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PHOTO FINISH IN THE MIXED PAIRS?



Four new members of the WBF Committee of Honour are shown with WBF President Gianarrigo Rona (far right) and WBF President Emeritus Jose Damiani (third from left). The new Committee members are Patrick Choy, Al Levy, Anna-Maria Torlontano and Marc De Pauw. See article on page 5.

With 50 boards to play in the Red Bull Mixed Pairs A final, the top two pairs are virtually tied, with several others breathing down their necks.

The leaders – Nan Wang and Banxiang Zhang from China – are barely ahead of Swedes Peter Bertheau and Jessica Larsson. The Chinese players start today at 60.58% to 60.37% for the Swedes.

Several other pairs – including two from Russia – are a couple of tops away from taking the lead. The championship could easily be decided late in the event.

In the Mixed Pairs Final B, Israelis **Eldad Ginossar and Ronnie Barr** (Photo on page 3) won with a relatively comfortable margin over a German pair, 61.32% to 58%. The runners-up are Marie Eggeling and Thomas Gotard.

Prize-giving tonight

Prize-giving ceremonies for the Mixed Pairs and Mixed Teams will take place **today at 7:45 p.m.** in the Seven Seas Ballroom at the Sheraton.

Watching bridge in Sanya

If you want to watch the bridge play during 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series, here's how you do it on OurGame:

Main website: ourbridge.ourgame.com/

Jump website: ourbridge.ourgame.com/flash/loading.swf

Requirements: adobe flash plugin

Mobile download website and QR code:(IOS,android)

ourbridge.ourgame.com/index/download-en.html

Please scan the QR code



Today's Schedule Mixed Pairs Final A

10:00 - 11:30

11:50 - 13:20

14:30 - 16:00

16:20 - 17:50

18:10 - 20:00

Ourgame and BBO will broadcast 6 tables each of the Mixed Pairs



REVISED SCHEDULE

Saturday 18th October

Open Teams Qualification

9.30 - 10.30
10.50 - 11.50
12.10 - 13.10
14.10 - 15.10
15.30 - 16.30
16.50 - 17.50
18.10 - 19.10
19.30 - 20.30

Women & Senior Teams

To be decided

Sunday 19th October

Open Teams Semifinal A&B

9.30 - 10.30
10.50 - 11.50
12.10 - 13.10
14.10 - 15.10
15.30 - 16.30
16.50 - 17.50
18.10 - 19.10
19.30 - 20.30

Women & Senior Teams

To be decided

Monday 20th October

Open Teams Round of 32

10.00 - 12.00
12.20 - 14.20
15.30 - 17.30

Open Teams Round of 16

18.10 - 20.10

Women & Senior Teams

To be decided

Tuesday 21st October

Open Teams Round of 16

10.00 - 12.00
12.20 - 14.20

Open Teams Round of 8

15.30 - 17.30
17.50 - 19.50

Women & Senior Teams

To be decided

Open Pairs Qualification

10.00 - 11.30
11.50 - 13.20
14.30 - 16.00
16.20 - 17.50
18.10 - 19.40

Women & Senior Pairs

To be decided

Wednesday 22nd October

Open Teams Round of 8

10.00 - 12.00
Open Teams Semifinal
13.10 - 15.10
15.30 - 17.30
17.50 - 19.50

Women & Senior Teams

To be decided

Open Pairs Qualification

10.00 - 11.30
11.50 - 13.20
14.30 - 16.00
16.20 - 17.50
18.10 - 19.40

Women & Senior Pairs

To be decided

Thursday 23rd October

Open Teams Final

10.00 - 12.00
12.20 - 14.20
15.30 - 17.30
17.50 - 19.50

Women & Senior Teams

To be decided

Open Pairs Semifinal A & B

10.00 - 11.30
11.50 - 13.20
14.30 - 16.00
16.20 - 17.50
18.10 - 19.40

Women & Senior Pairs

To be decided

Friday 24th October

Open Pairs Final A

10.00 - 11.30
11.50 - 13.20
14.30 - 16.00
16.20 - 17.50
18.10 - 20.20

Women & Senior Pairs

To be decided

Open Pairs Final B

10.00 - 11.30
11.50 - 13.20
14.30 - 16.00
16.20 - 17.50
18.10 - 19.40

Saturday 25th October

Open Pairs Final A

10.00 - 11.30
11.50 - 13.20
14.00 - 15.30
15.50 - 17.20
17.50 - 19.30

Women & Senior Pairs

To be decided

Notice for Seniors and Women's teams

The schedule listed in the official program of the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series will be changed when the number of teams entered in the two events has been determined. Please consult the Daily Bulletin for information about the changes.

Championship cards

The cards played at the championships are sold for EUR 100/200 decks.

Note that orders must be placed during the championships while delivery will be from Europe AFTER the event.

Please see (or email) per@jannersten.com to order or get more info.

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**Winners of the Mixed Pairs B
 Eldad Ginossar and Ronnie Barr**

Video Corner

now online



interview with Philippe Cronier
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLbZV_OyMul



Peter Bertheau and his friends
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6rnHiEqAw8>



In the swimming pool with Dennis Bilde
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuAo2-2GdR4>



Find all the links on www.worldbridge.org

Press Outing

At this tournament, there will be a press outing for IBPA members on Monday, Oct. 20. Participants will visit the Tropical Paradise Forest Park (lunch included). Bus pickup is at the MGM Grand at 10:45 a.m., returning before 4 p.m. You must sign up to take part in the Press Room by noon on Sunday, Oct. 19.
 Patrick Jourdain, IBPA President



No smoking or drinking policy

Please be reminded that smoking and drinking is prohibited at any time and in any place during sessions.
 If you do, an automatic penalty of 2VPs plus 100US\$ will be applied.



Lots of news from the WBF Congress

It was a roll call of 40 NBOs at the start but there were three late arrivals. WBF President Gianarrigo Rona opened the congress and made his report.

