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North American and European Triathlon

As we move into the final sessions of the **4th IOC Grand Prix** for the Generali Trophy, the continents of Europe and America are contesting all three finals.

In the Men's Teams, **Canada**, who trailed the reigning Olympiad Champions from **Italy** by 42 IMPs after the first two sets, scored an upset but merited comeback victory, much to the delight of the Canadian contingent.

They start the day with a small lead over **Poland**, who also came back from a half-time deficit to defeat the Bermuda Bowl runners-up from **Norway**, in the other semi-final. Both teams play in red and white, but they have not yet revealed their away colours.

France, who easily accounted for **The Netherlands**, and **USA**, who overcame **Germany's** Venice Cup Champions, face each other in the Women's Teams, and France have already built up a commanding lead.

The losing semi-finalists will play-off (perhaps we should say face-off) for third place.

In the Junior Teams final, **Americas** hold a commanding lead over **Europe North** by virtue of a powerful first session. In a high scoring contest for third place **Europe South** have established a reasonable lead over **North America**.

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VuGraph Matches

All to be decided

Results

Mens Teams - Semi Final

Team	c/f	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Total
Italy	6	43	34	10	5	98
Canada	0	12	29	34	34	109
Poland	4	15	31	37	25	112
Norway	0	43	26	11	9	89

Women's Teams - Semi Final

Team	c/f	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Total
Netherlands	6	7	28	1	23	65
France	0	21	32	57	3	113
Germany	0	28	12	18	9	67
USA	5.3	10	39	18	37	109.3

Mens Teams - Final

Team	c/f	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Total
Canada	0	13				13
Poland	2.5	7				9.5

Women's Teams - Final

Team	c/f	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Total
France	10	38				48
USA	0	15				15

Mens Teams - Play off

Team	c/f	Set 1	Set 2	Total
Italy	0			0
Norway	3			3

Women's Teams - Play off

Team	c/f	Set 1	Set 2	Total
Netherlands	0			0
Germany	1.5			1.5

Junior Teams - Final

Team	c/f	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Total
Europe - North	0	23	27			50
Americas	10	56	23			89

Junior Teams - Play Off

Team	c/f	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Total
Europe - South	6	37	44			87
North America	0	56	6			62

Today's Programme

Men's Teams Final

Sessions 2, 3 & 4 - 13.00; 15.10; 17.20
Canada v Poland

Men's Teams Play off

Sessions 1 & 2 - 13.00; 15.10
Italy v Norway

Women's Teams Final

Sessions 2, 3 & 4 - 13.00; 15.10; 17.20
France v USA

Women's Teams Play off

Sessions 1 & 2 - 13.00; 15.10
Germany v Netherlands

Junior Teams Final

Sessions 3 & 4 - 15.10; 17.20
Europe North v Americas

Junior Teams Play Off

Sessions 3 & 4 - 15.10; 17.20
Europe South v North America

Palindrome Star !

Inspired by our article on palindromes Gabriel Chagas arrived in the office with the following additional examples:



Evil: all its sin is still alive

Elapsed or esteemed all ade meets erodes pale

A dog a pant a panic in a patna pagoda

Sugar don't no drag us

A man a plan a canal panama

World Bridge Championships - Montreal August 16 - 31 2002

Flights , Hotels and Reservations

Air Canada is the official carrier for the Championships, and is offering 15% and 20% discounts off air fares from outside North America, 5% to 15% within North America. Please quote Convention N° CV 664436

Hotel reservations must be made through the 2002 World Bridge Championship Housing Bureau:

Tel: +1 514 844 0848; Fax: +1 514 844 6771; Email: reservations@tourisme-montreal.org

Please note that the number of rooms at the venue hotels is limited and **you are advised to book early** if you wish to stay in either of the venue hotels - The Queen Elizabeth is already sold out for 15th & 31st August and you are urged to make your reservations as soon as possible.

Prices are per room (double or single occupancy), per night and payable in Canadian dollars. The rates shown do not include 7% Canadian tax, 7.5% Quebec tax and a \$2 per room per night guestroom tax. (At the present time the 7% rate is refundable to non-Canadian visitors). Conversion to US\$ is calculated on the basis of US\$1 = Cnd \$1.60. On the list below, US \$ prices are shown in brackets.

