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ALL GOOD THINGS

The saying that “all good things must come to an end” might apply to the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series, which concludes today in Sanya. Then again, maybe not. True lovers of bridge know that the camaraderie and friendships formed in the game go one for a lifetime. The family of bridge players is large.

In today’s final chapter of the Sanya tournament, champions in the Open, Women’s and Senior Pairs will be determined, starting at 9:30 a.m. today for the Open Pairs and Senior Pairs. The Women’s Pairs begins at 11:15 a.m.

Leading the way in their respective events are Thomas Bessis-Cedric Lorenzini, Open Pairs; Shu Liu-Tao Zhou, Women’s Pairs, and Apolinary Kowalski-Jacek Romanski, Senior Pairs. The Open Pairs Final B winners are Lik Cheung and Chi Pong Fung of Hong Kong.



Volunteer Lanbo Yang, center, poses with French players Philippe Cronier and Michel Bessis holding a sign that reads, in Chinese, “We love bridge.”

The Chinese script was applied to the scroll by artist Rui Cheng Shan.

Traffic Control will be adopted in Sanya during Oct.24-25 due to cycling race. Please note and schedule your time

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:

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Requirements: adobe flash plugin

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

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



Watch out for BBO and Ourgame broadcast

Saturday's Schedule

Open	Women	Seniors
09:30 - 11:00		09:30 - 11:20
11:15 - 12:45	11:15 - 12:45	11:35 - 12:45
13:30 - 15:00	13:30 - 15:00	13:30 - 16:10
15:15 - 17:55	15:15 - 16:45	
	17:00 - 19:00 (to be televised)	
Last round: Open 18 boards ; Women 14. All other: 10 boards		Seniors play 12, 9 & 18 boards



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Registration process error

A mistake in the registration process caused great inconvenience to the Indonesian Senior pair of Bert Toar Polii and Tanudjian Sugiarto. We apologize for this circumstance. At the same time, Philippe Cronier and Michel Bessis were mistakenly registered in the Open Pairs when they had qualified to play in the Seniors. They have been entered in the correct competition.

-- Maurizio di Sacco, Championship Manager

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The WBF Women's Committee



This photo of Wen Fei Wang published in issue 13 of the Daily Bulletin incorrectly identified her. The Daily Bulletin apologizes for the mistake.

WBF, OurGame discussing new contract

By Brent Manley

The WBF is in discussions with Ourgame various proposal and in particular the organisation of a worldwide event online and offline, but for the moment the matter of broadcasting the WBF events is not part of this discussion.

That was the announcement of World Bridge Federation President Gianarrigo Rona during a wide-ranging press conference at the Sheraton yesterday morning.

2010, and Platnick, his partner then and at this tournament, made it to the semifinal round of the 2014 Rosenblum.

Rona noted that there are signed contracts for the next four world championships: 2015, Chennai, India; 2016, Wroclaw, Poland; 2017, Lyon, France, and 2018, Orlando, Florida, USA.

Asked about the lower attendance at the 2014 World



David Harris, WBF liaison with the International Bridge Press Association, WBF Secretariat Marina Madia, WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and interpreters Wang Bo (Lea) and Lu Aozi (Julia).

Ourgame, a major sponsor of the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series in Sanya, has provided online coverage of bridge throughout the championships.

“They generously contributed to the organisation of the event and helped a lot on site with services and facilities,” Rona said. “We hope to have a chance to continue with them and we are now discussing their proposal.” Concerning the broadcasting the president said that for the moment no discussion is open and consequently no decision has been taken. For the moment WBF will continue relationships with Ourgame, Bridge Base Online and other interested companies. In Sanya Ourgame and BBO provided coverage of bridge, with exclusivity to Ourgame, being the main sponsor, to cover the finals, which have been broadcasted in addition, via satellite, by three Chinese National TV Channels.

Rona announced that 10 players have become WBF World Grand Masters:

Marion Michielsen and Meike Wortel, Netherlands
Jie (Jack) Zhao, China
Lynn Baker, John Diamond, Brian Platnick and Reese Milner, USA
Krzysztof Jassem, Apolinary Kowalski and Jacek Romanski, Poland.

Michielsen and Wortel were on the Lynn Baker team, winners of the McConnell Cup. Zhao won the Red Bull Mixed Pairs with Kerri Sanborn. Milner was captain of the winning squad in the Rand Senior Teams, with Kowalski and Romanski as teammates. Jassem was a member of the Marcin Mazurkiewicz team that won the Rosenblum Cup. Diamond, captain of the winning Rosenblum Cup team in

Championships, Rona said that several factors were involved, including the distance many players would have to travel and fear of trouble considering the current turmoil in various parts of the world.

Rona said he believes the transnational aspect of the World Bridge Series is an incentive for players to attend the championships. He cited the case of a team formed for the World Junior Teams in Istanbul between two Japanese players and two from the Czech Republic who met playing bridge online.

Responding to a question about the local organizing committee, Rona said he was very pleased with the relationship and with the performance of the volunteers. “They worked very hard and were very professional,” he said. “We worked together without any problems. I want to say thank you to the local organizers.”

Rona also thanked the Sanya Municipal Government for supporting the tournament. “We were really impressed by Sanya. I believe the players will go home with a good memory of the city.”

The president acknowledged that there were some technical problems that the WBF staff had to deal with, but he said his overall view of the two-week tournament is that it was a success.

The issue of bridge in the Olympics was raised again, and Rona said that it remains “our dream” for bridge to be included as a sport, but with the International Olympic Committee cutting events, bridge is unlikely to be added, at least in the near future.

“There are many important events that are not in the Olympics,” he said. For now, he said, the WBF is pleased that bridge continues to be part of the SportAccord Mind Games.

Ourgame – what you didn't know

By David Stern

I was aware of Ourgame simply as a games portal for online broadcasts of the Chinese teams at those World Championships.



Eric Yang, CEO of Ourgame

Then at this World Series Bridge Championships Ourgame and Red Bull were listed as the marquee sponsors of the tournament co-organised with the WBF, the Chinese Contract Bridge Association and the City of Sanya. I was astonished with the results of my enquires about Ourgame.

Meet Eric Yang

My enquiries led to an interview with Eric Yang, chairman of Lianzhong Limited, owner and operator of the Ourgame brand and its 600-plus employees. Ourgame is an online game portal offering more than 200 different card, board and strategy games rather than fantasy and role-playing games from which it distances itself.

Eric, 43, was born in China and finished school in the USA, where he completed a degree in engineering at the University of California at Berkeley before returning to Beijing in 1998 and joining Ourgame in 2010.

Ourgame in figures...

The company commenced in 1998 and is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange with a market capitalisation of around \$US450 million, annual revenue of \$US80 million and \$US25 million of net profits. It's an impressive number for sure but the most significant number is the 30 million unique logins that play each month. With almost all of those currently playing on the site almost one hundred percent are Chinese based and the company is now committed to expand the player base globally.

...and activities

The business model is one known as "Freemium" where everybody can play or watch for free but purchases are offered within games including game histories, virtual goods like avatars, pictures, symbols etc.. It is important to note that no betting or gambling with money takes place online. It's illegal in China.

The leading games are currently:

Fight the Landlord, a three-person game where two players side with each other against the third person and the pairings change through the game. Sounds interesting? Well there are 150 million people regularly playing this game;

Thirty-three versions of Mah-jong as well as a number of regional varieties;

Chinese Chess or Xiangqi – a strategy board game for two players and a battle between two armies, the object being to capture the enemy's general (king).

Regional versions of poker, which Eric describes as very different to what most readers will know.

Go;

Ourgame and Bridge

With those membership numbers, Ourgame's interest in bridge is worthy of discussion. Six million users have logged into the bridge portal within Ourgame with monthly activity of 60,000 to 80,000 unique logins.

Bridge has some other interest to Ourgame. They see duplicate as a format that can be translated to other games to reduce the risk element and make for better competition. An example is duplicate poker, where players play the same hand with the same flop, thereby better exposing who the better players are by eliminating the element of luck.

