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GOLDEN MOMENTS FOR THE BRIDGE AMBASSADORS



Monaco, Open Gold winners

With a brilliant display of almost perfect bridge it was **Monaco**, represented by Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon & Pierre Zimmermann who won the Men's Team Championship at the 2013 SportAccord World Mind Games, defeating **Poland's** Adam Zmudzinski Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Cezary Balicki, Krzysztof Buras, Krzysztof Jassem and Andrzej Narkiewicz. The bronze medals went to **China**, Zhang Bangxiang, Dai Jianming, Ju Chuancheng, Shi Haojun, Shi Zhengjun & Wang Weimin.

In a thrilling Women's final, **China's** Wang Wenfei, Feng Xuefeng, Zhang Yu, Wang Liping, Yan Ru & Liu Yan came snatched victory from **England's** Sinéad Bird, Fiona Brown, Heather Dhondy, Sarah O'Connor, Susan Stockdale & Nevena Senior on the very last board, with the **USA**, Carole Miner,

Cynthia Balderson, Lynn Deas, Hjördís Eythórsdóttir, Rozanne Pollack & Cheryl Bjerkan finishing third.

It was appropriate that each of the winning teams contained the Bridge Ambassadors here in Beijing, Fulvio Fantoni & Wang Wenfei.

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RESULTS

MEN SERIES

FINAL

Teams	c/o	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
MONACO	16	18	19	75	128
POLAND	0	25	10	19	54

PLAY-OFF

Teams	c/o	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
CHINA	16	57	44	29	146
UNITED STATES	0	30	28	80	138

WOMEN SERIES

FINAL

Teams	c/o	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
ENGLAND	8.5	40	12	35	91
CHINA	0	33	27	41	101

PLAY-OFF

Teams	c/o	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
UNITED STATES	12.5	28	33	24	97.5
Israel	0	10	13	50	73



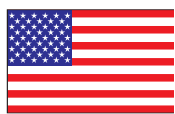
China, Womens Gold winners

Other Sports in the Sportaccord World Mind Games

On the official website of the Sportaccord World Mind Games, <http://www.worldmindgames.net/en/>, you can also find information about the other sports participating in this event, along with photos and other relevant material.

OPEN SERIES

Round 5



United States

v

Monaco



The Mummy

Having enjoyed dinner at a local restaurant I returned to the office to make some videos (www.worldbridge.org) and complete this report.

Filming one of the clips the director asked for a retake - 'only this time don't walk like a Mummy.'

It reminded me that one of the films in the mummy franchise had been set in China - The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor.

In the movie, Alex O'Connell, the son of famed mummy fighters Rick and Evy O'Connell, unearths the mummy of the first Emperor of Qin, a shape-shifting entity cursed by a witch centuries ago. At one point the Emperor is able to raise a huge terracotta army. Given the way Monaco have been playing that might be the only way to prevent them from adding another title to their already impressive collection.

Here are a few snippets from their match against the USA in Round 5:

Dealer North. None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Doub	Helness	Wildavsky
	1♦	1♠	Pass
3♣	5♦	Dbf	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♠	All Pass

It's a matter of taste as to how you should deal with the North hand - the obvious alternative being a gung ho 5♦. Having forced with 3♣ West had a problem on the next round (which is generally the case when the bidding escalates rapidly). With time and space at a premium I'll leave

you to consider the merits of alternatives such as 5♥ and 6♦ compared to his choice of 5NT which looks like 'pick a slam'.

When you have solved that conundrum notice that North did not double 6♠ which would classically have asked for a club lead. (If North held ♠Jxx and doubled for a club lead I doubt South would lead the ♣J or ♣9 - and that is essential. What is more, after ruffing North must return a trump.)

South led the nine of diamonds and declarer ruffed with dummy's four, overtook the king of spades and cashed the queen. He was hoping the jack would be doubleton, in which case he could play a third trump and then try to get rid of his diamonds on dummy's clubs before South could ruff in, but as it was he could only switch to clubs, North ruffing and cashing the ace of diamonds. The contract was three down, -150.