Hotels	Walking Distance	Standard Rooms	Deluxe Rooms	Concierge	Suites	Cutoff date for reservations	Remarks
Host Hotels							
Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel	0 mins	\$173 (\$108)	\$194 (\$121)	\$234 (\$146)	\$294 (\$184)	15 July	Tournament Venue
Montreal Bonaventure Hilton	0 mins	\$213 (\$133)	\$267 (\$167)		\$450 (\$281)	15 July	Tournament Venue
Nearby Hotels							
Château Royal Hotel Suites	9 mins	\$135 (\$85) \$189 quad (2br) (\$118)				01 July	Apartment style hotel
Day's Inn	10 mins	\$119 (\$75) \$129 triple (\$81) \$139 quad (\$87)				15 July	10 th night free after 9 nights
Hotel du Fort	15 mins	\$160 (\$100)	\$185 (\$116)			15 May	Complimentary taxi once a day to venue
Le Cantile	8 mins	\$165 (\$103)				15 May	
Le Nouvel	12 mins	\$155 (\$97)				15 May	Free Parking for at least 10 nights' stay
Novotel	6 mins	\$159 (\$99) \$174 triple (\$109) \$189 quad (\$118)				2 July	
Marriott	2 mins	\$195 (\$122)					Available for 28/31 Aug

Schedule of Events

Fri	16 August	Invitation Par Contest		Opening Ceremony	
Sat.	17 August	Mixed Pairs - qualifying 1/2			
Sun	18 August	Mixed Pairs: 3rd qualifying & 1st Final Sessions	Zonal Mixed Pairs		
Mon	19 August	Mixed Pairs 2nd & 3rd Sessions Final	Zonal Mixed Pairs		
Tue	20 August	Rosenblum/McConnell		Junior Teams	
Wed	21 August	Rosenblum/McConnell		Junior Teams	
Thur	22 August	Rosenblum/McConnell		Junior Pairs	
Fri	23 August	Rosenblum (64)/McConnell (32)	Zonal Teams	Junior Pairs	Senior Teams
Sat	24 August	Rosenblum (32)/McConnell (16)	Zonal Teams	Junior Individual	Senior Teams
Sun	25 August	Rosenblum (16)/McConnell (8)	Pairs Qualifying		Senior Teams
Mon	26 August	Rosenblum (8)/McConnell (4)	Pairs Qualifying		Senior Teams
Tue	27 August	Rosenblum (4)/McConnell (2)	Pairs - Semi Final	Zonal Pairs	Senior Pairs
Wed	28 August	Rosenblum (2)	Pairs - Semi Final	Zonal Pairs	Senior Pairs
Thur	29 August		Pairs - Final	IMP Pairs *	Senior Pairs
Fri	30 August		Pairs - Final	IMP Pairs *	Senior Pairs
Sat	31 August		Pairs - Final	Closing Ceremony	

*Will declare Open and Senior winners

An ACBL Regional Tournament will be conducted in conjunction with the World Championships.
It will begin at 8pm on **16 August** with a 1-session mixed pairs event and end on **02 September 2002**

Entry Fees

Event	Price US\$	Length of event
Mixed Pairs	240	Three days
Open and Women's Pairs	400	Four days
Players not qualifying for the Semi Finals may play free of charge in Zonal Pairs		
Open and Women's Pairs Final	80	2 1/2 days
Rosenblum and McConnell Teams	800	10/11 days; teams are guaranteed to play at least 5 days
Senior Teams **	640	Four days
Senior Pairs	320	Four days
IMP Pairs (50% discount to participants from the Open & Women's Pairs)	160	Two days
Juniors in Junior World Championship events	free	Six days
Can-Am Regional (per Player/per Session)	10	Every day

** Senior players qualified for the Zonal Teams may enter the Senior Teams for an fee of \$320 instead of \$640

Payment of entry fees is to be made the day before the individual event starts

For full and up to date information, please consult the WBF website at www.bridge.gr

How to Enter

Applications to play must be made through your National Bridge Federation. All National Federations must submit their lists of participants to the WBF by **15 June 2002**



Showdown



The meeting of Poland and Indonesia in round nine of the IOC Grand Prix round-robin was an elimination match. The loser would be out of the event, the winner just about assured of a spot in the semi-final round. Indonesia was 1.5 VPs ahead of Poland, but as it turned out they needed at least 17 VPs to make it to the next stage. It was not to be.

Indonesia started with a 3-IMP gain on the first board, but little else went right for them from that point on, starting with board two.

Dealer East. None vul

<p>♠ 7 5 ♥ Q J 6 ♦ A 8 6 3 2 ♣ A 10 7</p> <p>♠ K J 9 3 2 ♥ 9 7 3 ♦ Q ♣ Q 9 5 4</p> <p>♠ A 10 ♥ A 10 8 5 ♦ K 7 5 4 ♣ J 6 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 6 4 ♥ K 4 2 ♦ J 10 9 ♣ K 8 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecen</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Lasut</i>
1♠	2♦	Pass	1♦
Pass	Dble	2♠	Pass
All Pass		Redbl	3♦

There was nothing to the play in this contract, and Henry Lasut finished with 10 tricks for plus 130. At the other table, Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski reached a much better spot.

