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CHINESE SMILES AND DUTCH DELIGHT

Two of the most dramatic finishes imaginable were played out in the Men's and Women's Pairs at the 2012 Beijing Sportaccord World Mind Games.

In the Men's event the Netherlands Simon de Wijs and Bauke Muller overtook the pair who had been leading almost all the way, Sweden's Peter Bertheau and Per-Ola Cullin, on the last of the 88 deals to capture their second gold medal of the games. Meanwhile a strong finish by China's Zhong Fu and Miao Shi saw them tie with the Swedes, earning both pairs silver medals.

It was a second victory for the Dutchmen and they will be hoping one of them can go on to complete a treble in the individual



It was no less dramatic in the Women's event, as it appeared that China's Ming Sun and Hongli Wang and France's Bénédicte Cronier and Sylvie Willard had tied for the Gold Medals. An exact tie in a Pairs event is unprecedented, so to have two, one in each event, is bordering on the miraculous. However, a small scoring error was discovered and that meant gold for China and silver for France. The bronze medals also go back to France with Danièle Allouche and Vanessa Reess.

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RESULTS

MEN SERIES

SESSION 3

| | | |
|----|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | de WIJS Simon - MULLER Bauke | 58.00 |
| 2 | RUOYANG Lian - HAOJUN Shi | 55.50 |
| 3 | FU Zhong - MIAO Shi | 53.50 |
| 4 | BERTHEAU Peter - CULLIN Per-Ola | 53.00 |
| 5 | KATZ Ralph - WEINSTEIN Howard | 51.00 |
| - | CHUANCHENG Ju - ZHENGJUN Shi | 51.00 |
| 7 | HURD John - WOOLDRIDGE Joel | 50.00 |
| 8 | SYLVAN Johan - WRANG Frederic | 49.50 |
| 9 | BRINK Sjoert - DRIJVER Bas | 48.50 |
| 10 | NYSTROM Fredrik - UPMARK Johan | 47.00 |
| 11 | van PROOIJEN Ricco - VERHEES Louk | 43.50 |
| 12 | CHEEK Curtis - GRUE Joseph | 39.50 |

SESSION 4

| | | |
|----|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | KATZ Ralph - WEINSTEIN Howard | 60.42 |
| 2 | CHEEK Curtis - GRUE Joseph | 57.50 |
| 3 | de WIJS Simon - MULLER Bauke | 54.58 |
| 4 | CHUANCHENG Ju - ZHENGJUN Shi | 52.08 |
| 5 | NYSTROM Fredrik - UPMARK Johan | 51.25 |
| 6 | FU Zhong - MIAO Shi | 50.42 |
| 7 | BRINK Sjoert - DRIJVER Bas | 49.58 |
| - | van PROOIJEN Ricco - VERHEES Louk | 49.58 |
| 9 | HURD John - WOOLDRIDGE Joel | 45.42 |
| 10 | RUOYANG Lian - HAOJUN Shi | 44.58 |
| 11 | BERTHEAU Peter - CULLIN Per-Ola | 44.17 |
| 12 | SYLVAN Johan - WRANG Frederic | 40.42 |

AFTER 4 SESSIONS

| | | |
|----|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | de WIJS Simon - MULLER Bauke | 55.23 |
| 2 | BERTHEAU Peter - CULLIN Per-Ola | 54.55 |
| - | FU Zhong - MIAO Shi | 54.55 |
| 4 | HURD John - WOOLDRIDGE Joel | 52.73 |
| 5 | CHUANCHENG Ju - ZHENGJUN Shi | 51.25 |
| 6 | KATZ Ralph - WEINSTEIN Howard | 50.23 |
| 7 | BRINK Sjoert - DRIJVER Bas | 49.77 |
| 8 | CHEEK Curtis - GRUE Joseph | 49.43 |
| 9 | SYLVAN Johan - WRANG Frederic | 47.84 |
| 10 | RUOYANG Lian - HAOJUN Shi | 47.27 |
| 11 | NYSTROM Fredrik - UPMARK Johan | 44.32 |
| 12 | van PROOIJEN Ricco - VERHEES Louk | 42.84 |

