

## Home Win for Chemla Tzur–Albu Takes Women's Title

**P**aul Chemla earns his fourth world title. He is a current Bermuda Bowl Champion, and was also in the French Team which won the Olympiad in 1980 in Valkenburg and 1992 in Salsomaggiore. He is a bridge professional who won the European Mixed Teams two weeks ago.

**Apolinary Kowalski**, 50, of Warsaw who took the silver won the World Mixed Pairs in 1994. He is a chemical engineer who also represented Poland at swimming.

**Andrew Robson**, 34, of London in third place won the World Junior Title in 1989 and the European Open Teams in 1991. He is a bridge professional.

**Migri Zur–Albu** of Israel earns her first world title. She is a bridge professional who has represented Israel for many years in partnership with Ruth Levit–Porat who finished fourth. She has won the bronze twice in the European Ladies teams and taken gold in the European Union teams.

**Véronique Bessis** who took the silver has been a European Champion four times in '83, '85, '87 and '97. She is married to Michel Bessis. They have two children, both good bridge players of the future!

**Sandra Landy** of Great Britain is a current European Champion and won the Venice Cup in 1981 and 1985.

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Congratulations to you all, the players, for the perfect atmosphere which reigned in this Generali Masters. And, of course, congratulations to the winners and the medallists and to all the people "in the money".

We all know that, as an event, this is a very special and difficult exercise, but there is no other tournament which succeeds in having both such a strong field and such a friendly atmosphere. I sincerely hope that you will all return home with the wish to speak in favour of our lovely Corsica and that you will come back soon to visit again this marvellous island.

## Men's Final Ranking

1	CHEMLA	FRA	314	300	370	368	1352	55.23
2	KOWALSKI	POL	359	327	329	334	1349	55.11
3	ROBSON	GBR	302	415	281	334	1332	54.41
4	CHAGAS	BRA	337	389	351	250	1327	54.21
5	GAWRYS	POL	408	307	321	280	1316	53.76
6	WESTRA	NTH	368	293	358	292	1311	53.55
7	HELNESS	NOR	348	331	301	311	1291	52.74
8	BESSIS	FRA	359	341	334	254	1288	52.61
9	CRONIER	FRA	303	343	354	285	1285	52.49
10	PERRON	FRA	305	363	361	254	1283	52.41
11	RICHMAN	AUS	392	358	253	271	1274	52.04
12	MITTELMAN	CAN	279	319	354	317	1269	51.84
13	MARI	FRA	331	334	345	258	1268	51.80
14	HACKETT Ja	GBR	321	317	317	311	1266	51.72
15	ZHONG	CHN	307	295	336	319	1257	51.35
16	DUBOIN	ITA	300	289	351	316	1256	51.31
17	MAHMOOD	PAK	336	329	268	321	1254	51.23
18	BALDURSSON	ICE	306	244	328	371	1249	51.02
19	KARLAFTIS	GRE	301	310	321	312	1244	50.82
20	ALLEGAERT	USA	288	326	368	261	1243	50.78
21	BOMPIS	FRA	323	362	322	235	1242	50.74
21	STOPPA	FRA	270	308	358	306	1242	50.74
23	FREEMAN	USA	340	299	297	305	1241	50.69
24	HELGEMO	NOR	264	354	313	309	1240	50.65
25	ABECASSIS	FRA	316	343	312	265	1236	50.49
25	MORSE	USA	277	292	330	337	1236	50.49

