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Never say die



Robots with their human controllers doing battle in Bali (see page 2)

As expected, there was frantic action in the final three matches of the round robin qualifying in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Seniors Cup as team scrambled for coveted spots in the top eight in their brackets.

There was no action more dramatic than the comeback of the Dutch team in the Seniors. With one match to go, **Netherlands** lay ninth, nearly 6 victory points out of eighth. Against **China Hong Kong**, the Dutch fell behind 22-1 after six deals but outscored their opponents 52-1 the rest of the way to climb into eighth place. Edged out by the Dutch rally were **USA1**, who suffered a 59-15 defeat by **Poland** and dropped to ninth, 0.52 VPs out of eighth.

In the Bermuda Bowl, eighth-place **Canada** had an 8-VP lead going into the final set but had to face the bracket-leading **USA1**. As the final match progressed, **USA2** began closing in on **Canada** as they routed **India**. At one point, **Canada's** margin shrunk to 1.26 VPs, but the team recovered near the end to defeat **USA1** and earn a qualifying spot.

The leaders after a week of round robin play are **USA1**, Bermuda Bowl; **Netherlands**, Venice Cup, and **France** in the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy. **The Netherlands, Poland** and **USA** have teams in all three events.

Big changes coming at World Championships

Significant changes are in store for players who compete in world championships. World Bridge Federation President Gianarigo Rona reported on Monday that the organization's Executive Council has approved changes in the way tournaments are conducted, starting next year with the World Bridge Series in Sanya, China. (Continued on Page 3)



BBO & VuGraph Schedule

Quarter Finals Segment 1			
Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
USA 1	Canada	BB	VG
Italy	China	BB	OG
Monaco	England	BB	BBO 2
Poland	Netherlands	BB	BBO 3
Poland	USA 2	VC	BBO 4
USA 1	England	VC	BBO 5
France	Netherlands	SEN	BBO 6
Indonesia	Germany	SEN	BBO 7
Quarter Finals Segment 2			
Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
Italy	China	BB	VG
China	France	VC	OG
USA 1	Canada	BB	BBO 2
Monaco	England	BB	BBO 3
Poland	Netherlands	BB	BBO 4
Netherlands	Turkey	VC	BBO 5
France	Netherlands	SEN	BBO 6
USA 2	Scotland	SEN	BBO 7
Quarter Finals Segment 3			
Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
Monaco	England	BB	VG
Italy	China	BB	OG
USA 1	Canada	BB	BBO 2
Poland	Netherlands	BB	BBO 3
China	France	VC	BBO 4
USA 1	England	VC	BBO 5
Belgium	Poland	SEN	BBO 6
Indonesia	Germany	SEN	BBO 7

Duplimates available

The Duplimates used here in Bali will be sold at the end for Euro 2,350. You can pre-order at the Jannersten book stall on the top floor.

Airport departure tax

Please be aware that all participants must pay an airport tax upon departure. The amount is 40,000 Indonesian rupiah for domestic passengers and 150,000 rupiah for international passengers.

TD Committee meeting

There will be a TD Committee meeting on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. on the mezzanine floor.

Closing ceremony victory banquet

Preliminary information:

The Prize Giving and Victory Banquet will be held at 8.30 p.m. at the Hotel Westin on Sunday 29th September.

Before noon on Thursday 26th September:

1. Would the head of each delegation please go to the Hospitality Desk and inform them how many officials (President and Officers) will still be present in Bali for the Prize Giving Ceremony and Victory Banquet, and
2. The captain of each team (national and transnational) please also go to the Hospitality Desk to let them know whether their team will still be present in Bali to attend the Prize Giving and Victory Banquet, and how many members there are in the team (players, NPC, coach).
3. The Daily Bulletin on Friday morning will carry full details of the Closing Ceremony and Victory Banquet.

Robots doing battle in Bali

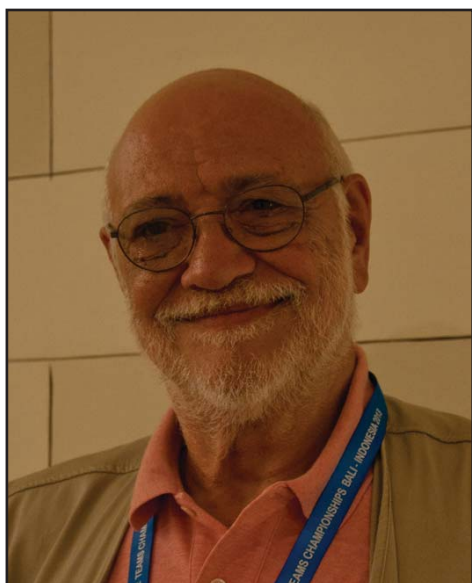
The XVII World Computer-Bridge Championships started on Monday with the top six robots entered Last year's champion, Jack (Netherlands) tries to defend its title against Wbridge5 (France), Micro Bridge (Japan), Shark Bridge (Denmark), Bridge Baron (USA) and Q-Plus Bridge (Germany).

Results are posted on the official website (www.computerbridge.com). Watch the action in Uluwatu Room 6 on the first floor of the Convention Center.

The format is a 48-board round robin covering five days with the top two finishers playing a 64-board, one-day final.

Here are the highlights for Sanya

- The first week will feature Mixed Teams and Mixed Pairs.
- All players who fail to advance in the teams will be allowed to drop into the pairs final, including the top four teams (first, second and the two teams involved in the play-off for third), provided the partnerships remain mixed.
- The same set of conditions will apply the second week, when the events will be the Rosenblum Open, McConnell Women's and Rand Cup Senior Teams, plus the Generali Open and Women's Pairs plus Hiron Senior Pairs. Members of teams failing to advance may drop into their respective events – Open Teams members into the Open Pairs, etc. Players may not cross events when they drop in.
- The teams will be played with Swiss qualifying rounds to form semi-final A and semi-final B groups. The top 27 teams from semi-final A and the top five teams from semi-Final B will begin knockout play.
- Pairs will also play to semi-final A and semi-final B groups to qualify a certain number of pairs for the final. Exact conditions are to be determined.



Gianarrigo Rona

With these conditions in effect, said Rona, it will be theoretically possible – albeit extremely difficult – for a pair to win four world championships in two weeks. Rona said consolation games will be a thing of the past. All games will be important. “It’s a real world championship,” he said.

World Bridge Games

The tournament once known as the World Team Olympiad has also made changes. Starting in 2016, for the first time, the tournament will feature National Pairs (players must be from the same country) in addition to National Teams.

Players from teams that do not advance can drop into the pairs. Rona said the change is meant to assure that every country can be represented in the championship. “Some federations,” he said, “cannot send a team to the Olympiad, but they can send one pair.”

He noted that there is a quota of one team per country, but nations are not limited to one pair.

Even more important, he said, is that starting in 2016, nations that send at least one pair to the World Bridge Games will be eligible to play in the next two World Bridge Teams Championships (Bermuda Bowl, etc.), provided they qualify in their respective zones.

“We are relaxing the rules to give people more opportunities for participation in world championships,” the president said.

No more appeals

Starting next year in Sanya, Rona said, there will be no more appeals committees at world championships. The system in use will be the same as the one introduced at the 6th Open European Championships in Ostend, Belgium, in June.

In that system, a player not satisfied with a tournament director’s ruling will be allowed to ask for a review of the process by which the TD reached the decision. If the review of the process determines that it was not adequate, an adjustment could be made.

There was only one such request during the two weeks of the tournament in Ostend, although Grattan Endicott, one of the reviewers, said there were a few cases that might have been reviewed had requests been made.

