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# Italy's show of strength



**WBFF President Gianarrigo Rona, second from right, with the team for Jack, champions of the 2013 World Computer-Bridge Championship. See article on page 23.**

The Bermuda Bowl final between **Monaco** and **Italy** was expected to be a tough struggle as two powerful, evenly matched teams faced off for the top prize in world bridge.

Halfway through the 96-board match, it hasn't worked out as many imagined. With a near shutout in the third set (15-2), **Italy's** lead with 48 boards to play stands at 114-47. There is plenty of time for **Monaco** to rally, but **Italy** will have something to say about that.

It's tighter in the Venice Cup and d'Orsi Seniors Trophy. **USA2** suffered a 14-IMP loss on the final board of the third set but still lead 112-107.3 against **England**, and in the Seniors, **Germany** is up 102-76. In the World Transnational Open Teams, **Gordon** (an American squad) will face **SAIC VW** in the 48-board final. **Gordon** defeated **White House** (Netherlands) 109-64. **SAIC VW** edged **PD Times** 71-68.



## Thank you!

On behalf of my colleagues on the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), I would like to thank all the people and companies who together made it possible to run these World Championships smoothly.

First of all, I want to thank the World Bridge Federation and its President, Mr. Gianarrigo Rona, for inviting Indonesia to stage the event. Next, I want to thank the WBF staff for their joint efforts in running this tournament, together with our local staff.

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**N.B. Today's start times are earlier than normal: 10.00, 13.30 and 16.10**



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## BBO & VuGraph Schedule

Finals Segment 4			
Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
Italy	Monaco	BB	VG
Poland	USA1	BB	BBO 1
USA 2	England	VC	BBO 2
Netherlands	China	VC	BBO 3
Germany	USA 1	SEN	BBO 4
France	Germany	SEN	BBO 5
SAIC VW	Gordon	TNT	BBO 6
White House	P D Times	TNT	BBO 7
Finals Segment 5			
Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
	TBD		VG
	TBD		OG
	TBD		BBO 2
	TBD		BBO 3
	TBD		BBO 4
	TBD		BBO 5
	TBD		BBO 6
	TBD		BBO 7
Finals Segment 6			
Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
	TBD		VG
	TBD		OG
	TBD		BBO 2
	TBD		BBO 3
	TBD		BBO 4
	TBD		BBO 5
	TBD		BBO 6
	TBD		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.

### Team Rosters

The team rosters in PDF format are now at <http://www.worldbridge.org/bali-team-rosters.aspx>

### Play-offs

The play-offs for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, and d'Orsi Trophy will finish after one session today (i.e. 96 boards in total)

## The Closing Ceremony and Victory Banquet

The invitations to the Closing Ceremony and Victory Banquet may be collected from the Victory Banquet Desk at Hospitality on Saturday (28th September)

The prize giving and Victory Banquet will be held at the Westin Hotel.

Details of the times of the buses will be posted at the Hospitality Desk on Saturday.

The three winning teams in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Trophy, the Transnational Open Teams and the Computer World Championships will have their tables reserved near the stage.

The other players and officials should sit at the table marked for their own country.

Water, tea and coffee will be served.

The prize Giving will start promptly at 8.30 pm so please ensure you are seated by then.

# Today's Schedule

## Finals

### Start Times

Segment 1	10.00
Segment 2	13.30
Segment 3	16.10

## Bermuda Bowl

Home Team	Visiting Team	Scores	
Italy	Monaco	114	47

## Venice Cup

Home Team	Visiting Team	Scores	
USA 2	England	112	107.3

## d'Orsi Trophy

Home Team	Visiting Team	Scores	
USA 2	Germany	76	102

## Transnationals

### Start Times

Final segment 1	10.00
Final segment 2	13.30
Final Segment 3	16.10

## Transnational Final

### Line-ups

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-over	
SAIC VW	Gordon	0	0

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A very big "Thank You" then has to go to all the companies who have been willing to act as sponsors of this great international event. They are:

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Toto Syafruddin  
Chairman of GABSI (Indonesian Bridge Association)  
Local Organizing Committee Chairman

I Don't Believe It

Mark Horton

“I don't believe it” was the catchphrase of the character Victor Meldrew in the BBC Television sitcom *One Foot in the Grave*.

The programmes invariably dealt with Meldrew's battle against the problems he creates for himself, which is not unlike the situation that so frequently arises at the bridge table. Because of the popularity of the series, people who constantly complain and are irritated by minor things are often compared to Meldrew by the British media.

A German version of the series was aired in 1996-1997, *Mit einem Bein im Grab*. It starred Heinz Schubert as Viktor Bölkhoff.

In the fourth session of the D'Orsi Senior Trophy match between Germany and France, there was more than one occasion when the spectators might have had cause to use Victor's catchphrase.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ AKQ73		
	♥ AJ764		
	♦ 6		
	♣ 62		
♠ J1084		♠ —	
♥ KQ10		♥ 9852	
♦ A3		♦ KQJ5	
♣ QJ53		♣ A10874	
	♠ 9652		
	♥ 3		
	♦ 1098742		
	♣ K9		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Marsal	Leenhardt	Wenning
—	1♠	Dbf	4♠
Dbf	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

North led the ace of spades and declarer ruffed, crossed to hand with the ace of diamonds and ran the queen of clubs. South won and returned the three of hearts for the king and ace. He ruffed the return of the heart four and played the ten of diamonds, North's ruff leaving declarer two down for -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Strater	Grenthe	Kratz	Vanhoute
—	1♠	Dbf	4♠
Dbf	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Play followed an identical course so no swing there.

No one who attempted 5♣ was willing to play ace and another club. With clubs 2-2 that solves all problems regardless of the location of the king of clubs, while even if North started with ♣Kxx you are not out of the game.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ A863		
	♥ Q83		
	♦ AK1076		
	♣ 10		
♠ Q1094		♠ J5	
♥ AK6		♥ J109742	
♦ J32		♦ 5	
♣ K75		♣ J932	
	♠ K72		
	♥ 5		
	♦ Q984		
	♣ AQ864		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Marsal	Leenhardt	Wenning
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♦	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	5♦

All Pass

2♣ Good raise in diamonds

East led the jack of hearts and West won with the king and returned the two of diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's ten, played a club to the ace and ruffed a club and played a diamond to the queen.

Now came a very strange play, the queen of clubs.

When West covered with the king declarer ruffed, drew the outstanding trump, came to hand with a spade and gave up a club. East's spade return left declarer with a losing spade for one down and -50.

Declarer could have recovered by discarding a spade on the king of clubs. He wins the diamond return in dummy, ruffs a heart, ruffs a club, comes to hand with a spade and cashes the remaining club, squeezing West in the majors.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Strater	Grenthe	Kratz	Vanhoute
—	—	—	1♣
Dbf	Rdbl	2♥	3♦
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

West led the ace of hearts and switched to the four of spades. Declarer went up with dummy's king, played a club to the ace, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart and ruffed a club. The appearance of the king meant declarer had eleven easy tricks for +400 and 10 IMPs to France.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 ♥ Q532 ♦ J7 ♣ AQJ1084		♠ K765 ♥ J1074 ♦ AKQ2 ♣ 9  ♠ Q8432 ♥ 86 ♦ 10854 ♣ K7  ♠ AJ10 ♥ AK9 ♦ 963 ♣ 6532	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Wenning</i>
–	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Without a certain outside entry, a double of 3NT by West for a club lead would be highly speculative. East led the three of spades and declarer won with dummy's ten, played a diamond to the queen and a spade to the jack. He cashed the ace of spades, West pitching the four of clubs, took the ace of hearts and played off dummy's top diamonds and the king of spades. The king of hearts was declarer's ninth trick – or at least it should have been.

West had thrown the eight and ten of clubs and, perhaps placing him with ♣AKQ and two hearts, declarer exited with a club.