There is an excellent relationship between Ourgame and the CCBA, and they want to work together to attract more young players to bridge. In that regard, Ourgame employs four of the top six players in the Chinese Bridge Youth League in their development staff and Eric has been discussing with them how, where and when they learned bridge as he works on developing a strategy to encourage younger players to learn and participate in bridge online through Ourgame or face to face.

Red Bull: A Partner

While Ourgame dominates the online landscape in China, it also has an online/offline strategy whereby their members compete online for the right to participate in a face-to-face final. In fact, the day after these bridge championships conclude, the Texas Hold 'em finals of an online qualifying series will be held for seven days in Sanya and again Red Bull will be one of the sponsors for that final. Red Bull have been sponsoring Ourgame events for three years on an event-by-event basis and were pleased to be involved in the bridge championships.

The future

In terms of Ourgame continuing sponsorship of Bridge, Eric emphasises that Ourgame will consider sponsorship but are attracted to event of the highest class with substantial brand recognition.

In business terms, Ourgame's mission is to be the largest and best card and board game portal in the world. To achieve that, it would be impossible to ignore bridge. It is for this reason that they have put together a project team under James Guan, an accomplished Chinese bridge player, to spearhead a quantum leap into the bridge world.

Eric admits that there is still a lot of work to be done to catch up to its competitors but assures the bridge world that it is committed to see this happen both in terms of finances and human resources. Eric says, "Yes, the interface could be snappier, the fonts can be improved and we can provide better operator training. We know the issues and are working on them diligently." Supporting that commitment, Eric invites any comments regarding Ourgame bridge to guany@ourgame.com.

Semi-finals II

By Barry Rigal

The VENTIN team were down 35 IMPs after the first set, so needed something good to happen fast to get back into their match. They got it when Gawrys found himself in an inferior contract and couldn't bring it home.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A 9 7 6 ♥ K ♦ Q 9 4 3 ♣ J 10 8 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>♠</td><td>Q 10 5 3 2</td></tr> <tr><td>♥</td><td>J 9 5</td></tr> <tr><td>♦</td><td>A J</td></tr> <tr><td>♣</td><td>K Q 9</td></tr> </table> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <table style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 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> </div>	♠	Q 10 5 3 2	♥	J 9 5	♦	A J	♣	K Q 9	N	W E	S	♠ 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ K 8 6 5 ♣ A 7 6 5 4 3	♠ K J 8 ♥ A 10 8 7 6 4 2 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ —
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4♥ looks to be a straightforward enough spot, one in which you might be able to afford a safety play in hearts (if they don't lead a diamond) but certainly cannot afford one if they do lead a diamond – as was discovered in another event!

But Gawrys reached 4♣ after Klukowski had treated his hand as a spade raise. Wrang's lead of the ♣A didn't appear to paralyze declarer – but perhaps it made Gawrys take his eye off the ball. He ruffed the opening lead and led out ♠K then ♠J, both ducked by Upmark. Once the bad trump break comes to light declarer must simply play ♥A and another heart, and the defenders cannot score more than three tricks. Gawrys actually led a diamond to the ace to clear trumps, and Upmark forced him with two rounds of diamonds. Now when Gawrys drew the last trump and gave up a heart, it didn't matter which defender he put on play as they each had a diamond left to cash, for down one.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

♠ K 7 2 ♥ K 8 6 5 4 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ J 10	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>♠</td><td>A Q 10 9 8</td></tr> <tr><td>♥</td><td>A 3</td></tr> <tr><td>♦</td><td>8 4</td></tr> <tr><td>♣</td><td>8 7 6 2</td></tr> </table> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <table style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 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> </div>	♠	A Q 10 9 8	♥	A 3	♦	8 4	♣	8 7 6 2	N	W E	S	♠ J 6 5 ♥ J 9 2 ♦ A K J 10 7 ♣ 4 3	♠ 4 3 ♥ Q 10 7 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ A K Q 9 5
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♣	8 7 6 2													
N														
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West	North	East	South
Greco	Fantoni	Hampson	Nunes
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	Dble	2♣
2♥	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Drijver	Helness	Brink
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♣
Dble	2♥(♠)	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

DIAMOND had certainly not had the best of the luck in their match to date, but they evened up the score a little here. While Fantoni had an accurate way as a passed hand to show spades, then extras, then club support, Nunes wasn't excited by his small doubleton spade as offering enough to suggest that as a strain in which to make game. This was particularly because North could have opened a hand in the 9-13 range with 5-4 pattern.

Drijver showed spades then cuebid instead of raising clubs – he was doubtless expecting a little more in the way of a real hand for vulnerable overcall. The defenders had a chance to test declarer, even with the favorable spade break and the clubs 2-2. Helgemo led a diamond to his partner for a shift to the ♥9, but Helness had won the first diamond with the king rather than the ace, and there were so few high-cards outstanding that Brink had no problem in guessing the heart suit. With the trumps the way they were, ten tricks rolled in now and DIAMOND had 10 IMPs.

MONACO struck back with a very nicely bid hand.



Bas Drijver

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
			Pass
1♦*	2♦	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Brink</i>
			Pass
1♥	1♠	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♦	All Pass

It is somehow paradoxical, don't you think, that the hand that opens a four-card major finds diamonds, while the hand that opens diamonds can't reach the diamond slam. Of course Greco's opening bid suggested nothing more than 13 cards and a following wind, while Helgemo's four-card major 1♥ opening allowed him to appreciate later that he had huge fitting cards in both minors. His 2♠ call appears to have been nothing more than a waiting bid, not promising extras, a convenient treatment here.

After the 1♠ overcall the slam was always going to be bid now, since East knew his spade holding was safe from attack.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

VENTIN closed the match margin still more when Welland declared 4♥ as South on a trump lead and could simply drive out the ♥A. Now the defenders had an unpalatable choice: they could sit back and play clubs and let declarer develop diamonds for the discard, with ♠K protecting the spades. Or, as happened at the table, West could shift to the ♠Q. Declarer won and drew the last trump then built a spade winner to pitch his diamond loser.

So far so good: but the remarkably friendly lie of the cards strongly suggests there is no defence to 4♥. And that is true at double dummy, but in real life when Gawrys as North bid to 4♥ after Upmark had opened 1♣, Wrang put his fingers on the killing lead, a low spade! Declarer cannot be blamed for ducking this, and now the defenders had two spades one heart and a ruff to collect four tricks.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
			Pass
1♦	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Brink</i>
			Pass
1♦	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Drijver and Brink outbid Fantoni-Nunes again at the game-level, and this time it was not really a question of luck, since both the partscore and game that were reached were almost equally likely to make.

After the loose 1♦ opening one could certainly argue that the 2NT call is less attractive than in the closed room. Additionally, though, since Helgemo had not opened a four-card heart suit, Brink might have considered that he might find himself receiving a spade lead on a blind auction rather than a heart. 3NT needed the clubs to behave, as did 3♣ after Hampson's diamond lead. Both came home of course; 7 IMPs to VENTIN.

The deal that gave MONACO a little breathing space as they entered the last set was this one. And personally I think the E/W methods plus some good judgment earned them the swing.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Greco	Fantoni	Hampson	Nunes
	2♣	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Drijver	Helness	Brink
	1♣	1♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

You have to admire the fact that Helgemo had the methods to make a slam-try while Helness could go past 3NT with a cuebid on a minimum hand with two aces and a queen where he had already overcalled, vulnerable. It was so easy to bid 3NT here, but Helness displayed perfect partnership trust facing the strong jump, and he was rewarded when 6♦ was almost as good a contract as 3NT – you might even make it when the heart finesse worked while diamonds were queen-third offside. At the end of the set, both MAZURKIEWICZ and MONACO had by no means insurmountable leads, at 12 and 8 IMPs respectively, with 14 deals to play.



