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WHO'S STILL STANDING?



Thomas de Wolf and Guust Hilde at one of the tables equipped with the Bridge Card Reader they developed. For more about the revolutionary system, see page 13.

After a week of play, 21 matches and 336 boards, the competition is set for the 24 surviving teams in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Senior Bowl.

For some, there is elation – for others, heartbreak. For example, Germany in the Venice Cup had a shot at the top eight but were defeated by England 36-5 to finish 7 victory points behind France, the eighth-place qualifier.

In the Bermuda Bowl, Japan knocked off Singapore in the final round, but not by enough, missing the cut by 5.5 VPs.

India had an even sadder tale in the Senior Bowl. Despite defeating USA2 in the 21st match, they finished 1 VP behind Germany for the last qualifying spot.

New Zealand's Bermuda Bowl team earned popular support after reporting a scoring error that cost them 2 VPs, and for a time they were in contention to make the cut anyway, but on the last round they ran into a Swedish team playing in top form and were trounced 58-11 to drop them well off the pace. Non-playing captain Alan Turner said, "We want to qualify, but not due to (a scoring error)."

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RESULTS



Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup

ROUND 19

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Israel	Japan	27 - 39	12 - 18
2	Netherlands	China	30 - 13	19 - 11
3	Guadeloupe	Bulgaria	27 - 72	5 - 25
4	Canada	Egypt	17 - 85	1 - 25
5	USA 2	Sweden	42 - 52	13 - 17
6	Chile	Poland	36 - 39	14 - 16
7	Italy	India	62 - 15	25 - 4
8	South Africa	Iceland	41 - 35	16 - 14
9	Pakistan	Brazil	36 - 51	12 - 18
10	Singapore	Australia	38 - 41	14 - 16
11	USA 1	New Zealand	17 - 49	7 - 23

ROUND 19

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Indonesia	Trinidad & Tobago	35 - 11	21 - 9
22	England	Netherlands	55 - 31	21 - 9
23	Poland	Egypt	41 - 18	20 - 10
24	USA 1	Jordan	54 - 14	24 - 6
25	Sweden	Venezuela	84 - 22	25 - 2
26	China	Italy	47 - 15	23 - 7
27	New Zealand	Canada	44 - 42	15 - 15
28	Japan	Australia	52 - 39	18 - 12
29	Morocco	USA 2	28 - 59	8 - 22
30	France	India	79 - 18	25 - 2
31	Germany	Brazil	41 - 37	16 - 14

ROUND 20

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Chile	USA 2	35 - 33	15 - 15
2	Italy	Canada	36 - 38	15 - 15
3	USA 1	Guadeloupe	56 - 5	25 - 4
4	Pakistan	Netherlands	8 - 63	3 - 25
5	Singapore	Israel	30 - 53	10 - 20
6	South Africa	Japan	38 - 24	18 - 12
7	Australia	China	13 - 54	6 - 24
8	Brazil	Bulgaria	5 - 39	7 - 23
9	Poland	Iceland	36 - 34	15 - 15
10	India	Sweden	38 - 28	17 - 13
11	New Zealand	Egypt	44 - 32	18 - 12

ROUND 20

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	China	Sweden	36 - 30	16 - 14
22	New Zealand	USA 1	23 - 74	4 - 25
23	Germany	Poland	11 - 40	8 - 22
24	Morocco	England	39 - 53	12 - 18
25	France	Indonesia	26 - 25	15 - 15
26	Japan	Trinidad & Tobago	58 - 22	23 - 7
27	India	Netherlands	34 - 58	9 - 21
28	USA 2	Egypt	47 - 1	25 - 5
29	Italy	Australia	25 - 29	14 - 16
30	Canada	Venezuela	24 - 49	9 - 21
31	Brazil	Jordan	45 - 35	17 - 13

ROUND 21

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Poland	India	31 - 20	17 - 13
2	Sweden	New Zealand	58 - 11	25 - 4
3	Egypt	Brazil	31 - 27	16 - 14
4	Bulgaria	Australia	23 - 10	18 - 12
5	China	South Africa	37 - 22	18 - 12
6	Japan	Singapore	42 - 15	21 - 9
7	Israel	Pakistan	54 - 28	21 - 9
8	Netherlands	USA 1	37 - 17	20 - 10
9	Guadeloupe	Italy	13 - 59	5 - 25
10	Iceland	USA 2	7 - 21	12 - 18
11	Canada	Chile	39 - 42	14 - 16

ROUND 21

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Italy	Canada	41 - 51	13 - 17
22	Venezuela	Brazil	27 - 53	9 - 21
23	Jordan	USA 2	25 - 60	7 - 23
24	Egypt	India	37 - 25	18 - 12
25	Netherlands	Japan	51 - 25	21 - 9
26	Trinidad & Tobago	France	34 - 54	10 - 20
27	Indonesia	Morocco	25 - 54	8 - 22
28	England	Germany	36 - 5	22 - 8
29	Poland	New Zealand	29 - 40	13 - 17
30	Australia	Sweden	8 - 18	13 - 17
31	USA 1	China	36 - 35	15 - 15



RESULTS



d'Orsi Senior Bowl

Ranking after 21 rounds

ROUND 19

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Italy	Germany	46 - 41	16 - 14
42 France	Japan	32 - 11	20 - 10
43 India	Egypt	58 - 19	24 - 6
44 Netherlands	Denmark	27 - 17	17 - 13
45 Indonesia	China Hong Kong	41 - 33	17 - 13
46 Pakistan	Brazil	16 - 69	3 - 25
47 USA 2	Bulgaria	39 - 26	18 - 12
48 Poland	Reunion	46 - 15	22 - 8
49 Argentina	Australia	29 - 94	1 - 25
50 Canada	USA I	38 - 19	19 - 11
51 New Zealand	Guadeloupe	21 - 38	11 - 19

Bermuda Bowl

1 Italy	409	12 Bulgaria	318.5
2 Netherlands	390	13 Egypt	314.67
3 USA 2	372	14 Poland	313
4 Israel	355.34	15 South Africa	302
5 USA I	340.5	16 Brazil	300
6 Sweden	335	17 India	286
7 China	334.5	18 Chile	265
8 Iceland	333.5	19 Canada	247
9 Japan	328	20 Singapore	230
10 New Zealand	324	21 Pakistan	226
11 Australia	320	22 Guadeloupe	224

ROUND 20

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Pakistan	Indonesia	34 - 51	11 - 19
42 USA 2	Netherlands	75 - 19	25 - 3
43 New Zealand	India	49 - 54	14 - 16
44 Argentina	France	11 - 58	4 - 25
45 Canada	Italy	30 - 15	18 - 12
46 Poland	Germany	45 - 36	17 - 13
47 USA I	Japan	36 - 29	16 - 14
48 Australia	Egypt	49 - 33	19 - 11
49 Brazil	Reunion	36 - 57	10 - 20
50 Bulgaria	China Hong Kong	50 - 42	17 - 13
51 Guadeloupe	Denmark	25 - 38	12 - 18

Venice Cup

1 USA 2	391	12 Italy	323
2 USA I	389	13 Brazil	313
3 England	384	14 Japan	312
4 China	368	15 New Zealand	309
5 Sweden	365	16 India	275
6 Indonesia	357	17 Australia	252
7 Netherlands	355	18 Egypt	232
8 France	352	19 Morocco	230
9 Germany	345	20 Jordan	227
10 Canada	338	21 Venezuela	211.5
11 Poland	330	22 Trinidad & Tobago	195

ROUND 21

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Brazil	Bulgaria	36 - 54	11 - 19
42 China Hong Kong	Guadeloupe	19 - 56	6 - 24
43 Denmark	Australia	28 - 42	12 - 18
44 Egypt	USA I	43 - 35	17 - 13
45 Japan	Poland	6 - 75	1 - 25
46 Germany	Canada	49 - 46	16 - 14
47 Italy	Argentina	27 - 39	12 - 18
48 France	New Zealand	55 - 26	22 - 8
49 India	USA 2	27 - 24	16 - 14
50 Reunion	Indonesia	29 - 16	18 - 12
51 Netherlands	Pakistan	42 - 17	21 - 9

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

1 France	383	12 Italy	317
2 Poland	382	13 Netherlands	297
3 USA 2	370	14 Argentina	294
4 Denmark	368.5	15 Bulgaria	292
5 USA I	360	16 Guadeloupe	286
6 Australia	351	17 Japan	285
Indonesia	351	18 Egypt	284
8 Germany	342	19 Brazil	237.5
9 India	341	20 Pakistan	235
10 China Hong Kong	334.5	21 New Zealand	228
11 Canada	321	22 Reunion	211

VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS



Quarterfinal 1 (10.30)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	Italy – China	BB/1
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	Iceland – Netherlands	BB/3
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	USA 2 – Sweden	BB/2
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	USA 1 – Israel	BB/4
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	Sweden – England	VC/22
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	USA 1 – Denmark	SB/42
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	France – China	VC/24
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	Netherlands – USA 1	VC/23

Quarterfinal 2 (13.45)

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

Quarterfinal 3 (16.45)

To be decided



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Quarterfinals

Bermuda Bowl

	Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over
1	Italy	China	-0.3
2	USA 2	Sweden	-3.3
3	Iceland	Netherlands	-14
4	USA 1	Israel	-2

Venice Cup

	Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over
21	USA 2	Indonesia	+16
22	Sweden	England	-4
23	Netherlands	USA 1	-16
24	France	China	+4.6

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

	Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over
41	Germany	France	+2
42	USA 1	Denmark	-14.5
43	Australia	Poland	-16
44	USA 2	Indonesia	+5.5

IBPA meeting on Monday



The IBPA EGM, AGM and awards will be on Monday 24th October, at 9:30 a.m. in WBF Meeting Room I.

Register in the Press Room for the IBPA bridge contest tomorrow at 14:00, for the IBPA dinner tomorrow (meet in the lobby at 19:30) or for the outing with lunch on Tuesday, 25th October. Further details in the Press Room (Room 82 in the Green Corridor).