WOMEN SERIES

SESSION 3

| | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | CRONIER Benedicte - WILLARD Sylvie | 63.00 |
| 2 | BROWN Fiona - STOCKDALE Susan | 60.00 |
| 3 | EYTHORSDDOTTIR Disa - DEAS Lynn | 58.00 |
| 4 | ALLOUCHE Daniele - REESS Vanessa | 57.00 |
| 5 | LEVITINA Irina - SANBORN Sharon | 56.00 |
| - | SUN Ming - HONGLI Wang | 56.00 |
| 7 | DHONDY Heather - SENIOR Nevena | 52.50 |
| 8 | D'OVIDIO Catherine - NEVE Joanna | 47.50 |
| 9 | SEAMON-MOLSON Janice - SOKOLOW Tobi | 41.00 |
| 10 | LIPING Wang - WENFEI Wang | 39.50 |
| 11 | BROCK Sally - SMITH Nicola | 36.50 |
| 12 | LING Gu - YAN Lu | 33.00 |

SESSION 4

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|----|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | EYTHORSDDOTTIR Disa - DEAS Lynn | 61.67 |
| 2 | SUN Ming - HONGLI Wang | 57.92 |
| 3 | LING Gu - YAN Lu | 57.08 |
| 4 | D'OVIDIO Catherine - NEVE Joanna | 54.58 |
| 5 | ALLOUCHE Daniele - REESS Vanessa | 51.67 |
| 6 | BROCK Sally - SMITH Nicola | 50.00 |
| 7 | CRONIER Benedicte - WILLARD Sylvie | 49.17 |
| 8 | LEVITINA Irina - SANBORN Sharon | 48.33 |
| 9 | DHONDY Heather - SENIOR Nevena | 47.08 |
| 10 | BROWN Fiona - STOCKDALE Susan | 42.08 |
| - | SEAMON-MOLSON Janice - SOKOLOW Tobi | 42.08 |
| 12 | LIPING Wang - WENFEI Wang | 38.33 |

AFTER 4 SESSIONS

| | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | SUN Ming - HONGLI Wang | 57.39 |
| 2 | CRONIER Benedicte - WILLARD Sylvie | 56.93 |
| 3 | ALLOUCHE Daniele - REESS Vanessa | 54.77 |
| 4 | DHONDY Heather - SENIOR Nevena | 51.82 |
| 5 | LEVITINA Irina - SANBORN Sharon | 51.82 |
| 6 | EYTHORSDDOTTIR Disa - DEAS Lynn | 51.14 |
| 7 | D'OVIDIO Catherine - NEVE Joanna | 49.32 |
| 8 | BROWN Fiona - STOCKDALE Susan | 48.64 |
| 9 | BROCK Sally - SMITH Nicola | 47.73 |
| 10 | LING Gu - YAN Lu | 45.00 |
| 11 | SEAMON-MOLSON Janice - SOKOLOW Tobi | 43.18 |
| 12 | LIPING Wang - WENFEI Wang | 42.27 |

Painted Skin - The Resurrection

With box office takings of \$115,070,000 the Chinese film of my title is currently the highest grossing domestic film in China beating the previous record holder Let the Bullets Fly.

An ancient fox spirit embarks on a diabolical quest to become human after escaping an icy prison, and becomes bound to a disfigured princess who seeks the love of a noble guard as her kingdom crumbles in this lavish supernatural epic. Confined to a frozen cell for centuries, malevolent fox spirit Xiaowei regains her freedom and seeks to preserve her beauty by seducing men and consuming their hearts. Should a man offer her his heart willingly, Xiaowei will become mortal, breaking free of the underworld and experiencing living among the living. Meanwhile, as a dark cloud falls over her kingdom, Princess Jing flees, hiding her deep facial scars under a mask of pure gold while seeking the love of her former protector, who remains haunted by his failure to save her years prior. When destiny brings Xiaowei and Princess Jing together, the battle for the princess' heart begins.

So, why this introduction? Well, I chose to watch the Women play the first set in the Pairs and one of the heroines proved to be England's Nevena Senior who is well known as 'the Fox'. On one deal she certainly outfoxed her opponents, but be patient, I will get there in due course. As Confucius wrote 'A journey of 1000 miles starts with a single step'. With that in mind I'll begin with Board 1.

I have.

Perhaps constrained by system East doubled. When West bid diamonds twice East took a pot at game - but if partner had the sort of hand East was hoping for she might have bid 3♦ right away.

North led the king of hearts and declarer won in dummy and pitched a heart on the ace of clubs. She ruffed a club and played a diamond and North won and cashed two hearts, South discarding the five of clubs and the seven of spades. When North switched to a club declarer could ruff and draw South's trump, one down, -50 and 4/10 for NS.

