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PLAYERS SEEK THE ROAD TO VICTORY



Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa, a member of Argentina's Bermuda Bowl team, checks out a three-wheeler (taxi) outside the Grand Chola Hotel.

Well, it finally happened. The Danish women's team lost a match – two, in fact – but they still ended qualifying play on Tuesday in first place in the standings for Venice Cup contenders. Teams are looking for a way to make it to the top eight in their respective events when round robin play ends on Saturday. France is still leading the Bermuda Bowl qualifiers, but Brazil took over second place after previously undefeated USA 1 was shocked, 63-13, by USA 2. Shrugging off the setback, USA 1 finished the day with a 41-9 win over Bulgaria to remain in qualifying position. In the d'Orsi Trophy, Austria took over the lead from England – and there was good news for the host country as India posted three wins to move from 11th to 6th.

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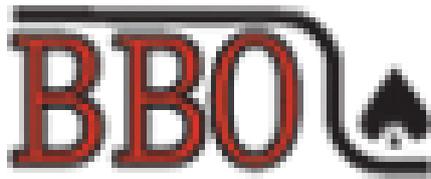
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BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

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11:00

Japan v Brazil	BBO 1
Poland v Sweden	BBO 2
Canada v USA1	BBO 3
Sweden v Bulgaria (OT)	BBO 4
Italy v USA1 (VC)	BBO 5
China v Denmark (VC)	BBO 6

14:30

Australia v Poland	BBO 1
USA1 v Egypt	BBO 2
New Zealand v Bulgaria	BBO 3
Poland v USA2 (OT)	BBO 4
Denmark v Italy (VC)	BBO 5
China v USA2	BBO 6

17:20

India v Sweden	BBO 1
Poland v Brazil	BBO 2
France v England	BBO 3
USA2 v Bulgaria (OT)	BBO 4
Egypt v USA1 (VC)	BBO 5
Denmark v China	BBO 6



Bermuda Bowl

After Round 9

TEAM	VP
1 FRANCE	124.07
2 BRAZIL	123.61
3 CHINA	115.20
4 BULGARIA	111.68
5 USA1	111.26
6 AUSTRALIA	104.51
7 SWEDEN	102.23
8 INDIA	102.20
9 POLAND	100.66
10 JAPAN	98.66
11 USA2	97.71
12 ENGLAND	87.88
13 SINGAPORE	87.55
14 CANADA	82.71
15 EGYPT	80.91
16 DENMARK	80.08
17 ARGENTINA	70.30
18 NEW ZEALAND	66.85
19 SOUTH AFRICA	64.82
20 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	61.23
21 JORDAN	59.40
22 GUADELOUPE	40.48

Medical Help Desk

A team of paramedics will be on hand every day to deal with any medical problems you may have. Their desk is located on the first floor close to the escalators.



Venice Cup

After Round 9

TEAM	VP
1 DENMARK	142.84
2 USA2	132.93
3 USA1	125.24
4 NETHERLANDS	121.63
5 FRANCE	115.67
6 ITALY	115.13
7 ENGLAND	106.60
8 POLAND	104.78
9 CHINA	102.36
10 CHINESE TAIPEI	99.14
11 JAPAN	98.24
12 BRAZIL	95.26
13 CANADA	92.09
14 AUSTRALIA	83.96
15 EGYPT	81.29
16 VENEZUELA	72.09
17 NEW ZEALAND	59.65
18 GUADELOUPE	59.02
19 SOUTH AFRICA	53.42
20 PAKISTAN	42.70
21 JORDAN	42.13
22 INDIA	32.83

d'Orsi Trophy

After Round 9

TEAM	VP
1 AUSTRIA	124.88
2 AUSTRALIA	121.94
3 ENGLAND	121.76
4 NORWAY	117.32
5 IRELAND	116.85
6 INDIA	116.40
7 USA1	113.15
8 USA2	111.29
9 BULGARIA	99.02
10 JAPAN	96.39
11 POLAND	92.55
12 PAKISTAN	89.52
13 INDONESIA	86.53
14 CANADA	86.39
15 SWEDEN	81.18
16 GUADELOUPE	67.49
17 CHINA	63.94
18 EGYPT	63.51
19 CHILE	62.60
20 TUNISIA	54.53
21 NEW ZEALAND	50.65
22 BRAZIL	36.11



6th South American Transnational Bridge Festival
May 27 to June 4 2016

Bermuda Bowl

Round 10 11:00 - 13:20

1	SINGAPORE	CHINA
2	USA2	UAE
3	DENMARK	NEW ZEALAND
4	BULGARIA	SOUTH AFRICA
5	CANADA	USA I
6	EGYPT	ENGLAND
7	FRANCE	JORDAN
8	JAPAN	BRAZIL
9	GUADELOUPE	AUSTRALIA
10	POLAND	SWEDEN
11	ARGENTINA	INDIA

Round 11 14:30 - 16:50

1	CHINA	USA2
2	UAE	DENMARK
3	NEW ZEALAND	BULGARIA
4	SOUTH AFRICA	CANADA
5	USA I	EGYPT
6	ENGLAND	JORDAN
7	SINGAPORE	JAPAN
8	BRAZIL	GUADELOUPE
9	AUSTRALIA	POLAND
10	SWEDEN	ARGENTINA
11	INDIA	FRANCE

Round 12 17:20 - 19:40

1	DENMARK	CHINA
2	BULGARIA	UAE
3	CANADA	NEW ZEALAND
4	EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA
5	JORDAN	USA I
6	FRANCE	ENGLAND
7	JAPAN	USA2
8	GUADELOUPE	SINGAPORE
9	POLAND	BRAZIL
10	ARGENTINA	AUSTRALIA
11	INDIA	SWEDEN

WBF Women's Committee Meeting

An extremely successful meeting of the WBF Women's Committee was held on Tuesday 29th September attended by representatives from all the WBF Zones who presented reports to the meeting.

The Chairman, Mrs Anna Maria Torlontano, made a comprehensive and interesting report on the work of the committee during the year. She particularly noted the great success of the 2015 Spring Online Women's Bridge Festival which had more participants for this single event than in both the Spring and Autumn events in 2014. She reminded the Meeting that the dates for the 2015 Autumn Festival will be 9th – 15th November 2015. The dates for the 2016 Spring Festival (in April) are still to be decided.

The main prize for the overall winner of the autumn festival will be free entry for the winner and a partner of her choice (from the same NBO) to the 2016 World Women's Pairs Championship in Wroclaw, Poland. Free accommodation in a twin room is also offered for the duration of the Women's Pairs Championship.



Bermuda Bowl Schedule

The booklet distributed to all players giving the detailed playing schedule contains a typographical error.