Claudio Nunes

The Perfect is the Enemy of the Good

By Adam Wildavsky

Ricco van Prooijen and I played for the first time in the Open Pairs here in Sanya. We made it to the semi-final where we encountered this deal:

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♥	Transfer		



Ricco van Prooijen

Ricco found the good lead of the ♥Q. Knowing he would lead low from ♥QJ63 I did not need to play the ace so I encouraged with the two. Declarer won the ♥K and led a diamond to the jack. I won and cashed the ♥A, knowing that Ricco would unblock with ♥QJx. Disaster! He played low and declarer took 10 tricks instead of 8.

In retrospect I ought to have continued a low heart. I didn't want to punish Ricco for finding a great lead from ♥QJ doubleton, but I can't cater to everything. ♥QJx is twice as likely a priori, and even more likely when one considers that a lead from a tripleton is more attractive than one from a doubleton. Ricco trusted me to know this. He needed to cater to my holding ♥Axx, where I would always defend as I had.

Would defeating 3NT have been enough to qualify us for the finals? Alas, yes. Sorry, partner!

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Semi-final the denouement - Segment 3

By Barry Rigal

As the final stanza of the two matches started, MONACO and MAZURKIEWICZ held leads equivalent to a game swing. Both immediately improved their position.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ J 9 8 2 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ K 10 7 3 ♣ 7 2	♠ Q 4 3 ♥ K Q 10 3 2 ♦ A 9 ♣ 9 4 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; background-color: #008000; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 7 5 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ Q J 8 6 5 4 ♣ J	♠ A 10 6 ♥ A 9 ♦ 2 ♣ A K Q 10 8 6 5
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West	North	East	South
Greco	Helness	Hampson	Helgemo
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	7♣	All Pass	5NT

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Drijver	Fantoni	Brink
Pass	2♥	3♦	2♣
6♦	Pass	Pass	6♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	Dble



Włodzimierz Starkowski



Stanislaw Golebiowski

The open room auction saw Helgemo set clubs after the response showing decent hearts, use keycard, then confirm possession of all the keycards to let Helness jump to the grand slam. Very nicely done. The 2♣ opener in the other room saw much more ambiguity and from South's point of view he doubtless thought his partner had ♦Kx as with his actual hand he would/should have bid 7♣ over 6♦. Is that right – who can say without intimate knowledge of the N/S methods?

Both tables in VENTIN v MAZURKIEWICZ played 6♣; an opportunity missed. In the same match both E/W pairs had the opportunity to trust their opponents, with a large number of IMPs riding on their decision:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K Q 10 9 2 ♥ 2 ♦ 5 ♣ 9 8 6 4 3 2	♠ — ♥ K Q 9 6 3 ♦ K 9 8 3 2 ♣ A K 10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; background-color: #008000; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A J 8 7 4 3 ♥ 10 7 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ Q J ♠ 6 5 ♥ A J 8 5 4 ♦ A Q J 10 ♣ 7 5	
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West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Auken	Golebiowski	Welland
4♥	1♥	1♠	4♦
6♠	5♠	Pass	6♥
All Pass	7♥	7♠	Dble

West Upmark	North Gawrys	East Wrang	South Klukowski
4♠	1♥	1♠	2♠
All Pass	6♦	Pass	7♥

It surprised me how many Easts treated their hand as a 1♠ overcall not a 2♠ bid. Both tables in our other match saved in 7♠x, but Upmark wasn't prepared to trust his opponents, perhaps gambling on finding his partner with a minor-suit winner here? That cost him 12 IMPs.

VENTIN hit back at once, when Welland/Auken did exceptionally well not just to reach the solid minor-suit slam but to do so after losing the diamond fit on opening bid.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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♠ A Q J 7 4 2
♥ Q 9 8 6 3
♦ 6
♣ 5

West Starkowski	North Auken	East Golebiowski	South Welland
Dble	2♠	1♦	1♠
Dble	Pass	5♦	4♠
			All Pass

West Upmark	North Gawrys	East Wrang	South Klukowski
Dble	2♠	1♣	1♠
Dble	Pass	4♦	3♠
4♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

As we all have come to realize, the one five-card suit Roy Welland never has when he opens 1♣ is clubs, but this time he not only got to introduce his minor at the four-level he got to jump to slam at his next opportunity. Very nicely done – and well done Auken for making the slam try facing what might have rated to be a balanced 11-14. Neither of our other tables got to slam here.

With three boards to go, MAZURKIEWICZ appeared to be coasting to victory (leading by 28 IMPs after a two-ace slam reached by Welland-Auken) while Monaco had their match in hand by 20 IMPs and were able to survive the nice piece of play by Brink. Both tables for VENTIN then produced a great result (alas for them they did it on the same deal).

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

N
W E
S

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

West Starkowski	North Auken	East Golebiowski	South Welland
Dble	Pass	1♦*	1♣
1♥	Dble	All Pass	Dble
1♦	0-7		

West Upmark	North Gawrys	East Wrang	South Klukowski
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♠*
All Pass			3NT
2♠	18+, 5+♠		

Welland opened 1♣, concealing his long suit, then doubled 1♦ to show a strong hand, and letting Auken saw off 1♥. Would she have sat for 1♠x? Again, only The Shadow knows... in 1♥x after a diamond lead the defenders ruffed out the ♠A and scored five plain winners and four trump tricks for 800. Meanwhile, though 3NT had proved easy to make in our other match when played by North, the Poles declared it from the South seat and Upmark led a heart. He could win the first diamond and play another heart, killing dummy, and leaving declarer with just eight tricks.

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A Delightful Irish Power Play

By Micke Melander

Carrol/Hanlon, Ireland, scored a 100% on one of the hands in the first session of the Open Pairs final.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

♠ A K J 6 3 ♥ — ♦ A 10 5 3 ♣ A 10 6 4	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <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	♠ 9 8 4 2 ♥ A 9 7 2 ♦ J 9 2 ♣ Q 3	♠ Q 10 ♥ K Q J 8 5 ♦ K 6 4 ♣ K 9 5
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
	Hanlon		Carrol
	1♣*	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6NT
Pass			

How did you manage to bid to 6NT? That was my first question. Well the auction went very fast, they explained:

“One Club was two-way with either a weak balanced hand (11-13) or any 17+. One Spade was still two-way, South jumped to game assuming partner was balanced with the weak hand. Then Five Notrump was pick-a-slam with the stronger version and there we were.”

How on earth did you manage to make it then? That was my second question. “Easy they said”. “Really?. Was my reply, looking like I wasn’t convinced. “West led his longest and strongest, a heart to East’s ace and we had 13 tricks, if it wasn’t for the fact that the defense had already won a trick... Then Hanlon said, “he would have made it anyway”, laughing. “How”, I asked, which was my last question. “We haven’t figured that out yet...” was the answer.

Here comes the solution with a passive spade being led.

Win the opening lead in hand with the ten. Play the king of hearts, discard a diamond from dummy, the defense probably duck this trick, they capture the second round of hearts to return a third. This forces you to win with the jack and you have discarded two diamonds and one club from dummy. Now unblock the queen of spades, cash the king of diamonds, play a diamond to the ace and win two rounds of spades to reach the following position:

♠ — ♥ — ♦ Q ♣ J 8 7	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <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	♠ — ♥ 9 ♦ J ♣ Q 3	♠ J ♥ — ♦ — ♣ A 10 6
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ — ♥ 8 ♦ 6 ♣ K 9					

Cashing the jack of spades squeezes East in three suits, if he hangs on to the nine of hearts you simply discard your heart and West will be squeezed in the minors. The defense might discard otherwise and set it up so West will hang on to the heart. Now another double squeeze will be reached, when East has to hang on to his jack of diamonds and West will be forced to discard himself down to jack-second in clubs.

I’m sure that’s how he would have played it!

Since in your mind you are probably trying to defeat the contract, you are thinking of what will happen if the defense also ducks the second round of hearts. How to play then?

