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Moving day in Bali

The third day of qualifying for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Seniors Trophy saw several teams making moves in positive directions.

None was more dramatic than the surge by **USA1** in the Bermuda Bowl. With victories over **Guadaloupe, Chinese Taipei** and the **Netherlands**, the latter a 40-5 rout, the Americans moved from 15th in the field of 22 to eighth, the final qualifying spot.

In the Venice Cup, **England** moved into sixth place from ninth, and in the Seniors, **USA2** ended the third day of play in fifth place, moving up from ninth.

Round Robin play continues today and concludes on Monday. The quarter-finals begin on Tuesday of next week.

It's all in the family

By Brent Manley

She is a long way from home and playing in some tough competition in the Venice Cup in Bali, but Fatima Raza of Karachi, Pakistan, is having the time of her life. "I thought the zonal trials were great," she said on Thursday, "but this is better."

The occasion is made even more special for Raza because two of her teammates are her mother and partner, Rubina Hai, and her grandmother, Qudsia Dossa. The Pakistani Venice Cup team can safely lay claim to being the only squad with three generations of players from the same family.

Dossa has been playing duplicate since 1981, the same year that Zia Mahmood – a family friend – led his underdog team to the silver medal in the Bermuda Bowl in Port Chester NY. She learned to play from her parents, former whist players. The same year she started duplicate, she went to India for the zonal trials. Her team didn't make it, but she has played in the Venice Cup twice – in Monte Carlo in 2003 and Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 2009. *(Continued on page 2)*



Qudsia Dossa, Fatima Raza and Robina Hai

N.B. First Round Match Today Starts at 10.00 a.m.

To check scores, visit www.worldbridge.org/repository/tourn/bali.13/microsite/results.htm



BBO & VuGraph Schedule

Session 10				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
3	Argentina	Poland	BB	VG
23	Poland	China	VC	OG
2	Canada	Monaco	BB	BBO 2
8	Indonesia	Japan	BB	BBO 3
10	Brazil	Germany	BB	BBO 4
11	USA 1	Italy	BB	BBO 5
30	Netherlands	France	VC	BBO 6
50	USA 1	Australia	SEN	BBO 7
Session 11				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
7	Italy	Monaco	BB	VG
6	Brazil	China	BB	OG
3	Indonesia	Argentina	BB	BBO 2
5	USA 1	South Africa	BB	BBO 3
8	Netherlands	Poland	BB	BBO 4
9	Japan	USA 2	BB	BBO 5
28	Australia	China	VC	BBO 6
48	Canada	France	SEN	BBO 7
Session 12				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
4	Poland	Italy		VG
6	China	USA 1		OG
2	Egypt	Japan		BBO 2
3	USA 2	Netherlands		BBO 3
5	Monaco	Brazil		BBO 4
8	Canada	Indonesia		BBO 5
30	Sweden	England		BBO 6
49	Belgium	Netherlands		BBO 7

WBF Women's Committee

A very successful meeting of the WBF Women's Committee was held on 18th September in Bali led by Anna Maria Torlontano. Representatives came from the eight WBF Zones.

The main item discussed was the Women's Online Bridge Festival. This will be held twice a year and the next edition will be held from 11th – 17th November 2013, with the prize for the winning player being free entry to the Women's Pairs at the World Bridge Series in Sanya, the player being able to select a partner of her choice. Accommodation in a twin room for the period of the Women's Pairs Championship will also be provided.

It is hoped to include an additional time slot that will enable players in the Far East to join the event more easily and some of the tournaments will be IMP scored.

It is also planned to provide some bulletins and a commentary on some of the deals played.

The meeting was closed at 10.30 with warm thanks to the chairman.

Laws Committee meeting

The Laws Committee will meet for the second time Sunday at 14.45 in the Kintamani Room on the mezzanine floor.

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.

(Continued from page 1) Zia is well acquainted with the family. Whenever he visits his home in Pakistan, he books a few golf games with Hai's son, Ali, the top amateur golfer in the country. Zia is impressed with the women's showing. "It's great for bridge," he said.

Dossa runs a duplicate game for women once a week in Karachi and is president of the Women's Bridge Association of Pakistan, which has about 50 members.

Hai started playing 10 years ago, developing her interest because of her mother's love for the game.

Raza started only one year ago while she was pregnant with her second child. Morning sickness was giving her fits, and her doctor suggested that she take up some activity – perhaps chess – to take her mind off the problem. Because of the family's history with bridge, she chose that sport and has had spectacular results.

Traveling to Ahmedabad, India, for the zonal trials, the team led throughout to win the event and a trip to Bali. "We just put in hard work," said Dossa. Raza said there is a good team spirit as well. "We never blame anyone."

They have also benefited from coaching by expert player Tahir Masood. "We work four or five hours a day to learn more," said Hai.

Raza and her mother share an experience in the United States. Both studied at the University of Indiana, Hai earning a master's degree in English literature. Raza studied finance and marketing and worked for a time as an investment banker at the Standard Chartered Bank in Dubai.

Raza said she has been impressed with the high standard of bridge she has encountered in Bali. "It's great fun," she said. "This is the best."

Today's Schedule

Start Times

Morning Session
10.00

Afternoon Session
14.00

Evening Session
16.50

Bermuda Bowl

Round Robin 10		Round Robin 11		Round Robin 12	
South Africa	China	England	Guadeloupe	Germany	Guadeloupe
Canada	Monaco	Australia	Chinese Taipei	Egypt	Japan
Argentina	Poland	Indonesia	Argentina	USA 2	The Netherlands
Chinese Taipei	USA 2	New Zealand	Canada	Poland	Italy
Guadeloupe	Egypt	USA 1	South Africa	Monaco	Brazil
England	Bahrain	Brazil	China	China	USA 1
Australia	India	Italy	Monaco	South Africa	New Zealand
Indonesia	Japan	The Netherlands	Poland	Canada	Indonesia
New Zealand	The Netherlands	Japan	USA 2	Argentina	Australia
Brazil	Germany	India	Egypt	Chinese Taipei	England
USA 1	Italy	Bahrain	Germany	Bahrain	India

