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In Progress: The 20th Ourgame World Computer-Bridge Championship

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Today's Programme

Teams:

Round of 16
Segment 5 - 17:30
Segment 6 - 20:15

Pairs:

Qualification
Session 1 - 17:30
Session 3 - 19:20
Session 3 - 21:30

Besides being a genial host for the 15th World Bridge Games, Poland is playing some dynamic bridge. In three of the four events now in the knockout stage, Poland has the lead, in two cases by substantial margins.

In the Open, Poland has a 185-81 lead on Switzerland after four 16-board matches. In the Seniors series, Poland is ahead of Australia 175-117, and in the Women's the home team leads Spain 138-111.

Poland trails only in the Mixed Teams. After four sets, they are trailing Denmark 155-108.

Other notable scores from play on Saturday include a 131-81 score for New Zealand over France in the Open series, where the strong USA team leads Spain by 133-126.

Also in the Open series, the Netherlands are cruising against Russia with a 169-81 lead. Sweden is also feeling good about their day, leading Japan 157-74.

In the Women's series, Germany and Norway are practically deadlocked, with Norway ahead just 132-130. The USA Women's team is doing well against Australia, leading 182-119.

In the Seniors, the star-studded USA team is more than 100 IMPs ahead of Chinese Taipei with a 192-75 lead. China, meanwhile, has doubled up against Brazil, leading 220-110.

In the Mixed Teams, Italy and China are just 1 IMP apart, Italy ahead 126-125. The only other close match in that event is USA 114, Japan 109.

Because of the Wrocław Marathon today, play does not begin until 5:30 p.m., and there will be just one more session after that.

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Bank Polski



Open Teams

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot	
FRANCE	23	18	22	18			81	
NEW ZEALAND	22	32	24	54			132	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot	
SPAIN	46	34	5	17			102	
USA	32	22	38	21			113	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot	
AUSTRIA	30	26	18	18			92	
MONACO	51	44	53	61			209	
	c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
ITALY	4	41	60	19	25			149
CANADA		42	18	32	45			137
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot	
NETHERLANDS	24	62	42	41			169	
RUSSIA	23	15	20	23			81	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot	
ENGLAND	16	20	28	56			120	
ISRAEL	28	23	9	26			86	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot	
JAPAN	30	7	21	16			74	
SWEDEN	30	30	42	55			157	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot	
POLAND	50	33	47	55			185	
SWITZERLAND	21	29	15	16			81	

Women's Teams

CHINA	33	37	65	7			142
CHINESE TAIPEI	15	47	1	42			105
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
ITALY	13	10	27	18			68
ENGLAND	36	34	24	36			130
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
SWEDEN	82	11	53	61			207
NEW ZEALAND	34	31	26	26			117
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
USA	39	22	60	61			182
AUSTRALIA	36	57	18	8			119
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
NETHERLANDS	30	23	55	27			135
SCOTLAND	26	2	28	39			95
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
GERMANY	41	11	26	52			130
NORWAY	46	33	16	37			132
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
TURKEY	23	40	25	23			111
POLAND	63	27	20	28			138
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
FRANCE	33	54	24	47			158
SPAIN	22	31	35	20			108

Senior Teams

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
USA	44	57	56	35			192
CHINA HONG KONG	15	12	24	24			75

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
POLAND	41	18	76	40			175
AUSTRALIA	25	37	15	40			117

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
TURKEY	43	38	55	47			183
EGYPT	5	14	11	26			56

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
DENMARK	28	34	26	30			118
CANADA	10	23	27	38			98

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
SWEDEN	16	19	22	35			92
CHINESE TAIPEI	27	30	40	29			126

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
ISRAEL	12	29	26	39			106
ITALY	51	36	18	36			141

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
FRANCE	34	66	28	67			195
INDIA	20	29	41	12			102

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
CHINA	41	65	54	60			220
BRAZIL	26	13	39	32			110

Mixed Teams

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
NETHERLANDS	50	50	55	40			195
HUNGARY	28	2	6	16			52

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
ITALY	18	49	31	28			126
CHINA	44	7	26	48			125

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
GERMANY	41	33	37	70			181
AUSTRALIA	31	15	29	6			81

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
BULGARIA	31	41	38	16			126
ENGLAND	27	7	32	38			104

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
RUSSIA	48	41	62	24			175
ISRAEL	19	8	46	32			105

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
DENMARK	28	35	48	44			155
POLAND	32	29	31	16			108

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
JAPAN	24	29	29	27			109
USA	25	41	24	24			114

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
FRANCE	44	44	59	28			175
TURKEY	35	29	17	51			132

BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

BBO 1 = VuGraph, BBO 8 is also OURGAME

17:30

- O France v New Zealand BBO 1
- O England v Israel BBO 2
- O Spain v USA BBO 3
- O Italy v Canada BBO 4
- W Turkey v Poland BBO 5
- W Germany v Norway BBO 6
- S Israel v Italy BBO 7
- M Italy v China BBO 8

20.15

To be announced

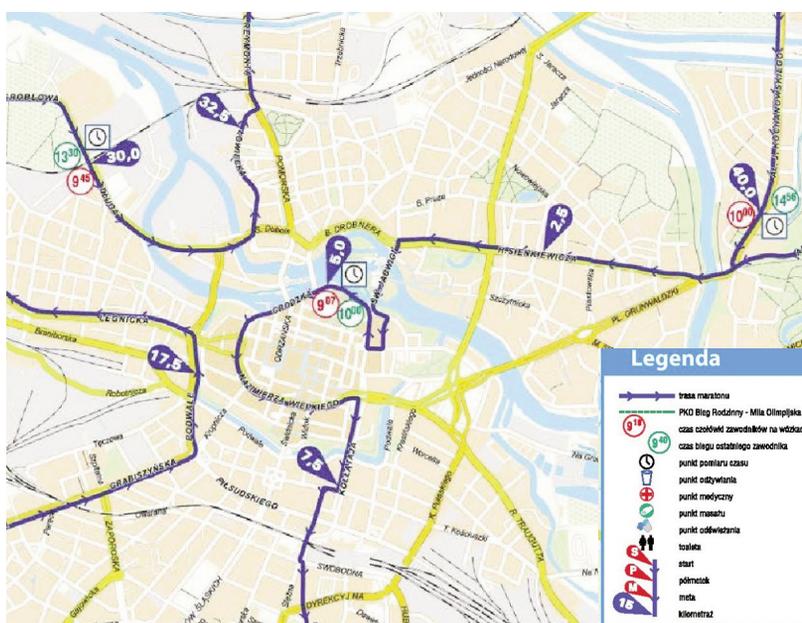


MARATHON

Today, parts of the city will be closed for the marathon and reopened at a time that is a function of the last runner who passes. **Play starts at 17:30.**

You can find the detailed map of the marathon at <http://wroclawmaraton.pl/pl/strona/6>.

