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WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS



This is the Ponte Estaiada Bridge, the image you have seen on the World Championship programme and elsewhere, including the printed hand records. The bridge, also known as Octavio Frias de Oliveira, spans the Tietê River.

On the day that the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Seniors Bowl came down to the final six teams, half of the matches in the six semi-finals were abbreviated by withdrawals, one with two sets to play.

Once again, it will be Italy and the Nick Nickell squad (USA2) in the Bermuda Bowl final, both getting off early when their opponents resigned after five sets, each facing nearly hopeless odds.

Italy led Bulgaria 237-132 when the latter surrendered. The Americans had a 224-123 lead over China Long Zhu when the match was ended. Italy and the Nickell squad will meet for the third time since 2003, the Americans winning in Monte Carlo in 2003, and Italy gaining revenge in Estoril two years later.

In the Venice Cup, USA2 pulled out of the event after four sets, down 179-80 against USA1. The Americans will face China Long Zhu in the final. Despite losing five of six sets against France, China prevailed 245-221.33 thanks to a 76-23 fifth set.

Neither team in the Seniors got off early, England defeating Indonesia in a match that was close most of the way. England prevailed 204.5-182. In the final, they will face Poland, who vanquished USA2 273-236. USA2 led 161-138 with 32 deals to play, but Poland outscored them 135-75 over the final two sets to make it to the championship round.

In the World Transnational Open Teams, the team led by Pierre Zimmerman continued to lead after 12 rounds of the Swiss qualifying. Zimmerman's 241 victory points were 20 ahead of second place, Apreo Logistic Poland. Deutschland was third with 207, followed by Brazil and Japan, both with 205. The Swiss concludes today with three matches, followed by the quarter-finals.

VUGRAPH MATCHES



Final Session 1 (11.00-13.20)

VG: Table 1 Italy - USA 2
BBO 1: Table 41 England - Poland
BBO 2: Table 21 China Long Zhu - USA 1

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Time schedule of Play-off matches
To Be Decided

Final Session 2 (14.30-16.50)

To Be Decided

Final Session 3 (17.20-19.40)

To Be Decided

Transnational Open Teams time schedule on page 3

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RESULTS



Bermuda Bowl

Semifinals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
1	Italy	5	53	28	39	48	64	-	237
	Bulgaria	0	36	19	13	53	11	wd	132
2	USA 2	11	38	68	18	33	56	-	224
	China Long Zhu	0	23	11	45	30	14	wd	123

Venice Cup

Semifinals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
21	China Long Zhu	0	21	29	36	38	76	45	245
	France	1.33	32	36	38	40	23	51	221.33
22	USA 2	0	32	20	17	11	wd	-	80
	USA 1	4.50	49	27	66	33	-	-	179.50

d'Orsi Seniors Bowl

Semifinals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
41	England	14.50	17	3	45	31	56	38	204.50
	Indonesia	0	38	40	14	22	24	44	182
42	USA 2	11	28	34	55	33	48	27	236
	Poland	0	52	32	22	32	69	66	273

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Finals	Bermuda Bowl (11.00)		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over
1	Italy	USA 2	0 - 8.33

Play-offs	Bermuda Bowl		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over
2	Bulgaria	China Long Zhu	12 - 0

Finals	Venice Cup (14.30)		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over
21	China Long Zhu	USA 1	16 - 0

Play-offs	Venice Cup		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over
22	France	USA 2	1.5 - 0

Finals	d'Orsi Seniors Bowl (17.20)		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over
41	England	Poland	0 - 3.67

Play-offs	d'Orsi Seniors Bowl		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over
42	Indonesia	USA 2	0 - 0



RESULTS



Transnational Open Teams

Ranking After 12 Sessions

Rank	Teams	VPs						
			23	Mark Gordon	188	46	Tunisia	167
1	Zimmermann	242		Rossard	188	47	Ipanema	166
2	Apreo Logistic Poland	221		Tucano	188	48	Brasilia	165
3	Deutschland	207	26	Bekkouche	186		Sulzbeck	165
4	Brazil	205		JuanValdez	186	50	Schnetzer Chauvaud	163.50
	Japan	205		SaoRio	186	51	Sun Sea Slams	162
6	Orhan	204	29	Joel	185	52	Julia	161
	Russia	204	30	Amaral	184		Poisen Ivy	161
	Texan Aces	204	31	House of Pain	182	54	Ragtag	158
9	Ventin	203		Nader	182	55	Barbados	157
10	Sweden Seniors	199	33	Argent	181		Black Boks	157
	Welland	199		Geo Timah Indonesia	181		Mendes	157
12	Cornell	198		Pampas Aces	181	58	Amici	155
13	Ferlema	197	36	Jones	180		Platero	155
14	USA I	196		Thulipa	180	60	Zighel	150
15	Garrincha	195	38	Australia	178	61	Ecuador	149
16	Caminito	194	39	Alonso	176	62	Rio	144.50
	Pakistan	194		Grime	176	63	Rio de Janeiro	142
18	Brum	193	41	Anzac	175	64	Gema	137
	India	193		Galo Team	175	65	Sao Paulo II	135
20	Dhondy	190	43	Nakamura	174	66	Vai-Vai	133
	Machado de Carvalho	190	44	Guarana	172	67	Copanema	126
22	Belgium	189	45	Elizabeth	168			



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TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS SCHEDULE

Swiss Session 13 (10.30-12.00)

Swiss Session 14 (12.20-13.50)

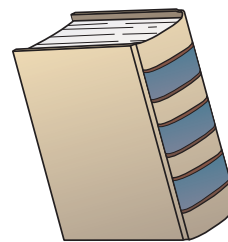
Swiss Session 15 (14.50-16.20)

Quarterfinal Session I (17.20-19.40)

Quarterfinal Session 2 (21.00-23.20)



World Championship Book 2009



The Official book of these Championships in Sao Paulo will be available in March 2010, when the official price will be US\$34 plus postage. Advance orders can be made in Sao Paulo to Jan Swaan in the Press Room at the discounted price of US\$30, Euros 20, or Reals 55 per copy, including postage.

The principal writers will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, John Carruthers and Geo Tislevoll. There will be a full listing of all participants and results and many photographs. Every board of the finals and semi-finals of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup will be covered, along with the best of the action from the earlier stages, plus the Senior Bowl and Transnational Teams.

D'ORSI SENIORS BOWL Semifinal 2



England

v

Indonesia



The Boys from Bali

by Mark Horton

In 2001, the World Championships had to be moved at the last moment from the Indonesian island of Bali to Paris (one of José Damiani's greatest triumphs).

Road to Bali is a 1952 comedy film starring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. It was released by Paramount Pictures and is the sixth of the seven *Road to...* movies. It was the only such movie filmed in color and was the first to feature surprise cameo appearances from other well-known stars of the day.

Road to Bali was the first 'Road to...' picture since 1947's *Road to Rio*.

