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SANYA CELEBRATIONS

There was joy in Sanya on Saturday evening as 18 players collected medals from the pairs events at the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series.

Precious gold went to Israelis Ehud Friedlander and Inon Liran, winners of the Red Bull Open Pairs. The Senior Pairs title went to Henky Lasut and Eddy Manoppo of Indonesia. Champions of the Women's Pairs are Shu Liu and Tao Zhou.

An interesting note in the Open Pairs is that the average age of the gold, silver and bronze medal winners is 33.



Open Pairs

*Ehud Friedlander and Inon Liran
Jacek Kalita and Michal Nowosadzki
Cedric Lorenzini and Thomas Bessis*



Women's Pairs

*Liu Shu and Zhou Tao
Huang Yan and Gan Lin
Kristina Wahyu Murniati and Suci Amita Dewi*



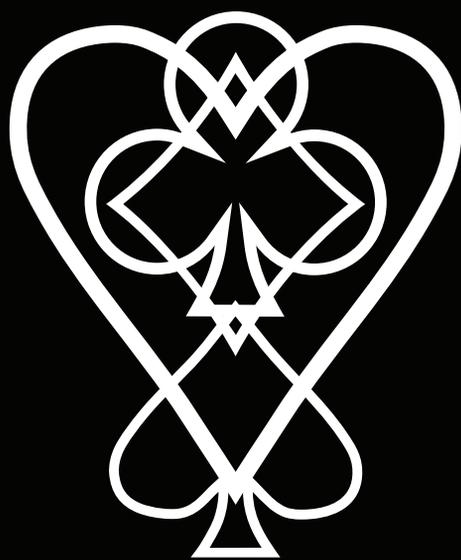
Senior Pairs

*Eddy M F Manoppo and Henky Lasut
Reese Milner and Hemant Lall
Apolinary Kowalski and Jacek Romanski*



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Thanks, team

A lot of hard work is involved in putting out Daily Bulletins for the world championships, and you can't do the job without a great team. The WBF was fortunate to have such a group at the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series.

Mark Horton was, as always, creative and literate in his reporting, and he offered what we call in America the "lagniappe" – a bit extra. In Mark's case, it was in the form of the Championship Diary.

Micke Melander has a sharp eye for good deals and he came through time and again. Barry Rigal balanced his responsibilities for commentary with a desire to report for the Daily Bulletin, and he did his customary excellent work. David Stern was in a position similar to Barry's, and he also found time to write several profiles of bridge personalities and a few deals.

Francesca Canali showed energy, imagination and expertise in providing wonderful photos for the front page and for whatever other purpose they were needed. Her debut with the Daily Bulletin team could not have been better.

Monika Kummel provided expert layout under sometimes-trying circumstances, staying late to get the Daily Bulletin to the printer to make sure players had something to read the next morning.

We also owe thanks to Jean-Paul Meyer, our coordinator. He lent a guiding hand and support when it was needed. Merci beaucoup, Jean-Paul.

Finally, thanks to WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and his team for having faith in us to do an important job for this championship.

Brent Manley, Editor



***This was our duplication Team
 During these championships, a total of 81,275 deals have been played.
 Compared to Philadelphia four years ago, this is 44% less. It should be noted that there were Junior
 tournaments then, although there were no mixed teams.
 In ACBL terms, this tournament had 3,098 tables (5,631 in Philadelphia).***



MIXED TEAMS



Gold: Salvo :
 Anita Sinclair,
 Roy Welland,
 Marion Michielsen,
 Nafiz Zorlu,
 Sabine Auken,
 Zia Mahmood



Silver: Geely Automobile :
 Gui Shen Yue (captain), Dai Jianming, Wang Hongli, Wang Liping, Yang Lixin, Zhang Yu,
 Wang Wen Fei (coach) (in alphabetical order)



Bronze : SAIC :
 Hu Mao Yuan, Liu Yi Qian, Wang Weimin, Wang Wen Fei, Zhou Yong Mei, Zhuang Zejun, Huang Rong (NPC), Hu Jihong (coach)
 (in alphabetical order)

Bronze : Rossard :
 Jean-Michel Voldoire, Danielle Avon, Martine Rossard, Jerzy Romanowski, Wojciech Gawel, Grazyna Brewiak (missing)



MIXED PAIRS



Gold :
Zhao Jie, Kerri Sanborn



Silver:
Meike Wortel, Jacek Pszczola



Bronze :
Wang Nan, Zhang Bangxiang



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OPEN TEAMS


Gold : Mazurkiewicz :

*Krzysztof Jassem,
Stanislaw Golebiowski,
Piotr Gawrys,
Michal Klukowski,
Wlodzimierz Starkowski
Marcin Mazurkiewicz*



Silver : Monaco :

*Tor Helness,
Franck Multon,
Claudio Nunes,
Geir Helgemo,
Fulvio Fantoni,
Pierre Zimmermann*



Bronze : Ventin :

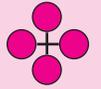
Johan Upmark, Sabine Auken, Roy Welland, Frederik Wrang, Juan Carlos Ventin (missing)

Bronze : Diamond :

Sjoert Brink, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco, John Diamond (captain), Bas Drijver, Brian Platnick



WOMEN'S TEAMS



Gold : Baker :
Sally Brock, Meike Wortel, Marion Michielsen, Cenk Tuncok (NPC), Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, Nicola Smith



Silver : China Red Team :
Lu Yan, Ran Jing Rong, Wang Hongli, Wang Wen Fei, Wu Shaoyong, Zhang Yu (China), Wang Xiaojing (coach) (in alphabetical order)



Bronze : Moss :
Janice Seamon-Molson, Kerri Sanborn, Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Lynn Deas, Sylvia Moss (missing), Joann Glasson (missing)

Bronze : Pertamina Ep :
Rury Andhani, Lusje Oha Bojoh, Suci Amita Dewi, Kristina Wahyu Murniati, Conny Sumampouw, Julita Grace Tueje (Indonesia), Veterano Sitompul (NPC) (in alphabetical order)



SENIORS TEAMS



Gold : Milner :

*Jacek Pszczola,
Jacek Romanski,
Hemant Lall,
Gigi Simpson,
Reese Milner,
Philippe Cronier,
Apolinary Kowalski,
Michel Bessis,*



Silver : Sternberg :

*Arnold Fisher,
Billy Eisenberg,
James Marsh Sternberg (captain),
Fred Hamilton,
Neil Chambers,
John Schermer*



Bronze : Lewis :

Dan Jacob, Ross Grabel, Mark Itabashi, Linda Lewis, Paul Lewis, Jurek Czyzowicz,

Bronze : Hackett :

John Sansom, John Holland, Paul Hackett, Christian Mari

WBF President Farewell

Authorities, dear colleagues of the WBF and CCBA, ladies and gentleman, distinguish guests, dear friends, welcome to the Closing Ceremony of the 2014 Red Bull World Bridge Series.

And so the curtain falls, we come to the end of these championships.



