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## Only France Can Relax

Accepting his award as Personality of the Year, **José Damiani** remarked that it was an acknowledgement of the contribution made by the WBF Executive and everyone involved in the organization of the championships.



Yesterday saw some exciting bridge, as the eight teams contesting the semifinals of the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup traded IMPs. With two sessions to play today, only **France's** Venice Cup team can be confident of reaching a final. They have simply been too strong for **USA II**, especially in the second session, which they won 64-8 IMPs.

It is hard to predict whom they will meet, as although **Germany** has looked like pulling away on several occasions, **Austria** is still in contention. Still, with a 19 IMP advantage, it is **Germany** who will sleep the sounder. In the Bermuda Bowl, **USA II** took an early lead over **Poland** and maintained it throughout the day, to go into today's concluding deals 23 IMPs ahead. Meanwhile **Norway** is in a strong position to end the hopes of **Italy**. There was a point during the second session when the Italians appeared to be continuing where they left off against **USA I**, but they could not consolidate and since then their opponents have taken full advantage of some uncharacteristic Italian errors. 46 IMPs is not decisive, but the wind will need to change direction.

After seven rounds, **France** leads the way in the Transnational event, **Bureau** leading from **Reid's New Zealanders**. **Israel's Grinberg** and the **England/USA Hackett** are tied for third place.

### VUGRAPH MATCHES

**Bermuda Bowl – Semi-final (Session 5) – 10.30**

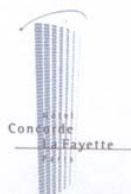
**POLAND v USA II**

**Semi-final (Session 6) – 13.20**

**to be decided**

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# Bermuda Bowl

Semi-finals									
		Carry-over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Total
1	POLAND USA II	3 - 0	8 - 33	50 - 30	11 - 21	27 - 38			99 -122
2	NORWAY ITALY	16 - 0	21 - 19	24 - 41	32 - 14	53 - 26			146 -100

# Venice Cup

Semi-finals									
		Carry-over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Total
3	FRANCE USA II	15.5 - 0	24 - 16	64 - 8	27 - 21	36 - 38			166.5 - 83
4	GERMANY AUSTRIA	16 - 0	27 - 45	31 - 27	54 - 36	47 - 48			175 -156

## Transnational Schedule

**Wednesday 31 October**

13.00 Match 8  
 14.50 Match 9  
 16.30 Match 10  
 18.20 Match 11

**Thursday 1 November**

11.00 Match 12  
 14.00 Match 13  
 15.50 Match 14  
 17.30 Match 15

**Friday 2 November**

10.30 Semi-Final Session 1  
 13.20 Semi-Final Session 2  
 17.10 Final Session 1

**Saturday 3 November**

10.30 Final Session 2  
 13.20 Final Session 3

## Bridge Magazine

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## Invitations for the Victory Banquet

**Saturday 3rd November, 17.00 hours at the Hotel Concorde La Fayette**

It is important that, if you wish to attend the Victory Banquet, your Team Captain collects the invitations for your team from the Hospitality Desk on Wednesday 31st October between 10.30 a.m. and 4 p.m, so that we know the number of people wishing to attend. There will be no admission to the Banquet for people not having an invitation.

It will be impossible to issue additional invitations after 4 p.m.

Regrettably, we are obliged to limit the numbers on this occasion, and invitations will thus be given on a "first come, first served" basis.

**SESSION 2** Bermuda Bowl / Semi-final



**Norway v Italy**



Norway led by 37-19 at the end of the first set of their semi-final with Italy but, after a couple of flat boards to start set two, the Italians soon set about reducing that lead.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Brogeland	Bocchi	Saelensminde	Duboin
Pass	1♦	1♥	1♣
1♠	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Norberto Bocchi's 1♦ response allowed Erik Saelensminde to overcall 1♥ with the East cards in the Closed Room and he followed up with a strong raise of Boye Brogeland's 1♠ response. Brogeland had no reason to go on to game of course. Bocchi led his club against 3♠ and Brogeland won the ace and crossed to the ace of diamonds. He threw his remaining diamond on the ace of hearts and proceeded to crossruff his way to nine tricks for +140.

Helness/Helgemo bypass diamonds on moderate responding hands and Lorenzo Lauria judged to pass at his first turn when hearts were bid on his right. Despite his heart length, however, Lauria balanced with a take-out double when 2♥ came back around, then cuebid at his next turn. Alfredo Versace won the club lead and played the ♣J, which gave Tor Helness a problem and he considered ruffing in, in case Versace held the ♣10 and was intending to pass the jack to aid in establishing the suit. Finally Helness chose to discard a heart and Versace ruffed in dummy. With Helness in a position to discard a heart every time that dummy ruffed a club, the timing had to be spot on from here if Versace was to avoid a fatal over-ruff. He cashed the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart, then crossed to the ace of diamonds and ruffed another heart. Only now could he afford to go after club ruffs. The next five tricks saw alternate club and diamond ruffs and Versace had a wonderful +620 and Italy +10 IMPs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Brogeland	Bocchi	Saelensminde	Duboin
1♥	Dble	2♥	3♣
3♥	4♣	All Pass	

What a difference a lead makes! Saelensminde led the ace of hearts and switched to a low diamond on seeing dummy. Bocchi won and played on trumps and soon had eleven tricks stacked in front of him; +650.

Lauria led the three of clubs and Helness could read this as being from shortage. He won the ♣J and finessed the queen of diamonds. No luck, and back came a second club. Helness won this one with the ace and, after considerable thought, played the ♣Q to pitch his heart loser. Lauria ruffed the club and played the ace of hearts and Helness ruffed and played the ♠Q. When Versace won this he played his last club through. Ruffing high would have meant only one down but Helness guessed to ruff with the eight and was over-ruffed. With a diamond still to lose, that was down two for -200 and 13 IMPs to Italy, who taken the lead in the match.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b> Versace	<b>North</b> Helness	<b>East</b> Lauria	<b>South</b> Helgemo
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

<b>West</b> Brogeland	<b>North</b> Bocchi	<b>East</b> Saelensminde	<b>South</b> Duboin
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♥
	4♥	All Pass	

The Italian run continued with a 3 IMP gain for an extra undertrick. I am not convinced that Helness had to bid all the way to game when Geir Helgemo admitted to a proper opening bid in response to the Drury enquiry, but bid it he did and the same contract was reached at the other table.

Versace led the ten of clubs to the queen and king and Lauria switched to the ♦3. The ♦J lost to the queen and Versace returned a club. Helgemo won the ace and passed the jack of hearts to the king. He ruffed the club continuation, laid down the ace of hearts and played on spades. One diamond went away on the fourth spade but that was still down two for -200.

In the other room, the defence began with a club to the queen and king and the ten of diamonds to the jack and queen. Brogeland cashed the ♦A now and at this point the play record comes to an end.