Today's Schedule

Quarter-Finals

Start Times

Morning Session	11.00
Afternoon Session	14.30
Evening Session	17.20

Transnationals

Start Times

Five 10 Board Matches

Match 1	10.00
Match 2	11.50
Match 3	14.00
Match 4	15.50
Match 5	17.40

Bermuda Bowl

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over	
USA 1	Canada	0	1.7
Monaco	England	0	4.3
Italy	China	0	2.3
Poland	Netherlands	0	6.3

Venice Cup

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over	
Netherlands	Turkey	8.0	0
Poland	USA 2	12.0	0
USA 1	England	8.0	0
China	France	2.0	0

d'Orsi Trophy

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over	
France	Netherlands	16.0	0
Germany	Indonesia	15.0	0
USA 2	Scotland	16.0	0
Belgium	Poland	0	13.0

• Anti-Doping Control

- To all captains in the quarter-finals of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup
- Anti-doping tests will be held immediately after the last session on Wednesday 25th September
- The list of players to be tested will be posted by the line-up area, outside the Vugraph rooms and at Hospitality at the end of the second session at approximately 16.50 hours.
- Captains should check this list and ensure that the selected players are told to go to the Anti Doping Control Area WITHIN 30 MINUTES of the end of play. However, if any of the selected players are not playing the last session, they should come to the Anti-Doping Control station at 6.30 pm or earlier.
- The Anti-Doping area is the Medical Room. It is on the ground floor, near Hospitality. If you stand at Hospitality, facing the doors to the outside, it is at the end of that corridor behind the screen.
- Three players from the Bermuda Bowl and three players from the Venice Cup will be selected for testing. Two reserves from each series will also be selected, and must also go to the Anti-Doping Control area, although they will be released if they are not needed.
- Failure to attend the Anti-Doping Control as required will be considered an anti-doping violation.

Double Pointer

Mark Horton

Eighth-placed England against ninth-placed China in Round 16 of the Bermuda Bowl was a classic double pointer.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 10		
	♥ 107		
	♦ J53		
	♣ J1085432		
♠ 8743 ♥ AJ83 ♦ K1086 ♣ Q	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ KJ652 ♥ Q6 ♦ A2 ♣ AK76	
	♠ AQ9		
	♥ K9542		
	♦ Q974		
	♣ 9		



Tony Forrester

I confess I am guessing about the meaning of 4♦, but the important point was that with three trumps to lose the contract was one down, a fast 10-IMP start for England.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Shi</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
—	2♣*	Pass	2♦* Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

- 1NT 15-17 may contain 5M or 6m
- 2♣ Relay to 2♦
- 2NT FG asking

South led a club and declarer won with dummy's queen and played a spade for the ten, jack and queen. When South switched to a heart declarer finessed. There were still two trumps to lose but that was +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Gold</i>
—	Pass	1♣*	1♥
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5♠	All Pass

- 1♣ Precision
- 4♦ Splinter (club shortage)
- Rdbl First-round heart control
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ 0-3 'keys'
- 5♥ Asking
- 5♠ No ♠Q

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ KQ102		
	♥ AK8652		
	♦ 105		
	♣ 7		
♠ A43 ♥ — ♦ AKQ97 ♣ AK983	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8765 ♥ QJ973 ♦ 86 ♣ 62	
	♠ J9		
	♥ 104		
	♦ J432		
	♣ QJ1054		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Shi</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
3♣	Dbl	3♦	All Pass

North led the ace of hearts and declarer ruffed and cashed the ace of clubs. North's revealing double suggested a shortage in clubs, so declarer made the textbook play of leading a low club at trick three. South won and made the natural (but fatal) looking play of returning a trump. Declarer won and played a low club. North ruffed and switched to the queen of spades but declarer could win with the ace, ruff a club, ruff a heart and score three minor-suit tricks for +110.

Say South switches to a spade at trick four. Now when North ruffs in with the ten of diamonds he plays winning spades to establish a trump trick for his partner.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Bakhshi	Zhang	Gold
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣*	1♥	Pass	Pass
2♦	2♠	Pass	3♥
Dbl	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Bakhshi	Zhang	Gold
—	—	—	1NT
All Pass			

The English pairs defence to a Strong Club is basically natural, with double promising the majors and 1NT the minors. Having overcalled in hearts North felt he had to introduce his other suit, but he had picked a bad moment.

East led the eight of diamonds and West played three rounds of the suit, both declarer and East pitching clubs. A fourth diamond was ruffed by East as declarer threw a spade, and East exited with the queen of hearts. When West discarded, declarer knew his fate, and he was soon three down; -500 and 9 IMPs to China.

West led the king of diamonds and declarer won and played back a diamond to the ten and jack. A club to the ten held and declarer exited with a diamond. West won and switched to the six of hearts and declarer put up dummy's ace and played the eight of clubs. East took the ace and should now exit with the queen of clubs, pinning dummy's jack and ensuring a one-trick defeat. When he returned the jack of spades declarer ducked, covered the next spade and when West exited with heart he took two hearts and the king of clubs for +90 and 6 IMPs for England.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ AQ83	♠ 764	♠ J105
♥ 6432	♥ A85	♥ Q107
♦ KQ109	♦ J874	♦ 62
♣ 4	♣ J82	♣ AQ973
	♠ K92	
	♥ KJ9	
	♦ A53	
	♣ K1065	

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A108	♠ 62	♠ J53
♥ 106	♥ Q87	♥ KJ932
♦ AJ7	♦ 1082	♦ 43
♣ Q10754	♣ AJ963	♣ K82
	♠ KQ974	
	♥ A54	
	♦ KQ965	
	♣ —	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Ju	Forrester	Shi
—	—	—	1NT
Dbl*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Ju	Forrester	Shi
1♣	Pass	1♦*	1♠
Pass	Pass	1NT	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♥	Dbl
All Pass			
1♦ Transfer			

- Dbl Majors
- 2♣ No preference
- 2♦ Equal length in ♠ & ♥

With an awkward lead, South tried the six of clubs and declarer won with the queen and played the jack of spades, covered by the king and ace. A heart went to the ten and South's jack and declarer ruffed the club return, played a spade to the ten, ruffed a club and ducked a heart to South's nine.

The spade return went to dummy's queen and declarer played the king of diamonds. When that held he played the eight of spades and, when North pitched a diamond, so did declarer. South could ruff, but the defenders had only one more trick; +140.

North can save the overtrick by ruffing the spade, South pitching a club if declarer throws a diamond.

South led the king of spades and declarer ducked, won the next spade with the jack, played a diamond to the ace and advanced the ten of hearts. When North covered with the queen declarer played low, hoping to find South with a singleton ace. South ruffed North's return of the nine of clubs and returned the four of spades for North to ruff. The defenders still had a trick in each red suit to come; two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Bakhshi	Zhang	Gold
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	Pass	1NT	2♦
All Pass			

West led the ten of hearts and when that held a second heart was covered by the queen, king and ace. Declarer played the

king of spades and when it held continued with the queen. West took the ace and exited with the four of clubs, declarer putting up dummy's ace and discarding his last heart. Now declarer cross-ruffed spades and clubs and might have made an overtrick by ruffing a club with the nine of diamonds. When he played a trump to the king West ducked, holding declarer to eight tricks for +90 but 5 IMPs to China.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ K107		
	♥ 4		
	♦ 864		
	♣ K87652		
♠ QJ8653		♠ A94	
♥ 83		♥ J962	
♦ K52		♦ A109	
♣ A10		♣ 943	
	♠ 2		
	♥ AKQ1075		
	♦ QJ73		
	♣ QJ		



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Shi</i>
2♠	Pass	3♠	4♥
All Pass			
2♠ 9-12			

West led the queen of spades and continued with the jack, covered by the king, ace and ruffed. Declarer played three rounds of trumps followed by the queen of clubs and West won and switched to the two of diamonds, after which the defenders took their tricks for two down; -200.



Weimin Wang

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Gold</i>
1♠	Pass	2♠	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

West took South at his word and bid 4♠.

North led his heart and South won with the ten and continued the suit, both declarer and North pitching clubs on the third round. On the fourth round of the suit declarer ruffed with the queen of spades and North discarded the four of diamonds. Declarer cashed the ace of clubs, played a spade to the nine, ruffed a club, played a spade to the ten and ace, and ruffed a club. He still had to lose a trump and a diamond for two down; -100 and 7 IMPs to England.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ K96		
	♥ 85		
	♦ Q865		
	♣ A543		
♠ 5		♠ QJ107	
♥ AJ102		♥ 93	
♦ A93		♦ KJ742	
♣ J10862		♣ KQ	
	♠ A8432		
	♥ KQ764		
	♦ 10		
	♣ 97		



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Shi</i>
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dbf	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dbf	All Pass	

2♦ Weak ♠+♥, 5-5.