East was not slow to go up with the king, cash a spade and a diamond and exit with a club for one down; -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strater</i>	<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Vanhouste</i>
–	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the queen of clubs and East overtook it and returned a club for a fast two down, -200 and 3 IMPs to Germany.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ J953 ♥ 2 ♦ AQ53 ♣ A854		♠ Q108 ♥ KJ108643 ♦ 7 ♣ 102  ♠ K2 ♥ AQ75 ♦ J1062 ♣ Q97  ♠ A764 ♥ 9 ♦ K984 ♣ KJ63	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Wenning</i>
–	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the nine of hearts and declarer took North's ten with the queen and played the ten of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. A club to the queen was taken by South's king and the return of the four of spades went to the eight and declarer's king. The nine of clubs lost to North's ten and declarer won the heart return with the ace. Two rounds of diamonds ending in hand were followed by a club to the ace so that was two down for -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strater</i>	<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Vanhouste</i>
–	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Here the first two tricks were essentially the same (the jack of diamonds was covered by the king and ace) but then declarer cashed the queen of diamonds, played a diamond to the ten and exited with a diamond. South won and exited with a spade to East's king. North won the spade exit with the ten and had only to play a top heart to be sure of two down.

When he played the queen of spades the entry had gone. North's exit of the ten of clubs was covered by the queen, king and ace and declarer could force out the jack of clubs for one down; -100.

Even if North exits with a heart rather than the ten of clubs, declarer wins, crosses to the ace of clubs and exits with a spade to endplay South.

As you may well have noticed, both declarers missed a much better line when in dummy with the ace of diamonds. A club to the nine (a play much favoured by a certain Brazilian) loses to South's jack, but when declarer regains the lead he can play the queen, squashing North's ten and picking up the clubs. The final piece of the jigsaw will be to endplay South with the fourth round of diamonds, ensuring a trick for the king of spades.

France won the set 19-16 to trail 121-124.

Molotov cocktail

Micke Melander

The Finnish winter war was a military conflict between the Soviet Union and Finland that happened during World War II. The Finns used petrol bombs, known as ‘Molotov Cocktails,’ in their guerilla warfare against their mighty neighbour, who was invading them from the East. When Poland and the Netherlands met in the fifth segment of the quarter-finals in the Bermuda Bowl, the Polish team were up by almost 80 IMPs with 32 boards to go, which could be translated to more or less 2.5 IMPs per remaining board in the match. The Dutch team knew they had to stir things up and throw Molotov cocktails around the table to get IMPs to start to flow in the right direction – a method that very rarely works and more often leads to even bigger losses.

had to be located with East, went up with the queen of spades, cashed the ace of hearts and played a heart towards the ten. Buras won with the king and returned a spade for Narkiewicz to ruff and, when the defense still had to score a trick more in each minor, declarer was one down. Zmudzinski had no problems making sure that the Dutch players at the other table never got any ruff, however, they had bid one level too high and it was impossible to get more than eight tricks. No IMPs were scored when it was a push in the end.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K8	♠ Q952	♠ 1076
♥ 9764	♥ AQJ5	♥ K2
♦ 1063	♦ 42	♦ AKJ87
♣ 10942	♣ Q86	♣ A75



♠ AJ43
♥ 1083
♦ Q95
♣ KJ3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	De Wijs	Buras	Muller
–	1♥	1NT	DbI
Pass	Pass	2♦	2♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees Jr	Balicki	Van Prooijen	Zmudzinski
–	1♣	1♦	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

De Wijs tried throwing a cocktail already on the first board of the set when he opened with One Heart, promising five cards in the suit, Muller never realised that they had a four-four fit in spades. Buras led the ace of diamonds and shifted to a spade when Narkiewicz followed with the ten of diamonds to the first trick. De Wijs tried the finesse, which lost to the king, and Narkiewicz returned the suit. Declarer, who knew that almost all the remaining HCPs

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q84	♠ 7	♠ AKJ106532
♥ 7	♥ K93	♥ AJ2
♦ 98765	♦ AKQ3	♦ 2
♣ J1064	♣ 87532	♣ A



♠ 9
♥ Q108654
♦ J104
♣ KQ9

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	De Wijs	Buras	Muller
–	–	2♣	Pass
2♦	DbI	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees Jr	Balicki	Van Prooijen	Zmudzinski
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Van Prooijen in the Closed Room got two negative replies after his strong club opening and simply jumped to game but, when partner had a singleton heart and queen-third in trump, it made the slam unbeatable and, to be fair, to visualise that fit with partner you had to have a great imagination. Buras managed to set spades as trump at the other table and got the cuebid in hearts – that was all he needed to hear to be able to jump to slam. That was 11 more IMPs to Poland against the current World Champions from Veldhoven.

Things didn't get better on Board 3.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 107532 ♥ QJ ♦ A95 ♣ A65		♠ AK64 ♥ A876 ♦ J10 ♣ QJ4	♠ QJ9 ♥ 543 ♦ 87 ♣ K9832
♠ 8 ♥ K1092 ♦ KQ6432 ♣ 107			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	De Wijs	Buras	Muller
-	-	-	3♦
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees Jr	Balicki	Van Prooijen	Zmudzinski
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

All Pass

Muller tried another cocktail and pre-empted with Three Diamonds holding K1092 in hearts in first position, a contract everyone was happy to see him play. At the other table, Balicki/Zmudzinski bid Four Hearts; the question was how was he going to solve the problem in his trump suit with A876 opposite K1092 for no losers? Without a real clue how to play it, he played the six to the king, the jack appeared from West and declarer could only hope for queen-jack doubleton with West and, when that was the case, he could claim his contract, since the diamonds already were good.

That was another Molotov cocktail that backfired, and 7 more IMPs to Poland. Balicki/Zmudzinski made a phantom save on Board 4 in the Closed Room, giving the Netherlands 12 IMPs back; the question then was if the standings were about to change or not.

How good are your agreements with your partner? Narkiewicz faced the following problem:

West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	De Wijs	Buras	Muller
-	Pass	1♥	1NT
2♣	Pass	2♦	3♣
Pass	3NT	Dbl	All Pass

After this auction, what do you lead with the following hand?

♠ K96542  
 ♥ 84  
 ♦ 52  
 ♣ 943

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K96542 ♥ 84 ♦ 52 ♣ 943		♠ Q87 ♥ A106 ♦ 10743 ♣ 865	♠ 103 ♥ KJ532 ♦ KQJ96 ♣ A
♠ AJ ♥ Q97 ♦ A8 ♣ KQJ1072			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	De Wijs	Buras	Muller
-	Pass	1♥	1NT
2♣	Pass	2♦	3♣
Pass	3NT	Dbl	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees Jr	Balicki	Van Prooijen	Zmudzinski
-	Pass	2♦	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♦	All Pass

De Wijs/Muller were close to arriving in the right contract, but needed to have North as declarer to be able to make it when the Polish pair had their agreements in place. Buras's double requested a diamond to be led and, when West followed that command, Muller had no chance to make his contract. It was really necessary to double for that lead because any other suit would have given declarer the chance to make the contract.

If you manage to get North as declarer and East leads the king of diamonds, you win with the ace and continue with any club to East's ace and he is in fact endplayed. East's only card to exit which might give some hope for the defense is a spade, but then declarer plays the ace and runs all his clubs down to the following position:

♠ K96 ♥ 84 ♦ 5 ♣ -		♠ Q8 ♥ A10 ♦ 107 ♣ -	♠ 3 ♥ KJ ♦ QJ9 ♣ -
♠ J ♥ Q97 ♦ 8 ♣ 2			

When declarer plays his last club, West will discard a heart and declarer parts with a diamond, but what is East going

to play? He needs to keep his two hearts and a spade to exit with so another diamond has to be discarded. Declarer can then either play a spade or a diamond and has his nine tricks in the bag, since East has been terribly squeezed in three suits, being forced to discard winners.

The Dutch pair in the Open Room also managed to 'win' the bidding competition with Three Diamonds. Zmudzinski attacked clubs and when declarer misguessed hearts he went three down for another 8 IMPs to Poland.

Norberto Bocchi, for Italy, played Three No Trump as North, knowing that East was something like 5-5 in the red suits. He played exactly as suggested above and said 'it was mathematical, a very easy game'.

When the Poles managed to win the bidding in both rooms on Board 7, making Two Spades in the Open Room and Two Hearts in the Closed, they achieved another 7 IMPs and the slaughter was far from over There was much more to come.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A96 ♥ A32 ♦ AKQJ4 ♣ Q3		♠ KQ7 ♥ 109 ♦ 10876 ♣ K1092	♠ 1054 ♥ 876 ♦ 9532 ♣ A65
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Muller</i>
–	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Jr</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
–	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♥	1NT	All Pass	

Balicki/Zmudzinski came to a stop in 1NT, which was very good for them, when only eight tricks could be won. Muller accepted De Wijs' invitational call and bid game but when he really didn't have anything to contribute it was another 5 IMP swing to Poland when De Wijs had to go one down. They also got another 5 IMPs on Board 11 when Van Prooijen found the wrong opening lead, which meant that Balicki managed to make his Three Clubs contract while De Wijs again went down in One No Trump at the other table.