West	North	East	South
<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♠	Dble	Pass	1♣
2♠	Pass	2♥ (1)	Dble
Pass	4♥	Pass	3♥
		All Pass	

(1) Spade raise.

Zmudzinski's 1♣ opener was of the Polish variety, usually showing a balanced minimum, which is what he had on this occasion. The Poles lost their nine-card diamond fit, but they wound up in the heart game, which could

not be defeated on the very favorable lie of the cards.

Franky Karwur led his singleton diamond, won in dummy. Zmudzinski followed with the heart finesse, and when it succeeded he may have realized it was the Polish team's day. After picking up trumps, declarer had only to play two more rounds of diamonds to come to 10 tricks. Poland was ahead 7-3.

Indonesia got an overtrick IMP back on the fourth board of the set, but they suffered a major blow on board 17, the fifth in the set.

Dealer North. None vul

<p>♠ Q J 9 7 3 ♥ Q J 5 ♦ 9 3 2 ♣ 9 8</p> <p>♠ 8 2 ♥ A 10 9 8 4 ♦ A K 7 6 4 ♣ 7</p> <p>♠ A K 6 5 ♥ — ♦ Q J 8 5 ♣ A 5 4 3 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 4 ♥ K 7 6 3 2 ♦ 10 ♣ K Q J 10 6</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecen</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Lasut</i>
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♦
4♥	1♠	4♣	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♠
	All Pass		

East led the ♣K against Eddy Manoppo's 4♠ contract, and when the smoke cleared Michal Kwiecen and Jacek Pszczola were plus 100. It appears that North has only three losers in 4♠ and so should make his contract. A closer look, however, reveals that it's winners declarer needs — and he doesn't have enough of them on this deal without help from the defense. In fact, that's how Balicki came home with his doubled contract in the open room.

West	North	East	South
<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	4♦	4♥
Dble	4♠	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

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The 4♦ bid was a splinter. With shortness opposite his diamond honors, Karwur elected to defend rather than bidding on.

Denny Sacul led his singleton diamond: queen, king, 3. Karwur, knowing his partner's ♦10 was a singleton, made the correct play of returning a low diamond for Sacul to ruff. Sacul returned the ♣K, taken in dummy. Balicki cashed the ♠A and played a diamond to drive out the ace. Karwur won and could have defeated the contract by returning a trump, leaving Balicki with only two trumps in dummy to deal with three heart losers. Instead, Karwur returned another diamond, hoping to induce Balicki to ruff his winner. Balicki had no recourse but to pitch his club loser, however – there was no other place for it to go. When Sacul could not ruff, the contract was home as Balicki crossruffed for the rest of the tricks. Plus 590 helped Poland to a 12-IMP gain.

The difference an opening lead can make was clearly illustrated on the following deal, which cost Indonesia another 5 IMPs.

Dealer South. E/W vul

♠ 10 9 ♥ A 7 6 ♦ J 5 4 2 ♣ Q J 10 5 ♠ J 7 5 2 ♥ Q J ♦ Q 10 9 8 ♣ 7 6 3	♠ K 8 3 ♥ K 8 2 ♦ K 7 ♣ A 9 8 4 2 ♠ A Q 6 4 ♥ 10 9 5 4 3 ♦ A 6 3 ♣ K
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The auction at both tables was 1♥ by South, 2♥ by North, all pass.

In the closed room, Kwiecen started with the ♥J, attacking declarer's entry to dummy's club suit before it could be established. Declarer was able to ruff a spade after taking the finesse, but he lost a club, two diamonds, two hearts and a spade for one down.

In the open room, Karwur led the ♦10 to the 2, 7 and ace. Zmudzinski immediately played the ♣K to Sacul's ace. Sacul cashed the ♦K and played a low spade. Zmudzinski took the right view by finessing, then entered dummy with the trump ace to cash two high clubs, pitching his losing diamond and a low

spade. He then played a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade. In the end, he gave up two trump tricks but finished with nine tricks for plus 140 and a 5-IMP gain.

On the next-to-last board, Indonesia managed a vulnerable game swing, giving them a chance at the match.