Giannarigo Rona, President of the WBF

The Chinese Contract Bridge Association, the Organising Committee and the Beijing Lianzhong Co. have done a sterling job in organizing this event, which under the coordination of the WBF Championship Committee, chaired by Ernesto d'Orsi, has gone very smoothly and I would like you all to know just how much we appreciate your efficiency, professionalism and dedication.

We must, of course, thank the sponsors for their generosity in supporting the Championship. We owe a huge debt of thanks to Red Bull for his most generous sponsorship of this event and for providing the very nice trophies for the winners of the combined events. We would also like to thank the MGM Grand Sanya, the Sheraton Sanya resort and all the other sponsor-friends for their generous support.

Above all, I would like to thank the entire staff operators, Chinese and coming from all over the world and working harmoniously together before and during this Championship, enabling its success.

First of all I would like to thank all the Chinese volunteers, the "boys & girls in green." You have done a truly wonderful job and made our stay here in Sanya most memorable.

I will now call on the various departments of these Championships to please stand so that we can applaud them.

The Championship Committee chaired by Ernesto d'Orsi, with Yves Aubry, Jean-Claude Beineix, Marc De Pauw, David Harris, Georgia Heth, Chen Zelan, Lilian Sun and Armand Trippaers. The On-site Organizer Wang Xiaofeng, the LOC organizing responsible James Guan and the Championship Manager Maurizio Di Sacco.

The Computer Championship was very efficiently and successfully run by Alvin Levy.

The Tournament Directors who have worked unstintingly headed by Max Bavin, ably assisted by Antonio Riccardi, Matt Smith, Bertrand Gignoux, Jeanne van den Meiracker, Bernardo Biondo, Pierre Collaros, Mihaela Balint, Gustavo Chediack, Antony Ching, Waleed El Menyawi, Laurie Kelso, Slawek Latala, Jacek Marciniak, Marc van Beijsterveldt, Herman De Wael, Fu Qiang, Chen Xiangyang, Zhang Xin, Tang Yunjian and the Reviewer Ata Aydin.

The Secretariat ran smoothly with Marina Madia, Carol von Linstow, Dirk De Clercq, Tao Yun and Zhao Yuanyuan. For the Protocol and Ceremony, our thanks go to Anna Maria Torlontano and Sevinç Atay.

The Communications section was run by Anna Gudge with the help of Simon Fellus, Fernando Lema, Mario Chavarria Kaifmann, Alessandro Gandoglia and Francesca Canali.

The Hospitality & Registration made a superb job of a very difficult task and our sincere appreciation goes to Silvia Valentini and Gildana Caputo, ably assisted by Odile Beineix, Virginia Chediack, Peter De Pauw, Matilde Faini, Branka Grguric, Linda Sitompoel.

The Medical and Anti Doping Committee which provided the doping tests with Paolo Walter Gabriele, Giovanni Capelli, Finn Mikkelsen and Jap Stomphorst.

The Main Office and Caddies were overseen by Gianni Bertotto, Gianluca Barrese, Chicco Battistone, Alex van Dongen and Wang Wei.

The Daily Bulletin was co-ordinated by Jean-Paul Meyer with Mark Horton and Brent Manley as Editors, ably supported by Micke Melander, Barry Rigal, David Stern and Monica Kummel as Lay-Out Editor. Jan Swaan ran with the usual competence the Press Room with Patrick Jourdain being responsible for IBPA.

The duplication team, responsible for duplimating an impressive number of boards was led by Monica Gorreri with Li Chuang, Deborah Corsaro, Franco Crosta, Valentina Grassi, Simona Maini, Federica Parizzi and Paolo Vecchio.

Prof. Gianni Baldi (Il Professore) co-ordinated the Technological Group.

Duccio Geronimi and Hugo Trippaers were responsible for the IT Systems. Scoring was done by Fotis Skoularikis, with Dimitri Ballas as Scoring Manager ably assisted by Manolo Eminent, Trian Chira, Peter Eidt and Sotiris Skoularikis. The technological operators were Kan Baolei, Cheng Guozhi, Zhang Hong, Chen Minyu, Zhang Qian, Song Zhao.

To all of you, dear friends, I would like to express my warmest appreciation.

But above all, on behalf of the WBF and personally I am pleased to congratulate you, the players, the true protagonists, and to express to all of you our gratitude. With your behaviour, creating an unforgettable atmosphere, you guaranteed the success of this event showing, once again, the values of fair play, friendship, harmony, solidarity, and the rejection of any discrimination, which are within sport in general and bridge in particular.

I am very pleased to congratulate all the medalists. I always repeat that the youth guarantee the future of bridge and this year, once again, I am very happy because several young champions have been medalists here in Sanya, showing that bridge is a sport for every age. But let me particularly congratulate two young champions, two of the youngest participants at this event, Marion Michielsen, who won two prestigious Gold Medals, and Meike Wortel, who won a Gold and a Silver Medal, both confirming the Gold Medal won in the Venice Cup in Bali and achieving the title of World Grand Masters. Many other great champions honoured this event with extraordinary performances, in one of the strongest fields in the history of the WBF, but I believe that Marion and Meike can share the title of World Bridge Series MVP.

Dear friends, going back home I will bring with me the memory of this great event, of you, of the old and new friends I met, and the enrichment of another extraordinary experience. And I am confident that you too will share my sentiments.

Thank you. Enjoy this night. Un abbraccio to you all.



Medal Table

	<u>gold</u>	<u>silver</u>	<u>bronze</u>	<u>total</u>
China	1.5	3	2	6.50
USA	1.33	2.5	2.33	6.16
Poland	1.33	1	1.33	3.67
Indonesia	1		2	3.00
France	0.33		1.92	2.25
Netherlands	0.5	0.5	0.33	1.33
England	0.5		0.75	1.25
Israel	1			1.00
Monaco		1		1.00
Germany	0.33		0.4	0.73
Sweden			0.4	0.40
Canada			0.33	0.33
Argentina			0.2	0.20
Turkey	0.17			0.17
total	8	8	12	28

(medals won by transnational teams or pairs are divided between the nationalities – two bronze medals in each of the team tournaments)

Roll Of Honour

Mixed Teams

Gold: Salvo :

Anita Sinclair (Captain, England), Sabine Auken, Roy Welland (Germany), Zia Mahmood (USA), Marion Michielsen (Netherlands), Nafiz Zorlu (Turkey)

Silver: Geely Automobile :

Gui Shen Yue (captain), Dai Jianming, Wang Hongli, Wang Liping, Yang Lixin, Zhang Yu (China), Wang Wen Fei (coach)

Bronze : Rossard :

Martine Rossard (Captain), Danielle Avon, Jean-Michel Voldoire, Jerzy Romanowski (France), Grazyna Brewiak, Wojciech Gawel (Poland)

Bronze : SAIC :

Hu Mao Yuan, Liu Yi Qian, Wang Weimin, Wang Wen Fei, Zhou Yong Mei, Zhuang Zejun (China), Huang Rong (NPC), Hu Jihong (coach)

Sabine Auken and Zia Mahmood also won gold in the mixed teams in 2004.