As with the other Road movies, Bob Hope sometimes makes side comments to the audience. For example, as the music for a song sung by Bing Crosby begins, Hope looks to the camera and says, 'He's gonna sing, folks. Now's the time to go out and get the popcorn.' (As they say on Vu-Graph, 'It's Muller to lead, time for a coffee.')

Indonesia has a fine record in the Senior events and they were hoping to extend it in their semi final against England.

Where different systems are in opposition, swings can be generated on very innocent looking deals:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Price	Lasut	Simpson	Manoppo
Dble	Pass	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♦	All Pass	

1♦ Precision

Three Diamonds was a straightforward affair, declarer losing a spade, a diamond and a club, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Hackett	Sacul	Harper
Dble	INT	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Dble	2♠	All Pass

North tried to cut out the majors, but West came again and his side bought the contract. There was no defence that could take more than five tricks, +110 and 6 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Price	Lasut	Simpson	Manoppo
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

2♣ Precision

2♦ Relay

By rebidding Two Hearts North denied solid clubs. When he elected to show support for diamonds on the next round rather than bid Three Spades his side went overboard.

Three rounds of clubs meant declarer was quickly two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Harper</i>
	INT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

INT 14-16

For my money South simply bid too much by going past 3NT. He was unlucky that there was a club ruff, but it represented a missed opportunity.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Price</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	All Pass		

North led the two of clubs and declarer won with the queen and played on hearts. When South ducked twice declarer simply claimed nine tricks, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Harper</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The Indonesian pair overreached, but it was by no means clear that North should lead a top diamond and like his counterpart at the other table he chose a club. Declarer won with the queen and played a heart to the jack. South took the ace and played back a club and that was that, +660 giving Indonesia 11 IMPs.

For the moment I can't think of any obvious reason for South to switch to a diamond – can you?

The set was going very well for Indonesia, and they picked up some useful points as the session drew to a close:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

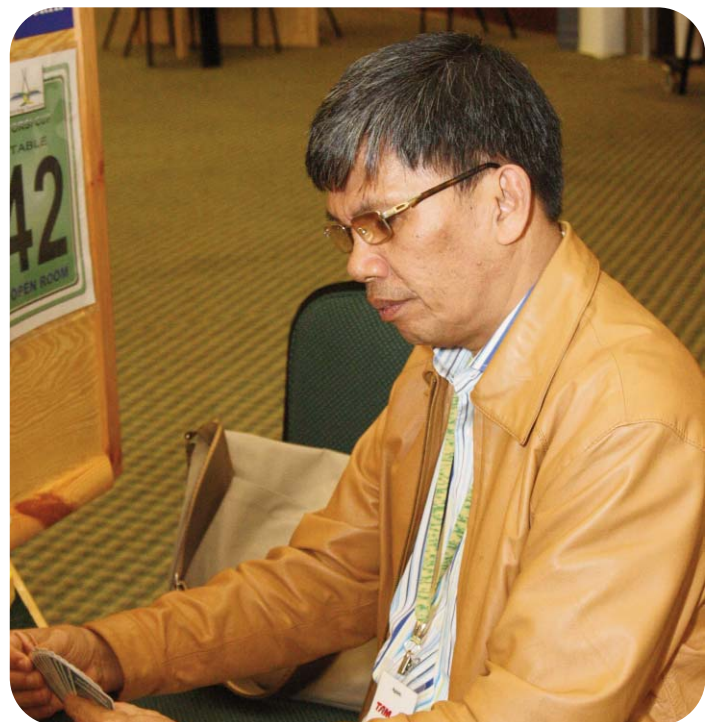
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	♠ A 10		
	♥ A 7		
	♦ A K 10 3		
	♣ K J 9 7 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Price</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
	Pass	1♥	Dble
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dble
3♠	All Pass		

The East hand is very mouldy, but the modern style is to try to bid if it's your turn, so East's opening was routine. Three Spades was one too high, -100, but with North/South able to take twelve tricks in either minor (not without a certain amount of luck) that might have been a good result.



Henky Lasut, Indonesia

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Hackett	Sacul	Harper
	Pass	1♥	Dble
1♠	Pass	INT	Dble
2♠	All Pass		

Two Spades was the perfect spot, +110 and 5 IMPs.

Board 30. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Price	Lasut	Simpson	Manoppo
		INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Ross Harper, England

East/West had the values for game, and when South led the king of spades declarer only needed the club finesse. When it was wrong he was three down, -150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Hackett	Sacul	Harper
		1♦*	Pass
INT	All Pass		

The Precision auction delivered 6 IMPs as declarer could not be prevented from scoring five diamonds and two aces for +90.

Board 31. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Price	Lasut	Simpson	Manoppo
			2♥*
Pass	2♠	3♦	Pass
3♥*	Dble	3NT	All Pass
2♥	Flannery or 4414		

South led the jack of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace, played the ten of diamonds to the ace, a club to the ace and the nine of diamonds. With 5431 being a more likely distribution than 5422 that was perhaps a little unlucky. Declarer emerged with seven tricks, -100.

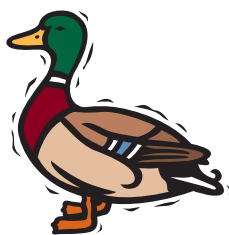
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Hackett	Sacul	Harper
			1♥
Pass	1♠	2♦	2♠
3♦	All Pass		

Indonesia stopped in a comfortable part score and declarer was not hard pressed to collect ten tricks, +130 delivering 6 IMPs.

Indonesia, perhaps enjoying a degree of good fortune, had won the set 40-3 IMPs and led 78-34 IMPs.

Decisive Duck



by Brian Senior

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K 9 3 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ 9 ♣ Q 10 6 5 4 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ J ♥ Q 10 6 3 ♦ 10 6 5 3 ♣ A 9 8 7	♠ A Q 10 8 7 ♥ A 9 4 ♦ J 8 7 4 ♣ J
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W												
	S											

In Team Dhondy's Transnational Round 8 match both Norths declared 4♠. Against Alan Kay the lead was a diamond. He won and took the trump finesse and West switched to the queen of clubs. Had Alan lazily made the automatic cover with the king, he would have been one down. East would have won and given his partner a diamond ruff and there would have been a heart loser at the end.

But Kay correctly withheld the club king. Now East was powerless – if East allowed the queen to hold, there would be no diamond ruff, while if he overtook to give the ruff, the king of clubs would be a parking place for the heart loser. Either way, there were ten tricks for +620.

Had West switched instead to a low club, declarer would have had to guess – playing low makes the contract on the actual layout, while rising with the king would be the winner had West underled the ace.

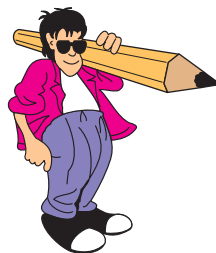
Did Kay's duck win the board for his team? No, with a women's world champion at the other table you have to work hard just to keep your losses to a minimum. Heather Dhondy led a club against 4♠ so it made an overtrick; 1 IMP away for the Dhondy team.