Venice Cup

Round Robin 10		Round Robin 11		Round Robin 12	
USA 1	Turkey	England	Indonesia	France	Indonesia
Canada	South Africa	Japan	Sweden	Philippines	USA 2
Poland	China	Brazil	Poland	Pakistan	Australia
Sweden	Pakistan	Argentina	Canada	China	Egypt
Indonesia	Philippines	New Zealand	USA 1	South Africa	The Netherlands
England	Guadeloupe	The Netherlands	Turkey	Turkey	New Zealand
Japan	India	Egypt	South Africa	USA 1	Argentina
Brazil	USA 2	Australia	China	Canada	Brazil
Argentina	Australia	USA 2	Pakistan	Poland	Japan
The Netherlands	France	India	Philippines	Sweden	England
New Zealand	Egypt	Guadeloupe	France	Guadeloupe	India

d'Orsi Trophy

Round Robin 10		Round Robin 11		Round Robin 12	
Poland	Chinese Taipei	South Africa	China Hong Kong	Australia	China Hong Kong
Germany	New Zealand	The Netherlands	Brazil	Bangladesh	Egypt
Belgium	France	Guadeloupe	Belgium	Indonesia	Canada
Brazil	Indonesia	Japan	Germany	France	Scotland
China Hong Kong	Bangladesh	India	Poland	New Zealand	USA 1
South Africa	Denmark	USA 1	Chinese Taipei	Chinese Taipei	India
The Netherlands	USA 2	Scotland	New Zealand	Poland	Japan
Guadeloupe	Egypt	Canada	France	Germany	Guadeloupe
Japan	Canada	Egypt	Indonesia	Belgium	The Netherlands
USA 1	Australia	USA 2	Bangladesh	Brazil	South Africa
India	Scotland	Denmark	Australia	Denmark	USA 2

Mark Horton

After the dramatic (for some teams, traumatic) opening round, the deals were somewhat less demanding – at least that appeared to be the case in the Venice Cup match I elected to follow which involved England and Poland.

You could possibly make a case for West to go on to 5♦ at the end, but in this type of situation it is easy to be blinded by hindsight.

Here, too, South led her heart, covered by the jack, queen and ace and declarer played a diamond to the queen and ace. South ruffed the heart return and declarer claimed the rest, for +150 but 10 IMPs to Poland.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ AK43	♠ 96	♠ Q10
♥ KJ87	♥ Q1042	♥ A953
♦ Q8	♦ A2	♦ K1097653
♣ 1094	♣ AKJ32	♣ —

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♠ J8752	♠ Q10
♥ 6	♥ A953
♦ J4	♦ K1097653
♣ Q8765	♣ —

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K	♠ QJ653	♠ A108
♥ 1092	♥ Q	♥ AJ8765
♦ K42	♦ A1093	♦ J8
♣ AQ7532	♣ 1094	♣ J8

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♠ 9742	♠ A108
♥ K43	♥ AJ8765
♦ Q765	♦ J8
♣ K6	♣ J8

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Brock	Zmuda	Smith
—	—	—	2♦*
Dbl	2♠*	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

- 2♦ Weak only Multi
- 2♠ To play opposite spades

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Brock	Zmuda	Smith
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♣ 11-14 with 5♣ and 4♠/♥ or 6♣

Although there are many different ways to defend against the Multicoloured 2♦, almost every method uses an immediate double to show a balanced hand in the range of 13-15 or a stronger hand with 19+, and that was clearly in operation here. When East jumped to the four level, West was happy to try for the game bonus.

South led the seven of spades and declarer won with dummy's king perforce, played the ten of hearts for the queen and ace, ruffed a spade and played a heart. South won and switched to the queen of diamonds, a good shot which here only resulted in declarer recording an overtrick; +450.

South led her heart and declarer won in dummy with the king and played the eight of diamonds. North took the ace and tried to cash the king of clubs, but declarer ruffed, drew trumps and eventually lost a heart trick for +600.

Closed Room

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Sarniak	Brown	Baldysz
—	—	—	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Dbl	3♦	4♣
Pass	Pass	4♦	All Pass

- 1NT 12-14
- 2NT Transfer to diamonds
- 3♣ Denying good diamond support

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Sarniak	Brown	Baldysz
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♦*	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	All Pass
2♦	Hearts		

For the second time in the match West faced a situation where her partner had shown a suit via a transfer and then bid again. She was consistent with her previous action when she passed, but once again she was on the wrong side of the scorecard as her +200 meant 6 IMPs for Poland.

With time running out, Poland led 20-6 when this deal hit the table:

When partner makes a minor-suit transfer, Qx is an awkward holding – you almost like the suit, but can't be sure it will be right to say so.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ AKQ1042 ♥ K8 ♦ — ♣ J9865	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J6 ♥ Q1092 ♦ J74 ♣ Q1032	♠ 5 ♥ A ♦ AK98653 ♣ AK74
	♠ 9873 ♥ J76543 ♦ Q102 ♣ —		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Smith</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

- 4♥ Cue Bid
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 1 or 4 key cards
- 5♦ Asking about the trump queen
- 5♥ No trump queen

No doubt West was hoping her fifth club would be as good as the queen but with East only having four trumps going on to 7♣ proved to be an expensive decision. (You might argue that West could have 'shown' the club queen on the previous round.)

South led the eight of spades and declarer won in dummy and played a club to the ace. When South discarded she could set up the diamonds and deal with the trump suit, but she was one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

- 4♥ Cue bid
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 1-4
- 5♦ Asking about the trump queen

By stopping in 6♣, England picked up 14 IMPs to secure a 20-20 draw.

One final point; suppose East comes to rest in 6♦ and South leads a spade? Declarer must win in dummy, come to hand with a heart and play three rounds of diamonds. Whoever wins the trick will be endplayed.

Old versus New Zealand, and more

By Jan van Cleeff

Anneke Simons spent most of her life in Amsterdam. She was born and raised, however, in Zeeland, a province in the southwestern part of The Netherlands, bordering Belgium. So in a way she originates from Old Zeeland. Therefore Anneke must have had special thoughts when she played against New Zealand in Round 1 of the Venice Cup. One board in particular she will not soon forget:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ — ♥ AK52 ♦ KQJ653 ♣ AK8	♠ AK2 ♥ J ♦ A98 ♣ Q107543	♠ 1087643 ♥ Q10874 ♦ — ♣ 62	♠ QJ95 ♥ 963 ♦ 10742 ♣ J9
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West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Newton</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♥	3♣	4♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Effective bidding led to the good slam, which was an easy make of course. Easy stuff? Not quite. At the other table the slam was missed, but what about the match Poland v. Canada, where things ran completely out of hand when the Canadian E/W pair 'reached' 3NT and went down one. So, a great result for Poland was in the air ... well, maybe not.

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>		<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	
1♣	2♣	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	Dbl	6♠	Pass
6NT	Dbl	All Pass	

- 1♣ 12-14 balanced or strong (Polish)
- 4♣ Intended to show both majors
- 6♣ Not explained
- 6NT Panic

After a slight misdefence the final contract went three light only. Still the Canadians quite unexpectedly won 12 IMPs on the board.

I feel sorry for the Polish E/W pair, though. For a long time they did everything right on the board. The only thing they had to do was to run from North's 'Fredin double' to 7♥ at the very end.

For those who don't know about the Fredin double, here's the story. In 1997 at the European Championships in Montecatini, Swedish superstar Peter Fredin doubled his German opponents in 4♠ vulnerable. If I remember correctly, the Swede, who was in fourth position, possessed 100 honours in the trump suit. The Germans wisely ran to 7♣, which proved to be a make.