From Round 11 onwards 'Germany' should read 'France'.

Venice Cup

Round 10 11:00 - 13:20

21	CHINA	DENMARK
22	ITALY	USA1
23	SOUTH AFRICA	NETHERLANDS
24	EGYPT	PAKISTAN
25	NEW ZEALAND	GUADELOUPE
26	ENGLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI
27	BRAZIL	AUSTRALIA
28	JAPAN	FRANCE
29	INDIA	POLAND
30	JORDAN	USA2
31	CANADA	VENEZUELA

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 10 11:00 - 13:20

41	SWEDEN	BULGARIA
42	NEW ZEALAND	POLAND
43	USA2	INDONESIA
44	CHINA	GUADELOUPE
45	INDIA	AUSTRALIA
46	USA1	BRAZIL
47	CHILE	CANADA
48	EGYPT	IRELAND
49	PAKISTAN	NORWAY
50	JAPAN	AUSTRIA
51	TUNISIA	ENGLAND

Round 11 14:30 - 16:50

21	DENMARK	ITALY
22	USA1	SOUTH AFRICA
23	NETHERLANDS	EGYPT
24	PAKISTAN	NEW ZEALAND
25	GUADELOUPE	ENGLAND
26	CHINESE TAIPEI	AUSTRALIA
27	CHINA	JAPAN
28	FRANCE	INDIA
29	POLAND	JORDAN
30	USA2	CANADA
31	VENEZUELA	BRAZIL

Round 11 14:30 - 16:50

41	BULGARIA	NEW ZEALAND
42	POLAND	USA2
43	INDONESIA	CHINA
44	GUADELOUPE	INDIA
45	AUSTRALIA	USA1
46	BRAZIL	CANADA
47	SWEDEN	EGYPT
48	IRELAND	PAKISTAN
49	NORWAY	JAPAN
50	AUSTRIA	TUNISIA
51	ENGLAND	CHILE

Round 12 17:20 - 19:40

21	SOUTH AFRICA	DENMARK
22	EGYPT	USA1
23	NEW ZEALAND	NETHERLANDS
24	ENGLAND	PAKISTAN
25	AUSTRALIA	GUADELOUPE
26	BRAZIL	CHINESE TAIPEI
27	JAPAN	ITALY
28	INDIA	CHINA
29	JORDAN	FRANCE
30	CANADA	POLAND
31	VENEZUELA	USA2

Round 12 17:20 - 19:40

41	USA2	BULGARIA
42	CHINA	POLAND
43	INDIA	INDONESIA
44	USA1	GUADELOUPE
45	CANADA	AUSTRALIA
46	CHILE	BRAZIL
47	EGYPT	NEW ZEALAND
48	PAKISTAN	SWEDEN
49	JAPAN	IRELAND
50	TUNISIA	NORWAY
51	ENGLAND	AUSTRIA

Press Room Conference

By Patrick Jourdain

The EBL President, Yves Aubry, came to the Press Room on Tuesday to make a statement to the press and to answer questions.

Aubry said he had several roles within bridge but was here as EBL President. As many of the recent allegations applied to the EBL 2014 Championships in Opatija, he wished to state first that no allegations had been made at that time against any of the players currently the subject of allegations.

Aubry was concerned that all the rights of those accused should be protected and this would take time. The EBL had appointed an investigation team of

Aubry replied that the practice was accepted where one team was disqualified but the situation was unclear where more than one was disqualified. The EBL Council would decide what to do in such a circumstance arising. At this stage, no team had been disqualified. He added that it was not entirely clear that where one or two members of a six-person team were found guilty of offences that the whole team would be disqualified, but he thought it was likely.

Pierre Schmidt of France asked whether results of investigations would be made public. Aubry said transparency was the EBL's aim (as evidenced by his presence here) so at each stage following a decision the result would be communicated first to the NBO and its affected players and then to the public.

Jan van Cleeff of the Netherlands said Boye Brogeland was due to compete in the World Transnational Open Teams, had his invitation been issued



three people: Eric Laurant of the Netherlands, Jan Kamras of Sweden and Jean-Paul Meyer of France.

Evidence submitted to them was being presented to a list of elite players for their comments. If there was a case to be answered against any person, the accused would be given an opportunity to present their defence.

To put the recent allegations in perspective, he said that he was a member of the Medical Commission for other sports and received reports of perhaps 30 athletes each week suspended for medical violations. He added that for a first conviction in sport it was extremely rare to receive a lifetime suspension.

The authorities had yet to solve the problem presented by carrying out multiple investigations.

Patrick Jourdain, Daily Telegraph, asked whether the practice followed by the WBF when a team was disqualified in Bali, of moving each team below it in the rankings up one place, would be followed should any team be disqualified from the 2014 Europeans.



by the Credentials committee? Aubry replied that Brogeland was in good standing with his NBO and referred van Cleeff to his earlier point that only refusals were reported.



Bermuda Bowl Round 4



India v New Zealand



By T.C. Pant

The Indian open team started their day-two proceedings with their round-four match against New Zealand. I watched the match in the open room.

The pairs in the closed room were GeO Tislevoll (North), Michael Ware (South) for New Zealand and, for India, Debabrata Majumder (East) and Sumit Mukherjee (West).

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
G. Coutts	A. Banerjee	N. Jacobs	R. Roy
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	



Rana Roy, India

North opened 1♥ and South bid 2♣. His 3♣ over North's 2♠ showed a hand of 9-11 HCPs with six or more clubs. North took a good gamble of bidding the slam with his good hand.

The lead was the ♥K and declarer won with the ace and played another heart, ruffed by East. The return of ♦K was won in dummy with the ace and another heart ruffed. Declarer now played a trump to the queen, ruffed another heart and, after taking out trumps, had to depend on the spade break or West having the sole guard of spades and hearts. When the suit broke 3-3, the contract was home. That was +920 and a swing of 11 IMPs to India, when in the closed room N/S bid only 5♣.

Board 18. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Open room

West	North	East	South
G. Coutts	A. Banerjee	N. Jacobs	R. Roy
Dble	Pass	1♠	2♣
		4♠	All Pass



Amar Nath Banerjee, India

The lead was ♠K and North discarded a low diamond on it. Declarer won with the ace and played a heart to the queen in dummy, won by North's ace. He returned a heart and declarer won in dummy and discarded a club on the ♦A. He now came to hand with ♠A and played a low spade. When the ♠K appeared on the table, the contract was safe. Going back to trick one, had the ♠K been ruffed by North, then the contract would still have been safe, if declarer plays ♠A and a low spade. That was 420 to E/W, and 6 IMPs to New Zealand when the Indian E/W bid only 2♠, making 10 tricks for 170. The score at this stage was 11-6 in favour of India.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
G. Coutts	A. Banerjee	N. Jacobs	R. Roy
Pass	2♠	All Pass	Pass

North opened a weak two in spades and that became the final contract. East led ♦3 and declarer had little problem in making the contract, giving the four losers, the aces of spades and diamonds plus the top two tricks in clubs for +140. The closed room also played in the same contract and there was no exchange of IMPs on the board.