For those who are interested in doing some shopping, shops here in Wroclaw are open on Sunday.



No cell phones will be allowed in the playing area, but players can leave them at the registration desk.



Badges !!

Players, please note that without a badge you will not be allowed into the playing area. If you lose your badge, replacing it will cost you 5 Euros.

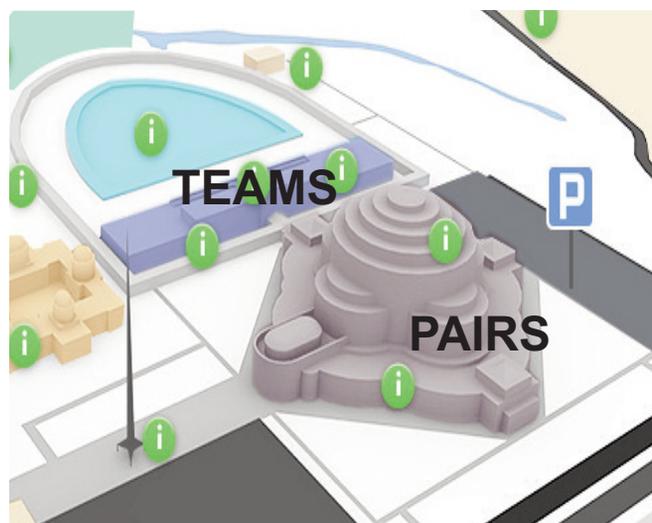
No smoking or drinking policy

Please be reminded that smoking and drinking is prohibited at any time and in any place during sessions.



Playing Area

Pairs will play in the Hala Stulecia
Teams in the building opposite



Technology + bridge = the 'ultimate challenge'

By Brent Manley

Considering José Damiani's long history of promoting bridge and organizing tournaments, some might expect the WBF President Emeritus to rest on his laurels and take it easy.

Not a chance.

After stepping down as WBF president in 2010, Damiani founded the International Mind Sports Association and served as its president for a time as he continued to work for bridge.

Damiani's latest project is the 1st Yeh Online Bridge World Cup, scheduled for Oct. 31 to Nov. 2. It will be played under the auspices of the WBF and in cooperation with Chen Yeh, founder of the Yeh Bros Cup, first played in Shanghai in 2003. That event grew from there to become arguably the strongest invitational bridge tournament in the world.

The four-team online event will feature some of the best bridge players in the world, along with well-known personalities such as Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates. The format is mixed teams.

It is an ambitious venture, but Damiani says, "From time to time, you have to be ambitious."

At present, the four teams are:

Europe – Lavazza: Maria Teresa Lavazza, Sylvie Willard and Bénédicte Cronier, Giorgio Duboin, Agustin Madala and Norberto Bocchi.

USA – BBO: Bob Hamman, No. 1-ranked player; women's champion Jill Meyers, BBO founder Fred Gitelman, Sheri Winestock, Gates and his regular partner, Sharon Osberg.

Team CCBA: Zeng Peiyan, former vice premier for economy and general secretary of the Asian Economic Forum; Guo Jianlong, former mayor of Beijing, plus Chinese champions Gu Ling, Sun Shaolin, Zhang Bangxiang and Li Jianwen.

Team Chen Yeh: Chen Yeh, Shih Juei-Yu, Chen Dawei, Sun Ming, Zhang Ya-Lan and Wang Ping.

The tournament will be played in three cities: Seattle, USA; Turin, Italy, and Beijing, China.

Damiani says the online play is important. "We have to show that bridge is a very modern sport and use all

available technology." The tournament website (see below) features numerous slogans along that very line, such as this one: "Bringing technology to life for the ultimate bridge challenge."

The tournament will start on Oct. 31 with the match between the USA-BBO squad and Europe-Lavazza, beginning at 9 a.m. Seattle time, which will be about 5 p.m. in Europe. The tournament will be played as a double round robin with video cameras recording the events. Players will



José Damiani

be able to talk to each other despite the distance between playing sites. Bridge Base Online and Ourgame will broadcast the play, which will be on live television in China. There will also be YouTube broadcasts.

There are no concerns about security, Damiani says. For example, in the USA-Europe match, each site will have a tournament director from the other side keeping an eye on the play.

Damiani says Gates' presence will help enhance relations between the U.S. and China and further promote "Bridge for Peace," the WBF slogan.

For more information about the tournament, visit www.bridgeonlineworldcup.com

Dealing machines and cards

The Duplimates used for the duplication during the championship are sold for 2280EUR. You are strongly advised to order as soon as possible, because they will probably be sold out very quickly. Contact Jannerstens at the bridge stall in the Reception area, or drop a line to per@jannersten.com.

The (new) Wroclaw cards that you are playing with will be sold after usage for 163EUR per 240 decks. Other quantities on request in the book stall.

Championship cards



The championship cards that you play here are for sale for €0.68 (bulk rate) in the book stall so long as supply lasts.

Lady Luck

By Mark Horton

When the last round of the Open Series started it seemed clear that the last qualifying spot would rest between two of the teams in Group C, Canada and Denmark. The North Americans had the bye, giving them a total of 201.71 that could not realistically be passed by anyone except Denmark, who had 191.14. To overtake the Canadians the Danes needed a narrow win, but they were facing the fourth placed team from Spain.

Denmark got an early indication of which way the wind might be blowing:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ 7 3 2 ♥ K J 9 7 5 3 ♦ A 8 ♣ A 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ — ♥ 8 2 ♦ Q 10 9 6 3 ♣ K Q 9 8 4 3	♠ A K Q 9 8 6 ♥ A 6 ♦ K 5 ♣ 10 6 5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lantaron</i>	<i>D Bilde</i>	<i>Goded</i>	<i>Bilde</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♥	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
4♣	Cue Bid		
4♦	Cue bid		

Declarer won the club lead with dummy's ace and played a spade to the ace, revealing the 4-0 split. He cashed the ace of hearts and played a heart to the jack. He could get rid of his clubs on the hearts, and although South could ruff in that was the only trick for the defence.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Graversen</i>	<i>Knap</i>	<i>Clemmensen</i>	<i>Wasik</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
7♠	All Pass		
4♣	Cue bid		
Rdbl	First round control		
4♦	Cue bid		

- 4♥ Cue bid
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♠ 2 key cards
- 5NT Grand slam try

I'm not sure if 5♠ was intended to show extra length in spades, but whatever, the decent grand slam was reached.

Declarer won the club lead in dummy and played a spade. What a blow when South discarded. He took two more rounds of trumps then cashed the ace of hearts and played a heart to the king. That meant he was two down, -100 and 14 IMPs for Spain.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 9 8 5 4 3 ♥ K 2 ♦ J 8 ♣ Q 5 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K Q ♥ A Q 9 8 5 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ A J 6	♠ — ♥ 10 7 6 4 3 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ 10 9 8 4 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lantaron</i>	<i>D Bilde</i>	<i>Goded</i>	<i>Bilde</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	
2♣	Gazzili		

Declarer won West's club lead with dummy's jack. The odds of losing only one diamond trick are 71.21% - you can either start by playing the queen or playing low to the ten. When declarer took the latter course, West won with the jack and switched to the five of spades - a cruel one down.

