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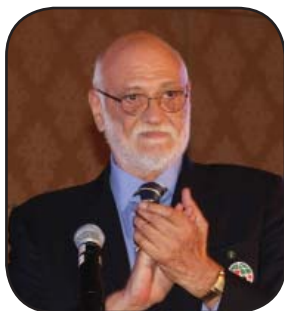
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# Patient Bali welcomes players



Dancers performing at the lively opening ceremony



In an evening of celebration of Bali's beauty and hospitality, plus a remembrance of a departed friend, World Bridge Federation President Gianarrigo Rona declared the 41st World Bridge Teams Championships open on Monday night.

"Now, at last, we are here," said Rona, a reference to the 2001 tournament that was moved from Bali to Paris after the events of Sept. 11 of that year. "Enjoy your stay in Nusa Dua."

Before that, Rona paid tribute to Jaime Ortiz-Patino, former WBF president who died earlier this year. He is credited with leading the WBF in to a new age and maintaining an influence throughout his life.

"Thank you, Jimmy," Rona said, "from the bottom of our hearts. We will not forget you."

Before Rona took the podium, President Emeritus Jose Damiani paid tribute to Indonesia and the Indonesian Contract Bridge Federation for persistence in their efforts to attract the world champions even after the disappointment of 2001. "Let's remember this happy hour," Damiani said. "We should gather all people and not divide. I wish you the best not only in play but in the future of bridge for peace."

ICBF President Dahlan Iskan welcomed the crowd in the jam-packed auditorium – teams from 32 nations had already been introduced – and concluded with this note: "It's not winning that is important, it's getting together with your old friends. I wish you all the best."

In a musical interlude between speeches, Heidi Yunus had the crowd singing along with a lively song and the chorus of "Aku malu," which translates to "I'm shy." Colorful native dancers concluded the show.



## BBO & VuGraph Schedule

Session 1				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Room
3	Netherlands	Indonesia	BB	VG
1	China	Germany	BB	OG
4	Japan	Australia	BB	BBO 2
8	USA 2	Argentina	BB	BBO 3
10	Monaco	South Africa	BB	BBO 4
11	Brazil	USA 1	BB	BBO 5
21	France	Turkey	VC	BBO 6
49	France	Germany	SEN	BBO 7
Session 2				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Room
6	USA 1	Monaco	BB	VG
27	Netherlands	China	VC	OG
2	India	Germany	BB	BBO 2
4	Indonesia	Sweden	VC	BBO 3
8	Italy	USA 2	BB	BBO 4
11	England	Argentina	BB	BBO 5
22	India	France	SEN	BBO 6
31	England	Poland	VC	BBO 7
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7	USA 1	USA 2	BB	VG
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5	Indonesia	Monaco	BB	BBO 2
10	Netherlands	India	BB	BBO 3
21	Sweden	Poland	VC	BBO 4
23	England	USA 1	VC	BBO 5
24	USA 2	France	VC	BBO 6
46	Japan	France	SEN	BBO 7

### Mobile phones and electronic devices

The following is an excerpt from the conditions of contest for this tournament.

**Mobile phones and electronic devices may not be brought into the playing area or into the toilets.**

**Any player, captain or coach bringing a mobile phone and/or electronic device into the playing area or toilets will cause his team to be fined 2 VPs (or 6 IMPs in a knockout match). In the case of pairs events, such a violation will result in the partnership's being fined €100 in all case. This penalty is mandatory. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.**

### WBF Women's Committee meeting

All the Members of the Women's Committee (or their delegates) are kindly requested to meet at 9.00 a.m. Wednesday September 15 in the WBF MEETING ROOM (ground floor of the venue).

### WBF Laws Committee meeting

The first meeting of the Laws Committee is scheduled for Thursday morning, Sept. 19, at 10 a.m. in the WBF Meeting Room on the ground floor of the convention center. The main subject will be a discussion of various proposals for changes in the laws.