How Giorgio Duboin managed to get out for one off is hard to imagine but that is the result with which he is credited, so -100 and 3 IMPs to Italy.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b> Versace	<b>North</b> Helness	<b>East</b> Lauria	<b>South</b> Helgemo
1♠	Pass	2♦	All Pass

<b>West</b> Brogeland	<b>North</b> Bocchi	<b>East</b> Saelensminde	<b>South</b> Duboin
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	All Pass		Pass

This was a good board for a piece of Italian system. In the Closed Room, Brogeland had a close decision over Saelensminde's 2♦ rebid. He could not afford to pass because 2♦ is almost unlimited in standard methods, so his choice was between

a diamond raise and giving false preference to hearts. Brogeland chose the latter option but 2♥ did not play well for his side. Duboin's low spade lead ran to the ace and Bocchi switched to a low club. That collected the defence's two club tricks and there was still a diamond to come along with two trump tricks; down one for -100.

Lauria/Versace have an artificial 2♣ rebid for most 16+ hands so Lauria's 2♦ rebid was limited to around 15 HCP. That made it possible for Versace to pass at a comfortable level. Helgemo led the ten of diamonds and Lauria won in hand to play the jack of spades to the king and ace. Helness played a trump and Lauria won the king and continued with three rounds of hearts for a ruff. Helness did his best by refusing to over-ruff, but Lauria just ruffed a spade then took another heart ruff. Helness could over-ruff and see declarer win a heart and a diamond in hand, or could discard and see declarer make this and another trump trick via a spade ruff; +90 and 5 IMPs to Italy.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b> Versace	<b>North</b> Helness	<b>East</b> Lauria	<b>South</b> Helgemo
Brogeland	Bocchi	Saelensminde	Duboin
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The play record was deficient yet again. We know that Saelensminde received the lead of the queen of spades which he ducked, and a diamond switch – well done, Duboin. And we know that he ran the diamonds, with everyone throwing a club on the fourth round, but at this point the record comes to an abrupt end. As the contract was one down, we can infer that Saelensminde did not play a heart to the king then duck a heart, but what he did try is unclear. Anyway, that was 100 to Italy.

Helgemo also led a spade honour, the king, against Lauria. When the spade was ducked, he switched to a low heart to the

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outside to the Terrace.**

ace. Now Lauria had nine tricks; +600 and 12 IMPs to Italy, who had run off 43 unanswered IMPs to take a 25 IMP lead in the match.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo
1♣	1♦	1♥	Pass
Pass	3♦	4♣	2♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	4♦
			All Pass
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Brogeland	Bocchi	Saelensminde	Duboin
1♣	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♣	2♦	4♦	Dble
6♣	All Pass		5♦

Versace's 1♣ opening could have been as short as a doubleton, and Lauria's 1♥ showed spades. Helgemo showed a good diamond raise then competed further at his next turn, and the Italians were never in a position to contemplate the thin slam. In contrast, Brogeland promised genuine clubs. Saelensminde showed his spades then splintered in support of clubs and Brogeland was so impressed with the strength of his clubs that he gave himself a sixth club despite his minimum opening. With the spade finesse working and no bad news in trumps, both declarers made twelve tricks for +420 to +920; 11 IMPs to Norway.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Versace	Helness	Lauria	Helgemo
2♠	1♣	1♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass	3♣	Pass	5♣
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Brogeland	Bocchi	Saelensminde	Duboin
3♠	1♣	1♠	Dble
All Pass	Pass	4♠	Dble

I like Brogeland's pre-emptive 3♠ raise more than Versace's quiet 2♠, but the Italian style is generally a little less aggressive in this kind of position than some of we northern Europeans. Saelensminde could not really have expected to be making 4♠ but he knew of a ten-card fit and figured that he was probably going to have to bid it in a minute anyway so why not now, putting more pressure on his left-hand-opponent. Duboin's double closed proceedings and the defence took the six tricks which was its due; three down for -500.

Things were a good deal easier for North/South in the other room and Helness was soon playing the club game. At first sight, this is dependent on a successful diamond guess, but there is an extra chance and Helness duly took it. The lead was a spade to dummy's ace. Helness played a club to the ace and ruffed the ♠Q before cashing the hearts. Lauria was trapped. If he ruffed in he would be forced to either open up the diamonds or give a ruff and discard, while if he did not ruff in Helness would throw him in with a club anyway; +600 and 3 IMPs to Norway.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

We do not, unfortunately, have the bidding records for this deal, but it resulted in an 8 IMP swing to Norway, when Helness/Helgemo bid the North/South cards to the thin 4♠, making for +420, while Bocchi's mini no trump was passed out for +90 in the other room. That left the match score at 63-61 in favour of Italy after 32 deals.

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## HOW TO ENTER

In order to enter any of the events in the main Championships (not the Can-Am Regional) you will need to register in advance with your National Bridge Organisation (NBO), and they will then make the official nomination to the World Bridge Federation.

There is no quota on the number of pairs and teams each NBO may nominate to play in the Championships.

**Registration** for all Teams and Pairs events other than the Can-Am Regional, must be submitted for the approval of the Credentials Committee, **before the end of May**, in writing to:

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	US\$
Mixed Pairs	240
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Players not qualifying for the Semi Finals may play free of charge in Zonal Pairs	
Pairs qualifying for the Final (21/2 days):	80
Rosenblum and McConnell Teams	800
<i>players are guaranteed to play at least 5 days</i>	
Senior Teams	640
Senior Pairs	320
IMP Pairs	
<i>(players who participated in the Open &amp; Ladies Pairs pay 50%)</i>	160
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Can-Am Regional (per player/per Session)	10

## PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES

Contestants should note that all entrance fees are to be paid on site in US dollars or Canadian dollars and may be paid in cash or travellers cheques

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Air Canada is the official carrier for the Championships, and a limited number of seats are available for flights outside North America at between 15% and 20% discount (please quote Convention N° CV 664436).

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Fax: 1 514 844 6771

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Please note that the number of rooms at the venue hotels is limited and **you are advised to book early** if you wish to stay in either of the venue hotels.

Prices are shown in US\$ at the current rate of exchange (Can\$ 1.55 to US\$ 1) and are per room, per night, based on two people sharing.

The actual hotel charges may therefore vary depending on the rate of exchange in effect at the time, since they will be payable in Canadian Dollars.

All rates are subject to 7% Canadian tax, 7.5% Quebec tax and a \$2 per room per night hotel tax. (At the present time the 7% rate is refundable to non-Canadian visitors).

For those participants staying in de-luxe and standard rooms, breakfast in the Room Neuilly will be extended to 10.00 am

We remind players that they must check their departure dates with the hotel and extend these if necessary.