Patrick Jourdain, President



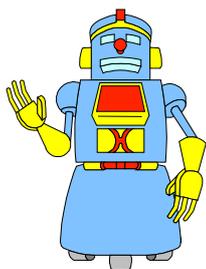
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1♠ 1♥ 1♦ 1♣
2♠ 2♥ 2♦ 2♣
3♠ 3♥ 3♦ 3♣
4♠ 4♥ 4♦ 4♣
5♠ 5♥ 5♦ 5♣

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Robots invade Veldhoven

by Al Levy

The 15th annual World Computer-Bridge Championship starts today, pitting the seven best robots vying for the title of Best Bridge Robot.

Jack, developed by Hans Kuijff of The Netherlands, is defending its title but will be have strong competition from many of the other robots, especially Wbridge5, developed by Yves Costel of France, last year's runner-up and many-time winner.

The championship is truly an international affair, with the other participants being Micro Bridge, developed by Tomio and Yumiko Uchida from Japan; Bridge Baron, developed by Steven Smith of the USA; Shark Bridge, developed by John Norris of Denmark; Q-Plus Bridge, developed by Hans Leber of Germany, and RoboBridge, developed by Job Sheffers from The Netherlands.

Many thanks to Gérard Joyez of France, who helps run the championship. Visit his robot site at bridgez.com. Also, thanks to the Dutch Bridge Federation, the WBF and the ACBL for all their support.

Come visit in Room 63. The event continues for six days.



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In the round of eight, with carryover in parentheses, these are the pairings:

Bermuda Bowl – Italy (-0.3) vs. China; Netherlands (+14) vs. Iceland; USA2 (-3.3) vs. Sweden, and Israel (+2) vs. USA1.

Venice Cup – USA2 (+16) vs. Indonesia; USA1 (+16) vs. Netherlands; England (+4) vs. Sweden, and China (-4.67) vs. France.

D'Orsi Senior Bowl – France (-2) vs. Germany; Poland (+16) vs. Australia; USA2 (+5.5) vs. Indonesia, and Denmark (+14.5) vs. USA1.

For an account of the drama throughout the final day of the round robin, see *A Bridge Too Far* on page 28.

Just the Facts

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

Name

Lily Khalil

Date of Birth

28 June.

Place of Birth

Egypt.

Place of Residence

Cairo, Egypt.

What kind of food makes you happy?

Nothing really.

And what drink?

Soft drinks with ice.

Who is your favourite author?

Balzac.

Do you have a favourite actor?

Tom Hanks.

Actress?

Meg Ryan.

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Opera.

Do you have a favourite painter or artist?

I have Van Gogh's ear for music.

What do you see as your best ever result?

I wish for third in a world Championship.

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

Adventures in Card Play.

What is the best bridge country in the World?

Hard to say, maybe Italy.

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

Blackjack.

What is it you dislike in a person?

Jealousy.

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

I don't like to wear green when playing.

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

Only me.

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

My friend Maud, my daughter Odile and my son Jean-Frederic.

Is there something you'd love to learn?

To play good bridge!



D'ORSI SENIOR BOWL Round 13



Poland

v

USA 2



by Phillip Alder

Bowing to public demand(!), here is another quiz to get the brains going before studying the deals.

1. With only the opponents vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ Q 8 ♥ Q 10 3 ♦ K Q J 8 2 ♣ A J 6

The dealer on your right opens 1♠. Would you double or overcall 2♦?

2. With only your side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K Q 10 6 2 ♥ 10 8 6 ♦ 9 4 3 ♣ J 3

The bidding goes:

West	North	East	South
You			
			1♦ (1)
Pass	3♦ (2)	Dbl	5♦
All Pass			

(1) Usually at least five, 11-17 points

(2) Pre-emptive

What would you lead?

3. You, West, hold:

♠ K 10 5 4 3 ♥ 10 9 6 5 4 ♦ J 9 ♣ 2

The bidding goes thus:

West	North	East	South
	1♣ (1)	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	4NT (2)
Pass	5NT (3)	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

(1) Polish Club: usually a minimum balanced hand, but perhaps long clubs with 15-plus points, or any 18-plus

(2) Intended as regular Blackwood ...

(3) ...but taken as RKCB for clubs, showing two key cards, the club queen and a side-suit king

What would you lead?



Peter Boyd, USA

4. With neither side vulnerable, you deal yourself:

♠ K 10 ♥ A J 6 5 4 3 ♦ A K 9 ♣ J 7

You open 1♥; partner responds 2♣, natural and game-forcing unless he rebids 3♣; you rebid 2♥; and he raises to 3♥. What would you do now?

5. Only the opponents are vulnerable. You hold as dealer:

♠ – ♥ Q 5 3 ♦ K 7 6 3 2 ♣ K J 10 7 2

You pass; lefty opens 1♥ (limited to a poor 18); partner makes a takeout double; and righty responds INT, showing a reasonable single heart raise. What would you do?

2a. Back to the opening-lead problem. Suppose you chose the ♠K. This is what you can see:

♠ J 9 7 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; background-color: #006400; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; justify-content: center; align-items: center; margin: 0 auto;"> N W </div>
♥ K 4 3 2	
♦ J 10 8 6	
♣ 4	
♠ K Q 10 6 2	
♥ 10 8 6	
♦ 9 4 3	
♣ J 3	

The first trick goes king, three, four (normal signals: low discouraging or an odd number), five. What would you lead next?

5a. ♠ – ♥ Q 5 3 ♦ K 7 6 3 2 ♣ K J 10 7 2

Suppose you settle for 2♦ (or jump to 3♦!). It goes (4♥)-Pass-(Pass) back to you. Now what?

Two years ago, Poland lost the Senior Bowl final to England. Back with exactly the same team, they were lying eighth when this round began. USA 2 was looking safe in second place.

The first board was a flat 3NT with an overtrick. Then:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 9 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; background-color: #006400; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; justify-content: center; align-items: center; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A K 7 6 2
♥ 9 6 5 4		♥ A J 8
♦ A 5		♦ 9 7 4 3
♣ K 9 8 3		♣ 10
♠ J 5 3		♠ Q 8
♥ K 7 2	♥ Q 10 3	
♦ 10 6	♦ K Q J 8 2	
♣ Q 7 5 4 2	♣ A J 6	

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Robinson	Markowicz	Boyd
		1♠	2♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbf
Pass	2NT (1)	Pass	3♣
All Pass			
(1) Scramble			

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Lasocki	Chambers	Russyan
		1♠	Dbf
2♠ (1)	Dbf	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
(1) Slabe			

In the Closed Room, we had a Polish BBO operator and Polish commentators. My knowledge of the language about doubled when I learned that "weak" in Polish is "slabe."

In general over 1♠, double is recommended with 2=3=5=3 distribution, but with such strong diamonds, perhaps the overcall is preferable. Here, 2♦ certainly worked out better.

Krzysztof Lasocki had no fun in 4♥. The best defense was three rounds of spades, but after cashing his two tops, Neil Chambers understandably switched to his singleton club, the ten being covered by the jack, queen and king. Declarer played a trump to dummy's ten. John Schermer won with his king and gave his partner a club ruff. With the heart ace to come, that was down two.

Against 3♣, the defenders took two spades and two hearts before putting Peter Boyd in his hand with the heart queen. Declarer led a diamond to dummy's ace, then played a club to his jack. Julian Klukowski accidentally pulled the wrong card, ducking what would have been the setting trick.

Now declarer, reading the cards perfectly, cashed his diamond king and continued with the diamond queen. When West ruffed with his club queen, South overruffed in the dummy, trumped a spade in his hand, and claimed the last three tricks on a crossruff.

Plus 200 and plus 110 gave 7 IMPs to USA 2.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Robinson	Markowicz	Boyd
			1♦
Pass	1♥	2♣	Pass (1)
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	2NT (2)
Pass	3♦	3♠	All Pass

- (1) Fewer than three hearts
- (2) Takeout

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Lasocki	Chambers	Russyan
			1♦ (1)
Pass	3♦ (2)	Dbf	5♦
All Pass			

- (1) Usually at least five
- (2) Pre-emptive

Lasocki guessed well not to show a major.

Against 5♦ doubled, there must be a case for a trump lead. But West understandably led the spade king. When that held, making partner a favorite to have 3=4=1=5 distribution, a trump switch looked indicated, and would have defeated the contract. (A low-spade continuation, with East leading his trump when in with the heart ace, would also have worked.) But West next led the heart ten.

If East had ducked, Jerzy Russyan would have won with his queen and crossruffed home. And when East took his ace, a trump switch would have been too late, declarer now having two heart winners.

East actually tried to cash the spade ace, so South ruffed, took his heart queen and club ace, and crossruffed the rest.

In the other room, East's overcall dampened South's enthusiasm for the deal.

The play in 3♠ was highly complex. The winning defense was counter-intuitive, the defenders having to play two



Steve Robinson, USA

rounds of diamonds. Then whatever West did, the defenders would have had an answer. The curious may work out all of the various possibilities.

At the table, Steve Robinson led the diamond jack. South overtook with his queen and switched to his trump. Declarer took North's nine with dummy's ace and led the club king. South won and now led a diamond, but it was too late. Actually, if South had guessed that his partner had the singleton club, he would have giving him a ruff. Then North would have switched to a heart, removing the dummy entry to the clubs, defeating the contract. It was a bad deal for upside-down signals.

West ruffed in the dummy, drew two rounds of trumps, and led his club jack. North ruffed and played a diamond to his partner's king, but declarer had the rest.

