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

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.

#### Thanks and Congratulations From the President of the World Bridge Federation Mr José Damiani

First of all, our thanks to our sponsors, the Generali Group, one of the biggest insurance companies in the world, represented here tonight by its Communications Director, Aldo Castellani. The generous support of the Generali Group means that we can gather together so many great bridge players for this special event.

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A very final big thank you goes to Jean-Claude Beineix, the Vice President of the EBL and my assistant Christine Francin for their untiring work.

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

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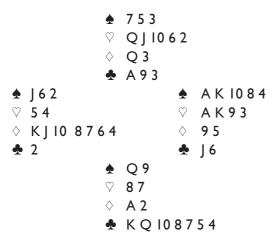
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#### Mens Second Session Revisited

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



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
Zhang	Bessis	Jason Hackett	Richman
_	_	l <b>♠</b>	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3◊	All Pass		

Zhang got the lead of the  $\heartsuit Q$  and naturally misguessed diamonds by running the  $\lozenge 5$  at trick two. Bessis won the  $\lozenge Q$  and played the  $\heartsuit 10$ , and Zhang cleared the trumps. Richman won his  $\lozenge A$  to play two rounds of clubs, but declarer ruffed the second to cross to dummy with the  $\blacktriangle K$ , 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  $\heartsuit$ J. Zhang pitched the losing heart then confidently led to the  $\triangle$ A to cash his spade winner at trick 13. Since North was known to hold only one spade, the  $\triangle$ Q had to be dropping - there was no point in taking the finesse.

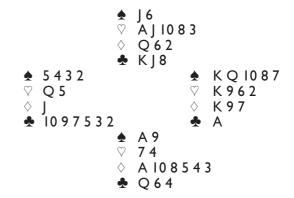
The other player to make in  $4 \pm$  was Jean-Marc Roudinesco. The play began in the same way:  $\pm$ K to  $\pm$ A,  $\nabla$ Q to  $\nabla$ A, diamond to the king. Roudinesco chose now to cross-ruff. He came to hand with a second heart, ruffed his club and exited with a diamond.

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  $\pm$ 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.



West	North	East	South
Lantaron	Jason Hackett	Delmouly	Kowalski
_	_	I♠	2♦
2♠	3♡	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♦	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	Chemla	Helgemo	Perron
_	_	♠	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  $\heartsuit K$ . Declarer won this and also did well by leading  $\lozenge Q$  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  $\triangledown Q$  and received a club ruff to defeat the partscore.

Note that it does no good for declarer to duck  $\heartsuit K$  when it is led. East will cash  $\clubsuit A$  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  $\triangle A$  before making the switch to  $\heartsuit K$  – then declarer cannot succeed. And guess what, that is exactly how Helgemo defended against Freeman after the same start.

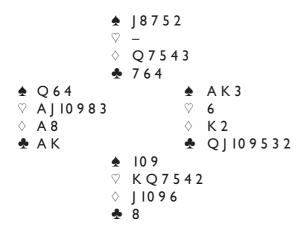
Freeman won the heart switch, began trumps by playing  $\Diamond Q, K, A, J$ , but when he tried to get back to dummy with a club, Helgemo ruffed, put his partner in with the  $\heartsuit Q$  and received a second ruff.Two off!

## Rama Ramblings

by Barry Rigal

#### The Third Session - The Men's Series

#### **Board 8. Love All. Dealer West**



West	North	East	South
Wolff	Kowalski	Chagas	Cope
I 🛇	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4◊	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♡	Dble	5♠	Pass
7♣	Pass	7NT	All Pass

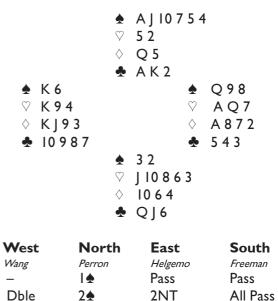
Bobby Wolff and Gabriel Chagas might be virtually a first time partnership, but they produced a polished sequence, avoiding a potential catastrophe, to head for the very top spot on this board.

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 NoTrump 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.

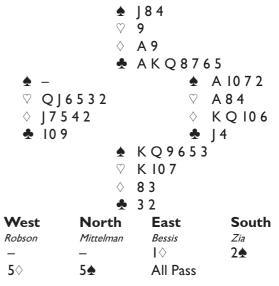
#### Board 9. E/W Vul. Dealer North.



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  $\clubsuit$ K (*not* a small club). Helgemo worked out that Perron was likely to have the  $\lozenge$ Q for the bidding thus far. He boldly led the  $\lozenge$ J and Perron covered this with the  $\lozenge$ Q. Helgemo took the  $\lozenge$ 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.



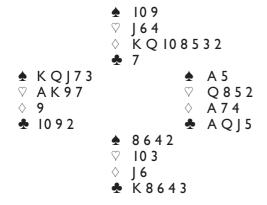
Zia was allowed to bring home an impossible game contract when the defence failed to lead their own suit at either of their opportunities. Andy Robson had done well to force his opponents to the five—level, but he decided to lead the  $\triangledown Q$  rather than set up a diamond trick. Conversely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

Krzystof 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.