## Free Shuttle Schedule

From today until September 29th

The shuttle will depart every thirty minutes to/from these hotels:

**HOTEL — BNDCC (Venue)**

**08.30 10.30**

**AMARIS PRATAMA**

**MELIA BENOA**

**COURTYARD**

**NUSA DUA BEACH**

**BNDCC(Venue) — HOTEL**

**19.00 20.30**

**ASTON BENOA**

**MERCURE**

**MELIA BALI**

**SWISS-BELL SEGARA**

# Today's Schedule

## Start Times

Morning Session

11.00

Afternoon Session

14.30

Evening Session

17.10

## Bermuda Bowl

Round Robin 1		Round Robin 2		Round Robin 3	
China	Germany	Guadeloupe	Chinese Taipei	Chinese Taipei	Argentina
Italy	New Zealand	India	Germany	Guadeloupe	Canada
The Netherlands	Indonesia	Australia	Canada	England	South Africa
Japan	Australia	Indonesia	South Africa	Japan	Germany
India	England	New Zealand	China	Indonesia	Monaco
Bahrain	Guadeloupe	USA 1	Monaco	New Zealand	Poland
Egypt	Chinese Taipei	Brazil	Poland	USA 1	USA 2
USA 2	Argentina	Italy	USA 2	Brazil	Egypt
Poland	Canada	The Netherlands	Egypt	Italy	Bahrain
Monaco	South Africa	Japan	Bahrain	The Netherlands	India
Brazil	USA 1	England	Argentina	Australia	China

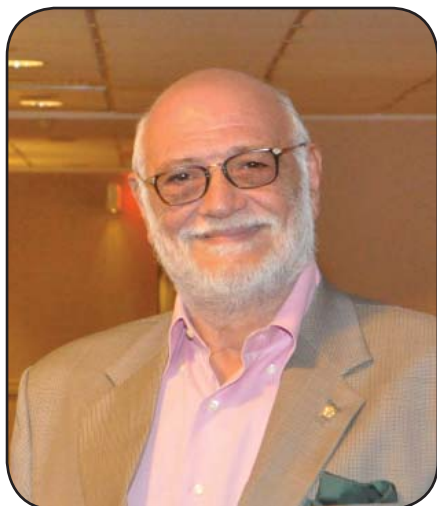
## Venice Cup

Round Robin 1		Round Robin 2		Round Robin 3	
Turkey	France	Indonesia	Sweden	Sweden	Poland
Egypt	Argentina	India	France	Indonesia	Canada
Australia	Brazil	Japan	Canada	England	USA 1
USA 2	Japan	Brazil	USA 1	USA 2	France
India	England	Argentina	Turkey	Brazil	South Africa
Guadeloupe	Indonesia	New Zealand	South Africa	Argentina	China
Philippines	Sweden	The Netherlands	China	New Zealand	Pakistan
Pakistan	Poland	Egypt	Pakistan	The Netherlands	Philippines
China	Canada	Australia	Philippines	Egypt	Guadeloupe
South Africa	USA 1	USA 2	Guadeloupe	Australia	India
The Netherlands	New Zealand	England	Poland	Japan	Turkey

## d'Orsi Trophy

Round Robin 1		Round Robin 2		Round Robin 3	
Chinese Taipei	Australia	China Hong Kong	Brazil	Brazil	Belgium
Scotland	Japan	USA 2	Australia	China Hong Kong	Germany
Canada	Guadeloupe	The Netherlands	Germany	South Africa	Poland
Egypt	The Netherlands	Guadeloupe	Poland	Egypt	Australia
USA 2	South Africa	Japan	Chinese Taipei	Guadeloupe	New Zealand
Denmark	China Hong Kong	India	New Zealand	Japan	France
Bangladesh	Brazil	USA 1	France	India	Indonesia
Indonesia	Belgium	Scotland	Indonesia	USA 1	Bangladesh
France	Germany	Canada	Bangladesh	Scotland	Denmark
New Zealand	Poland	Egypt	Denmark	Canada	USA 2
USA1	India	South Africa	Belgium	The Netherlands	Chinese Taipei





## Welcome Message from the World Bridge Federation President

**M**r. M. Taufik Nur Hidayat, representative for the Minister of Tourism & Creative Economy, Mr. Robert Emmanuel Inkiriwang, representative for the President of the Indonesian Sport Organization, Mr. Dahlan Iskan, President of the Indonesian Bridge Federation, Mr. José Damiani, President Emeritus of the WBF, Mrs. Esther Sophonpanich, President of the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Chairman of the Championship, Mr. Ernesto d'Orsi, Past President of the WBF, Authorities, distinguished guests, dear colleagues, dear players, dear friends, good evening and thank you for coming

Both on behalf of the World Bridge Federation and personally, I am very pleased and proud to welcome all of you to Nusa Dua, Bali, to participate and enjoy together the 41st World Bridge Teams Championships and 9th World Transnational Open Teams Championship.