Dealer South. Both vul

♠ 9 7 ♥ K 10 8 3 2 ♦ K 4 ♣ K J 9 5 ♠ 8 6 5 3 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ 9 7 ♣ 10 8 4 3	♠ K J 2 ♥ 9 4 ♦ 8 6 3 2 ♣ A Q 7 2 ♠ A Q 10 4 ♥ J 5 2 ♦ A Q J 10 5 ♣ 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecen</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Lasut</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Manoppo was not terrified by Pszczola's lead of the ♥9, and he soon was scoring up plus 620. Balicki and Zmudzinski took a decidedly different view of the North-South hands.

West	North	East	South
<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

With Zmudzinski's 2♥ bid, Balicki knew his partner's hand included a singleton club, not a tremendous holding opposite his K J 9 5. Balicki made one more trick than Manoppo for plus 200, saving an IMP, but Indonesia had closed to within 11 IMPs, so there was a chance for them if the final deal could provide a swing. Unfortunately for Indonesia, it was a relatively flat board, and when Poland actually managed a 2-IMP swing, they were into the semi-final round with a 26-13 victory.



The Thinker

Bulletin Editors rely on several sources for copy, not least the players themselves. If Joey Silver comes to you with a hand you can be sure it will be a story worth printing. Take a look at these two from the match between Canada and Norway. The star of the show is Tor Helness.

Dealer North. All Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	INT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Three Hearts showed a shortage and when South jumped to Five Clubs, Tor, who is a careful player, took a long time before getting it right by going on to the slam. As Joey said, the thing about a good player is that when he starts thinking he will almost always arrive at the winning solution.

Dealer South. All Vul

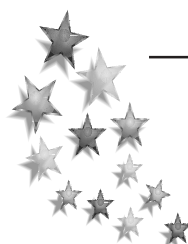
	♠ A 9 4		
	♥ 10 7 6		
	♦ A 8 6 2		
	♣ K Q 4		
♠ 8 2		♠ Q J 10 7 6	
♥ 8 5		♥ K J 3 2	
♦ K J 10		♦ 7 5	
♣ A J 10 9 8 7		♣ 6 5	
	♠ K 5 3		
	♥ A Q 9 4		
	♦ Q 9 4 3		
	♣ 3 2		

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
2♣	Pass*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

North's pass denied three-card heart support.

East led a club and declarer won with the king. His next move took a very long time, but it was very effective – the ten of hearts. East did his best by playing the king, but declarer took the ace and played a club. West put up the ace and returned a club. Declarer won in hand and played a heart to the nine, pinning the eight. He could return to hand with a spade and play his last heart, ducked by East. There was still a spade entry to dummy for the fourth heart.

Say that declarer had attacked diamonds rather than hearts. If East held the king of diamonds, West would be a heavy favourite to hold the king of hearts. However, if West was forced to win an early heart trick with the king, there was a decent chance that the king of diamonds would be onside.



Meet the Stars ! The Italian Juniors ...

Fabio Lo Presti

21 year-old from Bergamo who started playing when he was 14 years old. A student of Engineering Management. In the Italian Junior Team Championship he has won bronze, silver and gold medal (in '98 - '99 - 2001) and third place in the Italian Junior Pairs Championship. On an international level, he won bronze medal in 2001 at the World Junior Pairs Championship.

Francesco Mazzadi

24 year-old from Parma who started playing when he was 16 years old. Now an official Instructor of the Italian Bridge Federation. In 1996 he won his first Italian title in the Junior Pairs, and in '97 he won gold medal in the Italian Junior Teams and a silver in the Italian Mixed Teams; in '99 he won another two Italian gold medals – in the Junior Pairs and Teams Championships – and also bronze in the World Junior Pairs Championship; in 2000 he won the Italian Cup; in 2001 he won gold in the Italian Junior Teams, silver in the Italian Mixed Teams and bronze in the World Junior Pairs Championship.



Looking for Points



When Great Britain faced Austria in Round 8, both teams were running out of time. There were some big swings, but neither team could establish any real ascendancy, Austria eventually winning 31-25 IMPs, 16-14 VP.

Here are the highlights:

Dealer East. North/South Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Weigkricht</i>	<i>Goldenfield</i>	<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Brunner</i>
3♦*	4♥	1♦*	Pass
Pass	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass		5♦	Dble

Some typically aggressive bidding from the Austrian pair saw them land in some very hot water (we refuse to say they were skating on thin ice!). In a sense it was a pity as it would have been interesting to see if Goldenfield would have made her contract – our guess is yes, as she would probably have picked the spade position.