Jos Jacobs

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ AKQ73 ♥ 102 ♦ 8763 ♣ 63</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ J10 ♥ J9 ♦ AK ♣ Q1087542</p>	<p>♠ 98642 ♥ 843 ♦ J1094 ♣ J</p>
		<p>♠ 5 ♥ AKQ765 ♦ Q52 ♣ AK9</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Yamada	Leenhardt	Ohno
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2♣	3♠	4♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Maybe, North could have done just a bit more over 4♠. Anyway, Japan +440 on a diamond lead.



Masayuki Ohashi

In Round 3 of the Seniors, two teams with World Senior Championship titles to their names – Japan and France – had to meet. Not surprisingly, a tight match followed. Below, here are a few boards that did produce a sizeable swing.

On the first board, France gained 7 IMPs by bidding and making a non-vulnerable game against rather less than perfect defence, but then came Board 2:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ QJ94 ♥ 7 ♦ AK8 ♣ QJ954</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ A8 ♥ J3 ♦ 107654 ♣ K632</p>	<p>♠ K10753 ♥ 9862 ♦ 932 ♣ 10</p>
		<p>♠ 62 ♥ AKQ1054 ♦ QJ ♣ A87</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Yamada	Leenhardt	Ohno
—	—	Pass	1♥
Dbf	1NT	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

When the French under-competed, Japan was allowed to make 4♥ in peace for +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ohashi	Poizat	Abe	Lasserre
—	—	Pass	1♥
Dbf	1NT	2♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dbf	All Pass		

An early diamond shift and perfect defence from then on (North having to rise with his ♣K on the first round of the suit), or a hypothetical immediate diamond lead, would beat 4♠. But when the French took the possibly phantom sacrifice, they soon found out there was no way to eleven tricks. According to the official score, the contract actually went two down, to make it +500 and 15 IMPs to Japan rather than 13.

The French quickly got a measure of revenge when they bid the excellent slam on the next board:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ohashi	Poizat	Abe	Lasserre
—	—	—	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

This hand perfectly suited the French Standard system, even more so when they were given a free run. 2♣ was any strong hand and the rest was natural.. Once North showed his clubs, the French would never stop short of slam; France +920 and 10 IMPs to them.

Next came a long series of flat and nearly flat boards, though both teams had their chances to out-bid the opponents, but failed to really exploit them. Nevertheless, the French had scored nine unanswered IMPs to lead by 26-15 as they went into the last five boards.

This was Board 12:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ QJ9		
	♥ 642		
	♦ K109		
	♣ A1092		
♠ AK85		♠ 103	
♥ Q87		♥ AKJ1095	
♦ J84		♦ A762	
♣ 873		♣ 5	
	♠ 7642		
	♥ 3		
	♦ Q53		
	♣ KQJ64		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Yamada	Leenhardt	Ohno
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

In the French approach, 2♥ showed a good raise and 3♦ was a help-suit trial bid. With about the worst diamond holding he could have, and also being not vulnerable, West saw no reason to go on, his ♠AK not looking like enough compensation for his 4-3-3-3 distribution; France+170.

.Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ohashi	Poizat	Abe	Lasserre
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Abe made life easy for himself and found an ideal dummy; Japan +420 and 6 IMPs back to them.



Hiroya Abe

Under the new VP scale, all IMPs count so I am happy to report to you that France gained three more of them on Board 14, due to an experimental lead that did not come off against a cold and routine 3NT. Maybe, not quite routine – as you would make 6♦ if you happened to be in it.

Then came Board 15, on which we saw a remarkable result in the never-ending battle of science against timing:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ J9		
	♥ A53		
	♦ AQJ43		
	♣ KQ4		
♠ 32		♠ KQ1085	
♥ Q976		♥ 104	
♦ 1072		♦ K86	
♣ 8753		♣ J62	
	♠ A764		
	♥ KJ82		
	♦ 95		
	♣ A109		

In the Closed Room, the French had done well to stay out of a no-play 3NT when East could make a spade overcall after 1♣ – 1♦. On the lucky trump layout, 4♦ made for +130 to France.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Yamada	Leenhardt	Ohno
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the Open Room, their 1NT worked very well for the Japanese as it effectively prevented the lethal spade lead. When West led a heart, declarer had 11 tricks for +660 and 11 IMPs to Japan to regain the lead by 32-29 IMPs.

One extra overtrick to Japan on the final board made it 33-29 or 9.2 - 8.8 in V.P. due to time penalties.

SCOTS WHA'HAE

By Patrick Jourdain

Scotland are playing in their first World Teams Championships, in the d'Orsi Bowl. Their first match was a 13-7 win over Japan. Things were not going so well in their second match, against the hosts, Indonesia. Scotland was 18 IMPs behind when the penultimate board appeared:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ AKQ1042 ♥ K8 ♦ — ♣ J9865</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ J6 ♥ Q1092 ♦ J74 ♣ Q1032</p>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ A ♦ AK98653 ♣ AK74</p>
	<p>♠ 9873 ♥ J76543 ♦ Q102 ♣ —</p>		

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hendrawan</i>	<i>Sime</i>	<i>Polii</i>	<i>Murdoch</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Coyle</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Silverstone</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	7♠	Dbl
All Pass			

When Iain Sime and John Murdoch were defending, East/West found their club fit, and followed with cuebids and key-card. Polii, East, made no enquiry about the queen of clubs so finished in what appears a very safe Six Clubs.

North led a heart. West won and laid down the ace of trumps, receiving a shock when South showed out. He decided he might as well give up the inevitable trump loser at once and led a low trump to the nine and ten. North led another heart.

Declarer suddenly realised he had made a tiny error which could prove costly. When South showed out at trick two he had played his lowest trump from hand without consideration. So this was now the trump position with West on lead:

♣ Q3		♣ K7
♣ J86		
♣ None		

If declarer still had the five and six of trumps he could enter dummy by finessing the seven, ruff a diamond, draw the last trump and test the diamonds before relying on the spades. This would lead to success when the diamonds break 3-3.

However, in the actual position shown the seven of trumps was no longer an entry. If declarer led the six Sime could play the queen and deny dummy the entry.

So declarer lacked the entry to set up the diamonds. He therefore simply drew trumps, ditched two spades on the top diamonds and was left with four spade honours and a trump. Now he started to count the hand.

South had been void of clubs and there were strong indications he held at least four spades. Declarer bravely decided to finesse the ten. When this lost to the jack the small slam had gone one down. This was a cruel punishment for the error at trick two of failing to unblock the eight of trumps!

At the other table Willie Coyle decided to make a jump rebid in spades, implying a solid suit. Hence Silverstone's immediate raise to Seven Spades. South, looking at the void club, made a Lightner double and all passed.