South led the nine of clubs and North won with the ace and switched to the six of spades. Declarer played the jack and, when that held, unblocked the king of clubs, played a diamond to the king and ran the nine of diamonds, claiming eleven tricks when it held for +750.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Gold</i>
—	—	—	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ Relay

South led the six of hearts and declarer won with the nine and played the top clubs, North ducking twice. A heart to the queen and ace was followed by the jack of clubs and North won and switched to the nine of spades, covered by the jack

and ace. When South returned a spade to North's king declarer could claim the rest for +430 but 8 IMPs to England.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 63 ♥ 6543 ♦ A92 ♣ K852		♠ AQ109 ♥ KQJ72 ♦ Q ♣ J107 ♠ 8752 ♥ 98 ♦ K108 ♣ AQ93 ♠ KJ4 ♥ A10 ♦ J76543 ♣ 64
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Shi</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

East led the five of spades and declarer won with the nine and drew trumps in four rounds. He eventually lost four tricks for +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Gold</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥

All Pass

2♦ Transfer to hearts

As before, East led the five of spades and declarer won in hand with the ten and played the queen of diamonds. West won with the ace and switched to the king of clubs. When that held he played a second club – and that was fatal, allowing declarer to take his tenth trick with a club ruff.

East won with the club ace and tried to cash the king of diamonds, but declarer ruffed, played a heart to the ace and claimed; +420 and 7 IMPs to England, giving them a vital win by 38-16 IMPs, 15.38-4.62 VP.



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Cunning Kerri

Brian Senior

The experienced USA1 squad looks to be coasting to a high qualifying position in the Venice Cup. On this deal from Round 17, Kerri Sanborn showed that, like Yogi, she is 'smarter than the average bear.'

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ AK1032 ♥ AKQ4 ♦ J105 ♣ Q		♠ J954 ♥ J83 ♦ 972 ♣ A65 ♠ 8 ♥ 10962 ♦ A3 ♣ KJ9872
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West	North	East	South
<i>Sanborn</i>		<i>Levitina</i>	
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♣
3♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The contract would be down immediately on a diamond lead but, as in the other room, South had bid 3♣, so the Swedish North led the three of clubs. Sanborn won the ace and cashed the ace and king of spades. In the other room, after the top spades the Swedish declarer continued with a heart to the jack then two more rounds of hearts. North could see the diamond discard coming on the fourth heart so had no problem in ruffing and returning a low diamond for one down.

Sanborn, however, found a much stronger line. She continued with ace and king of hearts then a low one. It seemed to North that her partner was about to win the queen, so she failed to ruff. The heart jack won the trick, a club ruff put Sanborn back in hand and the heart queen was played for a diamond discard. There were only two diamonds to be lost and the vulnerable game was home for a 12-IMP swing to USA2.

Robert Tobing of the Indonesian Bermuda Bowl team found the same play against USA2, also successfully.

A Woman in the Open

By Christina Lund Madsen

Judith Gartaganis is one of only two women (the other representing India) to compete in the Bermuda Bowl. She plays on the Canadian Open team with her partner in both bridge and love, Nicholas Gartaganis. The couple celebrate their 25th anniversary today by participating in the World Championships in Bali.

They and their teammates earned a spot in the quarter-finals with an impressive win over USA 1 in the last match.

How did you make it to the Canadian team here at the Bermuda Bowl?

“My husband is a great player, and we have built a partnership together. In Canada, the winner of the national championship gets to represent the country in international competition. This year, I won my third Canadian championship and so our team got to represent Canada in the Bermuda Bowl.”

It is Judith's first appearance at the Bermuda Bowl. She has previously participated in the Rosenblum and the World Transnational Mixed Teams.

How does it feel to be a woman in the open competition?

“It feels good. I certainly realize I am one of the only ones. People ask me, ‘Don't you get nervous playing against men?’ Absolutely not,” she says, laughing. “I have always felt that women are less predictable to play against.”

Do you and your husband play as much as the other pairs?

“Yes, maybe more. We play on equal terms and try to play whoever is playing best.”

What is your team ambition at these championships?



“Well, we came with the hope that we may be able to make it in the top eight. If we play the way we can play, we will be OK.”

You play with your husband. There are many stories about married couples playing together. How do you make it work?

“I give Nicholas a lot of credit because he is usually the one who makes sure that we don't go to bed angry. So even if we have to talk late in the night, he usually raises things, where I tend to give him the silent treatment. We are old enough now to understand how lucky we are to have a good partner. I think he is happy to have me as a partner. I know that you would say things to your spouse that you would not say to a partner that you really love to play with, so we work hard to treat each other as bridge partners when we are at the table. It is tough though.”

Is it improving or damaging your marriage to play together?

“Definitely improving. It is so important to both of us that if it wasn't something we did together I think we both would be very unhappy. When we met, my husband was never looking for a bridge-playing partner. He just didn't want one. But there we were. And we are celebrating our 25th anniversary here in Bali.”

How long have you been playing bridge together?

“Since we met, so 26 years.”

If you have any advice for women who would like to compete in the open, what would it be?

“I think you have to go in feeling confident about yourself. There is perhaps a little lack of acceptance. I think that many men just don't feel a woman can play at the table. I like to send them away shaking their heads. It is fine if they want to underestimate me.”

So you think you get some extra points because they underestimate you?

“Yes, I think so. I don't really believe that men in general are better bridge players. They sometimes play in a different way than women do. But I think during this time I have been playing with Nick and this team, maybe a little of their way of thinking has rubbed off on me, so I tend to think a little more as they do.”

What do you think is the reason so few women play in the open?


“I don't know. A little bit of fear maybe. Or maybe good, strong teams don't ask them to play in the open. I have been fortunate. Good players and a good partner surround me.”

The match between Japan, the winner of this year's Asia Pacific Zonal Championships'; and The Netherlands, the defending World Champions, looked promising. Before the match the Dutchies were in fourth position and Japan in fifth. The first two boards were a push, but then came Board 19:

Jan van Cleeff

In spite of having 25 HCP between them, it was too hard to enter the bidding for East/West. The contract had no play and went down three.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ AKJ52		♠ 74
♥ 9		♥ K873
♦ 8642		♦ AKJ9
♣ Q73		♣ A42
♠ 83		♠ Q1096
♥ A54		♥ QJ1062
♦ Q73		♦ 105
♣ KJ1098		♣ 65

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Kaku	Drijver	Takayama
—	—	—	2♥*
Pass	3♥	All Pass	


2♥ 3-10 HCP, 5+♥ 4+♠

Closed Room

West North	East	South	
Chen	vProoijen	Furuta	Verhees
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Dbl	3NT	All Pass

South led a club to the eight, and North switched to a diamond. Kazuo Furuta won the Ace, successfully finessed in spades and diamonds, and scored the ♥K in the end: E/W +600 and 10 IMPs to Japan. Three boards later:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A43		♠ 8765
♥ —		♥ QJ973
♦ AKQ97		♦ 86
♣ AK983		♣ 62
♠ KQ102		♠ J9
♥ AK8652		♥ 104
♦ 105		♦ J432
♣ 7		♣ QJ1054

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Kaku	Drijver	Takayama
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Hiroshi Kaku's double was typically 'Bas/Sjoert' style. The Dutch pair loves to double 3NT. It often makes, but more often the opponents tend to run. Therefore it was not a surprise that Brink and Drijver stuck it out rather than running from the double.

Next question: What lead did North's double ask for: a heart, a spade or a club? When Masaaki Takayama tabled ♥10, North won the king and switched to the ♠K. Bas Drijver won the ace and put his hopes on the diamonds. When South came in with the fourth diamond, he cashed ♠J and reached his partner in hearts. Two spades were cashed for +500 to North/South.