### World Championship Schedule of Play

16 August	Invitation Par Contest		Opening Ceremony	
17 August	Mixed Pairs - qualifying 1/2			
18 August	Mixed Pairs: 3rd qualifying session & 1st Final & Zonal sessions	Zonal		
19 August	Mixed Pairs 2nd & 3rd Sessions Final	Mixed Pairs		
20 August	Rosenblum / McConnell		Juniors Teams	
21 August	Rosenblum / McConnell		Juniors Teams	
22 August	Rosenblum / McConnell		Juniors Pairs	
23 August	Rosenblum (64) / McConnell (32)	Zonal Teams	Juniors Pairs	Seniors Teams
24 August	Rosenblum (32) / McConnell (16)	Zonal Teams	Juniors Individual	Seniors Teams
25 August	Rosenblum (16) / McConnell (8)	Pairs Qualifying		Seniors Teams
26 August	Rosenblum (8) / McConnell (4)	Pairs Qualifying		Seniors Teams
27 August	Rosenblum (4) / McConnell (2)	Pairs - Semi Final	Zonal Pairs	Seniors Pairs
28 August	Rosenblum (2)	Pairs - Semi Final	Zonal Pairs	Seniors Pairs
29 August		Pairs - Final	IMP Pairs	Seniors Pairs
30 August		Pairs - Final	IMP Pairs	Seniors Pairs
31 August		Pairs - Final (one session)	Closing Ceremony	

The **Can-Am Regional** will run throughout the Championships, starting on the evening of 16 August and continuing until the evening of 02 September. There will be pairs and teams events during the morning, afternoon and evening each day, open to all bridge players. WBF Master Points will be awarded in accordance with the WBF Master Point Plan, and ACBL Master Points will also be awarded.

Hotels	Walking Distance (minutes)	Standard Rooms	Executive Deluxe Rooms	Gold Cut off (concierge) rooms Suites	date for reservations
<b>2002</b>					
<b>Host Hotels</b>					
<b>Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel</b> 900 Rene Levesque Bl. W	0	112	125	151 From 190	15-Jul
<b>Montreal Bonaventure Hilton</b> 1 Place Bonaventure	0	137	172	From 290	15-Jul
<b>Nearby Hotels</b>					
<b>Chateau Royal Hotel Suites</b> 1420 Crescent Street (apartment style hotel)	9	87 122 (quad - 2 bedrooms)			01-Jul
<b>Day's Inn</b> 1005 Guy St (10th night free)	10	77 83 (triple) 90 (quad)			15-Jul
<b>Hotel du Fort</b> 1390 Fort Street (possible complimentary taxi)	15	103	120		15-May
<b>Le Cantlie</b> (1110 Sherbrooke St W)	8	107			15-May
<b>Le Nouvel</b> 1740 Rene Levesque Blvd W	12	100			15-May
<b>Novotel</b> 1180 Mountain St	6	103 113 (triple) 122 (quad)			02-Jul

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SESSION 3

Venice Cup / Quarter-Final

By Tony Gordon (England)



USA I v Germany



A big second set had put Germany in control in this match and USA I trailed by 67 IMPs going into the third session. USA I needed to stem the tide, and they achieved this goal aided by some aggressive bidding from Karen McCallum.

The first board set the trend.



Katrin Farwig, Germany

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Meyers	Auken	Montin	von Arnim
	Pass	1♠	5♣
5♠	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Daniela von Arnim's preempt did not prevent Randi Montin and Jill Meyers from reaching the spade slam. There was only one

trump loser, so USA I scored +980.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Farwig	McCallum	Hackett	Sanborn
	2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	2NT	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

<sup>(1)</sup> 0-10 with 5 hearts

At the other table, Karen McCallum's weak 2♥ opening put a different perspective on the hand. Whether E-W would have reached the slam if Barbara Hackett had doubled is unclear, but when she reasonably bid 2NT instead, Katrin Farwig decided to take the money against 5♣ rather than venture into the unknown. 5♣ lost the obvious five tricks, so USA I scored -500 but gained 10 IMPs.

A wrong diamond guess in 4♣ on board 4 and a poor slam on board 5 meant that USA I trailed 23-10 after six boards; however the next two boards turned the set around.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Farwig	McCallum	Hackett	Sanborn
	2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	4♥	Pass
1♥			4♠
All Pass			

<sup>(1)</sup> Michaels

A club lead will defeat 4♠, but Farwig naturally led a heart and Kerri Sanborn was able to dispose of dummy's club loser on the ♥K. +620 to USA I.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Meyers	Auken	Montin	von Arnim
	1♠	4♥	1♦
1♥		All Pass	Pass
Pass	5♦		

The South hand was an automatic 1♦ opener for von Arnim, but she could not conveniently show her three-card spade support thereafter, so Sabine Auken settled for 5♦. However, that contract had the same three losers as 4♠, so Auken was one



down and USA I gained 12 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ 10 9 8 4 2						
	♥ A K 8 7 5						
	♦ 6						
	♣ Q 7						
♠ J 6 5	<table border="0" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">N</td><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">W</td><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ A K Q 7	
N	E						
W	S						
♥ J		♥ 6					
♦ A Q 10 8 5 3		♦ K 9 4					
♣ 9 5 4		♣ A 10 8 3 2					
	♠ 3						
	♥ Q 10 9 4 3 2						
	♦ J 7 2						
	♣ K J 6						

West	North	East	South
Farwig	McCallum	Hackett	Sanborn
Pass	2♠ <sup>(1)</sup>	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

<sup>(1)</sup> 0-10 with 5 spades

Docile bidding by Germany let USA I play peacefully in 4♥. There were only three aces to lose and USA I scored +420.

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Auken	Montin	von Arnim
3♦	Pass	4♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Dble
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> Keycard ask

In contrast, USA I got in the first blow in the other room and Germany could not get their act together. Meyers lost a heart and a club and USA I scored +400 for a gain of 13 IMPs, and now led 35-23 in the set.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ K J 9 3 2						
	♥ 3						
	♦ Q 9 6 5						
	♣ A Q 10						
♠ A Q 7	<table border="0" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">N</td><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">W</td><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ 8 5 4	
N	E						
W	S						
♥ A 7 6 4 2		♥ K J 10 8					
♦ 8		♦ A K 10 3 2					
♣ 9 7 4 3		♣ J					
	♠ 10 6						
	♥ Q 9 5						
	♦ J 7 4						
	♣ K 8 6 5 2						

West	North	East	South
Farwig	McCallum	Hackett	Sanborn
1♥	1♠	4♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

<sup>(1)</sup> Splinter



Jill Myers, USA

McCallum led the ♦6 and Farwig won the ace and ran the ♠J to McCallum's ♣Q. McCallum now switched to a spade, so Farwig emerged with eleven tricks for +450 to Germany.

