlove	<b>North</b> Poizat	<b>East</b> Kasle	<b>South</b> Lasserre
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

<b>West</b> Grenthe	<b>North</b> Schermer	<b>East</b> Vanhoutte	<b>South</b> Chambers
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Both Easts opened 1NT, 15-17, and both Wests transferred. Vanhoutte passed the transfer completion while Kozlove did something very good for his side when he invited game by raising to 3♠, over which Kastle took a shot at 3NT.

After a club lead to the ace and a heart switch, Vanhoutte picked up the trumps without loss and made +170 in 2♠.

3NT by East appears to be unbeatable as the defence cannot get diamonds going without establishing sufficient winners for declarer to have nine winners, subject to his getting the spades right. Lasserre actually led the jack of diamonds. Kastle won the queen and played ace of spades then a spade to the ten. He cashed the spades then led a club off the dummy and Poizat jumped in with the ace to return a diamond and Kastle had ten tricks for +630 and 10 IMPs to USA2.

That gave USA2 a 25-0 IMP lead. France pulled a few IMPs back and had closed to 9-25 when this next deal hit the table.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b> Kozlove	<b>North</b> Poizat	<b>East</b> Kasle	<b>South</b> Lasserre
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
All Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT

<b>West</b> Grenthe	<b>North</b> Schermer	<b>East</b> Vanhoutte	<b>South</b> Chambers
Pass	1NT	2♦	Dble
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Both Norths opened 1NT. Not having a way to show his whole hand even had he wished to do so, Kastle went quietly with the East cards and heard his opponents bid to 3NT via Stayman. He led the queen of diamonds and Poizat won in hand and played on clubs. When Kozlove could only defend passively by returning a club upon winning the ace,

Poizat took the spade finesse and had twelve tricks for +490.

Vanhoutte did have a gadget to show his whole hand – 2♦ to show diamonds and hearts – and he chose to use it. However wise this was in theory, it certainly proved to be very unwise in practice. Chambers doubled and Patrick Grenthe gave preference to hearts, promptly doubled again by Chambers.

Schermer led the king of clubs. Grenthe won the ace and tried a spade to the king. That lost to the ace and Chambers led ace a low heart to his partner's king, won the heart return and led a third round to declarer's queen. The best that Grenthe could do was to take his club ruff now, or he would never get it. The defence had the rest for down five; -1400 and 14 IMPs to USA2, who led 40-9.

France got most of those 14 IMPs back on the deal.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 8 ♥ A 5 ♦ K J 10 5 4 3 ♣ A 9 5	♠ A Q 6 5 ♥ K Q J ♦ Q 9 ♣ J 10 4 2	♠ 4 3 ♥ 10 7 3 2 ♦ 8 7 6 ♣ K Q 7 6	♠ K 10 9 7 2 ♥ 9 8 6 4 ♦ A 2 ♣ 8 3
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West	North	East	South
Kozlove	Poizat	Kasle	Lasserre
1♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♠

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Schermer	Vanhoutte	Chambers
1♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	1♠

Personally, with five decent spades and four weak hearts, I can't see what is wrong with a simple jump to 2♠ in response to the take-out double. Neither of our Souths chose that call.

Chambers bid only 1♠ and was left to play there. Grenthe led the jack of diamonds and Chambers put up dummy's queen, drew trumps and knocked out the ace of hearts; +170.

Lasserre preferred to cuebid 2♦, keeping the heart suit in the game. Kozlove doubled and Poizat passed this around to see what his partner was about. When Lasserre now bid his spades, Poizat raised him to game. Here the opening lead was more critical, with only a diamond lead giving the

tenth trick. But, with no other lead looking particularly attractive, Kozlove made the same lead as in the other room and Lasserre had ten tricks. For him, however, that meant +620 and 10 IMPs to France.