The next board saw another slam swing in favour of India.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
G. Coutts	A. Banerjee	N. Jacobs	R. Roy
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

North opened a 15-17 NT and South used Stayman to find the heart fit. His 3♦ showed some interest in heart slam and over 3♥, his 4♦ showed at least five diamonds. South showed his one key card on North's enquiry (5♣ over 4NT) and North bid the slam. East led the ♠Q. Declarer won with the ace and took the diamond finesse. When that worked, declarer ran the ♥J, and when ♥9 came down, the cards became obvious. Another heart finesse was taken and continued by leading to the ♥Q. Declarer repeated the diamond finesse, played the ♦A and the good diamond. West ruffed with the ♥K, overruffed by the ace. It was a simple matter now and only one club had to be lost. That was 13 IMPs to India, as the contract in the closed was 4♥.

On the next board, India gained a solitary IMP for scoring 11 tricks in 3NT in open room, whereas their opponents scored only 10. The score was 25-6 in favour of India after five boards.

Boards 22 and 23 were flat and India again scored an overtrick in a 3NT contract on board 24 to gain an IMP.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
G. Coutts	A. Banerjee	N. Jacobs	R. Roy
All Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT

South opened 1NT with his 2-6-2-3 hand and it was passed out. West led the ♠10 and declarer won with dummy's ace and took the heart finesse, the jack losing to the king. The spade return was won by the king and declarer cashed his seven tricks for +90. In the other room, the contract was 4♥ by South. Declarer could not avoid losing two clubs, a diamond and a heart for down one and 4 IMPs swing in favour of India.

On board 26, the Indian E/W played in 4♠, whereas the NZ E/W played in 3NT, both contracts going down one for no exchange of IMPs.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A J 4 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ A K J 9 4 ♣ Q 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 6 5 ♥ A Q J 9 8 7 4 ♦ — ♣ A K J 7	♠ 10 9 7 3 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ 6 5 4 ♠ K Q 8 ♥ 5 ♦ 10 8 7 6 3 ♣ 10 9 8 3
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W E						
S						

Open room

West	North	East	South
G. Coutts	A. Banerjee	N. Jacobs	R. Roy
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	7♥	All Pass

The 2NT bid showed significant extras and East had no difficulty in potting the grand himself. There was nothing to the play and the contract was made without any problem. The opponents were also in the same contract, so there was no exchange of IMPs.

On board 28, India again scored an overtrick IMP in a 3NT contract. The score at the end of board 28 was 31-6 in favour of India.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ J 6 ♥ 6 3 ♦ A K 10 8 3 ♣ A K Q 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ 9 7 6 5 4 2 ♣ 10 9 3	♠ 10 9 8 2 ♥ A J 10 8 ♦ Q ♣ J 8 7 6 ♠ A K 7 5 4 3 ♥ K 7 5 4 ♦ J ♣ 4 2
N						
W E						
S						

Open room

West	North	East	South
G. Coutts	A. Banerjee	N. Jacobs	R. Roy
2♦	3♠	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

This turned out to be a competitive board, when North raised his partner's spade bid to 3♠, showing at least four-card support with 6-8 HCPs. It was now the turn of East to take action and he pre-empted the opponents by bidding 5♦. However, when North doubled the contract, South misjudged the position when he ran to 5♠, which was doubled by opponents. The contract went one down for 200 to E/W. In the closed room, the New Zealand N/S pair gained 100 in defending the 5♦ contract. That was an important 7-IMP gain to the New Zealand.

On board 30, the New Zealand E/W played in 3NT going down one, whereas the Indian E/W went down one in 4♥ for no swing. On board 31, India went one down in 3♥, whereas New Zealand went one down in 4♥, again for no swing.

The last board of the match turned out costly for New Zealand.

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

♠ 7 4 3 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ K 9 7 3 ♣ A 8 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q J 2 ♥ Q 6 ♦ A J 10 5 ♣ Q J 5 2	♠ A 10 9 ♥ J 9 7 4 3 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ 10 7 ♠ K 8 6 5 ♥ K 10 ♦ Q 6 4 ♣ K 9 6 4
N						
W E						
S						

Open room

West	North	East	South
G. Coutts	A. Banerjee	N. Jacobs	R. Roy
1♣	2♥*	3♥*	Dble
3NT	All Pass		

The 2♥ bid by North was weak. East's 3♥ by East showed a good hand. South's double showed an honor, but West still opted for 3NT. The lead was ♥4 to the queen and king, ducked by declarer. South continued with a heart, North overtaking the 10 with the jack to clear the suit. Declarer had no way to make the contract and could have restricted his losses to two down taking four diamonds, two clubs and a heart. However, he misguessed the ♦Q and went four down for 400 to N/S. In the closed room, the Indian E/W played in 3♦, making, for +110 and a gain of 11 IMPs.

India won the match by 42-13 (16.58-3.42 VPs).



Quite a Turn-around

By Brian Senior

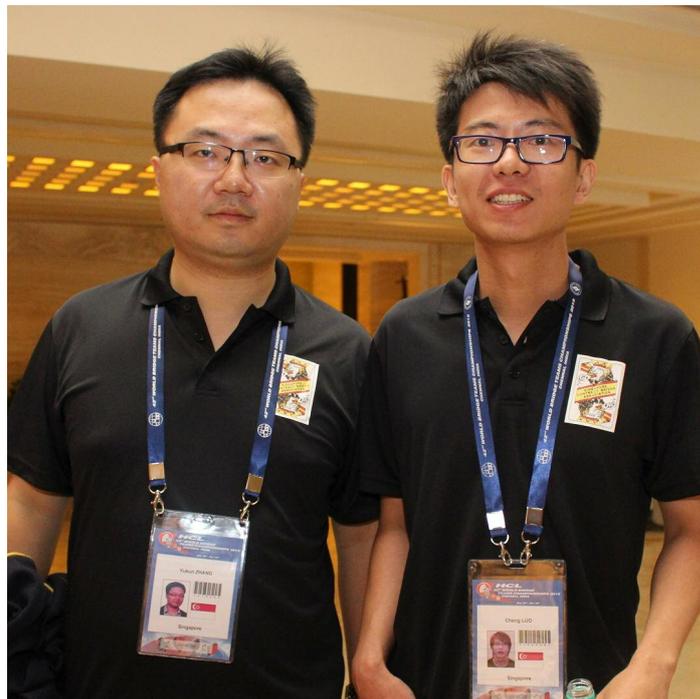
Singapore started this Bermuda Bowl with a big loss, scoring only 1.34 VPs against Bulgaria. However, in Round 2 they repaired all the damage by collecting 18.97 VPs against Canada to be just above average after two rounds. This deal saw their biggest gain.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q 9 7 4 2 ♥ – ♦ A K J 8 6 ♣ A K 7</p>	<p>♠ 8 6 ♥ J 10 6 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ 9 8 6 5 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> </div>	<p>♠ 3 ♥ Q 7 5 4 3 ♦ Q 7 4 3 ♣ 10 8 2</p>	<p>♠ A K J 10 5 ♥ A K 9 8 ♦ 10 2 ♣ Q J</p>
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West	North	East	South
Sabourin	Zhang	Huang	Luo
–	–	–	1♠
2♦	Pass	3♦	Dble
5♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Poon	Wolpert	Loo	Korbel
–	–	–	1♠
2♦	Pass	3♦	Dble
Rdbl	All Pass		