Notice that East did not make a Lightner double for fear of driving N/S into 6NT.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Graversen</i>	<i>Knap</i>	<i>Clemmensen</i>	<i>Wasik</i>
2♦*	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Declarer collected ten tricks, losing two diamonds and a heart, for +630 and another 12 IMPs that left Denmark with a virtually impossible task.

Sometimes it's just not your day.

Adventures at the Seven Level

By Ram Soffer

The Round 16 top match in Group A between France and Israel was characterized by a long sequence of mundane deals producing ordinary results, until the following exhibit came up:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

The bidding started as follows (2♠ showed hearts and clubs, 3♣ showed a spade fit, invitational or better):

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Barel	Quantin	Zack
		Pass	1♠
2♠	3♣	4♥	4♠
?			

Up to now everything was quite ordinary, and at several tables four spades remained the final contract. However, at our table the players were much more imaginative:

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Barel	Quantin	Zack
		Pass	1♠
2♠	3♣	4♥	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	6♣	7♣	Dble
All Pass			

It started when Cedric Lorenzini decided that his hand was worth another bid, and one can hardly blame him as 5♥ was making. When this was passed around to South, Yaniv Zack welcomed the opportunity to introduce his six-card diamond suit, albeit at the six level. North's pass over 6♦ was very revealing – it became clear that both sides had a double fit, so the sky became the limit for this hand. After pushing their opponents to a makable slam, the Frenchmen showed why their team had the best record so far in the tournament – they found a cheap save at the seven level. They failed to find the cheapest save (minus 300) when they preferred 7♣ over 7♥. Zack led a low diamond against 7♣ doubled and Barel found the heart ruff, which was followed by the ♠A.

Thus the Israeli North-South pair scored plus 500, but it was not a winning score as their teammates erred by doubling 4♠. France made just one overtrick at the other table, for a gain of 5 IMPs. As expected, the match was low scoring: France won 21-12.

The Annual General Meeting of the IBPA held on Saturday morning, 10th September 2016 in Wroclaw

The meeting, which was attended by 26 members of the International Bridge Press Association started with goodbyes to our president Patrick Jourdain, and to Mario Dix, our past Treasurer. Both had passed away in the preceding two months. The most important point on the agenda was therefore the election of a new president. Barry Rigal was unanimously elected to the post. Another charge to the executive was David Stern, who took over from Jan van Cleeff as executive vice-president. Jan van Cleeff and Marek Wojcicki were elected to the executive, Brent Manley and Tadashi Yoshida were re-elected. The Association faced a 6,000\$ deficit during 2015, but the annual dues were not changed.

The meeting concluded with the Annual Awards ceremony. Honoured were:

The Yeh Bros Best Bid Hand of the Year 2016: Michael Rosenberg & Zia Mahmood – Journalist John Carruthers

The Gidwani Family Trust Award for Best Defence of the Year 2016: Dennis Bilde – Journalist Mans Berg

The Keri Klinger Memorial Declarer Play of the Year 2016: Richard Jedrychowski – Journalist Ron Klinger

The Richard Freeman Junior Deal of the Year 2016: Leen & Marc Stougie – Journalist Phillip Alder

The Master Point Press Book of the Year 2016: David Bird, "The Abbott, the Parrot and the Bermuda Bowl"

The Simon Award for the Sporting Gesture of the Year 2016: James & Sam Coutts

The Alan Truscott Memorial Award 2016: The Bridge Ladies: A Memoir by Betsy Lerner



Open Teams RR 17



Denmark v Spain



By Jos Jacobs

At the start of the final round of the three round robins, the situations in two of the three group tables were delicate. In group A, Switzerland would have to score about 5 victory points against France to stay 5th. In group B, only a very big loss against Japan would see Monaco possibly drop to 6th (if Turkey would blitz the USA, that is) but in group C, the situation was very intriguing. Denmark and Canada, lying 6th and 7th respectively, were enjoying a much better VP average than their counterparts in the other two groups, so before the last match started, it was already a certainty that the 16th qualifier would come from Group C.

On the other hand, it was not at all clear which team would make it. Canada had a bye in the final round, which meant that Denmark would have to score about 8-9 VP against Spain to qualify. If the Denmark-Spain match resulted in a big win for Denmark, even Spain's qualification might run into danger as not only Denmark and Canada but also New Zealand might catch them.

However, the match started well for Spain. They picked up +500 against a non-vulnerable game on board 1. This was board 2:

The Spanish E/W produced a not-too-scientific auction:

the best lead of the ♣J (his partner's suit), even 6♠ was in danger now, as South would be able to ruff an established heart and cash a club winner next. Goded found a small extra chance and played for it: the heart finesse. If South had to follow suit to three hearts, the two club losers would disappear just in time. Spain +980.

West	North	East	South
<i>Graversen</i>	<i>Knap</i>	<i>Clemmensen</i>	<i>Wasik</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

Once Graversen started cuebidding over partner's 3♠, the Danes were on their way to the grand and duly reached it in the end.

If spades are 2-2, only hearts 5-0 behind dummy will cause a problem. If spades are 3-1, hearts should behave more decently. In all, the grand would be about a 75-80% proposition in my estimation. So Denmark can consider themselves unlucky when this grand slam stood no chance.

Down two, Spain +100 and 14 IMPs to them.

Two boards later, another slam and more misfortune if you were in it:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lantaron</i>	<i>D Bilde.</i>	<i>F Goded</i>	<i>M Bilde</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♥	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lantaron</i>	<i>D Bilde</i>	<i>F Goded</i>	<i>M Bilde</i>
		1♥	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

When the trumps broke 4-0, declarer was happy not to find himself in the reasonable grand. As South had hit upon

This small slam is certainly much more ambitious than the grand we saw earlier but the Danes reached it nevertheless, helped by their Gazzilli-style auction.

When East did not double, West did not lead a spade to set the contract out of hand, but he tried a low club. Dummy's jack won (East following suit with the ♣10) and declarer played a diamond to his ten and West's jack. The spade return required earlier then settled the issue. Spain +100.

Of course, the contract can be made on this lead double-dummy but that's another story (♦A and another, followed by the heart finesse before testing the spades).

West	North	East	South
Graversen	Knap	Clemmensen	Wasik
2♦	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When West opened a spade weak two in the replay, South was no longer interested. Spain +630 as the play was not the problem here.

Spain virtually settled the issue when they created a guessing position for declarer in his vulnerable game contract that was not duplicated at the other table.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lantaron	D Bilde	F Goded	M Bilde
	1♥	2♠	Pass
2NT	Dble	3♣	3♦
3♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♥10 to partner's queen and back came a club. Declarer finessed and won the club return, North playing his king. Now, he could cross to dummy and lead a low trump, catering for a possible blank ace with North (the opening bidder). When North did indeed play his ace, declarer could ruff the heart return low, draw trumps and claim. Spain +620.