* The format for the World Bridge Series (played here in Sanya) is changed. More or less a copy of the European Open Championships has been made. Which means



WBF President Gianarrigo Rona, center, reads the WBF Congress report on Thursday. With him at the head table are Treasurer Marc De Pauw, President Emeritus Jose Damiani, former President Ernesto d'Orsi and Hon. Secretary Georgia Heth.

The following is an extract from that report.

* Lots of resources and effort have been put into a new communication system which not only involves the web page for the WBF but also social media such as Facebook and YouTube. A CD was given to show what they produced for Istanbul.

* Regarding WADA and antidoping: Starting from the 1st of January, 2013 Beta-Blockers have been removed from the list of prohibited substances in Mind Sports.

* The Appeal Committee has been eliminated and a new system with a reviewer has been installed. This will be changed in the bylaws.

* Kids, a new category in Youth for those under 16. A first try-out was made, and the result was successful in the Istanbul Championships earlier this year. The new category is here to stay – since this was a try-out in a smaller format.

* Bridge Teaching Seminars will be held in 2015. Related to this is the Youth Bridge Foundation.

* The old Olympiad will be back, although still not using that name. Beginning in 2016, the WBF will have the old Olympiad format but called the World Bridge Games. The tournament will no longer be part of the IMSA games as in Beijing and Lille.

Mixed Teams and Mixed Pairs in the first week and Open/Women/Senior Pairs and Teams in the second week.

* There is a new victory point scale. The old 25-0 scale has been replaced with a 20-0 scale.

* A schedule of coming championships was presented.

Forthcoming Calendar for WBF Events

2015

World Youth Open Bridge Championship, Opatija, Croatia, 20-29 August.

World Teams Championships, Chennai, India, 26 September - 10 October.

2016

World Youth Teams Championship, Salsomaggiore, Italy, 3-13 August.

World Bridge Games, Wroclaw, Poland, 3-17 September.

2017

World Youth Open Bridge Championship, Lyon, France, 16-25 August.

World Teams Championship, Lyon, France, 12-27 August.

2018

World Youth Teams Championship, Shanghai, China, 1-11 August.

World Bridge Series, Orlando, USA, 22 September - 6 October

The report by the president was approved by the congress.

After this, Treasurer Marc de Pauw made a report of the financial situation for the WBF. De Pauw reported about the Executive Council's aim in increasing the financial reserves for the WBF and that they should be enough to cover one major championship. The equity for the WBF has been going from €684K in 2010 to €1123 as estimated result for 2014. The WBF has banked 67K for the Youth Fund.

The report by the treasurer was approved by the congress.

Then came a presentation from a French company (see www.lateos.com) that has programmed an Online University to help new players to play bridge. The FFB has got 3000 students in about two months. This system will be possible for other federations to get. The presenter refused to answer what the eventual cost would be for a teacher or a federation to get into the system in their own language.

Finally the President closed the congress and said welcome to the next one that will be held in Wroclaw, Poland, in 2016.

-Micke Melander



It was announced earlier in this tournament that the German team in the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy was disqualified because of the actions of two of its members and that the gold medals awarded to that team were stripped by the WBF. The WBF also decided to elevate the teams finishing second, third and fourth in the event. The result is that USA, depicted above, are now the gold medalists in the d'Orsi Senior Trophy. They are **Roger Bates, Garey Hayden, captain Carolyn Lynch, Eddie Wold, Mike Passell and Marc Jacobus. Donna Compton (inset) was non-playing captain.**

WBF COMMITTEE OF HONOUR

At the first meeting of the WBF Executive Council held in Sanya, China, on Sunday, 12th October 2014, and in accordance with the WBF By Laws, in recognition of their unselfish efforts in making a significant contribution to the enhancement and growth of bridge throughout the world :

Patrick Choy
Marc De Pauw
Al Levy
Anna-Maria Torlontano

were elected as new members of the WBF Committee of Honour and were awarded the WBF Gold Pin, joining the existing members

Jean-Claude Beineix
José Damiani
Ernesto D'Orsi
Panos Gerontopoulos
Mazhar Jafri
George Retek
Gianarrigo Rona
John Wignall
Robert S. Wolff

Also, by acclamation, the Executive Council awarded the WBF Gold Pin posthumously to:

Jens Auken
Jean-Louis Derivery

eminent and unforgettable personalities in their social life and not only in the bridge world, extraordinary persons who worked with enthusiasm, dedication and passion for the development and affirmation of our discipline and whose memory will accompany us, and all their bridge friends everywhere in the world, for the rest of our lives.

The Duplimates used for the duplication here in Sanya are sold for Eur 1999.

For more information see

www.jannersten.com/newsletters/Sanya_specials.pdf

or Per Jannersten.

Thrust and parry

By Barry Rigal

In the semi-finals of the world mixed teams Wojciech Gawel as North found the most challenging defence to Sabine Auken's slam, but she was able to overcome his best shot.

Board 18. Dealer East N-S Vul.

♠ J ♥ AKJ63 ♦ A942 ♣ A93	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">N</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ K 10 4 3 2 ♥ 8 7 ♦ K Q J ♣ K 10 7	♠ A Q 9 7 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ 7 ♣ Q J 8 6 2
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W	S						
	♠ 8 6 5 ♥ 10 5 4 ♦ 10 8 6 5 3 ♣ 5 4						

West	North	East	South
Welland	Gawel	Auken	Brewiak
1♠*	Pass	1♣	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
6♥	All Pass	3NT	Pass



Roy Welland

Welland relayed with 1♠ to silence North at unfavorable vulnerability (which certainly worked to the defence's benefit in not pinpointing the opponents' cards, though it may have facilitated getting to slam).

Auken showed a 4-3-1-5 minimum hand and Welland found a Landy slam-try; "I'll bid it, you make it".

How would you play slam on a diamond lead?

My guess (confirmed by the bulletin team – not necessarily the equivalent of the Good Housekeeping Seal of approval!) is that one should lead a club to the jack, and if it holds, give up a spade, planning to pitch a diamond and club on the good spades. But Auken actually received the more testing trump lead and won cheaply in hand to pass the club queen.