Plus 400 and plus 140 gave Poland 11 IMPs on the board. Poland gained an IMP on a partscore board, then:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q 8 2 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ 4 ♣ A K Q J 10 3					
♠ K 10 5 4 3 ♥ 10 9 6 5 4 ♦ J 9 ♣ 2	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; 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 7 6 ♥ Q J 8 2 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 8 5 4	
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ 9 ♥ A ♦ A K Q 10 8 7 6 5 ♣ 9 7 6					

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Robinson	Markowicz	Boyd
	1♣	Pass	2♦ (1)
Dbl	3♣	4♦ (2)	4♥
4♠	5♣	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

- (1) Strong jump shift
- (2) Pick a major

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Lasocki	Chambers	Russyan
	1♣ (1)	Pass	2♦ (2)
Pass	3♣	Pass	4NT (3)
Pass	5NT	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

- (1) Polish Club: usually a minimum balanced hand, but perhaps long clubs with 15-plus points, or any 18-plus
- (2) Five-plus diamonds, could have a four-card major, game-forcing
- (3) Read the text

Boyd and Robinson reached the top spot, making an over-trick when West led his club.

In the other room, Lasocki forgot the system. Over 3♣, 4♣ would have been Roman Key Card Blackwood for

clubs, 4♦ would have been RKCB for diamonds, and 4NT was regular Blackwood. But North thought 4NT was RKCB for clubs, so he showed two key cards, the club queen and a side-suit king.

South, not sure what his partner was doing, took the plunge with 7♦.

So 29 IMPs rested on West's opening lead – talk about responsibility!

After a lot of thought, West chose a heart and declarer claimed immediately.

That was 13 IMPs to Poland instead of 16 the other way after a spade start.

The next two boards were flat. But a US recovery began on this deal:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ Q 5 3 ♥ 10 8 ♦ Q J 10 4 3 ♣ 8 6 3					
♠ K 10 ♥ A J 6 5 4 3 ♦ A K 9 ♣ J 7	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; 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 8 7 6 ♥ K 7 2 ♦ 8 ♣ A K Q 10 2	
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ A J 4 2 ♥ Q 9 ♦ 7 6 5 2 ♣ 9 5 4					

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Robinson	Markowicz	Boyd
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Lasocki	Chambers	Russyan
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT (1)	Pass	5♥ (2)	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- (1) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (2) Two key cards but no heart queen

When Klukowski had to jump to 3♥ to show his extra values, he felt he had nothing extra for a slam, especially when his partner indicated a diamond control.

In contrast, Chambers' 3♥ rebid implied some slam interest; otherwise, he would have jumped to 4♥. So Schermer plunged into Roman Key Card Blackwood before bidding 6♥.

It was 53 percent that there would have been no heart loser. On top of that, if North did not lead a spade (he did not, selecting the diamond queen), an opponent with queen-third of hearts might have had at least three clubs. Here, the hearts were bulletproof.

USA 2 gained 11 IMPs to trail by 7 at halftime.



Jerzy Russyan, Poland

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Markowicz</i>	<i>Boyd</i>
INT (I)	2♦	1♥	Dbl
Pass	4♠!	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	5♥	Pass
		All Pass	

(I) Good single heart raise

West	North	East	South
<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Chambers</i>	<i>Russyan</i>
Dbl	2NT (I)	3♥	5♣
	All Pass		

(I) 5+-5+ in the minors (mlodsze!), 6-11 points

Against 5♣ doubled, West led the heart two. East won with his ace, switched to his singleton diamond, and received a diamond ruff for a quick down one.

In the Open Room, Robinson underbid his hand with 2♦ to find out what was happening. Then, when Victor Markowicz, who lives in the United States, jumped to 4♥, North carefully bid 4♠ as a lead-director en route to five of a minor. Interestingly, East did not pass to find out if his opponents were about to have an accident. 5♥ doubled went a quick down one: spade ruff, club to the queen, spade ruff.

That gave 7 IMPs to USA 2, tying up the match.

Poland gained 2 IMPs for a higher-scoring partscore. Then came another sizable swing. Both Easts were in 3NT with a club suit of A-K-J-5-3-2 opposite 7-6-4.

Markowicz took a first round finesse of the jack, losing to the singleton queen, and now had only eight tricks when the defender cashed out accurately. Chambers played the ace first and got home, to give 10 IMPs to USA 2.

After another flat board came this deal:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Markowicz</i>	<i>Boyd</i>
3NT	Pass	INT (I)	3♥
(I) 15+-18-	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Chambers</i>	<i>Russyan</i>
All Pass	Pass	1♣	3♥

I was surprised when Chambers opened 1♣, not INT, which he and Schermer also play as 15+-18-. Then Schermer did not risk a negative double over 3♥ and Chambers did not gamble with a reopening double.

3♥ drifted down two, declarer losing one spade, two hearts (via an overruff with repeated club leads), one diamond and two clubs.

South led the heart king against 3NT. We can see how to make it: Duck the first heart (although not necessary), take the second, and run the clubs, catching South in a squeeze-endplay. His last six cards must include three hearts and two diamonds. So East plays a spade to dummy's ace and throws South in with a heart. At trick 12 he must lead away from the king-jack of diamonds.

Unless you want to get into the newspapers and the Daily Bulletin, that is surely an inferior line to hoping North has at least one diamond honor. Markowicz took the second heart and led the diamond queen from his hand. Now the contract had to fail. Declarer could have taken eight tricks, but hoping North had the diamond jack, ended with only seven.

Plus 200 in both rooms gained 9 IMPs for USA 2.

The last three boards looked like they would be flat, but Boyd played very carefully on the final deal, only to find that he had taken two fewer tricks than his opponent because everything was divided beautifully. The 2 IMPs to Poland made the match score 44 to 29, or 18-12 to USA 2.

VENICE CUP

Round 15



China

v

USA 2



by Phillip Alder

Two years ago in Sao Paulo, China won the Venice Cup. Only Ming Sun and Hongli Wang are back, with new teammates Xuefeng Feng, Yanhui Sun, Ling Gu and Yan Lu. Before the match against USA 2, China was seventh and the Americans were first, tied with England.

The match started with five swing boards.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lu	Levin	Gu	Meyers
	Pass	1NT (1)	Pass
2NT (2)	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

- (1) 14-16
- (2) Heading for three of a minor

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	M.Sun	Molson	Wang
	1♠	Dbl	4♠
5♦	All Pass		

Against the safe 3♦ in the Open Room, Jill Levin led a low heart. (If you are going to underlead an ace against a suit contract, when dummy has a balanced hand is one of the better times.) However, when Lu called for a low heart, Jill Meyers, not expecting the underlead, put in her nine.

Declarer won with her 10, drew trumps ending in her hand (South discarded the spade queen) and led up a heart.

If North had played low smoothly, declarer would probably have played dummy's jack, but North won with her ace, cashed her spade ace, and switched to a club. The defenders had to get one trick in that suit, but the contract had made with an overtrick.

After Sun's wafer-thin opening bid (showing 10-15 points, because she would have opened a Precision Club with more), the auction roared into 5♦.

North led the spade ace and switched to a low heart. Debbie Rosenberg put up dummy's king, played a diamond to her king, drew the missing trump, and led a club toward her hand. When Wang put in her queen, declarer won and exited with a heart.

North went up with her ace and had to lead her remaining club for down two. When she led another heart, South was endplayed. She tried a low club, but West put up her ten and conceded down one.

That gave China 5 IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lu	Levin	Gu	Meyers
		1♥	Pass
1NT (1)	Pass	2♥	All Pass

- (1) Forcing for one round

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	M.Sun	Molson	Wang
		Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Against 2♥, a club lead would have destroyed declarer's communications and allowed the defenders to take two spades, four hearts and one club.

Meyers did lead a club. But when North won the trick with her king, she switched to a low spade. Now declarer could have put up her king, unblocked the diamond ace, crossed to the club ace, and discarded her remaining spades on the top diamonds. The defenders would have taken only one club and four hearts.

However, East put in her spade ten. South took the trick and immediately led another club. Now the defenders got their tricks for down two.

At the other table, Wang led a spade, North winning and returning the suit. Janice Seamon-Molson won with her king, cashed the diamond ace, went to dummy's club ace,

and discarded her second club on the diamond king. When North ruffed the diamond queen low, declarer overruffed and played the heart jack. She lost only two spades and three hearts to make her contract and gain 5 IMPs for USA 2.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

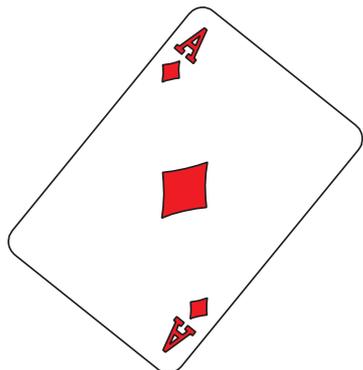
West	North	East	South
Lu	Levin	Gu	Meyers
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	M.Sun	Molson	Wang
Pass	1♦ (2)	Pass	1♣ (1)
Pass	1♠ (4)	Pass	1♥ (3)
Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT (5)
All Pass			3NT

- (1) 16-plus
- (2) 0-7
- (3) Forcing, several possibilities
- (4) Inquiry
- (5) 22-23 balanced

Both Wests led the heart queen.

In the Open Room, Meyers won with her ace and played a club to dummy's jack, East winning the trick and returning a club. Declarer won, cashed her heart king, and played a heart toward dummy's ten. West won and led another



club, but South won, played a spade to dummy's king, cashed the heart ten, and called for the diamond eight. When East covered with the jack, declarer finessed her queen and had nine tricks: two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs.

In the Closed Room, Wang immediately played three rounds of hearts. West took the last and switched to the club ten, covered by the jack and ace. A club came back, declarer winning and taking her other club winner, discarding a spade from the dummy.

Now South exited with her last club, West winning and leading a low spade. Dummy's nine was covered by the ten to give this position:

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

Declarer played a spade to dummy's king and cashed the heart ten, East throwing a spade, and South and West pitching diamonds.

Now, instead of taking the diamond finesse, South tried for an endplay, leading dummy's spade jack. Unfortunately for her, West had two spades left and the contract was down one. USA 2 had gained 10 IMPs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lu	Levin	Gu	Meyers
1♣ (1)	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dbf	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

(1) 16-plus

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	M.Sun	Molson	Wang
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

As you can see, 3NT unluckily failed. In contrast, 2♠ was never in danger. After a heart lead, North carefully cashed her two winners, then switched to a diamond. West won and took her nine tricks.