Yukun Zhang and Cheng Luo, Singapore

After identical starts to the two auctions, David Sabourin, for Canada, simply raised himself to 5♦, while Hua Poon preferred to redouble.

Against the diamond game, Yukun Zhang led the eight of spades. Cheng Luo won the king and switched to the two of diamonds to declarer's jack. Sabourin crossruffed the majors until dummy ran out of trumps then led a club to the queen and ace. After drawing trumps, he did not cash the other top club, which would of course have made his contract, but instead exited with the queen of spades, hoping to endplay South to lead away from the remaining club honour. That looks wrong, does it not, because South must surely have the ace of hearts as well as the ace of spades in the ending – given his double of 3♦, how can he hold a 5-3-2-3 14-count? Anyway, the contract was one down for –100.

Poon's redouble illustrates the importance of having discussed everything in competitive auctions. Clearly, Darren Wolpert passed 3♦ redoubled because he wanted to leave it up to partner to choose where to play, while Daniel Korbel's pass suggests that he took that to indicate a desire to defend 3♦ redoubled.

Wolpert too led a spade and Korbel switched to a trump. Poon took three spade ruffs in the dummy and dropped the club honours so came to 11 tricks for the unusual score of +1640. Sabourin's misplay at our first table was virtually wiped out as Singapore picked up a massive 17 IMPs on the deal.



Darren Wolpert and Daniel Korbel, Canada

BB R4 - Blood bath



Sweden v South Africa



By Micke Melander

Sweden v South Africa was a match with four large swings, two in each direction. The Swedes probably thought they were going to achieve a big win when they scored on the first two boards.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 9 6 5 ♥ K Q J 7 6 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ 8 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e8b57; 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	♠ A Q 8 2 ♥ A 9 5 4 2 ♦ A J ♣ Q 6	♠ J 10 7 ♥ 3 ♦ K Q 9 6 5 2 ♣ 10 7 4
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ K 4 3 ♥ 10 8 ♦ 7 3 ♣ A K J 9 5 3					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fick	Upmark	Stephens	Nyström
	1♣*	2♦	3♣
3♦	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♣
All Pass			



Robert Stephens, South Africa

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Grunder	Sylvan	Kaprey
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the open room, 1♣ was 16+. A diamond cue-bid from North was all South needed to jump to slam. Kaprey probably wished that he had made a slam try instead of passing out 3NT, especially after East led a low diamond and Grunder quickly wrapped up all 13 tricks.

Upmark got the ♦K lead, and won it with the ace to play a second round of diamonds. East won with the queen and exited with the seven of spades: three, nine and declarer's ace. Six rounds of clubs followed, and when West discarded his remaining spades to keep his hearts, declarer could claim: 9 IMPs to Sweden.

Diligent readers will note that had declarer held the ♠9, he would have had some losing lines in his contract if East does not shift to spades.

Board 18. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

♠ 7 ♥ K Q 8 ♦ A J 10 6 2 ♣ 8 7 4 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e8b57; 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 9 5 ♥ A 9 7 6 ♦ K 9 8 7 5 4 ♣ —	♠ A Q 10 8 6 4 3 ♥ J 3 2 ♦ — ♣ A 6 5
N						
W E						
S						
		♠ K 2 ♥ 10 5 4 ♦ Q 3 ♣ K Q J 10 9 2				

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Fick	Upmark	Stephens	Nyström
		1♠	2♣
2♦	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Grunder	Sylvan	Kaprey
		2♠*	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Dble	4♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Stephens made no mistake in declaring Two Spades and managed to get his ten tricks for 170 when the defense did what they could in trying to hold it to nine tricks after a club was lead.

It didn't matter much what had happened in the open room when in the other room Grunder decided to step into the action, resulting in a blood bath. Two Spades was 10-13 with a six-card suit. West, who didn't believe his side could make game, passed and hit the jackpot when North decided to balance and had no problem doubling 3NT or Four Diamonds.

Sylvan led the two of hearts which went to the four, queen and declarer's ace. A diamond followed, Grunder getting the bad news about trumps when East discarded the three of spades. Declarer tried the queen from dummy but West won with the ace and played back a spade. East took the ace and gave partner a spade ruff. A club to the ace followed and the defense had no problem cashing their two hearts and another couple of trumps, bringing the contract down five for 1400. That was 15 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 22. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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



Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Fick</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Nyström</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦*
Dble	2♠	Pass	2♥*
Dble	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Grunder</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Kaprey</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Stephens never got the chance of making Three Hearts when Nyström found the seven of hearts lead. Declarer took the trump finesse perforce and went down. A black suit would have given declarer the chance to make it more easily. The defense critically attacked diamonds before

declarer could unblock the king of spades, and he had no way to get back to his hand to get use of his two high spades. Three Hearts went one off – Stephens probably wished that he had passed out partner's second double.

Grunder played Two Spades in the closed room and stood no chance, finishing two down for minus 100. That was another 5 IMPs to Sweden that might easily have gone the other way.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Fick</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Nyström</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Grunder</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Kaprey</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Johan Upmark, Sweden



Hennie Fick, South Africa

More IMPs could have been shared on this board. Upmark finally led the queen of diamonds, making life easy for Fick, who then had three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and just had to set up a club for his nine tricks. The nine of clubs or a low diamond would have been very interesting to see how declarer would cope with. However it's not easy to lead declarer's first-bid suit.

Sylvan got a spade led against his 3NT in the other room and just set up a third heart to score three hearts, three spades, two diamonds and a club for a push.