West	North	East	South
Graversen	Knap	Clemmensen	Wasik
	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♥	4♥	4♠	All Pass

Against the same contract, Wasik, too, led the ♥10. Knap won and continued the suit, declarer ruffing low. Over to a top diamond and a spade up but this time, when North played the ace and returned a heart, declarer had to guess what to do: ruff high and hope for the best (with or without a finesse) or ruff low and hope for the best in general? A blind guess, one would think, but ruffing high and finessing this time proved the way to -100. Another 12 IMPs to Spain, who were leading 40-7 and went on to win the match comfortably: 47-9 or 17.85 - 2.15 VP, more than enough to qualify.

Championship Diary

Part One

On Friday evening the stragglers from the Bulletin, Brent, Monika, Ron, Herman and your humble scribe left the venue by taxi. Exiting onto the main road the driver was less than alert and failed to observe that a tram was on a collision course. Disaster was only averted by the lightning reactions of the tram driver and our heroes emerged unscathed. From now on we are taking the tram!

Just before the start of play Scotland's Liz McGowan popped into the Press Room to leave her net book. It is a garish pink. Liz's husband told her he bought it because the colour would deter any potential thief. Liz thinks he got it because it was reduced.

While we were approached by a charming young lady whilst we were walking back to our hotel. 'Would you like to go pole dancing?' she enquired. 'I've never been any good at it' replied Ron. 'Ron, you're so MoneySuperMarket.' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jye8QUnjG10>)

The World Computer Championships started yesterday. The rule book for the event consists of three pages. 'Less is more' is an idea that might just catch on.

The Captain of the England Open Team, Chris Dixon, posted this on the English Bridge Union's blog of the event:

'Far be it for me to say I have a team of monkeys, but they do consume an awful lot of bananas.'

David Burn observed that the playing cards in his 'goodie' bag are dated 2017. As he remarked, 'Good to know we will be back next year'.

Open Teams R/16 - S1

Poland v Switzerland

By Jos Jacobs

Group B winners Poland had chosen Group A no. 5 Switzerland as their opponents for the Round of 16. Often enough, we have seen teams being defeated by their first-choice opponents, and every match in the knock-out phase is traditionally difficult for both teams, albeit for different reasons. Don't forget the matches are over 96 boards from now on.

On board 2, the Swiss might consider themselves just a shade unlucky.

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Igla</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

In the replay, West made a very heavy raise to 2♠ so the Poles never came close to considering a slam. Just made, +420 and 11 IMPs to Poland.

Another slam, and a pretty good one, a few boards later.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Nikolenkov</i>	<i>M Klukowski</i>
		1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

After West's forcing INT response, 3♠ showed three spades and 10-12 hcp. 4♣ then was a serious slam try, followed by a series of cuebids in which the redouble of 4♦ confirmed first-round control of the suit. If trumps are not breaking too badly, the contract basically depends on the double finesse in clubs so the overall chances are just over 50%, I would estimate.

South led a diamond, declarer winning dummy's ace for a heart discard. Trumps were successfully drawn in four rounds; but now declarer was a little short of entries to dummy for the two club finesses. When he decided to play ♣A and another, he was down three, since he ran out of trumps when North returned a diamond after winning the first of his two club tricks.

Had declarer played the ♣Q from dummy, or a low club to his ten, at any time, he would have survived...As it was, Poland scored +150.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Nikolenkov</i>	<i>M Klukowski</i>
		1♣	Rdbl
1♦	1♥	Dble	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

By bidding his three suits, North confirmed his three-suited hand – a relatively infrequent possibility of the Polish club. 4♦ thus confirmed the void and the heart cuebid was all Gawrys needed.

With the contract right-sided, Gawrys had little trouble in making 12 tricks on a diamond lead by ruffing out that suit and throwing one spade loser on the ♥A.. Poland +1370.

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Igla</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
		1♣	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

For the Swiss, the 1♠ response denied any four-card major but 3♣ looks a real underbid to me, though no alternative action but a splinter to 3♥ really jumps out. Switzerland +660 on a heart lead by West but 12 more IMPs to Poland to take a 31-4 lead.

The score had moved to 32-10 when this board appeared:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 7 ♥ Q 5 ♦ A 10 9 8 7 5 3 ♣ 10 8 7		♠ 10 9 ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ Q 2 ♣ K J 9 6 5 4	♠ A Q J 3 ♥ A J 9 7 3 ♦ K 6 4 ♣ 3
West Magnusson	North Gawrys	East Nikolenkov	South M Klukowski

			1♠ All Pass
3♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Looking at a few nice aces and a ruffing value, Nikolenkov made the entirely natural raise to 5♦. On the spade lead, declarer made an overtrick by ruffing out the ♠K for a heart discard but the contract was never in danger. Switzerland +420.

			1♠ All Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

East's off-shape 3NT bid might well have come off but when Piedra found the inspired lead of the ♣Q, the defenders rattled off the first six tricks. Switzerland another +100 and 11 IMPs back.

Two boards later, the Swiss handed back these IMPs, as they say:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q 9 8 5 ♥ 5 ♦ K J 10 9 7 ♣ A 7 6		♠ A J 10 ♥ K Q 9 7 6 ♦ Q 8 ♣ K 4 2	♠ K 6 4 3 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ 6 5 3 ♣ 10 9 8
West Magnusson	North Gawrys	East Nikolenkov	South M Klukowski

In the Open Room, the Poles had little trouble:

			2♣ 3♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	All Pass

4♥ is a bit high but only very well-timed defence beats it. Diamond lead by East and a spade back before both the ♥A and the ♣A are gone. (In both tables of Monaco-Austria West bid 2♦, by the way.)

When East led a club to partner's ace, it was already too late. West can return a spade but then, declarer goes up with the ace and drives out the ace of trumps. The diamond loser goes on the 13th club. Poland +620.

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Igła	Mazurkiewicz	Piedra
Dble	INT	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
	All Pass		

Once North opened INT rather than 1♥, South was in trouble. Over INT, he showed much more discipline than his Polish counterpart but when 2♦, part of West's two-suiter, came back to him, he felt stuck — though a double would have solved his problem. Anyway, with no game on, conceding -90 was unlikely to be a disaster until the score in the other room became known...

Poland thus added 12 more IMPs and eventually were leading 50-21 after 16 boards.

Championship Diary

Part Two

Electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms.

There is no mention of hearing aids. As David Burn observes, a hearing aid that cannot receive information is not a lot of use.

Pacemakers are electronic devices and we know of at least one player who has one. Former ACBL President Donald Mamula, writing on the most influential site in bridge, bridgewinners.com imagined this scenario:

It's the final board of the World Bridge Games. Up by 10 IMPs, and you are on lead against a close slam. Depending on your choice of lead, your team either wins or loses. You carefully consider your choice and tentatively pull out the ace from AK94.