The score was 49-21 to USA2 with one board to play.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A 8 7 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ J 10 ♣ K 9 7 5 4	♠ K ♥ A Q 6 ♦ A K 9 8 7 3 2 ♣ Q 3	♠ Q 10 5 2 ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ 5 4 ♣ J 10 8 6	♠ J 9 6 4 3 ♥ K J 5 3 ♦ Q 6 ♣ A 2
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West	North	East	South
Kozlove	Poizat	Kasle	Lasserre
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Schermer	Vanhoutte	Chambers
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Schermer opened 1♦ and made a very heavy 3♦ rebid – 3NT anyone, showing a long diamond suit in a hand too strong for 3♦, or do you play that the suit has to be solid? Anyway, Chambers did not contemplate slam, bidding 3NT. There were 13 tricks after a low club lead to dummy's queen; +520.

Poizat opened 2♣, semi-forcing and including, as here, eight/nine playing trick hands with a long suit. Two Diamonds was a relay, bid on any hand without a strong reason to make a more descriptive response, and 3♦ showed long diamonds. I assume that Lasserre didn't like the way the match had gone and just wanted to take a shot to get something back, giving the defence a blind lead, because his jump to 6♦ looks a bit wild. Wild or not, there were twelve tricks on any lead and Kozlove's choice of the ace of spades merely held Lasserre to twelve tricks; +920 and 9 IMPs to France.

That reduced the final margin to 19 IMPs, 49-30 to USA2, or 19-11 VPs.



## Game, set and match

by Barry Rigal

While Sadek and El-Ahmadi are the best known of the Egyptian pairs, their team-mates have also been doing their share. Here are Nadim and Heshmat at work.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bosenberg	Nadim	Eber	Hishmat
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

In the Bermuda Bowl spades were declared 13 times but game made on only four occasions – and once North had been doubled to give declarer a helping hand.

Somewhat curiously while a trump lead and continuation might present some awkward guesswork for declarer (North must play low from hand, at trick two to make his game) on each occasion that spades made fewer than 10 tricks the lead was a club.



Neville Eber, South Africa

Tarek Nadim won the club lead and played a heart up at once East won and played a diamond, on which South guessed to insert dummy's jack. Now he simply cashed a top heart to pitch one club, led a trump to the jack, ruffed a club and led a trump towards the king, conceding two spades and a heart.

When USA I played Brazil on VuGraph Fleisher-Kamil had doubled 4♣ for 300, while Levin-Weinstein got to defend 4♠. Diego Brenner won the club lead and played a heart, Levin winning to return a diamond also. Brenner ducked in dummy and won the king, then cashed three more top hearts from dummy without taking the second top diamond – an error but not a fatal one. On the last winning heart Weinstein as West discarded his last diamond and Brenner (who had discarded two low diamonds) failed to pitch his ♦K, and that WAS fatal (in theory).

When he led a trump from the board in this ending:

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

The winning defence (maybe not an entirely obvious one) was for West to insert the ten, and ensure himself three trump tricks. In the event Weinstein played low and Brenner ... went up with the king; down one.

So given that chapter of accidents, let's look at best play and defence.

We've already seen that repeated trump leads might set the game. On the club lead that was actually found, declarer has a very delicate route to success. He must cash precisely one high diamond at trick two, and only then play a heart. If he plays a heart at trick two the winning defence is for East to take and revert to clubs. Now declarer can ruff but must now unblock both diamonds, then ruff a club, and cash all of dummy's winners. This produces a five-card ending where North is down to his five trumps. West discards if declarer leads a plain card from dummy, or covers the spade eight with the ten, and insures himself three trump tricks one way or another.

The point of cashing one top diamond early is that now declarer can lead winning hearts to pitch all his diamonds as in Brenner's line. Then he can ruff a diamond and ruff a club and has reduced to an ending with only four trumps left, not five, and this ensures he can take the two tricks necessary in the ending.

# BERMUDA BOWL Round 10



Australia

v

USA 1



by Phillip Alder

Before we get into the match report, here are four bidding problems. The full deals are in the article.

1. With only your side vulnerable, you hold:  
 ♠ 5 ♥ A Q 10 9 7 ♦ A K Q 10 8 ♣ 7 6

Your partner passes and the next player opens 3♠. What would you do?