(For comparison purposes:

Steve Weinstein declared 3NT as East on a low diamond to the nine, jack, and ace. He led a spade to the ace, finessed unsuccessfully in hearts and ducked the diamond return.

Had another diamond come back, he would have cashed his spade winners before playing three more rounds of hearts to endplay South. In fact, the spade jack came back. So he won, cleared hearts, and came to one further heart, club and spade trick for nine winners.)

If board 18 is to be discussed by a South African pair, we might think that board 27 should be a topic of conversation by Wrang-Sylvan!

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A J 4 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ A K J 9 4 ♣ Q 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ 6 5 ♥ A Q J 9 8 7 4 ♦ — ♣ A K J 7	♠ K Q 8 ♥ 5 ♦ 10 8 7 6 3 ♣ 10 9 8 3
N		E							
W		S							

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fick	Upmark	Stephens	Nyström
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	7♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Grunder	Sylvan	Kaprey
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Having the East hand and you probably "know" that partner has the three missing key cards, with hearts as trump, isn't it just to find an eventual third round control of clubs for the grand slam? Wrang could have bid Six Diamonds instead of Six Hearts and for sure East could have bid Six Clubs over Five Diamonds. When neither of them did anything, the pair "crash-landed" in Six Hearts when they had at least 14 tricks on top. A well-deserved 11 IMPs to South Africa.

Going into the last board of the match South Africa was down 21 IMPs after some minor swings going in each direction. But Stephens made a fine play for South Africa that brought back 11 IMPs when a good defense from the Swedes in the other room wasn't enough to level the board.

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

♠ 7 4 3 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ K 9 7 3 ♣ A 8 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ Q J 2 ♥ Q 6 ♦ A J 10 5 ♣ Q J 5 2	♠ K 8 6 5 ♥ K 10 ♦ Q 6 4 ♣ K 9 6 4
N		E							
W		S							

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Fick	Upmark	Stephens	Nyström
1♦	2♥	3♥*	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Grunder	Sylvan	Kaprey
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	2♥	All Pass	

South led the king of hearts. Stephens, who went in the tank for some time, nicely ducked. Nyström read the situation correctly and, instead of continuing hearts, switched to a spade. Upmark won the ace and returned the ten to the jack and king. Nyström continued and played a third round, clearing the suit. Stephens, noting that North had three spades and probably six hearts, had no problem playing the ace of diamonds and finessing against South for the queen. All that remained was to take club finesse for nine tricks.

As the cards were distributed, North should perhaps have allowed East to win the jack of spades and then let declarer find out what was going on before showing too much of his distribution. On the other hand, if South had the jack of spades to go with the king, the contract would have been down before declarer got in.

In the closed room, Grunder declared Two Hearts. Wrang – Sylvan put up an almost spotless defense when the queen of clubs was led to the king and West’s ace. West now shifted to the four of spades, declarer covered with the nine that went to the jack and dummy’s king. Grunder didn’t want to play more spades, so he tried the ten of hearts. East won the queen and made no mistake, playing the ten of diamonds, which held the trick. A diamond to the nine was followed by the ace of diamonds, ruffed by declarer. Grunder tried a heart to the king, taken by West to play another spade. There was no way for declarer to avoid losing a spade and a club trick for two down. Still, 100 against the vulnerable game South Africa had scored in the other room was 11 IMPs back and South Africa eventually only lost with a small margin, 38 – 28. Well done, considering they were down 24-0 after only two boards.



The Old-fashioned Way

By Brian Senior

I’m an old-fashioned kind of a guy, so I love it when the old ways outdo the new. One example is that I was brought up on strong jump shifts – which are rather out of fashion these days – but they can still be very effective when used correctly. Witness this deal from Round 4 of the Venice Cup match between Italy and England.

Board .27 Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A J 4 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ A K J 9 4 ♣ Q 2	<table border="1" 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		♠ 6 5 ♥ A Q J 9 8 7 4 ♦ – ♣ A K J 7	♠ K Q 8 ♥ 5 ♦ 10 8 7 6 3 ♣ 10 9 8 3
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Paoluzi	Brock	Saccavini	Smith
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Manara	Senior	Ferlazzo
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

For Italy, Ilaria Saccavini had no option but to respond with a simple 1♥, as 2♥ would have shown a weak hand with five or more spades and four or more hearts. Simonetta Paoluzi’s 2♠ rebid was artificial, 17+ with a diamond single-suiter, or two-suiter with diamonds and either major. Saccavini rebid the hearts, showing a long suit as she could have inquired with 2NT as to her partner’s hand-type, and Paoluzi admitted to some heart support. Now Saccavini made one cuebid but settled for the small slam upon seeing her partner cuebid diamonds. Perhaps, she could have made one more try with 6♣ over 5♦, but she required both the ace of spades and king of hearts for the grand slam.

How much more straightforward Nevena Senior’s strong jump shift made the auction. One Diamond was always unbalanced, 2♥ was strong, 4♥ stressed the hearts but implied not such a good all-round hand for the strong jump, and 4NT was Key Card. On hearing of two key cards plus the trump queen, Heather Dhondy could see that there had to be good play for 13 tricks – missing the heart king, partner had to have something apart from her hearts and the club ace – so she jumped to 7♥. A few seconds later Senior had claimed 13 tricks and England had 11 IMPs.

Bermuda Bowl Round 5



Argentina v China



By Brian Senior

China had made a solid start to the championships and hoped to build on it when they met Argentina in Round 5 of the Bermuda Bowl. The Argentinians had started less well and were hoping to kick-start their challenge for a qualifying spot.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J 4 ♥ Q 8 7 6 5 ♦ 10 8 7 5 ♣ 5 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4f7942; 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	♠ A 2 ♥ K J 9 4 ♦ K 9 3 2 ♣ A K 8	♠ K 8 7 6 5 ♥ 10 ♦ J 6 4 ♣ Q 9 7 6
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Angeleri	Liu	Lambardi	Hou
–	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♥	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Sun	Pellegrini	Kang	Da Rosa
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

For China, Meng Kang opened with a strong club and Shaolin Sun's response was a balanced positive, either 8-13 or 16+. Two Clubs inquired and presumably 3♣ showed spades and clubs. Kang signed off in 3NT, knowing that his partner would bid on with 16+. Carlos Pellegrini led a low heart to the nine, ten and ace. Sun ran the jack of clubs to the queen and put in the nine on the spade return. The jack forced the ace and he played a spade back, Rodrigo Da Rosa ducking so the ten won. Sun took the heart finesse, cashed the ace and king of clubs and came back to hand with a diamond. Cashing the fourth club squeezed North

in the red suits and there were 12 tricks for +490.