At this point, team captain Ernst Stavro Blofeld is busy watching the video feed and the VuGraph. Desperate for a win, Blofeld sees that the lead of the ace will hand declarer the contract and the championship.

In an effort to pull out the win, Blofeld flips a switch on his desk. This sends a signal through the Internet to the box controlling your pacemaker. The pacemaker goes into overdrive, causing the fatal heart attack before you can play a card. In the confusion, a replacement player is secretly briefed, comes in to defend and makes the killing lead from Qxx.

Coming soon in the next Bond movie, From Wrocław With Love.



Open Teams R/16 - S1

USA v Spain



By Brent Manley

The round of 16 match between USA and Spain promised to be a good one. Both teams performed well in the round robin qualifying, Spain finishing third in Group C, USA fourth in Group B.

The Americans sent Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson against Federico Goded and Luis Lantaron in the open room. In the closed room, it was Gonzalo Goded and Jordi Sabate for Spain against Brian Platnick and John Diamond.

This deal, the second of the match, gave the first big swing to Spain.

Lantaron started with a low diamond, ruffed by Hampson. He cashed a high spade, noting the fall of the 10, went to dummy with the ♠Q and pulled trumps. To get to 12 tricks, Hampson had to play clubs for one loser. His choice was the ♣A followed by a low club, which was wrong on this occasion, resulting in minus 50 and an 11-IMP loss because the contract at the other table was the same but 12 tricks were trivial after South started with the ♣6. Spain was ahead 11-4.

The Americans lost more ground on this deal:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Greco	F. Goded	Hampson	Lantaron
		1♣*	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

1♣ Precision: 16+ any hand
1♥ Fewer than three spades, 8+ HCP

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

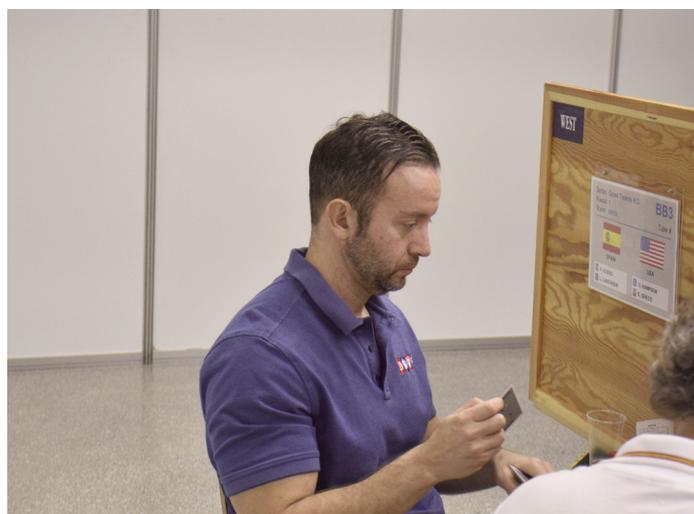
	♠ K 10 6 2		
	♥ J 7 2		
	♦ Q 6 2		
	♣ A 7 3		
♠ A J 5 4 3		♠ 9 8	
♥ K 10 9		♥ A 8 5 4	
♦ 8 5		♦ A K 10	
♣ Q 5 2		♣ J 9 8 4	
	♠ Q 7		
	♥ Q 6 3		
	♦ J 9 7 4 3		
	♣ K 10 6		

West	North	East	South
Greco	F. Goded	Hampson	Lantaron
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

Lantaron started with the ♦4 to the queen and Hampson's ace. At trick two, Hampson played a club to dummy's queen and North's ace. The diamond return went to the 10 and South's jack. Another diamond cleared the suit. Hampson played the ♠8 from hand, inserting the jack. North won the king and played a club to the 9 and South's 10. Lantaron cashed two diamonds and got out with the ♠Q. Hampson had to settle for five tricks and minus 300. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
G. Goded	Platnick	Sabate	Diamond
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Platnick's low heart lead went to the queen and king. Declarer played a spade from hand to dummy's 8, South winning the queen. A heart went to the 10, jack and king, followed by a spade to the ace and another spade. The opponents cashed their high clubs, but declarer had eight tricks for plus 110 and a 9-IMP swing. It was 20-5 for Spain. Most of that lead was wiped out on this deal:



Eric Greco, USA

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ K J 8 5		
	♥ A J 10 9		
	♦ —		
	♣ A Q 8 6 3		
♠ Q 9 6	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ A 7 4 3	
♥ 8 7 4 2		♥ Q 6 5 3	
♦ J 10 6 5 3		♦ K Q	
♣ 9		♣ 7 5 2	
	♠ 10 2		
	♥ K		
	♦ A 9 8 7 4 2		
	♣ K J 10 4		

West	North	East	South
Greco	F. Goded	Hampson	Lantaran
	1♣	Dble	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Hampson led a heart to dummy's king, Goded overtaking with the ace to play the jack, establishing three tricks in that suit to go with five clubs and the ♦A for plus 600. Platnick and Diamond had a much better auction at the other table.

West	North	East	South
G. Goded	Platnick	Sabate	Diamond
	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

2♦ Three-suited hand with a singleton or void in diamonds
 2NT Asking
 3NT 4=4=0=5 shape

Diamond had work to do to land the slam, but he was up to the task. He took the opening club lead in hand with the king and played the ♦A, pitching a spade from dummy. He ruffed a diamond with dummy's ♣8, played a heart to the king and ruffed a diamond with the ♣Q, East showing out of diamonds. Realizing he wasn't going to set up the diamond suit, Diamond played a club to the jack and followed with the ♠10 from hand. Goded covered the ♠10 with the queen and Sabate took the king with the ace. A club went to dummy's ace, which was followed by the ♥J, covered by the queen and ruffed by declarer. Diamond then finished off his fine effort by playing a spade to the 8. When that held, Diamond could claim 12 tricks for plus 1370 and a 13-IMP gain.

The Americans had closed to within 2 IMPs. They took the lead on board 11 when Hampson and Greco bid a cold 5♦ for plus 400 against 4♦, making six, at the other table. USA was ahead 25-23.