Then came the following interesting board:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 7 ♥ AQ109 ♦ 864 ♣ 98653		♠ AKJ108 ♥ KJ83 ♦ 75 ♣ AJ	♠ Q954 ♥ 652 ♦ Q3 ♣ Q1042
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Muller</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♥*
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♥ One-suiter in diamonds			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Jr</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Could Balicki make Six Spades, when he had queen-four times behind him in trumps and a missing ace? Van Prooijen led a club to declarer's ace. Balicki continued with ace of spades, diamond to the ace and took the losing spade finesse. Van Prooijen got in and should have realized that the only way to beat the contract was IF the Polish had bid slam with a missing ace in hearts, Otherwise North would have drawn trump and cashed his diamonds scoring up all the remaining tricks. Verhees had in turn and order played the eight of clubs, seven of spades, eight of diamonds (showing three) and the six of clubs. Apparently that wasn't enough clues since East played another club; Balicki drew trumps and could claim when the queen of diamonds came as soon as he played the suit. 12 more IMPs to Poland when Muller took twelve tricks in Three Notrump at the other table.

Poland won the fifth segment with 57-13 and the total score was then up to 242-119.3. The Dutch team felt they had had enough, and conceded the match.

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# No decision on Our Game proposal

There is no deal at this point with Our Game for Internet broadcasting of World Championship bridge play on an exclusive basis, WBF President Gianarrago Rona said during a wide-ranging press conference on Saturday at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Centre.

Rona was responding to a question regarding the ability of Our Game to do what Bridge Base Online has done successfully for some years – and in English. Our Game, a Chinese company, has proposed paying the WBF for exclusive rights to broadcast play from WBF tournaments. BBO founder Fred Gitelman has not commented on the proposal.

There may be other proposals for online broadcasting of WBF tournament play, Rona said, and the organization is in no rush to make a decision.

WBF Treasurer Marc De Pauw said there are many considerations, including whether to offer some services for free and some for payment. “We have to consider what business model we want to get into,” De Pauw said. “It’s important to consider this matter very carefully.”

At the head table for the press conference were Rona, WBF President Emeritus Jose Damiani, Ernesto d’Orsi, chairman of the Championship Committee for the Bali tournament, and De Pauw, plus International Bridge Press Association President Patrick Jourdain.

Another topic raised by a journalist was the new victory point scale in use at the championships in Bali. Some have complained that the four-digit scores make reporting on bridge more difficult for the journalists.

D’Orsi, chairman of the committee that came up with the new plan, said consideration for the change started a decade ago. He said a team of mathematicians and bridge players came up with the new scale.

D’Orsi said he has received a few complaints but “at least 100 have come to us to say they like the new scale better. We are happy with the table, players are happy with the table. I don’t see any reason to change it. Let’s take more time before we take a decision to change it.”

At the suggestion of another journalist, however, d’Orsi did agree to a formal poll on the topic among players who attended the championships in Bali.

Rona started the meeting by praising the local organizers. “Without doubt,” he said, “it has been a fantastic and very successful tournament and one of the best in the last years. The people of Indonesia are very kind and worked a lot to prepare for the event.”

The president also reported a “good turnout” for the World Transnational Open Teams, for which there were more than 100 entries, 90 of them new rather than drop-ins from the main events.

Rona also discussed future world championships.

**2014** – Sanya, a resort area and popular tourist destination at the southernmost point of the Chinese island of Hainan.

**2015** – Goa, India, a coastal town in western India, is being considered along with Opatija, Croatia. Representatives of Goa made a well-received presentation to the WBF at this tournament. A delegation will visit Goa later this year to assess the suitability of the site.

**2016** – Still undecided, with Sweden, Poland and Italy in the running. Wherever the tournament is organized, the World Bridge Games (formerly the Olympiad Teams) will, for the first time, include national pairs (both players must be from the same country) in Open, Women’s and Seniors categories.

**2017** – Lyon, France, announced earlier at this tournament.

**2018** – Orlando, Florida, in the U.S.

Sanya, Rona said, is very accessible, with direct flights from many major cities in Asia, including Hong Kong and Beijing. At that tournament, he noted, there will be no appeals committees. Following the debut of the review process at the Open European Championships in Ostend, Belgium, in June, the WBF will adopt the system in Sanya.

Before Sanya, Rona said, the World Youth Teams Championship will take place in Istanbul, Turkey, Aug. 13-23. Competition will be for Juniors, who are 24 or younger as of Dec. 31, 2013; Youngsters, 19 or younger as of 2013, and Girls, with the same age restrictions as the Juniors. Qualifying will be the same as for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, etc.

Also in Istanbul, Rona said, six teams of players 14 and younger will be invited to compete – the first time this event has been featured at the World Youth Teams Championship.

Rona said that during the World Youth Open Bridge Championships in Atlanta in August, there were more than 50 players who could qualify for the 14 and younger category. “It was a really new experience for us,” he said. “Finally, after years and years of pushing, now many countries are convinced that kids are important.”

In response to a question about the difficulties that arose for a player with an Israeli passport, Rona said the WBF worked in co-operation with the Indonesian Bridge Federation to help the player secure a visa to travel to Indonesia. The country does not have diplomatic relations with Israel.

He said that part of the process for selecting a location for a world championship is to secure a letter from the host country that players from all nations are welcome.

Damiani, with 16 years of experience as WBF president, said he dealt with similar problems while he was in charge. “The other side is involved, too,” he said. “Nobody knows what can happen in the strange world of today.”

Back to School

Micke Melander

Six major swings appeared in the first segment of the 2013 edition of the Venice Cup in the final between USA 2 and England. When the smoke had cleared the standing was 52–38.3 to the American team. England had on their side a 2.33-IMP carry-over from their previous achievements. One of the bigger gains for England came from a deal where you had to solve a suit combination:

How do you, as North, play AJ52 opposite Q983, for a maximum of one loser? That will be the question when you can see the following hand and receive the eight of spades as the opening lead from East against your contract of 6♦.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

- ♠ K10972
- ♥ Q10
- ♦ Q983
- ♣ AK
  
- ♠ AQ3
- ♥ A6
- ♦ AJ52
- ♣ Q1093

The good news is that you didn't get a heart led through, putting you to a more or less immediate guess. More good news is that you probably have all the tricks you need if you only manage to solve that trump suit. Is there any bad news lurking around? Well, let's say that the opening lead is a singleton. Will that affect how you intend playing the trump suit? The spade lead is highly suspicious since it is leading straight into declarer's known five-card suit, since the bidding sequence was as follows in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
–	–	–	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

However, another small trap might be that the opening lead is from length in the suit rather from shortness!

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ K10972	
	♥ Q10	
	♦ Q983	
	♣ AK	
♠ J654		♠ 8
♥ J8		♥ K975432
♦ K1074		♦ 6
♣ 864		♣ J752
	♠ AQ3	
	♥ A6	
	♦ AJ52	
	♣ Q1093	

Eythorsdottir won the first trick with the nine of spades and then tried to tackle trumps by playing the three to the ace and then a diamond to the queen. The curtain fell when East showed out of trumps and discarded the two of hearts.

The correct play to get three tricks out of the given suit combination is to play a low diamond to the jack. If that loses, you cash the ace and play low towards the queen-nine. That line of play is 97%. To get four tricks in the suit you need to pick up the king onside and play East to have Kxxx, K10, or Kx.

In the Closed Room, Brock for the English ended up playing in Four Spades and therefore never got to prove if she knew her suit combinations. 11 IMPs to England when she made her contract with an overtrick.

### Championship Diary

Tuesday's Bulletin contained a piece about the possibility of a Women's Cavendish. We are delighted to announce that the necessary confirmations have been received and the event will take place in Monaco October 23-25.

Alison Feeney-Hart is writing a feature about bridge for BBC News which is likely to be aired on Friday or Saturday.

If you are following the Championships online you can see live action from the VuGraph at: <http://new.livestream.com/accounts/5339416/WBTC-Bali>

Košice, Slovakia 24-26 September was the location of the sixth European Small Federations Bridge Games (for Federations with fewer than 500 members).