Duplimate Discounts



The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount.

Championship Diary



During the Italy-France Venice Cup quarter final I had to consult the player's convention cards on several occasions – you can find them at www.ecatsbridge.com - especially when the Italian relays were in action. Unfortunately the cards could not answer my questions so I had

to resort to the time honoured un-annotated * to describe the bids.

On Tuesday our esteemed Editor, in a hurry to get back to his desk, rounded a corner at speed. In a scene reminiscent of the famous one that takes place between the characters played by Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts in the film *Notting Hill* he collided with WBF President José Damiani. As a result the coffee and water that he was carrying went up in the air, most of it landing on the President, who wryly remarked, 'There is no need to kill me, I'm leaving anyway!'

As a result all coffee runs have been put on hold.

A note to the Brazilian Bridge Federation



I would like to express my appreciation for the great job done at the World Championships in Sao Paulo by the World Bridge Federation and in particular by the Brazilian Bridge Federation.

The playing conditions and the great TV screens were outstanding.

Thank you for a great championship.

– Fred Hamilton (USA I)

WBF cards for sale



Packs of used WBF playing cards – with 5-bar codes – are for sale. If you are interested in buying some, please contact Christine Francin in the WBF Secretariat situated

on the basement floor of the Hotel - Brasilia 2 room. The price is US\$0.60 per pack

Tournament on TV



Guests at the Hotel Transamerica can keep up with all three events in the World Championships – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Seniors Bowl – on Channel 96 on their television sets. The daily broadcasts will include running scores and rankings.

VENICE CUP

Semifinal 3



China Long Zhu v

France



by Brian Senior

After 32 deals of their Venice Cup semi-final, France led China Long Zhu by 69.33-50 IMPs. The first eight deals of Set Three saw the French add significantly to their lead.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 7 3
♥ J 10 4 3
♦ A K 10 9 7 5
♣ 5

♠ K 10 4 2
♥ A Q 9 8
♦ Q
♣ A Q 10 4

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♠ Q 9 6
♥ 5 2
♦ 8 6 4 2
♣ K 7 6 3

♠ A J 8 5
♥ K 7 6
♦ J 3
♣ J 9 8 2

West	North	East	South
Willard	Sun	Cronier	H Wang
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♦	2♣	Dble
Rdbl	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Dong	Hugon	Yan	Bessis
		Pass	Pass
1♣	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Sylvie Willard's 1♣ opening was better minor. Ming Sun overcalled 1♦ and benedicte Cronier could make a simple raise to 2♣. Hongli Wang made a competitive double and Willard showed strength then competed with 2♠ over Sun's 2♥, ending the auction.

Sun led two rounds of diamonds, Willard ruffing. Willard crossed to the king of clubs to take the heart finesse and, when that won, continued with ace of hearts and a heart ruff, a diamond ruff, and the fourth heart, ruffing with the queen. Though Wang could over-ruff, Willard was left with the ♠K10 poised over the jack so had two more tricks for +110.

Yongling Dong opened a strong club and Elisabeth Hugon, facing a passed partner, suggesting that the hand belonged to her opponents, was willing to ignore her four-card heart suit so as to pre-empt with 3♦. Dong reopened with a double and Ru Yan, with no attractive option, judged to leave the double in.

The defence needs to take a little care to defeat 3♦, but Yan led the five of hearts and now everything appeared to be plain sailing. However, Dong won the queen and Hugon followed with the four. The Chinese pair lead third and fifth against suit contracts and the five was consistent with third from J10xx – would Yan have led low or the jack from this holding given the auction? Dong switched to ace and another club so Hugon could ruff and, when the queen of diamonds fell under the ace, could draw trumps and knock-out the ace of hearts for nine tricks; +670 and 13 IMPs to France.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

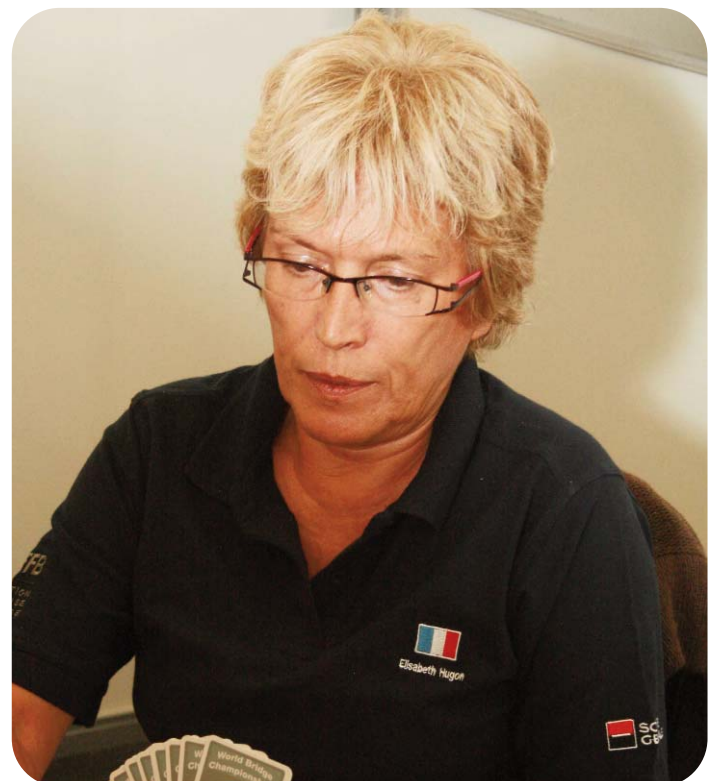
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♥ Q 7 6 5 3
♦ K 9
♣ A 10 3

♠ 8 7 4 2
♥ K J 4 2
♦ 5 3
♣ K Q 7

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♠ K
♥ 8
♦ Q J 10 8 7 6 4 2
♣ J 5 2

♠ Q 10 9 6 3
♥ A 10 9
♦ A
♣ 9 8 6 4



Elisabeth Hugon, France

West Willard	North Sun	East Cronier	South H Wang
Pass	2♥	3♦	1♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

West Dong	North Hugon	East Yan	South Bessis
Pass	1♥	3♠	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	Dble
All Pass			4♥

Wang opened 1♠ as dealer, Bessis did not, but both Norths became declarer in 4♥.

Cronier led the queen of diamonds to dummy's bare ace and Sun took the spade finesse, the jack losing to the king. Cronier now found the best defence, switching to the two of clubs for the queen, ducked, and a low club continuation to the ace. Sun led a low heart to the nine so Willard won the jack, cashed the king of clubs and returned a diamond. There was still the king of hearts to lose so Sun was two down for -100.

Yan too led the queen of diamonds. Hugon won the ace and ran the nine of spades to the king. Yan found the club switch but here the lines of play diverged, Hugon winning the ace immediately. She cashed the ace of hearts then switched her attention to spades, playing three rounds for a club discard, an excellent decision.