Spain went back in front two boards later when they went plus at both tables for a 6-IMP gain. The see-saw match turned in favor of USA on board 14.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ 8 7 6		
	♥ A K		
	♦ Q 10 9 3		
	♣ K Q 7 5		
♠ Q 2	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ A J 3	
♥ 10 8 7 5 3		♥ Q 9 6 4 2	
♦ A K 8 7 2		♦ J 5 4	
♣ J		♣ 6 3	
	♠ K 10 9 5 4		
	♥ J		
	♦ 6		
	♣ A 10 9 8 4 2		

In the open room, Lantaran played in 4♠ with the N/S cards after opening 2♠. Greco started with a high diamond and continued with a second, ruffed by declarer. A heart to dummy was followed by a spade to the 10 and Greco's queen. Declarer won the return of the ♣J in dummy and played another spade. He was soon claiming plus 420. In the closed room:

West	North	East	South
Goded	Platnick	Sabate	Diamond
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♥
3♦	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Sabate led a heart, allowing Platnick to discard dummy's singleton diamond before starting on trumps. He lost only the queen and ace. The overtrick gave USA plus 690 for a 7-IMP gain and a 32-29 lead. It went away on the penultimate board.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q 8 7 3 2		
	♥ 6 2		
	♦ K 9 7		
	♣ A J 9		
♠ —	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ K J 5 4	
♥ 10 9 4 3		♥ A K Q J	
♦ A 6 5 3		♦ 8 4	
♣ Q 10 8 7 5		♣ K 6 2	
	♠ A 10 9 6		
	♥ 8 7 5		
	♦ Q J 10 2		
	♣ 4 3		

West	North	East	South
Greco	F. Goded	Hampson	Lantaran
			Pass
Pass	1♠	INT	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Hampson's low spots in spades and the bad layout of the club suit doomed the 3NT contract. Lantaran started with the ♠10, an unblocking move that paid off well. Hampson

took the ♠Q with the king and tried the ♣K, ducked by Goded. A second club went to North's jack, and the ♠8 was ducked by Hampson. Another spade went to the 9 and the ace dropped declarer's jack. A club to the ace allowed Goded to cash the sixth trick for the defense, good for plus 100.

Could 4♥ be made? Yes, with a defensive error.

West	North	East	South
G. Goded	Platnick	Sabate	Diamond
Pass	1♠	1NT	2♠
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Diamond started with the ♦Q, overtaken by Platnick to switch to a trump. Sabate won and played the ♣K next. The contract can be defeated if North plays low on that trick, but Platnick won the ♣A to play another trump.

Now declarer could win, play a diamond to the ace, ruff a

diamond, followed by a club to the queen and another diamond ruff. When declarer exits with a club, which establishes the suit, the defenders have no answer. South still has a trump, but if he uses it to ruff the club, he will be ruffing his partner's trick. South discards, North wins and returns a spade. It doesn't matter what spade declarer plays. He can ruff in dummy, pull the last outstanding trump with the ♥10 and claim with two good clubs.

Ducking the ♣A on the first round deprives declarer of the extra entry to dummy to ruff a diamond and later establish the club suit. Plus 100 and plus 420 gave Spain 11 IMPs and a final tally in the opening set of 40-32.

Something strange happened on board 16. On vugraph, the auction was recorded as four passes (later changed to 3♦ by North), despite the fact that the dealer had a fine 14-point hand. At the other table, the board was recorded as Pass by West (the dealer) and 6♦ from North on a four-card suit and a hand with 8 HCP.

Every IMP Counts

By Mark Horton

Lest you are in any doubt, the IMP scale that reflects the value of a single trick was evidenced by the dramatic finish in the Mixed Teams.

New Zealand finished with the bye, which meant they were relying on England or India not bettering their total of 208.53.

India could not make any progress against Hungary, so everything depended on the match between the USA and England.

When the last board settled on the table, England trailed 9-30 and needed to score some IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ornstein	Hydes	Picus	Gross
1♥	Dble	Pass	2♥*
Dble	2♠	3♥	Dble
All Pass			

North led the jack of hearts and declarer won and played a diamond. If North goes up with the ace and switches to a spade the defenders will collect +300, but he not unreasonably played low and declarer won, finessed in hearts, drew trumps and played a spade, escaping for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	Moss	Seale	Winestock
1♥	Dble	Pass	2♥*
3♥	Pass	4♥	Dble
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

It looked all over for England when South doubled 4♥, but when North took it out there was a glimmer of hope.

West cashed a heart and switched to a diamond. Declarer could do no better than nine tricks, +300 for England, giving them nine IMPs. They had lost 18-30 IMPs, giving them 6.29-VP. When the score flashed up on the monitor their total was 208.54.

Do you remember the score they had to beat?

It was 208.53.

Open Teams R/16 - S2
Netherlands v Russia
 Small margins

By Micke Melander

In the round of 16 first set of Netherlands – Russia, the Dutch took the set 24-23. So with very small margins for error, but a long way to go, there was all to play for.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Bavchine</i>	<i>Nab</i>
Pass	1♦	2♥	2♠
Dble	2NT	Pass	4♠
	All Pass		

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Vorobei</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Sliva</i>
Pass	1♦	3♥	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
	5♦	All Pass	



Pavel Vorobei, Russia

Sliva's Four Hearts in the Closed Room should have worked out better than it did, when he gave his partner the alternatives to choose from playing in spades or diamonds, especially given what happened in the Open Room.

Perhaps South should have removed himself to Five Diamonds when he got doubled in 4♠ (on Vugraph, North pulled to 4NT and South corrected to 5♦ for +400). However, never argue with success. When Khiuppenen led the ace of hearts it was all over, declarer ruffed, pulled one trump and played a diamond to the ace to be able to cash his hearts, pitching clubs from hand, just losing the three trump tricks for plus 590.

In the closed room, Vorobei declared Five Diamonds, a contract that at first sight looks (and in fact is) solid — with just two club losers. East led a spade, declarer went up with the ace and had to choose his destiny. Vorobei went for a reasonable game plan when he played a diamond to the ace and took the ruffing finesse in hearts, expecting East to have the ace. When that lost and West returned another trump, it was all over when the spades broke badly. East had preempted in hearts, so declarer should have been more careful and ruffed a spade high in hand at trick two to see if he could find some information about what was going on. That would for sure have left him on the right track to make the contract.

One off was a double swing for Netherlands and 12 quick IMPs! The Russian team soon struck back.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Bavchine</i>	<i>Nab</i>
1♣	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Vorobei</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Sliva</i>
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Nab got the ace of spades lead and a club switch from West. He then had to choose how to continue from dummy. Nab decided to play for hearts 2-2 and then try to solve diamonds if it worked, by cashing the ace and king of hearts. When they proved to be 3-1 he simply took a ruffing finesse through East in diamonds. But still it he had to lose a trick to the queen of trumps for one down. In the Closed Room, Vorobei had no problem winning ten tricks for 10 IMPs to Russia.

Board 20. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Bavchine</i>	<i>Nab</i>
1♣	Dble	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Vorobei</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Sliva</i>
1♣	1♦	1♥(♠)	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

All the bidding in diamonds by the opponents improved Bas Drijver's hand and the Dutch had no problems reaching their excellent game despite a shortage of high-card points. With the spades behaving, declarer had no problem coming to eleven tricks. Neither was it any real challenge for Khiuppenen to gather ten tricks in spades in the open room. Still, that was 10 IMPs to Netherlands.

Two segments are over, and we can be sure there will be a lot more swings to be enjoyed by the audience.