Hiroshi Kaku

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Chen	vProoijen	Furuta	Verhees
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
3♣	3♦*	Pass	3♥
Dbl**	All Pass		

3♦ Takeout with four spades

Dbl Takeout with extras

The defenders made their legitimate seven tricks and another +500 came rolling in for Japan, good for 14 IMPs.

There was more bad news for the Dutch on this deal:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ KJ97642	
	♥ 104	
	♦ A52	
	♣ 3	
♠ 53		♠ 108
♥ AQJ		♥ 732
♦ KJ643		♦ Q107
♣ 876		♣ KQJ109
	♠ AQ	
	♥ K9865	
	♦ 98	
	♣ A542	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Kaku	Drijver	Takayama
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♠ 8-10 HCP, six or seven spades

The spade game goes down on a trump lead but East was hardly to blame when he tabled a club honour. Kaku won the ace, played ♦A and another diamond. A diamond ruff in dummy was his tenth trick – North/South +420.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Chen	vProoijen	Furuta	Verhees
–	–	–	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

2♥ 10-15 HCP, 4+♣, 5+♥

Ten tricks made for 6IMPs to Japan.

Japan scored a total of 43 unanswered, but finally on Board 31 Holland won 4 IMPs back, when the Japanese North/South pair went three down in the wrong partscore. The final result of the match was Japan 17.97 – The Netherlands 2.03 VPs and in the rankings the two countries reversed positions (still fourth and fifth).

Championship Diary

It is not unknown for members of the Bulletin team to consume the odd drop of red wine during the course of the Championships. Unfortunately, so far the bottles have been of dubious provenance and somewhat disappointing.

However, when a cork was removed on Friday evening Jean Paul remarked “at least it makes the same sound as real wine.”

It's an old joke but worth repeating – why isn't Bas Drijver the “coach” of the Dutch team?

When Patrick Jourdain saw the sign I♥BALI, he remarked, “Is that four- or five-card-majors?”

It is more than likely that many of the players here in Bali will have crossed the threshold of London's Young Chelsea Bridge Club at some point on their travels. They will be sorry to hear of the passing of the club's guiding light, Warwick Pitch. Apart from the club, which continues to flourish, his legacy is in having helped numerous young players who found a home away from home in the club. They include two members of the current England team, David Bakhshi and Andrew Robson (the latter being famous for his inability to tally the bar takings). It was typical of Pitch's generosity that when he retired in 2000, he simply gave away the club to its members. Sic transit gloria mundi.

Apart from the Daily Bulletins and the main WBF website, www.worldbridge.org you will find a wealth of information on the WBF's facebook page, which is located at: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldBridgeFederation>

Other sites worth visiting include:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/bali-videos.aspx>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lJ5Ez1FPnMg>

Catherine D'Ovidio – the heart behind the golden medal

By Christina Lund Madsen

I had never really talked to her and, as most female bridge players would be, I was a little intimidated by Catherine D'Ovidio. At the bridge table, she plays quickly and without mercy, not a smile climbs by, her eyebrows raised in constant impatience with her opponents' slow play.

This summer I met her in Atlanta for the North American Bridge Championships. Early one morning I saw her sitting on the balcony outside, enjoying her morning cigarette and breakfast, consisting of an espresso. I plucked up the courage to join her, and this was the first of many mornings with common jetlag and intimate conversations.

One of the first things that struck me was how positive and obliging she is. No matter who came by for a small chat, they left escorted by a remark from her part such as, "He is so nice" or "She is such a sweet girl."

However, getting to know her better I also heard her speak less agreeably about one or two characters. Catherine is passionate and is not shy about expressing her feelings. There's not a lot between love and its opposite for her.

The second part was her passionate way of talking about bridge. As a contrast to her self-confident air at the bridge table, she is humble and grateful of the privilege to live her life as a bridge professional.

Do you ever get nervous having won so many championships?

"Yes. Every time before the first board of a match, I have to take my hands with the cards under the table to hide that they are shaking."

Catherine conveys that she did not win her first World Championship until Istanbul 2004, when she won the World Transnational Mixed Teams with Paul Chemla and Sabine Auken/Zia Mahmood. Since then she has added the Venice Cup in 2005 and 2011, not to mention a countless number of European Championships. She is currently ranked as No. 1 on the WBF world ranking and in Bali to defend her world title with the French women.

Bridge to heal the heart

How did you start to play bridge?

"I was heartbroken at 19 years old and my parents tried to make me forget and told me: 'Come to the bridge club and try to play bridge.' So I took my first lesson and we went back home and during the dinner I told my parents 'One day I will be world champion'. They were laughing at me: 'Are you crazy?' 'I will be, for sure I will be,' I said."

Catherine was married to a good bridge player. He taught her a lot, but after they had a daughter together he wanted her to give up bridge. That was impossible for Catherine, who decided to give up her husband instead.



Catherine d'Ovidio

At 38, Catherine remarried. Her husband, Pierre, is 23 years her senior. Although this is now 16 years ago, he still occupies her heart entirely. After ten intense days in Atlanta, she told how she missed him and wanted to see if she could catch an earlier flight.

She did not manage to change her flight, but with radiant eyes she conveyed that he was coming with her to Bali.

What is your best bridge experience?

"The first time I made the trials in France. My partner and I were both 25 and we knew we had to make the top two to qualify for the team. The level was not as high as now, but it was very difficult for us and we finished second. For one week I felt like on a cloud, dreaming. We won the European Championships that year, but it was not as exciting for me as making the trials."

What vexes you the most about your bridge life?

"I am obliged to be compared with women but I would like to be compared with men. I would like to stop playing bridge in the ladies and start to play for the open, but it is not so easy to find a partner. I know I will never be European or World Champion in the open, but I would like to play."

Is there any person who had a significant influence on you?

"Do you know Arsène Wenger? I love this guy and I met him in Paris in 2001 when we played the World Championship. My captain knew I loved him and introduced me to him and told him I was playing the World Championship final."

Although Wenger is a legendary football coach for Arsenal and not a bridge player, Catherine's captain asked him to give her a good advice.

“He told me: ‘You are playing the final now. Don’t put the pressure on you. Put it on the opponents.’ Even though we lost this championship, I thought a lot about this sentence.”

However, Catherine is known not only for putting pressure on her opponents. She has a reputation for doing the same to her partners; a fact that she acknowledges.

How would you describe yourself in three words?

“Emotional.” Without hesitation. “Difficult partner, lovely teammate.”

And not bridge-related?

“Hmm, maybe you should ask my husband.” She laughs. “I don’t know the word in English. You know when you shout and I can speak rudely when I don’t like something.”

Temperamental?

“Yes.” She laughs. “And a silly grandmother.”

What is the favourite part about your bridge life?

“It is not just the game. The thing I love about playing bridge at this level is to travel and to meet people I only see every six months or two years and hearing about their lives. I am very curious and I love to meet a lot of people and hear about their lives outside bridge. I think for this reason I would never want to stop playing bridge.”

Catherine D’Ovidio in short

54 years old. Married to Pierre D’Ovidio for 16 years. Has a daughter and a granddaughter, the latter turning five in October.

Three times World Champion and a countless number of European and American titles.

Number One in the WBF world ranking, to which she laughingly comments: “I don’t know why I am number one; it is a pair game, so it should be a rank for pairs, not persons. I have had very good partners.”

Full-time bridge professional for almost her entire life. In the beginning of her bridge career she worked at a club as director, etc. before becoming a full-time pro.

For one year before forever devoting herself to the bridge world she worked for a company in France. “They were very proud of me because of the bridge, but to improve your level within this firm you had to be a man. That is why I stopped.”

If you could choose any partner for a random tournament, who would it be?

“Giorgio (*Duboin, ed.*). I have known him for 30 years and I love him and his wife. To me he is the nicest top player in the world.”

Who are your most dangerous competitors in this championship?