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Auken	Montin	von Arnim
Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

It would seem that Montin and Meyers do not play equal-level conversion, so Montin had to overcall 2♦ rather than double 1♠. When Meyers then bypassed her hearts in favour of 2NT, the heart fit was lost. Auken led the ♠3 and Meyers won with the queen. The heart blockage meant that the contract would fail if she cashed the top hearts and the queen did not fall, so she finessed the ♥J. Von Arnim won her queen and switched to a club, but the compensatory blockage in that suit stymied the defence and Meyers had her eight tricks. +120 to USA I, but 8 IMPs to Germany.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 8 2						
	♥ 9 8 4						
	♦ K 4						
	♣ Q J 10 9 4 2						
♠ K J 7 6 4	<table border="0" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">N</td><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">W</td><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ Q 3	
N	E						
W	S						
♥ 6		♥ A K Q 7 3 2					
♦ A 7 5 2		♦ J 9 3					
♣ 8 7 5		♣ A 6					
	♠ A 10 9 5						
	♥ J 10 5						
	♦ Q 10 8 6						
	♣ K 3						

West	North	East	South
Farwig	McCallum	Hackett	Sanborn
3♠	3♣	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass	4♣	Dble

McCallum once again created problems with her opening effort and Germany came to rest in 4♠. Farwig could pitch two clubs on the hearts, but she lost two trump tricks and three diamonds, so she was two down for +200 to USA I.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Meyers	Auken	Montin	von Arnim
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♣	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Meyers had a problem at her second turn, and she guessed to bid 3NT. Auken led the ♣Q, and Meyers ducked in dummy. Von Arnim thought for some time at this point, but she then made the good play of overtaking with the king and switching to a diamond. Meyers was equal to the task, however, as she rose with ace to block the suit. A spade to the queen and ace followed, but the defence could cash only one diamond trick, so Meyers made ten tricks when hearts behaved. +630 and 13 IMPs to USA I.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Farwig	McCallum	Hackett	Sanborn
		1♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT is where one would want to be with the N-S cards, but would Sanborn bring it home? No problem. She won the opening spade lead and cashed the ♦AK, felling the queen, and eventually emerged with ten tricks for +430 to USA I.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Meyers	Auken	Montin	von Arnim
		1♠	Pass
INT	2♦	3♣	Pass
3♠	4♦	All Pass	

With no intermediate diamond jump available Germany could not follow the same route in the other room and they ended up in 4♦. That contract also required declarer to locate the ♦Q, but the defence began with four rounds of clubs and when Auken overruffed Meyers on the fourth round she naturally continued with the top diamonds. +130 to Germany, but another 7 IMPs to USA I who won the session 55-32 to reduce their deficit to 44 IMPs.

# Transnational Teams

## RESULTS AFTER 7 MATCHES

Team	Country	VPs
1 BUREAU	FRA	141
2 REID	NZL	138
3 GRINBERG	ISR	126
4 HACKETT	ENG USA	126
5 CICHOCKI M	POL	125
6 COURTNEY	GBR	124
7 CRONIX	AZS POL	123
8 VENTIN J.	SPA	122
9 WOOLSEY	USA	122
10 KOWALSKI	POL	121
11 ZIMMERMAN	FRA	121
12 BRACHMAN	USA	119
13 BAKER	USA	118
14 (ENERGOM)	POL	117
15 CHANG M.	USA GBR	117
16 KIRAN N.	IND	116
17 AUKEN J.	DEN	116
18 MANOPPO	IDN	115
19 NIMHAUSER	FRA	115
20 ZELIKOVSKI	NTH ISR	115
21 LEWACIAK	POL	114
22 ISMIR	FRA	114
23 MOERS J.	GLP	113
24 JAGNIEWSKI	POL GER	113
25 GROMOV	RUS	113
26 MOHTASHAMI	FRA	112
27 HARPER	GBR	112
28 MORIN	FRA	111
29 RAND	ISR	109
30 WOJCICKI	POL	108
31 MUZZIO	ARG	107
32 GRIME P.	NOR	107
33 KOLPORTER	POL	107
34 LARA M.	POR GER	106
35 BLACKSTOCK	NZL	106
36 MARKOWICZ	POL ISR	105
37 BERGHEIMER	FRA	105
38 KHVEN M.	RUS	105
39 DURMUS U.	GBR NOR	104
40 MANSELL	ZAF	103
41 BLUMENTAL	FRA	103
42 KHIOUPPENEN	RUS	103
43 ERAN S.	ISR	102
44 MOZA	FRA	101
45 POPLILOV	ISR	101
46 YIU CHAN	HGK	101
47 MARMION	FRA	100
48 STOBIECKI	POL	99
49 YAN HUEI	CHN	99
50 PRIDAY T.	GBR	99
51 GRESH	FRA	98
52 PARMADI	IDN	98
53 HANNAH A.	FRA	97
54 KAPLAN L.	FRA	96
55 BURAS K.	POL	95
56 WILDAVSKY	USA CAN	93
57 PRESCOTT	AUS	93
58 DENNISON	FRA	92
59 VILLABOAS	BRA	92
60 HAMEED T.	BAH	91
61 FRANCOLINI	FRA	91
62 CORSICA	FRA	90
63 PORTAL	FRA	90
64 FREED G.	USA	89
65 PIOTRONSKI	POL	88
66 OTOVSI	POL	87
67 KIRILENKO	RUS	85
68 JUVENIA	POL	84
69 HENG A.K.	SIN	78
70 VALK A.J.	NTH BEL	76
71 ROTHFIELD	AUS USA	74
72 VOLDOIRE	FRA	74
73 ACHTERBERG	SWI FRA	73
74 JELLOULI	TUN	70