The spotlight now fell on North. The opponents had not bid clubs or hearts so it was unlikely either of those was partner's void. And so he led a diamond, thinking East might have seven (as he did) and West three.

Coyle won the diamond lead, drew trumps (without finessing), ruffed out the diamonds and claimed.

Scotland had gained 18 IMPs on the deal when they might have lost 14. The match was level.

Board 32 gave Scotland 2 IMPs and their second win by 11-9.



Ian Sime



Cavendish Teams

- Monday October 21st and Tuesday 22nd
- Entry fee: 7500 Euros per team
- Auction: no

Cavendish Invitational Pairs

- Auction: Tuesday Evening October 22nd
- Wednesday October 23rd, Thursday 24th, Friday 25th
- Entry fee: 1500 Euros per pair
- Auction guarantee: 5000 Euros per pair

Prize Money

- 90% of the entry fees and auctions paid back to the players and bidders.

Hotel Accomodation

- The *Société des Bains de Mer (SBM)*, partner of the Monaco Bridge Fed, will propose great conditions for her prestigious hotels (*Hôtel de Paris*, *Hôtel Hermitage*), but you may find any other accomodations in Monaco as well at different rates. Tell us about your needs and we'll find solutions for you.

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Ana Roth, Buenos Aires

On Sept. 8, Brazil made good their pledge to treat their Independence Day friendly against Australia like a World Cup match, trouncing the outclassed Socceroos 6-0 at the Mane Garrincha stadium on Sunday.

In Bali, the first round of the day confronted Brazil with Australia again, but today the athletes used cards instead of a ball.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A98732										
	♥ Q43										
	♦ A3										
	♣ J6										
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	♥ J1085										
	♦ 1076										
	♣ Q97										

West	North	East	South
<i>Campos</i>	<i>Lavings</i>	<i>Villas Boas</i>	<i>Krochmalik</i>
—	1♠	Dbl	2♠
Dbl	3♠	All Pass	

Although this first board was a push, the bidding seemed to indicate a more aggressive approach from Australia. Paul Lavings opened his hand with a 1♠ bid and ended in 3♠ two down.

At the other table Chagas also played 3♠ two down, but he opened the hand with a weak 2♠.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/SVul.

	♠ AQJ9										
	♥ 102										
	♦ Q8										
	♣ Q9865										
♠ K10643	<table border="0"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 8
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W			E								
		S									
♥ KQ	♥ AJ8754										
♦ KJ102	♦ 97653										
♣ J3		♣ 2									
	♠ 752										
	♥ 963										
	♦ A4										
	♣ AK1074										

West	North	East	South
<i>Bilski</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brum</i>
—	—	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	3♥*
Dbl	Pass	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Having no heart stopper, N/S couldn't attempt 3NT and they decided to stop short of game, scoring +130.

West	North	East	South
<i>Campos</i>	<i>Lavings</i>	<i>Villas Boas</i>	<i>Krochmalik</i>
—	—	2♥	Dbl
3♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Declarer was two down for -500 and 12 costly IMPs. It reminds me of the Argentina-USA2 match, where the first IMPs for Argentina were due to super-aggressive USA2 moves.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/SVul.

	♠ A643										
	♥ 983										
	♦ 102										
	♣ K987										
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		S									
♥ AQJ102	♥ K654										
♦ J763	♦ A4										
♣ 1064		♣ Q53									
	♠ K1098										
	♥ 7										
	♦ KQ985										
	♣ AJ2										


West	North	East	South
<i>Bilski</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brum</i>
—	Pass	1NT	2♦*
2♥	2♠	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

2♦ Spades and another

4♠ finished one down, -200.


At the other table Brazil also reached 4♥ but Australia chose to defend. The contract was two down and Australia recovered 7 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ J84 ♥ KJ976 ♦ AQ72 ♣ 9</p>		<p>♠ A109 ♥ AQ53 ♦ J53 ♣ K53</p>	<p>♠ K732 ♥ 102 ♦ K104 ♣ AJ42</p>
<p>♠ Q65 ♥ 84 ♦ 986 ♣ Q10876</p>			
West	North	East	South
<i>Bilski</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brum</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	All Pass

2NT finished two down, -200. At the other table West passed and Brazil played in 2♥ for +140 and 8 IMPs for Brazil.

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

<p>♠ K9653 ♥ 9 ♦ KQ985 ♣ 75</p>		<p>♠ AQ8 ♥ AKQ752 ♦ J76 ♣ 2</p>	<p>♠ J1072 ♥ J103 ♦ 4 ♣ AK643</p>
<p>♠ 4 ♥ 864 ♦ A1032 ♣ QJ1098</p>			
West	North	East	South
<i>Bilski</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brum</i>
2♠	3♥	3♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

4♥ is cold but the vulnerability made the sacrifice not so cheap; -500.

In the other room Campos didn't open and Brazil let Australia play 4♥. The Australian made his 10 tricks, but at a 2 IMP cost. The match ended with a Brazilian victory by 12 IMPs.



Far-flung Team

Can anyone match this? There is a team here whose six members live in six different countries.

They are the Philippine Ladies and they live in:



(from left to right)

Gemma Tan – Singapore

Victoria Egan – London, England

Faith Tislevoll – Auckland, New Zealand

Tina Del Gallego – New York, USA

Mary Christy Ann De Guzman – Manilla, Philippines

Mylene Encontro – Skellefteå, Sweden

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Bermuda Bowl Struggles

Brent Manley

USA2, an under-performing team considering the line-up of players, started the second day of qualifying in 21st place and was in need of a boost to give themselves a shot at one of top eight spots in their bracket. The team started well, defeating China 37-9 (16.42 VPs to 3.58) in the first match. Their opponents for the second match were Brazil, lying tenth at the start of the day.

The first two board were pushes, then an unlucky opening lead led to a 10-IMP loss for USA2.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A9	♠ QJ4	♠ K10732
♥ 1086	♥ A3	♥ Q97
♦ K975	♦ QJ1042	♦ A
♣ AK84	♣ 1097	♣ J652

♠ 865	♠ AK8
♥ KJ542	♥ J
♦ 863	♦ J1083
♣ Q3	♣ K10852

West	North	East	South
Zia	Campos	Martel	Villas-Boas
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Miguel Villas-Boas, South, led a low heart and the defenders took three quick tricks in that suit. Trumps were 3-3, so there was only one trump trick to lose, but Chip Martel was happy to have stopped in 3♠. That was +140.

West	North	East	South
Toma	Fleisher	Brenner	Kamil
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♥	Dbl
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Mike Kamil led his partner's suit, which did not work out well for his side. Diego Brenner won the singleton ♦A, entered dummy and pitched a heart on the ♦K. With clubs lying well for declarer and only one trump trick to lose, Brenner was soon claiming +620 for a 10-IMP swing.