Plus 140 and plus 100 gave China 6 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lu	Levin	Gu	Meyers
	Pass	1♠	Dbl
3♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	M.Sun	Molson	Wang
	Pass	1♠	Dbl
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

Both Americans were a tad cautious in the Open Room. Levin might have bid 4♥ and Meyers might have made a second takeout double. Both would have worked well here.



Ming Sun, China

The defenders were careful against 3♠, collecting one spade, two hearts, a diamond and a club for down one.

Against 4♥, East led her singleton diamond. Declarer won in the dummy and played two rounds of trumps. East took her king and switched to a spade, but North won with her king, drew the missing trump, cashed dummy's top diamonds, ruffed a diamond, played a club to dummy's queen, discarded the spade jack on the diamond four, and claimed.

China had gained a further 11 IMPs to lead by 7.

The next seven boards were quiet, China gaining 6 IMPs and USA 2 a pair.

The next sizable swing in the China-USA 2 match came on this deal:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lu	Levin	Gu	Meyers
	INT	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	M.Sun	Molson	Wang
	INT	Pass	2♥
3♦	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In the Closed Room, Seamon-Molson led the diamond five. Declarer took the trick with her queen, drew two rounds of trumps, and exited with a diamond. West switched to the heart jack. When declarer ducked, East took her king and led the club jack to give the defenders four tricks: one diamond, one heart and two clubs.

In the Open Room, East led the club jack, covered by the king and ace. West cashed the club queen, under which East dropped the ten as a suit-preference signal for hearts. Before switching to that suit, perhaps West should have cashed her diamond ace, but she immediately led the heart six (when the jack would surely have been preferable). Now, when East took the trick with her king, she returned a heart.

Declarer gratefully won with dummy's queen, drew trumps, and claimed, stating that she would run the hearts and discard dummy's two diamonds.

That gave 12 IMPs to USA 2 and the lead by 1. China recouped that point on the next deal and Board 15 was flat.

The final deal was decisive.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 5 ♥ 9 6 3 ♦ A K Q 9 6 ♣ Q 10 9 7</p>	<p>♠ J 8 6 4 3 2 ♥ K 10 7 2 ♦ – ♣ 5 3 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ A K 9 7 ♥ J ♦ J 10 7 5 3 2 ♣ 8 6</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 ♥ A Q 8 5 4 ♦ 8 4 ♣ A K J 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
Lu	Levin	Gu	Meyers
1♦	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	M. Sun	Molson	Wang
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dbl
Pass (1)	2♥	5♦	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

(1) Denies three spades

The defense against 5♥ doubled was perfect. Seamon-Molson led the spade king and necessarily shifted to a diamond. North ruffed, cashed her heart king, then led a spade. East won with her ace and played another diamond. North ruffed and in desperation tried the club finesse. However, West produced the queen and exited with a trump, giving declarer a choice of evils. North opted to win in the dummy, so she lost a club at the end to go down two.

The defense against 4♠ doubled was imperfect. East had to lead a diamond, forcing declarer to ruff. Presumably North would play a trump. East would win and lead another diamond. If declarer ruffed and tried another spade, East would win and play a third diamond, reducing declarer to one trump.

If North, based on the bidding, ruffed the second diamond and played on hearts, East would ruff the second and either lead a third diamond or cash the spade ace and switch to a club, endplaying declarer in the dummy.

At the table, East led her singleton heart. Levin won with dummy's ace and played a trump. East took the trick and switched to a diamond, but North ruffed and led another spade. East won and tried a third diamond, but declarer ruffed, cashed her spade jack, and played on hearts. East could make her remaining trump whenever she liked, but North still had a trump left and her third club disappeared on dummy's fifth heart.

Plus 300 and plus 590 gave 13 IMPs to USA 2 and a win by 18-12 in victory points.

High tech at the table

by Brent Manley

Almost without notice, a major change in the way bridge play is conducted and viewed is happening at the World Bridge Team Championships in Veldhoven.

It's called Bridge Card Reader, the product of nearly two years of work by two young businessmen – Thomas de Wolf and Guust Hilte, the founders of Studio diip in Eindhoven.

Using cameras and software for playing card recognition, the Bridge Card Reader is in use at 12 tables – six matches – in the tournament. The system makes a video record of everything that happens at the table – the bidding, the play of each card and how long it all takes. Even better, all the action can be viewed live on the Internet.

Scores are entered with the familiar Bridgemate devices.

Two years ago, De Wolf and Hilte earned degrees in industrial design from Eindhoven University. De Wolf said the Bridge Card Reader project was started at the urging of Gerard Hilte, Guust's father and founder of the Dutch Bridge Museum in Leerdam. Gerard wanted to know if a computer could be programmed for automatic playing card recognition. The answer, obviously, is yes.

After a test at the World Youth Congress in Croatia earlier this year, the system was ready for the official debut in Veldhoven.

At the table, players use a special mat to allow for smooth card reading by the camera, which needs only one-tenth of a second to recognize a card. Occasionally, players do not place their cards on the table properly, but the computers in operation at each table can use logic to make accurate "guesses" about played cards. Special cards are not needed.

De Wolf said the system is designed to interfere "as little as possible" with the players. "It's a challenge," he said.

So far, De Wolf added, the system has run smoothly except for some expected issues. "The players have had no problems with it," he said. "They get used to it very fast."

De Wolf said it would be no more difficult to manage 100 tables equipped with Bridge Card Readers than it has been to keep up with the dozen that have been running at this tournament. "All we have to do is start them," De Wolf said.

He and his partner, of course, are monitoring everything to be sure there are no glitches. Said De Wolf, "We wanted to do everything right at this tournament."

See photo on the front page.



VENICE CUP Round 16



Indonesia

v

Poland



Under two flags

by Mark Horton

The flag of Poland consists of two horizontal stripes of equal width, the upper one white and the lower one red. The two colours are defined in the Polish constitution as the national colours. A variant of the flag with the national coat of arms in the middle of the white stripe is legally reserved for official use abroad and at sea. A similar flag with the addition of a swallow-tail is used as the naval ensign of Poland.

The national flag of Indonesia, which is known as Sang Saka Merah-Putih (*The Sacred Red-and-White*) or Bendera Merah-Putih (*The Red-and-White Flag*) or simply Merah-Putih (*The Red-and-White*) in Indonesian, is based on the banner of the 13th century Majapahit Empire in East Java. The flag itself was introduced and hoisted in public at the Indonesian Independence Day ceremony, on 17 August 1945. The design of the flag has remained the same ever since.

Their flags may be the same colour, but the bidding methods of these two teams are worlds apart. The high flying Indonesians were hoping to maintain their challenge, the Poles to get within striking distance of the all important eighth place.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A Q 6
♥ J 10 8 6 3
♦ Q J 10 7 2
♣ -

♠ 7 5 3
♥ 9
♦ K 9 8 6 3
♣ A 8 3 2



♠ 9 8 4 2
♥ Q 5
♦ 5 4
♣ K 10 7 6 5

♠ K J 10
♥ A K 7 4 2
♦ A
♣ Q J 9 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sawicka	Bojoh	Harasimowicz	Tueje
	1♥	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

- 2♠ Fit, game forcing
- 3♣ Shortage
- 3♦ Cue bid
- 3♠ Cue Bid

Once North had opened the bidding you might have expected a grand slam to be reached, but South's use of Blackwood meant the club void was undisclosed.

East led the six of clubs and declarer ruffed West's ace and drew trumps, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dewi	Kazmucha	Murniati	Zmuda
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Dbl	5♥
All Pass			

2♦ Game forcing

Obviously it is more difficult to think in terms of a grand slam facing a passed partner, but it should not be impossible to reach the small slam. Had South passed East's double of Five Clubs North would have been able to redouble to show first round control but the real problem comes from the use of Blackwood; a series of cue bids would get the job done.

Declarer took all the tricks, but that gave Indonesia 10 IMPs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 4 2
♥ 8 6
♦ J 5 2
♣ 10 6 5 4 3

♠ J 9 6 3
♥ J 5
♦ K 10 6 4
♣ Q J 7



♠ K 7
♥ K Q 10 9 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ 9 8

♠ A 10 8 5
♥ A 3 2
♦ A 9 7
♣ A K 2



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sawicka	Bojoh	Harasimowicz	Tueje
1♠	Pass	1♥	Dbl
Pass	3♣	2♥	Dbl
Dbl	All Pass	Pass	3NT

South gambled that North might have something useful but West suggested otherwise. South stood her ground and West led the jack of hearts, East overtaking with the queen and continuing with the king. Declarer won and played three rounds of clubs, East discarding the four of hearts.

If West had been reading her Bulletins (or a copy of The Rodwell Files) she would have appreciated the merit of switching to the ten of diamonds. That would have led to a penalty of -800, but she switched to the three of spades, which went to the king and ace. Declarer could now escape for one down, but when she crossed to dummy and cashed the winning clubs East made the mistake of throwing a diamond. West also had to pitch a diamond (otherwise declarer could simply play a spade) and now declarer played a diamond to the ace. West got rid of the king, but the next diamond meant one of the Poles would be end-played to concede a ninth trick. +750.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dewi	Kazmucha	Murniati	Zmuda
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♣*
All Pass		1♥	INT

West led the jack of hearts and declarer took the third round discarding a club from dummy. A spade to the queen and king saw East cash her hearts. Declarer blanked her ace of diamonds and had East exited in that suit the contract would have been two down, but she switched to a club and declarer escaped for one down, -100. That was 13 IMPs for Indonesia, but it must have felt like more in the other room.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sawicka	Bojoh	Harasimowicz	Tueje
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Four Spades was simply too high, but the defenders managed to mislay the ace of hearts so it finished only one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dewi	Kazmucha	Murniati	Zmuda
INT	All Pass		

North led the six of clubs and declarer won with the jack and played a heart to the ace and a heart, covered by the ten, jack and king. North continued with the king of clubs and followed it with the queen. Declarer won and played a heart and South won and switched to a spade (the king is the flashy card). North won and cashed her clubs, forcing declarer to come down to a singleton diamond. North exited with a diamond and in due course South scored two tricks in that suit, down two, -200 and 7 IMPs to Poland.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Danuta Kazmucha, Poland

D'ORSI SENIOR BOWL Round 19



Indonesia

v China Hong Kong



by Brian Senior

Sixth met seventh in an all APBF clash in Round 19 of the Seniors Bowl. Being currently in possession of a top eight position and therefore a place in the KO stages, the important thing was to avoid a substantial loss – a big win would be nice but would be more of a bonus.