The Czech Republic won with 152.6 VP, ahead of Estonia, Ukraine and Belarus. Monaco missed the chance of a possible double by finishing ninth.

Unforced Errors

Micke Melander

In tennis, an unforced error is a mistake that you make due to simply hitting the ball incorrectly (shanks, mishits) or using improper positioning, lack of precision or just bad luck (such as hitting the net cord and having it drop back on your side). In other words, if you are playing a neutral rally and your shot goes out of bounds or hits the net, it is an unforced error. (Double faults are also considered unforced errors in some tournaments.)

Only at the highest level of tennis is the number of winners comparable to the number of unforced errors. As the average player loses many more points due to unforced errors than due to winners by an opponent, if the rate of unforced errors can be reduced, it should lead to an increase in points won. However, if you make too many mistakes you can easily end up on the losing side, for example, in the recent U.S. Open final in which Rafael Nadal defeated Novak Djokovic 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, Djokovic hit 53 unforced errors, more than double Nadal's total.

The situation is not so dissimilar in bridge. While it is possible to win by excellent play, more often than not one team simply makes too many mistakes.

Let's see what happened in the dramatic conclusion to the Venice Cup semi-final between USA 2 and Netherlands. In the Open Room, Wolpert/Levin sat N/S against Michielsens/Wortel, in the Closed, Arnolds/Van Zwol faced Meyers/Zur-Campanile. How many unforced errors you can spot?

17.00

When the first deal of the last set settled on the table, USA 2 led 142-135.

17.10

On Board 18 both E/W Pairs reached 6♥, which pretty much depended on bringing in a trump suit of ♥10932 opposite ♥KQ76. With ♥AJ4 offside, the contract had to go one down.

17.35

After four flat boards, Netherlands struck the first blow: Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ KJ94		♠ 1083
♥ AJ1082		♥ KQ7
♦ 8		♦ 104
♣ K95		♣ AJ732
	♠ Q765	
	♥ 93	
	♦ AKJ9653	
	♣ —	

In the Closed Room, USA 2 played in 3♥ and scored +170.

West	North	East	South
Michielsens	Wolpert	Wortel	Levin
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	2♦*	3♦
3♠	5♦	Dbl	All Pass

West led the eight of diamonds and declarer could not avoid two down. If she draws trumps she can ruff only one spade, but leaving a trump out allows East to score an overruff with the ten of diamonds. +500 gave Netherlands 8 IMPs and the lead, 143-142.

On BBO, the commentators seemed to think 4♥ was cold. Well, one way to defeat it is for North to lead the queen of diamonds and switch to a club (the ten looks best) South ruffing and putting North in with a spade for a second ruff.

I'll leave you to decide if N/S were the architects of their own misfortune – a vulnerable sacrifice is not often a paying proposition.

17.45

Jill Levin, with ♠A865 ♥A86 ♦K86 ♣1073, opens 1♣. West overcalls 1NT and when North doubles, East bids 2♥, which becomes the final contract. (North must have considered a second double with ♠AQ102 ♥K105 ♦AJ1052 ♣92.) Leading the ♠5 works perfectly when dummy has ♠KJ73 and declarer puts in the jack, eventually finishing two down for -200 This gives USA 3 IMPs when Netherlands score +90 in 2♦ at the other table. USA 2 lead 145-143.

17.50

USA II add 6 IMPs on the next deal when they buy the contract at both tables, making 2♠ as N/S and 3♣+1 as E/W. 151-143.

18.27

After two flat boards, Netherlands gain an overtrick IMP – and then comes a disaster for USA in the Closed Room.

On lead against 4♠ doubled after:  
Pass-Pass-1♠-(2♥); 2♠-(4♥)-4♠-(Pass); Pass-(Dbl)-All Pass,

East has ♠A5 ♥QJ1043 ♦A832 ♣76. She opts for the seven of clubs and dummy puts down: ♠942 ♥9652 ♦QJ ♣A832.

Declarer wins in hand with the king and plays the queen of spades followed by the king, West following with the seven and the ten as East takes the ace on the second round.

What should she do now?  
Her choice of another club did not turn out well, as this was the full deal:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 107 ♥ AK7 ♦ K974 ♣ 10954		♠ KQJ863 ♥ 8 ♦ 1065 ♣ KQJ	♠ A5 ♥ QJ1043 ♦ A832 ♣ 76
		♠ 942 ♥ 9652 ♦ QJ ♣ A832	

Declarer could get rid of her losing heart and establish a diamond for +590, worth 10 IMPs when accurate defence held N/S to +140 in the other room.

Once again the lead had changed hands; Netherlands 154-151.

18.35

In the Closed Room East held:

♠KQJ86 ♥— ♦92 ♣AKQJ74.

After two passes, she opened 1♣. South overcalled 1♥, her partner bid 1♠ (4+ spades) and North bid 3♥. She elected to jump to 5♥ (exclusion) and when West bid 5NT (one ace outside hearts) she could only bid 6♣ and pray.

North led the jack of diamonds:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 973 ♥ K1083 ♦ KJ104 ♣ 98		♠ KQJ86 ♥ — ♦ 92 ♣ AKQJ74	♠ A1052 ♥ A954 ♦ 873 ♣ 106
			♠ 4 ♥ QJ762 ♦ AQ65 ♣ 532

4♠ for +510 in the other room meant that was worth 11 IMPs; Netherlands 165-151.

The scientific way for East to investigate would be to bid 4♥. Then if West bids 4♠, East can focus attention on the need for a diamond control by bidding 5♣.

18.54

With only four deals to go USA 2 were handed a life line:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ KJ765432 ♥ 9 ♦ 8764 ♣ —		♠ A98 ♥ AJ85 ♦ Q ♣ 98653	♠ 10 ♥ K103 ♦ KJ10532 ♣ AKJ
		♠ Q ♥ Q7642 ♦ A9 ♣ Q10742	

At the other table, West responded 4♠ to East's 1♦ (South overcalling 1♥) and went one down when North led her diamond and got a ruff at trick two.

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Levin</i>
—	Pass	1♦	1♥
3♠*	4♦*	Pass	4♥
5♦	Dbl	Rdbl	All Pass

West's 3♠ may well have been a fit jump, but she might have bid 4♠ on the next round.

(An immediate jump to 4♠ might have seen North bid 5♥, which East would probably double.)

At this stage of the match you would have thought that East would have been happy to make a doubled contract.

South led her spade and North won, cashed the ace of hearts and played a spade. Declarer ruffed with the jack of diamonds, ruffed a heart and played a diamond, one down, -400 and 7 IMPs back.

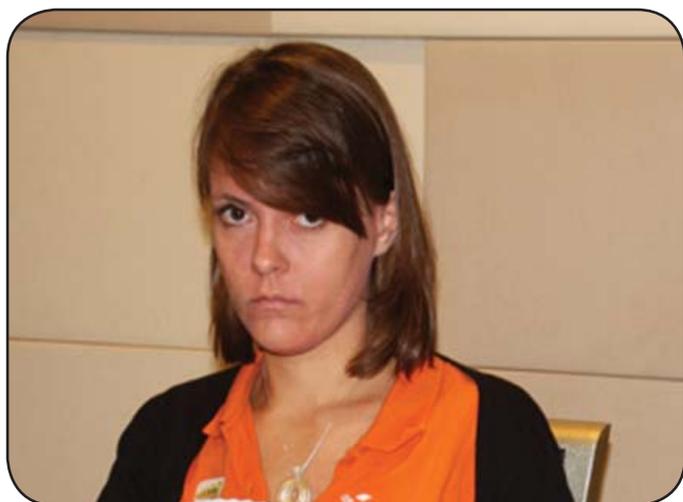
USA 2 158 Netherlands 165.

19.02

In the Open Room West held ♠J98642 ♥A7642 ♦— ♣K3. Her partner opened 1♣ and when South overcalled 1♦, she bid 1♥ showing spades, North jumped to 3♦ and East doubled. West bid 4♦ and East bid 4♠. Now West jumped to 6♠, doubled by North.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ J98642 ♥ A7642 ♦ — ♣ K3		♠ A107 ♥ K109 ♦ 10853 ♣ 964	♠ KQ3 ♥ QJ ♦ AJ92 ♣ AQ52
		♠ 5 ♥ 853 ♦ KQ764 ♣ J1087	



**Marion Michielsen**

That had to go one down, and in the Closed Room E/W collected a regulation +450, those 11 IMPs making the score 169-165 to the USA.