Had Gawel taken this to return a trump, declarer can ruff one diamond and come to 12 tricks via six trump tricks and six plain winners. But he defended well by ducking, and was in a sense unlucky that his side's clubs were so good that Auken was not tempted to repeat the finesse. Instead she led a low club to the ace and a third club, hoping her LHO would win this, whereupon the route to 12 tricks would be secure enough. But when Gawel took the third club he found another good play. Instead of shifting to his diamond sequence, or returning a trump, he played back a spade. As this takes out declarer's last entry to hand, Auken needed the spade finesse, in order to come to two spades, two clubs, five hearts a diamond and two ruffs. She made no mistake and came to 12 tricks, generating a swing of 13 IMPs, enough to win her semi-final encounter with Rossard.



Sabine Auken

Symphonic Variations

By Mark Horton

A symphony is an extended musical composition in classical music, generally scored for orchestra, though more recent examples have been written for chamber ensembles, organ, choir, piano, or combinations of these resources. Many symphonies are tonal works in four movements with the first in sonata form, which is often described by music theorists as the structure of a classical symphony, even though many symphonies by the acknowledged classical masters of the form, Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, do not conform to this model.

The final of the Red Bull World Mixed teams Championships, would like most symphonies, consist of four movements.

Awakening of cheerful feelings on arrival in the Final

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Zorlu	Wang	Sinclair
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♣	All Pass	1♠

North's jump to 3♣ was preemptive and was intended to keep E/W out of the bidding. Given that E/W can make eleven tricks in diamonds, it was not without merit, although it is hard to see how they might have come into the auction.

West led the five of hearts and East took the ace and switched to the queen of clubs, declarer winning with the ace and playing a club to dummy's eight, East discarding the five of diamonds. The jack of spades went to West's queen and two rounds of clubs exhausted everyone's supply. When declarer played a heart East followed with the seven and declarer put up the king only to see West pitch the seven of diamonds. East took the heart continuation and switched to diamonds, so that was four down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Dai	Auken	Zhang
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Dble	All Pass		Pass

1♦ Precision

West's reopening double yielded a rich dividend. East passed, and led the queen of clubs, which declarer won with the ace.

Waiting for declarer to play to the next trick, I considered what might happen if declarer crossed to hand with a diamond to play a trump. To secure four down, East must go up with the ace and play a spade. West wins, cashes the king of clubs (East pitching a spade) and gives East a club ruff. A spade puts West in to deliver another club ruff, and then West wins the diamond return and plays a spade, allowing East to overruff declarer.

In fact, when declarer played the three of hearts from dummy at trick two, East took North's eight with her jack and switched to the three of spades. West won, cashed the king of clubs (spade away by East) and gave East a club ruff. Now East played a diamond for the jack, king and ace, won a heart with the ace, cashed the queen of diamonds, then played a spade and ruffed a club. That was +500 and 7 well earned IMPs for Salvo.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Zorlu	Wang	Sinclair
Pass	2♦*	Pass	1♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Pass	4♣	3♠
			All Pass

2♦ Multi style

South led the three of clubs and declarer won in hand and played a diamond. South won and switched to the three of hearts, but it was too late - declarer had the tempo and could establish a diamond for a heart discard, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Dai	Auken	Zhang
Pass	1♠	2♣	1♦
3♠*	4♣	All Pass	2♠

East led the king of clubs for the three, five and six and continued with the queen. Here the loss of tempo was more crucial, as declarer could establish a heart for a diamond discard, +620 and 13 IMPs to Geely Automobile.

To defeat 4♠ East must switch to a diamond at trick two. Then came what might have been the hand of the Championships:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Zorlu	Wang	Sinclair
Pass	1♣*	Pass	2♣*
2♦	Pass	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
2♣	Inverted		

North's raise to 6♣ was on the optimistic side but when East led seven of diamonds he had a chance to justify it in the play.

He won the lead with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of spades followed by the king of clubs. When West discarded, the contract was a goner, finishing two down, -100.

I am working on a new book with Eric Kokish and one of our themes will examine some of the skills that declarer needs to master in order to reach a higher level.

One of these is the ability to project the play down to an end position. It may appear to be difficult, but on many occasions the application of the technique we will be describing will make you realize that it is within most players' grasp.

I was commentating on OurGame and although one has the benefit of seeing all four hands it did not seem to be out of the question for declarer to find the winning line.

First of all, assuming you can avoid a trump loser, there are eleven top tricks. One way to get a twelfth might be to find the queen of spades making an early appearance, but that strikes me as being against the odds.

The first question to address is how to play the clubs?

In one of his many classics Terence Reese discusses how to deal with this very issue - which opponent is more likely to have started with a club void?

(Chatting to Zia later while he was waiting for the last set of boards to be completed he observed that you would generally play for the opponent who had overcalled to be short.)

With West known to have length in diamonds it seems natural to start with a club to the ace. Now you can pick up the trumps and play four more rounds, followed by the ace of spades. At this stage these cards will remain:

	♠ K J		
	♥ A		
	♦ 10		
	♣ —		
♠ Q 10	W N E	♠ 9	
♥ —		♥ K Q	
♦ K Q		♦ 4	
♣ —		♣ —	
	♠ —		
	♥ 7 4		
	♦ 8 6		
	♣ —		

When you cross to hand with the ace of hearts, West has no good move - a spade surrenders two tricks in the suit, while after a diamond pitch declarer exits with a diamond to endplay West. For those interested in the terminology of the game, this is a strip-squeeze, or "ecdysiast's delight."

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Dai	Auken	Zhang
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

- 2NT Transfer
- 4♠ Splinter
- 5♥ Cue bid

Here East led the king of hearts and declarer, with no adverse bidding, won and played a club to the king. Bad luck and no swing.

Suppose declarer ducks the opening lead? (If you live in or around Bath, this play tends to become almost second nature).