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## ROSTERS

<b>MUZZIO</b>	ARG	VILLEGAS	RAVENA	MADALA	MONSEGUR		
<b>PRESCOTT</b>	AUS	NOBLE B.	BROOWN T.	BILSKI G.	GORDON P.		
<b>ROTHFIELD</b>	AUS USA	ROTHFIELD C.	TRUSCOTT A.	TRUSCOTT D.	ROSENBARS M.	BROWNSTEIN S	
<b>HAMEED T.</b>	BAH	MUNTAZ R.	THEODOROSMAC	BASIAOYNI W.	HAMID T.		
<b>VILLABOAS</b>	BRA	FIGUEIREDO M	BRANCO M.	D'ORIA L.			
<b>YAN HUEI</b>	CHN	YAN HONG WAN	WEI FEI WANG	YU ZHANG	JIAN WANG	ZHEN ZHI	
<b>HAUKEN J.</b>	DEN	SCHAFFER	BLAKSET	BRUUN			
<b>HACKETT</b>	ENG USA	HACKETT Ja.	HACKETT Ju.	MOSSOP D.	REES T.	LAIR M.	
<b>FRANCOLINI</b>	FRA	COSTES	CUENCA	GUITTA	ATTALI		
<b>ZIMMERMAN</b>	FRA	MOUIEL H.	LEVY Alain	SAPORTA P.	MORETTI R.		
<b>BUREAU</b>	FRA	GAVIARD D.	SUSSEL P.	SELZ Ph.	REESS V.		
<b>MOHTASHAMI</b>	FRA	PIGEAUD	KREMER	BONNET	HEATH	TANANBAUM	
<b>BLUMENTAL</b>	FRA	MARI Ch.	STOPPA J-L.	FAIGENBAUM A			
<b>MARMION</b>	FRA	BEAUQUEY B.	LENFANT D.	MAURIAC G.	MECHDOUJIAN	LOBRY F.	
<b>GRESH</b>	FRA	AWAD	AWAD	VERISINI	NOEL J.P.	GIRARDIN	
<b>MOZA</b>	FRA	CRONIER Ph.	CHEMLA P.	LILA	MACINTOSH A.		
<b>NIMHAUSER</b>	FRA	FEBER A.	URSEANU D.	JEANNIN J-P.	BRABAN L.	DANON J-P.	
<b>BERGHEIMER</b>	FRA	MAGNIS S.	FOUASSIER J-	OHANA G.	BENHAMOU R.		
<b>DENNISON</b>	FRA	ASTIER	REGOUT	BUCHET	GODFROY	ANSELMINI	
<b>MORIN</b>	FRA	CHAVANAZ P.	LETELLIER J-	MERRET J-J.	TASSAN J.	SIMBOZEL M.	
<b>ISMIR</b>	FRA	ELBAZ	UZINSKI	ETIENNE	SIMON E.	FICOT	
<b>CORSICA</b>	FRA	SIMEONI D.G.	SIMEONI M.	VINCENTELLI	COSTIGARCI	MARTINENGI	
<b>VOLDOIRE</b>	FRA	BITRAN A.	MAARI R.	POUPINEL M.	MEYER J-P.		
<b>PORTAL</b>	FRA	ORSELOU C.	SEBBANE L.	MEROT M.			
<b>KAPLAN L.</b>	FRA	DELMOULY C.	FARAHAT J.	SCHNEIDER J-	OUAZAN	HASSAN	
<b>HARPER</b>	GBR	GIDWANI D.	YOUNG J.	THOMPSON A.	MULLER D.	JOURDAIN P.	
<b>COURTNEY</b>	GBR	BURN D.	BROCK R.	WIGODER Ch.			
<b>PRIDAY T.</b>	GBR	PRIDAY V.	SANDQVIST N.	DE BOTTON J.			
<b>DURMUS U.</b>	GBR NOR	ERICHSEN E.	SVENDSEN J.P	HAUGE R.	HALLBERG G.		
<b>MOERS J.</b>	GLP	BOUVERESSE J	MATHIEU Ph.	PELLETIER J-	KEMPCZYNSKI		
<b>YIU CHAN</b>	HKG	LAM HENRY	LAW LAWRENCE	SZE ALAN	WONG STEVE	YEUNG MARION	
<b>PARMADI</b>	IDN	POLII B.	TIRTAJI R.	MUNAWAR S.	KYOKO S.	NOBU H.	
<b>MANOPPO</b>	IDN	LASUT	SACUL	KARWUR	PANELEWEN	TOBING	
<b>KIRAN N.</b>	IND	GUPTA S.	SATYANARAYAN	DALAL R.	RAMAN V.	PRABHAKAR	
<b>ERAN S.</b>	ISR	BENIN-BARR R	YANIV Z.	AMIR L.			
<b>GRINBERG</b>	ISR	HERBSTHERB	YADLIN D.	YADLIN I.	BAREL M.	AVIRAMY.	
<b>RAND</b>	ISR	ROMIK	LEVIT	SAGIV	SZWARC	DAMIANI	
<b>POPLILOV</b>	ISR	SAGIV	HILL	LUCACIU	MARILL	GRENSIDE	
<b>HANNAH A.</b>	LIB	BAROUDI N.	SOULET Ph.	ABECASSIS M.	QUANTIN J-C.	FAYAD M.	
<b>GRIME P.</b>	NOR	HAGA M.	SCHEIE C.	STEIN J-R.			
<b>VALK A.J.</b>	NTH BEL	BORST P.	SICKA	KEJRIWAL	KARMARKAR	SINGAPURI	
<b>ZELIKOVSKI</b>	NTH ISR	VAN DER NEUT	VAN CLEEFF	BRINK	VAN PROOIJEN	GOREN	
<b>BLACKSTOCK</b>		HENRY	SMITH	ACKERLEY			
<b>REID</b>	NZL	JEDRYCHOWSKI	MAYER	CORNELL			
<b>KOWALSKI</b>	POL	TUSZYNSKI P.	ROMANSKI J.	SZYMANOWSKI			
<b>LEWACIAK</b>	POL	KRZYSZTOFIK	WALCZAK P.	JAKOWICKI W.	TURANT W.	CZAPLICKI J.	
<b>(ENERGOM)</b>	POL	MLYNCZYK J.	GAWRYS P.	PIETRASZEK M	TURCZYNOWICZ		
<b>PIOTRONSKI</b>	POL	DOMASZENSKI	ZUKER	SERGEANT	VERDURMEN	SALONEN	
<b>STOBIECKI</b>	POL	WILKOZA A.	WALA W.	SZENBERG S.	KLAPPER W.	RUSSYAN J.	
<b>KOLPORTER</b>	POL	CZUL K.	JANOWSKI J.	KOWALCZYK I.	WITEK M.		
<b>BURAS K.</b>	POL	CZAJER T.	GORA C.	FIGLUS J.			
<b>OTOVSI</b>	POL	BOREWICZ M.	LASOCKI K.	MATULA G.			
<b>WOJCICKI</b>	POL	POLETYLO	OLECH S.	KUJAWA K.			
<b>CRONIX AZS</b>	POL	GOLEBIEWSKI	GARDYNIK G.	WINCIOREK T.	STARKOWSKI W	OLANSKI W.	
<b>JUVENIA</b>	POL	STADNICKI K.	NOWICKI R.	BRODA K.	HALACZKIEWIC		
<b>CICHOCKI M</b>	POL	LUKASZEWICZ	GIERULSKI B.	SKRZYPCZAK J	ZURAKOWSKI P	KIERZNOWSKI	
<b>JAGNIEWSKI</b>	POL GER	PAZUR B.	GOTARD T.	PIEKAREK J.			

# Transnational Teams

## TEAM LINE-UPS (continue)

<b>MARKOWICZ</b>	POL ISR	KLUKOWSKI J.	ZAREMBA J.	MELMAN	ZELIGMAN	
<b>LARA M.</b>	POR GER	CAPUCHO M.	YUEN M.	LEVITINA I.		
<b>KIRILENKO</b>	RUS	PORTNOI P.	CURLIN I.	GLUKOV A.		
<b>KHIOUPPENEN</b>	RUS	STOICHKOV	SHUDNEV A.	SEMENOV S.	PROKHOROV D.	
<b>GROMOV</b>	RUS	PETRUNIN A.	ZLOTOV D.	KHOLOMEEV V.	KRASNOSELSKI	DUBININE A.
<b>KHVEN M.</b>	RUS	HADSLEY	GLADYSH E.	SLIVA V.	MATUSHKO G.	
<b>HENG A.K.</b>	SIN	WONG C.W.	LIAO K.T.	TING M.	OLIVIER J.	
<b>VENTIN J.</b>	SPA	LANTARON L.	TORRES J.I.	FRANCES A.	BURATTI A.	LANZAROTI M.
<b>ACHTERBERG</b>	SWI FRA	BENBASSAT M.	BIGAT H.	DELORME J.	VARENNE D.	
<b>JELLOULI</b>	TUN	BACCOUR H.	KLIBI M.	BEN CHEDLY H	MANOU	KALTHOUM
<b>BRACHMAN</b>	USA	WOLD	PASSEL	SEAMON	HAMPSON	BRENNER CHAG
<b>FREED G.</b>	USA	BAZE G.	KIVEL J.	LARSEN Ch.		
<b>WOOLSEY</b>	USA	WOOLSEY S.	GOLDBERG C.	LEVY D.	PICUS S.	STANSBY J.
<b>BAKER</b>	USA	MOHAN	McCALLUM	MEYERS	SANBORN	MONTIN
<b>WILD AVSKY</b>	USA CAN	MORSE D.	FLEISHER	WILLENKEN	MORRIS B.	COHEN R.
<b>CHANG M.</b>	USA GBR	FORRESTER	ROBSON A.	ROSENBERG M.	MAHMOOD Z.	WOLFF B.
<b>MANSELL</b>	ZAF	MODLIN M.	FIHRER J.	SWARTZ Ch.	HULETT M.	DI ADRIAN

## The phantom analyst

The play of the following deal - from the third set of the Bermuda Bowl quarterfinal match between USA I and Italy - generated no small amount of comment while Norberto Bocchi was working out his line of play.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	All Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> Singleton in one major, four cards in the other major.