They are the first players to achieve this feat.

Wang Liping adds a silver to two bronzes from 2004 and 2012 and becomes the first player with medals from three Mixed Teams world championships.

Wang Weimin (2004), Wang Wenfei, Zhuang Zejun, Liu Yi Qian and Dai Jianming (2012) have also won bronzes previously.

Mixed Pairs

Gold : Kerri Sanborn (USA), Zhao Jie (China)

Silver: Meike Wortel (Netherlands), Jacek Pszczola (USA)

Bronze : Wang Nan, Zhang Bangxiang (China)

Kerri Sanborn becomes the first player to win two gold medals in World Mixed Pairs (after 1978), and with three medals in total she equals Sabine Auken's feat of a silver and two bronzes at World Mixed Pairs.

Roll Of Honour

Open Teams (Rosenblum Cup)

Gold : Mazurkiewicz :

Marcin Mazurkiewicz (captain), Piotr Gawrys, Stanislaw Golebiowski, Krzysztof Jassem, Michal Klukowski, Wlodzimierz Starkowski (Poland)

Silver : Monaco :

Pierre Zimmermann (captain), Fulvio Fantoni, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon, Claudio Nunes (Monaco)

Bronze : Diamond :

John Diamond (captain), Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Brian Platnick (USA), Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver (Netherlands)

Bronze : Ventin :

Juan Carlos Ventin Camprubi (captain, Argentina), Sabine Auken, Roy Welland (Germany), Johan Upmark, Frederik Wrang (Sweden)

Piotr Gawrys adds a gold to the silver he won in the Rosenblum in 1994. Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness now have a full set of Rosenblum medals, silver here after gold in Verona and bronze in Philadelphia. Only one other player, Magnus Lindqvist, has won medals in three Rosenblums.

Open Pairs

Gold : Ehud Friedlander, Inon Liran (Israel)

Silver: Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki (Poland)

Bronze : Thomas Bessis, Cedric Lorenzini (France)

None of these very young players have won a medal in the World Championship pairs before.

Roll Of Honour

Senior Teams (Rand Cup)

Gold : Milner :

Reese Milner (captain), Hemant Lall (USA), Michel Bessis, Philippe Cronier (France),
Apolinary Kowalski, Jacek Romanski (Poland)

Silver : Sternberg :

James Marsh Sternberg (captain), Neil Chambers, Billy Eisenberg, Arnold Fisher, Fred Hamilton,
John Schermer (USA)

Bronze : Hackett :

Paul Hackett (captain), John Holland, John Sansom (England), Christian Mari (France)

Bronze : Lewis :

Paul Lewis (captain), Ross Grabel, Mark Itabashi, Linda Lewis (USA), Jurek Czyzowicz,
Dan Jacob (Canada)

Reese Milner retains the title he won in Philadelphia. He becomes the fifth player to win the event twice. The first two editions were won by a team containing among others Nissan Rand, after whom the cup has since been named.

Paul Hackett and John Holland add a bronze to their gold of Philadelphia.
Billy Eisenberg and Fred Hamilton win their second medal in a Rand Cup, again a silver, twenty years after their first one in Albuquerque.

Senior Pairs

Gold : Henky Lasut, Eddy M F Manoppo (Indonesia)

Silver : Hemant Lall, Reese Milner (USA)

Bronze : Apolinary Kowalski, Jacek Romanski (Poland)

Henky Lasut and Eddy Manoppo have previously won five silvers and one bronze medal at World Championships, but this is Indonesia's first world title in Bridge.

So far, no one has managed to win more than one medal in a World Senior Pairs Championship.

Roll Of Honour

Women Teams (McConnell Cup)

Gold : Baker :

Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum (USA), Sally Brock, Nicola Smith (England), Marion Michielsen, Meike Wortel (Netherlands), Cenk Tuncok NPC

Silver : China Red Team :

Lu Yan, Ran Jing Rong, Wang Hongli, Wang Wen Fei, Wu Shaoyong, Zhang Yu (China), Wang Xiaojing (coach)

Bronze : Moss :

Sylvia Moss (captain), Lynn Deas, Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Joann Glasson, Kerri Sanborn, Janice Seamon-Molson (USA)

Bronze : Pertamina Ep :

Rury Andhani, Lusje Oha Bojoh, Suci Amita Dewi, Kristina Wahyu Murniati, Conny Sumampouw, Julita Grace Tueje (Indonesia), Veterano Sitompul (NPC)

Lu Yan and Wang Hongli add a McConnell silver to their gold in Philadelphia, Janice Seamon-Molson adds a bronze to her gold from Verona. Lynn Deas and Kerri Sanborn's bronze come after her gold in Montreal. So far, only Jill Meyers and Tobi Sokolow have won three medals in a McConnell cup, and just one player has two golds: Marinesa Letizia (1994 & 2006)

Women Pairs

Gold : Liu Shu, Zhou Tao (China)

Silver : Huang Yan, Gan Lin (China)

Bronze : Suci Amita Dewi, Kristina Wahyu Murniati (Indonesia)

Roll Of Honour

WBF Swiss Teams

1. Netherlands : Berend van den Bos, Danny Molenaar, Richard Ritmeijer, Magdalena Ticha, Joris van Lankveld, Tim Verbeek (Netherlands), Ton Bakkeren (NPC, coach)
2. Texan Aces : Gopal Venkatesh (captain), Howard Liu, Adam Meyerson, Jyotindra Shah, Padmanabhan Sridharan, Srivnivasan Sunderram (USA/India), Maddhav Prabhu (coach)
3. Gentle : Chia-Sheng Ho, Allen Chao, Rong-Jeng Chen, Jerry Huang (Chinese Taipei)

Mixed Pairs Final B

1. Ronnie Barr, Eldad Ginossar (Israel)
2. Marie Eggeling, Thomas Gotard (Germany)
3. Alison Wilson (USA), Ricco van Prooijen (Netherlands)

Open Pairs Final B (played in one tournament)

1. Cheung Lik, Fung Chi Pong (Hong Kong)
2. Simon Gillis (England), Boye Brogeland (Norway)
3. Li Hanxiao, Fu Bo (China)

Women Pairs Final B (played in one tournament)

1. Li Hanxiao, Fu Bo (China)

Senior Pairs Final B (played in one tournament)

1. Ervin Otvosi, Geza Szappanos (Hungary)

Nine players go home with two medals around their necks:

Marion Michielsen won two gold medals (Mixed and Women teams). That makes three world titles, she won a World Junior Pairs before this.

Meike Wortel, Reese Milner and Hemant Lall won a gold and a silver., as did Kerri Sanborn. The Mixed Pairs was Sanborn's seventh World Title, she has a total of 14 medals.

Roy Welland and Sabine Auken won gold and bronze. Sabine now has 16 medals at World Championships, the mixed teams providing her with a fourth world title.