Again, a spade is led to the ten, you play two rounds of hearts pitching a club and a diamond from dummy. With three tricks in the bag, you play your queen of spades and overtake it in dummy with the king. Then, when cashing out the remaining spades, you will reach the following position:

♠ — ♥ — ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ J 8 7	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <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 9 ♦ J 9 ♣ Q 3	♠ — ♥ — ♦ A 10 5 ♣ A 10 6
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ — ♥ J ♦ K 6 ♣ K 9 5					

West has been forced to discard all his hearts to retain the minor guards. East has to keep his two hearts to ensure that the defense retains two tricks in the suit. Now you play a diamond to the king, a diamond to the ace and throw West in on a third round of diamonds to force him to open up the frozen club suit. That give you the remaining tricks through the finesse in clubs.

I’m sure he would have played it like this if they had ducked twice in hearts!

In the Closed Room Fantoni declared the same contract after opening with a precision like Two Club opening. Nunes asked for distribution, got his fit and draw to the spade game. Klukowski led a trump, whereupon Fantoni won in dummy and called for the jack of clubs. Gawrys went up with the king, to play back another round of trumps again won in dummy* by declarer. Fantoni now called for the eight of clubs which went to the six, three and nine. Klukowski now attacked diamonds, Fantoni went up with the ace, ruffed a diamond and tried to set up his clubs by ruffing one low in dummy with the two of spades, which Gawrys over-ruffed with the nine.

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W E					
S					
♠ A ♥ Q 9 6 ♦ A 5 ♣ —	♠ — ♥ J 10 7 2 ♦ J 7 2 ♣ 10				

With these cards remaining and North to lead away there was no hope for declarer when North returned the queen of diamonds. Fantoni ruffed in hand, tried a club ruff to set the suit and if the king of hearts (impossible) would have been single he would have made his contract. When that wasn't the case he was doomed for down one and another swing to MAZURKIEWICZ.

*Fantoni could have made his contract at this point by winning in hand so he could use his high trumps in dummy to ruff high and set up his clubs without being over-ruffed by North.

The Polish defensive strategy of giving nothing away and just playing passively gave MAZURKIEWICZ 12 more IMPs to extend their lead further.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Helness	Mazurkiewicz	Helgemo
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Here comes our first problem presented earlier. Mazurkiewicz led the five of hearts, Jassem won with the king, when declarer followed low from dummy. West shifted to the two of diamonds to his partner's ace. Helness could no longer make his contract when the defense returned a diamond and declarer played ace-king-queen of trumps. He had to lose a trump and another trick to the ace of clubs for one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Gawrys	Fantoni	Klukowski
Pass	1♠	Dble	Rdbl
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

In the Closed Room Fantoni was on lead against Gawrys who was declaring the same contract. Fantoni kicked off with his singleton trump, helping declarer solve trumps with no loser. 11 IMPs to MAZURKIEWICZ.

One of the few boards where Monaco actually won IMPs in the third segment was the following where Helness took the whole hand from Mazurkiewicz when he gave away the little finger.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Helness	Mazurkiewicz	Helgemo
1♥	1NT	Pass	2♥
Dble	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Mazurkiewicz led the ace of clubs, saw dummy and shifted to a trump. Helness did very well when he went up with the ace of spades from dummy and called for another club,

which went to the queen and king. If Mazurkiewicz now had continued with trumps declarer wouldn't have been able to make his contract, since he would have lost three tricks already and had a diamond loser as well to take care off when the suit didn't break 3-3. In the real world, East returned another club, Helness could ruff in hand with the jack and cash the ace and king of diamonds. It was now all over when he played the queen of diamonds:

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

West had to ruff with his king of spades, giving declarer the opportunity to ruff the fourth diamond in hand with his ten of spades to get his ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Gawrys	Fantoni	Klukowski
		Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

In the Closed Room Nunes led the king of hearts. Klukowski won in dummy and called for the jack of spades. Nunes won and returned another trump. Klukowski no longer had any chance, since as soon as Fantoni got in he could play a third round of trumps before declarer could ruff a club in dummy. Losing three clubs and one trump was simply one too many.

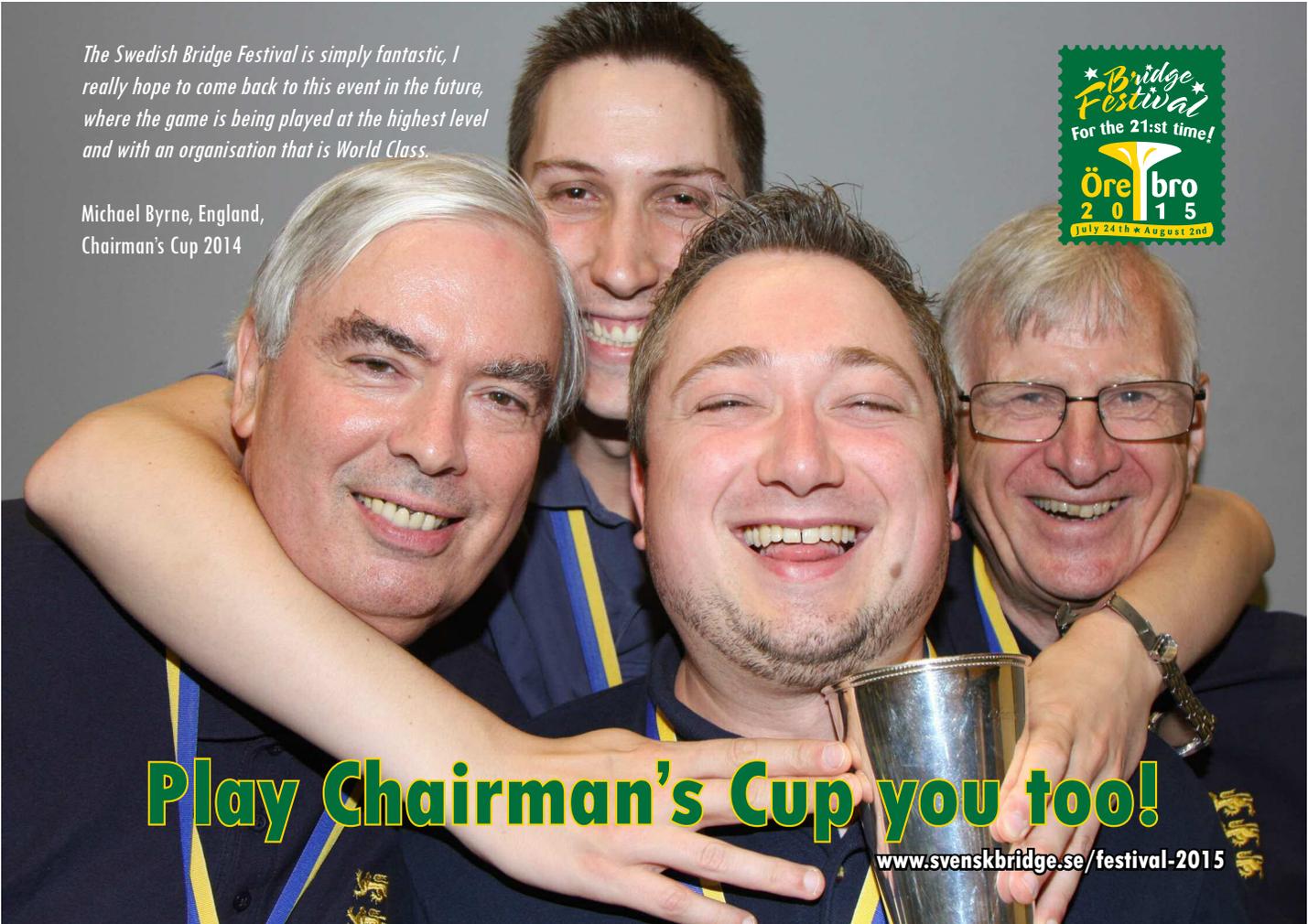
Last but not least, a trump lead was not right on the first problem. A trump lead on the second problem was killing, even though you basically could lead anything (except a low club or the jack of diamonds) as long as you shifted to trumps when getting on lead again.