The fifth spade was now played, and West had to ruff to prevent the last club from being discarded. Hugon over-ruffed, ruffed the king of diamonds to get to dummy and led the last heart. That held Dong to one trump trick and there was just a club to be lost; +420 and 11 IMPs to France. Very nicely played.

After eight deals, France had scored 35 IMPs without reply and the lead was over fifty at 104.33-50. Then came a strong Chinese fightback.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ Q 10 9 7 5 3		
	♥ 5		
	♦ 9 7		
	♣ A K 3 2		
♠ K		♠ A J 6 4	
♥ A K 10 9 8 7 6 4		♥ J	
♦ 8 5		♦ A K Q 3	
♣ J 5		♣ 10 9 7 4	
	♠ 8 2		
	♥ Q 3 2		
	♦ J 10 6 4 2		
	♣ Q 8 6		
West Willard	North Sun	East Cronier	South H Wang
	1♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

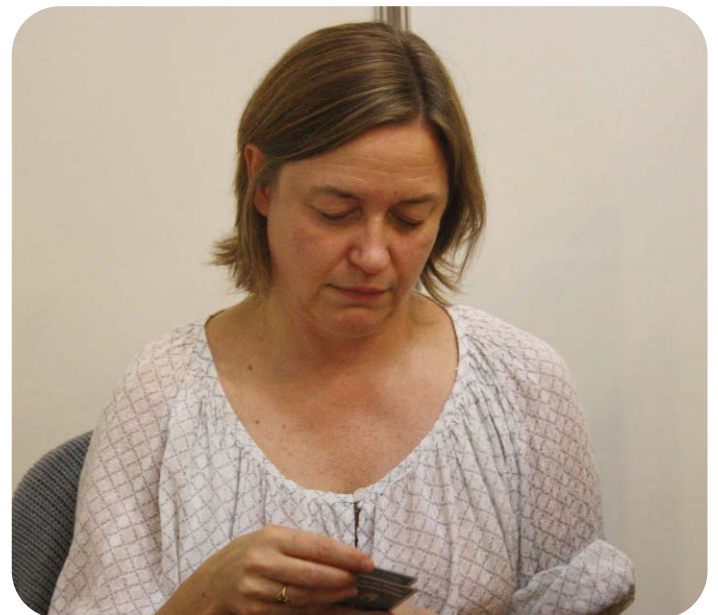
West Dong	North Hugon	East Yan	South Bessis
4♥	2♠	Pass	3♠
5♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
	All Pass		

Sun opened 1♠ and when that came around to Willard she overcalled 4♥. Having passed over 1♠ with 15 HCP including two aces, Cronier felt that she had to make a move and cuebid 4♠, but Willard quickly signed off in 5♥. Sun cashed the two top clubs then switched to a spade. Willard won and, having heard a one-level opening on her left, played hearts from the top; down one for -100.

Hugon opened with a weak 2♠ and Veronique Bessis raised pre-emptively to 3♠. Dong overcalled 4♥ and Yan asked for key cards then passed over the 5♥ response. Hugon led three rounds of clubs. Dong ruffed and, having heard a weak 2♠ opening on her left, crossed to dummy with a diamond, cashed a second diamond and ran the jack of hearts. When that held she ruffed a diamond back to hand and cashed the top hearts; +650 and 13 IMPs to China.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



Bénédicte Cronier, France

West Willard	North Sun	East Cronier	South H Wang
2♠	Dble	1♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	3♠	4NT
		All Pass	

West Dong	North Hugon	East Yan	South Bessis
2♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
Pass	3♣	3♠	2NT
		All Pass	

Both East/West pairs bid and supported spades. Sun came in with an aggressive double on the North cards and Wang committed her side to game in a minor; Sun naturally choosing clubs. Hugon passed the North hand over 2♠ and Bessis balanced with 2NT as South. Game was never in the picture here and the French pair sold out to 3♠.

Bessis led the queen of hearts against 3♠. Yan ducked but won the heart continuation and led the ♠Q from hand. Hugon won, cashed the king of hearts and played back a diamond, Bessis winning and playing a third round. There was a club to lose at the end for down two; -200.

Cronier led the king of spades against 5♣. Sun won and led a club to the jack, ducked by Willard, and now the queen of hearts, which Cronier won with her ace. She returned a spade, ruffed by Sun, who led a second club to the queen, king and ace. Willard returned a passive club so Sun won, cashed the jack of hearts and crossed to the ace of diamonds to test the hearts. When they split 3-3, she did not need to find the queen of diamonds; +600 and 9 IMPs to China.



Liu, China Long Zhu

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

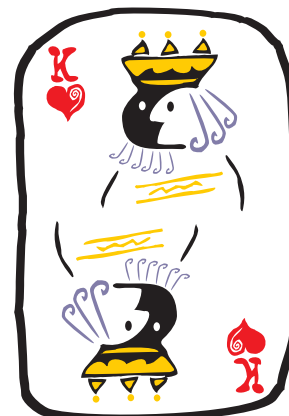
West Willard	North Sun	East Cronier	South H Wang
Dong	Hugon	Yan	Bessis
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Two identical auctions saw Wang and Bessis declare 3NT, but on different opening leads.

Simple soul, Dong led her long suit and three rounds set up two extra heart winners. Bessis played three rounds of diamonds so Dong was in to cash the hearts; down one for -50.

Having bid her weakish heart suit and heard her opponents bid confidently up to 3NT, Willard preferred to lead her partner's suit, the eight of spades. The problem with this is that, while it avoids giving an extra heart trick if declarer has, say, ♥Kxx facing ♥Qxx, a spade lead will not often actually produce the tricks the defence requires to beat the contract as east will rarely have sufficient strength to allow the defence to both establish spades and then get to them. Wang won the spade lead in dummy to take the diamond finesse. That lost and back came a second spade. Wang won, cashed the diamonds and took the club finesse; nine tricks for +400 and 10 IMPs to China.

The second half of the set was almost the mirror image of the first. This time it was China who outscored France by 36-3. giving an overall set score of 38-36 to France and a match score of 107.33-86 for France.



Just like Mr. D. Finesse

by Brent Manley

By this time, everyone knows about Deep Finesse, the computer program that can tell you how to make or defeat any contract that can be made or defeated, although DF has the advantage of being able to see all the cards.

Thus, when a human picks the one and only card identified by DF as the killing defense, it is worth noting. The deal was played in the World Transnational Open Teams. The hero was Peter Boyd of USA1.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Robinson</i>		<i>Boyd</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Dble	2♦	2♥
2♠	3♥	3♠	All Pass

Boyd led the ♥9, taken in dummy with the ace. Declarer could have made his contract by simply taking the club finesse, cashing the ♣A and exiting with a low diamond. It's not as easy when you can't see all the cards, however, so declarer led the ♦9 to his king and Boyd's ace.

At this point, there was only one card in Boyd's hand that he could play to defeat 3♠ – and found it: the ♠Q.