27	QUANTIN	FRA	319	321	280	313	1233	50.37
28	MULTON	FRA	324	334	257	308	1223	49.96
29	COPE	SAF	301	306	318	297	1222	49.92
30	LEVY	FRA	301	300	309	311	1221	49.88
31	WANG	CHN	344	311	291	269	1215	49.63
32	MARTENS	POL	274	390	336	213	1213	49.55
32	SZWARC	FRA	293	295	329	296	1213	49.55
34	WOLFF	USA	303	287	336	286	1212	49.51
35	ROUDINESCO	FRA	271	371	307	259	1208	49.35
36	LANTARON	SPA	285	374	274	272	1205	49.22
37	FUCIK	AUT	298	282	315	309	1204	49.18
38	HACKETT Ju	GBR	374	271	313	241	1199	48.98
39	FLODQVIST	SWE	327	270	301	296	1194	48.77
40	KHOLOMEEV	RUS	331	261	296	297	1185	48.41
41	KOKISH	CAN	328	282	282	285	1177	48.08
42	SACUL	IDN	269	323	310	273	1175	48.00
43	DELMOULY	FRA	282	249	348	287	1166	47.63
44	MOUIEL	FRA	334	288	278	258	1158	47.30
44	AUKEN	DEN	286	265	293	314	1158	47.30
46	JOURDAIN	GBR	320	287	295	255	1157	47.26
47	MAAS	NTH	277	302	266	260	1105	45.14
48	SHIVDASANI	IND	262	311	235	294	1102	45.02
49	SZYMANOWSKI	POL	309	249	252	286	1096	44.75
50	SHARIF	EGY	278	290	282	236	1086	44.36
51	LAMBARDI	ARG	276	279	283	246	1084	44.28
51	BOCCHI	ITA	304	238	303	239	1084	44.28

## Women's Final Ranking

1	ZUR-ALBU	ISR	183	166	206	555	57.12
2	BESSIS	FRA	180	179	188	547	56.30
3	LANDY	GBR	182	176	180	538	55.33
4	LEVIT-PORAT	ISR	187	198	153	538	55.32
5	SUN	CHN	160	176	190	526	54.08
6	AUKEN	GER	161	186	173	520	53.47
6	ROSETTA	ITA	195	161	164	520	53.47
8	PICUS	USA	205	149	155	509	52.34
9	DELOR	FRA	153	180	161	494	50.80
9	van der PAS	NTH	169	158	167	494	50.80
11	KHALIL	EGY	163	176	154	493	50.67
12	de LUCCHI	ITA	176	146	167	489	50.34
13	von ARNIM	GER	160	166	157	483	49.64
14	d'OVIDIO	FRA	150	177	154	481	49.50

15	SMITH	GBR	160	169	151	480	49.33
16	HARASIMOVICZ	POL	148	131	200	479	49.30
17	LISE	FRA	144	159	173	476	48.95
18	WILLARD	FRA	165	160	150	475	48.90
19	FLODQVIST	SWE	136	169	170	475	48.84
20	WANG	CHN	162	176	136	474	48.71
21	POLET	BEL	143	151	172	466	47.96
22	DHONDY	GBR	186	140	131	457	47.06
23	GORDON	CAN	154	138	165	457	47.02
24	VRIEND	NTH	145	147	163	455	46.84
25	McGOWAN	GBR	126	173	156	455	46.82
26	CRONIER	FRA	165	135	150	450	46.26
27	ERHART	AUT	131	154	140	425	43.68
28	MEYERS	USA	147	139	127	413	42.52

## Mens Second Session Revisited

### Board 18. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

This morning we reported Patrick Jourdain's successful 4♠. Fu Zhang demonstrated a show-up squeeze, albeit in a less exalted contract, to bring home 130 in 3♦.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Jason Hackett</i>	<i>Richman</i>
–	–	1♠	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Zhang got the lead of the ♥Q and naturally misguessed diamonds by running the ♦5 at trick two. Bessis won the ♦Q and played the ♥10, and Zhang cleared the trumps. Richman won his ♦A to play two rounds of clubs, but declarer ruffed the second to cross to dummy with the ♠K, ruff a heart and run the rest of the trumps.

In the two card ending, Bessis had to come down to one spade to keep the ♥J. Zhang pitched the losing heart then confidently led to the ♠A to cash his spade winner at trick 13. Since North was known to hold only one spade, the ♠Q had to be dropping - there was no point in taking the finesse.