Bricks without Straw

By Mark Horton

Everyone is aware of the biblical origin of my title, which refers to a task which must be done without appropriate resources. On this deal from the second session of the round of 16, declarer faced a tough assignment:

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Padon</i>
1♣*	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	All Pass	1♠	Pass

23 points is usually enough to generate seven tricks, but watch what happened: North led the ten of hearts for the king and ace and declarer played a spade to the king and a diamond, ducking when the king appeared. He won the heart return and played the nine of diamonds, North winning with the ten as South pitched the two of clubs. A third heart cleared the suit and the queen of clubs was covered by the king and ace. A club to the nine saw North win with the jack and return the eight of spades. When declarer put in dummy's ten South was delighted to win with the jack and cash two hearts for one down, +100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Herbst</i>	<i>Hinden</i>	<i>Herbst</i>	<i>Osborne</i>
INT	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

Having climbed considerably higher, you might expect declarer to struggle even more, but....

North led the nine of hearts and declarer took South's king with the ace, played a spade to the king and a diamond to the king and ace. A spade to the queen (perhaps North should put up the ace and exit with a spade) South following with the jack, was followed by a diamond to the nine and ten, South pitching the nine of spades. North returned the ten of hearts and declarer won, cashed a heart pitching a club from dummy and exited with a spade to endplay North. Her club exit ran to declarer's nine and dummy's ace of clubs and ten of spades were the game going tricks, +600 and 12 IMPs.

Open Teams R/16 - S2

Italy v Canada

By Jos Jacobs

After 16 of the 96 scheduled boards, Canada were leading by the odd IMP so we had every right to expect an interesting second segment. Italy regained the lead on the first board and added to it on the very next: -

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 3 ♥ Q 10 ♦ K J 9 8 4 3 2 ♣ K 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 10 9 5 ♥ 7 6 5 4 3 ♦ Q ♣ Q 8 6	
♠ J 7 4 2 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ 10 7 6 ♣ 7 5 2		♠ K 8 6 ♥ A J 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ A J 10 9 4	

West	North	East	South
<i>Fergani</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Manno</i>
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

2♦ showed a balanced 18-19 count and 4♦ was a natural slam try, which North later converted into a slam himself. Italy +1390 when West led a friendly heart and the ♦9 safety-play brought down the ♦Q.

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Avossa</i>	<i>N Gartaganis</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>J Gartaganis</i>
Pass	3NT	2♦	2NT
		All Pass	



Kamel Fergani, Canada

East's 2♦ showed majors but now, North apparently was not on firm ground as to partner's strength. Over a strong no-trump, (or so) isn't North worth even one teeny-weeny try? Canada +690 but 12 IMPs to Italy who were suddenly 15 IMPs up.

Two boards later, the Canadian E/W showed some better bidding than their Italian counterparts:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K 10 7 ♥ 8 5 4 2 ♦ A K Q 8 ♣ 7 5	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A Q 5 3 2 ♥ Q J 7 6 ♦ 7 ♣ J 10 4	
♠ J 4 ♥ A K ♦ 10 4 3 2 ♣ K Q 9 8 3		♠ 9 8 6 ♥ 10 9 3 ♦ J 9 6 5 ♣ A 6 2	

West	North	East	South
<i>Fergani</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Manno</i>
1♣	Dble	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

On a low trump lead, 5♣ will struggle — since declarer needs one diamond ruff to come to 11 tricks with the help of the spade finesse. If South wins the trump ace and returns the suit, declarer can ruff out spades. On a trump ducked, declarer ruffs out spades and unblocks hearts, then ducks a diamond to leave the defenders helpless between allowing the cross-ruff or letting declarer draw trumps ending in dummy to run the spades.

After North cashed his ♦A, it was already too late for an effective trump attack. North continued with a diamond but declarer ruffed in dummy, led a heart to his hand and advanced the ♠J, covered by North. Another heart to hand, diamond ruff and the last diamond then went on dummy's high heart. Just made, Canada +750.

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Avossa</i>	<i>N Gartaganis</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>J Gartaganis</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

On the lead of a top diamond and a heat shift, declarer could not avoid the loss of five tricks in the minors. Canada another +100 and 13 IMPs back to them.

On board 23, Di Franco found a fine line of play in his 3NT:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ A 8					
	♥ A K 8					
	♦ A 5 3					
	♣ J 9 6 5 2					
♠ 10	<table style="margin: auto; border: none;"> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 9 6 5 2	
N						
W E						
S						
♥ J 10 6 4		♥ Q 5 3 2				
♦ J 10 8 7		♦ 6 2				
♣ A Q 4 3		♣ K 10				
	♠ K Q 7 4 3					
	♥ 9 7					
	♦ K Q 9 4					
	♣ 8 7					

West	North	East	South
<i>Fergani</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Manno</i>
			Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♥2 to Di Franco's ace and declarer continued the ♠A and another. East was forced to cover with the nine and dummy won, West throwing a heart (the first small but not critical error, since a club would have simplified things for the defence). At this point if declarer runs the club eight and ducks a heart, the defence can prevail only by playing a third heart. Declarer wins and ducks a club and now East must not cash his heart winner to squeeze his partner but must exit in diamonds.

In fact though, at trick four declarer's next move was to duck a heart. West covered the ♥9 and was allowed to hold this. Rather than continuing the suit, he exited with the ♦J, which gave declarer some slim chances of finding an endplay against either opponent. He won the king in dummy and led a club to his nine and East's ten. Had East cashed ♣K and got out with a diamond, the defenders would have been in control. Instead, at the table, East exited with a heart but it did not help him.

Declarer cashed his ♦A and exited in clubs. Poor East could cash a heart but would have to present declarer with two spade tricks in the end. Alternatively, West could overtake the club king but would then have to give two diamond tricks to dummy at the end.

Just made, Italy +600.

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Avossa</i>	<i>N Gartaganis</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>J Gartaganis</i>
			Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When declarer, after an almost identical auction and lead, won the first heart and immediately ran the ♠8 to West's ten, he could no longer make the contract...Italy another +100 and 12 IMPs to them.

On the penultimate board of the set, Di Franco showed proper technique:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ J 10 4 3					
	♥ A Q 10 9 8					
	♦ A K Q					
	♣ A					
♠ A Q 8 7 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: none;"> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 5	
N						
W E						
S						
♥ 7 3 2		♥ K 5				
♦ J 4 3		♦ 10 8 7 6 5				
♣ K 5		♣ 10 8 6 3 2				
	♠ K 9 6					
	♥ J 6 4					
	♦ 9 2					
	♣ Q J 9 7 4					

West	North	East	South
<i>Fergani</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Manno</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

First of all, Di Franco suggested 3NT as an alternative final contract – an idea welcomed by Manno, looking at his spade holding under the overcall. In 4♥, you would get three rounds of spades first, after which you would have to guess the remaining heart position for your contract. Not obvious to guess right. (though if West passes initially and East shifts to a club after ruffing the third spade, declarer might drop the ♥K. This happened at rather more tables than you might think. Alex Ornstein was one of the declarers in the mixed who worked out what to do on a club shift., West being an initial passed hand. Does that mean that East should play a diamond at trick four — knowing a club loser could never go away? I think so).