Say Boyd exited with a heart. Declarer ruffs, ruffs a diamond, ruffs a heart and ruffs a diamond, noting Boyd's discard. If Boyd discards a club, declarer ruffs a heart. He then plays a minor suit. Boyd, down, to all trumps would have to ruff and lead into the ♠A K 10.

A low spade does not do the job because declarer can take the trick in dummy, take the club finesse, cash the ♣A, ruff a diamond and eventually get South down to the point where he would have to ruff one of his partner's winners and lead into the spade tenace.

After the play of the ♠Q, declarer can win in hand, ruff a diamond, take the club finesse, cash the ♣A and exit with a diamond, but North can win a diamond, cash another and give South a ruff while he still has an out card in hearts. Boyd would still have a trump trick with ♠8 7 3.

Plus 100 was a 5-IMP pickup because at the other table, North-South played in 4♥ off two.

The IBPA Personality of the Year

Rose Meltzer



No one has a better record than Rose Meltzer in World Championship play over the last decade. Rose has won a Bermuda Bowl, a Rosenblum, a Transnational Teams and two Senior Teams: five world championships in ten years. She has played in five World Championship finals and has won them all.

She has augmented that record with Spingold and Morehead (Grand National Teams) Trophies and a number of second-place finishes in major North American Championships and the IOC Cup. Rose has also been the Fishbein Trophy winner as the leading masterpoint winner at the Summer North American Bridge Championships. She is a World Grand Master, the highest ranking in the WBF, and unusually, is also highly ranked in the Women's and Seniors categories as well.

However, Rose's talents extend far beyond bridge. She grew up in New York and received her bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry from Columbia University. Rose and her husband, Cliff, now an executive with Apple after years with Cisco Systems, along with their four dogs and four cats, have lived in California for the past nine years. Rose's other great passion is her love of music and playing the piano (she is also a graduate piano student from the Juilliard School of Music).

While in New York Rose served as unit president and tournament chairman, as well as a member of District 3's board. In California she has served on both the unit and district boards. She is currently a member of the United States Bridge Federation Board of Directors and is Chair of the USBF Grievances and Appeals Committee.

Rose's passion for bridge began in high school, but really blossomed in the late 1990s. Since then, she is the first woman to win five open world titles and the first woman World Grand Master. Rose considers herself very fortunate to have the complete support of her husband and family in her endeavours.

We can think of a no more deserving candidate for the IBPA Personality of the Year. If there were a Personality of the Decade award, Rose would get it.

Closing Ceremony



The closing ceremony will include the prize giving at the Teatro Alfa followed by a dinner with a dance orchestra. Every delegation and teams participating in the Transnational Open Teams are invited, but they must register at the championship office (Caracas Room on the ground floor) by Friday, Sept. 11, at noon. If you do not register, there will be no table for you and probably no food.

D'ORSI SENIORS BOWL Semifinal 3



Poland

v

USA 2



The Match Lead Flip-flops

by Phillip Alder

After 32 of the 96 boards in this match, Poland led by 84 IMPs to 73. But before getting to the deals, here are two problems:

1. The bidding goes (Pass)-Pass-(INT strong)-All Pass. You are on lead with ♠ A J 5 3 and ♦ K 7 6 5. Which suit would you pick?

2.

Dealer West. East-West vul.



(You)

♠ 2
♥ A J 4 3
♦ J 10 8 6 2
♣ K 10 5

(Dummy)

♠ A K 3
♥ K Q 8 6 5
♦ 7
♣ J 8 4 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠ (a)
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

(a) Fourth suit game-forcing

You lead the diamond jack: seven, five (low encouraging), king. Declarer (North) now leads the heart ten. How would you plan the defense?



In the Open Room

Poland gained 10 IMPs on the first board of the session when Mike Passell misguessed the heart jack in four spades.

The United States regained 5 IMPs on the second deal, and did better on this one:

Board 3. Dealer South. East-West vul.

♠ A J 5
♥ Q 7 6 5 3
♦ K 9
♣ A 10 3

♠ 8 7 4 2
♥ K J 4 2
♦ 5 3
♣ K Q 7



♠ K
♥ 8
♦ Q J 10 8 7 6 4 2
♣ J 5 2

♠ Q 10 9 6 3
♥ A 10 9
♦ A
♣ 9 8 6 4

West	North	East	South
Lair	Kowalski	Berkowitz	Romanski
Pass	2♥ (a)	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♥ (b)

(a) Natural and game-forcing
(b) Minimum opening bid

West	North	East	South
Russyan	Passell	Lasocki	Sutherland
Pass	INT (a)	3♦	3♥ (b)
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT (c)
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(a) 14+-17
(b) Transfer
(c) Offering a choice of games

After Jacek Romanski opened very light and Apolinary Kowalski made a game-forcing response, David Berkowitz sensibly stayed quiet. He knew his side was outgunned, the vulnerability was unfavorable, and he did not want to help his opponents place the cards.

Against four hearts, Berkowitz led the diamond queen. Declarer won with dummy's ace and took a spade finesse, losing to East's king. Now Berkowitz found the club shift, North ducking the first round and taking the second. Declarer discarded a club on the diamond king, then played a heart to dummy's nine. West won with his jack, cashed his club winner and returned a trump. The contract was down

two, declarer losing one spade, two hearts and two clubs. Passell, in four spades, won with dummy's diamond ace and also took a losing spade finesse. East, though, returned a diamond. Declarer took his king, cashed the spade ace (getting the bad news), and played a heart to dummy's nine. West took the trick and surprisingly did not shift to the club king, which would have defeated the contract. Instead, he returned a spade. Declarer drew trumps, cashed the heart ace and played a heart, establishing his suit while he still had the club ace as an entry.

Plus 100 and plus 420 gave 11 IMPs to USA 2.

Next came the opening-lead problem set at the beginning. Against one notrump, would you lead from ♠ A J 5 3 or from ♦ K 7 6 5?

Romanski selected a diamond and Sutherlin chose a heart. Partner had five hearts to the ten (the suit was 2-2) and three low diamonds. Berkowitz had time to collect an overtrick, but Lasocki was down one without the option. The 6 IMPs gave USA 2 the lead by one point.

Poland regained the lead immediately, catching Lair in two spades doubled with trumps 5-0. And Poland scored 6 IMPs more two boards later when Lair and Berkowitz bid four spades, which required a lot.

But on Board 9 USA 2 retook the lead when Lasocki-Russyan bid to six hearts off the ace and king of clubs, which were in the opening leader's hand.

Over the last seven deals, USA 2 scored 20 IMPs to Poland's 1 to lead by 22. But Poland missed an opportunity on the last deal:

Board 16. Dealer West. East-West vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lair	Kowalski	Berkowitz	Romanski
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠ (a)
Dble	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(a) Fourth suit game-forcing

West	North	East	South
Russyan	Passell	Lasocki	Sutherlin
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠ (a)
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

(a) Fourth suit game-forcing

In the Open Room, where Lair doubled two spades, North passed without a spade stopper, so the contract was played by South.