“The Netherlands, both USA-teams, China and England. Did I forget someone? I hope not. They will be angry with me.”

Grattan Endicott, Honorary Secretary of the Laws Committee

Following the retirement of Grattan Endicott, he has been elected as the Honorary Secretary of the Laws Committee.

Grattan Endicott has been a member of the Laws Committee of the WBF for more than twenty five years, starting in 1987.

His eagerness to contribute to the quality of the Laws always has received general admiration. He had strong views regarding the desired development of the Laws and was not always easy to convince that other views could have similar quality, but once convinced, calmly accepted them.

His ability in handling the English language was extraordinary, using the flexibility and the possibilities of this language in all its aspects, though sometimes the results were not always easy to understand for foreign tongues. However, this quality made it automatic to appoint him as Secretary to the Laws Committee and made it even more fitting for him to guide the Drafting Committee for the 2007 Laws through its long and laborious task.

While others decide to take life more easily when they reach their seventies, Grattan continued working on full speed until now, having recently reached the age of ninety. A possible explanation was undoubtedly that nobody would have realised his age and indeed he seemed unaware of it himself. Perhaps that is what the love of doing a job that gives you and your colleagues great satisfaction does for you.

The Laws Committee has recognized his enormous value for the Laws of Bridge over more than three decades and has asked the Executive Council of the WBF to elect Grattan Endicott as Honorary Secretary of the Laws Committee. The Executive Committee unanimously and with well-deserved applause has done so.

The Master's Footsteps

Mark Horton

Krzysztof Martens, the outstanding Polish player, author and coach has an excellent website (<http://www.martensuniversity.com>).

On the subject of table presence he observes that the genuine master, thanks to his experience and ability to concentrate, can frequently take advantage of numerous extraneous factors at the table:

- perception
- noticing and apprehension
- attention and impression

Although at this tournament he is working as coach to team Monaco, there can be little doubt that his influence will have rubbed off on the Polish players appearing in the Championships. In Round 14 of the Venice Cup, Poland's Anna Sarniak made one of the plays of the tournament.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ KJ862 ♥ J54 ♦ Q764 ♣ 3</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ AQ106 ♦ A1085 ♣ AQJ86</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 10px auto; text-align: center; color: white;"> N W E S </div> <p>♠ AQ95 ♥ 98732 ♦ — ♣ 9752</p>	<p>♠ 10743 ♥ K ♦ KJ932 ♣ K104</p>
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In the Open Room North, declarer in 4♥, was under no pressure and scored +620, losing two trumps and a club.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Sarniak	Wolpert	Baldysz
—	1♣*	1♦	1♠*
3♦	6♥	All Pass	
1♣ Polish Club, 11-14 or 17+			
1♠ Both majors			

East led the three of diamonds and declarer ruffed in dummy and paused to take stock.

Clearly the diamonds were 5-4, and it was more than likely that the spades would be divided the same way, which placed nine of East's cards. It was also clear that West must have one of the top diamonds.

The obvious line was to take the club finesse, intending to safety play the trump suit if it worked, but Ania could see an objection to that line of play – if the clubs were 1-3 East would win and give her partner a club ruff.

Meanwhile, she couldn't help but notice how relaxed East appeared, even taking time out to unwrap a sweet. While defending a slam

Her mind made up Anna, played a heart to the ace.

When his majesty appeared, Ania ruffed a diamond and ran the nine of hearts. The ace of spades took care of her diamond loser, after which she drew the outstanding trump and played the ace of clubs, followed by the queen, claiming as East won with the king; +1430 and 13 IMPs.

Women's Cavendish? It's possible

Organizers of the Cavendish Invitational Pairs, set to be played next month in Monaco for the second straight year, are hoping to attract 20 women's pairs to compete in a Ladies Cavendish this year.

Jean-Charles Allavena, president of the Monaco Bridge Federation, said interested players should contact him immediately. If enough women's pairs enter, the Ladies Cavendish will be played alongside the Cavendish Invitational Pairs, which will take place Oct. 23-25. The plan is for the women to play the same number of boards and likely the same boards.

So far, Allavena said, 11 women's pairs have confirmed that they will participate and nine have indicated serious interest.

Entry fees are to be €750 per pair plus a minimum of €2000 for the auction. More than 90% of these funds will be distributed, Allavena said.


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Venice Cup **USA 2 v. Netherlands** Round Robin 18

Brian Senior

With four rounds to go in the Venice Cup round robin, The Netherlands headed the rankings while USA2 lay fourth. While both looked sure to qualify for the knockout stages, this was still an important match as a high qualifying position gives rights regarding the selection of opponents for the knockouts.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q765	
	♥ A52	
	♦ Q1084	
	♣ K2	
♠ K943		♠ J8
♥ J96		♥ K874
♦ KJ62		♦ 73
♣ 93		♣ QJ874
	♠ A102	
	♥ Q103	
	♦ A95	
	♣ A1065	

West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Zur-Campanile	Arnolds	Meyers
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			


West	North	East	South
Levin	Wortel	Wolpert	Michielsen
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A simple natural auction saw Jill Meyers, for USA2, declare 3NT from the South seat. Wietske van Zwol led the two of diamonds round to her nine so Meyers continued with ace and a third diamond to the king, Carla Arnolds pitching the four of hearts. Van Zwol returned the nine of clubs to the jack and ace and Meyers led a second club to dummy's king then a spade to the ten and king. Van Zwol returned a spade to the jack and ace. Meyers led a spade to the seven and cashed her winners; nine tricks for +600.

Mieke Wortel responded 1♥ with the North hand, transfer to spades, and Marion Michielsen's 1NT rebid showed a weak no trump type with fewer than four spades. Two Clubs was a puppet to 2♦ and 2NT was natural and invitational, suggesting only a four-card spade suit. Looking at a maximum, Michielsen went on to game. Jenny Wolpert led the seven of clubs and Wortel did read this

as fourth-best so did not put in dummy's ten and had to win her king. She ran the queen of diamonds to the king and back came a club to the jack and ace. A spade to the queen scored but now a second diamond finesse lost and back came a diamond. Wortel tried to split the spades now then exited with the fourth spade. A heart through gave the defence a sixth trick for down two and -200; 13 IMPs to USA2.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ AQ843	
	♥ K108	
	♦ A1073	
	♣ 4	
♠ 6		♠ 975
♥ AQ3		♥ J9754
♦ KQJ52		♦ 84
♣ 10876		♣ 932
	♠ KJ102	
	♥ 62	
	♦ 96	
	♣ AKQJ5	

West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Zur-Campanile	Arnolds	Meyers
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Levin	Wortel	Wolpert	Michielsen
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	1♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The two auctions began in effectively identical fashions, as Wortel's 1♥ bid was a transfer to spades. When partner could make a jump raise, Migry Zur-Campanile simply checked on key cards and bid the small slam on finding partner with two. Wortel, by contrast, cuebid and accepted her partner's sign-off in game.

On a heart lead, 6♠ by South is only about a 50% shot, but it is much better when played by North, as only a very bad break in a black suit prevents declarer from getting rid of his hearts on the clubs and claiming 12 tricks. On this deal, therefore, the Dutch transfer responses to a 1♣ opening were a negative factor, though of course the heart was onside all along so slam was quite cold. With no problem in the play, Michielsen scored +480 but Zur-Campanile +980, for 11 IMPs to USA2, who led by 24-1.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ 1083	
	♥ A1097	
	♦ A4	
	♣ J1098	
♠ KJ6		♠ A9754
♥ KJ86432		♥ Q
♦ J2		♦ KQ976
♣ Q		♣ 54
	♠ Q2	
	♥ 5	
	♦ 10853	
	♣ AK7632	



West	North	East	South
<i>Van Zwol</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♣
3♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Michielsens</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♥	3♣	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	



Jill Meyers

Jill Levin opened the West hand while van Zwol did not. Van Zwol's pass led to a purely competitive auction in which game was never a consideration for E/W, who stopped safely in 3♠. The opening bid and free 2♥ rebid inevitably led to game being reached, Wolpert judging that her bare queen in partner's long suit would be adequate support – as indeed would have proved to be the case on a three-two heart split. However, the bad trump split not only meant that 4♥ was doomed to failure, it also meant that Wortel could double the final contract.