USA2 missed a chance for a useful gain on the next deal, instead incurring a 3-IMP loss.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ Q32	♠ 1065
♥ 1062	♥ K943
♦ AKQ754	♦ 962
♣ 3	♣ 764

♠ J974	♠ AK8
♥ AQ875	♥ J
♦ —	♦ J1083
♣ AQJ9	♣ K10852

West	North	East	South
Zia	Campos	Martel	Villas-Boas
2♦	3♦	Dbl	All Pass
2♦	Flannery: five hearts, four spades and 11-15 HCP		

Martel started with the ♠K, switching to his singleton ♥J at trick two. Campos covered with the king, taken by Zia with the ace. He played the ♥Q and continued with the ♥7, ruffed by Martel with the trump jack. Martel had ruffed with a natural trump trick, but he had a chance to get it back by playing a club to Zia's ace for a fourth round of hearts, promoting a second trump trick to assure three down and +800. Instead, Martel cashed the ♠A and continued with a spade to declarer's queen. The grateful declarer pulled trumps and conceded a club for two down and +500 for USA2.



Chip Martel

West	North	East	South
Toma	Fleisher	BrennerKamil	
1♥	2♦	Dbl	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Marco Toma, West, ruffed the opening diamond lead, cashed the ♣A and played a club to dummy's king, North discarding a diamond. Now declarer played the ♥J to his ace and crossruffed the red suits. He took the ♥A, ♣A, ♣K and seven trump tricks for +620 and a 3-IMP gain instead of a 5-IMP loss had Zia and Martel achieved +800 as they should have. At that point, the score was 13-0 for Brazil.

USA2, trailing 16-0, finally broke through on the following board.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ Q953		
	♥ J1087		
	♦ J1063		
	♣ 10		
♠ A107		♠ K84	
♥ KQ96		♥ 532	
♦ 82		♦ Q4	
♣ 8642		♣ AK973	
	♠ J62		
	♥ A4		
	♦ AK975		
	♣ QJ5		
West	North	East	South
Zia	Campos	Martel	Villas-Boas
-	Pass	1♣	1NT
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	2♣
Dbl	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

This was not a happy contract for Zia, who lost two hearts, one spade, two diamonds and a club for one down and -100.

West	North	East	South
Toma	Fleisher	Brenner	Kamil
-	Pass	1♣	1NT
Dbl	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Perhaps the Brazilians got mixed up on the meaning of the double. West's action definitely looks like a take-out action rather than penalty.

In any case, Brenner led the ♣A, switching to a low spade at trick two. Brenner was back on lead after Marco Toma won the ♠A and returned the suit. Brenner tried to cash another club, but Martin Fleisher ruffed and played a diamond to dummy's king. When the ♦A showed the suit to be 2-2, Fleisher could claim an overtrick for +380 and a 7-IMP gain.

That spot of good news was one of the few in the match for the Americans, as the next board demonstrated.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ 54		
	♥ KJ942		
	♦ A9		
	♣ Q1072		
♠ J107		♠ Q9	
♥ A8		♥ Q765	
♦ J873		♦ 10642	
♣ A653		♣ 984	
	♠ AK8632		
	♥ 103		
	♦ KQ5		
	♣ KJ		

West	North	East	South
Zia	Campos	Martel	Villas-Boas
-	-	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Zia started with the ♥A, eliminating declarer's guess in that suit. After the diamond switch, Villas-Boas cashed two high spades and could claim, losing one heart, one spade and a club for +620.

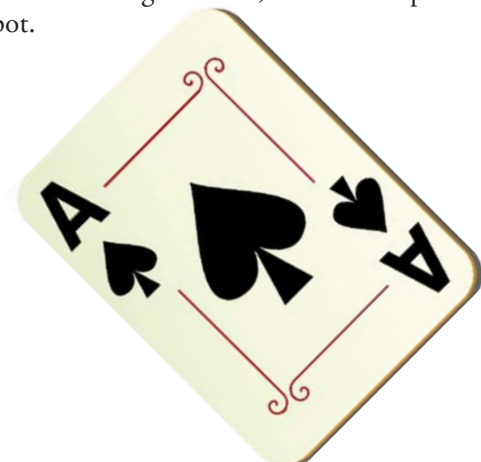
It was not so easy for Kamil at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Toma	Fleisher	Brenner	Kamil
-	-	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Toma led a diamond, taken by Kamil in hand. He cashed his top spades and put West in with a third round. On the return of the ♥8, Kamil put in the jack, losing to the queen. A heart went back to West's ace, and the ♣A was the setting trick. One down meant 12 IMPs to Brazil, now leading 28-7.

Brazil picked up vulnerable game swings on Boards 12 and 13 to solidify the trouncing. The final score was 49-10 in favor of Brazil.


USA2 rallied in the final set of the day, beating the strong team from Poland 41-22, but the team moved up only one place in the standings to 20th, well off the pace for a qualifying spot.



Mark Horton

I was intending to write a lengthy introduction to this article on the Round 3 encounter between two teams who might easily reach the medal rounds, but my computer crashed more often than Wall Street so you are lucky to get even this report on the deals.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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West	North	East	South
<i>Neve</i>	<i>Zur Campanile</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

I consulted my éminence grise on the French bidding system as to the auction. As you have probably guessed 1NT covered a number of hands but was not forcing, while 2♠ suggested a maximum with a doubleton heart.

South led the ace of diamonds and continued the suit. Declarer won with the queen, played a heart to the king and the ten of hearts, getting the bad news as North pitched the seven of spades. She won with the ace and continued with the queen, both dummy and North discarding a club. Declarer continued with a spade to the ace, pitched a club on the king of diamonds as South ruffed.

She continued with the ace and ten of clubs and declarer ruffed and played the eight of spades. When South went up with the king East had escaped for one down, -50.


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West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Willard</i>
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Where is Kokish when you need him? With no one to consult I can only conclude that French style has crossed the Atlantic.

This time South elected to lead the six of spades for the ten, jack and queen. (Of course you can argue that it was an unlucky choice, but my analytical advisor is heavily in favour of the ace of diamonds). Declarer played a spade to the ace and a diamond to the queen, South winning with the ace and returning the two. Declarer won in hand, ruffed a spade, cashed the king of hearts and then pitched a club on the king of diamonds. South ruffed and must now underlead her ace of clubs so North can win and return a diamond, promoting the jack of hearts. When South played the king of spades declarer could ruff and draw trumps; +420 and 10 IMPs for USA2.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Neve</i>	<i>Zur Campanile</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
Dbl	1NT	2♠	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

South led the queen of hearts and switched to the queen of diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played the four of clubs for the two, ten and ace. South decided to force the dummy by playing a heart and declarer ruffed and played the queen of clubs, covered by the king and ruffed. A spade to the jack was taken by North's ace and declarer won the diamond return with dummy's king, played a spade to the ten, ruffed a heart and claimed for +420.