For Argentina, Pablo Lambardi opened 1♦ and rebid 2NT, 18-19, over the 1♠ response. Their convention card tells us nothing about the subsequent auction, but it looks as though Lambardi took 3♦ to be a transfer to hearts, a perfectly playable method, as he bid the suit at every opportunity from that point on. Six No Trump was a dreadful contract and justice was done when the miracle lie required for it to succeed did not materialise. Xu Hou led a low club, which gave Lambardi a chance, dummy's jack scoring. He crossed to hand with a club and led the low spade, putting in the nine when Hou played low, and losing to the jack. Jing Liu returned a spade. Lambardi won the ace, crossed to a diamond to lead a heart to his jack and noted the fall of the ten. However, even this good fortune did not provide 12 tricks. The contract was down one for -50 and 11 IMPs to China, a fast start for them to the match.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 ♥ Q J 8 7 5 4 ♦ A K 9 2 ♣ J 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4f7942; 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	♠ A J 6 3 ♥ A ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ Q 10 7 4 3	♠ K Q 8 ♥ K 2 ♦ Q J 8 7 4 ♣ K 8 2
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Angeleri	Liu	Lambardi	Hou
–	–	–	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sun	Pellegrini	Kang	Da Rosa
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Dble	Rdbl	1♠
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Hou's 2♦ opening, weak with at least four-four in the majors, struck gold on this deal when he continued with a psychic game try on discovering that Liu preferred his longer suit. Liu had no interest in game so signed off in 3♣ but all the N/S bidding had done its job in silencing their opponents. Lambardi led the queen of diamonds, which Ricardo Angeleri overtook to shift to his singleton trump. Liu rose with the ace and led a club to the nine and jack,

ruffed the diamond return and crossed to hand with a heart to lead the queen of clubs for a second finesse. When that passed off peacefully he just had to lose two trump tricks for an excellent +140.

Da Rosa did not have an opening bid for the South hand, so passed. Pellegrini doubled Sun's 1♥ but Kang had plenty to drive to game with the East cards. Da Rosa led the seven of spades against 3NT, Pellegrini reading this as from weakness and putting in the jack. Kang won the king and carefully crossed to the ace of diamonds to lead a heart towards the king. When the ace appeared, his care was rewarded as the hearts were now all winners. Pellegrini returned a low club but Kang played low. Da Rosa won the ace and continued clubs so Kang had the remainder of the tricks for +690 and 13 IMPs to China, who led by 24-0.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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



West	North	East	South
Angeleri	Liu	Lambardi	Hou
–	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	3♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Sun	Pellegrini	Kang	Da Rosa
–	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Pellegrini opened 2♣, strong and artificial, and rebid 2NT over the negative/waiting 2♦ response, Da Rosa raising to game. It takes a heart lead, or a diamond to the ace and heart switch, to defeat 3NT, but this auction gave no clues and Kang led a spade. Pellegrini won and knocked out the club, won the spade return and knocked out the diamond, after which he had ten tricks for +630.

Liu opened a strong club and Angeleri had the opportunity to overcall 1♥. With a heart lead looming against any no trump contract, there was no longer any game available to N/S. Lambardi raised to 2♥ and, at his next turn, competed to 3♥, which ended the auction. Liu cashed a top spade then switched to king and, when that held, a low club club. a heart to the king lost to the ace and Liu cashed his spades then exited with his remaining trump.

A diamond loser went away on the thirteenth spade so the contract was down two for –100 but 11 IMPs to Argentina; 11-26.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

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



West	North	East	South
Angeleri	Liu	Lambardi	Hou
–	–	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sun	Pellegrini	Kang	Da Rosa
–	–	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Both N/S pairs bid smoothly to the excellent club slam, after South opened 1NT and North transferred to spades then showed his clubs; flat at +920.

There were several small and medium-sized swings but nothing particularly exciting and we reached the final deal with China ahead by 40-20 IMPs.



Ricardo Angeleri, Argentina

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Angeleri	Liu	Lambardi	Hou
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sun	Pellegrini	Kang	Da Rosa
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pas	

The Argentinian auction was very simple and, when Da Rosa gave preference to hearts opposite the game-forcing rebid, Pellegrini raised himself to game and played there. Kang led the jack of clubs against 4♥. Pellegrini rose with the ace, cashed the jack of diamonds and came to hand with a top heart to take two club discards on the diamonds. He ruffed his club loser, cashed the other top heart and conceded a trick in each major; +450.

Liu opened with a strong 1♣ and the 1♥ response was a positive with five or more spades. One No Trump asked and 2♠ showed the sixth card. After that, we do not have the details of their methods – what matters is that they alighted in 6♠, played by South.

Though the club position is protected, the slam can be defeated even when played from the South seat – West must lead a heart and a second round when in with the ace of spades, as declarer cannot take the necessary discard on the fourth diamond so requires the club finesse and is down one. However, Angeleri led the ten of diamonds. Hou could win the jack and play on spades, win the diamond continuation when West won the second round, and cross to hand with the club ace to draw the last trump. He still had heart entries to table to cash the remaining diamond winners, so had 12 tricks for +980 and 11 IMPs to China.

The final score was 51-20 in favour of China, converting to 16.88-3.12 VPs.

Age is no Bar to Excellence

By Mark Horton

Bridge is one of the sports where age can be an advantage.

The efforts of the scoring team mean that it is possible to check the results on a specific deal at every table.

This was the last deal of the third match on Sunday:

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

You might like to reach 6♦ on the North/South cards - it passes Bob Hamman's Law on slams - but how easy is it to achieve?

In the Bermuda Bowl 6♦ was bid five times, the rest of the field reaching 3NT/5♦ (apart from the unfortunate pair who attempted 6♣).

In the Venice Cup 6♦ was reached three times. Three EW pairs were allowed to play in 3♠ (one attempted 4♠ doubled which cost 800) while one NS pair came to rest in 4♥ - which was allowed to make. The strangest result was perhaps when NS played in 2♦ (Brian Senior's match report in this issue reveals all).

In the d'Orsi Trophy 6♦ was reached seven times, with kudos to the pairs in the matches between Bulgaria and Pakistan and Egypt and Chile where it was a flat board. The remainder of the field played in game.

Here is one of the successful auctions from the Bermuda Bowl match between Bulgaria and Denmark:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Houmoller	Stamatov	Schaffer	Danailov
Pass	1♣*	1♠	Dble*
3♠*	Pass	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠*	Pass	6♦
All Pass			
1♣	16+		
Dble	6+		
4♠	Cue bid		

You will observe that even without the ace of spades, 6♦ will make as long as the trumps divide.

Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (OT R5)



USA1 v USA2



By Mark Horton

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel follows a group of British retirees who decide to «outsource» their retirement to less expensive and seemingly exotic India. Enticed by advertisements for the newly restored Marigold Hotel and bolstered with visions of a life of leisure, they arrive to find the palace a shell of its former self. Though the new environment is less luxurious than imagined, they are forever transformed by their shared experiences, discovering that life and love can begin again when you let go of the past.

One of my favourite lines from the film is delivered by the proprietor of the unfinished hotel:

‘In India we have a saying:

Everything will be alright in the end and if it not alright then it is not the end.’

When the teams representing the United States met in Round 5 of the d’Orsi Trophy they were both in a qualifying position and hoping that at the end of the Round Robin everything would be okay.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ 10 ♥ QJ8754 ♦ AK92 ♣ J5	<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		♠ KQ8 ♥ K2 ♦ QJ874 ♣ K82	♠ 97542 ♥ 10963 ♦ 5 ♣ A96
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Clerkin</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Clerkin</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>
1♥	Dble	2♣	2♠
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the seven of spades and North took the ace and, after due consideration, switched to the three of clubs. Declarer won the third round of the suit and played a heart to the queen and ace, North cashing out for two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lair</i>	<i>Aker</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Simson</i>
1♥	Dble	Rdbl	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North led the three of clubs and South took the ace and switched to the five of diamonds. Declarer won with the ace and played a heart and North won, laid down the ace of spades and on seeing a discouraging nine from South, played the three of diamonds, South’s ruff meaning one down, -100 and 3 IMPs to USA1.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ KJ864 ♥ A1065 ♦ 653 ♣ 3	<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		♠ 75 ♥ 8 ♦ KQ42 ♣ KQJ65	♠ 32 ♥ KQ9743 ♦ A97 ♣ 74
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Clerkin</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Clerkin</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			



Bob Hamman, USA1

North led the jack of diamonds and when declarer put up dummy's king South followed with the seven. The king of clubs went to North's ace and he continued with the eight of diamonds, South winning with the nine and returning the three of spades, covered by the jack and queen. North cashed the ace of spades and followed it with the ten. Cut off from dummy declarer could only win and play a diamond for the king and ace. He took South's low heart return with the ace and exited with a trump. As the cards lay the defenders eventually had to concede a fifth trick, two down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lair	Aker	Hamman	Simson
Pass	1♦*	2♣	2♦*
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Declarer lost two hearts, a diamond and a club, +140, 8 IMPs to USA I.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Clerkin	Rosenberg	Clerkin	Mahmood
	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When East led the eight of spades declarer could win and drive out the ace of clubs for an eventual +660.

For what it's worth, a quick canvass found the majority voting for a diamond lead when West would have the opportunity to win and switch to a heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lair	Aker	Hamman	Simson
	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Declarer took ten tricks so USA I added another 11 IMPs to lead 22-0.

On Board 6 NS held ♠AK985 ♥73 ♦- ♣A107642 opposite ♠1043 ♥AK8 ♦K76 ♣KQ53

Rosenberg-Zia bid INT-2♠*-2NT*-3♠-4♣-4♠-4NT*-5♦*-5♠*-6♣ which was basically a transfer to clubs followed by showing the spades followed by a RKCB ask.

Aker-Simson bid INT-2♥*-2♠-2NT-3♦*-3♠-3NT-4♦*-4♥*-6♣. I was about to set off in search of the players to get a detailed explanation when Barry Rigal suggested it was much more fun to try and guess, so here goes: After the transfer to spades 2NT showed clubs with 3♦ indicating a good fit. 4♦ & 4♥ were cue bids.

Well done by both pairs.

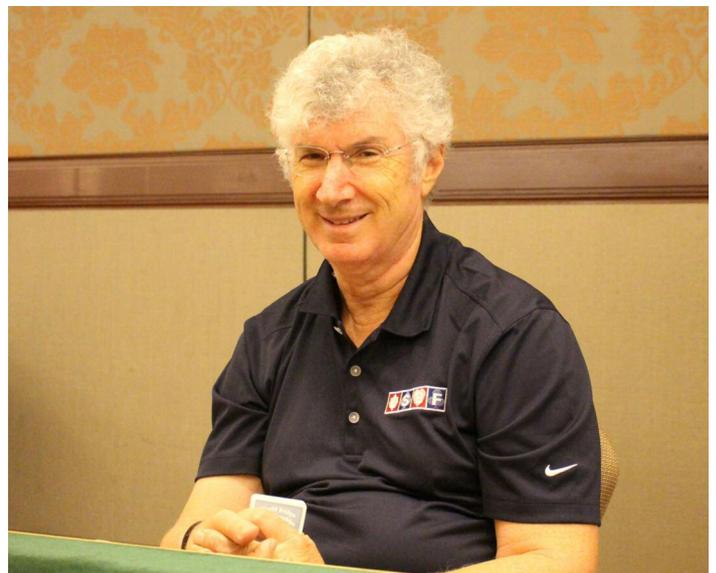
Board 7. Dealer south. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Clerkin	Rosenberg	Clerkin	Mahmood
4♣	All Pass		1♠

North led the ten of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and played a club for the jack, queen and king, North continuing with the jack of spades for the four, ace and queen. I was expecting South to lay down the ace of hearts at this point, the idea being to play a diamond if North discouraged, but the actual choice of a diamond allowed



Doug Simson, USA2

declarer to win in dummy, pitch a heart on a spade and then pitch a second heart on a diamond, North's ruff being the last trick for the defence, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lair	Aker	Hamman	Simson
4♣	All Pass		1♠

Here North led the jack of spades and South took the ace and continued with the ace and queen of hearts, one down, -100 and 6 IMPs for USA II.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Clerkin	Rosenberg	Clerkin	Mahmood
4♥	2♠	Dble	3♠
Dble	Dble	Pass	4♠
	All Pass		

East started with the ace, king and jack of clubs and West ruffed, cashed the king of diamonds, played the king of hearts, cashed the ace of diamonds and played a third diamond. Declarer ruffed high, and could draw trumps ending in dummy, three down, -500.

Do you see how West might have improved on this?

After ruffing the third round of clubs West exits with a trump. Declarer wins in hand and ruffs a club, but when he exits with a red card, West can cash three winners and then play a third diamond, promoting East's ten of spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lair	Aker	Hamman	Simson
4♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
	All Pass		

The defenders started with three rounds of spades and South overruffed dummy's seven of hearts with the jack and exited with the four of hearts, declarer quickly claiming the rest, +620 and 3 IMPs to USA I when it might have been 5 in the opposite direction.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Clerkin	Rosenberg	Clerkin	Mahmood
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the jack of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace, unblocked the jack of diamonds, came to hand with a trump, pitched two clubs on top diamonds, ruffed a club and played a trump for eleven tricks, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lair	Aker	Hamman	Simson
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
1♣	RM Precision, 16+		
1♥	5+♠, 8+ or 11-13 balanced, game forcing		

After the 1♥ response INT would ask for controls (show MM with 11-13 BAL). If a spade suit is shown, North can relay or set spades as trumps. Then shape-showing and low Keycard can apply. New suits would show unbid suits by steps.