Dear friends, two years ago in Veldhoven, at the Opening Ceremony of the 40th World Bridge Teams Championships, I was very proud to report that *"The occasion is even more extraordinary because for the first time in our history we have here, all together, five WBF Presidents. I am glad to express on behalf of the whole bridge movement and personally our gratitude to Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, Ernesto d'Orsi, Bobby Wolff and José Damiani"*.

Today I have to sadly report that, for the first time, after more than 50 consecutive years, a World Championship misses Jaime 'Jimmy' Ortiz-Patiño, who passed away few months ago. All of you know very well what Jimmy meant for bridge. Under his guidance the WBF entered its new modern era and the stimulation given by him to building the organisational and administrative structure, to developing the discipline and its image, to introducing new rules and a rigid code of ethics, is still effective today. Thank you, Jimmy, from the bottom of our hearts. We will not forget you.

Eighteen years have passed since 1995, when here in Bali, in Kuta, the Indonesian Bridge Federation hosted, under the guidance of the unforgettable Organizer Mr. Zamzami, a marvellous World Youth Teams Championship, still alive in the minds of the participants, many of whom are here today in this room.

Twelve years have passed since 2001, when, owing to sudden and unforeseen circumstances, the WBF was obliged to move the championships planned for Bali to Paris.

But now, at last, here we are, and I am sure that this will be a great event, thanks to the Indonesian authorities, the Indonesian Bridge Federation, the local Organizing Committee, the Onsite Organizer Arnold J. Ladesuw and all the sponsor-friends. To them, remarking the excellent job done, go our most sincere thanks: Without their amazing support it would be impossible for us to be able to organise this event.

Let me also renew my special thanks to the President of the Asian Pacific Bridge Federation, Esther Sophonpanich, and to my colleagues Ernesto d'Orsi and Marc De Pauw for the great job they have done in supporting and organizing this Championship.

I am sure that Nusa Dua and Bali will live up to their reputation, tradition, history and culture for offering a great welcome to all of you dear friends, players, officers, journalists and guests.

Together with my colleagues from the World Bridge Federation I am confident in being able to count on the dedication and professionalism of our staff, to offer you the best service and comfort possible, to meet your expectations and to enjoy once again a great unforgettable bridge event.

We are also confident that we can count on the cooperation of all of you to ensure the success of this event. I never tire of repeating that bridge is about more than fair play. It is a way of thinking and feeling, not just a matter of following procedures, and I am sure that, once again, this event will increase my conviction.

Thank you, dear friends, for your attention and enjoy all together the Championships and your stay in Nusa Dua.

I have great pleasure in declaring the 41st World Bridge Teams Championships officially open.

Un abbraccio to you all.

Gianarrigo Rona  
WBF President



**World Bridge Federation**

## **World Bridge Federation Medical Commission**

### **Survey “Mind & Health play together”**

*World Bridge Team Championships, Nusa Dua, Bali, September 2013*

#### **BACKGROUND**

Following the IOC mandate for Sport Federations to monitor Health status and promote a healthy lifestyle among their athletes, the WBF President, with the advice of WBF Medical Commission, identified the need for health monitoring among international athletes as a priority. For this reason, the Medical Commission undertook a Health Interview Survey program, which started with a pilot study in the 14<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Games (Lille, 2012), and will continue during the 41<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Teams Championships in Nusa Dua, Bali.

#### **WHY IT IS IMPORTANT**

Collecting data on perceived health-related quality of life, behavioural risk factors, chronic diseases and medication consumption among Mind Sport athletes is of great importance because they have particular characteristics compared to other athletes, such as a broader age range (going up to ages more prone to chronic diseases needing pharmaceutical treatment) and with a focus on mental rather than physical performance. Despite this, the WADA prohibited list and TUE procedures still do not differ much from those applied for sport disciplines mostly oriented on physical performance. The results of this survey may help WBF to inform IOC about the health needs of bridge players from all continents and provide WADA with useful data to assist the revision and adaptation procedures toward simplification of the TUE process. The WADA attention to this matter can be witnessed by the change on the prohibited list for 2013, which discontinued beta-blockers as a prohibited substance in-competition for bridge players. We are enlarging the pilot we did last year in Lille because the results were encouraging, and helped the interaction with WADA and Sport Accord organization in discussing the need to get anti-doping rules and procedures better fitting with our discipline.