To defeat 4♠ North must go in with the king of clubs and return a diamond. Now declarer cannot avoid a diamond ruff, as the possibility of a ruffing club finesse has been eliminated.

This is not an easy play to find but remember South had led the queen of hearts – did that suggest she had something useful in clubs?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Willard</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
Dbl	1NT	2♠	4♥
All Pass			

West led the queen of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace, drew trumps and played a diamond. She lost a spade and two diamonds, but that was all; +620 and 14 IMPs to France.

Does West get the credit for her 4♠ bid at the other table, or should West also have taken out insurance in the Closed Room?

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 9762	♠ AKQ	♠ 1085
♥ 753	♥ 9	♥ AJ10
♦ 73	♦ AK96	♦ 8542
♣ 10963	♣ AKJ75	♣ Q84
	♠ J43	
	♥ KQ8642	
	♦ QJ10	
	♣ 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Neve</i>	<i>Zur Campanile</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

2♥ Two of the top three honours
 4NT RKCB
 5♣ 0-3

The key to the auction was South's decision to bid 3♦ after which North was never going to stop short of slam.

Declarer won the spade lead, played three rounds of clubs, ruffing, drew trumps and claimed +920.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Willard</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

2♦ Game forcing
 2♥ Negative or unbalanced
 3♦ Transfer

Declarer won the diamond lead in dummy and played a heart to the ten and king. East won the next heart with the jack and returned a diamond, declarer winning and playing the six of hearts, claiming when East won with the ace.;+450, but 10 IMPs to USAII.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 76	♠ AQJ10982	♠ K4
♥ Q852	♥ A4	♥ 109763
♦ 954	♦ Q76	♦ A8
♣ 8742	♣ 3	♣ KJ106
	♠ 53	
	♥ KJ	
	♦ KJ1032	
	♣ AQ95	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Neve</i>	<i>Zur Campanile</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
—	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

6♠ was all about the trump suit, so that was -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Willard</i>
—	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	


3♥ Fourth Suit

Stopping at a safe level gave France 13 IMPs.



Migry Zur Campanile

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Neve</i>	<i>Zur Campanile</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

2♦ Inverted
 3♥ Splinter
 3♠ Cue Bid

South led the ten of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace and ruffed a heart. When North's king appeared she drew trumps and played a club, claiming the rest when North put up the ace; +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Willard</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♦	All Pass

I can't be sure about the auction (Murphy's law applies, as Sue Picus, who was sitting next to me when I typed up the previous deal, might well have known the exact meaning) but it got E/W to slam after their inverted minor start (this time it was East who bid 2♦).

North led the four of diamonds and declarer won with the eight and played a club to the king. When that held she ducked a club and was soon claiming +920 and 11 IMPs that saw USA win by 42-30 IMPs, 13.28-6.72 VP.


USA v. The Netherlands, Seniors

The Mysterious Multi (Not to be confused with *The Mysterious Multi*, a bestseller written by Mark Horton and an unknown ghost writer) – by Jan van Cleeff

For decades the Multi 2♦ opening bid, usually showing a weak two in one of the majors, has been common practice in the Old Continent. In the New World, however, the Multi, in spite of the above mentioned book, is still not widely adopted and sometimes even prohibited.

At international championships, the convention is allowed, which might lead to grotesque results when you are not used to playing against it. Take this deal for instance:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 9 7 4 ♥ A 9 6 5 ♦ 5 3 2 ♣ Q 8 6		♠ AKQ1086 ♥ K 3 ♦ Q ♣ AKJ5	♠ 3 2 ♥ J 10 8 7 4 2 ♦ AKJ 6 ♣ 7
♠ J 5 ♥ Q ♦ 10 9 8 7 4 ♣ 10 9 4 3 2			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Janssens</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Vrieze</i>
—	—	2♥	Pass
3♥	Dbl	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

After some enterprising bidding North found himself in 5♠, where it's all about finding the ♣Q.

Bob Hamman kicked off with a top diamond and switched to the two of spades. Declarer won in hand and played a heart. Sam Lev won the ace and returned a trump. Onno Janssens won in dummy with the jack and ran the ♣10. Curtains.

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vriend</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Maas</i>	<i>Graves</i>
—	—	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	3♥*	All Pass	

2♦ Multi
 2♥ Non-forcing relay
 3♥ Intended as a cuebid

I personally play 3♥ here as good hand with long hearts. Apparently, Allan Graves is of the same opinion, but it is all a matter of agreement, of course.

When the smoke cleared, the final contract was five light and the Dutchies scored a juicy 15 IMPs on the board, more or less the margin of the match result (Holland won by 43 to 26).

South Pacific

Mark Horton

South Pacific is one of the best known musicals created by the famous duo of Richard Rodgers (composer) and Oscar Hammerstein II (lyricist). The work premiered in 1949 on Broadway and was an immediate hit, running for 1,925 performances. It is based on James A. Michener's Pulitzer Prize-winning 1947 book *Tales of the South Pacific*, combining elements of several of the stories. Rodgers and Hammerstein believed that they could write a musical based on Michener's work that would be financially successful and, at the same time, would send a strong progressive message on racism.

Bali is not exactly in the South Pacific, but the musical contains a song entitled *Bali Hai* and that might give you a clue as to the theme that will run through this report.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K5 ♥ AJ62 ♦ AJ82 ♣ A73</p>	<p>♠ 1087 ♥ 1084 ♦ 1063 ♣ K864</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> <p>N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ AQ642 ♥ 9 ♦ K75 ♣ J1092</p>	<p>♠ J93 ♥ KQ753 ♦ Q94 ♣ Q5</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Bach</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♥ Transfer			

When West passed South's double he was almost certainly denying three-card spade support. When his partner redoubled he was simply making a retransfer, so it would have been quite a view for West to pass (although it would have been spectacularly successful).

When East expressed his values via 3♥ West had an easy conversion.

North led the four of hearts and declarer took South's queen with the ace and played three rounds of spades followed by the jack of clubs, which held the trick. The ten of clubs was covered by the queen and ace, and declarer crossed to the king of diamonds to cash two spades. With nine tricks already in the bag declarer decided to

exit with a club, which should have allowed the defenders to take all the remaining tricks via a squeeze on declarer, but South discarded a heart, so declarer scored a diamond at the end; +630.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥*	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	1NT
Dbl	All Pass		
1♣ Strong Club, 14+ 1/2 seat, 16+ 3/4 seat			
1♥ 10+ artificial relay			

If South thought his hearts were good enough to make a lead-directing double, he was quickly shown the error of his ways. One Heart redoubled would have been +1520 so South salvaged a few points by running.