Wortel led the jack of clubs against 4♥ doubled. Michielsens won and continued clubs, Levin ruffing and playing a heart. Wortel won the ace and played a third club, ruffed. Levin cashed the king and jack of hearts then played on diamonds, losing the diamond ace and heart ten for one down and –200.

The lead to 3♠ was the king of clubs but the sight of dummy prompted Meyers to switch to her singleton heart. Zur-Campanile won the ace and cashed the ace of diamonds then led a club, forcing dummy to ruff. Arnolds continued by playing king of spades and jack of spades to her ace so lost a trump trick but had the rest for +140 and 8 IMPs to The Netherlands, closing to 11-24.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ AJ10954	
	♥ 843	
	♦ 3	
	♣ 1086	
♠ 872		♠ K3
♥ KQJ106		♥ A95
♦ A1054		♦ K9862
♣ Q		♣ KJ4
	♠ Q6	
	♥ 72	
	♦ QJ7	
	♣ A97532	



West	North	East	South
<i>Van Zwol</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
–	2♠	Dbl	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Michielsens</i>
–	2♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Would you take any action with the East cards when right-hand-opponent opens with a weak 2♠? There is no ideal action, holding a weak no trump with only three hearts, but at the same time East does have 14 HCP in good cards including a well-placed spade king. Wolpert judged to pass while Arnolds doubled. Either could have been the winning choice on any given day, but today was the day for action.

Van Zwol jumped to 4♥ opposite the double and with the spade ace onside there was just one loser in each side suit for a quick and painless +620.

When Wolpert passed, Michielsens made a pre-emptive raise to 3♠ on her queen-doubleton and that ended the auction. Wolpert led the two of diamonds to Levin's ace and back came a trump. Wortel finessed so Wolpert won the king and played back a second spade. Wortel overtook dummy's queen to play a third trump then tried the ten of clubs from hand. Wolpert avoided crashing the defensive honours, playing low, so there were two clubs to be lost, plus three hearts, and the contract was three down for -300 but 8 IMPs to The Netherlands; 20-29.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 86 ♥ AQJ9 ♦ AK109742 ♣ —	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q10954 ♥ 1087 ♦ 53 ♣ 542	♠ A732 ♥ K5 ♦ Q ♣ AKJ1063
		♠ KJ ♥ 6432 ♦ J86 ♣ Q987	

West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Zur-Campanile	Arnolds	Meyers
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Levin	Wortel	Wolpert	Michielsens
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Levin bid her diamonds three times then admitted to a heart stopper. At no time did she appear to have shown anything other than a minimum opener with long diamonds, but Wolpert made a slam try, judging that the bare queen should be good facing a partner who had bid the diamonds for a third time rather than bid no trump at her third turn. Now Levin came to life, jumping to 6♦, but the good grand slam was never in the picture; +940.

Van Zwol treated the West hand in a much stronger fashion, reversing then jumping in diamonds. When Arnolds made a slam try, van Zwol again jumped, this time to 6♦, and facing that series of positive actions Arnolds added a seventh. With diamonds behaving as hoped, there was nothing to the play; +1440 and 11 IMPs to The Netherlands.

Having trailed for much of the match, the Dutch had come through to win it by 36-30 IMPs, 11.76-8.24 VP.



Meike Wortel

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Bridge finds a strong supporter

By Jos Jacobs

Those who were present at the previous edition of these World Championships will no doubt remember Hans Melchers. He was the man who, back in 2009, graciously offered to the WBF to be the principal sponsor of the 2011 Championships. His offer was accepted and a great tournament in 2011 was the result.

For the current edition of these World Championships, Indonesia were in the same happy position, as Michael Bambang Hartono was willing to be the main sponsor of this event here on the marvelous island of Bali. For the Daily Bulletin staff, it was only logical to find a way to give you some more information about his background and his attitude in life and, not in the least, about the reasons for his long-standing interest in bridge.

Bambang Hartono was born in Semarang, just after the outbreak of World War II in Europe. At the time, Indonesia was not yet an independent country but was still under Dutch rule. Shortly after the country's Declaration of Independence (August 17, 1945), little Michael, at the normal age of six, had to go to elementary school in Semarang, the city to which the family had moved.

Already then, he had shown his first interest in bridge in his family circle in a traditionally well-known way. His uncle was playing bridge and he started running around the table trying to work out for himself what they were doing there. Apparently, his talents came to light quite early, as he was soon invited to join their game as the fourth player whenever one of the customary players was missing.

Shortly after, his family moved to Yogyakarta, where his father had accepted a job with the newly formed Indonesian Naval Police.

A few years later, in 1951, on the birthday of Indonesia's national heroine Raden Ayu Kartini (April 21, 1879) Bambang Hartono's father started a tobacco company, called PT Djarum, based in Kudus, a town in East Java, about 50 km east of Semarang. The company's headquarters are located there today. In the meantime, Bambang went to high school in Menteng, Jakarta, at the Kanisius College, a Roman Catholic high school that still exists. After that, he went back home to study economics at Semarang's Universitas Diponegoro.

When his father died unexpectedly in 1963, he and his younger brother, Budi, inherited the company. A few years later, the company's directors asked themselves whether there would be anything they could do to promote the international image of their by-then still very young country. They decided there were two fields of sport in which Indonesia should be able to play an important role at world level: badminton and bridge. That viewpoint has been proven to be



Michael Bambang Hartono

correct. Indonesians have been competing at the world level in both these sports ever since.

On the national bridge level, Bambang Hartono has also been strongly promoting bridge. He instituted the Djarum Bridge Club in Semarang in 1968 and, in 1971, took the initiative to stage a national and international teams tournament every year in Semarang, until it was discontinued in 2004.

He is particularly enthusiastic about Junior bridge. In his opinion, every young person should play bridge. To him, it is the ideal training for everyone who wants to become a good leader, a good manager. If you are playing bridge, you are not alone, you always have to play with a partner and, quite often, with teammates as well. In doing so, you will learn how to tackle tricky situations within the partnership or the team. Equally important is that you are forced to take pretty fast decisions, as a new board would arrive every eight minutes. The correct approach to each board would be, in the order of steps, to first exchange information with your partner, then analyse it, make the necessary deductions and finally make a decision about what to do next, about the best strategy for the board in play.

One might say, Bambang Hartono continues, that playing bridge is like a positive type of brainwash, teaching you the best way of thinking, learning and working, which will be equally useful to you in your everyday work..

As a consequence of his views expressed above, Bambang Hartono would strongly recommend the national government and bridge authorities to teach bridge, even as a mandatory subject, at high schools all over the country again.