A couple of points; South might have doubled?! More importantly perhaps a discard of the king of clubs might have alerted North to the possibility of playing a fourth heart, promoting the queen of diamonds.

Dealer North, None Vul

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| ♠ K 3 ♥ 9 6 5 3 ♦ J 9 8 7 6 5 4 ♣ — | <table style="margin: auto;"> <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 | | ♠ A 9 8 6 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ K 10 2 ♣ A Q 8 | ♠ Q J 7 5 4 ♥ 7 ♦ Q 3 ♣ K J 5 4 3 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Wang | Stockdale | W.Wenfei | Brown |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 5♦ | All Pass | | |

You either love Pairs or you hate it. One of the problems is that unlike teams there is no one there to save you when you have a bad board.

I am great believer that with a balanced hand you bid no trumps, so I would overcall INT with the East hand secure in the knowledge that partner will have a fair idea of what

Dealer East, N/S Vul

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| ♠ 10 6 3 ♥ K 2 ♦ A Q J 10 5 ♣ 10 7 4 | <table style="margin: auto;"> <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 | | ♠ K J 9 5 4 ♥ 4 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ A Q J 6 | ♠ Q 7 2 ♥ A Q 10 9 8 3 ♦ 9 ♣ K 8 5 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Wang | Stockdale | W.Wenfei | Brown |
| INT | Dbl | 1♥ | Pass |
| | | 2♥ | All Pass |



Painted Skin - The Resurrection

South started the ace and another spade and North won and returned the jack (reverse suit preference) for South to ruff. North took the club switch with the ace and continued with the queen, declarer winning with the king as South played the nine. Now declarer played a diamond to the ace and ran the queen of diamonds, losing to South's king. That was eight tricks, +110 and 6/10 for NS.

If you are going to play North for the king of diamonds, once South has played the nine of clubs you could run all your trumps, hoping to squeeze North in the three card ending.

Dealer East, E/W Vul

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



| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Allouche | Lu | Rees | Gu |
| 1♥ | Dbf | 1♣ | Pass |
| | | 2♣ | All Pass |



Heather DHONDY

South led the three of spades which was ducked to declarer's eight. Ace of clubs and a club put North on lead and she switched to the five of diamonds for the four, queen and king. A heart to the ace and a club to South's queen was followed by a diamond return, North taking the ace and giving South a ruff. There was a spade to come, -90, 4/10 for NS.

Dealer West, None Vul

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



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|-----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Allouche | Lu | Rees | Gu |
| 1♦* | Pass | 2♦* | 2♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Dbf | All Pass |

There was nothing to the play, declarer losing two spades, a heart, a diamond and a club, two down, -300 and 4/10 for NS.

E/W might have gone on to 5♦, but only one pair managed to make it. It can be done even if you don't guess the trumps (you might play North for a singleton based on the jump to 4♥) but it is not at all easy.

Dealer East, Both Vul

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



| | | | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Smith | Willard | Brock | Cronier |
| 1♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 3♠ | All Pass | 2NT* | Pass |

2NT Spade raise

North led the three of clubs and South put in the nine and when that held she switched - catastrophically as it turned out - to the five of diamonds. Declarer let that run to dummy's ten, played two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and took the diamond finesse. That was ten tricks, +170 and only 2/10 for N/S.

Dealer North, Both Vul

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

| | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Sanborn | D'Ovidio | Levitina | Neve |
| | 1♦ | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2NT | All Pass | | |

North led the ace of clubs and continued with two more rounds of the suit, declarer winning in dummy and playing a diamond to the queen. When that held she cashed the ten of clubs, pitching a diamond and rather than play a heart honour she decided to play on spades, cashing the queen and then overtaking the jack with dummy's ace. She cashed the king and nine of spades pitching hearts, then the nine to reach this ending:

| | | | |
|--------|--------|-------|--|
| | ♠ — | | |
| | ♥ A 7 | | |
| | ♦ J 9 | | |
| | ♣ — | | |
| ♠ — | | ♠ 4 | |
| ♥ K Q | | ♥ 9 8 | |
| ♦ K 10 | | ♦ 8 | |
| ♣ — | | ♣ — | |
| | ♠ — | | |
| | ♥ J 10 | | |
| | ♦ A 6 | | |
| | ♣ — | | |

When she cashed the last spade South discarded the six of diamonds, declarer and North hearts (North should throw a diamond). Now declarer played a heart and North won and returned a diamond, South taking the last two tricks with the ace of diamonds and the ten of hearts. By pitching a heart, declarer had brought about a criss cross squeeze type of ending - but for the defenders.