Five Diamonds cost –800.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Erhart</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>
1♠	3♥	1♣	Pass
		All Pass	

Missing game was very expensive, as East might well have led the king of spades. More to the point, South might have bid 3NT, a contract unlikely to be defeated.

Dealer West. All Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Weigkricht</i>	<i>Goldenfield</i>	<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Brunner</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♥*	1♠
2♥	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠*	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Five Hearts can be defeated, but it is far from easy. After cashing the ace of spades, South must switch to a heart. Do you see why?

Well, at the table, South switched to a club. Declarer won with dummy's jack, cashed the king of spades to pitch a club, and played two more clubs, ruffing the third one high. Now she exited with a heart. North had to win and play a diamond and Doris had not come this far to go wrong. She played the ten of diamonds and scored up +650.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Erhart</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>
1♥	Pass	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

This time West was declarer, but North led a spade to South's ace, and without apparent thought Sylvia switched to the two of hearts! She said afterwards that it didn't seem to be so difficult! Well done indeed, and +100 for a huge swing to Austria.

Dealer West. Love all

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Weigkricht</i>	<i>Goldenfield</i>	<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Brunner</i>
1♦*	Dble	Redble	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	7♦	All Pass

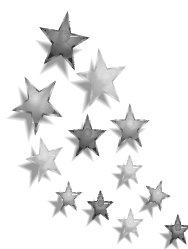
Doris Fischer must have been reasonably confident that One Diamond redoubled would prove to be a making contract. In some systems Four Diamonds would not only agree the suit, but also be RKCB. It was a fine effort to get to the Grand Slam after the intervention.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Erhart</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>
Pass	1♥	3♥*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Three Hearts asked West to bid 3NT with a heart stopper. Despite the fact that she was a little heavy for her bid, Dhondy was facing a passed partner, so it was very long odds against a slam being available, let alone a grand.

However, this time she caught her partner with some very good cards. Nicola Smith had quite a problem. She considered Four Hearts and 4NT, but rejected them both in favour of a direct Six Diamonds. There is a strong case for East adding the seventh, but it is always easier to do that from the comfort of your seat in the VuGraph theatre.



Meet the Stars!

They have been at the forefront of Women's Bridge since time began. Here are the famous squad from Austria.

Maria Erhart

Born 1944 in Vienna, Maria did her studies at the world trade university there, started her job in merchandising, afterwards in a leading position of marketing research.

Bridge came to her life relatively late at the age of 24, but just a year later she won her first (bronze) medal at the Women's European Championships. Some years of playing in the Austrian Open team were followed by sabbatical years following career commitments and illness, and then she started playing again in the European and World majors, with great success with the young Austrian women team, and also won some of the large European pairs tournaments with different partners.

For 15 years she has lived in the beautiful Tyrol, married to Peter, a medical doctor, where she does her job as a medical assistant and looks after the commercial side of his profession.

It takes more than four hours to go to Vienna and restricts the opportunity for training with her teammates, but affords her more time and opportunities to pursue her other hobbies, like being responsible for the social community affairs of her city's government, skiing, playing tennis and golf, sometimes treating Peter's piano and sometimes going to the great music festivals of Salzburg and Bayreuth.

Doris Fischer

Doris Fischer was born in Vienna in 1959. She studied German and History and has been working as a high school teacher since 1983. During her childhood she loved all kinds of card games and she often watched her parents playing rubber bridge. But her leisure time was captured by her handball activities. Soon after she had become a member of the Austrian ladies team a knee operation stopped her ambition in 1985. When she – some months later - accepted the invitation of one of her colleges at school to play a club tournament with him, she would never have imagined that from that day on bridge should play a central role in her life.

In 1987 Doris formed a partnership with Terry Weigkricht. The two of them played for Austria in the

Olympiad in 1988; their first big successes came in 1991 and 1992 when they became European Champions in Ireland, Vice World Champions in Japan and Olympic Champions in Italy.

Apart from her bridge activities Doris loves reading, music and going to the theatre.

Theresa Weigkricht

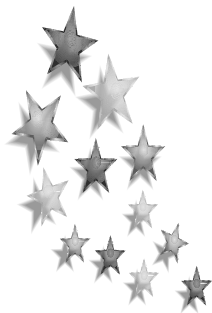
Born 1958, Terry lives in Vienna and teaches mathematics and French. She began playing bridge in 1976 and joined in the Austrian ladies team in 1987. Her main successes in bridge have been gold medals in the European Championships in 1991 in Killarney; the World Women's Team Olympiad, 1992, Salsomaggiore, and the Mc Connell Cup in 1998 in Lille. She also has silver medals in the 1991

Venice Cup in Yokohama and in the 1999 European Championships in Malta.