**19.19**

Defending 3NT after the sequence 1♠-(Pass)-3♣-(3♥); 3NT-All Pass, West had to lead from ♠975 ♥7 ♦KQ1083 ♣Q986. She went for the ♦K. Dummy had: ♠J10 ♥95 ♦654 ♣AKJ732.

Partner played the two (encouraging, even number) declarer the nine. She continued with the queen. East, with ♦A72, might have overtaken this, but she played low, which was fatal:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 975	♠ J10	♠ Q62
♥ 7	♥ 95	♥ QJ10832
♦ KQ1083	♦ 654	♦ A72
♣ Q986	♣ AKJ732	♣ 4
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	♠ AK843	
	♥ AK64	
	♦ J9	
	♣ 105	

Did East think her partner had ♦KQx and perhaps ♥Axx? Aside from the fact that it would leave declarer with a very modest hand for 3NT, West might well have bid 4♥.

Declarer took all the remaining tricks for +630 and when declarer contrived to go down in 3♣ at the other table, USA had 12 IMPs and an unassailable lead, 181-165.

**19.26**

The last deal offered the chance to bid a laydown grand slam, but only in one denomination. Neither pair got close.

By the simple expedient of making fewer 'unforced errors,' USA 2 advanced to the final in a match from which both teams emerged with considerable credit.

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Jos Jacobs

With 32 boards to go in the Senior match between France and Germany, the score stood at 124-121 to Germany. France took the lead on the first board by bidding the normal 3NT, whereas the Germans elected to defend against 1♠ doubled, which eventually went one down. Two boards later, the Germans collected 9 IMPs when the French went down in a partscore at both tables.

On board 4, the Germans doctors produced a spectacular defence when declarer chose an unlucky line of play:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 872 ♥ J4 ♦ AJ654 ♣ A109		♠ 654 ♥ AK86 ♦ 97 ♣ 5432
♠ KJ1093 ♥ Q9 ♦ KQ32 ♣ K8		♠ AQ ♥ 107532 ♦ 108 ♣ QJ76

At both tables, E/W had reached 2♠ after 1♠-1NT; 2♦-2♠.

In the Open Room, North led a trump to South's ace. The defence continued with three rounds of clubs, declarer ruffing the third round and leading a top diamond, which held the trick. The ♦Q was taken by North with the ace, and North's diamond return was ruffed in dummy and overruffed by South with the queen. When South continued his last club, declarer could ruff, draw the outstanding trumps and cash his three heart tricks. Just made; Germany +110.

In the Closed Room, North made the speculative lead of the ♥J. Declarer won the queen and went on to cash dummy's top hearts for a diamond discard. North, however, ruffed the third round and returned a low diamond to declarer's queen. Declarer's next play was a low diamond, won by South's ♦10. South then played the ♣Q to the king and ace. When North continued the ♣10, South overtook with the jack to play a top heart. Declarer ruffed with the jack as North discarded his last club. The ♦K was then ruffed in dummy and overruffed by South with the queen. On the club continuation, declarer ruffed with the ♠10 and again, North discarded. When declarer next led the ♠K, South could win his now-blank ace and lead his last club to promote a trick for partner's ♠7; down two, +200 and another 7 IMPs to Germany.

On Board 8, the French had reduced their deficit to just 5 IMPs and then they missed a great chance:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J983 ♥ K10652 ♦ J10 ♣ Q6		♠ Q52 ♥ QJ9843 ♦ K2 ♣ 85	♠ AK76 ♥ A ♦ AQ876 ♣ J43
		♠ 104 ♥ 7 ♦ 9543 ♣ AK10972	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sträter	Grenthe	Kratz	Vanhoutte
-	2♥	Dbl	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

As South never mentioned his clubs, North could not possibly find the challenging club lead. On this lead, declarer would have been obliged to play the spades for no losers. This can be done by running the jack, of course, but would he have found it?

When North led a more normal heart, declarer had time to establish a third trick in spades so the contract rolled home easily. Needless to say, 4♠ would have been unbeatable on this layout as declarer can simply play two rounds of trumps before leading a club up.

In the other room, the real damage to France was done:



Guy Lasserre

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lasserre	Elinescu	Poizat	Wladow
–	2♥	Dbl	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Not only did the French miss game, they also forgot to double Wladow's bold intervention at the four-level. That meant down four at 50 per undertrick, only 200 to France rather than 800, so 9 IMPs to Germany instead of 5 IMPs (or more, had 3NT gone down) to France.

The French hit back on the next board:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A9732	♠ QJ105	♠ K64
♥ A10	♥ 63	♥ J84
♦ KQ102	♦ A8	♦ J965
♣ 96	♣ QJ1073	♣ AK8
	♠ 8	
	♥ KQ9752	
	♦ 743	
	♣ 542	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sträter	Grenthe	Kratz	Vanhoutte
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Dbl	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

As it happened, the normal contract of 4♠ had no play when trumps broke 4-1. France +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lasserre	Elinescu	Poizat	Wladow
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♥
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Very well done by the French. 3NT could not be beaten on the actual heart layout. Ten tricks meant France +630 and 12 IMPs back to them to trail by only 2 IMPs.

France went into the lead when the German declarer made a slight misplay:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ Q5	♠ AJ943
♥ J732	♥ AKQ4
♦ AK8762	♦ 4
♣ Q	♣ 1042
♠ 862	♠ K107
♥ 10	♥ 9865
♦ 10953	♦ QJ
♣ AK973	♣ J86



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sträter	Grenthe	Kratz	Vanhoutte
–	–	1♠	Pass
2♠	3♦	4♠	All Pass

This contract is both normal and ambitious. If you have a club and a diamond to lose, the trumps, especially the ♠10, have to behave well. So you ruff the second diamond, cross to the ♣A, noting the fall of the queen and play a trump to your nine? That's what the German declarer did. South won his ♠10, gave his partner a club ruff and could then sit back, waiting for his ♠K to come in as the setting trick; France+50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lasserre	Elinescu	Poizat	Wladow
–	–	1♠	Pass
2♠	3♦	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		



Bernhard Strater

At the other table, the Germans, too, led two rounds of diamond. This time, declarer ruffed, cashed the ♥A and ruffed a heart in dummy to lead a trump to his nine. South won the ♠10 and tried a club, but declarer, rather than going for the double finesse in the suit as his best chance, went up with the ace, drew one more round of trumps, cashed his top hearts and then successfully took the club finesse for his contract; France +420 and 10 IMPs.

With 16 boards to go, the score stood at 165-163 to France. What a match...

Germany regained the lead on the first board of the final set and had increased it to 12 IMPs when Board 23 arrived:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J43 ♥ K107542 ♦ A7 ♣ 108		♠ 982 ♥ A8 ♦ J10643 ♣ A42	♠ 10 ♥ Q93 ♦ KQ5 ♣ KQ9653
♠ AKQ765 ♥ J6 ♦ 982 ♣ J7			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sträter</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Levy</i>
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	2♠	3♣	3♠
All Pass			

This looked a good result for the French as 4♥ looks pretty cold, at least double dummy, for E/W. Trumps are 2-2 and you should lead the first trump from the West hand. 3♠ went the obvious one down; Germany +100.

In the Closed Room, they produced a wild auction in which the German doctors had the last word:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasserre</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Poizat</i>	<i>Wladow</i>
–	–	–	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	3♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dbl	All Pass	

The French E/W pair duly reached their proper game contract, but when the Germans took the save, not only did they forget to double them they took the phantom save.

North led a spade to South's queen and South shifted to the ♣J, won by North with the ace. North returned a club, which declarer won in hand with the ten to continue with three rounds of diamonds, on which he threw

a spade from his hand. Declarer's last spade went on a top club and then declarer led a trump off dummy to his king and North's ace. The diamond return by North then promoted South's ♥J for down two and another +500 and 12 IMPs, to Germany.