There was some potential for swings on the first three deals but they all proved to be flat. The first swing came on Board 4.

hearts, led a club to the king and ruffed a club. Ling over-ruffed but had to lead into the king-ten of spades at the end. That was two down for –200.

Donald Tuerah preferred to limit his hand and show the heart stopper so bid INT over 1♥. Djajanegara simply raised that to game. Vincent Li led the nine of hearts to dummy's bare ace and Tuerah led a club to his jack and the king. With the ten of clubs well-placed, there was no way to prevent nine tricks now. In practice, Li tried the queen of spades to dummy's ace and Tuerah led a spade back to his jack then cashed out for +600 and 9 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ling	Lasut	Tse	Manoppo
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♥	3♦	3♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Tuerah	Li	Djajanegara	Cheng
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both Easts opened 1♦, natural for Edmund Tse, Precision for Arianto Djajanegara, and both Souths overcalled 1♥.

Roger Ling doubled to get spades into the game and passed Tse's 2♦ rebid. Henry Lasut now competed with 2♥ and Tse bid a third diamond, over which Eddy Manoppo bid 3♥, where he played. Ling led ace and another diamond, ruffed, and Manoppo led a low spade to the queen and ace. Back came a third diamond and, in case the suit was 7-2, Manoppo discarded a club rather than ruff. Tse continued with a fourth diamond, Manoppo discarding a spade and Ling a club while dummy ruffed. Manoppo led dummy's nine of hearts to Tse's bare ace and Tse led a fifth diamond, ruffed and over-ruffed. Ling got off play with the jack of clubs, which Manoppo won in hand. He cashed the king of

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ling	Lasut	Tse	Manoppo
1♠	2♠	3♠	4♥
4♠	Dble	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Tuerah	Li	Djajanegara	Cheng
4♠	5♥	5♠	6♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	6♥
Dble	All Pass		

What would be your choice as West after a pass from partner and a 1♥ opening on your right? Ling made a quiet 1♠ overcall and Lasut showed a constructive heart raise. Manoppo bid the heart game over Tse's weakfish spade raise and, of course, Ling went on to 4♠. Now Lasut doubled because looking at his uninspiring distribution he didn't wish to encourage Manoppo to bid on to the five level. However, Manoppo had substantial extra playing strength so over-ruled his partner, introducing his second suit. Ling had already done his bidding so let that go and Lasut saw

no reason to go back to hearts. With the heart king inside there were twelve tricks for +620.

Tuerah overcalled 4♠ as, I confess, would I. That put a lot of momentum into the auction. Li made a brave bid of 5♥ on his balanced 11-count and now Aaron Cheng went on to the six level when Djajanegara saved in 5♠. Li left Cheng to play 6♦ but, when that got doubled, Cheng corrected himself to 6♥, again doubled. The contract was all about the trump finesse and when it succeeded China Hong Kong had +1660 and a big 14 IMPs to give them the lead in the match at 14-9.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ling	Lasut	Tse	Manoppo
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♦
All Pass			3NT

West	North	East	South
Tuerah	Li	Djajanegara	Cheng
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Manoppo's 1♥ opening was limited to 15 HCP by his Precision base. I don't know if there was any particular logic behind his rebid of 2♦ as opposed to 2♣, but it certainly worked poorly here as Lasut used FSF then passed the 3NT response, probably not imagining that there was an appropriate fit for slam purposes. After a spade to the jack and king and spade return, Manoppo could only cash his top winners for +600.

Cheng rebid 2♣, one of the benefits of which is that it saves space when partner wants to use FSF. Sure enough, the club fit and unlimited nature of the rebid encouraged Li to do just that. When Cheng made a basically natural raise to 3♦, Li set clubs as trumps then went on to slam despite Cheng's 5♣ sign off.

Cheng played low on the spade lead, ruffing in hand. He played the ten of clubs then a low club to dummy, ruffed

another spade and led a heart to the ace. He drew the last trump and had twelve tricks for +1370 and 13 IMPs to China Hong Kong, stretching their lead to

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ling	Lasut	Tse	Manoppo
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Tuerah	Li	Djajanegara	Cheng
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

Manoppo opened a Precision 1♦ in third seat and that created a problem regarding ranges for his opponents. Ling doubled then jumped to 2NT, which should be close to this strength, but Tse didn't like his two queens and passed. Lasut led a diamond. Ling won in dummy and took the spade finesse. He cashed the diamonds and black aces then exited with the queen of clubs and the defence took the rest; +120.

Cheng saw no reason to open the South hand but, left to themselves, Tuerah/Djajanegara managed to bid to the vulnerable game. One Club was strong, 1♦ a negative, 1♥ two-way and 1♠ a relay, over which 1NT showed a big balanced hand. Djajanegara checked for a spade fit then settled for 3NT. Li led the eight of spades to the queen, king and ace.



Tuerah crossed to the queen of diamonds and led a spade to the nine. He now cashed the diamonds and spade jack then exited with ace and queen of clubs. Cheng won the club king and led the ten of hearts through. Tuerah played the queen and Li, who had perhaps lost track of the high cards shown by declarer, ducked, giving the overtrick. Of course, the heart ten is only required to surround the jack when declarer holds ♠AJx, so maybe both declarers were at fault in their point-counting. Plus 630 gave Indonesia 11 IMPs; 26-27.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ J 9 6 ♥ K 6 5 3 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ K 6 2		♠ Q 8 7 ♥ Q J 9 7 ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ 10 8 3	♠ K 4 ♥ A 10 8 ♦ A J 5 4 ♣ J 9 7 5
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♠ A 10 5 3 2 ♥ 4 2 ♦ K Q 6 ♣ A Q 4			
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West	North	East	South
Ling	Lasut	Tse	Manoppo
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble	Pass	INT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Tuerah	Li	Djajanegara	Cheng
Pass	Pass	INT	Dble
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Playing strong no trump, Tse opened 1♦ and rebid INT in response to the negative double. At the prevailing vulnerability, Lasut did not compete with 2♠ so Manoppo had to lead against INT. He led the two of spades to the nine and Lasut's seven. Tse ran the eight of diamonds. Manoppo won the king and played ace and another spade to Lasut's queen. Lasut switched to a low club to the ace. When Manoppo cashed the spade winners, declarer committed himself to the diamond finesse, throwing hearts and clubs from hand. Manoppo exited with a heart when the queen of clubs would have gained an extra trick. Tse won in dummy and took the diamond finesse and that was down one for -100.

Djajanegara opened a weak no trump and Cheng doubled. Li judged to run to his four-card suit and was left to suffer there. He ducked the opening club lead to Tuerah's king and back came a club. Li won and led a heart to the jack and ace, won the club continuation and led a second heart, putting in the nine and losing to the ten. Djajanegara underled the diamonds. Li won the king and led a spade to the queen and king. Djajanegara played the thirteenth club, Tuerah throwing a diamond as Li ruffed. Li played a diamond up but Djajanegara won the ace and gave his partner

a diamond ruff. Now Tuerah carefully exited with the jack of spades to dummy's ace. Now Djajanegara got to ruff the ten of spades for three down, -300 and 9 IMPs to Indonesia, leading by 36-27.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q 7 6 5 3 ♥ - ♦ A 8 3 2 ♣ A 10 4 3		♠ A J 9 4 ♥ A Q 5 ♦ 6 5 ♣ J 8 7 5	♠ 10 2 ♥ 10 9 7 6 4 ♦ J 9 7 4 ♣ 6 2
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♠ K 8 ♥ K J 8 3 2 ♦ K Q 10 ♣ K Q 9			
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West	North	East	South
Ling	Lasut	Tse	Manoppo
Dble	1♦	Pass	1♥
All Pass	Pass	2♦	Dble

West	North	East	South
Tuerah	Li	Djajanegara	Cheng
1♠	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
All Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥

Playing a natural method, Li opened 1♣. Over Cheng's 1♥ response, Tuerah had the choice of doubling to show the other two suits or overcalling in the weak spade suit. Not wishing to risk losing the fifth spade, he chose the overcall. Li made a support double, showing three hearts, and Cheng cuebid then jumped to 4♥ on discovering that he was facing a weak no trump type. Tuerah led a spade to the ten and king. Cheng led a heart to dummy then a diamond to the king and ace. After a diamond return, he knocked out the ace of clubs and also lost a trump trick; +620.

Lasut opened a Precision 1♦ and Ling chose to double the 1♥ response to get all three suits into the game. When Lasut passed, suggesting a (semi)-balanced hand with fewer than four hearts, Manoppo knew what to do to Tse's 2♦ response. Tse ruffed the heart lead and ducked a club to set up a crossruff. Lasut hopped up with the jack to lead a diamond through the jack and the ten forced the ace. Ace of clubs and a club ruff was followed by a heart ruff and another club, ruffed and over-ruffed. Manoppo cashed the king of diamonds, drawing the remaining trumps, and the defence had the rest of the tricks; +800 and 5 IMPs to Indonesia.

Indonesia won the match by 41-33 IMPs, 17-13 VPs. Both teams retained the positions in which they began the match so still looked well-set for a place in the knockouts.