Bocchi, after discovering his partner had a singleton spade, was justifiably concerned about a notrump contract with only three spades between the two hands. His partner, Giorgio Duboin, was justifiably concerned about the 4-3 fit - 4♥ was going down.

After Eric Rodwell, South, led the ♠A, the Vugraph analysts speculated at length about whether Rodwell would find the killing heart switch. Any other play would give Bocchi time to pull

trumps and set up clubs for two heart discards.

Rodwell considered his continuation for some time before finally switching to the ♥3. Jeff Meckstroth, North, won the ♥K and continued the suit to the 10, queen and ace. It looked as though the contract was indeed dead, but somewhere in the audience, unheard by most, came the comment about Bocchi's 5♦ contract: "Now it's cold."

That keen analyst may never be known, but he was correct. Whether the declarer should find the winning line, 11 tricks were available. Here's how Bocchi could have made it: win the heart ace, play two rounds of diamonds, ending in hand, cash the ♠K, then run trumps. This will be the end position:

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

On the last diamond, declarer discards dummy's ♣J, and North has no answer. If he discards a heart, declarer cashes the jack, dropping the 9, and gets to dummy with the ♣A. If North pitches a club, declarer plays over to the ♣A, dropping the king, and returns to hand with the ♥J to cash the ♣Q for trick 11.

Whether it is advisable to take this line of play (North might have started with only two hearts, in which case taking the club finesse will suffice to bring in the contract), the phantom analyst was definitely correct.

The 100% play to defeat 5♦ is to switch to the heart queen at trick two. Declarer has no answer to that play.





## THE YEAR 2001 IBPA AWARDS

### The IBPA Personality of the Year

**José Damiani (France)**



In 1986 José Damiani was made IBPA Personality of the Year. The IBPA has a tradition that no person may be made their Personality of the Year more than once. But special circumstances call for a special response.

The tragic events of 11th September in the USA created the unique situation. Should the World Championships planned over six years for Bali go ahead?

The WBF's immediate and correct response was to show backing for Bali and the hosts, Indonesia. Bali was safe, Indonesia was ready to welcome all its guests. But as the days went by, outside forces darkened, the US Government advised its citizens not to travel to Indonesia, and teams from more than one Zone stated their intention to withdraw. The WBF bowed to the inevitable and, towards the end of September, announced that the Championships would not be held in Bali.

The WBF then faced another difficult problem, what to do now? The President decided, almost single-handedly, to switch the venue to Paris and hold the event at the planned time. The decision was courageous – if it had failed he knew it would be called foolhardy.

Three weeks to plan a World Championship. Impossible! The equipment was in a boat headed for Bali that had reached Singapore. Playing accommodation and a hotel for 400 people had to be found, the teams had to be persuaded to come to Paris, a hundred staff had to be re-aligned.

We know the result. Last Monday, every team but, for very understandable reasons, Pakistan, was present in the Stade de France on time. In particular, to their very great credit, Indonesia came to Paris. The WBF President had achieved three of his goals: the Championships would go ahead; bridge was seen to be "for peace"; and as the venue was a rugby stadium, bridge was clearly a sport!

There must have been little sleep for the organisers in the three weeks before the championships began. There is a saying "Cometh the hour, cometh the man". That is why we are breaking tradition and making our Personality for the Year, for the second time, José Damiani.

### The IBPA Sportsmanship Award

*An occasional award made for acts away from the table that earn the admiration of fellow bridge-players*

**Andrew Robson (GB)**



In January this year Zia Mahmood and Andrew Robson retained their title in what many rate to be the world's toughest Pairs tournament, the Cap Gemini. Robson, happily married with a young child, a successful bridge club in London, and a bridge column in one of the world's most respected newspapers, the London Times, was a man to be envied. Less than a month later fate dealt a cruel blow.

Hill-walking was one of Andrew's favourite pastimes. Relaxing in England's beautiful Lake District, he left his wife and child at the hotel, and went for a walk on his own. Slipping on black ice, he fell some thirty feet down a ravine. He was too badly injured to use his mobile 'phone. After some hours, he was fortunately seen by another walker, who called the Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team. He was flown by RAF helicopter to the Lake District hospital.

The list of his injuries was horrific. It would be quicker to name the bones which were not broken! His future was in jeopardy. But the good news was that the brain was undamaged. To a bridge-player that meant the other problems had a longterm solution.

After five months of intensive and courageous recuperation, Robson's recovery confounded the medics. He took to the bridge-table again at the American Nationals in July with distinction. He has renewed a partnership with Tony Forrester that, ten years ago, was Britain's best-known. Their team has reached the last four of the England's Trials to determine England's representatives for next year's Europeans.

For his spectacular recovery from adversity we give our Sportsmanship Award to Andrew Robson.

Robson became World Junior Champion in 1989, and won the Macallan Pairs in 1990 with Tony Forrester. In 1991 he was European Team champion.

### The Digital Fountain Hand of the Year

**Player: David Berkowitz (USA)**  
**Journalist: Jody Latham (USA)**  
 Bulletin 431 p.3; ACBL Nationals at Birmingham, Alabama Nov 2000

Larry Cohen and David Berkowitz appeared to be on their way to victory in the Blue Ribbon Pairs when they had a monumental 69% game in the first final session. They finished fourth. Early in the fourth session they scored a triumph on this exceptionally tough hand:

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vulnerable

♠ – ♥ K 7 4 ♦ A K 8 6 2 ♣ K Q J 5 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	♠ A K 9 8 ♥ A 6 3 ♦ 9 3 ♣ A 10 8 6	♠ 7 ♥ Q 10 9 8 5 2 ♦ 5 4 ♣ 9 7 4 2
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West	North	East	South
Cohen			Berkowitz
		INT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
2♠ <sup>(2)</sup>	4♠	5♣ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

<sup>(1)</sup> 14-16 HCP.  
<sup>(2)</sup> Transfer to clubs.  
<sup>(3)</sup> See IBPA Editor's comments later

South led a spade, and Berkowitz won the ace while pitching a heart from dummy. He found out about the 4-0 trump split when he led a club to the king. (It looks safe to cash the ♣A instead of crossing to the king, but you go down if you cash the ♣A.)