If North had started with ♠Jxx then there is a way to make 6♠ after a diamond lead. Declarer ruffs with dummy's king of spades, plays a spade to the ten, draws trumps and can then establish the clubs.

Given that declarer was playing for North to hold a doubleton jack then it looks as if ruffing with the king at trick one is the right line, as it also works when North has ♠Jxx.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Beatty	Multon	Cohen	Zimmermann
	5♦	Pass	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

When you pick up a hand like South's it can be fun to say to yourself 'well, maybe they will play in clubs' - and it's surprising how often your wish comes true.

North led the ace of diamonds and declarer ruffed and cashed the ace of clubs, getting the bad news. He cashed the top hearts and then played two rounds of spades, a club to the ten and a heart. South won and exited with a diamond and declarer ruffed, cashed his remaining clubs and played a heart. South ruffed and had to give dummy the last trick, one down, -50 but 3 IMPs to the USA.

Dealer South. None Vul.

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



Douglas Doub playing, United States

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Doub	Helness	Wildavsky
1♠	Pass	INT*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♥*	All Pass		

3♦ Transfer
5♠ 2 keys +♥Q
6♥ No minor suit kings

North led the queen of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace. It is not immediately obvious how there could be any play for 6♥, but suppose North also held the king of clubs?

Declarer played three rounds of spades, ruffing with dummy's ten of hearts and when the hoped for queen appeared he drew trumps and cashed his winning spades to reach a three card ending. North had come down to ♦K10 and ♣10. Declarer knew North was down to two diamonds and one club and if he had started with the ♣K he would have been forced to blank it, otherwise he would have been thrown in with a diamond to lead away from it.

Declarer played the four of clubs, but when the hoped for king did not appear he was one down, - 50.

Had the strip squeeze and endplay materialised it would have been just another routine masterpiece for West.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Beatty	Multon	Cohen	Zimmermann
			Pass
1♠	Pass	INT*	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

INT Semi forcing

North led the king of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace and returned a diamond to the jack and queen. North's club switch enabled South to score his king but that was the last trick for the defence, +450 and 11 IMPs to USA.



OPEN SERIES

Round 6



United States

v

Poland



The Last Round Up

In the Men's Teams it was virtually certain that Monaco and Poland would qualify for the final, but with China beating Monaco Poland got very close to being overtaken as they suffered at the hands of the USA.

Here are some of the highlights:

Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Beatty	Mazurkiewicz	Cohen
1♥	Pass	1♣*	Pass
4♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
5♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
		6♠	All Pass

1♣ Polish Club
5♣ 1-4 keys

South led the seven of diamonds and declarer won in hand with the nine.

With the diamond king known to be on side the question was how best to tackle the trump suit?

One possibility is to play low to the jack, another is to advance the queen.

Declarer went for option three by playing a spade to the ace. This caters for a singleton king with North and also works when spades are 3-2 and the defenders do not have a diamond ruff available.

I have no claims to any mathematical prowess but that looks like an 89% chance - but the 4-1 break meant declarer had to go one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Grainger	Balicki	Carmichael	Zmudzinski
2♠*	Pass	1♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
4♠	All Pass	3♠	Pass

1♣ Strong Club
2♠ 13+ balanced
2NT Normally balanced
3♦ Minimum with 4♥

South led the eight of hearts and declarer won and played a spade to the ace, +450 and 11 IMPs to the USA.

Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Beatty	Mazurkiewicz	Cohen
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Declarer won the club lead and crossed to dummy with a heart - at least that was his intention, but South ruffed with the seven of spades.

As declarer told me later it is not that often that you get ruffed by a singleton trump. South returned the queen of diamonds and North ruffed and cashed the king of hearts. There were still two trumps to lose, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grainger</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Carmichael</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the five of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace of spades and played the king of spades. North took the ace and returned the jack of clubs. Declarer won with the king, played a diamond to the king and cashed the queen of spades. When South discarded declarer came to hand with the ace of diamonds, cashed the queen of clubs and played a heart to the queen and king. North tried the jack of hearts but declarer ducked and claimed. If North exited with a heart declarer would win, cash the ace of hearts and exit with a heart forcing North to surrender the last trick to dummy's jack of spades.