BERMUDA BOWL

Round 16



USA 1

v

Sweden



Strong start

by Brent Manley

At the start of play on Thursday, USA1 was in sixth place in the round robin with 259.5 victory points. Sweden, in seventh place with 237 VPs, had a chance to make up some ground against the Americans in their round 16 match.

It did not start well for Sweden.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

At both tables, North and South had long auctions to reach 7♥ from the North seat, Chip Martel playing the contract for USA1 and Fredrik Nystrom for Sweden.

West, Peter Fredin, had doubled a diamond cuebid along the way, so Bjorn Fallenius started with a diamond to dummy's singleton ace. Martel played one high trump then ruffed all four of his clubs in hand to emerge with a relatively easy 13 tricks.

Nystrom, however, played two high trumps, leaving him a trick short when nothing good happened in diamonds. Plus 1510 and plus 50 gave USA1 17-IMP swing.

The Americans did not score again, however, until board 24, and the Swedes managed to chip away at the lead.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Nystrom	Levin	Bertheau
Pass	2NT*	2♥	DbI
All Pass		Pass	3NT

2NT was a relay to 3♣, which Nystrom was no doubt planning to pass. Peter Bertheau's raise showed a powerhouse hand, but it fell well short of adequate.

Steve Weinstein had no particular reason to double the final contract, but on this occasion the red card would have produced a nice profit.

Bobby Levin started with the ♥K, ducked for two rounds by Nystrom, who took the third round. He cashed the top clubs hoping for a miracle, but there was none forthcoming, and the play of a low spade to his queen was equally unsatisfying. Levin won the ♠K and ran his heart winners. In the end, Nystrom had to settle for dummy's four aces and a king for minus 400.

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Martel	Fallenius	Stansby
Pass	3♣	2♥	DbI
DbI	Pass	Pass	3NT
DbI	All Pass	Pass	4♣

Fredin's double of 3NT was aggressive, but it paid off handsomely. Martel took the opening lead of the ♥K with the ace, cashed two high clubs and played a spade to his queen and Fallenius's king. Instead of cashing a heart, Fallenius played a low diamond. Martel played low from dummy and Fredin won the king, cashing the ♣Q before continuing with a diamond to the jack, queen and ace. When the dust settled, Martel was three down for minus 500, fortunately for them a loss of only 3 IMPs.

USA1 was ahead 17-6 when this deal came up.

West Weinstein	North Nystrom	East Levin	South Bertheau
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dbf	Pass	2♣
2♠	3♣	All Pass	

The opening spade lead went to the queen, and a diamond went to the jack and ace. Bertheau played a heart to the ace, ruffed a spade in dummy and pitched a diamond on the ♥K. He lost a spade, a club and a diamond for plus 130. Should Weinstein have raised directly rather than passing first? On this occasion, it no doubt would have helped Levin compete to 3♠, which is unbeatable. The action at the other table was decidedly conservative.

West Fredin	North Martel	East Fallenius	South Stansby
Pass	1♥	1♠	All Pass

Fallenius did not strain to come to nine tricks for plus 140 – 7 IMPs to Sweden.

Weinstein and Levin got 4 IMPs back on the next deal with tough defense.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West Weinstein	North Nystrom	East Levin	South Bertheau
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Nystrom's 2♥ was a spade raise. Weinstein started with a trump, ducked to declarer's 10. A diamond went to the king and ace, and Levin continued with a second trump. Declarer won in dummy and picked up the last spade. He could not avoid the loss of three clubs and two hearts for minus 50.

There was a lot more action at the other table.

West Fredin	North Martel	East Fallenius	South Stansby
1♣	Dbf	1♠	Dbf
Pass	2♠	3NT	All Pass

Fallenius never had a chance in the notrump game. Stansby started with a low heart, taken by declarer in dummy. The ♦10 went to the queen and ace, and another diamond was played to the 9 and Martel's king. Martel played the ♠Q to the king and ace, and the defenders had four spade tricks plus the ♥K for six in all for plus 100, a 4-IMP gain. The last big swing of the match occurred on this deal.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West Weinstein	North Nystrom	East Levin	South Bertheau
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

After the strong 1♣ opening, the auction fizzled out somewhat unexpectedly for a disappointing plus 680.

West Fredin	North Martel	East Fallenius	South Stansby
1♥	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Martel and Stansby shrugged off the moth-eaten overcall by Fredin and charged right into the cold slam for a 13-IMP gains

Sweden tacked on a few more IMPs toward the end, but USAI prevailed 35-24.



Bermuda Bowl – Final Butler Ranking

Players	Butler	Country	Boards
GERIN Dominique - MATHIEU Philippe	1.69	Guadeloupe	16
AHMADY Waleed El - NABIL Karim	1.38	Egypt	16
LAURIA Lorenzo - VERSACE Alfredo	1.25	Italy	224
IMAKURA Tadashi - TERAMOTO Tadashi	1.13	Japan	16
BOCCHI Norberto - MADALA Agustin	0.99	Italy	224
FLEISHER Martin - KAMIL Mike	0.92	U.S.A.	192
BRINK Sjoert - DRIJVER Bas	0.88	Netherlands	224
PROOIJEN Ricco van - VERHEES JR Louk	0.80	Netherlands	224
GRUE Joe - LALL Justin	0.79	U.S.A.	272
BALDURSSON Jon - JONSSON Thorlakur	0.60	Iceland	240
BERTHEAU Peter - NYSTROM Fredrik	0.51	Sweden	192
GINOSSAR Eldad - PACHTMAN Ron	0.50	Israel	208
JASSEM Krzysztof - MARTENS Krzysztof	0.42	Poland	240
MULLER Bauke - WIJS Simon de	0.41	Netherlands	224
TISLEVOLL Geir-Olav - WARE Michael	0.39	New Zealand	208
HERBST Ilan - HERBST Ophir	0.38	Israel	239
AHMADY Waleed El - SADEK Tarek	0.35	Egypt	304
LEVIN Robert (Bobby) - WEINSTEIN Steve	0.34	U.S.A.	272
HANS Sartaj - NUNN Tony	0.30	Australia	240
MIHOV Vladimir - NANEV Ivan	0.27	Bulgaria	240
KUSHARI Pritish - MAJUMDAR Debabrata	0.25	India	224
BOSENBERG Christopher Henry - EBER Neville	0.25	South Africa	240
FURUTA Kazuo - KAKU Hiroshi	0.25	Japan	224
IMAKURA Tadashi - INO Masayuki	0.24	Japan	224
DUBOIN Giorgio - SEMENTA Antonio	0.23	Italy	224
CULLIN Per-Ola - UPMARK Johan	0.19	Sweden	192
LIAN Ruoyang - SHI Haojun	0.19	China	224
HOU Xu - SHI Miao	0.17	China	208
BATHURST Kevin - ZAGORIN Daniel	0.15	U.S.A.	144
FALLENIIUS Bjorn - FREDIN Peter	0.14	Sweden	288
EINARSSON Bjarni Holmar - JORGENSEN Adalsteinn	0.11	Iceland	240
APTEKER Alon - GOWER Craig	0.11	South Africa	224
NEWELL Peter - REID Martin	0.11	New Zealand	256
HURD John - WOOLDRIDGE Joel	0.10	U.S.A.	256
BAREL Michael - ZACK Yaniv	0.05	Israel	224
MUKHERJEE Sumit - SAHA Bhabesh	0.04	India	224

Venice Cup – Final Butler Ranking

Players	Butler	Country	Boards
MOSS Sylvia - RADIN Judi	0.99	U.S.A.	144
BROCK Sally - SMITH Nicola	0.93	England	224
ROSENBERG Debbie - SEAMON-MOLSON Janice	0.86	U.S.A.	256
ANDERSSON Pia - JOHANSSON Marie	0.84	Sweden	208
BANNO Kazuko - SHIMAMURA Kyoko	0.80	Japan	240
DEWI Suci Amita - MURNIATI Kristina Wahyu	0.78	Indonesia	288
DEKKERS Laura - MICHIELSEN Marion	0.76	Netherlands	224
CRONIER Benedicte - WILLARD Sylvie	0.76	France	240
GORDON Dianna - REUS Sharyn	0.71	Canada	272
STANSBY Joanna - ZUR-CAMPANILE-ALBU Migry	0.70	U.S.A.	288
RIMSTEDT Sandra - SJOBERG Emma	0.70	Sweden	256
HARASIMOWICZ Ewa - SAWICKA Malgorzata	0.63	Poland	240
BROWN Fiona - STOCKDALE Susan	0.62	England	224