2. With only your side vulnerable, you pick up:  
 ♠ J 10 2 ♥ K 9 6 5 2 ♦ 3 ♣ A 9 4 2

It goes (1♦) – Dble - (Pass) to you. What would you do?

3. With neither side vulnerable, you have:  
 ♠ Q 7 6 2 ♥ A 10 8 7 4 ♦ 6 4 ♣ A 6

Partner opens 1♦ in second position, and the next player overcalls 1♥. What would you do?

4. With only the opponents vulnerable, you pick up:  
 ♠ K Q 3 ♥ 10 6 ♦ J 9 6 5 3 2 ♣ 8 3

Right-hand opponent passes, you pass, LHO opens 1♥, partner overcalls 1♠, and righty makes a negative double. What would you do?

Back to number 3 for a moment. Suppose you pass, hoping to catch them in 1♥ doubled. This has been the auction when it returns to you:

West	North	East	South
	You		
		Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass	?		

What now?

Before this round, USA 1 was lying fifth and Australia 15th, so the antipodeans needed a good win.

The match started quietly with three flat boards. Then:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hans Weinstein	Fleisher Gosney	Nunn Levin	Kamil Edgtton
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Both pairs used a gadget to show a limit raise with four trumps, although in the Australian methods it is defined as 9-11 and the Americans might have a bad game raise.

In the Closed Room, John Gosney, North, led the spade nine. Declarer won with dummy's king and played a second spade to his ace, on which Nabil Edgtton, South, discarded an encouraging heart two. When Steve Weinstein, West, now led his club, North instantly took his ace and switched to the heart six. South won with his king, cashed his diamond ace, and led another heart for down one.

In the Open Room, Martin Fleisher, North, led the diamond ten. Mike Kamil, South, won with his ace and switched to the heart two.

Therein lay a problem. They normally lead third-highest from an even number and lowest from an odd number. But attitude is always relevant, especially after trick one.

Kamil was worried that the heart five would look high; Fleisher was sure his partner had only three hearts. So he won with his jack, cashed the ace and led a third round.

Sartaj Hans, West, ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps ending in the dummy, played a diamond to his nine, and



Nabil Edgtton, Australia

claimed, pointing out that he would discard all of dummy's clubs on his high diamonds.

In the post-mortem, South suggested that North could have led a low heart after winning with his jack because he was known to have the king when declarer did not play it. But North reasonably pointed out that he would have defended like that if he had led a singleton diamond.

The moral seems to be that in cash-out situations, giving count is critical.

That was worth 12 IMPs to Australia.

The Americans struck back immediately.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K 4 3 ♥ K 10 ♦ K Q J 8 7 3 2 ♣ 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                 N W     E S             </div>	<p>♠ Q 10 9 8 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ A 9 6 5 ♣ Q 10</p>	<p>♠ 5 2 ♥ 9 5 4 3 ♦ 4 ♣ K 9 8 7 5 2</p>
<p>♠ A J 7 6 ♥ Q J 7 6 ♦ 10 ♣ A J 6 4</p>			

West	North	East	South
Hans	Fleisher	Nunn	Kamil
3NT	Pass	1NT (1)	2♣ (2)
Dble	4♥	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

- (1) 11+-14 points
- (2) Both majors

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Gosney	Levin	Edgton
Redble	3♣	1♦	Dble
4♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
		5♦	All Pass

That was brave bidding by the Americans in the Open Room, vulnerable against not. Kamil comes in with only 4-4 in the majors, and Fleisher "saves" in 4♥.

Of course, 3NT goes down three on a club start, which South might have found, and 4♥ can be defeated. However, Tony Nunn, East, led a low trump. West took dummy's queen with his king and returned a trump. This was the defenders' last chance. They had to cash their diamond trick, then exit and await a spade at the end. But East continued with his third trump. Now declarer could claim, taking one spade, two hearts, six clubs and a diamond ruff.