Berkowitz took his top diamonds and then ruffed a third diamond with the 10 (South throwing a heart). He then led ♠K. If South ruffs declarer can easily set up the diamonds and pick up trumps, so South threw a second heart and West a diamond. Berkowitz now ruffed a spade (South throwing another heart) and cashed the ♥K. Next came dummy's last diamond, which he ruffed with the ace (South throwing a fourth heart). Now came the eight of trumps, covered by South. Berkowitz crossed back to his own hand with the ♥A and finished with a trump coup. At that point, dummy was down to the ♣Q-5 and South had the ♣7-4.

*IBPA Editor:* Following a query from Anders Wirgren of the 5♣ call (see 432.16) Berkowitz gave his logic in 434.16. Responder, holding four hearts and long clubs, starts with Stayman. The bidding suggests responder has at most four, say three, cards in the majors and so no losers there. You make 5♣ opposite a hand as weak as:

♠ –	♥ xxx	♦ xxx	♣ Kxxxxxx
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*Others on the shortlist were:* Boye Brogeland (Nor) by Tommy Sandmark (435.14); Geir Helgemo (Nor) by Patrick Jourdain (437.8); Kerri Sanborn (USA) by Drew Cannell (437.13); Henrik Caspersen (Den) by Svend Novrup for e-bridge (438.7)

### The Romex Award for Best Auction

**Players: Henry Mansell/Craig Gower (S Afr)**  
**Journalist: Mark Horton (England)**  
 African Zonal Championships, Cairo Feb, 2001  
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from left Mark Horton, Petra Mansell & John Mohan

Dealer North. E/W Game.

♠ 8 3 2 ♥ A Q 5 ♦ Q J 10 7 ♣ 10 8 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	♠ K Q 10 6 4 ♥ 9 8 4 ♣ 8 6 4 ♣ Q 7	♠ J 9 7 5 ♥ 7 3 ♦ 5 3 ♣ 9 6 5 4 3
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♠ A  
 ♥ K J 10 6 2  
 ♦ A K 9 2  
 ♣ A K J

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Blanc	Mansell	Drieux	Gower
	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♣*
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

North's first response was two-way and when he bid Three Hearts at his next turn he showed a positive with heart support. Three Spades was a serious slam try and Four Diamonds was a feature. Then RKCB established that North held the top hearts, no side king and the queen of diamonds. South suggested that Seven Diamonds might be the top spot and North was happy to agree.

That was a brilliant effort after hearts had been agreed. It earned South Africa 10 IMPs when Vidal-Telgone in the Closed Room reached Six Hearts on this unopposed auction:

Pass - 2♦\* - 3♦\* - 3♥ - 4♥ - 4♠\* - 5♥ - 6♥ - Pass

The problem for North/South is to find a way to play in diamonds, where, providing the trumps break 3-2, 13 tricks are available irrespective of the position of the ♣Q.

North's first response promised a red ace but diamonds were never in the picture.

Others on the short list: Sigsgaard-Hagen by e-bridge (Maastricht.7); Charlsen-Saelensminde (Nor) by Lederer staff (433.8); Hanlon-McGann (Ire) by Seamus Dowling (438.9)

### The Carey Limousine Award for Best Defence

Players: Jan Jansma-Louk Verhees (Net)

Journalist: Jan van Cleeff (Net)

Dutch National Teams Semifinal, 2000

Consolation mention: Erik Kirchoff (Net)

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#### Onstein v. Lombard

Dealer North. N/S Game.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Jansma	Eskes	Verhees	Von Seida
	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

After Ruud von Seida's inspired raise to 3♠, Onno Eskes pushed on to game, a contract that in fact depends more or less on reasonable breaks in diamonds and spades. Even with both spade honours offside the contract appears to have chances.

East led a heart for the Ace and declarer immediately passed the ♠10 to East's Queen. Louk Verhees recognized the problem -how to win two club tricks- and found the answer to the puzzle. He returned the ♣Q! This gave declarer an unexpected club trick, but it also cost him his game. If he cashes the ace of trumps and then tries to get a discard on a diamond, East will ruff and cash two club tricks. If declarer crosses to dummy for another trump finesse, Verhees would win, lead a club to partner's Jack and win the setting trick with ♣A.

On the actual layout a low club lead would have worked equally well. However, leading the ♣Q is a much better play as it caters to a possible ♣10 in declarer's hand. In that case, had East led a LOW club to the Jack and King, declarer would return a

club, which East would have to win. East can now not prevent declarer from ruffing a club in dummy without sacrificing his second trump trick. Thus, leading the ♣Q created an essential entry in West's hand for a trump return, as well as establishing a second defensive club trick. At the other table the NS pair stopped at a partscore which they made.

The deal is a double IBPA award candidate because Erik Kirchoff, player of Hok Transfer Solutions, defending the same contract in the other semi-final match versus Modalfa, led exactly the same brilliant card as Louk Verhees did! Kirchoff gained for this team 13 imps since the declarer at the other table went one down in the same contract.

Others on the short-list were: Pavo Marinkovic (Croatia) by Maastricht staff (Maastricht.14); David Berkowitz (USA) by Larry Cohen (431.4); Zia Mahmood (USA) by Anders Wirgren (433.2); Kyle Larsen (USA) by Alan Truscott (439.13)

### The okBridge Award for a Junior

Player: Jan Einar Sæthre (Norway)

Journalist: Knut Kjaernsrød (Nor)

Norwegian Bridge Festival, August 2000

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This last board is really the icing on the cake and was played in the Open teams final:

Dealer North. Love all.

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

<b>East</b>	<b>West</b>
Jan Einar Sæthre	Gunnar Harr
1♣	2♣
2♦	2♥
3♥	4♣
4♦	4NT
5♦	5♥
6♣	Pass

2♣ was Forcing and allowed East to describe his hand.

Everybody gathered round the table thought it would be impossible to land the contract but the junior Jan Einar Sæthre of Tromsø played brilliantly to prove the opposite.

He took the queen of spade lead with the ace and cashed the king and ace of trumps. (North showed three by contributing the knave and three). On two rounds of spades Jan Einar shed two diamonds and South one. North was placed with only three unknown cards and, Jan Einar cashed the ace of hearts and ran the



knave to leave this position:

♠ - ♥ K ♦ Q 7 6 ♣ 4 2	♠ 10 8 7 2 ♥ - ♦ J ♣ Q <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">                     N                      W      E                      S                 </div> ♠ - ♥ Q 8 ♦ K 10 9 8 ♣ -	♠ - ♥ 10 3 ♦ A 2 ♣ 7 6	
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North's last unknown card was revealed when East cashed the ace of diamonds. North was put in with the queen of clubs as South came down to two cards in each red suit.

North had to continue spades on which East shed a diamond and West, dummy, trumped. In this process South was criss-cross squeezed. If he bared his queen of hearts, Jan Einar would cash dummy's king before trumping a diamond, and baring his diamond king would do no better. Brilliant !

IBPA Editor: Another report of this deal was submitted later by Tommy Sandsmark.