Two boards later, the French got their revenge in peculiar fashion;

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A98 ♥ QJ983 ♦ 87 ♣ J43		♠ Q4 ♥ 6 ♦ AKQ ♣ AKQ10965	♠ K52 ♥ 75 ♦ J10654 ♣ 872
♠ J10763 ♥ AK1042 ♦ 932 ♣ —			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sträter</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Levy</i>
–	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rbl
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Two Diamonds showed any game-forcing hand. Two Spades showed an ace and the rest was basically natural. I think Leenhardt may well have meant 4NT as natural as well but, when Levy did not pass it, Leenhardt had to retreat to 6♣. Once East led his partner's suit, declarer could shed a spade loser on a top heart and thus had to rely on the ♣J to appear in time. When it did, France had scored an unexpected +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasserre</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Poizat</i>	<i>Wladow</i>
–	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

The Germans were not in the best contract of 3NT either, but when East led a diamond, they quickly made 12 tricks as well. Germany scored +420 but 11 IMPs back to France to reduce their deficit to 17.

On the next board, the Germans settled the issue, one would think:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J103	♠ Q98765	♠ 42
♥ A4	♥ Q832	♥ KJ1096
♦ K9752	♦ 8	♦ QJ10
♣ 832	♣ QJ	♣ AK9
		
	♠ AK	
	♥ 75	
	♦ A643	
	♣ 107654	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sträter	Leenhardt	Kratz	Levy
–	–	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

spades turned out to be blocked the contract could not be defeated. The only things declarer had to do on a club lead were to concede a trick to the ♦A and to take a heart finesse through North in the end; Germany a massive +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lasserre	Elinescu	Poizat	Wladow
–	–	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

The French reached a more pedestrian contract after the auction one would expect in the French Standard system. Forcing 1NT, best minor and then back to hearts. The Germans found an interesting defence. South cashed his two top spades, North contributing the five and the six, and then played ♦A and a diamond. North happily ruffed this and led the ♠Q which declarer tried to ruff with his ♥6, only to see South overruffing with the seven and giving his partner another diamond ruff. This way, the contract already was down before declarer had made a trick...Germany +100 and 12 IMPs to effectively put the match out of reach.

The final score: 222-195 to Germany.

Both Germans stretched a little in this auction but when the

## 15th World Youth Teams Championships

The 15th World Youth Teams Championships will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, hosted by the prestigious Koç University from 13th to 23rd August 2014.

The contract was signed on Friday 19th July in Wroclaw by WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and the President of the Turkish Bridge Federation Nevzat Aydoğdu, in the presence of Ata Aydın, Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee.

The Championships comprise three individual Championship events:

The World Junior Teams for the Ortiz-Patino Trophy. This Championship is for Junior players who must not have achieved their 25th birthday by 31st December of the year prior to the year in which the competition is to take place.

The World Youngsters Teams for the Damiani Cup. This Championship is for players who must not have achieved their 20th birthday by 31st December of the year prior to the year in which the competition is to take place.

Finally there is the World Girls Teams for the Rona Cup and this Championship is also for players who must not have achieved their 25th birthday by 31st December of the year prior to the year in which the competition is to take place.

## The Past Comes Alive

Dutch players Frank van Wezel and Hans van de Konijnenberg both collect books, magazines and Daily Bulletins about bridge. They especially enjoy reading Daily Bulletins from the pre-internet era because these bulletins are a treasure trove of wonderful photographs, marvellous sketches, splendid deals, and tremendous stories and anecdotes.

Frank and Hans decided that this material should be at the disposal of all bridge players. At the same time, they want to save the history of bridge from oblivion. Therefore they launched a free website [www.bridgedailybulletins.nl](http://www.bridgedailybulletins.nl). On this site you can find thousands of scanned bulletins, both from the digital era and before. They have posted WBF, EBL and ACBL championship bulletins, as well as many from miscellaneous tournaments around the world.

And if you have bulletins that they are missing, please contact them. Contact details can be found on the website.

A Ballet Dancer in the China Shop

Micke Melander

Going into the fourth segment of the Venice Cup semi-final between China and England, the latter had a 99-62.5 lead.

Board 23. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 9			
♥ 872			
♦ AKQ87			
♣ AKQ4			
♠ K72		♠ QJ1054	
♥ QJ10943		♥ K6	
♦ J1053		♦ -	
♣ -		♣ J9762	
	♠ A83		
	♥ A5		
	♦ 9642		
	♣ 10853		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	L. Wang	Brock	W. Wang
-	-	-	Pass
2♦	Dbl	2♥	Dbl
Pass	3♥	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Brown	Yan	Stockdale
-	-	-	Pass
2♥	3♦	3♥	3NT
All Pass			

Even with two rounds of trumps led against Two Hearts doubled, declarer will go only one down, which will be a good save – their opponents may play game and make it. Liping Wang forced to game, and when partner showed a stopper it was enough for her to try Three No Trump. Both declarers got a heart lead and ducked. The defense continued with hearts, and the ace won the second trick. Wenfei Wang played a diamond to the ace and noted that the six of spades was discarded from East. Wenfei then cashed the king and queen of diamonds and the ace, king and queen of clubs, but was then without hope of making her contract. At the other table Stockdale played a diamond to the ace, and noticed the four of spades that was discarded from East. A spade back to hand and a second diamond was played towards dummy so West had to split her diamonds, dummy winning the trick. Three rounds of clubs followed and that squeezed West in the red suits so with five cards left to play Stockdale exited with a heart in this position:

♠ -			
♥ 8			
♦ Q87			
♣ 4			
♠ -		♠ QJ10	
♥ J109		♥ -	
♦ J5		♦ -	
♣ -		♣ J9	
	♠ 83		
	♥ -		
	♦ 64		
	♣ 10		

West won her hearts but had to give up when she was forced to lead diamonds into the tenace in dummy. That was well played for 12 IMPs to England.

China countered immediately when they won 10 IMPs on the next board, all due to the fact that Liu found the right opening lead, which Smith didn't for England, when holding:

♠ 853
♥ J1064
♦ A963
♣ 72

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	L. Wang	Brock	W. Wang
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Brown	Yan	Stockdale
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Board 24. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ QJ			
♥ AQ8			
♦ Q82			
♣ KQJ108			
♠ 853		♠ 107	
♥ J1064		♥ 7532	
♦ A963		♦ KJ4	
♣ 72		♣ A654	
	♠ AK9642		
	♥ K9		
	♦ 1075		
	♣ 93		

Smith led the jack of hearts, which declarer won, pulled trumps, and could discard one of her losing diamonds on a heart and claim 10 tricks. Liu in the Closed Room led the seven of clubs, which was bingo when partner won the trick with the ace and shifted to diamonds. The Chinese pair cashed out their winners and Stockdale was down before she had could get in.

Yan played like a ballet dancer moving around in a china shop on the next board.

Board 29. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ J953 ♥ 2 ♦ AQ53 ♣ A854	♠ Q108 ♥ KJ108643 ♦ 7 ♣ 102   ♠ A764 ♥ 9 ♦ K984 ♣ KJ63	♠ K2 ♥ AQ75 ♦ J1062 ♣ Q97
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	L. Wang	Brock	W. Wang
–	2♦	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Brown	Yan	Stockdale
–	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Stockdale led the nine of hearts, to the two, ten and queen. Things didn't look that good for declarer since a lot had to be done here and there to be able to scramble nine tricks together. Our star ballet dancer, Yan swirled around and started with the jack of diamonds, which went to the king, ace and seven. Yan's real key play, came next, a club to the nine and South's jack! Stockdale now shifted to a spade and Yan won with the king. The queen of clubs followed and, when that wasn't covered and the ten appeared from North, declarer had got one spade, two hearts and three tricks in each minor, when she repeated the finesse in clubs.

In the Open Room, Brock was declaring the same contract and also got the nine of hearts led. North overtook with the ten and Brock ducked. That duck was fatal when Liping found the club switch, causing declarer to lose tempo in the play. North shifted to the ten of clubs, for the queen, king and ace. The four of clubs was played from dummy, to the two, seven and three, allowing declarer to win in her hand. Brock now ran the jack of diamonds but didn't have anything to

really to play for when the Chinese pair just returned the previously played suits, not giving anything away. The jack went to king, ace and seven. Another club followed from dummy to South's jack who just returned the suit. Declarer had to lose two spades and was then one down for 12 IMPs to China.