In the other room, Bobby Levin, in 5♦ had to find the spade jack. South led the club ace and shifted to his trump. Declarer took six rounds of diamonds, which pressured both opponents. East played a spade to his queen and ace, won the heart return, took his second winners there, and led the spade ten from his hand, South covering in case this was a Chinese finesse.

Plus 790 and plus 400 gave 15 IMPs to USA I. The lead immediately changed hands again.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 5 ♥ A Q 10 9 7 ♦ A K Q 10 8 ♣ 7 6</p>	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                 N W     E S             </div>	<p>♠ A 10 6 3 2 ♥ 3 ♦ J 5 4 3 ♣ A 4 2</p>	<p>♠ K ♥ K J 8 6 5 2 ♦ 9 6 2 ♣ K 9 5</p>
<p>♠ Q J 9 8 7 4 ♥ 4 ♦ 7 ♣ Q J 10 8 3</p>			

West	North	East	South
Hans	Fleisher	Nunn	Kamil
Dble	All Pass	Pass	3♠
West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Gosney	Levin	Edgton
4♥	Dble	Pass	3♠
		All Pass	

Who knows whether it is better to double, or to overcall 4♥, or to gamble with a 4♠ Michaels cue-bid, planning to show a good 5-5 in the reds at the five-level. On this deal, double was much more successful than 4♥.

Against 3♠ doubled, West started with two high diamonds. Kamil ruffed and led the club queen, which held. South continued with a club to dummy's king. East won with his ace and led the diamond jack, on which declarer discarded his singleton heart. Now East shifted to his heart, South pitching the club ten.

West won with his ace and returned a trump, East taking his ace and leading another diamond. South ruffed, cashed his spade queen to learn about the break, overtook his club eight with dummy's nine, and led the heart king to coup East's trumps and escape for down two.

After 4♥ was doubled, I wondered if Weinstein seriously considered running to 5♦, which could have been made with an overtrick!

Against 4♥ doubled, North led his spade king. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart to his ten. North took his jack and switched to the diamond nine. West won with his king and cashed the heart ace to get the news. Two rounds of diamonds were followed by a club to dummy's ace and a club, won by South to give this position:



♠ – ♥ K 8 6 5 ♦ – ♣ K	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e7d32; 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%;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">W      E</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> </div>	♠ 10 6 3 ♥ – ♦ J ♣ 4
♠ – ♥ Q 9 7 ♦ Q 8 ♣ –	♠ Q J ♥ – ♦ – ♣ Q J	

When South led the spade queen, West ruffed with his nine to guarantee two more heart tricks.

Again down two gave Australia 13 IMPs on the board and the lead by 10.

The lead oscillation continued:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K Q 9 3 ♥ K 2 ♦ K 10 9 3 ♣ 10 8 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e7d32; 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%;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">W      E</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> </div>	♠ 5 2 ♥ A J 8 7 6 3 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ A 5	♠ 8 7 6 4 ♥ 10 4 ♦ A Q 5 ♣ K Q 9 4
		♠ A J 10 ♥ Q 9 5 ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ J 7 6 3	

West <i>Hans</i>	North <i>Fleisher</i>	East <i>Nunn</i>	South <i>Kamil</i>
INT (1)	2♦ (2)	Dble (3)	2♥ (4)
Dble (5)	Pass	2♠	3♥
All Pass			

- (1) 11+-14
- (2) One long major
- (3) Card-showing
- (4) Pass or correct
- (5) Takeout

West <i>Weinstein</i>	North <i>Gosney</i>	East <i>Levin</i>	South <i>Edgtton</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Against 3♥, West led the spade king. South won with his ace and played a heart to dummy's jack, East incorrectly following with the four instead of the ten. True, given West's takeout double, declarer probably would have assumed hearts 2-2, not 3-1, but it could not hurt to falsecard.

South cashed dummy's heart ace, then played a spade. He conceded that trick and three diamonds to make his contract.

In the Open Room, North will have lost his membership to the Law of Total Tricks Society for failing to bid three hearts with a known nine-card fit.