In 3NT, not much guessing is required. East leads the ♦5 and you run the ♠J. West wins the queen and returns the ♦4, confirming that the suit breaks 5-3. At this point, East's only possible entry, the ♥K, has to be removed quickly. If West can win the ♥K, there will be no danger as he will be out of diamonds at the crucial stage of the play. East won his ♥K and could do no better than exit in diamonds but now, Di Franco had 10 tricks after giving up one more spade. Italy +630.

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Avossa</i>	<i>N Gartaganis</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>J Gartaganis</i>
			Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The defence started, as I suggested above, with three rounds of spades, East ruffing the third and exiting in clubs.

Declarer won the ace and now has to find a way to get to dummy to take the heart finesse. It could hardly have occurred to him, in view of the opening bid, that laying down the ♠A first might have been a quicker and more effective solution...

When declarer led the ♠J from his hand, intending to ruff it in dummy, East inserted his ♥K for a quick one down. Italy another +100 and 12 more IMPs After 32 boards, they were leading 101-60.

Not asleep at the wheel

By Brent Manley

On this deal from the round of 16 match between USA and Spain, Eric Greco showed that he is tuned into what is going on at the table:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

The bidding was short and sweet: South opened 1NT, North bid 3NT.

Greco started with the ♣5, taken in dummy with the queen. At trick two, the Spanish declarer played a spade to his queen, Greco ducking. Trying to steal another trick, declarer played a club from hand. Greco went up with the ♣A and put the ♠A on the table. When that fetched the king, he continued the suit, collecting four tricks to defeat the contract. Plus 50 was good for an 11-IMP gain because at the other table, Kevin Bathurst got the same opening lead and made the same play at trick two. The Spanish West, however, won the ♠A and played another club, hoping to maintain communication in the suit with East.

That was enough for Bathurst, who cashed five heart tricks and later played a diamond to dummy's ace, dropping the king. Bathurst ended with 11 tricks for plus 460.

In the Netherlands-Russia match, Sjoert Brink found the perfect solution to his problem as declarer. He won the opening club lead in dummy and called for a low diamond. When the king popped up and West followed, Brink knew he had five diamond tricks to go with the hearts. The opponents could take the black aces, there was nothing else they could do. As with the USA-Spain match, this was a swing for the Dutch. At the other table, declarer got a club lead, played a heart to hand at trick two and played a diamond to dummy's queen, eventually going down.

FROM THE RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

For many years now we have been a proud member of the Olympic movement. We have amended our Constitution to comply with IOC requirements, we have adopted anti-doping measures and have done all we can to make Bridge an Olympic sport. But we want it to be a clean Olympic sport and to appear to be a clean Olympic sport.

So, many years ago we introduced Screens and Bidding Boxes. We now have our own Symmetric Cards and we have the technology to record matches. We have rules that tell the players how to use the bidding cards and how to handle the playing cards. Here in Wroclaw we are bringing in four more, so please make sure your players are aware of them:

1) Only Dummy or Declarer may remove the Tray from the table and only Dummy or Declarer may put the board back in the centre of the table.

2) During the auction all calls should touch the lower bar of that player's segment of the tray and overlap slightly the previous call.

3) Defenders must not intentionally vary the orientation of their played cards.

4) The opening lead must be faced before the Screen aperture is opened and only Declarer or Dummy may open the aperture or call for it to be opened.

If these and all other requirements are observed there should be no need for suspicion or accusation of unethical behaviour.

However, to a large extent it is up to the players to keep our game clean. They know when they are being cheated. And it is their duty to tell their captain who may advise his concerns to the Chief Tournament Director. It is preferable for the players to avoid confrontation at the table for they have enough work to do. Better to leave it to the NPCs.

Finally, let there be no mistake. The WBF will do whatever it takes to bring cheats to justice and it will enforce the penalties defined in the Laws without fear or favour.

John Wignall (Chairman.)





The Polish Corner



KTO GRA OSTRO, WYGRAĆ MUSI

Ruszyły play offy.... Mecze pierwszej rundy - 1/8 finału zakończą się w niedzielę wieczorem. Na razie trwa zacięta walka we wszystkich czterech meczach. Zwłaszcza w mikstach i seniorach trzeba wyszarpywać ciężką pracą każdy punkt.

Nasi reprezentanci grają typowego dla polskiego stylu gry, ofensywnego brydża. Popatrzmy na rozdanie z pierwszego segmentu:

Rozd. 5. NS po partii, rozd. N.

♠ KW 8 5		♠ A 7 4 3
♥ AW 10 9		♥ D 6 5 3
♦ -		♦ K D
♣ A D 8 6 3		♣ 7 5 2
♠ D 9 6		♠ 10 2
♥ 8 7 4 2		♥ K
♦ W 10 6 5 3		♦ A 9 8 7 4 2
♣ 9		♣ KW 10 4



W meczu open Polska - Szwajcaria, Szwajcarzy z kartami NS zagrali 3BA. Gawryś z Klukowskim docenili wartości układowe swoich rąk:

West	North	East	South
Magnusson	Gawryś	Nikolenkov	M.Klukowski
	1♣	ktr.	rktr.
1♦	1♥	pas	2♦
pas	2♠	pas	3♣
pas	4♦	pas	4♥
pas	6♣	pas...	

1♥ pokazywało, że Piotr ma kartę interesującą. Zresztą, po tej licytacji, dla Michała nie było tajemnicą, że partner ma

krótkość karo i nie zaważał się przed pokazaniem czwórki treflowej. To, w połączeniu z późniejszymi cue bidami, wystarczyło, aby N doprowadził do szlemika. Po ataku królem karo trzeba było trochę porozgrywać, ale kontra praktycznie zdradziła położenie damy kier i Gawryś sobie z tym poradził. Po ataku królem karo przebił w ręce, przeszedł do stołu królem kier, przebił w ręce kolejne karo. Teraz zagrał asa kier (ze stołu pik) i waleta kier - E pobił damą, przebitka w stole. Teraz karo przebite damą trefl (E zrzuci kiera) i dziesiątka kier. E przebił atutem. Karo przebite asem trefl i ściągnięcie atutów. W stole zostały as i forta karo - w ten sposób szlemik został wygrany.

W meczu kobiet z Turczynki wyhamowały w końcówce treflowej, a nasza para, bez interwencji, doszła do szlemika:

West	North	East	South
Demirbilek	Dufrat	Metin	muda
	1♣	pas	2♦
pas	2♥	pas	3♣
pas	4♣	pas	4♦
pas	4♥	pas	5♣
pas	6♣	pas...	

E zawistowała asem pik i powtórzyła pika, co praktycznie zakończyło rozgrywkę.

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