Now East must find a diamond switch, otherwise declarer (with the right view in trumps) can reach this position:

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N					
W E					
S					
♠ Q 10 ♥ 10 ♦ K Q ♣ —	♠ — ♥ 7 ♦ A 8 6 ♣ 7				

When declarer plays the seven of clubs West must discard a heart, as does declarer and then a heart to the ace squeezes West.

At the end of the set Salvo trailed Geely 19-26.

For the second movement, *Merry gathering of bridge players*, read Micke Melander's article.

Thunder, Storm

With Geely Automobile leading 48-41, Salvo was hoping to fire a few broadsides as the third session got under way. They certainly came out with all guns firing.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ 5 4 ♥ K Q 10 6 2 ♦ A ♣ K 10 6 4 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 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	♠ A K J 7 6 3 ♥ 5 ♦ J 10 5 ♣ J 8 2
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W E					
S					
♠ Q 10 8 ♥ A J 8 4 ♦ K 8 6 3 ♣ Q 5	♠ 9 2 ♥ 9 7 3 ♦ Q 9 7 4 2 ♣ A 9 7				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Mahmood	Wang	Michielsen
4♠	All Pass	1♠	Pass

South led the four of diamonds and North won with the ace and returned a spade. Declarer won in dummy, came to hand with a spade, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a heart and advanced the jack of diamonds. When that was covered by the queen declarer claimed ten tricks, +420.

If you would have returned a club at trick two, well done indeed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Dai	Auken	Zhang
2♥*	Dble	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
		3♠	All Pass

2♥ 9-13 with three spades

South led the three of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the queen of clubs. North won with the queen and tried the king of hearts, but declarer ruffed, went to dummy with a spade and played a club to the eight and nine. Declarer ruffed the heart return, ruffed a club, came to hand with a spade and played the jack of diamonds, covered by the queen, king and ace, +140 but 7 IMPs to Geely Automobile.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ Q 3 ♥ J 10 6 4 ♦ A 4 ♣ A 9 8 4 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 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	♠ K 9 8 4 ♥ — ♦ K Q 9 8 6 ♣ Q J 10 7
N					
W E					
S					
♠ J 6 2 ♥ A K Q 5 ♦ 10 7 3 ♣ 6 5 3	♠ A 10 7 5 ♥ 9 8 7 3 2 ♦ J 5 2 ♣ K				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Mahmood	Wang	Michielsen
1♦*	1♥	Dble	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass
1♦ Precision			

When North, clearly a latter disciple of Mike Lawrence, introduced his hearts, South jumped to game - let's call it a good example of Leaping Michielsen.

East led the queen of clubs for the king and ace and West switched to the ace of diamonds and a diamond, East cashing two more tricks in the suit and then returning a club (a low spade or another diamond is better). Declarer ruffed with the two of hearts (the seven, eight or nine is best) and played the seven of hearts, running it when West (mistakenly) did not cover. Now declarer could play a low spade to the jack and East's king, ruff the club return and drop West's queen of spades for two down, -300.

If declarer ruffs with an intermediate heart, say the seven, and then plays the eight West covers and declarer wins in dummy, ruffs a club with the nine of hearts, plays a heart to the six and queen and then plays the jack of spades, holding the defenders to just one more trick.

With E/W cold for 5♣, -300 did not feel too bad, certainly better than the 500 that E/W might have achieved.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Dai	Auken	Zhang
Pass	3♥	All Pass	2♥*

I was expecting East to double and wondering what West would do - Pass, jump to 5♣, etc when up flashed three passes.

West led a trump and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a diamond. West took the ace and returned the suit and East cashing one more trick in the suit and switching to a club. Declarer ruffed the second round, exited with a diamond to East, ruffed the club return, played a heart to the ten and queen and played ace of hearts and a heart. West won and the defenders still had a club and a spade to come, -150, but 4 IMPs for Geely Automobile.

After eight of the fourteen deals, Salvo was IMP-less on the set. Were they running out of ammunition?

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Mahmood	Wang	Michielsen
3NT	2♠	Dble	Pass
	All Pass		

North led the ten of spades and South won with the queen and returned a spade, two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Dai	Auken	Zhang
Pass	2♦*	Pass	4♥
6♣	4♠	Dble	Pass
	All Pass		

2♦ Multi
4♥ Pass or correct

North led the king of spades and declarer ruffed in dummy, played a heart to the king, a heart back to the ace,

ruffed a heart, a club to the nine, ruffed a heart with the king of clubs, drew trumps and played a diamond to the jack, +1370 and 17 restorative IMPs to Salvo.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Mahmood	Wang	Michielsen
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	INT

West led the five of hearts and declarer won with the jack and played the jack of spades for the king and ace. A spade to the nine was followed by a claim, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Dai	Auken	Zhang
2♥*	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♦	All Pass

In first position Two Hearts (especially NV v Vul) would be 3-9, but here it was wide range.



Lixin Yang

South led the ten of diamonds and when North withheld the ace declarer won in hand with the king and played the king of clubs. South took the ace and returned the two of clubs, declarer winning with dummy's ten, cashing the top hearts throwing a spade, ruffing a heart and playing a diamond to the queen and ace. North cashed the ace of spades and exited with a spade and declarer ruffed in dummy and pitched a spade on a heart. South's ruff was the last trick for the defence, +110 and 6 IMPs to Salvo.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

♠ K 7 6 2 ♥ 6 2 ♦ A 6 2 ♣ 8 6 5 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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	♠ J 9 4 ♥ K Q 4 ♦ K J 5 ♣ A Q J 7	♠ A 5 ♥ J 10 8 3 ♦ 9 4 3 ♣ K 10 9 4
N						
W E						
S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Mahmood	Wang	Michielsen
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

- 1♣ Precision
- 2♥ Shortage in a black suit, three-suited
- 2♠ Relay
- 2NT Club shortage

If my interpretation of the auction is correct then perhaps North should have found the club lead that would have defeated the contract.