West led the king of spades and continued the suit, East winning with the queen and cashing three more spades. West discarded a club and a heart and, had he parted with another heart, the defenders would have been in a position to score twelve tricks. However, he discarded a second club and when East switched to the nine of hearts declarer covered with the king. West took the ace and returned a diamond so the defenders took four tricks in that suit and still had the ace of clubs to come but West had to lead into South's heart tenace so declarer had two tricks, still -1100 and 10 IMPs to the Kiwis.

I wonder if South was tempted to call for a *Bloody Mary*?

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ 1083 ♥ KQ83 ♦ Q53 ♣ K102</p>	<p>♠ AK765 ♥ 7 ♦ A1064 ♣ A65</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> <p>N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ J104 ♦ J72 ♣ J98743</p>	<p>♠ QJ92 ♥ A9652 ♦ K98 ♣ Q</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Bach</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the two of diamonds and declarer took West's queen with the ace, cashed the ace of clubs, ruffed a club, cashed the queen of spades, came to hand with a spade, ruffed a club, cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart, drew the outstanding trump, played a diamond to the king and a diamond, claiming twelve tricks for +480.

There was some *Happy Talk* at the other table:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Reid	Allfrey	Newell	Robson
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♦*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- 2NT Slam try
- 4♣ Splinter
- 4♦ Cue-bid
- 4♥ Last train
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 1 or 4
- 5♦ Asking
- 6♦ ♠Q + ♦K

According to the BBO record declarer received a diamond lead and easily made the contract (BBO went down at the critical moment) giving 13 IMPs to England.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ 9	
	♥ KQ863	
	♦ AQ7	
	♣ 8432	
♠ KJ762	N W E S	♠ 1085
♥ A1042		♥ 95
♦ 962		♦ J10
♣ 9		♣ AKQJ65
	♠ AQ43	
	♥ J7	
	♦ K8543	
	♣ 107	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	Cornell	Townsend	Bach
—	—	—	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣	All Pass
2♦	5/4 ♠♥ (5-9) or 23-24 NT		

South led the jack of hearts and declarer put up dummy's ace, drew trumps and advanced the eight of spades. South took the ace and the defenders cashed a heart and then played diamonds, declarer ruffing the third round and taking the spade finesse for +110.



Tom Townsend

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Reid	Allfrey	Newell	Robson
1♦	—	—	—
1♠	2♥	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

When you first start playing bridge *you've got to be carefully taught* about the values required for opening bids, but here South's modernist opening bid meant N/S were never going to sell out to 3♣.

The defenders started with three rounds of clubs, declarer ruffing with the five of diamonds and West over-ruffing with the six. The ace of hearts was the last trick for the defence; +110 and 6 IMPs to England.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ K109	
	♥ KQ87	
	♦ A87	
	♣ AKJ	
♠ AQ874	N W E S	♠ 65
♥ AJ3		♥ 102
♦ J62		♦ 109543
♣ Q6		♣ 7542
	♠ J32	
	♥ 9654	
	♦ KQ	
	♣ 10983	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	Cornell	Townsend	Bach
1NT*	DbI	2♦	DbI
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
1NT	15-17		

West led the two of diamonds and declarer won with the king, played a heart to the king, a diamond to the queen and a heart. West took the ace and exited with a diamond to dummy's ace. Declarer cashed two hearts ending in hand and played the jack of spades, West going up with the ace and exiting with a club to ensure a spade trick at the end. That was +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Robson</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♠	1NT	All Pass	
1♣	Strong Club, 14+ 1/2 seat, 16+ 3/4 seat		
1♦	0-9 or 10+ with < 3controls		

It is standard to pass with a good hand when the opponents start with a strong club and then bid on the next round, but clearly South did not envisage being opposite quite such a powerful collection. Perhaps North should double 1♠ and then bid 2NT on the next round.

East led the six of spades and declarer was allowed to win with the ten. He used dummy's diamond entries to play hearts and he also cashed the top clubs, so it was straightforward to record eleven tricks for +210 but 9 IMPs to the All Blacks.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 10973	
	♥ J872	
	♦ Q72	
	♣ 73	
♠ Q2		♠ K654
♥ K109		♥ A64
♦ 95		♦ AK86
♣ AK9542		♣ QJ
	♠ AJ8	
	♥ Q53	
	♦ J1043	
	♣ 1086	



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Bach</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
4NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass
2♠	Transfer		
3♣	Maximum		

Facing a 15-17 1NT was West being a cockeyed optimist by bidding an invitational 4NT?

(As an aside, one member of the Editors observed that it is pity that Tom Townsend does not partner a player called Thoreson.)

South led the ten of diamonds and declarer won with the ace, played a spade to the eight queen and three and then cashed six rounds of clubs (overtaking the second round

in dummy) followed by a heart to the ace. South made no mistake discarding, so declarer took his only shot by exiting with a spade, hoping South had started with ♠A8. That was one down, -100.

It was a case of *this nearly was mine* for E/W for, as you can see, 6♣ will make in some comfort thanks to the spade position.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
1♣	Strong Club, 14+ 1/2 seat, 16+ 3/4 seat		
2♣	6+♣ or 3 suited, ♣+♦+Major		
2♦	Relay		

The responses to relays show suits, relative lengths, length of fragments, specific shape, controls and location of A/K/Q's. So, we can assume East had a good idea of West's hand and was not tempted to go beyond 3NT. Declarer took the eleven tricks he was entitled to gain 13 IMPs for the Silver Ferns.

Both teams attempted 4♥ with ♠K ♥KJ7 ♦AQJ962 ♣1084 facing ♠Q854 ♥A9863 ♦K8 ♣J6.

With three top losers you need the trumps to behave, but this was not *some enchanted evening* and they broke 4-1.

It was New Zealand who came away smiling, winners by 38-24 IMPs, 13.75-6.25.



Michael Cornell

Results — Bermuda Bowl

Round 7

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Indonesia	Australia	37	48	6.96	13.04
2	New Zealand	England	38	24	13.75	6.25
3	USA 1	Guadeloupe	48	15	17.17	2.83
4	Brazil	Chinese Taipei	38	35	10.91	9.09
5	Italy	Argentina	63	32	16.88	3.12
6	Netherlands	Canada	6	40	2.69	17.31
7	USA 2	Germany	30	29	10.31	9.69
8	India	China	22	62	1.91	18.09
9	Bahrain	Monaco	15	61	1.23	18.77
10	Egypt	Poland	21	70	0.93	19.07
11	Japan	South Africa	32	24	12.29	7.71

Round 8

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	USA 2	Egypt	44	14	16.73	3.27
2	Poland	Bahrain	60	14	18.77	1.23
3	Monaco	India	52	24	16.42	3.58
4	China	Japan	26	18	12.29	7.71
5	South Africa	Netherlands	25	44	5.2	14.8
6	Canada	Italy	2	58	0.31	19.69
7	Argentina	Brazil	37	21	14.18	5.82
8	Germany	Australia	21	8	13.52	6.48
9	Guadeloupe	New Zealand	24	28	8.8	11.2
10	England	Indonesia	21	60	2.03	17.97
11	Chinese Taipei	USA 1	13	33	5	15