Finally, Suci Amita Dewi, Kristina Wahyu Murniati from Indonesia won bronze in both the Women's teams and Pairs.

A few others have added to an already impressive total number of medals: Nicola Smith, who now has 14 world medals, seven of which are gold.

Fulvio Fantoni has 13 medals and six titles. Claudio Nunes has only 11 medals, five titles. Geir Helgemo has 15 medals but only three of them are gold ones. Tor Helness has 12 medals, but this includes four golds. (he won the 2008 world individual ahead of Helgemo)

Christian Mari joins this elite company with 10 World Championship medals, three of them are gold.

Victory in the Rosenblum gave Piotr Gawrys his fifth world title, and his ninth medal. His partner, Michal Klukowski's is only on his second world title, after the under-20 championship in 2012, but he is only eighteen – by far the youngest Open world champion ever!

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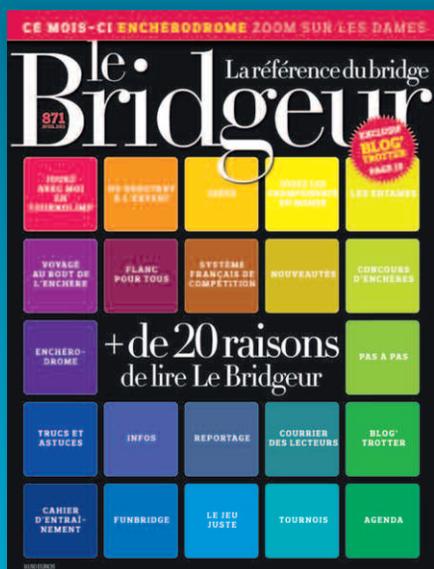
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| Cavendish Teams
Coupe Prince Albert II | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Monday October 19th and Tuesday October 20th- Open Team 7500 Euros- Ladies or Junior team : 3500 Euros- Auction : no |
| Cavendish Invitational Open Pairs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Auction : October 20th (18h30)- Wednesday October 21st, to Friday 23rd- Entry fee: 1500 Euros per pair- Auction guarantee : 5000 Euros per pair |
| Cavendish Invitational Ladies Pairs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Auction : Tuesday October 20th (18h30)- Wednesday October 21st, to Friday 23rd- Entry fee: 750 Euros per pair- Auction guarantee : 2000 Euros per pair |
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In the driver's seat

Starting play in the Red Bull Open Pairs after Thursday's semi-final sessions, Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson were in the lead with 61.87%. There were, of course, many boards left to play, and you can never tell what might happen in a pairs game. They did, however, start off with a good result against a Dutch pair.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Hampson</i>		<i>Greco</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

East's 2♠ was described as invitational or clubs or the minors. Hampson led the ♠2 and Danny Molenaar put up dummy's jack. To beat the contract, Greco had to duck, but he won the ace and returned the suit. Declarer played the

♥Q at trick two, taken by Greco to return a third spade. Molenaar could now have made the contract by playing the ♦A and ♦Q, continuing the suit if North ducked the second round. Declarer would have ended up with two hearts, three diamonds, two clubs and two hearts.

That's a play to be made at IMPs, of course. If the diamond finesse is working, the make-sure-of-your-contract line could result in a poor matchpoint score. Accordingly, Molenaar went to dummy with a heart and ran the ♦J. Hampson won the ♦K and exited with a low club, Molenaar took the ♣Q with the ace and cashed a diamond, then played a club from hand. When Greco showed out, Molenaar had to concede one down. Plus 50 was good for 69.23%.

The second board of the set did not work out so well for the two USA players.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Geoff Hampson and Eric Greco

West	North	East	South
	<i>Hampson</i>		<i>Greco</i>
		INT	3♣
3♥	4♣	4♠	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

Whoever said that vulnerability is for children would have approved of Greco's leap to the three level vulnerable against not. West transferred to spades and East bid the game when Hampson raised. Greco thought for some time before bidding 5♣. He didn't fancy his chances on defense against 4♠, so if he could hold 5♣ doubled to one down, he would have a good board.

Molenaar led the ♠3 to Tim Verbeek's 10 and Greco's ace. Greco played the ♣K, ducked, and continued with the queen, taken by Verbeek with the ace. He played the ♦7 at trick four. Greco put in the 9, his best shot at getting out for one down, but Molenaar won the ♦10 and cashed the ♦A. The defenders still had a heart trick coming, so Greco was minus 500 for a 3.85% score.

On the third round, Greco made a good decision in selecting the strain of his game contract and was rewarded with a near top.

Board 5. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>		<i>Hampson</i>	
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Greco's 4-3-3-3 handed looked like it belong in notrump, so that's where he played it. North could have held Greco to 11 tricks with a club lead, but he started with the ♦10. South played the ♦K to Greco's ace, and he played a heart to dummy's king at trick two. South won the ♥A and returned a diamond to Greco's queen.

Greco studied dummy for a bit before cashing the ♥Q, getting the good news when the jack fell. All he needed then was a successful spade finesse. His luck continued running good when that also worked. Plus 490 earned Greco-Hampson a 95.93% score, their best of the first round.

They came close to that score with the penultimate deal of the set.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Hampson</i>		<i>Greco</i>
	1♣	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

- 1♣ Precision: strong, artificial
- 1NT Five or more hearts, 12+ HCP
- 2♠ Natural, 5+
- 2NT Balanced
- 3♣ Natural
- 3♠ Doubleton raise
- 3NT Probing
- 4NT 14-15 balanced
- 6♦ Introducing third suit

East led a trump, won in dummy with the 10. The ♥K was next, Hampson discarding a diamond. East took the ♥A and played another trump to dummy's queen. When West followed, Hampson knew he could afford to ruff a heart, which he did. He then pulled trumps, pitching a low club and a low diamond from dummy. When the hearts proved to be 4-4, Hampson had 12 tricks and a 94.23% score. Hampson noted that even if hearts didn't break well, there most likely would have been squeeze chances.

The two finished the set with a 57.86% score, good enough to keep them in contention.



Who's Taking Who?