After Lair led a spade, declarer Romanski was not under pressure. Since West had not bid spades at either of his first two turns, South was confident that East held the heart ace and club king. So declarer won the first trick in his hand, led a club to dummy's ace, and played the heart ten to his king. South continued with the club jack and another club, establishing nine tricks: two spades, one heart, two diamonds and four clubs.

Against Passell, East found the apparently killing lead of a diamond. North took the trick with the king and led his singleton heart. When East ducked, declarer won with dummy's king, then played a club to his queen. East took the trick and led another diamond, but Passell had the same nine tricks as Romanski.

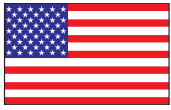
Did you notice East's error? He needed to play diamonds three times: twice to knock out declarer's ace-king and once to cash his established winners. And he had three chances: the lead at trick one and when in with his two entries: the heart ace and club king. At trick two, he should have taken his heart ace and led another diamond. This would have defeated the contract.

The board was flat instead of 10 IMPs to Poland.



Carolyn Lynch, USA 2

BERMUDA BOWL Semifinals 2,3



USA 2

v China Long Zhu



Big swings

by Brent Manley

In the second and third sets of the Bermuda Bowl semifinal match between USA2 and China Long Zhu, the two teams exchanged big swings, trading 102 IMPs on just nine boards. Unfortunately for China, six of the nine big swings went to the Americans.

USA2 was leading 49-23 after the first set, including their 11-IMP carryover, and they came on strong in the second set, starting with board 20.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wang	Hamman	Zhuang	Zia
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Zhuang Zejun led a diamond to his partner's ace. The ♣A was followed by a club ruff, spade to the ace, club ruff and the ♠K. Bob Hamman was two down before he got in. He had the rest of the tricks, however.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Fu	Meckstroth	Zhao
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♥*	3♥	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♣	5♦	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

2♥ Invitational with three or more spades

Zhao Jie led a low club to the queen and king, ruffed by Meckstroth, who played a low heart from hand. Fu Zhong, South, put in the queen, but Zhao overtook with the king to push the ♦10 through. Meckstroth put up the J, covered by the queen and ace, and he played a spade to the king and then the ♠J, letting it run. He then played a diamond to

dummy's 7, cashed the ♣A for a heart pitch, then ruffed a club, dropping the jack. He could now exit with the diamond, win any return in dummy and claim plus 650 for a 10-IMP swing.

The next board produced more IMPs for USA2.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

♠ A K Q ♥ 8 ♦ K Q J 8 4 3 ♣ 10 9 8

Hamman and Zia Mahmood had a long auction with the North-South cards to reach 3NT, a claimer for 11 tricks almost immediately.

At the other table, Fu and Zhao had an accident, landing in 6♦ by South after North started with a natural 1♣. Rodwell had no difficulty starting with the top two clubs, followed by a club ruff for two down and 13 IMPs to the Americans.

Both pairs for USA2 judged well in competitive auctions on the following deal.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

♠ K 7 4 ♥ 10 8 5 ♦ 6 2 ♣ K Q 10 6 2

West	North	East	South
Wang	Hamman	Zhuang	Zia
4♦	1♥	1♠	2♥
All Pass	4♥	4♠	Dble

Zia started with the ♣K, overtaken by Hamman with the ace to return the jack. Zia overtook, cashed the ♣10 and exited with a heart. Zhuang Zejun entered his hand with a diamond to the ace, followed by the ♠Q, ducked all around, and a spade to the 8. Zhuang couldn't play a third round of trumps because that would put him at the mercy of a 3-3 split in diamonds, so he tried for that straightaway, cashing the ♦K and ruffing a diamond in hand. Zia overruffed for one down and plus 100 to USA2.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Fu	Meckstroth	Zhao
	1♥	1♠	2♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Meckstroth led the ♠J (Rusinow), which held. Fu ruffed the spade continuation and played the ♥K from hand. Rodwell won the ♥A and played a diamond to Meckstroth's ace. Rodwell took the diamond return with the king and forced declarer with the ♠A. Meckstroth still had the ♥Q to come for plus 500 and 12 more IMPs to USA2.

Another double-digit swing occurred on the following deal.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wang	Hamman	Zhuang	Zia
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Wang Weimin started with a low diamond, taken by Zia in dummy with the queen. A club went to the 10 and king, and Wang returned a club, ducked around to Zia's 9. The ♠K was ducked, but Zhuang took the ♠10 with the ace for a diamond return. When Zia played the ♦J on the 7, Wang ducked. Zia then cashed his two good spades and the ♣A, then played the ♥A and a heart to the jack, queen and king. Zhuang had the good ♣Q to cash, but he had to give Zia his ninth trick with a heart to the 10. Plus 600.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Fu	Meckstroth	Zhao
Pass	Pass	1♦	INT
2♦	2♥	All Pass	

Meckstroth led the ♦10 to the jack, 2 and 5. Fu played a heart to his 10, ducked by Meckstroth, who won the next spade trick with the ace to continue with a diamond to Rodwell's ace. On the diamond return, Fu discarded a club. Meckstroth ruffed and got out with a club. Fu went up with the ace, played the ♠K and ♠Q for club pitches. Meckstroth ruffed the fourth spade and exited with a club. He still had a trump trick coming, but Fu had plus 110. Still it was a 10-IMP loss.

There were still two big swings left for the Americans.

Board 30. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wang	Hamman	Zhuang	Zia
Pass	2♣*	INT	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♦	2♥
All Pass		3NT	Dble

INT 13-15
2♣ Majors



Weimin Wang, China Long Zhu

Zia didn't see how two hands willing to play INT were going to take nine tricks, and his estimation was correct. Hamman's 2♣ promised majors, so Zia started with the ♠K. Zhuang won and entered dummy with a diamond to run the ♣Q. Zia won the ♣K, played the ♠Q, then the ♥K and a heart to the queen and ace. Hamman had three more hearts to cash for three down and plus 500.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Fu	Meckstroth	Zhao
		INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

With the club finesse failing, Meckstroth had only eight tricks. Still, minus 50 meant another 10 IMPs to USA2.

The final swing of the set could have been a push had the Chinese declarer taken a different view in the critical suit.

Board 31. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wang	Hamman	Zhuang	Zia
			2♦*
Pass	2♥	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♦ Flannery (five hearts, four spades, 11-15 high-card points).

Hamman led a low heart to the king, ducked. The ♥J was also ducked, Hamman overtaking with the queen to knock out the ace. Wang played a diamond to dummy's ace, then a club to his ace and the ♦9, letting it ride. Zia won the ♦Q and cashed two heart tricks and the ♣Q for two down and plus 100.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Fu	Meckstroth	Zhao
			1♥
Pass	INT	2♦	Pass
2♥	Dble	Redbl	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Fu also led a low heart, and Rodwell took the king with the ace to play a diamond to dummy's ace. Back in hand with the ♣A, Rodwell played a second diamond and studied the dummy for a long time before finally going up with the king, dropping the queen and scoring his game for another 11 IMPs to USA2, who won the set 68-11.