On a spade lead South won and found the best shot of the ten of clubs. Declarer won with dummy's jack and played on diamonds, North winning the third round and returning the five of clubs. Declarer covered with dummy's seven and although South could win there was only a spade to come, +400.

Played by East, 3NT is almost impregnable, but on the ten of clubs lead declarer still needs to be careful. Say she wins and plays a top diamond. If North wins and plays a club South wins and finds a low spade switch, North winning and returning a club. Declarer wins and must play three rounds of diamonds. On the last of these, South, down to ♠A ♥J1083 ♣K is squeezed.

If North ducks the first diamond East must switch to spades – do you see why?

Because a second diamond allows North to duck again and now the communications for the squeeze will be broken by a third round of diamonds at some point.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Dai	Auken	Zhang
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	All Pass
2♣ Puppet to 2♦			

West's pass over Two Diamonds facing a 15-17 INT may look odd, but any continuation over it except 2NT (54 majors invitational) would have been game forcing.

Two Diamonds was straightforward - declarer emerged with ten tricks, +130 but Salvo lost 7 IMPs.

For the final movement, *Shepherd's song. Happy and thankful feelings after the storm* you must turn to Barry Rigal's report.



GEELY AUTOMOBILE: Jianming Dai, Lixin Yang, Hongli Wang, Shen Yue Gui, Yu Zhang, Liping Wang

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Exciting Mixed Team Final

Mixed Teams final Segment 2

By Micke Melander

After the first segment in the final between Salvo and Geely Automobile in the Mixed Teams Geely Automobile had taken a small lead with 26-19. Was it going to continue like this or would someone run away in the standing towards victory?

Board 16. Dealer West. E-W Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Mahmood	Wang	Michielsen
1♦	Pass	1♠	4♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sinclair	Dai	Zorlu	Zhang
1♦	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
All Pass			



Yu Zhang

Here both teams missed the opportunity to bid the lay-down slam. When Zia passed in second seat in the Open Room Michielsen didn't pay much more attention to the board than bid her game which everyone happily passed out.

Zhang in the Closed Room went asking for aces, but without being able to check if partner controlled spades or not she didn't want to risk bidding the slam so they came to stop in Five Hearts. If Three Spades would have been a splinter game raise that particular bid would probably have solved all problems for South.

Both declarers managed to get their twelve tricks without problems, so no swing. Before this hand Geely had earned 1 IMP after they managed to make Three Spades on the first board of the set when Salvo had stopped in Two Spades which was what they could make against a perfect defense. And when they played the third board it was another push, then came this:

Board 18. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Mahmood	Wang	Michielsen
1♥	1♠	1♦	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sinclair	Dai	Zorlu	Zhang
1♥	2♥*	Pass	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	5♠	All Pass	

Zia didn't show his strong two-suiter and just bid on in the longest and strongest, spades that basically could have a play against a void with partner, Yang didn't believe so

when holding 15 HCPs and partner had open, wrong he was since N-S was even cold for 11 tricks which both declarers took. +990 was 8 IMPs Salvo who closed the gap in the game.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 9 6 5 ♥ J 8 7 6 5 3 ♦ Q 8 5 4 ♣ —	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	♠ A 4 3 ♥ A Q 10 4 ♦ A ♣ J 10 8 5 3
N					
W E					
S					
	♠ 10 2 ♥ 2 ♦ K 10 9 6 3 2 ♣ Q 9 7 6				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Mahmood	Wang	Michielsen
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	INT
All Pass			3♦

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sinclair	Dai	Zorlu	Zhang
Pass	1♣*	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	1♦*
3♥	Pass	4♥	2♦
			All Pass

The anti-action from Wang in the Open Room in the first bidding round led to problems the next time it was her time to act Zia had made an artificial call (Gazilli) stealing her longest suit when pass was here only action she then had to face Three Diamonds when it was her next turn to bid, finally passing it out. That led to the fact that they sold out to Three Diamonds when they were making Four Hearts their way.

In the Closed Room Dai opened with a strong precision like One Club, when South bid negative and North showed her spades Zorlu doubled and Sinclair with his great shape could jump to Three Hearts inviting to play in game, Sinclair had no problems raising to game!

With the king of trumps onside and the diamond ace singleton in dummy it was an easy play to wrap up eleven tricks. That was another 11 IMPs to Salvo who now looked very solid.

On board 24 Zia held

♠ 9
♥ A 8 3 2
♦ Q 7 6 4
♣ J 8 5 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Mahmood	Wang	Michielsen
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	?		

Zia doubled for business, having heard enough and knowing things wasn't behaving too well for declarer, a real "tiger double" a la Zia style...

There was no real play for declarer as long as the defense didn't give away any gifts, +100 would have been a simply brilliant score in Pairs, now it was 2 IMPs since the 50 they had got in the other room. But with a match that seems very close maybe this is the medicine that requires making sure to win the championship!

Board 25. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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



Hongli Wang

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Mahmood	Wang	Michielsen
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Dble	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♦
Dble	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sinclair	Dai	Zorlu	Zhang
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Here Zia's double didn't work out that well when it got Michielsen to sacrifice against 3NT that was a contract which was at least two levels too high when all key cards were wrongly placed for E-W. Sinclair had to realize this at the other table, when going two off in 3NT in the Closed Room. 300 from the Open Room and 200 from the Closed was an 11-IMP swing back to Geely Automobile.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Mahmood	Wang	Michielsen
			1♥
Pass	1♠	2♦	2♠
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sinclair	Dai	Zorlu	Zhang
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠
3NT	All Pass		

When Wang went scared over Michielsens business double over 3NT Zia went for their own game instead of defending Four Diamonds, which was a correct decision since it's very much likely to make when East were 0-3-5-5 and West had a great fit to that. Four Spades should have been two down, if the defense attacked clubs before declarer could set up hearts to get a discard. Now they secured their one down by playing the suit which eventually went to be the final result.

In the Closed Room Sinclair struggled in 3NT but had to go to off when the queen of hearts was offside after a spade had been led. That was 5 more IMPs to Geely Automobile.