By Micke Melander

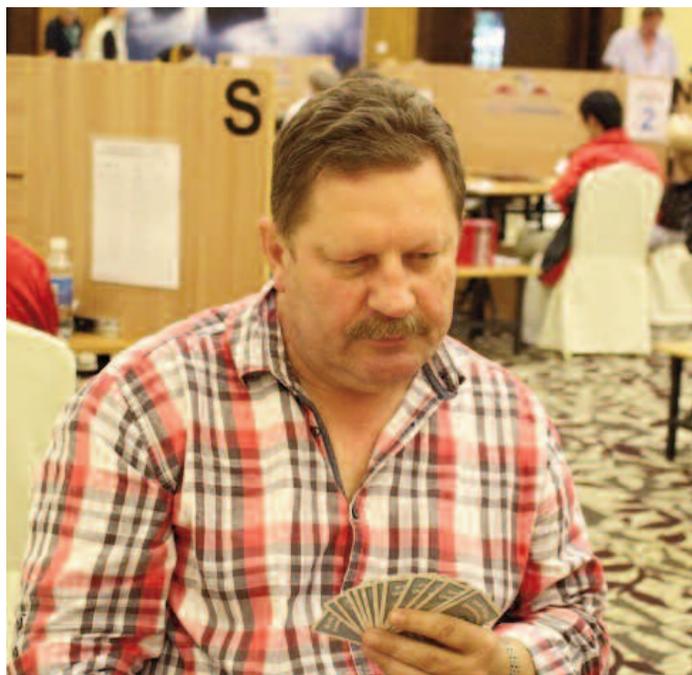
Three interesting and well played boards from the second session in the Open Pairs final in Sanya.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gierulski	Liu	Skrzypczak	Zhang
1♠	2♥	1♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Liu led the king of hearts, which went to the ten, three and four. The queen of hearts followed, on which declarer discarded the two of diamonds from the dummy and South carelessly showed his length by following with the eight. Now Gierulski could try to sneak himself an extra trick since he won with the ace and exited with the seven of hearts to set up the nine or win it if North ducked. Liu



Boguslaw Gierulski



Jerzy Skrzypczak

didn't fall into the trap however, and read the situation right when declarer discarded the five of spades from dummy. North simply cashed the ace of spades and played a club back, which forced declarer in the end to lead away from ace-four in diamonds from dummy, giving up another trick. 30/22 to E/W, an overtrick would have given them 45/7.

Board 15. Dealer South. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gierulski	Jassem	Skrzypczak	Mazurkiewicz
4♠	Dble	Pass	5♥
5♦	5♥	Dble	Pass
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

Wild distributions tend to create a lot of different scores when you check the frequencies after the game - especially when you can make game both ways. On this hand N/S

could make Five Clubs and E/W Five Diamonds or Five Spades. So Six Clubs doubled was clearly the par result N/S could achieve sacrificing despite being vulnerable against not!

But I'm pretty sure that neither side had a clue about who could make what until the board was over.

Gierulski led the five of spades which went to the eight, ace and seven. East then played back the queen. Mazurkiewicz won with the king, pulled trumps, eliminated the diamonds, and threw East in by playing a heart to the nine for one down. This actually was as close as you could come to average since the score was to be 27/25 in favour of N/S.

Then came a top for Gierulski/Skrzypczak.

Board 16. Dealer West. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gierulski	Jassem	Skrzypczak	Mazurkiewicz
1♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass All		

Jassem didn't want to lead away from any of his honours so started with the five of spades. Declarer went up with the queen and South won the trick with the ace. Not knowing what was going on he now returned a second spade. Declarer won with the jack of spades and tried to finesse the queen of clubs, which lost to South's king. Still not understanding that shifting to diamonds was urgent, the disaster was complete when he returned his last spade, still believing that suit was his partner's longest and strongest. Gierulski could now try if clubs was breaking for ten tricks, when that wasn't the story he ducked a club and could claim nine tricks, getting three clubs, a diamond, two hearts and three spades.

That was 52/0 to Gierulski/Skrzypczak who were in close contact with the top five at this point of the championship.



Double Dutch

By Mark Horton

During session 2 of the Red Bull World Open Pairs Championship the two Dutch pairs to reach the final found themselves in opposition.

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Verbeek	Ritmeijer	Molenaar
		2♥*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♥	Both majors, weak		
2NT	Relay		
3♥	Longer hearts, minimum		

Of course 3NT is way too optimistic on the E/W cards (they were already overboard when East opened 2♥) but N/S found a way to extract the maximum.

North started with the spectacular lead of the queen of spades and that ran to West's king. The ace of hearts and a heart to the queen saw South win with the king and switch to the three of clubs. North won with the nine, South took the spade return with the ten and tabled the jack of clubs. When that held a third club went to North's queen and after cashing the ace of clubs North played a heart and South won and cashed the spade ace for four down, +200 and a complete top.



Richard Ritmeijer and Magdalena Ticha

Camouflage

By Mark Horton

Camouflage is the use of any combination of materials, coloration or illumination for concealment, either by making animals or objects hard to see, or by disguising them as something else.

Camouflage themes recur in modern art, and both figuratively and literally in science fiction and works of literature.

It can happen that on a bridge hand that a player needs to disguise his intentions - take a look at this fascinating deal from Round 3 of the Open Pairs Semifinal:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

the king of spades?

At IMPs this would not be a problem - the diamond ruff and a spade trick is your only hope, but if you play a diamond and partner cannot ruff then dummy's diamond will take care of any losers in declarer's hand.

Here is the full deal:

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Hallberg</i>		<i>Black</i>
		2♦*	Dble
2♣*	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
2♦	Three suited, 4-4-4-1, limited		
2♣	Pass or correct		

The first question for East is which club honour to lead? If you play ace for attitude and king for count (and if you don't you should) then you have a choice.

So, you lead a club and see the dummy, with its singleton queen of clubs.

What is your agreement now about the meaning of partner's card?

Many pairs play that when there is a singleton in dummy the defender's card is suit preference, but that is by no means a universal approach.

Let us say that E/W are employing standard signals and West follows with the two of clubs.

The natural play for East now is to switch to a spade, and declarer, without pause for thought, goes up with dummy's ace, plays the eight of hearts to the jack and advances the ten of diamonds.

How do you defend at matchpoints?

Remember, you are playing standard signals - you will want to know that West played the six of hearts on the first round of trumps and the six of spades under the ace.

Let us say that you go up with the ace of diamonds and partner follows with the five? Do you play for partner to have started with a singleton diamond, or give up on that idea and play a spade, hoping to secure your third trick via

Look at the situation from declarer's point of view.

He formed the view that West held the king of spades, and he knew from the bidding that West must have started with

He knew that E/W were playing standard signals, hence his play of the ten of diamonds (if E/W were using upside down signals then declarer would have played the two of diamonds). By camouflaging his diamond holding declarer made the situation unclear and when East (after long thought) played a spade declarer was rewarded.

I discovered that play had followed a similar course at another table, but East had unerringly played a second diamond to secure the ruff that defeated the contract.

His reasoning was as follows:

West had followed with the two of clubs, an odd number, most probably five; the six of hearts was unclear, but if it was the start of a trump peter it could be interpreted as a desire to ruff something; finally partner's six of spades was likely to show an even number; all the evidence pointed to West being 5-3-1-4.

Oops!

By Mark Horton

In the film *Independence Day*, there is a scene where the characters played by Will Smith and Jeff Goldblum, who are about to fly into space in an alien ship when they have the following exchange: (the flying instructions have been written on piece of paper, but unbeknown to our heroes they are upside down).

Captain Steven Hiller: Oops.
 David Levinson: What do you mean, oops?
 Captain Steven Hiller: Some jerk put this...
 David Levinson: Don't say 'oops' ...
 Captain Steven Hiller: What do you say we try that again?
 David Levinson: Yes, yes. Yes. Without the "oops."
 Thataway.