Sylvia Terraneo

Born in Frankfurt/Main, Germany, and now lives in Vienna. Married since 1986 to Franz Terraneo. By profession she is an IT corporate trainer. Besides bridge, her hobbies are traveling, board games and music.

A member of the gold medal team in the McConnell Cup in Lille, France, in 1998. She also has silver medals in the Mixed Pairs at the European Championships in 1990 at Bordeaux and in the Ladies Teams at the European Championships in Malta in 1999. Fourth-place finishes: 2000 and 2001 Venice Cup and 2001 Ladies Teams at the European Championships.



We are pleased to introduce the Japanese Women's Team:

Makiko HAYASHI: Bridge teacher, one of the founding members of Japan Bridge Teachers' Association (JBTA), Editor of JBTA bulletin, author of introductory bridge books as well as manuals for bridge teachers

Represented Japan in Venice Cup twice (1991, 2001), Olympiad twice 1984, 1986, Pacific Asia Bridge Federation (PABF-Zone 6) Championship 5 times including the win in 1987 at Shanghai. Won National titles 3 times. She started her bridge career when she entered St. Paul University in Tokyo back in 19 sometime. She is a regular participant in international tournaments in Asia and Europe. In her spare time, she enjoys opera, traveling, reading and needlework.

Yuko YAMADA: Bridge teacher. Represented Japan in Venice Cup 2001, PABF 3 times 1993, 1994 and 2001. She dreamed of being a painter in her younger days but an encounter with bridge during her skiing trip some 30 years ago has destined her to devote herself to the game of bridge.

Meet the Stars !

Megumi TAKASAKI: Lecturer of Social Anthropology on religions in Asia. This is her first appearance in international event. She started playing bridge in her university days because the bridge club was suffering from the shortage of members. She hopes that this event would contribute to the increase of bridge population in Japan.

Setsuko MORIYAMA: Manager of an advertisement company. She started bridge some 20 years ago and represented Japan in PABF twice in 1985 Sydney and 1998 Kobe. She also learnt bridge during her skiing trip and now she no longer goes for skiing but bridge sessions.

Natsuko NISHIDA: Bridge teacher and tournament director. She represented Japan in PABF 1999, and finalist in WBF women's pairs in Lille 1998. She is a frequent participant in ACBL Nationals and other international tournaments.

Midori SAKAMOTO: Besides playing bridge for pastime, she runs a bridge club for players in her community. Represented Japan in PABF 1991 in Guangzhou, China. This is her second appearance in international events.



Salt Lake swings



Astwo of the top teams in the world, Poland and Norway could be expected to put on a good show in their semi-final match in the 4th IOC Grand Prix. They did not disappoint, and the Norwegians got right down to business on the first deal of their second-round set with a major game swing.

Dealer North. Both vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Geir Helgemo led the ♣K and switched to the ♠10. Adam Zmudzinski ran that to his king and played the ♣J from hand. Helgemo won and continued spades, Per Erik Austberg winning the ♠Q when Zmudzinski inserted the jack. Zmudzinski later misguessed in diamonds and ended two off for minus 200. In the open room, Jon-Egil Furunes for Norway did much better.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecen</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Michal Kwiecen started with the ♣Q, switching to the ♠10 at trick two. Furunes won the ♠K in hand and advanced the ♣9. Kwiecen, with visions of crashing an honor into his partner's now-singleton ♣J, played low. Furunes was due a club trick in any case, but it worked out much better for him to get it early instead of late. When the ♣9 held, Furunes tried a low heart to the jack and queen. Jacek Pszczola, East, won the ♥Q and got out with a low heart to Furunes' ace and West's 9. Furunes then continued his excellent card play with a

low diamond to the 10. When that held he followed with the ♦K and a diamond to the ace in his hand, testing diamonds to determine whether they were 3-3, with some luck in the heart suit also a possibility, before having to decide on a spade finesse for the contract. The even diamond split and the fortunate lie of the heart suit meant an overtrick for Furunes and a 13-IMP gain for Norway.

The next deal involved just an IMP, but it showed how far ahead a bridge player has to look to avoid coming up with egg on his face.

Dealer East. None vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♣	Dble	1♥	Dble
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Zmudzinski took the expected eight tricks for plus 110.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecen</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Furunes had no takeout double from partner to guide him, but he found the good contract of 2♠ as well.