Round 9

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Italy	Brazil	50	11	17.97	2.03
2	Netherlands	USA 1	5	40	2.55	17.45
3	Japan	New Zealand	44	15	16.58	3.42
4	India	Indonesia	61	44	14.39	5.61
5	Bahrain	Australia	12	49	2.28	17.72
6	Egypt	England	46	59	6.48	13.52
7	USA 2	Guadeloupe	82	11	20.00	-
8	Poland	Chinese Taipei	30	36	8.24	11.76
9	Germany	South Africa	73	0	20.00	-
10	China	Canada	63	17	18.77	1.23
11	Monaco	Argentina	61	21	18.09	1.91

Results — Venice Cup

Round 7

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Brazil	Japan	46	45	10.31	9.69
2	Argentina	England	18	28	7.20	12.80
3	New Zealand	Indonesia	27	20	12.03	7.97
4	Netherlands	Sweden	63	14	19.07	0.93
5	Egypt	Poland	8	69	-	20.00
6	Australia	Canada	30	34	8.80	11.20
7	Pakistan	France	15	71	0.31	19.69
8	India	Turkey	24	35	6.96	13.04
9	Guadeloupe	South Africa	30	29	10.31	9.69
10	Philippines	China	14	39	4.08	15.92
11	USA 2	USA 1	31	49	5.40	14.60

Round 8

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Pakistan	Philippines	32	32	10.00	10.00
2	China	Guadeloupe	29	22	12.03	7.97
3	South Africa	India	38	25	13.52	6.48
4	Turkey	USA 2	19	23	8.80	11.20
5	USA 1	Australia	58	7	19.25	0.75
6	Canada	Egypt	25	29	8.80	11.20
7	Poland	Netherlands	9	45	2.41	17.59
8	France	Japan	20	19	10.31	9.69
9	Indonesia	Argentina	28	19	12.55	7.45
10	England	Brazil	48	18	16.73	3.27
11	Sweden	New Zealand	30	25	11.48	8.52

Round 9

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Egypt	Netherlands	32	80	1.03	18.97
2	Australia	New Zealand	39	18	15.19	4.81
3	USA 2	Argentina	48	8	18.09	1.91
4	India	Brazil	24	41	5.61	14.39
5	Guadeloupe	Japan	25	44	5.20	14.80
6	Philippines	England	19	44	4.08	15.92
7	Pakistan	Indonesia	25	66	1.79	18.21
8	China	Sweden	32	7	15.92	4.08
9	France	USA 1	32	14	14.60	5.40
10	Turkey	Canada	53	12	18.21	1.79
11	South Africa	Poland	13	23	7.20	12.80

Results — d'Orsi Trophy

Round 7

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Guadeloupe	Netherlands	16	62	1.23	18.77
2	Japan	South Africa	40	46	8.24	11.76
3	India	China Hong Kong	19	44	4.08	15.92
4	USA 1	Brazil	41	4	17.72	2.28
5	Scotland	Belgium	54	37	14.39	5.61
6	Canada	Germany	37	38	9.69	10.31
7	Indonesia	Australia	57	26	16.88	3.12
8	USA 2	Chinese Taipei	20	44	4.26	15.74
9	Denmark	New Zealand	39	21	14.60	5.40
10	Bangladesh	France	28	11	14.39	5.61
11	Egypt	Poland	23	56	2.83	17.17

Round 8

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Indonesia	Bangladesh	18	34	5.82	14.18
2	France	Denmark	59	19	18.09	1.91
3	New Zealand	USA 2	6	63	0.23	19.77
4	Chinese Taipei	Egypt	61	10	19.25	0.75
5	Poland	Canada	25	21	11.20	8.80
6	Germany	Scotland	38	23	13.97	6.03
7	Belgium	USA 1	36	19	14.39	5.61
8	Australia	Netherlands	30	37	7.97	12.03
9	China Hong Kong	Japan	7	34	3.74	16.26
10	South Africa	Guadeloupe	44	6	17.85	2.15
11	Brazil	India	11	39	3.58	16.42

Round 9

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Scotland	USA 1	33	32	10.31	9.69
2	Canada	India	18	31	6.48	13.52
3	Egypt	Japan	37	29	12.29	7.71
4	USA 2	Guadeloupe	108	14	20.00	-
5	Denmark	Netherlands	35	27	12.29	7.71
6	Bangladesh	South Africa	64	21	18.44	1.56
7	Indonesia	China Hong Kong	41	15	16.09	3.91
8	France	Brazil	18	16	10.61	9.39
9	Australia	Poland	46	31	13.97	6.03
10	Chinese Taipei	Germany	24	54	3.27	16.73
11	New Zealand	Belgium	25	48	4.44	15.56

Standings

After 9 Rounds

Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup

d'Orsi Trophy

	Team	VPs		Team	VPs		Team	VPs
1	Italy	134.16	1	Netherlands	144.69	1	Belgium	134.07
2	Poland	126.15	2	Poland	125.33	2	France	116.73
3	Monaco	124.89	3	USA 2	122.19	3	Scotland	116.52
4	Japan	120.38	4	USA 1	120.12	4	Germany	115.63
5	Germany	118.31	5	France	114.88	5	USA 2	112.65
6	Netherlands	105.53	6	England	111.28	6	Australia	112.43
7	China	103.59	7	China	110.05	7	Netherlands	109.41
8	USA 1	99.89	8	Australia	100.31	8	Canada	109.33
9	Argentina	94.67	9	Turkey	98.87	9	Poland	104.59
10	Brazil	92.13	10	Canada	97.48	10	USA 1	100.41
11	Australia	90.64	11	South Africa	93.54	11	Japan	96.68
12	England	88.32	12	Indonesia	92.95	12	Indonesia	94.28
13	Canada	88.15	13	New Zealand	87.56	13	India	92.65
14	USA 2	86.12	14	Japan	81.23	14	Chinese Taipei	86.52
15	South Africa	80.67	15	Brazil	80.47	15	China Hong Kong	84.22
16	Indonesia	78.86	16	Sweden	76.73	16	Brazil	72.97
17	Chinese Taipei	67.6	17	Argentina	76.4	17	Bangladesh	71.18
18	Bahrain	61.41	18	Egypt	66.17	18	Denmark	66.26
19	Guadeloupe	60.31	19	Philippines	57.49	19	New Zealand	58.32
20	New Zealand	55.85	20	Pakistan	49.14	20	South Africa	56.26
21	Egypt	54.68	21	Guadeloupe	41.36	21	Egypt	44.65
22	India	45.69	22	India	28.86	22	Guadeloupe	22.24

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