Final Butler score for Bermuda Bowl			
Players	Butler	Country	Boards
SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju - TEWARI Rajeshwar	1.75	India	16
FANTONI Fulvio - NUNES Claudio	1.12	Monaco	256
PELLEGRINI Carlos - RAVENNA Pablo	1.00	Argentina	16
BOCCHI Norberto - MADALA Agustin	0.99	Italy	256
LEVIN Robert (Bobby) - WEINSTEIN Steve	0.99	U.S.A.	224
KRANYAK John - WOLPERT Gavin	0.80	U.S.A.	224
BURAS Krzysztof - NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz	0.78	Poland	239
DE WIJS Simon - MULLER Bauke	0.69	Netherlands	224
HELGEMO Geir - HELNESS Tor	0.69	Monaco	256
FORRESTER Tony - ROBSON Andrew	0.63	England	112
LAURIA Lorenzo - VERSACE Alfredo	0.63	Italy	224
PIEKAREK Josef - SMIRNOV Alexander	0.56	Germany	240
BRINK Sjoert - DRIJVER Bas	0.51	Netherlands	272
BALICKI Cezary - ZMUDZINSKI Adam	0.48	Poland	256
BAKHSI David - GOLD David	0.47	England	112
LIAN Ruoyang - SHI Haojun	0.36	China	224
JU Chuancheng - SHI Zheng Jun	0.35	China	256
MAHMOOD Zia - MARTEL Chip	0.35	U.S.A.	240
KARWUR Franky Steven - SACUL Denny	0.34	Indonesia	96
KORBEL Daniel - WOLPERT Darren	0.29	Canada	288
BAKHSI David - TOWNSEND Tom	0.28	England	144
CHEN Dawei - FURUTA Kazuo	0.28	Japan	240
ALLFREY Alexander - ROBSON Andrew	0.26	England	144
LAMBARDI Pablo - RIZZO Leonardo	0.25	Argentina	256
BATHURST Kevin - DWYER Kevin	0.23	U.S.A.	224
DUBOIN Giorgio - SEMENTA Antonio	0.22	Italy	192
FLEISHER Martin - KAMIL Mike	0.22	U.S.A.	160
GEORGE Julius Anthonius - KARWUR Franky Steven	0.20	Indonesia	240
GARTAGANIS Judith - GARTAGANIS Nicholas	0.19	Canada	192
ROSENBERG Michael - WILLENKEN Chris	0.18	U.S.A.	272
KAKU Hiroshi - TAKAYAMA Masaaki	0.15	Japan	224
FRITSCHER Joerg - ROHOWSKY Roland	0.12	Germany	224
SMITH Jeff - THURSTON Paul	0.11	Canada	192
INO Masayuki - TERAMOTO Tadashi	0.10	Japan	208
CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - VILLAS-BOAS Miguel	0.10	Brazil	224
ASBI Taufik Gautama - TOBING Robert Parasian	0.09	Indonesia	336
FORRESTER Tony - GOLD David	0.07	England	160
WANG Weimin - ZHANG Bangxiang	0.07	China	192
KANETKAR Avi - THOMSON Matthew	0.02	Australia	256
CAMBEROS Hector - PELLEGRINI Carlos	0.01	Argentina	224

Final Butler score 21 for Venice Cup			
Players	Butler	Country	Boards
BROWN Fiona - STOCKDALE Susan	1.01	England	208
PASMAN Jet - SIMONS Anneke	0.94	Netherlands	224
LIU Yan - YAN Ru	0.89	China	256
BALDYSZ Cathy - SARNIAK Anna	0.82	Poland	224
MICHELSEN Marion - WORTEL Meike	0.82	Netherlands	224
OYMEN Ozlem - YAVAS Dilek	0.64	Turkey	224
DEAS Lynn - PALMER Beth	0.63	U.S.A.	272
WANG Liping - WANG Wen Fei	0.62	China	240
ADUT Vera - ATALAY Belis	0.61	Turkey	192
LEVITINA Irina - SANBORN Kerri	0.60	U.S.A.	288
DUFRAT Katarzyna - TACZEWSKA Joanna	0.59	Poland	224
ARNOLDS Carla - VAN ZWOL Wietske	0.58	Netherlands	224
MEYERS Jill - ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	0.51	U.S.A.	240
CUMPSTONE Karen - EATON Joan	0.47	Canada	224
SATO Makiko - SHIMAMURA Kyoko	0.45	Japan	224
RADIN Judi - SONSINI Barbara	0.44	U.S.A.	112
LEVIN Jill - WOLPERT Jenny	0.44	U.S.A.	208
RIMSTEDT Sandra - SJOBERG Emma	0.42	Sweden	224
ALEGRE Eleonora - HERRERA Florencia	0.40	Argentina	240
D'OVIDIO Catherine - NEVE Joanna	0.40	France	240
GAVIARD Daniele - REESS Vanessa	0.38	France	208
EYTHORS DOTTIR Hjordis - SEAMON-MOLSON Janice	0.33	U.S.A.	224
KAZMUCHA Danuta - ZMUDA Justyna	0.33	Poland	224
CRONIER Benedicte - WILLARD Sylvie	0.29	France	224
AHLESVED Catharina - GRONKVIST Maria	0.25	Sweden	224
DEWI Suci Amita - MURNIATI Kristina Wahyu	0.17	Indonesia	272
ACAR Asli - KURANOGLU Serap	0.16	Turkey	256
FUKUYOSHI Yuki - YANAGISAWA Akiko	0.15	Japan	208
BOURKE Margaret - LUSK Sue	0.13	Australia	224
BROCK Sally - SMITH Nicola	0.13	England	224
CIMON Francine - SUMMERS-CALEY Sylvia	0.12	Canada	224
BOJOH Lusje Olha - TUEJE Julita Grace	0.06	Indonesia	256
PAIN Leda - VARGAS DE ANDRADE Isabella	0.06	Brazil	256
DHONDY Heather - SENIOR Nevena	0.00	England	240

Final Butler scores for d'Orsi Trophy			
Players	Butler	Country	Boards
PASSELL Mike - WOLD Eddie	1.20	U.S.A.	64
MAAS Anton - VRIEND Bep	1.11	Netherlands	256
ELINESCU Michael - WLADOW Entschö	1.05	Germany	240
GRENTHE Patrick - VANHOUTTE Philippe	1.04	France	224
LASSERRE Guy - POIZAT Philippe	1.01	France	224
LASUT Henky - MANOPPO Eddy M F	0.89	Indonesia	336
BIGDELI Famarz - COENRAETS Philippe	0.86	Belgium	224
JACOBUS Marc - PASSELL Mike	0.82	U.S.A.	112
KRATZ Ulrich - STRATER Bernhard	0.77	Germany	208
BATES Roger - HAYDEN Garey	0.70	U.S.A.	240
AHMED Syed Sujauddin - HAQUE Brig-Gen Azizul	0.66	Bangladesh	32
MUKHERJEE Kamal Krishna - SADHU Alok	0.62	India	224
KLUKOWSKI Julian - MARKOWICZ Victor	0.53	Poland	176
JACOBUS Marc - WOLD Eddie	0.51	U.S.A.	144
LASOCKI Krzysztof - RUSSYAN Jerzy	0.51	Poland	240
MURDOCH John - SIME Iain	0.50	Scotland	224
KAPLAN Alain - POLET Guy	0.45	Belgium	224
COYLE Willie - SILVERSTONE Victor	0.43	Scotland	240
CHAMBERS Neil - SCHERMER John	0.42	U.S.A.	272
HAMMAN Bob - LEV Sam	0.40	U.S.A.	240
GASPAR George - HINGE Simon	0.38	Australia	208
LEBI Robert - LINDOP David	0.37	Canada	256
WAN Siu-Kau Samuel - ZEN Derek	0.36	China Hong Kong	240
CZYZOWICZ Jurek - JACOB Dan	0.32	Canada	256
DIAMOND Derek - HAASE Gerald	0.31	Scotland	208
IMAKURA Tadashi - OHASHI Masayuki	0.31	Japan	64
BOESGAARD Knud-Aage - NIELSEN Hans Christian	0.29	Denmark	240
LEENHARDT Francois - LEVY Alain	0.28	France	224
LING Roger - TSE Edmund	0.25	China Hong Kong	208
ABE Hiroya - OHASHI Masayuki	0.22	Japan	176
LAI Huan-Kwei - SHIH Juei-Yu	0.21	Chinese Taipei	112
IMAKURA Tadashi - MORIMURA Shunsuke	0.20	Japan	176
GRAVES Allan - SCHWARTZ Richard	0.18	U.S.A.	160
KOWALSKI Apolinary - ROMANSKI Jacek	0.09	Poland	256
LIN Chii-Mou - TSAO Wei-Wei	0.07	Chinese Taipei	288
ASKALANI Amr El - GHAMRAWY Mohamad Shaker	0.06	Egypt	48
BARAN Boris - MITTELMAN George	0.05	Canada	160
OHNO Kyoko - YAMADA Akihiko	0.03	Japan	208
NIEMEIJER Chris - VERHEES Sr Loek	0.03	Netherlands	224
LILLEY David - NAGY Zoltan	0.03	Australia	224
MOLLER Steen - SCHALTZ Peter	0.02	Denmark	224