So motto: always lead trumps (except when it's wrong). Or: never lead trumps (except when it's right).

The Swedish Bridge Festival is simply fantastic, I really hope to come back to this event in the future, where the game is being played at the highest level and with an organisation that is World Class.

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Singing in the Rain

By Mark Horton

Singin' in the Rain is a 1952 American musical comedy film starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds. It offers a lighthearted depiction of Hollywood in the late '20s, with the three stars portraying performers caught up in the transition from silent films to 'talkies.'

It is ranked as the best musical ever and the fifth greatest American motion picture of all time.



Perhaps the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series Open Pairs will be ranked as one of the best of all time, and the rain that fell for most of yesterday was more than welcome.

Having spent Thursday trying to combine commentating on the disappointingly one-sided final of the Red Bull Rosenblum Teams while attempting to get Brian Senior discharged from a downtown hospital in Sanya, I settled down yesterday to watch the early boards in the final of the Open Pairs.

It was not as straightforward as I had hoped.

Firstly, due to Internet connectivity problems there were no running scores available, so you have no idea which pairs are doing well - the information is displayed outside the playing room, but that is in the Sheraton and our office is in the MGM.

However, the quality of the field is very high, so whichever table you follow you should see some exciting bridge. Alas, that was only partly true, as during the first session of ten boards the Internet was constantly crashing, so I cannot be 100% sure that I am presenting you with an accurate report of what took place.

Walking over to the Sheraton was an adventure in itself, as the heavy rain left gigantic puddles that had to be dodged, and at the same time one had to keep an eye open for the cars and lorries that hurtle along the highway.

I suppose by now you are ready for some hands, so, turning reluctantly to the bridge....

A top was 52, so scores will be expressed in the now standard way, 26/26 representing dead average.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Filipowicz</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Martens</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
INT	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♠ Balanced, invitational or 6+clubs

First, this might not be Welland/Auken bidding - Ourgame also had them playing N/S at another table (just imagine, you could get two tops or bottoms on every board - but you would have to be quite a fast mover between tables).

However, the auction is consistent with their methods.

At other tables South was opening 1♠/2♠/2♥ with E/W generally finding a route to 3NT.

North led the two of spades and when declarer put up dummy's jack, South won with the ace (it is better to duck - then, if declarer takes a diamond finesse, clear the spades on the next round) and returned a spade. Declarer won and played the queen of hearts, South winning and clearing the spades (if South ducks, declarer plays another heart and if South ducks that he can play on diamonds for an easy nine tricks).

Declarer won, crossed to dummy with a heart and ran the jack of diamonds. North took the king and exited with the three of clubs. Declarer won in hand with the ace and cashed the ace of diamonds and played the four of clubs. When North followed with the six, up went dummy's king - and down went the contract, -50.

That was worth 36/16.

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Olanski</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♥
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West did not let the small matter of the lack of a stopper deter him from making the most descriptive bid available.

North led the two of hearts (low from a doubleton, but theoretically fatal on this layout) and when South put in the eight declarer won with the queen and played the ten of

spades to the jack and ace (as before South does best to duck).

South returned a spade and declarer won and played a heart to the king and ace. A spade to declarer's king (a heart went from dummy) was followed by a club to the king. Declarer cashed the jack of hearts pitching a club as North parted with a diamond. A diamond to the queen saw North duck, but declarer simply continued with the ace of diamonds and a diamond, ending playing North who had to lead a club. +400 which scored 9/43.

On Board 3 South held ♠Q6 ♥- ♦K109432 ♣QJ1054. All manner of opening bids, 2NT (minors) 2♦/3♦/4♦ were in the mix and created varying degrees of havoc, +800 being the top N/S and -500 the equivalent for E/W, both worth a maximum.

On board 5 E/W held: ♠A542 ♥Q82 ♦AQJ ♣Q98 opposite ♠QJ1083 ♥K10973 ♦4 ♣A7 and it was all about making the maximum number of tricks.

Pszczola and Mahmood bid 1♠-2♣*-2♥-3♦-3♥-4♦*-4♥-4♠ and South, on lead with ♠K97 ♥A65 ♦K632 ♣K43.

Declarer won the trump lead, drew trumps by repeating the finesse and got the hearts right by playing low to the queen. When North's jack 480 came up on the next round he could claim +480 and 16.55/35.35 .



Stephen Burgess

West	North	East	South
Lorentz	Mahmood	Burgess	Pszczola
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥*
All Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

I know East led the two of diamonds and declarer took twelve tricks, +490 and 34/18.

I imagine declarer won in hand, crossed to dummy with a spade and played the king of hearts pitching a diamond. East can win and subsequently be squeezed, or duck twice and then get caught in a squeeze without the count.

Only one pair bid 6NT for 52/0, but two reached 6♠ - here is one of the auctions:

West	North	East	South
Li	Auken	Sun	Welland
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

1NT Game forcing

2♣ 5+♠ and 4+♦ or 5332 or 5440

2♦ Relay

The notes to the incredibly complex Auken/Welland system stop after 2♣, so I am guessing that the rest was a series of relays.

Declarer won the trump lead with dummy's queen and ran the king of hearts, pitching a diamond. East won and returned a trump but declarer was not hard pressed to take twelve tricks - I guess she simply ruffed a heart and then had twelve tricks. +980 was worth 49/3.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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



Gabi Lorentz

Board 10 Dealer East. All Vul.

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West	North	East	South			
<i>Lorentz</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>	<i>Burgess</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>			
1♠	Pass	1♦	Dble			
Pass	2♥	INT	Pass			
		All Pass				

East led the ten of spades and Declarer won with dummy's ace and played on trumps, East ducking the king, winning the next round and playing a second spade. Declarer won in dummy, drew the outstanding trump (West pitching a diamond) and played the queen of diamonds. East went up with the king and exited with a club. When dummy's queen held declarer played the eight of spades.

At this point the play record stops, but my guess is that West played low and declarer pitched a diamond. East was down to ♦976 ♣KJ4 and discarded a diamond. Now declarer could ruff a diamond and the appearance of the ace gave him eleven tricks, +200 and 46/6.

Playing in hearts was the key on this hand, as +170 was worth 41/11.

Only one pair bid 4♥ - Kalita and Nowosadzki:

West	North	East	South
<i>Vainikonis</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Orlanski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>
Pass	1♦*	1♣	Dble
Pass	2♦*	Pass	INT
Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♠

East led the ten of spades and declarer won in dummy and played a top heart. East won and fatally switched to the six of diamonds, West winning and returning the five. East won and played a third round but declarer won with dummy's jack, drew trumps ending in hand, took the club finesse, ruffed a diamond, crossed to the king of spades and ran the nine of spades, +620 - a maximum 52/0 to finish the set.

Holding declarer to nine tricks (one way if for East to play a second spade and then switch to a club when in on the first round of diamonds) would have given E/W 4/48.

A different kind of team

By Russ Ekeblad, USA

On the eve of the start of the Open Pairs, having just been bounced from the Rosenblum Cup in our round of 32 match, I came down with a nasty cold. Having a compromised respiratory system (yes, smoking is not a good thing), I was effectively an invalid. I struggled through the first day of the pairs qualifying, but I felt I had little choice but to withdraw.

At that point, a "dream team" came to my rescue. Tournament Director Marc van Beijsterveldt was made aware of my situation by my partner, David Bakhshi. Marc went way above and beyond the call of duty. He arranged a team of volunteers to wheel me from my room to the playing site and even to the restroom during the breaks. He also arranged for me to have a stationary table so that I didn't have to leave my chair.

The team of young Chinese volunteers was truly outstanding. They were gracious, kind, helpful and always looking out for my welfare. In particular, I wish to single out a young woman named Liu. She was my guardian angel throughout the entire ordeal, tending to whatever needed to be done to make me as comfortable as possible.