+600 and 13 IMPs to the USA.

Dealer North. EW Vul

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Beatty</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Cohen</i>
1♠	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
7♠	Pass	5♣*	Pass
7NT	All Pass	Pass	DbI*

- 1♣ Polish Club
- 2♦ Artificial, strong with three spades
- 2♥ Slam try, any shape
- 2♠ Relay
- 3♣ 5♠ and 4♣
- 3♠ Encouraging
- DbI Lightner

Realising that a club ruff was imminent declarer ran to 7NT, hoping the clubs would run.

North led the eight of spades, so declarer could 'escape' for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grainger</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Carmichael</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♠*	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
		3NT*	All Pass

- 1♣ Strong Club
- 1♠ Game forcing, balanced or 5+♣
- 1NT Waiting
- 2♣ Clubs
- 2♦ Relay
- 2♠ Minimum, 6-5 or 5-4-4-0
- 2NT Relay
- 3♥ 5♠+6♣

According to the system 3NT set up a situation where at his next turn East would have been able to determine that West held the ♠Q and the ♣AK, but a memory lapse resulted in the strange looking 3NT.

South led the jack of hearts, so declarer could give up a club for +690 and 13 IMPs

It was the USA's best win of the tournament, but not



Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Poland

quite big enough to deprive their opponents of a place in the final.

Meanwhile China were already sure of a berth in the Women's final, leaving England and the USA to battle for the remaining spot. The Americans need a decent win to overtake their opponents but England led 10-4 after six boards.

On the next one the USA attempted 6♣ with ♠AQ76 ♥73 ♦K43 ♣AJ108 facing ♠3 ♥AJ984 ♦A98 ♣KQ42 but the ten of hearts was offside as was the king of spades, so it had no chance, England picking up 13 IMPs for playing safely in 3NT.

Dealer South. None Vul

♠ 3 2

♥ A Q J 7 4

♦ A 8 5 2

♣ 6 3

♠ A K 10 9 7

♥ 6 2

♦ K 10

♣ K 7 4 2

N

W E

S

♠ Q J 6

♥ K 9

♦ Q J 9 7 4

♣ Q 10 9

♠ 8 5 4

♥ 10 8 5 3

♦ 6 3

♣ A J 8 5

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Balderson	Brown	Miner
INT*	Dbl	3NT	All Pass

INT (11)12-14

After 1♠-INT, 2♣ would have been a transfer to diamonds, so West elected to open INT.

North led the queen of hearts and although dummy's king held declarer was already in a hopeless position. The play record says declarer claimed eight tricks, so the defenders must have blocked the heart suit, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Deas	Senior	Eythorsdottir	Dhondy
1♠	2♥	3♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		Pass

With everything friendly there was no defence, +420 and 10 IMPs to the USA.

Dealer West. EW Vul.

♠ 10 8

♥ 3

♦ 8 3

♣ A K Q 10 7 6 5 4

♠ 9 7 6 4 3

♥ Q J 10

♦ K 6 2

♣ 8 2

N

W E

S

♠ A K Q J 2

♥ A 9 8 6 5 4

♦ 10 5

♣ —

♠ 5

♥ K 7 2

♦ A Q J 9 7 4

♣ J 9 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Balderson	Brown	Miner
Pass	1♣	1♥	2♦
2♥	3♣	4♥	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♥	Dbl
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

To my way of thinking the North hand is a perfect 5♣, but if you start at the one level you get a lot more bids for your money.

In any event North was right to push on to 6♣ which went one down when East cashed her aces, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Deas	Senior	Eythorsdottir	Dhondy
Pass	3NT*	Dbl	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♥	Dbl
All Pass			

3NT Solid minor with an outside king

5♣ looks a better shot than 3NT, especially as the promised outside king was missing. Declarer was not hard pressed to record +850 and pick up 13 IMPs.