Set 3

China got a measure of revenge in the next set, winning 45-18 to show they weren't going to go quietly. They score big right off the bat.

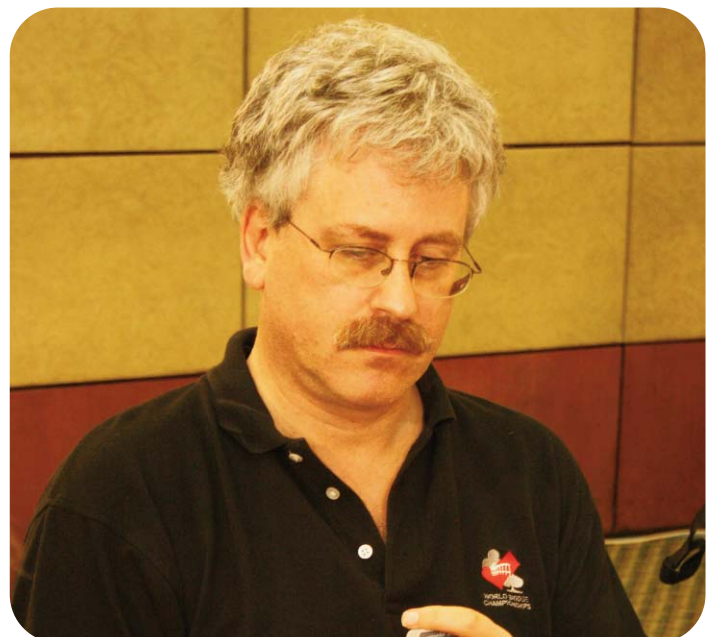
Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zia	Dai	Hamman	Yang
	1♣*	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

1♣ Strong.

Dai Jianming and Yang Lixin found the right spot, and Dai landed his contract. He won the opening diamond lead in hand and played the ♠K to Zia's ace. He won the diamond continuation in hand, pulled two more rounds of trumps, then played a club. Hamman won the ace and played a club to dummy's king. Now a club ruff eliminated that suit, and Dai cashed the ♦J for a heart pitch, then played a heart to the king and the ♥9. This forced the ace and Dai claimed for a 10-IMP gain.



Eric Rodwell, USA 2

West <i>Zhao</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Fu</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
4♣	1♣	3♣	Dble
All Pass	Dble	Pass	4♥

Fu won the opening club lead with the ace and shot back his singleton spade. Zhao won the ace and gave his partner a ruff. The trump ace was the fourth trick for the defense. Plus 50 was good for 10 IMPs to China.

On the other big swing of the set, there were a lot of IMPs riding on the opening lead. Fortunately for China, Meckstroth did not find the killer.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Zia</i>	North <i>Dai</i>	East <i>Hamman</i>	South <i>Yang</i>
4♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

Dai cashed his two high clubs, but Zia had the rest for plus 650. There were fireworks at the other table.

West <i>Zhao</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Fu</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
4♦	1♠	INT	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
	Dble	All Pass	

Fu's decision to overcall INT with his 4-1-4-4 shape worked out well because the hand with the two cashing clubs was not on lead.

Rodwell's double told Meckstroth not to lead a spade, and a trump lead was also out, so he had to pick between clubs and diamonds. After thinking for a long time, Meckstroth finally went with a diamond. Fu won in hand, played two high hearts, cashed the ♠K, then played a diamond back to hand to cash the ♠A and two high diamonds to get rid of dummy's losing clubs. Plus 1660 was good for 14 IMPs in China's come-back set.



D'ORSI SENIORS BOWL Semifinal 4



England

v

Indonesia



by Mark Horton

The fourth set featured a lot of flat deals, but there were three that produced huge swings in virtually every match – and this one was no exception.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Holland</i>	North <i>Lasut</i>	East <i>Hallberg</i>	South <i>Manoppo</i>
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

For a Precision pair, that was a remarkably imprecise auction. The 5-0 trump break added insult to injury as the contract had to go one down, -100.

Closed Room

West <i>Sawiruddin</i>	North <i>Price</i>	East <i>Hartono</i>	South <i>Simpson</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT*
All Pass	5♣*	Pass	7♠

East led the jack of diamonds, and that enabled declarer to claim after the completion of trick two, which was won by the ace of trumps. +2210 gave England a handy 20 IMPs and the lead in the match, 99.50-92.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
1♥	1♠	1♦*	Pass
2♣	2♠	INT	Pass
4♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
		All Pass	

Warned off by East's rebid, North attempted no heroics and was delighted to be able to double Four Hearts. North started with three rounds of spades and South ruffed and switched to a club. Declarer won in hand and played a heart to the jack, setting up a second trump trick for North, down two, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Hartono</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
4♦*	4♠	INT	Pass
Dble	Pass	Dble	4NT*
Dble	5♦	Pass	5♣
		Dble	All Pass

West's transfer to Four Hearts compelled North to bid Four Spades. South did not fancy that and went in search of a minor suit fit – exactly what North must have hoped for. East led the jack of hearts and declarer won in hand and played a club. West won with the ace and switched to a spade (was it so difficult to play the king of diamonds?).

Declarer won, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, and when he played another heart East discarded his last club. He could ruff the next club, but when he then cashed the ace of diamonds he felled his partner's king and dropped a trick –



down three, -500 those 14 IMPs handing Indonesia the lead back to Indonesia.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
Dble	1♦*	Pass	Pass
3♦*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
4♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
	All Pass		

Declarer was not hard pressed to record eleven tricks, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Hartono</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
INT	1♣	Pass	1♥!
2♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
	Pass	2♥	All Pass

South's psychic response produced a dramatic result. East/West still managed to play in hearts, but stayed out of the lay down game. 10 IMPs to England, back in front.

Indonesia picked up a few overtrick IMPs near the end to edge ahead, but the impetus seemed to be with England. Time would tell.



A view from the BBO room

El Campeonato Mundial Transnacional

Por Morella Pacheco (Venezuela)

Paralelo a las Semifinales de la Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup y d'Orsi Bowl, se está desarrollando el Campeonato Mundial Transnacional de Equipos en el que están participando 68 conjuntos conformados por 368 jugadores de 34 países. Después de 9 ruedas a nadie le sorprende que el equipo Zimmerman (Cezary Balicki, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon, Pierre Zimmerman y Adam Zmudzinski) que en el listado de equipos ordenado en forma alfabética figura último...esté primero en la tabla de posiciones.



El Campeonato se juega con el sistema Suizo Directo a 15 Ruedas, lo que significa que los mejor posicionados al finalizar una rueda se enfrentan en la próxima. Les acercamos manos que nos han contado los propios protagonistas.