Board 28. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	Mahmood	Wang	Michielsen
INT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sinclair	Dai	Zorlu	Zhang
1♣	1♠	Dble	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Yangs mini no-trump opening closed the auction in the Open Room and after a spade was led to the jack, which held the trick, and declarer played a diamond two the ace and another diamond to the queen in trick three it was seven tricks for the declarer coming from one spade and two tricks in all the other three suits.

Sinclair had a much more difficult contract to play in the Closed Room, but with a club lead to the nine that held the trick it solved one of the problems. Two more rounds of trumps followed, pulling what remained with the opponents. A couple of tricks later South got in with a diamond and returned a spade before the defense had started attacking hearts, which meant that declarer could set up a spade, discarding a losing heart for nine tricks giving Salvo 1 IMP instead of losing 4.

After two segments of this exciting Mixed final the standing were 48-41 to Geely Automobile.

Coming down to the wire

Mixed Teams final stanza four

By Barry Rigal

The third quarter had seen Geely Automobile extend their lead to 20 IMPs before a late rally had reduced the margin to 6 IMPs at 72-66. Salvo would field Zia/Michielsen and Welland/Auken against Gui/Liping and Dai/Zhang.

On a set that was going to produce a swing (or the prospects of one) on just about every deal, first blood went to Salvo when Gui doubled, then raised an invitational jump to game with what seemed (to the naked eye) like a sub-minimum for his earlier action. Game duly struggled out for down one while Auken was just managing to bring home her partscore in the other room.

Zia and Michielsen returned the partscore swing on the next deal:

Board 44. Dealer West. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dble
Rdbl*	2♣	2♠	3♣
3♠	All Pass		

After Gui produced a support redouble and somewhat undisciplined spade raise Michielsen might have worked out that dummy rated to put down a singleton club? But there again ♦Q4 looked to be a terrible holding for the defence. One might sympathize with a top heart lead (declarer wins the king to duck a diamond and has an answer for everything the defence might do). Michielsen did better: she led a top club and shifted to a spade. When Zia made the normal control-retaining play of ducking, Liping won in hand and ruffed two clubs in dummy for +140. Had Zia played ace and another trump the defence must prevail. Since N/S had competed to 4♣ (undoubled and down only one) in the other room, Geely had a gain of 3 IMPs instead of a loss of the same number.



Board 45. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gui	Zia	Liping	Michielsen
2♠	1♣	Dble	Pass
	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Dai	Auken	Zhang
4♠	2♣	Dble	3♣
	All Pass		

Gui's jump to 2♠ (when coupled with the actions on board 43) suggest maybe E/W were playing non-standard methods in response to takeout doubles. Both Norths naturally led a heart rather than the club that would have held West to nine tricks. After drawing two rounds of trumps to find the bad news, both Wests ran the hearts, pitching clubs, then led ♦A and another diamond and could not be prevented from making ten tricks. The 6 IMPs to Salvo gave them the lead at 77-75.

Geely reclaimed the lead on the next deal when a conservative action by Welland backfired. Responding to a (potentially light) 1♠ opening at favorable vulnerability, he elected to relay and find a six-card spade suit opposite, then invite game in spades with:

♠ Q
♥ A K 9 7 2
♦ K 9 6 3
♣ 7 3 2

The good news when his partner also took a conservative view and passed was that 4♠ wasn't cold, the bad news was that as the cards lay both 4♥ and 4♠ were very straightforward. Geely found their 5-3 heart fit and played 4♥ to gain six IMPs and regain the lead at 81-77.

Back and forth went the lead.

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

Gui and Liping bid these cards 2♣-2♦-2NT-3NT, Welland-Auken reached the club slam after 2NT-3♣-3♦-4♠ (3♣ puppeted 3♦ then 4♠ showed both minors, and a slam invite). In 6♣ on a trump lead Auken won in dummy and played a heart. North took the ace to return the suit and now Auken ruffed two spades in hand for her 12 tricks. Salvo were in front 89-81.

Both N/S pairs stayed out of a delicate vulnerable 4♥ where the key would have been to pick off a doubleton ♥A-J over the king queen, with an eight-card fit. Then a two-suited Astro overcall from Auken allowed her side to compete to the four-level, and drove Dai-Zhang too high, in what in practice was the wrong eight-card fit. Down 200 on ruffs, while Zia was collecting a sedate +110 at the two-level, and it was suddenly 96-81.

Time for Zia to produce one of his “master-bids” At favorable vulnerability, you hear your RHO open a strong no-trump in front of you. How many hearts would you bid, holding:

♠ Q 10
 ♥ K Q J 10 7 6 5
 ♦ A 7 3
 ♣ J



Zia’s answer? None! He passed, and INT became the final contract. He led a top heart (how unimaginative) and the defenders took two aces and six hearts, for +200, while in the other room Welland down-valued his 15-count to a 1♣ opening and sold out to a 3♥ preempt – down 50 on a club lead. 102-81 now, with six deals to go.

Geely needed some action, but the next four deals did not produce anything for them. Both E/W pairs went minus in low-level partscores, then down in 2♠ on a 5-2 fit where their opponents were likely to have gone minus themselves. Then the N/S pairs bid a skinny game and negotiated ♥AJ76 facing ♥K85 for the necessary four tricks to bring it home (no great inspiration was required, merely Qxx onside). When both N/S pairs bid to a perfect-fit 5♦, the match score was 103-84 and there were just two deals to go.

Board 55. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gui	Zia	Liping	Michielsen
2♣*	3♦*	Dble	INT
All Pass			3♥

2♣ one suiter
 3♦ hearts, invitational plus

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Dai	Auken	Zhang
2♠	Dble	Pass	INT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

Zia has never been afraid to take a position, and here he elected to play partscore despite his ten-count, knowing spades and diamonds were offside. After a top spade lead and diamond shift Michielsen rose with the ace and drew trumps then established a spade to pitch a club for +170.