I'm not sure what the bridge version of Oops might be - perhaps it is this deal from the seventh session of the Open Pairs final?

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lanzarotti	Su	Manno	Li
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♣	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6NT
All Pass			
2♥ Fourth suit forcing			
4NT RKCB			
5♥ 2 key cards			

West led the five of hearts (at first the operator had West leading the three of clubs - the only lead that is sure to defeat the contract - with East withholding the ace!).

Declarer won with dummy's ace and missed the chance for immortality by playing the four of clubs from dummy. When East failed to rise with the ace declarer eventually came to twelve tricks by taking a spade finesse.

Rather than run the risk of losing two tricks in clubs, declarer might have considered the possibility that East might come under pressure.

Cashing four hearts followed by running the diamond will force East down to ♠KJ4 ♣A9. When declarer plays dummy's last diamond East must part with a club. Declarer plays a spade to the ten and exits with a club to endplay East.

Oops!

(When somebody tried this against Fantunes, East was not slow to put up the ace of clubs and continue with a club for one down and a virtual top.)



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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Ramblin' through the Rosenblum Part II

By Barry Rigal

With the Mazurkiewicz team up 40 IMPs after the first stanza, they were doubtless not disappointed to see a relatively quiet set of deals, where only 35 IMPs were scored – and that the majority of those IMPs went into their column not the opponents.

Board 19. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Multon</i>
Pass	INT	Dble	2♥
3♣	Pass	3NT	Dble
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the Closed Room Golebiowski led a low heart and declarer went for the simplest approach of putting up the ten, since he would be in good shape if it held (spade finesse, club to dummy, spade finesse and the set up diamonds). When the heart ten lost to the jack he played a club up and took a spade finesse. That lost and the defenders cleared hearts, with enough communications in place to have an easy +200.

The stakes were higher in the other room after Zimmermann's investment in a no-trump opening. 3NTx ran into identical declarer play and defence, for an unlikely 500 to Monaco. If declarer guesses hearts at trick one by putting in the eight to force the jack, he wins in hand to lead a club to dummy and takes a spade finesse. When South wins and shifts to a diamond to his partner's ace, a heart back leaves declarer with four red-suit winners, four spades, and a club. Of course if the spade finesse holds

declarer might not work out to do this. He would probably play for the ♦A and ♠K to be switched, and play a diamond himself.

MONACO gave it all back and more on the next board.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Multon</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dble (4/5♠)
Pass	2♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

I'm sure N/S would have reached 4♠ in the Closed Room even had East overcalled. But without his bid South could puppet 3♣ then show 5-5 in the majors. And that got Starkowski to 4♠ in double-quick time. The play started ♦J to the ♦Q and ♦A, followed by two top clubs pitching diamonds, a heart to the king, and a trump shift. Starkowski won in dummy and ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, and led a heart out of dummy in this position.



<p>♠ J 10 4 ♥ — ♦ 4 ♣ 8 4</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 80px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">W</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">E</div> </div>	<p>♠ — ♥ A 10 7 ♦ 10 9 ♣ Q</p>
	<p>♠ K Q 6 ♥ Q J 6 ♦ — ♣ —</p>	

When Nunes discarded, declarer could ruff low and ruff a club to hand for his eighth trick with two top spade winners to come. Nunes had missed his chance: if he ruffs high and plays back a club declarer has to guess which club to play from dummy (though the fall of the nine and ten would really tell him that the low club was indicated). If he guessed wrong West would ruff high on the next heart and play back a trump to leave declarer with a loser in whichever hand he won the trick.

Of course 4♠ down one would have lost IMPs anyway, after Multon's malhabille jump to 3NT. The problem came at least partly because of the ambiguity about his spade length; but could it have hurt to take things more slowly? The defenders could even survive the heart lead, since it was easy for Gawrys to win and shift to a diamond. After that declarer would not have been able to unscramble his tricks even if spades had split, since East would have had three diamonds and a heart to cash. Multon did the best he could when he played East to be 3-5-2-3, by winning the second diamond. But as it was he was down 300, and that was 14 IMPs to Mazurkiewicz.

At the end of the set the lead was up to 62.

After the third set, analyzed in detail by Micke Melander, Mazurkiewicz had retained 52 of those IMPs. 14 deals to go to hold on to them!

They started well when a doubled partscore for +470 gave them a bonus 8 further IMPs.

The next deal was a remarkably unlucky one for the Fantunes methods.

Board 45. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 9 4 2 ♥ 10 8 ♦ A Q 10 8 3 ♣ 9 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 80px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">W</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">E</div> </div>	<p>♠ K J 7 3 ♥ A 9 ♦ K J 4 ♣ A Q 8 5</p>
	<p>♠ 10 ♥ K Q J 7 6 5 4 3 ♦ 9 7 ♣ J 2</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Helness</i>
	Pass	1♣	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>
	Pass	1♣	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

Where Gawrys had opened a (typically weak balanced) 1♣ he would have done more than bid 4♠ over his partner's double of 4♥ had the auction gone that way. This is what Kowalski/Romanski ran into in the Senior Teams, where Kowalski cuebid 5♥ over the double of 4♥ then raised 5♠ to 6♠. And slam is indeed makeable as was demonstrated by Romanski. After a heart lead against 6♠ by West, Romanski needed to do nothing more complicated than take multiple trump finesses and an eventual club finesse. (In fact per the Ourgame record South carelessly came down to ♣Jx and one heart so was endplayed with his heart to lead clubs.)

Fantoni was in a different position: he had shown 15+ already so did not have so many extras and thus defending 4♥ was more attractive. This looked likely to be 7 IMPs away, but whereas Helgemo escaped for -800 on a trump lead to 5♥x, the defence to 4♥x was surgical. A club to the queen, two diamonds, the spade ace, then a second club to the ace. Now a third club forced declarer to ruff high and a top heart to the ace saw the fourth club promote a trump for West. Bien joué!

Board 46. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

<p>♠ 6 3 ♥ A K Q 6 ♦ J 10 8 4 ♣ A K 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 80px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">W</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">E</div> </div>	<p>♠ K J 9 8 7 4 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A 6 ♣ 7 5 3</p>
	<p>♠ Q 10 5 2 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ 5 2 ♣ Q 10 8 4</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Helness</i>
	Pass	2♦*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Starkowski	Fantoni	Golebiowski
		3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

4♠ when played by West is certainly a measurably superior contract to when it is played by East, but Fantoni was harshly punished here. After a club lead declarer won and played a trump. Starkowski won the ace to play...a low diamond. Fantoni played the hand very well – he rose with ♠A, reasoning there were decent chances to develop a diamond if South had a doubleton diamond honor; so up went the ♠A and down went the contract. He pitched his diamond on the hearts, ruffed a diamond, and cashed the second top club, before ruffing a diamond back to hand. Had this stood up, he would have exited with a club and been sure of two trump tricks in the three-card ending. But South overruffed and cashed a club, with a spade to come at the death.