Board 31. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ AJ985 ♦ A9875 ♣ 3	♠ Q754 ♥ 3 ♦ K ♣ AKJ10852   ♠ A109863 ♥ K107 ♦ Q ♣ Q96	♠ KJ ♥ Q642 ♦ J10643 ♣ 74
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	L. Wang	Brock	W. Wang
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Brown	Yan	Stockdale
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Both Brown and Liping led the ace of clubs; Brown correctly shifted to a trump, giving declarer no chance to cross-ruff her 10 tricks. Smith, in the Open Room, got a spade lead at trick two, called for the ace from dummy, cashed the ace of diamonds and cross-ruffed the next six tricks. South got in with a diamond in the end but Smith just finessed in hearts and made her contract. That was 10 IMPs back to England who won the fourth segment by 45-31. The position with two sets to play was up to 144 – 93.5.



Jos Jacobs

After 16 of the scheduled 96 boards, France led Germany by 14 IMPs. Those who were hoping for a close match, really got what they wanted for the remainder of the day. As the match progressed, neither team managed to come anywhere near a sizeable lead. Below, I will present to you a few of the most interesting deals from the second and third segments.

This was the third board of the second segment:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ KJ10864 ♥ 10954 ♦ 3 ♣ KJ</p>		<p>♠ 972 ♥ 8 ♦ KQJ854 ♣ A109</p>	<p>♠ 3 ♥ AK72 ♦ A962 ♣ 6532</p> <p>♠ AQ5 ♥ QJ63 ♦ 107 ♣ Q874</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>	<i>Wladow</i>
–	–	–	1NT
2♥	2♠	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Elinescu's double seems logical, holding AK/A opposite partner's weak 1NT opening. Still, the contract could have been made double dummy on the actual defence. South led the ♦10, won by North's ace and two rounds of hearts followed, East, declarer after the transfer overcall, ruffing. Had declarer chosen to play good diamonds through South, he would have made his contract as he would either have picked up South's trumps or been able to lead trumps through South twice.

At the table, however, declarer played for a safe one down, it seems. He took the club finesse to dummy's jack, ruffed a heart, crossed to the ♣K and ruffed the last heart with dummy's last trump. This way, he lost two trump tricks in the end, for one down, +200 to Germany.

In the other room, the same contract was reached without a final double:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wenning</i>	<i>Poizat</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Lasserre</i>
–	–	–	Pass
2♠	Dbl	4♠	All Pass

North led the ♥A and switched to a club to the queen and king. From this point, declarer could not only ruff three hearts, but also discard his diamond loser on a good club. Just made for Germany +620 and 13 IMPs to them.

Two boards later, the old-fashioned penalty double of 1NT proved a useful tool:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J64 ♥ 4 ♦ K7652 ♣ K953</p>		<p>♠ KQ10 ♥ KQ106 ♦ A1043 ♣ Q2</p>	<p>♠ A952 ♥ AJ83 ♦ QJ ♣ A86</p> <p>♠ 873 ♥ 9752 ♦ 98 ♣ J1074</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>	<i>Wladow</i>
–	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

When East did not act at his first turn to speak, he did not get a second chance when the opponents ended up in his best suit. Down three gave France+300.

East led the ♥Q to declarer's ace and the ♦Q went to West's king. Spades came next, declarer winning the second round and exiting with a third spade to East's king. East could cash a top diamond now but then had to exit in clubs (or trumps, for that matter) to present declarer with an extra trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wenning</i>	<i>Poizat</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Lasserre</i>
–	1NT	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	2♥	Dbl	All Pass

The redouble was a transfer to 2♣, and the French duly reached their best fit. As Marsal had been able to take action at his first turn to speak, he knew from his partner's double that he could safely axe 2♥.

On a spade lead, the play took mainly the same course as at the other table, declarer making the same five tricks, but the difference was that he had to pay 800...Germany +11 IMPs.

Over the subsequent five boards, France had brought down their deficit to 14 when Board 27 arrived:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ 864 ♥ 95 ♦ Q976 ♣ 8652</p>		<p>♠ K2 ♥ KQ102 ♦ AJ1043 ♣ A4</p>	<p>♠ AQJ1073 ♥ 7 ♦ 82 ♣ J1073</p>
		<p>♠ 95 ♥ AJ8643 ♦ K5 ♣ KQ9</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>	<i>Wladow</i>
–	–	–	2♥
Pass	4♣	4♠	Dbl
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Once Wladow showed a hand worth a normal opening bid by doubling 4♠, Elinescu got optimistic. Had he bid 6NT instead, that contract would have been made by way of the diamond finesse, as the ♠K would then have been protected, East being on lead. In 6♥, declarer South was quickly one down on a spade lead; France +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wenning</i>	<i>Poizat</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Lasserre</i>
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	2♦	3♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

Five Hearts was clearly asking for something useful in spades, so the French landed safely on their feet. Well done, France +450 and 11 IMPs to them to trail by 3 now.

Two boards later, we saw a new leader:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q752 ♥ A754 ♦ QJ ♣ KJ9</p>		<p>♠ K103 ♥ 106 ♦ K10985 ♣ 754</p>	<p>♠ J96 ♥ K2 ♦ A7632 ♣ A106</p>
		<p>♠ A84 ♥ QJ983 ♦ 4 ♣ Q832</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>	<i>Wladow</i>
–	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Against 3NT, Wladow found the unlucky lead of the ♠8, so declarer had his problems in the suit solved and had gained a tempo, too. He continued a spade after winning the nine in hand. North won the king and shifted to the ♥10 but it was already too late. Declarer won the king and cleared the spades. South won his ♠A and continued the ♥Q which held the trick. When South continued a low diamond to the queen, king and ace, the only thing declarer had to do was to lead a low club to dummy's nine... nicely done by Vanhoutte and +600 to France.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wenning</i>	<i>Poizat</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Lasserre</i>
–	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dbl	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the other room, South led a more normal ♥Q on which North dropped the ten under dummy's ace. The ♦Q held the next trick but the ♦J was covered by the king and ace, South discarding the ♣2. Declarer then led a low spade to the queen and North's king. North cashed his three diamond winners and then exited in hearts to declarer's king. Three more club tricks were all declarer could get from this point. That was down two, France +200 to lead by 12.

The last board of the set, in my view, was the most interesting one in this segment. As it was a push in this match, both declarers making 3NT, I will not report about it. A review of this board will appear elsewhere in our Bulletins.

Germany had won the second segment 42-37 to trail 76-67 at the start of segment three.

On Board 2 of the third segment, the German doctors were allowed to save in 4♠ undoubled, vulnerable v. not, for down two against 4♥ making. This brought them 6 IMPs but on the next board they did even better:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 10986532 ♥ 654 ♦ 7 ♣ 72</p>		<p>♠ Q4 ♥ AKJ93 ♦ 98652 ♣ 4</p>	<p>♠ KJ ♥ Q10 ♦ KJ103 ♣ AK653</p>
		<p>♠ A7 ♥ 872 ♦ AQ4 ♣ QJ1098</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Elinescu	Leenhardt	Wladow
–	–	–	1NT
Pass	4♦	Dbl	4♥
All Pass			

A weak 1NT again and a transfer by North made South the declarer. West led his singleton ♦7 to the eight, ten and queen. Wladow next cashed the ♥A and, upon seeing the ten, continued the king. He went on to draw the last trump and then called for dummy's ♦6, playing low from hand when East played low. A club came next, East rising with his king and exiting with a low diamond to declarer's now bare ace. A club was ruffed in dummy and another diamond to East's jack effectively endplayed him for the overtrick. Nicely done for Germany +450.

No such miracles in the Closed Room.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sträter	Poizat	Kratz	Lasserre
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

With North the declarer, East led a top club and continued the ♦J to dummy's queen. Declarer led a heart to his ace and then crossed to the ♠A to take a losing heart finesse. East continued his ♦K to dummy's ace and a ruff by West. That was three tricks already in the bag for the defence and a spade and a diamond still to come for down two; Germany +100 and 11 IMPs to them to go into the lead again.

After four pushes and a small pick-up for France, the German doctors launched another effective missile on Board 9:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ AQ643	♠ 85	♠ K972
♥ A102	♥ KJ943	♥ Q865
♦ 95	♦ J6432	♦ 10
♣ AK2	♣ J	♣ 10865
		
	♠ J10	
	♥ 7	
	♦ AKQ87	
	♣ Q9743	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Elinescu	Leenhardt	Wladow
–	Pass	Pass	2NT
Dbl	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	5♥	All Pass

After Wladow's 2NT, showing minors, and Elinescu's preempt, the French had to find their fit at the five-level. East misguessed for rather obvious reasons (what else could he have done apart from passing?... ) and went down six when the trumps split was horrendous; Germany +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sträter	Poizat	Kratz	Lasserre
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbl	2♠	3♣
4♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Once Sträter could make a spade overcall over South's more normal 1♦ opening bid, E/W had established their fit. When the French took the sacrifice, the par result had been reached. Down two; Germany another +300 and 14 IMPs to them to lead by 20.