Results — Bermuda Bowl

Round 19

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Canada	South Africa	18	24	8.24	11.76
2	Argentina	China	10	70	0.00	20.00
3	Chinese Taipei	Monaco	17	75	0.15	19.85
4	Guadeloupe	Poland	10	59	0.93	19.07
5	England	USA 2	43	48	8.52	11.48
6	Australia	Egypt	66	24	18.33	1.67
7	Indonesia	Bahrain	36	9	16.26	3.74
8	Italy	Germany	31	33	9.39	10.61
9	USA 1	Japan	61	37	15.74	4.26
10	Brazil	Netherlands	44	62	5.40	14.60
11	New Zealand	India	31	24	12.03	7.97

Round 20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Australia	England	8	47	2.03	17.97
2	Indonesia	Guadeloupe	60	36	15.74	4.26
3	New Zealand	Chinese Taipei	72	13	19.93	0.07
4	USA 1	Argentina	45	11	17.31	2.69
5	Brazil	Canada	23	56	2.83	17.17
6	Italy	South Africa	55	11	18.55	1.45
7	Netherlands	China	30	22	12.29	7.71
8	Japan	Monaco	16	52	2.41	17.59
9	Egypt	Germany	34	26	12.29	7.71
10	Bahrain	USA 2	16	42	3.91	16.09
11	India	Poland	25	32	7.97	12.03

Round 21

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Egypt	Bahrain	31	22	12.55	7.45
2	USA 2	India	71	7	20.00	0.00
3	Poland	Japan	62	2	20.00	0.00
4	Monaco	Netherlands	3	6	9.09	10.91
5	China	Italy	37	30	12.03	7.97
6	South Africa	Brazil	42	25	14.39	5.61
7	Canada	USA 1	24	19	11.48	8.52
8	Argentina	New Zealand	45	12	17.17	2.83
9	Chinese Taipei	Indonesia	12	32	5.00	15.00
10	Germany	England	38	60	4.62	15.38
11	Guadeloupe	Australia	2	77	0.00	20.00

Results — Venice Cup

Round 19

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Canada	USA 1	19	40	4.81	15.19
2	Poland	Turkey	24	66	1.67	18.33
3	Sweden	South Africa	61	28	17.17	2.83
4	Indonesia	China	31	59	3.58	16.42
5	England	Pakistan	28	24	11.20	8.80
6	Japan	Philippines	42	37	11.48	8.52
7	Brazil	Guadeloupe	33	28	11.48	8.52
8	Egypt	France	28	41	6.48	13.52
9	New Zealand	USA 2	37	43	8.24	11.76
10	Netherlands	Australia	34	18	14.18	5.82
11	Argentina	India	77	15	20.00	0.00

Round 20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Japan	England	29	21	12.29	7.71
2	Brazil	Indonesia	5	31	3.91	16.09
3	Argentina	Sweden	35	21	13.75	6.25
4	New Zealand	Poland	9	74	0.00	20.00
5	Netherlands	Canada	26	26	10.00	10.00
6	Egypt	USA 1	12	32	5.00	15.00
7	Australia	Turkey	19	50	3.12	16.88
8	USA 2	South Africa	41	20	15.19	4.81
9	Philippines	France	13	13	10.00	10.00
10	Guadeloupe	Pakistan	29	22	12.03	7.97
11	India	China	30	29	10.31	9.69

Round 21

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Philippines	Guadeloupe	31	23	12.29	7.71
2	Pakistan	India	24	21	10.91	9.09
3	China	USA 2	30	8	15.38	4.62
4	South Africa	Australia	12	36	4.26	15.74
5	Turkey	Egypt	39	25	13.75	6.25
6	USA 1	Netherlands	38	13	15.92	4.08
7	Canada	New Zealand	38	5	17.17	2.83
8	Poland	Argentina	62	31	16.88	3.12
9	Sweden	Brazil	27	21	11.76	8.24
10	France	England	24	12	13.28	6.72
11	Indonesia	Japan	43	48	8.52	11.48

Results — d'Orsi Trophy

Round 19

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Germany	Poland	29	48	5.20	14.80
2	Belgium	Chinese Taipei	45	21	15.74	4.26
3	Brazil	New Zealand	11	43	2.97	17.03
4	China Hong Kong	France	15	35	5.00	15.00
5	South Africa	Indonesia	36	63	3.74	16.26
6	Netherlands	Bangladesh	39	22	14.39	5.61
7	Guadeloupe	Denmark	35	79	1.45	18.55
8	Scotland	Australia	56	16	18.09	1.91
9	India	Egypt	41	28	13.52	6.48
10	USA 1	Canada	66	12	19.52	0.48
11	Japan	USA 2	22	47	4.08	15.92

Round 20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Netherlands	South Africa	46	3	18.44	1.56
2	Guadeloupe	China Hong Kong	12	69	0.23	19.77
3	Japan	Brazil	31	33	9.39	10.61
4	India	Belgium	18	19	9.69	10.31
5	USA 1	Germany	19	37	5.40	14.60
6	Scotland	Poland	24	32	7.71	12.29
7	Canada	Chinese Taipei	36	17	14.80	5.20
8	Egypt	New Zealand	40	10	16.73	3.27
9	Bangladesh	Australia	35	10	15.92	4.08
10	Denmark	Indonesia	36	38	9.39	10.61
11	USA 2	France	49	15	17.31	2.69

Round 21

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Bangladesh	Denmark	3	55	0.66	19.34
2	Indonesia	USA 2	36	25	13.04	6.96
3	France	Egypt	55	20	17.45	2.55
4	New Zealand	Canada	25	14	13.04	6.96
5	Chinese Taipei	Scotland	29	62	2.83	17.17
6	Poland	USA 1	59	15	18.55	1.45
7	Germany	India	35	18	14.39	5.61
8	Belgium	Japan	50	23	16.26	3.74
9	Brazil	Guadeloupe	51	7	18.55	1.45
10	Australia	South Africa	31	27	11.20	8.80
11	China Hong Kong	Netherlands	23	53	3.27	16.73

Final Standings

After 21 Rounds

Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup

d'Orsi Trophy

	Team	VPs		Team	VPs		Team	VPs
1	USA1	293.89	1	Netherlands	297.12	1	France	304.57
2	Italy	284.59	2	USA 1	281.86	2	USA 2	281.32
3	Monaco	280.70	3	Poland	280.15	3	Germany	269.89
4	Poland	257.63	4	China	260.04	4	Belgium	263.07
5	Netherlands	254.23	5	USA 2	258.89	5	Poland	259.17
6	England	252.84	6	Turkey	258.55	6	Indonesia	258.38
7	China	246.55	7	France	255.81	7	Scotland	254.21
8	Canada	243.22	8	England	245.47	8	Netherlands	248.33
9	USA2	239.57	9	Japan	238.15	9	USA 1	247.81
10	Indonesia	229.15	10	Sweden	230.84	10	Canada	226.13
11	Japan	223.64	11	Argentina	221.45	11	ChinaHongKong	216.15
12	Germany	214.34	12	Indonesia	207.82	12	Australia	215.86
13	Argentina	196.32	13	Canada	206.02	13	India	215.38
14	New Zealand	191.97	14	Brazil	193.54	14	Japan	210.20
15	Brazil	185.73	15	Australia	189.99	15	Denmark	203.90
16	South Africa	172.41	16	New Zealand	189.09	16	Chinese Taipei	188.89
17	Australia	169.89	17	Philippines	169.65	17	Brazil	151.44
18	India	151.45	18	South Africa	142.57	18	Bangladesh	149.57
19	Guadeloupe	145.85	19	Pakistan	141.19	19	New Zealand	145.19
20	Egypt	133.78	20	Egypt	134.33	20	Egypt	138.18
21	Chinese Taipei	127.30	21	India	115.69	21	South Africa	133.70
22	Bahrain	120.45	22	Guadeloupe	98.88	22	Guadeloupe	35.66

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