#### **METHODS**

The survey will require athletes from each team participating to Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup to complete one anonymous Health Related Quality of Life (HR-QoL) questionnaire (SF36v1), possibly in their own language, and specifically validated for their own country, plus a brief interview (in English) on behavioural risk factors, chronic diseases and use of medications and dietary supplements. The interview form was developed by the board of the WBF Medical Commission, and it will be administered by authorized personnel. Individual data can only be accessed by the Medical Commission, and any further disclosure of data will be done only in an anonymous aggregated format.

#### **TIMING**

The questionnaire + interview procedure will take about 10 minutes per athlete and, to ensure privacy, will be held in ***Kintamani Room 4, Mezzanine Floor*** (on the side of escalators).

The survey will take place from ***Tuesday, September 17 to Friday, September 20*** preferably during the following time intervals: ***10.00-15.30***. The athletes may show for the procedure at the time they prefer, but to reduce queuing a schedule may be agreed upon with the team captains or the individual athletes.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Athletes who participated in the survey in Lille are not required to take part a second time.

*Thank you for your kind attention and collaboration!*

# Gems from Atlanta

By Barry Rigal

## Just one more trick

♠ 652  
♥ A3  
♦ AQ96  
♣ AJ103  
♠ AJ10  
♥ 109  
♦ 743  
♣ KQ652

West	North	East	South
—	—	1♠	Pass
Pass	Double	2♥	3♣
3♥	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Imagine you reach 3NT on this deal (you may not like that first double, but that is what happened at the table). As Edgar Kaplan said, where there's eight there's always nine. On the lead of the ♥4, you have to hope (or expect) East is 5-5 in the majors.

You win the ♥A and run five clubs. On the last club, East (who can keep only seven cards) wants to hold onto ♠KQ, ♥KQxx and the ♦Kx and the laws do not permit that.

If East pitches a spade or a diamond, you get your extra trick at once. If he lets go of a heart, you duck a spade and the opponents have only three tricks to cash. The full deal:

♠ 73	♠ 652	♠ KQ984
♥ 8754	♥ A3	♥ KQJ62
♦ J52	♦ AQ96	♦ K108
♣ 9874	♣ AJ103	♣ —
	♠ AJ10	
	♥ 109	
	♦ 743	
	♣ KQ652	

## Throw *that* textbook away

Bobby Levin gave me this following deal to see if I knew my textbook plays. See what you think (hands rotated).

Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 73	♠ K5
♥ A93	♥ K8754
♦ J1093	♦ A64
♣ A1052	♣ K74

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	1♠	1NT
All Pass			

You (West) lead the ♠7: king, ace, 2. East plays the ♠10: jack, 3, 5. Declarer leads the ♥2: 3, 7, 10. Partner now plays the ♠8 to declarer's queen. What do you discard?

Bobby knows his technical plays: partner has the ♥QJ10, and to create an entry to his hand, the right play is to jettison the ♥A. Right play, wrong hand.

This was the full story.

♠ 73	♠ K5	♠ A10986
♥ A93	♥ K8754	♥ Q10
♦ J1093	♦ A64	♦ K875
♣ A1052	♣ K74	♣ J8
	♠ QJ42	
	♥ J62	
	♦ Q2	
	♣ Q963	

After Bobby's discard, declarer ran hearts for plus 120 and all the matchpoints.

Still, at least Levin could be consoled that it got him into the newspaper – and thanks, Bobby, for being such a good sport as to report it!

## Safety Cracking

♠ Q864
♥ QJ
♦ A102
♣ AJ65
♠ AK3
♥ AK52
♦ Q8642
♣ 7

Judging how to bid the North/South cards accurately is not a simple matter. North/South are a ♦9 away from an excellent slam. As it was, 5♦ was high enough.

If they are in slam in the other room – you are playing in a team game – you cannot influence their result. Just try to make 5♦ on a heart lead.

## Solution

In simple terms, any 3-2 break in diamonds means your task is easy, so concentrate on protecting yourself against a 4-1 break. It looks like most lines work when East has four. What you want to do is cover the bases when it is West with length in trumps.