Kwiecen started with the ♣A, switching to the ♥8 at trick two. When Furunes put up dummy's ♥K, Pszczola played the jack, a play that would come back to haunt him. Furunes played a spade to the ace at trick three and continued with the 9 from hand. Once again, Kwiecen had to consider whether it might cost a trick

if he went up with his king. Finally, he decided it might, and he played low. Dummy's ♠J won, and Furunes next played the ♣Q. Kwiecen won the club trick, cashed the ♠K and continued with the ♣J, ruffed in dummy. Now when Furunes played a low heart from dummy, Pszczola could not afford to split the ♥10 9. If he did, Furunes could win the ace and play the ♦10. Dummy's diamond spots assured that, no matter what West did, East would be endplayed, forced to lead from the ♥10 5 into dummy's Q 7 or to play on diamonds, allowing Furunes to set up an extra trick there for a heart pitch. As it was, Pszczola played low and Furunes inserted the ♥6 to finished with nine tricks.

Poland picked up 2 IMPs when a Norwegian declarer went down three in 3NT while Pszczola managed two down. The next two deals featured laydown grand slams, bid by both sides for pushes.

Poland picked up a major swing halfway through the match when Kwiecen guessed well to land a doubled contract that was defeated at the other table.

Dealer East. N/S vul

♠ 9 4 ♥ A K J 10 6 2 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ A Q ♠ Q J 10 6 3 2 ♥ 9 4 ♦ K 8 ♣ K 8 5	♠ A 8 7 5 ♥ 5 3 ♦ A J 4 3 2 ♣ 9 3 ♠ K ♥ Q 8 7 ♦ 9 7 5 ♣ J 10 7 6 4 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
3♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Cezary Balicki cashed his two top hearts and got out with a trump. Helgemo ducked, losing to the singleton king. Two club tricks quickly followed for the defenders, who chalked up plus 300.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecen</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
2♠	Dble	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

Tor Helness started with a top heart, but after

Furunes played the 7, Helness thought for a long time before exiting with a trump. Kwiecen also studied for some time before getting it right, rising with the ace to drop Furunes' king. He could have made an overtrick with the diamond finesse, but he chose to ruff out the queen and settled for 10 tricks and plus 590, a 13-IMP gain.

Poland piled on 11 more IMPs over the next two deals with partscore swings, including the following deal, which featured good defense by the Poles.

Dealer West. Both vul

♠ K 8 5 4 ♥ 7 2 ♦ K 8 5 ♣ K J 8 5 ♠ J 10 9 ♥ J 6 3 ♦ J 9 4 ♣ 7 4 3 2	♠ A 7 3 ♥ K 10 ♦ A Q 10 7 6 ♣ A 9 6 ♠ Q 6 2 ♥ A Q 9 8 5 4 ♦ 3 2 ♣ Q 10
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♦	Dble	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Helgemo led the ♦4 to Austberg's queen, effectively endplaying the Norwegian. He tried the ♥K, taken by Zmudzinski with the ace. He cashed the ♥Q and played the ♣10 and then the queen to Austberg's ace, again endplaying him. No matter which suit Austberg played, it was going to give up a trick, and cashing the ♦A would avoid an overtrick but would not defeat the contract. Austberg eventually played another club and Zmudzinski finished with nine tricks for plus 140.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecen</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Kwiecen started with the ♠J, a much more effective opening thrust. Furunes won the ♠Q in hand and played two rounds of clubs from his hand, Pszczola taking the second. He, too, got out with the ♥K. From there, nothing could prevent the defenders from tak-

ing two spades, two diamonds, a club and a heart for one down.

After losing 24 IMPs in three boards, Norway finally managed a swing their way.

Dealer North. NIS vul

♠ A 10 7 3 ♥ 10 9 4 ♦ A 6 ♣ A 10 9 6 ♠ 8 2 ♥ K 3 ♦ Q J 10 2 ♣ K Q J 7 5 ♠ K Q J ♥ Q J 7 6 ♦ K 7 5 3 ♣ 8 2	♠ 9 6 5 4 ♥ A 8 5 2 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ 4 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♣	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Austberg, guided by Helgemo's natural 2♣ bid, led the ♣4 to the jack and ace. If Balicki had ducked that trick, Helgemo would have needed to switch to diamonds for the defense to prevail. Balicki, with a double stopper in the suit, did not duck, however, and when he led a heart from hand, Austberg alertly went up with the ace to play another club. That allowed Helgemo to clear the suit while he still had an entry. Balicki soon was down one, losing three clubs and two hearts.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecen</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Looking at West's two minor suits, not many players would think of beginning an attack against 3NT with diamonds, but that is what Kwiecen did. Furunes made no mistake, winning the first diamond and immediately attacking hearts. The defenders were a tempo behind, and although they got the diamond tricks they were due, they ended with only four tricks. Plus 600 was 12 IMPs to Norway.