Una Eliminación Incompleta

La Sra. Morella Pacheco que representó a Venezuela en la Venice Cup, está jugando el Campeonato Mundial Transnacional en el equipo Ferlema, 11° en la clasificación general faltando 5 matches, integrado por las siguientes parejas: Marcelo Caracci (Chile) – Pablo Ravenna (Argentina), Alberto Dhers (Venezuela) – Franco Gusso (Venezuela) y Morella Pacheco (Venezuela) -Fernando Lema (Argentina).

8° Rueda, Mano 19: Dador Sur, E/O Vulnerable

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

Oeste Pacheco	Norte INT	Este Lema	Sur Paso
Paso	INT	Paso	Paso
2♣*	Doblo	Paso	Paso
2♥	Paso	4♥	Fin

* Mayores

Los 2♣ indicaban los mayores desde 5-4, el doblo de 2♣ fue alertado como palo de trébol y el paso después del doblo pedía al compañero que eligiera su mejor mayor.

Salida: ♣K

Norte ganó la baza con el ♣K y continuó con su ♣A que la declarante falló en su mano. Morella continuó con su ♥A y ♥ que Norte ganó con su ♥K (cae el ♥J de Sur) para jugar la ♣Q, Oeste falló y siguió con la ♠Q, Norte cubrió con su ♠K, Morella ganó con el ♠A del muerto y continuó con el ♠10, Sur hizo la baza con su ♠J y jugó mas trébol, la declarante volvió a fallar con el ♥9, jugó diamante al muerto sacó el ultimo triunfo y se tendió reclamando 10 bazas.

Una Puesta en Mano para la Sobre-baza

Por Jorge Zanalda (Argentina)

El Sr. Jorge Zanalda que representó a la Argentina en la Senior Bowl, está jugando el Campeonato Mundial Transnacional en el equipo Caminito, 8° en la clasificación general faltando 5 matches, integrado por las siguientes parejas: Jorge Gueglio-Martín Monsegur, Adolfo Madala – Carlos de Miguel, Marcelo Lerner-Jorge Zanalda el Equipo categoría Senior Argentino completo. Capitana No Jugadora la Sra. Cristina Pilotto.

8° Rueda, Mano 20: Oeste, Todos Vulnerable

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

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
	Zanalda		Lerner
Paso	INT	Paso	3NT
Fin			

Salida: ♥4

Este salió de su cuarta carta de corazón, Oeste puso su ♥Q, Zanalda ganó la baza con su ♥A. Siguió con el ♠3, Este jugó su ♠2, ♠7 de la mesa y Oeste ganó la baza con su ♠J para salir de su mano con corazón, Norte puso su ♥J que fue baza.

Ahora el declarante jugó su ♠A donde Este sirvió su ♠Q, siguió con ♣K, ♣10 al ♣A y ♣Q donde el jugador en Este descartó un diamante chico, el declarante siguió con ♠ a su ♠K (caen 3-3), su cuarto ♠ (Este volvió a descartar diamante), diamante al ♦K que fue baza y diamante...ahora Este quedó puesto en mano y el declarante se tendió con sobre-baza.

Los Tiempos son Oro

Por Miguel Villas Boas (Brasil)

El Sr. Miguel Villas Boas que representó a Brasil en la Bermuda Bowl, está jugando el Campeonato Mundial Transnacional en el equipo Brasil, 3° en la clasificación general faltando 5 matches, integrado por las siguientes parejas: Marcelo Castello Branco- Diego Brenner, Mauricio Figueiredo-Gabriel Chagas y Joao Pablo Campos – Miguel Villas Boas.

Cuando el ♠9 de la mesa fue baza, Miguel continuó con el ♥10 que fue baza y ♥9, Este tomó con su ♥A y cuando vió el descarte del ♠3 de su compañero continuó con el ♣9. Miguel tomó con su ♣A y jugó la ♦Q, Oeste cubrió con su ♦K y Miguel aflojó.

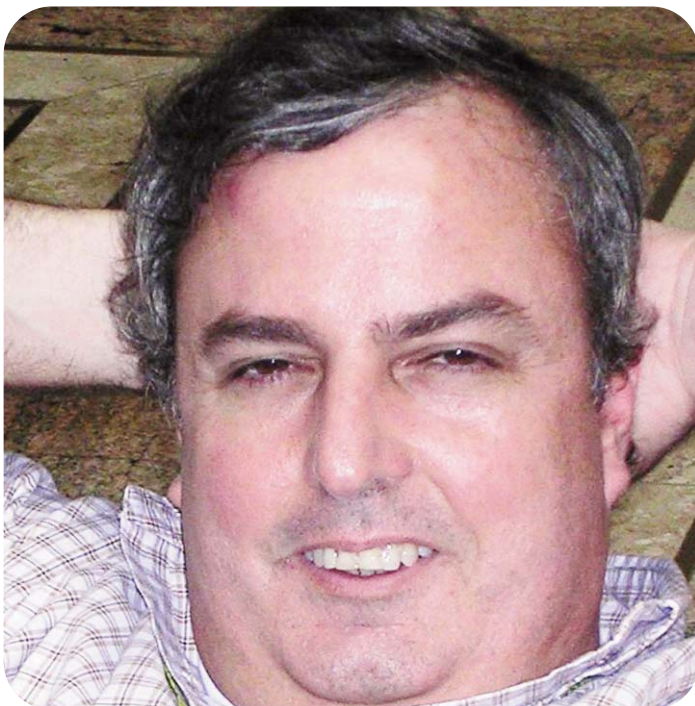
Oeste salió de su mano con el ♠J, ♠Q, ♠K y ♠A... Sur adelantó su ♣K para llegar a la siguiente posición:

9° Rueda, Mano 27: Sur, Nadie Vulnerable

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

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
	Campos		Vilas Boas
Paso	1♠*	Paso	1♥
Fin			3NT

* niega 5 cartas de ♠, funciona como INT forcing
Salida: ♦4



Miguel Villas Boas

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

Ahora jugó su ♣J para darle la mano a Oeste, que pudo hacer su ♣Q y ♣10 pero se vió obligado a entregar el resto de las bazas entregó el resto de las bazas.

Un Poco de Humor...

Ese Sentimiento

Joe: Odio a mi compañero Sam: Porque no te buscas otro? Joe: No tiene sentido...cambiar de compañero es igual a cambiar de camarote en el Titanic.



Silencio de Mudo

Cuando un compañero sabio...no abre la boca...dice más que si hablara...

Problema Pegajoso

Han inventado un parche que cura la depresión. Lo testee durante una sesión de Bridge y funciona perfecto. Todo lo que hay que hacer es sacárselo y colocarlo en la boca del compañero.

Por la Mitad

"El Bridge es sobre cometer errores y como aprender de ellos..." Mi compañero solo aplica bien... la primer mitad..."

Ejemplo Luminoso

Un experto de Bridge es como un diamante. Un pedazo de carbón que se hizo bueno bajo presión.