However, it was a case of too little too late, and England advanced to the final.

OPEN SERIES

Final Sessions I-2



Monaco

v

Poland



Journey to the West: Conquering the Demons is a 2013 action-comedy film directed by Stephen Chow and Derek Kok (Derek Kwok Chi-Kin). The movie was first announced in July 2011 and was released on February 10, 2013 in China. The film is a loose comedic re-interpretation of the novel Journey to the West, a Chinese literary classic written by Wu Cheng'en.

The story centers on Tang Sanzang, a Buddhist trying to protect a village from three demons, his emerging feelings for Miss Duan, the demon hunter who helps him repeatedly, and Sanzang's transformative encounter with the Monkey King.

It is the top grossing movie in China this year, with receipts of \$200,500,000.

In recent years Poland has had made a habit of finishing one place below Monaco in major events - could they conquer their demons and emerge triumphant here in Beijing?

Monaco went into the final with a not inconsiderable carry forward of 16 IMPs.

On Board 2 both teams easily reached a cold 7♦ with ♠K86 ♥A3 ♦AK652 ♣J76 opposite ♠AQ2 ♥KQ1075 ♦QJ83 ♣A.

Dealer West. Both Vul.

♠ 10 9 6 3

♥ A 10 2

♦ Q 4

♣ 9 7 5 2

♠ J 7

♥ Q J 8 7 5 3

♦ 10 8 7 3

♣ 3



♠ Q 8

♥ K 9 6

♦ J 6 2

♣ A K J 10 4

♠ A K 5 4 2

♥ 4

♦ A K 9 5

♣ Q 8 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Helness	Balicki	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	INT	Dbl
2♦*	Pass	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

When South doubled the 15-18 INT for penalties West transferred to hearts. West led his club so the defenders took the first three tricks, declarer claiming the rest, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Narkiewicz	Fantoni	Buras
Pass	Pass	INT*	Dbl
2♦*	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

INT 12-14 any bal, 5332, 5422
no 54 Ms, 4441 6m332

Once North came in over the transfer South was never going to stop short of game. This time it was East who led clubs, but as before declarer was soon claiming, +620 and 10 IMPs to Poland.

With ♠AKQ73 ♥AK106 ♦AQ2 ♣3 facing ♠842 ♥7532 ♦J5 ♣A764 an opening bid of 3♣ in front of the strong hand saw both EW pairs stop in 4♥. The ♥QJ were doubleton and the ♦K was onside, so even 7♥ would have made.



Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Helness	Balicki	Helgemo
Pass	Dbf	1♦	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

West led the seven of diamonds for the jack and king and declarer crossed to dummy with a spade and played a club. East won and cashed his hearts for a rapid one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Narkiewicz	Fantoni	Buras
INT*	Dbf	1♦*	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass			Dbf

INT 0-9, no 4M

Having written a Bols Bridge Tip entitled 'Don't be afraid to Respond' you will understand my enthusiasm for West's INT.

South led the six of hearts for the ten and king and declarer played the jack of diamonds, South winning with the king and playing the two of hearts for the jack and ace. The ten of spades went to North's jack and declarer won North's club switch and played another spade, South winning with the queen, cashing the ace of diamonds and exiting with a diamond. Declarer won in dummy, cashed the nine of hearts, ruffed a club, drew the last trump and claimed, +180 and 2 IMPs for Poland.

Do you see how 2♦ could have been defeated?

After winning with the king of diamonds South must return the two!

Declarer wins with dummy's seven and plays a spade. North wins with the king and plays a club and declarer wins and plays a second spade. South wins, cashes the ace of diamonds and plays a spade and the fourth round of spades promotes South's nine of diamonds.

Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Helness	Balicki	Helgemo
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♦

East led the four of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a club to the king and a club. When



Fulvio Fantoni, Monaco

East ducked for a second time declarer played a third club, West discarding the five of hearts as East won with the ace. A heart to the king and a heart to the ace put East on lead and he played a diamond. West won with the jack but declarer unblocked the ten and claimed the rest, +400.

You see where the defenders went wrong?

East must win the second club and then after two rounds of hearts he can exit with a club. Trapped in dummy declarer must lose two diamonds.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Narkiewicz	Fantoni	Buras
		Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

West led the eight of diamonds, so declarer could win, unblock the ace of spades, cash a diamond, ruff a diamond, throw a heart on the king of spades, ruff a spade and ruff a diamond with the king of clubs. He took ten tricks, +130 but 7 IMPs to Monaco, who led 25-18 at the end of the set.

There was only one significant swing in the second session:

Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	Helness	Buras	Helgemo
			Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

3♥ Transfer

3♠ 4 card support

that the king of diamonds is protected, so the conventional gadget at South's disposal played a vital role.

When East led the six of hearts declarer took West's queen with the ace. The fact that East had not led a diamond strongly suggested that the ace was offside, so it was vital that West should not be allowed to gain the lead.

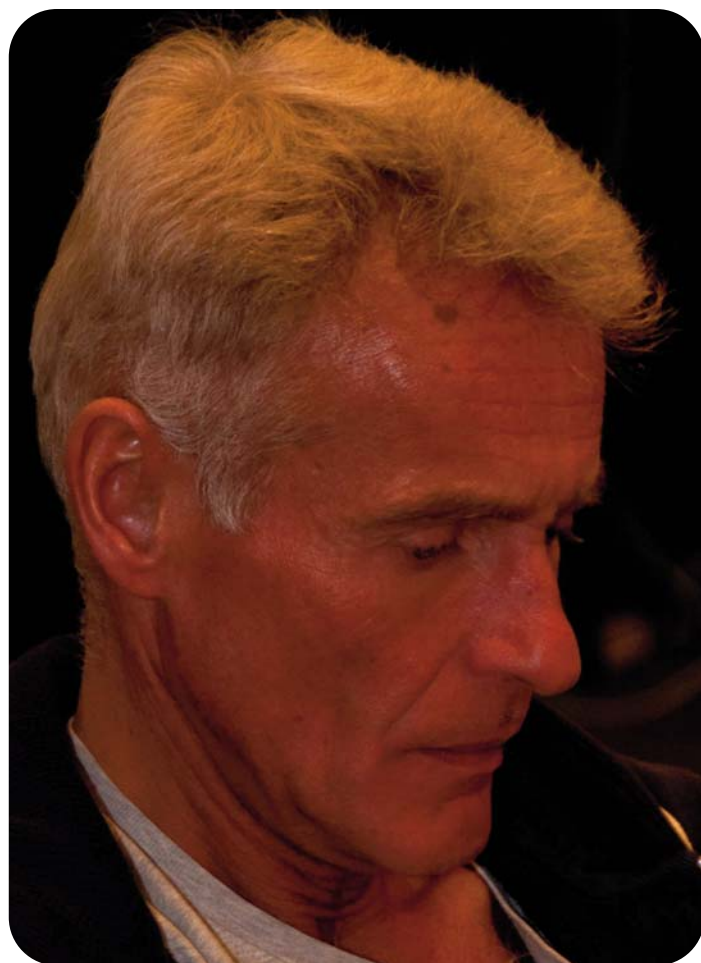
Declarer cashed the top spades and then played the eight of clubs. East went in with the king and in desperation cashed the ace of diamonds, at which point declarer claimed, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Jassem	Multon	Mazurkiewicz
			Pass
Pass	1♣*	1♥	Pass
Pass	DbI	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

1♣ Polish

Although the contract would have been wrong sided the Poles might have made 4♠ as West dutifully led the queen of hearts against 2♠, but as it was their +170 added 10 IMPs to Monaco's total and the score advanced to 53-35.



Adam Zmudzinski, Poland

As you can see, it is vital that North is declarer in 4♠ so