KAZMUCHA Danuta - ZMUDA Justyna	0.60	Poland	208
FENG Xuefeng - SUN Yanhui	0.58	China	144
ARNIM Daniela von - AUKEN Sabine	0.55	Germany	288
GU Ling - LU Yan	0.49	China	272
BOJOH Lusje Olha - TUEJE Julita Grace	0.45	Indonesia	320
LEVIN Jill - MEYERS Jill	0.43	U.S.A.	272
GIAMPIETRO Cristina - NEHMERT Pony Beate	0.39	Germany	208
PASMAN Jet - SIMONS Anneke	0.38	Netherlands	224
JOEL Geeske - SOKOLOW Tobi	0.35	U.S.A.	144
DEAS Lynn - PALMER Beth	0.35	U.S.A.	240
GAVIARD Daniele - NEVE Joanna	0.31	France	208
PAIN Leda - VARGAS DE ANDRADE Isabella	0.30	Brazil	224
ARRIGONI Gianna - OLIVIERI Gabriella	0.24	Italy	240
CORMACK Jan - YULE Kathryn	0.22	New Zealand	240
SUN Ming - WANG Hongli	0.17	China	256
DHONDY Heather - SENIOR Nevena	0.14	England	224
CHOKSI Rita - DEY Bharati	0.06	India	224

d'Orsi Senior Bowl – Final Butler Ranking

Players	Butler	Country	Boards
GHAMRAWY Mohamad Shaker - SAMIE Lotfy Abdel	1.63	Egypt	16
LASSERRE Guy - VANHOUTTE Philippe	1.44	France	16
GUPTA Subhash - LAL Vinay Mohan	1.29	India	48
HRISTOV Hristo - RUSEV Tony	1.11	Bulgaria	64
FINKEL Lew - SCHWARTZ Richard	1.01	U.S.A.	224
KASLE Gaylor - KOZLOVE Larry	0.93	U.S.A.	240
LASOCKI Krzysztof - RUSSYAN Jerzy	0.92	Poland	256
LASSERRE Guy - POIZAT Philippe	0.83	France	224
LASUT Henky - MANOPPO Eddy M F	0.71	Indonesia	336
RUIA Ashok - SEQUEIRA Archie	0.64	India	272
MORSE Dan - WOLFF Bobby	0.57	U.S.A.	224
AUKEN Jens - SCHALTZ Peter	0.54	Denmark	272
CHUN Peter - LUNG Ka-Cheung	0.53	China Hong Kong	224
CZYZOWICZ Jurek - JACOB Dan	0.52	Canada	288
BERG Thomas - JORGENSEN Geert	0.52	Denmark	240
HAUGHIE William - KLINGER Ron	0.50	Australia	256
KOWALSKI Apolinary - ROMANSKI Jacek	0.44	Poland	256
CHAMBERS Neil - SCHERMER John	0.41	U.S.A.	224
GRENTHE Patrick - VANHOUTTE Philippe	0.40	France	192
BRAITHWAITE Andrew - RICHMAN Bobby	0.38	Australia	224
KRATZ Ulrich - STRATER Bernhard	0.35	Germany	240
LEENHARDT Francois - PIGANEAU Patrice	0.29	France	240
DAHL Flemming - NORRIS Georg	0.27	Denmark	160
KHEDR Marwan - SAMIE Lotfy Abdel	0.22	Egypt	176
MOSCA Carlo - VIVALDI Antonio	0.20	Italy	224
KLUKOWSKI Julian - MARKOWICZ Victor	0.18	Poland	160
HIRATA Makoto - NAKAMURA Yoshiyuki	0.17	Japan	96
MARSAL Reiner - WENNING Ulrich	0.16	Germany	224
LING Roger - TSE Edmund	0.12	China Hong Kong	224
KAISER Karl-Heinz - KLUMPP Herbert	0.10	Germany	208
CAVIEZEL Franco - CEDOLIN Franco	0.09	Italy	224
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WBF President Gianarrigo Rona – one year on

by David Stern, Australia

My first meeting with Gianarrigo Rona, president of the World Bridge Federation was during the problematic first Open European Championships in Menton 2003. Since then we have become good friends who share a passion for the game and future of Youth Bridge.

In 2009, I interviewed Gianarrigo on the eve of his being voted president of the World Bridge Federation. He took over one year ago, so I took the opportunity to interview him by email to see how he has settled into this pivotal role at a time when the number of players is declining and the future of the game seems to be under threat.

DS: Your term of office commenced a year ago following the Open World Championships in Philadelphia. How has it been for you?

GR: Starting in Philadelphia, I can say that I had a very busy year. I travelled a great deal, visiting various zones, including your Zone 7 (Australia and New Zealand) as well as federations and clubs wherever I go. During those visits, I attend meetings with key officials and attend championships and congresses.

I attend meetings and congresses organised by various stakeholders in the game of bridge, including the International Olympic Committee, The International Mind Sports Association and SportAccord.

Those visits have included Lausanne, to the WBF headquarters, La Maison du Sports International, and to meet the authorities of Lausanne and The Canton de Vaud.

There have been two WBF meetings – in Louisville, hosted by the ACBL, and the Management Committee in Poznan, hosted by the EBL.

I have also visited the venue of the future championships where I meet the members of the local organising committees and, of course, all of this takes place with the normal day to day work expected of the president.

It is neither simple nor easy to serve as the WBF president, especially in the beginning when you have to organise yourself and set the agenda for the future, not to mention succeeding a giant like José Damiani.

DS: What would your report card look like after one year in office?

GR: I am a little bit tired but at the same time extremely happy because I have found passion, enthusiasm, profes-

sionalism and dedication everywhere I have been. This makes me very optimistic about the future of the game despite the difficulties created by the problematic financial turmoil and social situation which exists throughout the world. We have to continue to work hard to achieve our aims and objectives, but I am confident that will achieve them.

DS: What were the challenges you identified upon taking office?

GR: The primary objective was to definitively 'reach and consolidate' the organisational structure of the WBF and its rules. This could then provide the structure for a future which could guarantee its function and efficacy in the future regardless of the officers at the helm: Men pass but institutions remain, and this will create incredible strength for the World Bridge Federation into the future.

We have to focus on:

1. Laws and Regulations

The WBF needs modern, organic, clear and concise by-laws (statutes), maintaining and consolidating on all the work that has been done in the past as well as the principles and traditions. It should be inspired by the most advanced associative criteria, the fundamental principles of the IOC and especially by the inalienable criteria of transparency and democracy.

Another point that must guide our decision-making is total and unquestioned respect for the rules that we set and any new rules that evolve over time. We must remember that we are not politicians but administrators and therefore must not make exceptions to our own rules for political gain or for reasons of friendship.

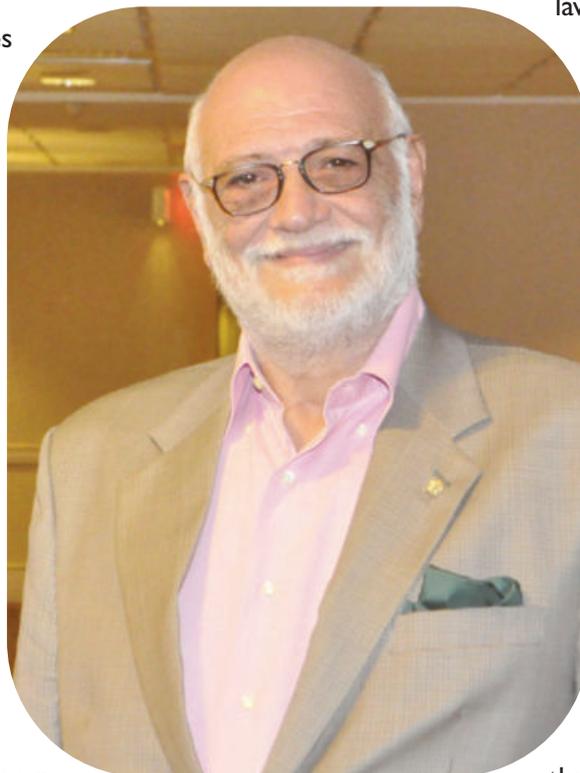
The rules must apply to all and equally – the same for everyone. They must be seen to apply throughout the bridge world. If rules are wrong or inadequate, then they must be changed but until such

time the existing rules must be applied without exception. Only by being servants of the Law can we be free from criticisms and support the aims and objectives of the organisation.

2. Headquarters

We have now established our permanent headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland being incorporated pursuant to Swiss law and as a sporting federation.

This is just the beginning as we now need to build a solid



structure and organisation and channel our efforts into building and organising a true secretariat structure with all the services headquartered in Lausanne – just as the majority of the other international sporting federations.

I believe that it should be possible to achieve this goal thereby rationalising the work, organisation and resources at our disposal. I am strongly convinced that we can do it and it is necessary to guarantee our continuity and future: persons pass, but the structure must remain strong and intact.

3. Championship

The WBF Championship calendar must be consolidated with an ongoing rolling timetable for the next four years. This permits countries and zones to plan their own programs thereby avoiding conflict and overlaps which could damage total participation.

Contracts with championship organisers must be standardised so that for each category, the contract for the organisation of the next event is already signed, thereby permitting the promotion of the next event at the current one.

The standardisation of contracts for the WBF championships is necessary to enable better and more transparent understanding of what is required to stage the event and encourage possible hosts to commit to holding the championships in full knowledge and understanding of what is required.

The organisational structure of our championships is quite a perfect machine, but like any good machine it needs to be maintained and improved, especially keeping pace with technology which gives us the opportunity to offer an even better service to the participants.

Starting from the European Open in Poznan, we introduced the badge with electronic barcode which allows the players to print scoresheets and hand records. In the future, we hope to expand this service providing other facilities.

In Veldhoven, we are displaying a new system of electronically reading and registering the bidding and cards as they are played, which has resulted from a study by a Dutch university team. This would eliminate any manual operation for broadcasting matches thereby eliminating any human error and providing a very rich history for each event we run.

All championships, without exception, must be organised and managed by the Championship Committee. The committee must be formed to tackle the logistics as well as technical, economical, judicial and promotional problems according to the criteria of position, competence and professionalism.

4. Communication

Communication between the WBF and its constituents must be timely and effective with the WBF web site working like a Swiss watch, with perfect coordination between the political and operational sectors. The news must be updated in real time both directly and by links to external sources.

I share the thinking of our immediate past president, José Damiani, "We have to take care of communication, includ-

ing the consolidation, improvement and circulation of the image of bridge. This is absolutely essential if we want the game to have a real status permitting us to successfully approaching authorities, media, sponsors, etc.

Thanks to the explosion of technology, effective communication is the only way to make ourselves and our organisation known. We need to explain our pursuits and actions as well as our Values, goals and aspirations.

We have to be proud to publicise how important bridge can be for the social and cognitive skills and personal development of youth players. We need to highlight the enjoyment that the game offers the elderly, the integration of the disabled and the lack of any discrimination within the sport.

5. Internet

We cannot continue to ignore the influence of the Internet as the only concrete way we have to develop bridge. We need to find resources and sponsors in a period of financial crisis where the sponsors are not easily reached. For these reason I have introduced a Technological Committee, composed of experts and chaired by Al Levy, whose brief it is to study the structuring of a web site from the bottom up and to explore the opportunities we have to adapt our discipline to the modern age and vice-versa.