On the next board, France halved their deficit by bidding a vulnerable spade game, holding a good six-card suit supported by partner. As the German South replied 1NT to his partner's 1♠, bidding the game was less obvious for them.

Three more pushes followed but then the Germans struck again:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ J7642		♠ 10
♥ 965		♥ K72
♦ 1052		♦ KQ964
♣ KJ		♣ 9842
♠ AK853		♠ Q9
♥ J103		♥ AQ84
♦ J8		♦ A73
♣ 765		♣ AQ103

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Elinescu	Leenhardt	Wladow
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Wladow's waiting tactics paid rich dividends once Elinescu could pass 1♠ for penalties.

South led a low diamond to dummy's eight and a trump came next, North's jack winning. He continued the ♣K which South overtook to draw all the trumps. South next cashed his ♦A and led a spade to lock declarer in dummy. Two top spades were cashed and then declarer presented dummy's

♥J, which was allowed to hold. Another heart went to the king and South's ace, and South's remaining two hearts thus became the second and third undertricks. Germany +500.

In the other room, the French were in a more normal contract when South refrained from doubling:

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sträter	Poizat	Kratz	Lasserre
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

Two overtricks for France +150 but 8 IMPs to Germany.

The French hit back immediately once again:

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

	♠ AJ	
	♥ AJ54	
	♦ K1053	
	♣ 952	
♠ Q95		♠ 106432
♥ Q9873		♥ K1062
♦ 98		♦ J6
♣ AJ3		♣ 108
	♠ K87	
	♥ –	
	♦ AQ742	
	♣ KQ764	

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Elinescu	Leenhardt	Wladow
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

This was the normal contract. Ten tricks for Germany +630.

In the other room, the French reached a delicate slam:

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sträter	Poizat	Kratz	Lasserre
–	–	–	1♦
1♥	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

When West led a spade, making the contract suddenly was a lot easier after dummy's jack won the trick.. Declarer could give up a club, unblock the ♠A, draw trumps and throw a club from dummy on the sxK to establish the suit with one ruff. This just made for +1370 to France and 12 IMPs back.

The score at the halfway stage: 108-102 to Germany. An interesting second day looked in prospect.

# Jack takes computer title

By Al Levy

The first Gold Medal of these games goes not to a human, but to a robot.

The 17th World Computer-Bridge Championships ended today with Jack (The Netherlands) crowned World Champion, defeating WBridge5 (France) in the final KO match 153-131.

The five-day round robin ended with WBridge5 first with 69.45 VPs and Jack second with 60.33 VPs. Out of the money were Q-Plus Bridge (Germany) with 54.81 VPs, Micro Bridge (Japan) with 48.03 VPs, Shark Bridge (Denmark) with 39.13 VPs and Bridge Baron (USA) with 28.47 VPs.

This was a rematch of last year's final, with Jack retaining its title. Congratulations to Hans Kuijff, developer of Jack, and Yves Costel, developer of WBridge5.

Al Levy is the organizer of the computer championships.

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# Promotion to the executive

By Patrick Jourdain

**A** Vice-President of the WBF Executive, Patrick Choy, now of Singapore, is also an excellent bridge player taking part in the World Transnational Open Teams. He has copy for his bridge articles in these two deals with a common theme from the event:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ K7 ♥ Q7652 ♦ 107 ♣ AKQJ</p>		<p>♠ J10984 ♥ J109 ♦ Q983 ♣ 7</p> <p>♠ A53 ♥ A4 ♦ AK6 ♣ 108532</p>	<p>♠ Q62 ♥ K83 ♦ J542 ♣ 964</p>
<p><b>West</b> <i>Tan</i></p>	<p><b>North</b></p>	<p><b>East</b> <i>Choy</i></p>	<p><b>South</b></p>
<p>–</p>	<p>–</p>	<p>1NT</p>	<p>Pass</p>
<p>2♦</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>2♥</p>	<p>Pass</p>
<p>3♣</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>Pass</p>
<p>4NT</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>5♣</p>	<p>Pass</p>
<p>6♣</p>	<p>All Pass</p>		

After a strong no-trump, transfer and natural continuation in what must have been a very common auction, East/West found their club fit and moved on to slam after keycard and a response showing 0 or 3 keys.

Everywhere, North led the spade jack against Six Clubs. At the table where your correspondent was defending, declarer won this with dummy's ace, drew only two rounds of trumps, and then played on hearts. Even if South and West ducked the second round, declarer had the three entries (ruffing the third heart high, returning with the third trump) necessary to cope with hearts 4-2.

At Choy's table, declarer instead ruffed dummy's two losers in hand but wasted an entry so the ace of hearts had already been played when she needed to draw the last trump. Had she led the queen of hearts from hand the slam would have survived, but a low heart allowed North to gain the lead and the fourth spade from Tan promoted South's lowly nine of trumps.

That was certainly a double error by West but on the next deal declarer's mistake was harder to spot:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 8765 ♥ 982 ♦ K87 ♣ J95</p>		<p>♠ AQJ92 ♥ A43 ♦ AQ6 ♣ Q3</p>	<p>♠ 3 ♥ J1076 ♦ 9543 ♣ 10872</p> <p>♠ K104 ♥ KQ5 ♦ J102 ♣ AK64</p>
<p><b>West</b> <i>Tan</i></p>	<p><b>North</b></p>	<p><b>East</b> <i>Choy</i></p>	<p><b>South</b></p>
<p>–</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>1♣</p>	<p>1NT</p>
<p>Pass</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>Dbl</p>	<p>Pass</p>
<p>Pass</p>	<p>2♣</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>Pass</p>
<p>2♠</p>	<p>All Pass</p>		

East opened with a Polish club and Choy made a natural overall showing a strong no-trump. East's re-opening double promised the strong version of the Polish Club so West passed for penalties initially.

Alan Tan rescued as North, showing the lowest of at least two 4-carders (redouble for a one-suit rescue). They had done well to locate their best fit even though there are six top losers in clubs, diamonds or hearts.

That encouraged West to try his chance in Two Spades rather than double Two Clubs. Tan led the jack of hearts and the sight of dummy's excellent trumps must have been a relief (and distraction) for declarer. He immediately won the heart ace and Choy carefully unblocked the king.

Declarer's fate was already sealed, for when South won his spade king he cashed the two top clubs and the queen of hearts, put partner in with the third heart. A fourth heart from Tan then promoted Choy's ten of trumps.

Note that to make the contract declarer must not only duck the first heart but, when South overtakes and plays a second honour, declarer has to duck that as well.



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## Bermuda Bowl Final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
MONACO	0	29	29	16	45	2	47	0	47	0	47	0	47
ITALY	6	48	54	45	99	15	114	0	114	0	114	0	114

## Venice Cup Final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
USA2	0	52	52	7	59	53	112	0	112	0	112	0	112
ENGLAND	2.33	36	38.3	32	70.3	37	107.3	0	107.3	0	107.3	0	107.3

## d'Orsi Trophy Final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
USA2	1	43	44	15	59	17	76	0	76	0	76	0	76
GERMANY	0	58	58	24	82	20	102	0	102	0	102	0	102

## Bermuda Bowl Play-off scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
POLAND	11.67	51	62.7	22	84.7	49	133.7	0	133.7	0	133.7	0	133.7
USA1	0	28	28	31	59	36	95	0	95	0	95	0	95

## Venice Cup Play-off scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
NETHERLANDS	14	40	54	42	96	38	134	0	134	0	134	0	134
CHINA	0	48	48	15	63	39	102	0	102	0	102	0	102

## d'Orsi Trophy Play-off scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
POLAND	0	33	33	37	70	25	95	0	95	0	95	0	95
FRANCE	14	25	39	16	55	15	70	0	70	0	70	0	70

## Transnational Semi-final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total
WHITE HOUSE	0	24	24	5	29	35	64
GORDON	0	45	45	28	73	36	109
P D TIMES	0	20	20	14	34	34	68
SAIC VW	0	19	19	4	23	48	71

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