To secure a ninth trick declarer can throw a diamond on the fifth spade, then simply play a heart from dummy. So, +120, worth 7/10 for NS.

Enter the Fox

Dealer South, N/S Vul

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

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|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Neve | Senior | D'Ovidio | Dhondy |
| | | | 1♠ |
| 4♥ | 5♥ | 6♥ | Dbl |
| Pass | 6♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 7♥ | Dbl | All Pass | |

You don't see too many hands with a double void, so offering suggestions as how best to approach them seems invidious. When West jumped to 4♥ North cue bid to show her terrific support for spades. On the next round she was more than happy to bid 6♠, not really bothered if it was making, because she was absolutely certain that once East had raised to 6♥ West would be sure to take the save.

The doubled grand slam had to go one down, and this cunning tactical operation gave NS 5/10. It deserved more.

Dealer North, None Vul

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

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Dhondy | Sun | Senior | Wang |
| | Pass | Pass | 2♦* |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♥* | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

2♦ Multi

3♥ Transfer

Seduced by her partner's opening, North led the king of

hearts. Declarer won and ran the jack of spades. She was soon claiming all the tricks, +510, a miserable 2/10 for NS.

Dealer North, N/S Vul

♠ 10 7 6 5 2

♥ —

♦ A Q 3

♣ A Q 10 8 3

♠ A
♥ A J 7 4 2
♦ 10 9 6 5 4
♣ J 5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ K 9 8 4 3
♥ Q 10 9
♦ K 7
♣ K 6 4

♠ Q J

♥ K 8 6 5 3

♦ J 8 2

♣ 9 7 2

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| S.Molson | Wang | Sokolow | Wang |
| | 1♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 2♣* | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 4♥ | Dbl |
| All Pass | | | |



JU Chuancheng

2♣ Heart support

North led the two of spades and declarer won in hand with the ace and played a diamond. North took the ace and played a second spade (a diamond is best, but that is counter intuitive). Declarer decided to ruff that in hand (The winning line is to take dummy's king pitching a club and run the queen of hearts. Say South ducks and covers the next heart. Declarer wins and plays a club. North takes the ace, but declarer is in control and will only lose one more trick.) and played a diamond to the king. When she cashed the king of spades South pitched the jack of diamonds and declarer a club. Declarer ruffed a spade and played a club, North taking the ace and playing the ten of spades, South discarding her last club as declarer ruffed. A diamond was ruffed and overruffed and South exited with a trump to leave declarer a trick short.

It looks natural to play to develop the long suit, but given that North does have a counter (albeit a tough one to find) declarer does better to play a club at trick two. North takes the ace and plays a spade. Declarer takes dummy's king, throwing a diamond, cashes the king of clubs and ruffs a club. Then on a diamond towards the king North can take the ace but the defenders will only get one more trick.

+100 gave NS 10/10 (guess how many they would have scored for -590? Right!)

Dealer East, E/W Vul

♠ 10 3

♥ 9

♦ Q 10 9 6 5 4

♣ 9 7 6 2

♠ 9 8 7 5 2
♥ K 10 3
♦ 8
♣ K 10 4 3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ A J
♥ J 6 5 4 2
♦ K 7 2
♣ A J 5

♠ K Q 6 4

♥ A Q 8 7

♦ A J 3

♣ Q 8

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| S.Molson | Wang | Sokolow | Wang |
| | | INT | Dbl |
| 2♥* | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | Pass |
| Dbl | All Pass | | |

East cashed the ace of spades and switched to the two of hearts. Declarer put up the ace and played the queen of clubs. West won with the king and played a spade, declarer winning in dummy and playing another club. East won and played a heart but declarer ruffed, ran the ten of diamonds and was soon claiming, +470 and a second maximum, 10/10.

MENS PAIRS - SESSION 2

For session 2 of the Pairs I switched to the men.

Dealer West. Love All

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| ♠ 5 4 3 ♥ A Q ♦ A K 10 9 2 ♣ 9 7 6 | <table style="margin: auto;"> <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 | | ♠ A 10 9 7 2 ♥ K 7 6 5 3 ♦ 7 5 ♣ J | ♠ Q ♥ 10 2 ♦ Q J 8 6 4 ♣ A K 10 8 2 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| Shi | Drijver | Fu | Brink |
| Pass | Pass | 2♦* | Dbl |
| Dbl | 3♣ | Pass | Pass |
| | All Pass | | |

2♦ Both majors

East led the seven of diamonds and West took the queen with the king and switched to a trump. Declarer won with the ace and played the queen of spades. East won with the ace and played a diamond. Declarer ruffed in dummy, cashed the top spades discarding hearts and ruffed a heart. When he played the four of diamonds West followed with the two, so declarer pitched a heart. now he could cross ruff his way to an overtrick, +670, 10/10 for NS.