6. Professional Training

Our Zones strongly support the ongoing education and training of WBF tournament staff. The tournament directors as well as the teachers must employ best practice. To this end, the WBF is committed to training them in personal presentation skills and, in the case of teachers such training must include specialist teaching methods and techniques.

For the officers, it is absolutely necessary to adopt best practice in running a sporting organisation from the top (WBF) all the way down to our constituent countries and down to the bridge clubs themselves.

Another objective to be pursued is that of making the federations more directly responsible for the participation of their national delegations at the zonal and WBF championships and events. Each participating Federation should have representatives attending tournaments where they will be informed about everything from the technical and organizational aspects through to the management of the championship. This will avoid future problems and misunderstandings, and will also provide a very important support towards the smooth running of both the current and future competitions. Another extremely important point is that each federation will, as a result, have an interlocutor who is in charge and will be competent and well informed. This is a critical point in the organisational development.

7. Solidarity

It is absolutely essential to study a solidarity plan to help the small and needy nations participate in the WBF events. Many NBOs have fewer than 500 members, and I believe that ensuring their participation both at the table and in the entire bridge world and this is one of the principal aims of the WBF. A committee has been formed which will be responsible for the form and methodology of subsidies required to bring these countries into the fold. One of the

aims of the solidarity plan will be to award study grants and incentives to allow poor countries to participate in our championships.

8. Youth

I kept this subject, which in my opinion is perhaps the most important, till last. We are all perfectly aware that one of the peculiarities which make bridge attractive and fascinating is that it can be played, even at a very high level, from a very early age right through to one's retirement.

We must not let our attention to youth bridge falter or fail. Young people represent the continuity of tradition, evolution and development of every human activity, be it just a game or a sport. I believe that it is imperative to give all possible attention to the youth bridge activity as this is the most effective and productive investment we, as administrators and guardians of the traditions of the game can make to ensure the very survival of our game.

The Youth Committee, therefore, will be a fundamental apparatus to study and deal with the complex and vast problems of having youth engage in learning and playing Bridge. This committee will suggest a well thought out and reasoned strategy to the Executive to be adopted as the best way forward achieve this most important priority of the WBF.

DS: How much of your time does the position take up?

GR: Fortunately, I have retired as from my legal practice, having left the responsibilities of my firm duty to my son and two nephews. As you can easily imagine, I effectively "work" full time for the WBF.

DS: I know you have visited Australia and New Zealand (Zone 7). Have you visited any other zones outside of Europe and USA? If so what have you found there?

GR: This being the first year of my presidency, I attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of Zone 3 in Paraguay and Zone 4 in India. In both cases, my visit was during their Zonal Championships for qualification to Veldhoven.

I also went to Bali and met with the president of Zone 6, Esther Sophonpanich, on the occasion of the execution of the contract for the 2013 Championship to be held there.

During all of my travels I was really impressed by the enthusiasm and passion of the presidents and officers of these zones and their positive attitude to the future of the game.

Of course, globally there are a lot of problems surrounding the political, economic and social situation. However, I was very pleased to find that the promotion of youth bridge is very high on everybody's agenda.

In Chennai, I visited the Gimkana Club, where more than 20 youths were undertaking a bridge course. In South America, I met many of youth players from Chile, Argentina and Uruguay and was very pleased to see those three countries represented in the Youth Congress in Opatija despite the great travel distance.



Hanneke Grufman-van Hoof at the Hospitality Desk took this photo of Eric Laurant, captain of the Dutch Bermuda Bowl team and chairman of the World Championships organizing committee. According to Hanneke, Laurant is a regular visitor, always dipping into the licorice jar. It's a good thing Hanneke ordered 30 kilos of the candy to keep the King of Licorice happy.

Restaurant information



Restaurant Binnenhof

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

Vouchers can be bought at the WK

Bridge plaza and the reception.

During the championships, restaurant Binnenhof is opened for:

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

Lunch: 12:00 – 14:00

Dinner: 18:30 – 22:00

Reservations can be made at the restaurant itself.

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

Brasserie Porticato

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

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

Restaurant Uithof

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

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

WBF NOTICES

Virtual bridge stadium

Pay a visit to www.Wkbridge2011.nl and you arrive at the Virtual Bridge Stadium. You will be amazed at how rich it is.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.



Photographer



During the event a photographer is available to take photos, for free.

Upon request he provides the journalists with the photos they need for their articles. The photographer is also available to take team or individual photos.

Photographer Louk Herber can be reached in the NBB communication office (office number 58, yellow zone). Phone +31(0)6-83571931.

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.



Careful with the cards, please

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

Maurizio Di Sacco, Championships Manager

Transfers Koningshof – Schiphol Airport, Oct. 30

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

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

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

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

A Bridge Too Far

by Mark Horton

A Bridge Too Far is a 1977 epic war film based on the 1974 book of the same name by Cornelius Ryan, adapted by William Goldman. It was produced by Joseph E. Levine and Richard P. Levine and directed by Richard Attenborough. The film tells the story of the failure of Operation Market Garden during World War II, the Allied attempt to break through German lines and seize several bridges in the occupied Netherlands, including one at Arnhem, with the main objective of outflanking German defences. The name for the film comes from an unconfirmed comment attributed to British Lieutenant-General Frederick Browning, deputy commander of the First Allied Airborne Army, who told Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery, the operation's architect, before the operation: *'I think we may be going a bridge too far.'*

As the last day of qualifying matches got under way the teams hovering around eighth place were involved what Sir Alex Ferguson calls 'squeaky bum time'. In the Bermuda Bowl the teams in the hot seats were Australia, China, Sweden, New Zealand & Japan. In the Venice Cup it was Sweden, Netherlands, Canada, France and Italy, while in the D'Orsi Senior Bowl China Hong Kong, Germany, Australia and India would be the teams making their supporters sweat. Throw into the melting plot the possibility that one of the teams in comparative safety in any of the three contests might have a bad day and was clear that an exciting day was in prospect.

11.10

In the Bermuda Bowl, the first to make a move was New Zealand, jumping up to eighth as they took an early lead against USA I. In the Venice Cup, France suffered an early set back against India. In the D'Orsi it was as you were.

11.30 BB Australia is being hammered by Singapore and has dropped to tenth. New Zealand is up to seventh.

VC France has recovered against India; Germany is shedding points against Brazil – a 5-1 split on Board 7 scuppering 6♥ and costing 16 IMPs.

SB It's as you were.

12.00 BB Australia has fought back and is back up to seventh, but the next four teams are all within 6 VP.

VC France has moved into eighth! Germany has retaken the lead against Brazil.

SB Australia has swapped places with Germany.

13.00 BB New Zealand's 23-7 against USA1 has moved them to seventh and at the same time drawn the US team into the drop zone. Mind you, that Haka they performed before the match would put the fear of God into many a team. China's loss to the Netherlands has dropped them to eleventh.

VC Germany's 16-14 win has left them nearer to the danger zone, but they are still 12 VP ahead of France and 16 clear of the Netherlands. Should Sabine have had that second croissant after breakfast?

SB China Hong Kong have lost 13-17 to Indonesia, while Australia's maximum has moved them into eighth, 1 VP ahead of Germany.

14.20 BB With Round 20 under way all the chasing teams are ahead bar Sweden, who trail India 1-9.

VC Canada and Netherlands are losing – if they can't turn things around qualification may be mathematically impossible

by the end of the round.

SB China Hong Kong is in trouble against Bulgaria, trailing 0-25 and Germany have moved up to eighth.

15.00 BB The massive match between Australia and China is going in favour of the latter 3-15 IMPs, but that is not enough to see them swap places. Meanwhile, Japan is ahead of South Africa and still well in the hunt.

VC Netherlands and Canada have recovered and meanwhile Germany is dropping points to Poland. They still have something in reserve, but a tough last match against England.

SB Things have got worse for China Hong Kong, now 5.5 VP behind Germany.

16.00 BB China crush Australia 24-6 to move to eighth and they have a cushion of 6.5 VP. Sweden play New Zealand needing a big win.

VC Germany suffers a devastating defeat against Poland to set up a nerve-tingling last round. They are 3 VP ahead of Netherlands and two more clear of France, but a much tougher match.

SB China Hong Kong stage a miraculous comeback to collect 13 VP. That puts them 2.5 ahead of Germany and 3 VP clear of India.

17.00 The last round starts with Sweden jumping out to a 22-0 lead over New Zealand putting the teams dead level on 330 VP in the Bermuda Bowl.

In the Venice Cup, France race to a 34-0 lead after only 3 deals against Trinidad & Tobago and they leapfrog Germany, who are now only 1 VP ahead of the Netherlands. In the Senior Bowl China Hong Kong suffer an early setback against Guadeloupe while India keep in touch with USA2.

17.45 BB

No change as New Zealand make a doubled slam to stay tied at 330 VP. China are only half a VP behind these two!

VC France already has a maximum after six deals but can be overtaken by Germany, tied at 15-15 VP with England. Netherlands are still only 1 VP back. (Even as I type they move one ahead!)

SB China Hong Kong trail Guadeloupe 2-35 after five deals and has fallen to tenth. Germany has taken over eighth place.

16.15 BB China jump into seventh, leaving New Zealand deadlocked. While we check the tie break procedure (it is IMP quotient in favour of Sweden) Jos Jacobs suggests Sweden should go through as they bid faster.

VC It looks all over for Germany as they fall well behind against England.

SB Poor China Hong Kong are being blitzed by Guadeloupe, so the battle for eighth is between India and Germany – currently tied on 341 VP (Germany would win the tie break by a lot).

17.00 BB Sweden pile on the points and get a maximum. Iceland restrict USA2 to just 21 IMPs, but only score 7 themselves, but it is more than enough to keep them in.

VC Germany can make no inroads into England's lead – for them it has been a bridge too far.

SB On the penultimate deal, Canada overtake Germany. In a dramatic finale Germany collect +800 on the last deal to reclaim eighth place. As usual Germany win on penalties!