Russ Ekeblad

Also, special thanks to my friend Jie Zhao, Jack to his American friends. After the first Open Pairs session, he accompanied me in an ambulance for the one-hour ride to the hospital for a breathing treatment. He stayed with me and brought me back to the hotel in the middle of the night.

Finally, I want to thank my partner David, who put up with my cranky behavior and whining. He also catered to me, serving as valet, waiter and emissary to whomever needed to be talked to regarding the entire situation. Also heart-warming were the many expressions of concern and support from my fellow bridge players.

It reminded me that the bridge community is very special. Often lost in the competitive intensity (and I'm as guilty as anyone) is the far more important reality that we are human beings first and where we stand in the bridge pecking order is insignificant by comparison.

A special thank you to everyone who has made my Sanya experience so memorable.

Ramblin' through the Rosenblum

By Barry Rigal

While the Rosenblum final may have provided somewhat disappointing viewing (except to the Polish team and their supporters), there were isolated examples of interesting, entertaining or downright humorous play.

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Multon	Mazurkiewicz	Zimmermann
	1♦	1♠	2♥
3♠	4♥	4♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Gawrys	Helness	Klukowski
	1♦	1♠	2♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	3♠
4♣	4♥	All Pass	

Zimmermann found the incisive trump lead against 4♣x, but Multon was in a quandary seeing the clubs in dummy. Playing on trumps would be catastrophic if the clubs were running, so he ducked the first trump, letting declarer take two heart ruffs and score one heart, two ruffs and four trumps in hand plus the club ace for -300. That would score very nicely if 4♥ was going to come home, and Helgemo's two-step auction worked very badly for his side (but note how unlucky he was to be able to get that club call in, since South might well have simply raised to 4♥ at his second turn).

Had West not bid clubs, Klukowski might well have elected to play for a club ruff in hand. As it was, he won the spade lead and led a club, ducking East's queen. Back came a diamond, and Klukowski won in hand and drew trumps, ruffed away West's last spade, then stripped off West's diamond and exited with the club king. West took his ace but had to concede declarer his tenth trick in the form of the club ten.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Multon	Mazurkiewicz	Zimmermann
		1♣(2+)	1♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Gawrys	Helness	Klukowski
		1♦	1♥
2♦	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Zimmermann did not have enough to move over Multon's only mildly invitational jump in spades, Klukowski stretching to make a cuebid raise of Gawrys bid in the other room. While Multon contented himself with nine tricks, Gawrys received a friendly club lead and found a nice way to come home against a break in either major. He won the club lead and finessed in hearts, ruffed a heart, played ace and king of spades, ruffed another heart, and exited with his penultimate spade. This way he lost two



Frank Multon



Pierre Zimmermann

clubs and a spade but he would have brought home ten tricks if hearts had split and spades had not.

(For the record, if East has $\diamond J$ x or $\diamond 10$ x, instead of $\diamond K$ x, he can defeat you after you play the $\spadesuit Q$ by winning the ace and shifting to his low diamond, or by cashing his club then playing his high diamond...or indeed by ducking the $\spadesuit Q$.)

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	\spadesuit Q 8 \heartsuit K \diamond A 9 6 4 3 \clubsuit K Q J 6 3					
\spadesuit 5 3 \heartsuit Q J 10 9 2 \diamond J 10 8 5 \clubsuit 10 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	\spadesuit A 10 9 6 2 \heartsuit 6 5 \diamond K 2 \clubsuit A 8 7 5	
N						
W E						
S						
	\spadesuit K J 7 4 \heartsuit A 8 7 4 3 \diamond Q 7 \clubsuit 9 2					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Multon	Mazurkiewicz	Zimmermann
2 \heartsuit	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Gawrys	Helness	Klukowski
Pass	1 \diamond	1 \spadesuit	Dble
Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

While a heart lead defeats 3NT you can certainly not blame Helgemo for leading a spade to the queen and East continued with the spade ten, perhaps hoping that West has started life with $\spadesuit 7$. Declarer played two rounds of clubs, ducked, and East won the third as Helgemo pitched the $\heartsuit Q$ – wouldn't you? Alas this encouraged Helness to shift to a heart, (a diamond scrambles the entries). Declarer could simply win that trick and play a fourth club.

Helness won, and exited with a second heart, allowing declarer to win in hand and lead a diamond to the ace. If Helness unblocked the $\diamond K$ the $\diamond Q$ would be declarer's ninth trick, and if he didn't he would be endplayed with the $\diamond K$ to lead spades.

In the other room a spade lead was less attractive from the East hand, but Mazurkiewicz opted to set up his suit, not his partner's. Multon won cheaply and tried to clear clubs. Mazurkiewicz won the second club and shifted belatedly to hearts, won by the king.

Now when Multon cashed the third top club and found the bad news he simply had to play a fourth club, playing for the $\diamond K$ to be onside. East wins and gets out with a second heart, won in dummy for a spade to the queen. If East ducks then declarer is in hand to cash the long club and can lead a low diamond towards the queen to force East to give you two tricks in the ending. Multon played for misdefence instead. He advanced the $\spadesuit Q$ and Mazurkiewicz won to play back a heart. Although it was possible to endplay West now with a heart to lead diamonds, the fact that East had the $\diamond K$ meant the defenders had five tricks.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

	\spadesuit 8 6 \heartsuit 3 2 \diamond J 9 7 \clubsuit A Q J 9 4 2					
\spadesuit A K 10 5 3 \heartsuit 9 7 6 \diamond 10 2 \clubsuit 8 6 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	\spadesuit J 7 2 \heartsuit A K Q 5 \diamond A K 8 4 3 \clubsuit 10	
N						
W E						
S						
	\spadesuit Q 9 4 \heartsuit J 10 8 4 \diamond Q 6 5 \clubsuit K 7 3					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Multon	Mazurkiewicz	Zimmermann
Dble	3 \clubsuit	Dble	5 \clubsuit
	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Gawrys	Helness	Klukowski
3 \spadesuit	3 \clubsuit	Dble	Pass
	All Pass		

One might not approve of Zimmermann's experiment, but in fairness he was probably losing 10 IMPs whatever he did. And Mazurkiewicz did give some thought to acting over the double of 5 \clubsuit .

In the other room it would be interesting to see a simulation of West's action over the double. Put me down as a 4 \spadesuit bidder; but Helgemo did not agree and there are quite a few people who think his judgment is better than your columnist's. Either way, that was 14 IMPs out of the blue for MAZURKIEWICZ.