The winning defence is hard to find - West must cash the ace and queen of hearts at tricks two and three and then switch to a spade. East wins and leads a low heart. Declar-



FU Zhong

er ruffs high, but there is no way to score more than eight tricks. Strangely, with South as declarer there is no defence.

Dealer East, N/S Vul

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| ♠ K 7 2 ♥ — ♦ A K J 9 8 7 6 ♣ 10 9 6 | <table style="margin: auto;"> <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 | | ♠ 9 4 3 ♥ A K 8 4 ♦ 10 2 ♣ A Q 8 3 | ♠ A Q 10 5 ♥ J 9 7 5 ♦ 4 ♣ K 7 5 4 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| Shi | Drijver | Fu | Brink |
| 1♦* | Dbl | Pass | Pass |
| Dbl* | 3♥ | Dbl | 2♥ |
| 4♦ | Pass | 4♣ | Pass |
| | | | All Pass |

Dbl Support double

South led the jack of clubs and declarer was allowed to win with the king. He played a diamond to the jack, cashed the ace pitching a club and then played the king of diamonds discarding another club when North discarded a heart. Now three rounds of spades ending in dummy gave declarer 12 tricks, +480 and 0/10 for NS.

Dealer South, Both Vul

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|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| ♠ 10 9 6 4 ♥ Q 3 2 ♦ K 9 6 2 ♣ J 5 | <table style="margin: auto;"> <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 | | ♠ Q J 8 3 2 ♥ 8 6 ♦ 5 4 ♣ 8 4 3 2 | A K ♥ J 7 4 ♦ A Q 10 8 7 3 ♣ K 9 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| Ju | V.Prooijen | Shi | Verhees |
| Pass | 3♣ | 3NT | 2♥* |
| All Pass | | | 4♣ |

2♥ 10-15, 4+♣, 5+♥

3NT by East is unbeatable (three pairs were allowed to play there for 8/10) so full marks to Verhees for going on. 4♣ was unbeatable and +130 was a complete top, 10/10 for NS.

Dealer West. Love All

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Bertheau | Weinstein | Cullin | Katz |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | 2♣* | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 4NT* | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 7NT | All Pass | 5♥* |

East led the two of hearts and declarer won with dummy's king, overtook the ten with the ace and cashed the rest of the hearts, coming down to four diamonds and four spades. He then cashed the ace of spades and played the top clubs. When the jack failed to appear declarer played a diamond to the jack and king and the defenders took the rest, -200 and 0/10 for NS.

I'll digress for a moment by moving into the Women's event:

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Willard | Senior | Cronier | Dhondy |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | 3♣* | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 4NT* | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 5NT* | Pass | 5♥ |
| Pass | 6NT | All Pass | 6♣* |

Having established that all the key cards were present Nevena Senior asked for side kings and when South answered in the negative she settled for no trumps.

East led a heart and declarer overtook dummy's ten and took the losing diamond finesse. She won the heart return in dummy and tested the diamonds, discarding the queen of spades and a club. Now she played a club to the ten and was home.