Against 2♠, North started the defense with the ace and another club. Declarer won in the dummy, played a spade to his king, returned to dummy with a diamond, and called for another trump. South correctly rose with his ace, but then he returned his last trump. Now declarer could run his diamonds, discarding a heart from the dummy and take ten tricks.

Plus 140 and plus 170 gave 7 IMPs to USA I.

Over the next three boards, Australia gained two over-trick IMPs. The subsequent board was also flat, but there was interesting play at one table.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K 9 2 ♥ J 5 2 ♦ A K 2 ♣ J 6 5 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e7d32; 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%;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">W      E</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> </div>	♠ J 7 4 3 ♥ A K Q 10 ♦ J 9 6 ♣ A K
		♠ 8 5 ♥ 8 ♦ Q 10 8 7 3 ♣ Q 10 9 7 4
		♠ A Q 10 6 ♥ 9 7 6 4 3 ♦ 5 4 ♣ 8 2

West <i>Hans</i>	North <i>Fleisher</i>	East <i>Nunn</i>	South <i>Kamil</i>
INT (1)	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT (2)	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

- (1) 11+-14
- (2) A slam-try!

West <i>Weinstein</i>	North <i>Gosney</i>	East <i>Levin</i>	South <i>Edgtton</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦ (1)	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

- (1) Game-forcing checkback

Weinstein had it easy. North led a low diamond, dummy's jack winning. Then declarer played a spade to his nine. When that won too, he returned to dummy with a heart and led another spade, taking two spades, four hearts, three diamonds and two clubs.

Against Hans, Fleisher led the spade eight. South won with his ace and returned a low spade, West's nine winning. De-

clarer cashed three hearts, played a spade to his king, returned to dummy with a club, and took the last heart and club king, bringing everyone down to four cards. North had to retain three diamonds, so was forced to blank the club queen. Reading the position perfectly, Hans played a diamond to his ace and exited with the club jack to endplay North into leading away from his diamond queen.

The next board was flat as well, but it caused a lot of discussion amongst the BBO commentators.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Hans	Fleisher	Nunn	Kamil
Weinstein	Gosney	Levin	Edgtton
1♦	Dble	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

One commentator was vocal – if one can be vocal when typing! – in deeming 2♥ to be a bad underbid. He wanted to cue-bid 2♦, which he said in his methods was not game-forcing, then bid 3♥ next. The snag, which he either overlooked or chose to ignore, is that 3♥ will be forcing unless partner rebids 2♥, when you would probably jump to 4♥ anyway because of the known nine-card fit. You might as well jump to 4♥ and not give away free information (even though most play that as a weak hand with long hearts).

Perhaps everyone was influenced by the wonderful spade spots and lucky club position that left 4♥ makeable.

Both declarers took nine tricks.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Hans	Fleisher	Nunn	Kamil
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT (1)	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

(1) 14+-17-

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Weinstein	Gosney	Levin	Edgtton
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT (1)	Pass	3♣ (2)	Pass
3♠ (3)	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(1) 14+-17

(2) Puppet Stayman

(3) Five spades

3NT by West was unbeatable. Even if North had been psychic and led a major, later he could have been caught in a minor-suit squeeze-endplay.

Fleisher understandably led the diamond seven. Hans lost a spade finesse, but had nine winners: four spades, two hearts, two diamonds and one club.

4♠ was not so easy. North led a trump, South smoothly ducking dummy's ten. West tried the diamond finesse, but it lost and North played his other trump. To make the contract now, declarer had to win with dummy's ace, which would have allowed him to ruff his diamond loser and benefit from North's having the club king.

When West finessed again in spades, South produced the king and returned his last trump (North discarding a diamond), killing the contract as the cards lay.

Declarer tried his hardest, playing a heart to his king, cashing the club ace and leading his second club, but North won with his king and returned a diamond. West won with his ace and cashed his trumps, but North kept his clubs, and the contract had to fail.

That gave Australia 12 IMPs and the lead by 18.