The other player to make in 4♠ was Jean-Marc Roudinesco. The play began in the same way: ♣K to ♣A, ♥Q to ♥A, diamond to the king. Roudinesco chose now to cross-ruff. He came to hand with a second heart, ruffed his club and exited with a diamond.

West led a third club allowing declarer to make his little trump. He now ruffed a heart (West discarding), ruffed a diamond high and ruffed his last heart with dummy's last trump. With ♠K108 left in hand he could only lose one trick.

## Deschappelles Coup

Apolinary Kowalski provided this tale of an imaginative switch by Claude Delmouly in the second session of the Mens event, but it was Geir Helgemo at another table who found the most accurate defence:

### Board 6. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lantarou</i>	<i>Jason Hackett</i>	<i>Delmouly</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>
–	–	1♠	2♦
2♠	3♥	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♦	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Chemla</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Perron</i>
–	–	1♠	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
3♠	4♦	All Pass	

West led a spade against Kowalski's Four Diamonds. Declarer won and returned a spade to East. Delmouly found the good switch of ♥K. Declarer won this and also did well by leading ♦Q covered by the king and ace.

When the jack fell from West, Kowalski tried to get back to dummy by playing a club. Delmouly won, put his partner in with ♥Q and received a club ruff to defeat the partscore.

Note that it does no good for declarer to duck ♥K when it is led. East will cash ♣A and play a second heart. Declarer wins and plays trumps: Q, K, A, J. But now he cannot get back to dummy. However, as Kowalski spotted he did have a chance to make.

After winning the ace of trumps he must play a *heart*. West wins and plays a club, but now East is end-played into conceding an entry for the trump finesse.

This reveals a flaw in Delmouly's defence. He should have cashed ♣A *before* making the switch to ♥K – then declarer cannot succeed. And guess what, that is exactly how Helgemo defended against Freeman after the same start.

Freeman won the heart switch, began trumps by playing ♦Q, K, A, J, but when he tried to get back to dummy with a club, Helgemo ruffed, put his partner in with the ♥Q and received a second ruff. Two off!

# Rama Ramblings

by Barry Rigal

## The Third Session – The Men's Series

### Board 8. Love All. Dealer West

♠ J 8 7 5 2 ♥ – ♦ Q 7 5 4 3 ♣ 7 6 4	♠ A K 3 ♥ 6 ♦ K 2 ♣ Q J 10 9 5 3 2	♠ 10 9 ♥ K Q 7 5 4 2 ♦ J 10 9 6 ♣ 8	♠ Q 6 4 ♥ A J 10 9 8 3 ♦ A 8 ♣ A K
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West	North	East	South
<i>Wolff</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Cope</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♥	Dble	5♠	Pass
7♣	Pass	7NT	All Pass

Bobby Wolff and Gabriel Chagas might be virtually a first time partnership, but they produced a polished sequence, avoiding a potential catastrophe, to head for the very top spot on this board.

Wolff's 3NT showed 18–19, and thereafter the cue-bidding for clubs saw all the first round controls established. Wolff heard his partner look for a grand slam and was staring at the Ace–King of trumps. Despite the identifiable problem in hearts he trusted his partner, and jumped to 7♣. Now Chagas could see that there would be the same tricks in No Trump as in clubs and converted to the higher scoring contract, simultaneously side-stepping the heart ruff that would have beaten 7♣.

Nicely done.

Geir Helgemo is not accustomed to being outwitted, but he had to pay off to Michel Perron on the following deal.

### Board 9. E/W Vul. Dealer North.

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

Freeman led a spade, of course, to the king and ace. Helgemo ducked the second spade and won the third one, as Freeman discarded a small heart.

Now three rounds of hearts followed, and Perron did the best he could by discarding the ♣K (*not* a small club). Helgemo worked out that Perron was likely to have the ♦Q for the bidding thus far. He boldly led the ♦J and Perron covered this with the ♦Q. Helgemo took the ♦A and had to decide whether Perron had started life with a 6–2–3–2 shape or his actual hand. If the latter, a second diamond finesse would see him home with eight tricks. If the former, a club exit would endplay Michel to concede two diamond tricks at the end for down one – no great success, but no tragedy either. He decided to go for the endplay – and the defence could now cash out for three down and virtually all the matchpoints.