Welland found the more accurate defence of three rounds of spades. Declarer pitched a club from dummy, and Auken ruffed in to play back a heart. Zhang won, drew the last trump, then advanced the ♣Q, covered all round. Now she could run the trumps, pitching a diamond from hand. Auken was squeezed on the last trump, and though she

might have given declarer a nasty guess had she bared her $\diamond K$, she chose to pitch a club, and now declarer finessed in clubs and ran the suit for ten tricks and 6 IMPs.

Note that to execute the squeeze successfully declarer had to pitch a diamond not a club from dummy at trick three, playing West for $\clubsuit Kx$. Welland could have broken up the squeeze by ducking the $\clubsuit Q$ (and from a purely psychological case wouldn't South have advanced the $\clubsuit 10$ from, e.g., $\clubsuit QJ10x$ if she had wanted him to duck from Kx ?).

Last board...all to play for, with Salvo leading 102-90.

Board 56. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gui	Zia	Liping	Michielsen
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Dai	Auken	Zhang
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

One could just about imagine N/S in search of a swing bidding to $6\clubsuit$ and guessing trumps. But Welland's preempt made life impossible for the Chinese while that $1\spadesuit$ response deservedly made sensible bidding with the N/S next to impossible.

Zia made 630 after the $\diamond 10$ lead by guessing clubs then sneaking a low diamond through to the nine, Dai carefully ducked Auken's low heart lead to Welland's ten. The defenders cleared hearts, and Dai went to the $\diamond A$ to lead a club to the eight. Nice play, but an IMP to Salvo, who won 103-90 after a very impressive performance in the last set.

If N/S had reached $6\clubsuit$ and made it the match would have been a tie, which would have been broken by a fifth set of 8 boards. Classical students will have realised that Mark Horton's Symphonic Variations uses four subheadings based on the movements in Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony (number 6) which contains five movements rather than the traditional four. Editor

A young bridge player grows up

By Brent Manley

Seven years ago, a young woman from Nanjing showed up in the Vugraph theater at World Team Championships in Shanghai, China, to watch her favorite sport – bridge.

Wang Nan, known on BBO as Shelley, was a raw but enthusiastic beginner. "I want to be a bridge pro," she said.



Nan Wang

Wang and two friends learned bridge at the Nanjing Sports Institute, taking classes at the suggestion of one of her teachers. Wang's interest deepened when she found a bridge book in the school's library. One of her friends described bridge as "joy for the brain."

Fast forward to 2014. Wang has shown herself to be a good student of the game. At her first world championship, she and partner Bangxiang Zhang were in third place going into today's Final A in the Red Bull Mixed.

Wang, still in college when she showed up in Shanghai, earned a degree in sports marketing and now works for the bridge association in Jiangsu Province, where she lives.

She warmed up for the Mixed Pairs by playing with Zhang on the Shenzhen Nangang Power team in the Mixed Teams, losing to a squad from Shanghai by a single IMP.

Wang confesses to being "a little nervous" at the Sanya tournament. "I have made many mistakes – sorry to my partner."

She still plays a lot of bridge on BBO and OurGame, one of the sponsors of the Sanya tournament. "I have learned so much," she said. "Bridge has changed me a lot."

Part of Wang's maturation as a player is her new demeanor at the table. "I used to be angry," she said, "but now I am a good partner."



MIXED PAIRS FA after Round 5



Rank	Pair	Country	%	
1	WANG Nan	ZHANG Bangxiang	CHN - CHN	60.58
2	BERTHEAU Peter	LARSSON Jessica	SWE - SWE	60.37
3	SANBORN Kerri	ZHAO Jie	USA - CHN	57.62
4	GROMOV Andrey	GROMOVA Victoria	RUS - RUS	56.59
5	DUBININ Alexander	PONOMAREVA Tatiana	RUS - RUS	56.15
6	KOWALSKI Apolinary	MISZEWSKA Ewa	POL - POL	55.98
7	SHAN Xingxing	WU Zhen	CHN - CHN	55.05
8	ZHAO Jian	WANG Hongli	CHN - CHN	54.67
9	CRONIER Philippe	WILLARD Sylvie	FRA - FRA	54.19
10	ZHANG Yulan	YIN Men Liang	CHN - CHN	54.05
11	GUNEV Rossen	POPOVA Desi	BUL - BUL	53.81
12	CALLAGHAN Brian	DUCKWORTH Christine	ENG - ENG	53.02
13	STANSBY JoAnna	STANSBY Lew	USA - USA	53.02
14	BJERKAN Cheri	WEINSTEIN Howard	USA - USA	52.99
15	PSZCZOLA Jacek	WORTEL Meike	USA - NED	52.95
16	BROCK Sally	MYERS Barry	ENG - ENG	52.75
17	WANG Liping	GUI Shen Yue	CHN - CHN	52.44
18	NG Kelvin	TAN Gemma	SIN - PHI	52.23
19	MAHMOOD Zia	MICHIELSEN Marion	USA - NED	51.96
20	GEORGE Julius Anthonius	SUMAMPOUW Conny	INA - INA	51.72
21	BERKOWITZ David	BERKOWITZ Dana	USA - USA	51.37
22	ELLINGSEN Kristian	NILSEN Louise	NOR - NOR	50.96
23	CICHOCKI Miroslaw	HOCHEKER Danuta	POL - POL	50.86
24	BERTHEAU Kathrine	UPMARK Johan	SWE - SWE	50.55
25	NEHMERT Pony Beate	YUEN Michael	GER - CAN	50.14
26	BILDE Dennis	MADSEN Christina Lund	DEN - DEN	50.00
27	KORBEL Daniel	SHI Sylvia	CAN - USA	49.97
28	CHEEK Curtis	DEAS Lynn	USA - USA	49.86
29	AUKEN Sabine	WELLAND Roy	GER - GER	49.69
30	YOU Suhua	GAO Peicheng	CHN - CHN	49.18
31	ARONOV Victor	ZOBU Ahu	BUL - TUR	48.94
32	LEI Li	YAO Jiangtao	CHN - CHN	48.73
33	SINCLAIR Anita	ZORLU Nafiz	ENG - TUR	48.28
34	ROMANOWSKI Jerzy	ROSSARD Martine	FRA - FRA	48.21
35	KISSINGER John	KISSINGER Susan	USA - USA	48.18
36	MA Aiyue	WANG Cheng	CHN - CHN	47.84
37	TAO Shiyong	ZHAO Yan	CHN - CHN	47.77
38	CHAGAS Gabriel	PAIN Leda	BRA - BRA	47.46
39	GANZER Craig	PICUS Sue	USA - USA	47.36
40	LI Hui	BI Shuguang	CHN - CHN	47.32
41	ASBI Taufik Gautama	BOJOH Lusje Olha	INA - INA	47.32
42	HE Xinmei	GAN Xinli	CHN - CHN	47.29
43	CHUA Gang	SEET Choon Cheng	SIN - SIN	46.98
44	LIU Jing	WANG Jian-Jian	CHN - USA	46.6
45	LIU Yi Qian	WANG Weimin	CHN - CHN	46.46
46	MCGARRY Dennis	MCGARRY Linda	USA - USA	46.22
47	BLOOM Valerie	EBER Neville	RSA - RSA	45.81
48	GAN Lin	CHEN Yunlong	CHN - CHN	44.54
49	IMAKURA Tadashi	ITO Midori	JPN - JPN	44.37
50	LIU Shu	SHEN Yu Xiong	CHN - CHN	43.99
51	GILLIS Simon	HARDING Marianne	ENG - NOR	42.17
52	TOBING Robert Parasian	TUEJE Julita Grace	INA - INA	41.69
53	TIAN Wei	SHI Bin	CHN - CHN	40.87
54	SEHENSKY Barry	SHNIER Barbara	CAN - CAN	40.45