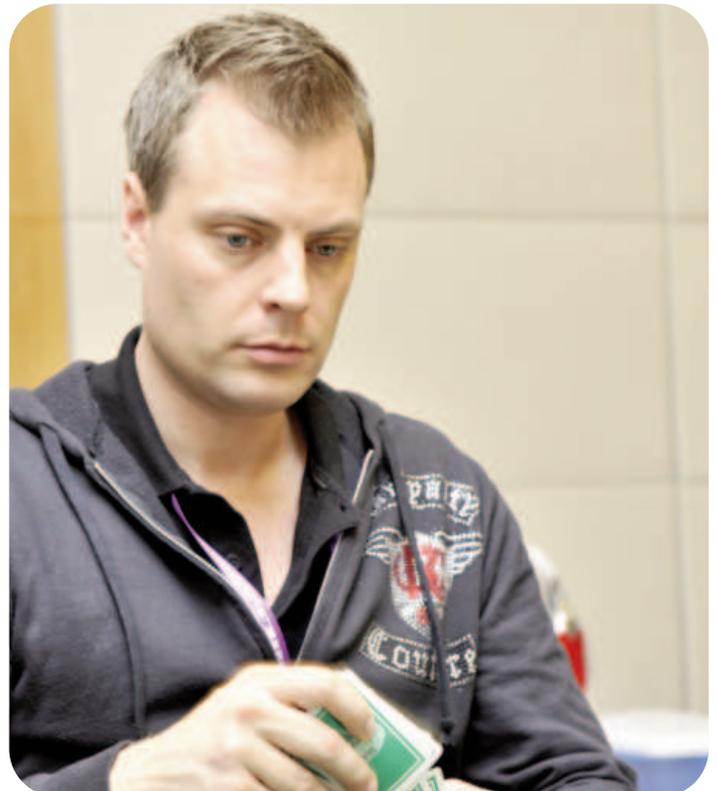
Only 6/10 for NS - at two tables East led a spade to make life easy.

Dealer West, E/W Vul

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

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------|---------------|
| Weinstein de Wijs | | Katz | Muller |
| Pass | 1♣* | 1♠ | 1NT* |
| Pass | 2♣* | Pass | 2NT* |
| Pass | 3♣* | Pass | 3♥* |
| Pass | 4♣* | Pass | 4♦* |
| Pass | 4NT | All Pass | |

- 1♣ Strong
- 1NT 4+♥ game forcing
- 2♣ Relay
- 2NT 4♥ and 5♦
- 3♣ Relay
- 3♥ 2-4-5-2
- 4♣ Relay
- 4♦ Minimum



Fredrik NYSTROM

West led the jack of spades and declarer took eleven tricks, +460.

That was exactly average, 5/5. One pair went down in 6NT, another in 6♦ - declarer got a spade lead, won, pitched a spade on the third round of hearts and ran the queen of diamonds to the king. A spade return forced dummy to ruff. Declarer could cash the ace of diamonds, but with no quick entry to hand West had to score a diamond.

A small improvement may be to play a diamond to the ace. That happens to work on the actual deal, but also gives declarer a chance against a singleton king with West (or even East) as well as a singleton 9 or 10 with West if declarer plays it to be a true card and West has three clubs. (Its late and I'm tired, so I might be missing something.)

Just as in the morning the session concluded with two explosive deals:

Dealer North, N/S Vul

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| ♠ 9 8 7 5 3 ♥ K 3 ♦ 9 8 6 4 ♣ 10 9 | <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | ♠ J 4 ♥ A J 10 7 6 ♦ A K 7 ♣ Q 5 3 | ♠ 10 ♥ Q 9 8 4 ♦ Q J 10 2 ♣ J 8 6 2 |
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| W E | | | | | | |
| S | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------|----------------|------------|
| Upmark | Fu | Nystrom | Shi |
| 2♣* | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 4NT | All Pass | 4♣ | Pass |



Johan UPMARK

Declarer won the diamond lead and played two rounds of spades. when South discarded a diamond he cashed another spade and then played a heart to the three jack and queen. South returned a heart to the king and ace and declarer cashed the ten of hearts pitching a spade, played a club to the ace, cashed a spade and played a diamond to the ace. That squeezed South in hearts and clubs, +490 and 5/5.

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Bertheau | v. Prooijen | Cullin | Verhees |
| 2♣* | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 6NT | All Pass | 3NT | Pass |

The Swedes were the only pair to bid 6NT (and the other four tables played in 3NT). South led the queen of diamonds and declarer won and cashed three rounds of spades before playing a heart to the three, jack and queen. South returned a heart and play followed an identical course to that described above. 10/10 for E/W.

North could have made life a little harder by rising with the king of hearts. Declarer wins and plays the jack of hearts and South ducks. Now declarer has not rectified the count, but he goes to dummy with a club and cashes a spade. That forces South to part with his last diamond and now declarer plays a diamond to hand and that squeezes South without the count. If he pitches a heart declarer simply gives up a heart and has the rest.

Dealer East, E/W Vul

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| W E | | | | | | |
| S | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------|----------------|------------|
| Upmark | Fu | Nystrom | Shi |
| 2NT* | Pass | 2♠* | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 3♣* | Pass |
| 4NT* | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 7♠ | All Pass | 5♥* | Pass |

No one else attempted the grand slam and declarer had to lose a diamond, -100 and 10/0 for NS.