Sally Horton in the women’s final played 3NT as West after East had shown a maximum hand for her multi 2♦, with a poor suit. She won the diamond cheaply and led a spade, won the diamond return and crossed to hand to duck a diamond to North.

North cashed out her diamonds from the top, suggesting a heart entry. South pitched hearts, and North now exited with the club jack. Brock won, and ran the hearts, coming down to a two-card ending, taking the ace, king and queen, on which North followed with the ten and now South had to discard from ♠Q-10 and ♣Q. If declarer had a master heart and the 13th club, she needed to pitch spades, if she had a spade left, South had to pitch a club.

Retaining the spades looks right (but had North followed with the heart jack at trick 11 the ending would have been transparent – declarer either had two hearts left or her actual hand, and either way pitching a club could not cost). Obviously she got it wrong – otherwise there would have been no story.

Board 51. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Helgemo	Gawrys	Helness
	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Starkowski	Fantoni	Golebiowski
	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Both tables played 3NT here on mildly aggressive auctions. Fantoni led the ♠6 (odd number with no honour or even with an honour) to the queen and king, won the ♠Q lead at trick two...and played back a spade, which seems very strange to me. (Mind you, the winning defence of shifting to hearts was too hard to find I suppose). The defenders continued diamonds, and now declarer set up spades without any further alarm.

In the other room Gawrys ducked the ♠J. Klukowski won his ♥K and played back a diamond (again the heart shift succeeds – this might be easier to find?).

Consider this quite plausible defence: diamond lead, spade to the ace, second diamond won by declarer and a second spade...ducked! Now there are no entries to establish spades, but declarer changes tack.

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

Declarer can only succeed by cashing the top diamond and the ace, king and queen of clubs. Then he exits with a spade to West. That player can cash his last spade but is then down to only hearts, and declarer can establish an extra heart winner.

That was enough for Mazurkiewicz to hold on, losing the set by 1 IMP but winning overall by 51 IMPs.

Looking for Mister Goldbar

By Brent Manley

Going into the final day of the Red Bull Open Pairs, Chris Willenken and David Berkowitz were in the hunt for a medal. Could the in-laws (Willenken is married to David's daughter, Dana) move up from fourth in the standings? They got off to a good start.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K 10 8 7 ♥ A Q 9 ♦ K 7 6 ♣ K J 6	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid white;"/> W E <hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid white;"/> S </div>	♠ 9 2 ♥ — ♦ Q J 8 5 4 3 ♣ 10 9 5 4 3	
	♠ Q 6 4 ♥ K J 10 6 5 ♦ A 2 ♣ 8 5 4		
West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	1♥	<i>Berkowitz</i>	3♦
All Pass			

Berkowitz led the ♣10, taken in dummy with the ace. Declarer played a low trump from dummy, misguessing by playing the king. The king held, but when declarer played a

spade to the jack, Willenken won the king and switched to a diamond. That assured two down and plus 100, good for 61.54%.

Berkowitz and Willenken did not do as well on the next board, but it wasn't because they erred in any way. North-South cannot be defeated in 5♦, and when the opponents stopped in 3♦ and scored plus 150, Berkowitz and Willenken had reason to hope for a better score than they got: just 19.23%. Too many North-South pairs scored worse, playing in the wrong contract or underplaying the right one.

This board renewed their hopes for a place on the podium.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10 7 3 2 ♥ A 2 ♦ 7 ♣ 9 7 5 4 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid white;"/> W E <hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid white;"/> S </div>	♠ J ♥ K Q J 3 ♦ A Q 10 3 2 ♣ A 10 3	♠ A Q 9 8 4 ♥ 9 ♦ J 8 3 ♣ K Q 8 6
		♠ 6 5 ♥ 10 8 7 6 5 4 ♦ K 9 6 4 ♣ J	



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Chris Willenken

West	North	East	South
	Berkowitz		Willenken
	1♦	1♠	2♦
4♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♠	Dble	All Pass	

Berkowitz was headed for minus one if East led his singleton heart at trick one or two. After some thought in the heated auction, West bid 5♠, doubled by Berkowitz. Willenken led his singleton club, taken by his partner with the ace. Berkowitz thought things over for some time before continuing with a low club, suit preference for diamonds. Willenken ruffed, put Berkowitz in with a diamond and ruffed again for plus 300 for an 88% score.

They nearly split the round with East-West, however, getting a poor score for not balancing against a 2♠-contract, which just made. Minus 110 was worth only 2 of 52 matchpoints.

After some other boards that scored poorly because of what happened at other tables, Berkowitz salvaged a fine score on this deal to score 80.77%.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Willenken		Berkowitz	
	2♦	Pass	3♥
Dble	3♠	3NT	All Pass

2♦ Multi
3♥ Preempt for North to pass or correct

Willenken's ♠K was a welcome sight for Berkowitz. After winning trick one in dummy (North contributing the ♠J), Berkowitz considered his plan for a while before calling for a low heart from dummy. North won the ♥J and could have held Berkowitz to nine tricks by switching to a club, but he continued with a low spade. Berkowitz won and played another heart, ducked around to North's ace. Berkowitz could claim at that point for plus 630 and great score.

With a peek at the hand records or with X-ray vision, Berkowitz could have earned another 80.77% score on the final board of the set.

Looking at this hand

♠ A Q 10 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A 9 8 7
♣ J 7

You open 1♠ and your left-hand opponent bids INT. Partner bid 2♣ and RHO bids 2♥, which is passed out. What do you lead?

You know, of course, from the question that leading partner's suit is not the right answer. Berkowitz, of course, did not have the advantage of such a clue. He led his partner's suit and lost a few matchpoints. The full deal:

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

On the lead of the ♣J, declarer covered with the queen, ruffed when West covered and played two rounds of hearts. Now the ♣10 forced out the ♣A and declarer ruffed again. He played diamond to dummy's king and discarded a spade on the ♣9. Declarer lost only one spade, one heart and one diamond for plus 170. Holding declarer to three by leading the ♠A and continuing the suit would have resulted in 42 of the 52 matchpoints.

The session ended with Berkowitz and Willenken below average but still in the top 10 with hopes for a medal.