The U.S. missed a great opportunity on the next deal.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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



<b>West</b> <i>Hans</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Fleisher</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Nunn</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Kamil</i>
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	1♠	2♦
		All Pass	

<b>West</b> <i>Weinstein</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Gosney</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Levin</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Edgtton</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
All Pass		Dble	2♦

Gosney was cautious in passing over 2♦ with two aces and a doubleton diamond. Edgtton got a trump lead. He took East's ten with his queen and cashed the ace. In the end, he lost two spades, one diamond and two clubs.

At the other table, though, where Kamil courageously bid 2♦, Fleisher should have jumped to 3NT. A BBO commentator claimed that 2NT asked his partner either to correct to 3♦ or to raise to 3NT. That is often true, but not in this situation where South had shown his hand. It was North's job to plunge.

Fleisher took the obvious nine tricks.

Plus 150 and minus 90 gave 2 IMPs to USA I, but it could have been 7.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Hans</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Fleisher</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Nunn</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Kamil</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♥	All Pass	Pass

<b>West</b> <i>Weinstein</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Gosney</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Levin</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Edgtton</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Redble	2♦	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Fleisher was also too cautious on this board. Of course dummy was good, with a doubleton club and two trumps, and the diamond ace was onside, but IMP odds favor aggression.

In the Closed Room, Edgtton was happy to double 2♦ with four decent trumps, and that was enough to persuade Gosney to make a game-try.

Both Easts found the best lead, a trump, but the declarers won, took their top clubs, ruffed a club and played a spade to lose only one spade, one diamond and one club.

That was a further 10 IMPs to Australia, ahead by 26 with one deal to go.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Hans</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Fleisher</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Nunn</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Kamil</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble	3♠	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

<b>West</b> <i>Weinstein</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Gosney</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Levin</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Edgtton</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble	2♠	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Fleisher bid brilliantly, jump-raising with only three-card support both to get the lead and to pressure his opponents.

Nunn ruffed the third spade, played a club to dummy's king, drew three rounds of trumps, and reverted to clubs. But Kamil won with his ace, drew declarer's last trump and cashed two spades for down three.

In the other room, Weinstein thought for ages about passing out 4♣, which would have been the winning decision.

Edgtton also agonized for a long time over his lead, eventually choosing the diamond seven. Levin won, drew three rounds of trumps, and knocked out the club ace. The defenders took their spade tricks for down one.

That gave 5 IMPs to USA I, but Australia had won the match by 50 to 29, or 20-10 in victory points.



# Showing respect for your opponent

by Ana Roth, Felipe Ferro and Fernando Lema



Diego Brenner, Brazil

In Round 9 of the Bermuda Bowl Brazil faced USA I, By the time this deal hit the table the Americans were leading 21-0.

Hand 10: Dealer East, All Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Campos</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Villas-Bos</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Martel showed a game-forcing hand with five or more hearts. Over his partner's 2NT showing a minimum, Martel informed about his extras with a 3♥ rebid and passed when his partner didn't accept his invitation. Declarer makes 12 tricks against any lead.

The auction in the other table was very different.

West	North	East	South
<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Castello Branco</i>
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	?		

Diego Brenner knew the match wasn't going well, so he began to think. He gave his cards a long look and decided it was worth the risk. He asked for key cards with 4NT: two key cards with the ♥Q should assure 6♥ and if his partner had only one key card a 5♥ contract looked pretty secure.

West	North	East	South
<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Castello Branco</i>
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	?		

The answer came very soon but it was the one he didn't want to hear... yes Branco had two key cards but not the ♥Q. He now knows that if Marcelo had both aces slam would be on a double finesse and if he had one ace and the ♥K he might have to guess the ♥Q.

Brenner thought a lot... and after a while he got the 6♥ card bid out of the box.

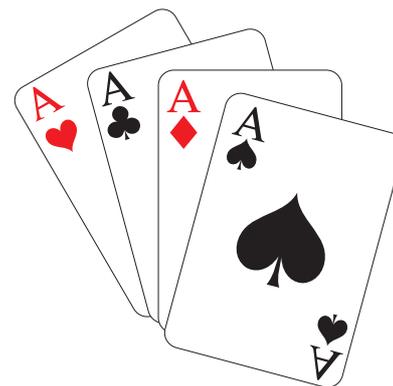
The lead was the ♣7. Diego thought for the last time in the hand and played dummy's ♣Q, gave a heart trick and claimed a well deserved 12 tricks.