If I can find NS I will get the meaning of 4♥.

6♠ was reached at a number of tables. If North is declarer East can lead the jack of clubs, when there is no winning line.

When South is declarer there is a winning lead - but no defender in the Bermuda Bowl found it.

Can you?

West must lead a low heart.

Declarer wins in dummy and plays the queen of spades which West must duck. After a second spade goes to the ace West returns his remaining low heart and declarer cannot unscramble his tricks.

USA I took this low scoring encounter 26-17 IMPs, 12.55-7.45 VP. Both teams would be hoping to advance to the knock out phase - if they can reach the semi-finals you might see The Second Best Marigold Hotel.

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Brian Senior

BBO files vs life

By Marek Wojcicki

It is in fashion now to take some look at the BBO files. In general, it is worth to be able to look at the hands from the past, particularly if you are journalist or ambitious player. But do we have always to believe what we see?

In round number two we could see the broadcast of the Venice Cup match between Poland and Australia. The first board really surprised me:

Pokój Zamknięty Rozdanie 17		N LUSK ♠ K9873 ♥ K3 ♦ 42 ♣ Q432	West North East South 1♥ Pas Pas 1♦ Pas 1♠ 2♥ Ktr. Pas 2♠ 3♥ Pas Pas Pas
W KAZMUCHA ♠ 106 ♥ AQJ1072 ♦ KQ10 ♣ A6	S BOURKE ♠ AQ4 ♥ 95 ♦ AJ95 ♣ 10987	E BREWIAK ♠ J52 ♥ 864 ♦ 8763 ♣ KJ5	
POLAND: 0 IMPs AUSTRALIA: 0 IMPs Pokój Otwarty: 4 ♠ W 2 -100			3♥ West NS 0 EW 0

The bidding of Kazmucha was really surprising. At least no less, then her partner. What could be the explanation?

At first moment, I was afraid about the results of eventual antidoping test - obviously West was on some tranquilizer, and East on the opposite side of the universe... Or... Brewiak knew how beautiful the hand was that Danuta held...

Luckily for the East-West pair, I checked the bidding, and in fact it went:

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Lusk	Brewiak	Bourke
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♥	All Pass

At that moment I stopped being afraid of any antidrug test or any other control...

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RESULTS

Venice Cup

Round 7

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	DENMARK USA2	31	41	6.70	12.30
22	USA1 POLAND	32	25	12.03	7.97
23	NETHERLANDS FRANCE	35	64	3.42	16.58
24	PAKISTAN CHINA	15	59	1.45	18.55
25	GUADELOUPE ITALY	20	56	2.41	17.59
26	CHINESE TAIPEI SOUTH AFRICA	38	31	12.03	7.97
27	AUSTRALIA EGYPT	57	47	12.80	7.20
28	ENGLAND NEW ZEALAND	53	31	15.38	4.62
29	VENEZUELA JAPAN	32	39	7.97	12.03
30	CANADA INDIA	60	8	19.34	0.66
31	JORDAN BRAZIL	46	43	10.91	9.09

Round 8

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	POLAND DENMARK	24	47	4.44	15.56
22	FRANCE USA1	14	46	2.97	17.03
23	CHINA NETHERLANDS	10	35	4.08	15.92
24	ITALY PAKISTAN	50	30	15.00	5.00
25	SOUTH AFRICA GUADELOUPE	37	25	13.28	6.72
26	EGYPT CHINESE TAIPEI	19	41	4.62	15.38
27	NEW ZEALAND AUSTRALIA	23	44	4.81	15.19
28	BRAZIL ENGLAND	38	12	16.09	3.91
29	JAPAN USA2	19	44	4.08	15.92
30	INDIA VENEZUELA	12	4	12.29	7.71
31	JORDAN CANADA	6	108	0.00	20.00

Round 9

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	DENMARK FRANCE	20	27	7.97	12.03
22	USA1 CHINA	24	31	7.97	12.03
23	NETHERLANDS ITALY	26	12	13.75	6.25
24	PAKISTAN SOUTH AFRICA	5	44	2.03	17.97
25	GUADELOUPE EGYPT	55	32	15.56	4.44
26	CHINESE TAIPEI NEW ZEALAND	45	22	15.56	4.44
27	AUSTRALIA ENGLAND	2	34	2.97	17.03
28	POLAND JAPAN	33	17	14.18	5.82
29	USA2 INDIA	72	13	19.93	0.07
30	VENEZUELA JORDAN	53	8	18.66	1.34
31	CANADA BRAZIL	18	26	7.71	12.29

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 7

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	BULGARIA AUSTRIA	33	55	4.62	15.38
42	POLAND NORWAY	10	43	2.83	17.17
43	INDONESIA IRELAND	34	44	7.20	12.80
44	GUADELOUPE SWEDEN	38	37	10.31	9.69
45	AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND	52	13	17.97	2.03
46	BRAZIL USA2	12	81	0.00	20.00
47	CANADA CHINA	43	11	17.03	2.97
48	USA1 INDIA	25	26	9.19	9.81
49	ENGLAND EGYPT	68	14	19.52	0.48
50	TUNISIA PAKISTAN	32	77	1.34	18.66
51	JAPAN CHILE	41	37	11.20	8.80

Round 8

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41	NORWAY BULGARIA	24	31	7.97	12.03
42	IRELAND POLAND	47	27	15.00	5.00
43	SWEDEN INDONESIA	34	63	3.42	16.58
44	NEW ZEALAND GUADELOUPE	9	70	0.00	20.00
45	USA2 AUSTRALIA	12	45	2.83	17.17
46	CHINA BRAZIL	27	28	9.69	10.31
47	INDIA CANADA	39	12	16.26	3.74
48	CHILE USA1	28	29	9.69	10.31
49	EGYPT AUSTRIA	11	24	6.48	13.52
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43	INDONESIA NEW ZEALAND	13	24	6.96	13.04
44	GUADELOUPE USA2	18	84	0.00	20.00
45	AUSTRALIA CHINA	48	2	18.77	1.23
46	BRAZIL INDIA	14	54	1.91	18.09
47	CANADA USA1	21	46	4.08	15.92
48	NORWAY EGYPT	40	18	15.38	4.62
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Bermuda Bowl

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