OPEN PAIRS FINAL A



Rank	Pair		Country	%
1	FRIEDLANDER Ehud	LIRAN Inon	ISR - ISR	60.12
2	KALITA Jacek	NOWOSADZKI Michal	POL - POL	57.38
3	BESSIS Thomas	LORENZINI Cedric	FRA - FRA	56.57
4	BERKOWITZ David	WILLENKEN Chris	USA - USA	55.36
5	JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	KRUPOWICZ Marcin	POL - POL	55.33
6	LANZAROTTI Massimo	MANNO Andrea	ITA - ITA	55.10
7	MAHMOOD Zia	PSZCZOLA Jacek	USA - USA	54.84
8	HURD John	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	USA - USA	54.59
9	GRIFFITHS Aneurin	MILNE Liam	AUS - AUS	53.70
10	MONDIGIR Bill	ROGI Tommy	INA - INA	53.69
11	FANTONI Fulvio	NUNES Claudio	MON - MON	53.68
12	DUBININ Alexander	GROMOV Andrey	RUS - RUS	53.13
13	GRECO Eric	HAMPSON Geoff	USA - USA	53.08
14	MECKSTROTH Jeff	RODWELL Eric	USA - USA	52.87
15	PIEKAREK Josef	SMIRNOV Alexander	GER - GER	52.49
16	GROETHEIM Glenn	TUNDAL Ulf Haakon	NOR - NOR	52.41
17	JASSEM Krzysztof	MAZURKIEWICZ Marcin	POL - POL	51.30
18	BRAMLEY Bart	STANSBY Lew	USA - USA	51.14
19	CARROLL John	HANLON Tom	IRL - IRL	51.01
20	BIANCHEDI Alejandro	MUZZIO Ernesto	ARG - ARG	50.48
21	MULTON Franck	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	MON - MON	50.48
22	GIERULSKI Boguslaw	SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy	POL - POL	50.43
23	SHI Haojun	ZHUANG Zejun	CHN - CHN	50.43
24	FILIPOWICZ Dominik	MARTENS Krzysztof	POL - POL	50.32
25	HAUGE Rune	SAELENMINDE Erik	NOR - NOR	50.03
26	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	HOWARD Allison	USA - USA	50.02
27	CHEN Renzhou	JIANG Liang	CHN - CHN	49.88
28	MOLENAAR Danny	VERBEEK Tim	NED - NED	49.86
29	BAKHSI David	EKEBLAD Russ	ENG - USA	49.80
30	GEORGE Julius Anthonius	KARWUR Franky Steven	INA - INA	49.51
31	SUN Shaolin	LI Jianwei	CHN - CHN	48.95
32	BALICKI Cezary	KWIECIEN Michal	POL - POL	48.91
33	BENDIKS Janis	SMILGAJS Andris	LAT - LAT	48.61
34	LIAN Yong	BIAN Jingsheng	CHN - CHN	48.30
35	GAWRYS Piotr	KLUKOWSKI Michal	POL - POL	48.24
36	GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	POL - POL	47.51
37	BERTHEAU Peter	KING Philip (Phil)	SWE - ENG	47.46
38	ARLOVICH Andrei	VAINIKONIS Erikas	LTU - LTU	47.38
39	LI Yuashan	SU Shengmiao	CHN - CHN	47.32
40	MCALLISTER John	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	USA - USA	46.95
41	ZHANG Jie	LI Chuwen	CHN - CHN	46.86
42	BURGESS Stephen	LORENTZ Gabi	AUS - AUS	46.77
43	BERRADA Mohammed Said	RERHAYE Abdelkamal	MAR - MAR	46.57
44	RITMEIJER Richard	TICHA Magdalena	NED - NED	46.53
45	BENDRE Kaustubh	THAKRAL Sandeep	IND - IND	46.50
46	JASZCZAK Andrzej	TUSZYNSKI Piotr	POL - POL	46.22
47	BI Shuguang	WEI Yu	CHN - CHN	46.17
48	OLANSKI Wojtek	VAINIKONIS Vytautas	LTU - LTU	46.05
49	AUKEN Sabine	WELLAND Roy	GER - GER	45.64
50	ZHANG Yizhuo	LI Zhenpeng	CHN - CHN	45.29
51	BILDE Dennis	HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	DEN - NOR	45.08
52	BERKOWITZ Dana	GANZER Craig	USA - USA	45.07
53	KARAKOLEV Georgi	POPOV Borislav	BUL - BUL	44.69
54	BRICIU Marius	TEODORESCU Cornel	ROM - ROM	44.22



WOMEN'S PAIRS FINAL



Rank	Pair	Country	%
1	LIU Shu	ZHOU Tao	CHN - CHN 58.09
2	HUANG Yan	GAN Lin	CHN - CHN 55.32
3	DEWI Suci Amita	MURNIATI Kristina Wahyu	INA - INA 54.68
4	BALDYSZ Cathy	SARNIAK Anna	POL - POL 54.67
5	WU Shaohong	ZHANG Yu	CHN - CHN 54.60
6	RAN Jing Rong	WANG Wen Fei	CHN - CHN 54.36
7	LU Yan	WANG Hongli	CHN - CHN 52.66
8	DEAS Lynn	EYTHORSDDOTTIR Hjordis	USA - USA 52.21
9	GROMOVA Victoria	PONOMAREVA Tatiana	RUS - RUS 51.84
10	BROCK Sally	SMITH Nicola	ENG - ENG 50.53
11	LIAO Zhengjiang	SUN Yanhui	CHN - CHN 50.52
12	DENG Xiaojing	WANG Nan	CHN - CHN 49.83
13	ANDHANI Rury	SUMAMPOUW Conny	INA - INA 48.73
14	BOTTA Giorgia	CHAVARRIA Margherita	ITA - ITA 48.52
15	LIU Yanjiao	SHAN Xingxing	CHN - CHN 48.36
16	BJERKAN Cheri	POLLACK Rozanne	USA - USA 47.59
17	SANBORN Kerri	SEAMON-MOLSON Janice	USA - USA 47.00
18	BAKER Lynn	McCALLUM Karen	USA - USA 46.66
19	GRUDE Marian	NILSEN Louise	NOR - NOR 45.76
20	BERTHEAU Kathrine	LARSSON Jessica	SWE - SWE 45.45
21	SEET Choon Cheng	WU Hongjun	SIN - SIN 41.34
22	GARATEGUY Maria Del Rosario	IACAPRARO Maria Elena	ARG - ARG 41.28



SENIOR PAIRS FINAL



Rank	Pair	Country	%
1	LASUT Henky	MANOPPO Eddy M F	INA - INA 55.33
2	LALL Hemant	MILNER Reese	USA - USA 54.72
3	KOWALSKI Apolinary	ROMANSKI Jacek	POL - POL 54.47
4	JACOB Dan	CZYZOWICZ Jurek	CAN - CAN 54.08
5	DUMBOVICH Miklos	KOVACS Mihaly	HUN - HUN 53.51
6	GRABEL Ross	ITABASHI Mark	USA - USA 51.71
7	MELMAN Victor	ZELIGMAN Shalom	USA - ISR 51.16
8	HAMILTON Fred	STERNBERG James Marsh	USA - USA 48.52
9	ANDREWS Douglas	DEAVES David	CAN - CAN 47.94
10	KLUKOWSKI Julian	RUSSYAN Jerzy	POL - POL 47.92
11	JOURDAIN Patrick	LEWIS Marshall	WAL - CRO 45.97
12	CRONIER Philippe	BESSIS Michel	FRA - FRA 45.73
13	OHNO Kyoko	YAMADA Akihiko	JPN - JPN 45.63
14	MANGO Jeroo	PARASRAMPURIA B.N.	IND - IND 43.42