### Board 14. Love All. Dealer East.

♠ – ♥ Q J 6 5 3 2 ♦ J 7 5 4 2 ♣ 10 9	♠ J 8 4 ♥ 9 ♦ A 9 ♣ A K Q 8 7 6 5	♠ A 10 7 2 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ K Q 10 6 ♣ J 4	♠ K Q 9 6 5 3 ♥ K 10 7 ♦ 8 3 ♣ 3 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Zia</i>
–	–	1♦	2♠
5♦	5♠	All Pass	

Zia was allowed to bring home an impossible game contract when the defence failed to lead their own suit at either of their opportunities. Andy Robson had done well to force his opponents to the five-level, but he decided to lead the ♠Q rather than set up a diamond trick. Conversely Bessis thought there could be no diamond trick available so he shifted to the ♣J. Zia was in dummy, so led a spade to the queen then a spade back to the jack. When Bessis took his ♠A, Zia had no further problems.

On the surface of it, it appears that if Bessis ducks the second spade too, life is much harder for Zia. If declarer plays a third trump a diamond ruff disrupts the entries to dummy.

However, Zia could have succeeded by shifting his attention to clubs. Bessis can ruff the third club, but Zia simply overruffs and ruffs a heart in dummy, then plays more clubs and the defence only get the ace of trumps.

Krzysztof Martens started the tournament slowly (he was 52<sup>nd</sup> at one point), but he had been motoring up the field until encountering a reverse in a very delicate grand slam:

**Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.**

♠ 10 9 ♥ J 6 4 ♦ K Q 10 8 5 3 2 ♣ 7	♠ A 5 ♥ Q 8 5 2 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ A Q J 5	♠ 8 6 4 2 ♥ 10 3 ♦ J 6 ♣ K 8 6 4 3	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Westra</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Zhang</i>
1♠	3♦	Dble	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♠	Pass	7♥	Pass

No one could accuse Martens of holding back here, but the grand slam is not a lot worse than the club finesse. Of course, as the cards lie this line is doomed to failure, but after much thought Martens followed a different line on the lead of the ♦K. He won in dummy and ruffed a diamond, then laid down a top heart, in case a jack or ten appeared. Now he crossed to the ♠A and led a third diamond. Zhang ruffed in with the ♥10 and Martens overruffed and led the ♥9. When Westra followed small he had to decide whether to play for the drop or finesse. It is a complex question, with Restricted Choice overtones, influenced by the 7-2 diamond split. Martens eventually got it wrong. Only two declarers managed to guess the heart suit to bring in 13 tricks in the grand slam; both

Mari and Perron collected 2210 – even 1460 would have produced an excellent board.

**Ladies Round I**

To do well in an individual you have to have help from your partners. Sue Picus was in the right place at the right time, seated opposite Elizabeth Delor when it came time to find the right lead.

**Board 11. Love All. Dealer South**

♠ J 10 8 6 3 ♥ 10 7 4 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ A 4	♠ Q 7 5 4 2 ♥ Q 8 ♦ K 4 ♣ K J 10 7	♠ 9 ♥ K J 9 6 3 2 ♦ 10 8 7 3 ♣ 8 2	♠ A K ♥ A 5 ♦ J 9 6 5 ♣ Q 9 6 5 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Picas</i>	<i>Erhart</i>	<i>Delor</i>	<i>Zur-Albu</i>
–	–	–	1♣
1♠	2♣	2♥	3♣
3♥	3NT	All Pass	

Many of us would have led a heart, and conceded the contract; even a spade lead achieves no more than +50 – not a great return since 3♥ has plenty of play. But Elizabeth led a diamond to the first trick. When Sue shifted to a heart the defence had seven winners for +150 and virtually all the matchpoints.