West	North	East	South
Martens	Westra	Bompis	Zhang
	3♦	Dble	Pass
4♡	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♠	Pass	7♡	

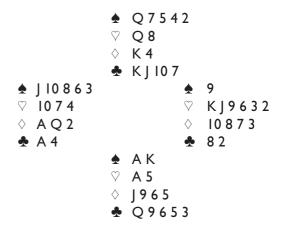
No one could accuse Martens of holding back here, but the grand slam is not a lot worse than the club finesse. Of course, as the cards lie this line is doomed to failure, but after much thought Martens followed a different line on the lead of the  $\Diamond K$ . He won in dummy and ruffed a diamond, then laid down a top heart, in case a jack or ten appeared. Now he crossed to the  $\triangle A$  and led a third diamond. Zhang ruffed in with the  $\heartsuit 10$  and Martens overruffed and led the  $\heartsuit 9$ . 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 II. Love All. Dealer South

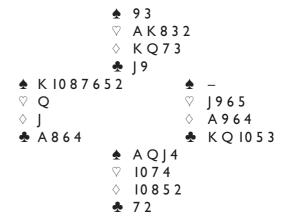


West	North	East	South
Picas	Erhart	Delor	Zur-Albu
_	_	_	♣
I♠	2♣	2♡	3♣
3♡	3NT	All Pass	

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  $3\heartsuit$  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



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.

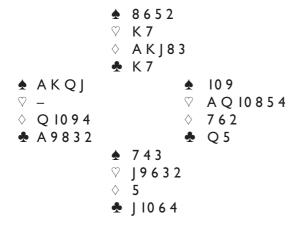
The defence led a top heart and shifted to  $\Diamond Q$ . How do you intend to tackle the trumps? One possibility is to lead low from hand twice; if the five gets past North's doubleton nine, you follow up with the  $\bigstar K$  and hold your losers to three. An alternative is to lead the  $\bigstar K$  boldly from hand – that might get ducked (but not today). If it loses you follow up with the  $\bigstar 10$  to pin the  $\bigstar 9$ . Even starting with the  $\bigstar 10$  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 yourelf you finish up three down.

#### **Mens Session Four**

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



West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Szymanowski	Quantin	Bessis
_	_	2♡	Pass
2NT	Dble	Pass	3♣
Dble	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

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

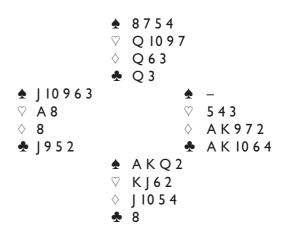
On the surface of it, the defence to 30 should be an abso-

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 leding the queen, king and ace. Quantin believed his partner had excellent clubs and so threw a heart at trick three.

He ruffed with the  $\diamond$ 6 at trick four, then returned the  $\clubsuit$ 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



West	North	East	South
Robson	Perron	Delmouly	Chemla
_	_	INT	2♣¹
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.

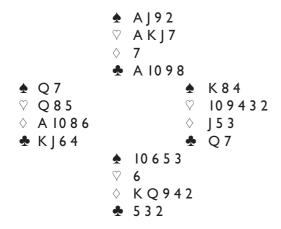
Robson started doubling for penalties at once, and led a trump against 2♦ (the worst of the 4–3 fits). Delmouly's ten forced the ace and Chemla exited with a club to the eight. Delmouly played two more rounds of trumps and Robson now led the ♣K, overtaken with the ace. Chemla pitched a heart, and Delmouly 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:

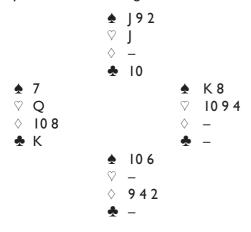
#### Board 2. N/S Vul. Dealer East.



West	North	East	South
Polet	von Arnim	Cronier	Levit-Porat
_	_	Pass	Pass
I ♦	Dble	Pass	I♠
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  $\heartsuit$ AK ditching her losing club, and led a diamond to the king and ace.

West now switched to  $\Delta Q$ . 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:



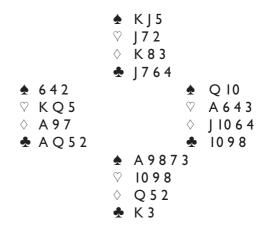
Declarer now ruffed a diamond with the nine of trumps. East over—ruffed and played a trump but this was not a success. Declarer won in hand and ruffed out the diamond suit.

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.



West	North	East	South
Willard	Khalil	Landy	McGowan
_	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	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  $\heartsuit KQ$  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.

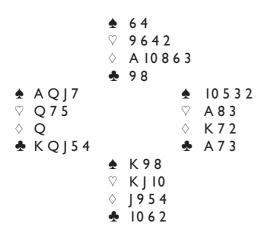
At the table shown in the diagram Lilly Khalil found the very effective lead of the spade *jack*. This unblocked the suit and Liz McGowan, though puzzled by the sight of riangle Q10 in dummy, wisely won the ace and continued the

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.



West	North	East	South
Van der Pas	Auken	McGowan	Dhondy
_	_	Pass	♣
Dble	1♦	Dble	Pass
INT	All Pass		

The defence could make only three hearts and two aces.

At most tables, West passed over  $I \triangleq$  and the auction continued unopposed:  $I \heartsuit - Pass - INT$  by South. If East/ West find their eight tricks they score 200 but the fact is that Marijke had a top for making I20. 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.

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