The way to do that is to win the ♥Q, cash the ♦A, then cross

to a top spade and lead a diamond towards the 10 in dummy. Even if West is left with the  $\heartsuit$ KJ9, he can score only two tricks. This is the layout you are guarding against:

$\spadesuit$ Q864 $\heartsuit$ QJ $\diamondsuit$ A102 $\clubsuit$ AJ65	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 2px;"> <span>N</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; padding: 2px;"> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 2px;"> <span>S</span> </div> </div>	$\spadesuit$ 102 $\heartsuit$ 87643 $\diamondsuit$ 7 $\clubsuit$ Q10842
$\spadesuit$ J975 $\heartsuit$ 109 $\diamondsuit$ KJ95 $\clubsuit$ K93	$\spadesuit$ AK3 $\heartsuit$ AK52 $\diamondsuit$ Q8642 $\clubsuit$ 7	

### The paths of glory

$\spadesuit$ KQ75 $\heartsuit$ 64 $\diamondsuit$ AQ1063 $\clubsuit$ 84	$\spadesuit$ AJ $\heartsuit$ A5 $\diamondsuit$ J97642 $\clubsuit$ AQJ	
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When North opens 1  $\diamondsuit$  (Precision), East doubles and you end up not in 6  $\diamondsuit$  but 3NT. We could tell you the auction, but then we'd have to kill you – and anyone can make 6  $\diamondsuit$ .

West, of course, leads a fourth-highest  $\heartsuit$ 3. Plan the play (your event is the Grand National Teams, Championship Flight). There are two obvious lines: 1) Take the first or second heart, unblock spades, lead a diamond to the ace, cash the spades and play a club; 2) Take the first or second heart, play the  $\spadesuit$ A and overtake a spade, take the club finesse then try to guess diamonds.

Both of these lines fail, and the winning answer is not only reasonable, you may feel you should have spotted it.

Win the  $\heartsuit$ A, cash the  $\spadesuit$ A and  $\spadesuit$ J, then cut loose with a heart. After four rounds of hearts, the opponents will have to lead a spade or a club (West is void in diamonds) and give you the extra dummy entry you need.

The full deal:

$\spadesuit$ 984 $\heartsuit$ J9732 $\diamondsuit$ — $\clubsuit$ 107654	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 2px;"> <span>N</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; padding: 2px;"> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 2px;"> <span>S</span> </div> </div>	$\spadesuit$ 10632 $\heartsuit$ KQ108 $\diamondsuit$ K5 $\clubsuit$ K93
$\spadesuit$ KQ75 $\heartsuit$ 64 $\diamondsuit$ AQ1063 $\clubsuit$ 84	$\spadesuit$ AJ $\heartsuit$ A5 $\diamondsuit$ J97642 $\clubsuit$ AQJ	

Thanks to Kit Woolsey for providing the problem.

### Oh, That Was Easy!

One of the most interesting play/defend problems from the Friday morning session confronted my partner here. He declared 3  $\spadesuit$  doubled:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

$\spadesuit$ 63 $\heartsuit$ KJ96 $\diamondsuit$ KQJ $\clubsuit$ QJ54	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 2px;"> <span>N</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; padding: 2px;"> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 2px;"> <span>S</span> </div> </div>	$\spadesuit$ Q10982 $\heartsuit$ 3 $\diamondsuit$ 53 $\clubsuit$ A10732
$\spadesuit$ AJ7 $\heartsuit$ 10875 $\diamondsuit$ A10984 $\clubsuit$ 8	$\spadesuit$ K54 $\heartsuit$ AQ42 $\diamondsuit$ 762 $\clubsuit$ K96	

West	North	East	South
—	1 $\clubsuit$	Pass	1 $\heartsuit$
Pass	2 $\heartsuit$	2 $\spadesuit$	2NT
3 $\spadesuit$	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

Partner (East) won the club lead and ducked a diamond to North, Richard Oshlag, who shifted to a club to kill the dummy. Oshlag won the heart exit from dummy to play a trump, and declarer could take only two aces and six trump tricks when South, Paul Munafo, ducked the trump king.

The way home at trick four is to play the  $\diamondsuit$ A, ruff a diamond and ruff a club with the  $\spadesuit$ A!


$\spadesuit$ J $\heartsuit$ 10875 $\diamondsuit$ 109 $\clubsuit$ —	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 2px;"> <span>N</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; padding: 2px;"> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 2px;"> <span>S</span> </div> </div>	$\spadesuit$ Q1098 $\heartsuit$ 3 $\diamondsuit$ — $\clubsuit$ 107
$\spadesuit$ 63 $\heartsuit$ KJ96 $\diamondsuit$ — $\clubsuit$ Q	$\spadesuit$ K54 $\heartsuit$ AQ42 $\diamondsuit$ — $\clubsuit$ —	

Declarer then leads a winning diamond, ruffed by North and overruffed. If South discards, declarer will ruff a club in dummy, so South must over-ruff and cash a heart. If he exits a trump to stop the crossruff, declarer overtakes the  $\spadesuit$ J with the queen, draws trump and gives up a club. Ta-daa!