**Ladies Second Session**

**Board 15. N/S Vul. Dealer South**

♠ K 10 8 7 6 5 2 ♥ Q ♦ J ♣ A 8 6 4	♠ 9 3 ♥ A K 8 3 2 ♦ K Q 7 3 ♣ J 9	♠ – ♥ J 9 6 5 ♦ A 9 6 4 ♣ K Q 10 5 3	♠ A Q J 4 ♥ 10 7 4 ♦ 10 8 5 2 ♣ 7 2
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Half a board on this hand from the ladies event depended on how one manipulated the spade spots. The vulnerability encouraged the field to be aggressive with the West

hand. The majority of the field opened 3♠ but 4♠ was a reasonable choice too.

The defence led a top heart and shifted to ♦Q. How do you intend to tackle the trumps? One possibility is to lead low from hand twice; if the five gets past North's doubleton nine, you follow up with the ♠K and hold your losers to three. An alternative is to lead the ♠K boldly from hand – that might get ducked (but not today). If it loses you follow up with the ♠10 to pin the ♠9. Even starting with the ♠10 has some attraction. The best straight percentage line seems to be to lead low from hand twice (start with the five, follow up with the ten to pin the doubleton nine) which picks up all the doubleton aces and a few other key doubletons.

It does not work here against best defence – but who says virtue is always rewarded?

However, the key to the hand, as Sandra Landy pointed out, is to cross back to hand with a club not a red suit ruff at trick three. If you shorten yourself artificially, you run into the danger of losing control of the hand. The danger of a club ruff is not so extreme as it may appear – it would be likely to be with a trump trick. As several players found out at the table, if you misguess the spades and shorten yourself you finish up three down.

### Mens Session Four

#### Board 6. E/W Vul. Dealer East

<p>♠ 8 6 5 2 ♥ K 7 ♦ A K J 8 3 ♣ K 7</p> <p>♠ A K Q J ♥ – ♦ Q 10 9 4 ♣ A 9 8 3 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 ♥ A Q 10 8 5 4 ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ Q 5</p> <p>♠ 7 4 3 ♥ J 9 6 3 2 ♦ 5 ♣ J 10 6 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Szymanowski</i>	<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
–	–	2♥	Pass
2NT	Dble	Pass	3♣
Dble	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Marek Szymanowski found himself in a horrid spot on Yugraph – but he managed to rescue quite a few matchpoints from the wreckage when the defensive suit-preference signals ran into some problems.

On the surface of it, the defence to 3♦ should be an abso-

lute blood bath. After four rounds of spades, East can ruff in and lead his now singleton club to his partner's ace. Then a club ruff, followed by two rounds of hearts and another club leaves declarer having to guess how to take even four tricks!

Alas for the defence, Gawrys won his spade honour by taking the jack, then leading the queen, king and ace. Quantin believed his partner had excellent clubs and so threw a heart at trick three.

He ruffed with the ♦6 at trick four, then returned the ♣Q and Gawrys took the ace as Szymanowski unblocked the king. This gave Marek an entry to dummy for the trump finesse, and he endplayed Gawrys with the fourth trump to lead a club to dummy. That let him out for –500 and a remarkable 10 matchpoints out of 24!

#### Board 7. Game All. Dealer South

<p>♠ J 10 9 6 3 ♥ A 8 ♦ 8 ♣ J 9 5 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 7 5 4 ♥ Q 10 9 7 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ Q 3</p> <p>♠ – ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ A K 9 7 2 ♣ A K 10 6 4</p> <p>♠ A K Q 2 ♥ K J 6 2 ♦ J 10 5 4 ♣ 8</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Perron</i>	<i>Delmouly</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
–	–	INT	2♣ <sup>1</sup>
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	2♦
Dble	All Pass		

#### I. Majors

With four rounds to go Chemla, in second place (who had the best score of the day at that point) met Robson, who was charging up the field and was in third place.

Both Delmouly and Chemla selected a light initial action – and one worked a great deal better than the other.