Others on the short-list were: Steve de Donder (Bel) by e-bridge (Maastricht.7); Augustin Madala (Argentina) by Matt Granovetter (429.16 and 8); Jeroen Bruggeman (Net) by Patrick Jourdain (437.10); Niek Brink (Net) by World Junior staff (439.617).

## Championship Diary

Through confidential sources we have learnt that Paul Soloway has always wanted to be the sponsor of a bridge team. There are two reasons. The first is that if he was the sponsor he would have to be extremely rich. The second is that if he was the sponsor and by inference the weakest player on the team the rest of them would have to be very good indeed!

At the IBPA awards ceremony yesterday, Andrew Robson was presented with the Sportsmanship award. Master of Ceremonies Barry Rigal observed that it was gratifying that Andrew's brain had not been damaged by his accident, although there were signs of a regression as he had renewed his old partnership with Tony Forrester. Ron Tacchi commented that fell walking was probably still a safer option!

Receiving his award, Robson related how he had been asked to leave the playing area the previous day as he had been standing up. Given the horrendous nature of his injuries he was only too happy to be penalised for being on his feet.

Albert Benjamin, 92 years young, was also present at the meeting. In French his surname translates to 'The youngest son'.

The story of the self-sacrifice of Captain Titus Oates during Scott's doomed expedition to the South Pole is well known. Hoping to give his comrades a better chance of survival Oates walked out of the tent into a blizzard in the hope of saving those more physically fit, with the immortal words, 'I'm going outside and I may be some time'. We have a theory in the Daily News that what he actually said was 'I'm going outside. Don't move the tent'.



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# La Fayette nous voilà !

Par Guy Dupont

## Le mot du jour

- Eh bien ! Me voilà redevenu le " water boy " (porteur d'eau) de l'équipe féminine des USA 2...

(Bob Hamman, faisant allusion à sa fonction à Maastricht, alors qu'il était capitaine de l'équipe féminine américaine)

## Sortie du boubier

Un Bulletin d'un championnat du monde sans un coup d'éclat de Maria Erhart serait forcément incomplet. Alors, voyez plutôt ce coup de la 5ème séance des quarts de finale de la Venice Cup, opposant l'Autriche à la Chine. Maria fut une des rares, dans les deux compétitions open et dames confondues, à gagner 3 SA sur la meilleure entame:

Donne 4, Ouest donneur, tous vulnérables.

<p>♠ V 10 9 5 ♥ D 6 5 4 3 ♦ 8 ♣ V 10 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			O	E			S		<p>♠ R 8 7 6 ♥ A R 7 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 8 6 5 4</p> <p>♠ 4 3 2 ♥ 10 8 ♦ RV 7 5 3 ♣ A D 7</p>	<p>♠ A D ♥ V 9 ♦ A D 10 9 6 4 ♣ R 9 3</p>
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Les enchères, en canapé, à sa table:

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
	<i>Ehrt</i>		<i>Terraneo</i>
Passe	1 ♥	Passe	2 ♣
Passe	3 ♣	Passe	3 ♦
Passe	3 SA	(Fin)	

Est entame d'un petit Pique. Comment allez-vous vous sortir de ce boubier?

Vous ne vous voyez pas au bout de vos peines. Il existe plusieurs lignes de jeu gagnantes, mais, bien entendu, comme vous n'êtes pas fakir, oubliez celle qui consisterait à présenter le Valet de Cœur, à la deuxième levée, pour obliger Ouest à couvrir, et à affranchir ainsi le 7 (le 10 et le 8 d'Est s'écrasant dans l'opération).

Après la Dame de Pique, Maria joua froidement un petit Trèfle, pour le 2, le 8 et la Dame. Un début qui ne paraissait pas évident-évident, mais qui allait s'avérer propice à la victoire. Est insista à Pique, pour l'As. La Dame de Carreau fut présentée, pour le Roi d'Est, qui donna un troisième tour de Pique, pris du Roi (en défaussant un Carreau du mort). La déclarante ressortit à Trèfle. Est, peu désireux de se trouver bloqué en main, plongea de l'As et rejoua Trèfle, pour le Roi (le treizième se trouvant affranchi en Nord). L'As de Carreau fut encaissé (Ouest et Nord défaussant un Cœur) et le 10 de Carreau fut rejoué (Nord écartant son dernier Pique). Est était alors contraint de prendre (sinon, le 10 de Carreau constituait la neuvième levée), mais se trouva du même coup plutôt mal à l'aise dans ses baskets: détenant ♥ 10 8 ♦ 7 5, pour, en Nord, ♥ A R 7 ♣ 8, et au mort ♥ V 9 ♦ 9 6, il n'avait d'autre choix que de livrer la neuvième levée à

Cœur (Sud fournissant le 9 sur le 8) ou à Carreau, pour un double coup de fourchette. Grandiose.

Et profitons de l'occasion pour rendre à Mmes Ehrart-Terraneo ce qui leur revient. Elles n'étaient pas trois paires, comme nous l'avons indiqué par erreur dans le Daily News d'hier; à avoir déclaré 6 ♠ sur la donne 12 de la 4ème séance des quarts de finale, mais cinq, la paire autrichienne se joignant à la fête.

## Privé de dessert

On peut soupçonner Eric Rodwell d'avoir voulu priver Alfredo Versace de recevoir les applaudissements des spectateurs du rama, sur la donne 7 de la 5ème séance.

Donne 7, Sud donneur, tous vulnérables

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O	E											
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Les enchères furent identiques dans les deux salles:

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Soloway</i>
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Versace</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Lauria</i>
		2 ♠	(Fin)
Contre	Passe	3 SA	

En salle fermée, Soloway entama du 7 de Pique, pour le 10 et le Valet. Il suffisait alors à Bocchi de bien prendre la Dame de Trèfle (ce qui n'était pas trop dur, après les enchères) et d'affranchir un Carreau, pour encaisser neuf levées.

En salle ouverte, ce diable de Lauria trouva l'entame dévastatrice du 6 de Carreau. Versace prit la Dame de l'As, et présenta le 10 de Pique. Jusque là, rien d'exceptionnel. Rodwell couvrit du Valet, pour la Dame de Sud, qui insista à Carreau, et plus moyen pour le déclarant de s'en sortir, car Nord put reprendre la main à Carreau (Rodwell avait espéré remettre Sud en main dans cette couleur) et traverser de nouveau les Piques.

Mais si Rodwell avait refusé de couvrir le 10 de Pique, la balle serait restée dans le camp de Nord. Et quelle aurait dû être alors la défense de Versace pour faire chuter?

Nul doute que celui-ci aurait changé son fusil d'épaule et trouvé le flanc mortel, pour recevoir sa salve d'applaudissements: le Valet de Carreau. Ainsi la défense aurait-elle été assurée de réaliser deux levées de Carreau et trois levées de Pique.

En effet, si Nord poursuit à Pique à la troisième levée, Sud prend de la Dame, mais ne peut encaisser l'As, sous peine d'offrir la neuvième levée à Est. Les communications de la défense sont alors rompues, et le déclarant en profite lâchement pour affranchir un Carreau.



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