### Too Good

Mark Itabashi, playing in the final of the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs with Ross Gabel, shared the following deals.



♠ AKQJ ♥ AJ10 ♦ 985 ♣ 653		♠ 7543 ♥ 8 ♦ AK6 ♣ KJ1097	♠ 8 ♥ KQ643 ♦ QJ732 ♣ 84
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	<i>Grabel</i>	—	<i>Itabashi</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	—

Itabashi, South, led the ♦10 to the ace.

Declarer thought it would be smooth sailing until an expected occurred surprise mid-deal. After two rounds of trumps revealed the mildly annoying 4-1 split, declarer played a club to the 10, which held(!). Believing that there were 11 easy tricks at this point, declarer crossed to another trump in dummy and played a club to the 9. Itabashi won the queen and played another diamond, essentially killing declarer's hand. Whether drew the last trump or knocked out the ♣A first, there was no way to avoid an eventual down two.

### Pitching a shutout (nearly)

Talk about a game of two halves: When the Lilienstein team from District 24 (New York) took on Gillespie from District 25 (New England), the score was 86-65 to the latter at the half. In the second half, the New York team (last year's losing finalist) held their opponents to one overtrick IMP in each quarter and won handily.

This was a flat board, however:

♠ A52
♥ A83
♦ —
♣ AK76542
♠ Q1064
♥ KQ10764
♦ A53
♣ —

You reach 7♥, and the opponents meanly lead a spade. Plan the play. The answer follows, so don't peek until you've decided.

Answer: Unless you fancy taking a spade finesse at trick one (I don't), win the ♠A. Now you need to take advantage of both club and heart breaks – not easy!

The best you can do is cash the ♣AK and lead a low club. If your right-hand opponent shows out, ruff low (or overruff) and play for 2-2 hearts: ♥K, ♥A, and ruff out LHO's high club.

If RHO follows to the third round of clubs, ruff with the ♥10. If clubs split 3-3, you play the ♥KQ and a heart to the ace. If your ♥10 holds and LHO shows out, you need 2-2 trumps, so play the ♥K, a heart to the ace and cross your fingers.

## Championship Diary

Patrick Jourdain decided to spend a few days in Hong Kong on route to Bali. Taking a trip to the Victoria Park observation deck that affords spectacular views of the skyline, he was surprised to meet fellow IBPA stalwarts John Carruthers and Katie Thorpe.

The element of luck in life should not be underestimated. Arriving at the airport Ron Tacchi took 30 seconds to obtain his visa, the same for immigration, only marginally longer to be relocated with his luggage and clear customs before proceeding serenely to the hotel.

Contrast that with the experience of Patrick Jourdain, who spent 30 minutes queuing for a visa, a similar amount of time clearing immigration and then had to search for his luggage which had been offloaded from the conveyor belt.

We were discussing the question of front page photographs. Having got stuck at three Jean Paul Meyer said there was no need to worry, as it was only day one. 'If one of us has an idea every three days....' at which point came the inevitable interjection - 'it will be a miracle'.

On 7 September the French Bridge Federation launched an advertising campaign on National Television (F2, F3 & F5) primarily targeting 50-60 year old players. The advertisements will run until 7 November and should be seen by the target audience at least eight times. Who will be the first to post it on YouTube?



Simon Cochemé reports that English cricket players have a number on their shirts that is their relative cap number, starting with the first person to play for England, Tom Armitage in 1877. Thus the current England captain, Alistair Cook, wears number 630, jostling for space with three lions and a sponsor's logo. He believes that the Australian cricket team started the practice in 2001.

A similar list has now been compiled of English Women who have played for Great Britain or England in European or World Championships, starting in 1935. The current team's numbers are Nicola Smith 46, Sally Brock 56, Heather Dhondy 69, Nevena Senior 73, Fiona Brown 81, and Susan Stockdale 82.

When I suggested to Simon that he should compile a similar list for the Camrose Trophy (which started in 1937) he said it was too difficult - but confirmed

I would not be 007.

Scotland, through the medium of their Senior Team is appearing in the World Championships for the first time. Are there any other debutants here in Bali?