David Bird was one of the BBO VG voice commentators and I would like to mention two of his comments:

While Diego was thinking over Marcelo's 4♥: "I know Brenner for his bravery at the table."

While Brenner was thinking over the ♣7 lead and before he played the ♣Q: "A player that plays with the courage showed by Diego today shows respect to his opponents by playing the ♣Q."

Brenner's courage gave his team win 13 very needed IMPs. Bravo, Diego!



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## Hans on deck

by Ron Klinger

On this deal from Australia's round-10 match against USAI in the Bermuda Bowl, Sartaj Hans played skillfully to land a contract that failed at many tables.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hans	Fleisher	Nunn	Kamil
		1♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Martin Fleisher led the ♠4, ducked by declarer and taken by Mike Kamil with the king. On the spade return, Fleisher played low on the jack. Hans played a diamond to dummy's ace, cashed the ♦K and ran the ♣10 to North's jack. A low spade cleared the suit and put the lead in dummy.

Whereas many of the unsuccessful declarers took a second club finesse, Hans played a club to his ace, then cashed his two diamond winners. Fleisher could spare a heart on the third round of diamonds, but he had to let go of a spade on declarer's final diamond.

Now Hans exited with a club, giving the lead to Fleisher. He could cash a spade, but then had to lead from the ♥K J to give declarer his eighth and ninth tricks.

Well done for plus 600.

## WBF NOTICES

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*Panos Gerontopoulos*  
Communications Manager

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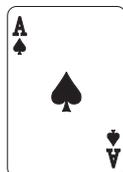
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# Round Robin Match Number 12

by Ana Roth, Felipe Ferro and Fernando Lema

After a forgettable morning, two matches later Brazil showed that they are not deflated and that they are going to fight till the end. Brazil defeated the mighty Poland 25-5 based on good decisions, good defense and sound play. The match didn't have a pleasant beginning for Brazil. In the first five boards they were 9 IMPs down but when board 6 arrived...

Board 22: Dealer East, E/W Vulnerable

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



<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Gawrys	Brenner	Kalita	Branco
		1♣ (1)	1♥
Dbf	3♥	All Pass	

(1) Polish Club

Declarer made 9 tricks.



Miguel Villas-Boas, Brazil

At the other table the Brazilians were more careful:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Campos	Narkiewicz	V. Boas	Buras
		1♣	1♥
2NT*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

\* Five spades and five diamonds 8 to 10 HCP

When Campos showed spades and diamonds with some values, Villas Boas bid 4♠. Declarer placed the trump suit correctly and claimed 10 tricks.

The score was Brazil 30, Poland 14 when on board 25, Campos-Villas Boas doubled a low level 2♣ contract and followed up with a perfect defense:

Board 25: Dealer: North E/W Vulnerable

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



<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Campos	Narkiewicz	V. Boas	Buras
	Pass	Pass	INT
Dbf	Pass*	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	2♣	Dbf	All Pass

Buras decided to open his balanced 14-point hand INT. Campos doubled and Narkiewicz passed forcing his partner to redouble. He now bid 2♣ showing clubs and a higher suit. Villas Boas doubled for penalty and Buras couldn't know they had a better place to play as North could have spades so after deep thought he passed. Miguel led a trump and his partner won the first trick with the ♣J and continued with his ♣Q and Buras won the trick with his ♣K. He now played the ♥4 which Campos won with his ♥Q and continued with the ♠Q. Villas Boas won the trick with his ♠A and cashed his two trumps before playing a little spade. The declarer had to win with his ♠K and Campos unblocked the suit playing his ♠10. Declarer made one more trick with his ♦K, +1100 for Brazil. In the other room Poland made 5♠ and the board gave 10 IMPs to Brazil.