OPEN PAIRS FINAL A ROUND 5



Rank	Pair	Country	%	
1	BESSIS Thomas	LORENZINI Cedric	FRA - FRA	61.07
2	FRIEDLANDER Ehud	LIRAN Inon	ISR - ISR	58.57
3	LANZAROTTI Massimo	MANNO Andrea	ITA - ITA	58.45
4	GRECO Eric	HAMPSON Geoff	USA - USA	55.34
5	KALITA Jacek	NOWOSADZKI Michal	POL - POL	55.31
6	GRIFFITHS Aneurin	MILNE Liam	AUS - AUS	55.30
7	GIERULSKI Boguslaw	SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy	POL - POL	55.17
8	BERKOWITZ David	WILLENKEN Chris	USA - USA	54.97
9	MULTON Franck	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	MON - MON	54.83
10	MONDIGIR Bill	ROGI Tommy	INA - INA	54.50
11	JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	KRUPOWICZ Marcin	POL - POL	54.43
12	DUBININ Alexander	GROMOV Andrey	RUS - RUS	54.01
13	PIEKAREK Josef	SMIRNOV Alexander	GER - GER	53.70
14	BRAMLEY Bart	STANSBY Lew	USA - USA	53.35
15	MAHMOOD Zia	PSZCZOLA Jacek	USA - USA	52.91
16	MECKSTROTH Jeff	RODWELL Eric	USA - USA	52.42
17	GAWRYS Piotr	KLUKOWSKI Michal	POL - POL	52.14
18	FILIPOWICZ Dominik	MARTENS Krzysztof	POL - POL	52.08
19	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	HOWARD Allison	USA - USA	51.71
20	FANTONI Fulvio	NUNES Claudio	MON - MON	51.68
21	CARROLL John	HANLON Tom	IRL - IRL	51.62
22	HURD John	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	USA - USA	51.18
23	BIANCHEDI Alejandro	MUZZIO Ernesto	ARG - ARG	50.99
24	AUKEN Sabine	WELLAND Roy	GER - GER	50.88
25	BENDIKS Janis	SMILGAJS Andris	LAT - LAT	50.31
26	SHI Haojun	ZHUANG Zejun	CHN - CHN	50.26
27	CHEN Renzhou	JIANG Liang	CHN - CHN	49.96
28	GOLEBIOWSKI Stanislaw	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	POL - POL	49.94
29	BAKHSHI David	EKEBLAD Russ	ENG - USA	49.92
30	BERKOWITZ Dana	GANZER Craig	USA - USA	49.82
31	JASSEM Krzysztof	MAZURKIEWICZ Marcin	POL - POL	49.34
32	BALICKI Cezary	KWIECIEN Michal	POL - POL	48.58
33	GROETHEIM Glenn	TUNDAL Ulf Haakon	NOR - NOR	48.17
34	RITMEIJER Richard	TICHA Magdalena	NED - NED	47.80
35	BURGESS Stephen	LORENTZ Gabi	AUS - AUS	47.47
36	GEORGE Julius Anthonius	KARWUR Franky Steven	INA - INA	47.44
37	OLANSKI Wojtek	VAINIKONIS Vytautas	LTU - LTU	47.28
38	LIAN Yong	BIAN Jingsheng	CHN - CHN	47.17
39	BI Shuguang	WEI Yu	CHN - CHN	47.09
40	BERRADA Mohammed Said	RERHAYE Abdelkamal	MAR - MAR	47.05
41	BERTHEAU Peter	KING Philip (Phil)	SWE - ENG	46.81
42	JASZCZAK Andrzej	TUSZYNSKI Piotr	POL - POL	46.77
43	SUN Shaolin	LI Jianwei	CHN - CHN	46.72
44	BILDE Dennis	HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	DEN - NOR	46.41
45	KARAKOLEV Georgi	POPOV Borislav	BUL - BUL	46.04
46	MOLENAAR Danny	VERBEEK Tim	NED - NED	46.00
47	HAUGE Rune	SAELENSMINDE Erik	NOR - NOR	45.03
48	ZHANG Jie	LI Chuwen	CHN - CHN	44.93
49	BRICIU Marius	TEODORESCU Cornel	ROM - ROM	44.79
50	ARLOVICH Andrei	VAINIKONIS Erikas	LTU - LTU	44.13
51	BENDRE Kaustubh	THAKRAL Sandeep	IND - IND	43.30
52	LI Yuashan	SU Shengmiao	CHN - CHN	42.87
53	MCALLISTER John	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	USA - USA	42.22
54	ZHANG Yizhuo	LI Zhenpeng	CHN - CHN	40.09



WOMEN'S PAIRS FINAL R4



Rank	Pair	Country	%
1	LIU Shu	ZHOU Tao	CHN - CHN 60.36
2	DENG Xiaojing	WANG Nan	CHN - CHN 57.45
3	WU Shaohong	ZHANG Yu	CHN - CHN 57.03
4	DEWI Suci Amita	MURNIATI Kristina Wahyu	INA - INA 56.51
5	BROCK Sally	SMITH Nicola	ENG - ENG 55.87
6	LU Yan	WANG Hongli	CHN - CHN 54.39
7	BALDYSZ Cathy	SARNIAK Anna	POL - POL 54.37
8	SANBORN Kerri	SEAMON-MOLSON Janice	USA - USA 52.83
9	HUANG Yan	GAN Lin	CHN - CHN 52.11
10	GROMOVA Victoria	PONOMAREVA Tatiana	RUS - RUS 51.81
11	DEAS Lynn	EYTHORSDOTTIR Hjordis	USA - USA 49.19
12	LIU Yanjiao	SHAN Xingxing	CHN - CHN 49.18
13	RAN Jing Rong	WANG Wen Fei	CHN - CHN 49.03
14	BOTTA Giorgia	CHAVARRIA Margherita	ITA - ITA 47.90
15	BAKER Lynn	McCALLUM Karen	USA - USA 47.36
16	ANDHANI Rury	SUMAMPOUW Conny	INA - INA 46.97
17	LIAO Zhengjiang	SUN Yanhui	CHN - CHN 45.60
18	SEET Choon Cheng	WU Hongjun	SIN - SIN 44.82
19	GRUDE Marian	NILSEN Louise	NOR - NOR 42.72
20	BERTHEAU Kathrine	LARSSON Jessica	SWE - SWE 42.70
21	BJERKAN Cheri	POLLACK Rozanne	USA - USA 41.76
22	GARATEGUY Maria Del Rosario	IACAPRARO Maria Elena	ARG - ARG 40.07



SENIOR PAIRS FINAL R5



Rank	Pair	Country	%
1	KOWALSKI Apolinary	ROMANSKI Jacek	POL - POL 57.26
2	LASUT Henky	MANOPPO Eddy M F	INA - INA 53.87
3	MELMAN Victor	ZELIGMAN Shalom	USA - ISR 53.07
4	LALL Hemant	MILNER Reese	USA - USA 52.88
5	DUMBOVICH Miklos	KOVACS Mihaly	HUN - HUN 52.51
6	GRABEL Ross	ITABASHI Mark	USA - USA 52.30
7	JACOB Dan	CZYZOWICZ Jurek	CAN - CAN 50.53
8	KLUKOWSKI Julian	RUSSYAN Jerzy	POL - POL 49.33
9	CRONIER Philippe	BESSIS Michel	FRA - FRA 48.29
10	ANDREWS Douglas	DEAVES David	CAN - CAN 48.18
11	HAMILTON Fred	STERNBERG James Marsh	USA - USA 46.99
12	OHNO Kyoko	YAMADA Akihiko	JPN - JPN 46.61
13	JOURDAIN Patrick	LEWIS Marshall	WAL - CRO 45.46
14	MANGO Jeroo	PARASRAMPURIA B.N.	IND - IND 42.90