Robson started doubling for penalties at once, and led a trump against 2♦ (the worst of the 4–3 fits). Delmouly's ten forced the ace and Chemla exited with a club to the eight. Delmouly played two more rounds of trumps and Robson now led the ♣K, overtaken with the ace. Chemla pitched a heart, and Delmouly led a heart to Robson's jack, for another club to Delmouly. Chemla ruffed, but the defence now had enough winners to take the rest for a spectacular +1400.



# The Women's Series

## Ruff Result

The leader in the Womens, going into the last session, was Ruth Levit-Porat. She made excellent work of the deal from the second session:

### Board 2. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Polet</i>	<i>von Arnim</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Levit-Porat</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Levit-Porat was in a thin Four Spades as South. Valerie Polet found the good lead of a club. East won the queen and continued the suit. Declarer won in dummy, cashed ♥AK ditching her losing club, and led a diamond to the king and ace.

West now switched to ♠Q. This was taken in dummy and next came a club with East discarding a diamond. South then cashed her top diamond, throwing a heart from dummy. This was the ending with South on lead:

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

Declarer now ruffed a diamond with the nine of trumps. East over-ruffed and played a trump but this was not a success. Declarer won in hand and ruffed out the diamond suit.

If East does not over-ruff the contract fails because declarer has a strange dilemma. If she ruffs a heart next and then ruffs a diamond high, East over-ruffs and another heart promotes West's seven. By contrast, if declarer instead ruffs a club, then East over-ruffs the next diamond ruff and plays a heart, forcing declarer to ruff with the ten of trumps.

## Ladies like Jacks

In the second session of the Womens event, North had a horrible choice of leads to make on this deal:

### Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Khalil</i>	<i>Landy</i>	<i>McGowan</i>
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	All Pass

At another table against the same auction, Sabine Auken as North led the jack of hearts. She was only sorry that the six and seven of hearts were the wrong way for her – otherwise when declarer's ♥KQ dropped South's 98 she would have a finesse position to lose to the ten. (Of course, North might try dropping the seven on the second round, but it would be a very naive declarer who then finessed the six.) However, Sabine's lead succeeded in persuading declarer the hearts were not breaking and she went an extra one off trying the other suits.

At the table shown in the diagram Lilly Khalil found the very effective lead of the spade jack. This unblocked the suit and Liz McGowan, though puzzled by the sight of ♠Q10 in dummy, wisely won the ace and continued the

suit. After five spades she switched to a diamond. Declarer won and cashed four hearts but the defence made no mistake in the ending. North kept her three clubs, throwing  $\diamond K$  and made a club at the end.

### Easier to Declare than Defend

Marijke van der Pas made eight tricks in her contract of One No Trump as *West* on this deal from the second session. She was aware that the popular contract would be One No Trump by South. If opponents are non-vulnerable then her 120 would surely be an excellent score, but as North/South were vulnerable, Marijke needed to rely on inaccurate defence at the other tables if her score was to be a good one:

#### Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Van der Pas</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>McGowan</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
Dble	1♦	Dble	Pass
INT	All Pass		

The defence could make only three hearts and two aces.

At most tables, West passed over 1♣ and the auction continued unopposed: 1♥ – Pass – INT by South. If East/West find their eight tricks they score 200 but the fact is that Marijke had a top for making 120. The opening club bid by South discouraged the Wests from leading the suit and declarer usually made a spade trick at some point during the hand.



## Editor Says Thanks

It was a shock to find I had to combine the job of Daily Bulletin Editor with playing and this put a considerable extra burden upon my co-Editor, Anna Gudge. She coped very well, for which much thanks. I am also grateful to those who stepped in with contributions, particularly Barry Rigal. Additional material came from Guy Dupont, Ernest d'Orsi and Tony Gordon.

## Bulletins and Bridge on Internet

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**Buses will leave the Hotel Campo dell'Oro for the airport at the following times:**

**08h30  
11h45  
16h15**

**Each bus will leave exactly at the scheduled time, so if you are not ready it will leave without you. Please note that flights are likely to be overbooked so it is important that you get to the airport in good time for your flight.**