MIXED PAIRS FINAL B



Rank	Pair	Country	%	
1	BARR Ronnie	GINOSSAR Eldad	ISR - ISR	61.32
2	EGGELING Marie	GOTARD Thomas	GER - GER	58.00
3	VAN PROOIJEN Ricco	WILSON Alison	NED - USA	57.93
4	DELMONTE Ishmael	WEINGER Lindsey	AUS - USA	56.59
5	ROSSLEE Diana	STEPHENS Robert	RSA - RSA	55.63
6	WENNING Karin	WENNING Ulrich	GER - GER	55.50
7	BANASZKIEWICZ Ewa	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	POL - POL	55.25
8	LARA Maria Joao	OREY CAPUCHO Manuel d'	POR - POR	54.32
9	BAO Linchun	ZHOU Qiang	CHN - CHN	54.27
10	GLASSON Bob	GLASSON Joann	USA - USA	54.19
11	MA Junshan	WU Zhonghua	CHN - CHN	53.73
12	KHANDELWAL Himani	KHANDELWAL Rajeev	IND - IND	53.68
13	DEY Bharati	HOODA Major Surendra Kumar	IND - IND	53.60
14	SONG Yan	YANG Hua	USA - USA	53.47
15	TITOW Joanne	TITOW Kenneth	FRA - FRA	52.89
16	CHAN Eugene	NOURS Eurydice	CAN - CAN	52.84
17	CHINMANAS Virat	SVANGSOPAKUL Vallapa	THA - THA	52.70
18	LISSIS Georgios	SIRAKOPOULOU Christina	GRE - GRE	52.08
19	AVON Danielle	VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel	FRA - FRA	51.98
20	FUJIMOTO Takako	HACKETT Paul D	JPN - ENG	51.98
21	INO Masayuki	NISHIDA Natsuko	JPN - JPN	51.96
22	ROMANOVSKA Majja	RUBINS Karlis	LAT - LAT	51.95
23	JIANG Haiyan	XU Fang	CHN - CHN	51.81
24	BODELL Michael	GU Belinda	CAN - USA	51.73
25	BURGESS Stephen	DJUROVIC Nevena	AUS - AUS	51.62
26	LOO Choon Chou	WU Hongjun	SIN - SIN	51.48
27	DU Bing	WANG Dade	CHN - CHN	50.42
28	GU Jennifer	ROSENFELD Jason	USA - USA	49.55
29	CHILD Christine	HINGLE Gregory	RSA - RSA	49.41
30	WANG Shiling	HUANG Haiqing	CHN - CHN	48.96
31	FANTONI Fulvio	PISCITELLI Francesca	MON - ITA	48.68
32	GOTARD Barbara	GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	48.54
33	LING Pauline	LING Roger	HKG - HKG	48.06
34	GULEVICH Anna	VAINIKONIS Vytautas	RUS - LTU	47.96
35	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	RIVERS Loretta	USA - USA	47.58
36	DAWSON Jane	GILL Peter	AUS - AUS	47.54
37	SUGINO Masakatsu	TANAKA Hiroko	JPN - JPN	47.45
38	KOVACHEV Valentin	MARQUARDT Diana	BUL - USA	46.87
39	YANG Qing	LIN Le	CHN - CHN	46.65
40	KARMARKAR Marianne	PURUSHOTTAM Andrey	IND - IND	46.33
41	CHAN Chung Wai Terence	CHEUNG L. Fu	HKG - HKG	46.22
42	MCALLISTER John	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	USA - USA	45.90
43	CRONIER Benedicte	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	FRA - MON	45.63
44	BANERJI Nita	BANERJI TAPAS KUMAR	IND - IND	44.93
45	HE Xi Mei	SHEN Longhua	CHN - CHN	44.81
46	SURIYA Auraya	SURIYA Chaitad	THA - THA	44.34
47	LAMPORT Anne	LEWIS Marshall	AUS - CRO	44.21
48	CHEN Rong	ZHOU Haihong	CHN - CHN	43.68
49	ZHANG Jian	YANG Hongmei	CHN - CHN	42.06
50	CHAN Pek See Nancy Marie	GOH Leng Hock	SIN - SIN	35.93