Despite that setback, Poland prevailed in the set 31-26.



With 12 boards to go in their IOC Grand Prix semi-final match against Poland, Norway trailed by only 7 IMPs – seemingly in a position to pull out a win.

They didn't reckon with Polish stars Michal Kwiecen and Jacek Pszczola, who had a very impressive set on Vugraph as the Poles rolled over their opponents and into the final of the 4th IOC Grand Prix.

Norway's troubles started on the first deal.

Dealer North. Both vul

♠ Q 10 7 ♥ A Q 9 6 ♦ A J 3 ♣ J 9 7 ♠ A J 9 2 ♥ J ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ K 10 6 3 2 ♠ 5 4 ♥ 8 5 2 ♦ K Q 9 5 2 ♣ A Q 5	♠ K 8 6 3 ♥ K 10 7 4 3 ♦ 6 4 ♣ 8 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
	1♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

North's 1♣ opener was the Polish variety – possibly showing a strong hand. The 2♦ bid was necessary because 1♦ would have been negative. Per Erik Austberg, East, led a low heart against the notrump game and it wasn't long before Cezary Balicki was claiming nine tricks for plus 600.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecen</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Dble	2NT	3♠	3NT
All Pass			

Warned by Tor Helness' 1♥ opener and guided by his partner's aggressive takeout double of 2♦, Pszczola started with a low spade. Kwiecen won the ace and returned the 2. The Vugraph commentators predicted Helness would make the correct play in spades, but after long thought he put up the queen and was down one for a 12-IMP swing to Poland.

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Kwiecen played expertly on the third deal of the set to help his side to another 3 IMPs.

Dealer South. N/S vul

<p>♠ 6 5 4 3 ♥ K Q ♦ 9 5 3 ♣ 9 8 5 4</p> <p>♠ K 8 ♥ A J 10 9 4 3 ♦ A Q 6 ♣ Q 2</p> <p>♠ Q J 10 ♥ 7 5 2 ♦ 10 8 4 2 ♣ K J 10</p>	<p>♠ A 9 7 2 ♥ 8 6 ♦ K J 7 ♣ A 7 6 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Geir Helgemo managed nine tricks in this odd game for plus 400.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecen</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Helness started with the ♦3 to dummy's jack. Kwiecen ran the ♥8 to Helness' queen. Another diamond came back, won in dummy with the king, and Kwiecen guessed well by going up with his trump ace on the second round of the suit. As the cards lay, he could have made 12 tricks by simply ruffing out South's ♠Q J 10, but instead he ran trumps, reaching this ending:

<p>♠ 6 5 4 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 9 8</p> <p>♠ K 8 ♥ — ♦ A ♣ Q 2</p> <p>♠ Q J 10 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ K J</p>	<p>♠ A 9 7 ♥ — ♦ 7 ♣ A</p>
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On the play of the ♦A, South was done. In practice, he pitched the ♠Q. Kwiecen played a club to the ace, a spade to the king, noting the fall of the jack, and a spade to the ace. It was only two IMPs, but Kwiecen and

Pszczola seemed to be in a zone, confident that every move they made would be right.

Most of the other swings were created in the bidding, such as this deal.

Dealer North. None vul

<p>♠ J 9 8 6 ♥ 7 3 ♦ 10 9 8 3 2 ♣ 5 4</p> <p>♠ K Q 7 3 ♥ Q J 9 8 ♦ A ♣ A K J 10</p> <p>♠ 5 4 2 ♥ 10 5 4 2 ♦ Q 7 6 4 ♣ 6 2</p>	<p>♠ A 10 ♥ A K 6 ♦ K J 5 ♣ Q 9 8 7 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
2♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
6NT	All Pass	4NT	Pass

On Vugraph, Kwiecen and Pszczola took a rosier view of their prospects.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecen</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
2♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
7NT	All Pass	7♣	Pass

The opening spade lead gave declarer 15 tricks. The only mystery, according to Vugraph commentators, was how long it would take Pszczola to claim. The betting line appeared to be seven seconds.

Later in the match, on five straight deals, there were cold slams there for the bidding, giving Norway a chance for a swing or two to get back into the match. Poland did miss a couple of the slams, but so did Norway. On the slams bid by Helgemo and Austberg in the closed room, Kwiecen and Pszczola were right there with them. The net result on the five slam deals was 2 overtrick IMPs to Norway. There would be no comeback for the Scandinavians.