OPEN PAIRS FINAL B



Rank	Pair	Country	%	
1	CHEUNG Lik	FUNG Chi Pong	HKG - HKG	61.87
2	GILLIS Simon	BROGELAND Boye	ENG - NOR	59.75
3	LI Hanxiao	FU Bo	CHN - CHN	58.69
4	GOTZOV Svetomir	TAKOV TIHOMIR	BUL - BUL	58.05
5	SZE Shun Sum Alan	CHIU Wai-Lap Abby	HKG - HKG	57.96
6	ZOBU Ahu	ARONOV Victor	TUR - BUL	57.81
7	BOS Berend van den	VAN LANKVELD Joris	NED - NED	57.77
8	SUZER Ugurcan	AYDIN Ata	TUR - TUR	57.15
9	ZENG Qingbin	ZHANG Lijun	CHN - CHN	56.95
10	BEAUCHAMP David	KANETKAR Avi	AUS - AUS	56.91
11	OTVOSI Ervin	SZAPPANOS Geza	HUN - HUN	56.79
12	ROMANOVSKA Maija	RUBINS Karlis	LAT - LAT	56.11
13	FAN Kang-Wei	TSAI Po-Ya	TPE - TPE	55.87
14	HUSSEIN Ahmed	TAREK Ahmed	EGY - EGY	55.52
15	STEPHENS Robert	SAPIRE Jeff	RSA - RSA	55.28
16	CHEN Jiun-Ming	LIN Chih-Hung	TPE - TPE	54.97
17	CHAN Richard	HUANG Shan	CAN - CAN	54.69
18	DINIA Mohammed	BELKOUCH Abdellatif	MAR - MAR	54.63
19	WEINGER Lindsey	MADSEN Christina Lund	USA - DEN	54.19
20	DASS Chanchal	DESAI Sapan	IND - IND	54.14
21	NG Chi-Cheung Baron	LAU Pik-Kin Tony	HKG - HKG	54.01
22	STRZEMECKI Wojciech	ZAWADA Andrzej	POL - POL	53.69
23	ZENG Weirong	CHEN Weiluan	CHN - CHN	53.68
24	TUCZYNSKI Piotr	SIELICKI Tomasz	POL - POL	53.63
25	VILLEGAS Marcelo	MULLER Virginia	ARG - ARG	53.29
26	YAMADA Kazuhiko	INO Masayuki	JPN - JPN	53.23
27	HUANG Jerry	CHEN Rong-Jenn	TPE - TPE	53.22
28	CARACCI Marcelo	CUEVAS Loreto	CHI - CHI	52.84
29	SLEMR Jakub	VOZABAL David	CZE - CZE	52.78
30	CHUNG Jonky	CHUNG Tai-Che	TPE - TPE	52.68
31	LIU Howard	MEYERSON Adam	USA - USA	52.60
32	ZHAO Bing	CHEN Yiyi	CHN - CHN	52.57
33	GILL Peter	FLEISCHER George	AUS - AUS	52.47
34	JOEL Geeske	SOKOLOW Tobi	USA - USA	52.41
35	WEINSTOCK Paul	MIHAI Radu	ISR - ROM	52.39
36	HAYMAN PIAFSKY Jessica	SIMPSON Gigi	USA - USA	52.19
37	LAI Wai Kit	MAK Kwok-Fai	HKG - HKG	52.16
38	KAMTO Kamto	SOEBROTO Anthony	INA - INA	51.98
39	BLASZKOWSKI Marek	KOZIKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL	51.81
40	ROSENTHAL Andrew	SILVERSTEIN Aaron	USA - USA	51.61
41	LIN Yan	ZHU Hongwei	CHN - CHN	51.56
42	AARMOT Arild	FJELLSTAD Bjorn	NOR - NOR	51.52
43	PELLETIER Jean-Claude	GERIN Dominique	GLP - GLP	51.37
44	ZHANG Yunzhong	YANG Gaoyun	CHN - CHN	51.18
45	GAO Peicheng	ZHANG Haixiong	CHN - CHN	50.88
46	EIDE Harald	ELLINGSEN Kristian	NOR - NOR	50.81
47	WU Yong	XIE Zhengwei	CHN - CHN	50.77
48	SHEK Dick	RASMUSSEN Jens	MAS - MAS	50.72
49	LIAN Wenjie	YAN Xiangfeng	CHN - CHN	50.69
50	GRZELCZAK Jacek	KIELCZEWSKI Ryszard	POL - POL	50.65
51	YE Qingyuan	WU Peixian	CHN - CHN	50.52
52	TODD Robert	HOSKINS Andrew	USA - USA	50.48

53	COPE Simon	BOWLEY Richard	ENG - ENG	50.31
54	HALLBERG Gunnar	BLACK Andrew	ENG - ENG	50.13
55	SPEISER Ronald Walter	BILSKI George	AUS - AUS	50.05
56	ZHU Wenji	WANG Youbao	CHN - CHN	50.02
57	XIE Zhaobing	LI Rui	CHN - CHN	50.01
58	APTEKER Alon	GOWER Craig	RSA - RSA	49.94
59	FRERICHS Hans	WENNING Ulrich	GER - GER	49.85
60	WU Yu	COOPER Renee	CHN - AUS	49.79
61	KIM Yoon Kyung	PARK Jungyoon	KOR - KOR	49.57
62	SHAH Anal	KARMARKAR Sandeep	IND - IND	49.56
63	LING Roger	LAM Henry	HKG - HKG	49.51
64	NESTORIDIS Anastasia	DRIVER Kathleen	RSA - RSA	49.25
65	HUANG Patrick K. H.	CHEN Ji	TPE - CHN	49.17
66	LIU Wei	LI Huihui	CHN - CHN	49.01
67	KOVACHEV Valentin	ISPORSKI Vladislav Nikolov	BUL - BUL	48.82
68	VAHABOGLU Haldun	VAHABOGLU Guler	TUR - TUR	48.81
69	LOO Choon Chou	POON Hua	SIN - SIN	48.73
70	YAN Huopeng	XUE Qing	CHN - CHN	48.72
71	FU Chao	JIN Lijun	CHN - CHN	48.70
72	SHEN Jianqiu	ZHAO Chen	CHN - CHN	48.60
73	ILIEV Manol	HRISTOV Hristo	BUL - BUL	48.47
74	LIU Xiong	XU Haiqing	CHN - CHN	48.38
75	CHMURSKI Bartosz	CHALUPEC Igor	POL - POL	48.26
76	SAKAMOTO Midori	NISHIDA Natsuko	JPN - JPN	47.86
77	BOLDT Silvia Elena	IACAPRARO Maria Susana	ARG - ARG	47.83
78	CARREON Ceferino	SOO George	PHI - PHI	47.69
79	ZANASI Gabriele	DI FRANCO Massimiliano	ITA - ITA	47.52
80	SIE Santoso	KUSTRIJANTO Agus	INA - INA	47.48
81	SANSOM John	HACKETT Paul D	ENG - ENG	47.47
82	TAN Gemma	THOMPSON Jacqueline	PHI - TRI	47.37
83	CHENG Yulin	SHEN Hong	CHN - CHN	47.30
84	DAI Jianbo	WANG Yongxue	CHN - CHN	47.13
85	WANG Wei	LIU Jing	CHN - CHN	47.10
86	JIANG Xiaofang	ZHANG Weixin	CHN - CHN	47.08
87	LI Yiting	LI Li Xuan	CHN - CHN	46.82
88	GUPTA Rajeev	SENSARMA Joyjit	USA - IND	46.59
89	ZHANG Ling	XIANG Yang	CHN - CHN	46.55
90	SVANGSOPAKUL Vallapa	CHINMANAS Virat	THA - THA	46.15
91	ALFONSIN Julio Alberto	PELLEGRINI Carlos	ARG - ARG	45.87
92	SATO Makiko	KAHO Toshiko	JPN - JPN	45.79
93	TSANG Hing Lun	WONG Hoi-Kei	HKG - HKG	45.58
94	FURUTA Kazuo	KAKU Hiroshi	JPN - JPN	45.40
95	ROSSLEE Diana	CHILD Christine	RSA - RSA	45.13
96	WU Weishu	GU Jiang	USA - USA	44.49
97	RIEDEL Paula	COVARRUBIAS Elizabeth	CHI - CHI	44.24
98	STANSBY JoAnna	MECKSTROTH Sally	USA - USA	44.08
99	WADIA Boms	GIDWANI Dilip	IND - IND	43.69
100	LIN Fujun	WANG Yan	CHN - CHN	43.53
101	BANERJI TAPAS KUMAR	BANERJI Nita	IND - IND	43.28
102	LIAO K.T.	TAN Yoke Lan	SIN - SIN	43.22
103	KWON Soo Ja	IM Hyun	KOR - KOR	42.96
104	CHAI Greta	CHOO Jane	SIN - SIN	42.14
105	JIN Biao	LU Huamin	CHN - CHN	41.35
106	GARNIER Charles	SOUDAN Luc	GLP - GLP	41.30
107	LAM Ze Ying	LIAN Sui Sim	SIN - SIN	40.56
108	KARMARKAR Marianne	DEY Bharati	IND - IND	40.42
109	SURIYA Chaitad	SURIYA Peeracha	THA - THA	38.25
110	DHARIWAL Hazur Singh	LYALL Russell	IND - IND	37.18