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# DOWN TO THE WIRE



Bronze medals were secured yesterday by these teams.  
From left, USA2 in the Bermuda Bowl, the Netherlands in the Venice Cup and Denmark in the Seniors Bowl.

Six teams still have dreams of gold as the finals in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl continue today - and the matches are all so close it is difficult to predict the winners.

USA1 leads Italy, 105-74, in the Bermuda Bowl, which concludes on Saturday with a final 32 boards. The teams played nearly even through the first 48 deals, but the Americans had a 20-IMP carryover to start.

Play in the Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl will end today.

In the women's championship, France took a 49-1 lead against Germany, including carryover, after one set, but the Germans fought back to trail 68-87 at the halfway point. They won the next two sets by the combined score of 67-38 to get back into the match.

Likewise, Indonesia seized the initiative against USA1 in the Seniors Bowl, taking a big early lead only to see the Americans draw closer with a 57-20 third set.

Bronze medals went to three teams yesterday.

USA2 took a 12-IMP carryover into their Bermuda Bowl match with Sweden, winning by 15 IMPs in a tightly played match. There were big rallies in the other two bronze-medal fights.

USA1 had a 55-18 lead against the Netherlands after one

## VUGRAPH MATCHES

**Seniors Bowl – Final – 11.00**

**USA I v Indonesia**

**Final – 14.00**

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**Final – 17.00**

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set, and they were ahead by 25 with 16 deals to play, but the Dutch women took the final set 35-5 to earn the bronze.

Similarly, the Netherlands took a 56-15 lead against Denmark in the Seniors Bowl but were outscored 92-34 over the final 48 deals.

Quarterfinals in the Transnational Open Teams began last night with the following matchups: 777 - Sofia Pessoa, Hussein - Schneider, Shugart - Spector and Shato Rosenovo - China Open. See the Saturday edition for more information about this competition.



**PROGRAMME and RESULTS**

**Bermuda Bowl Final**

Teams	Carry-over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Session 7	Session 8	Total
1 ITALY USAI	0 - 20	19 - 24	33 - 37	22 - 24						74 - 105

**Bermuda Bowl Playoff**

Teams	Carry-over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total
4 USA2 SWEDEN	12 - 0	25 - 13	37 - 39	17 - 24	91 - 76

**Venice Cup Final**

Teams	Carry-over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Total
2 FRANCE GERMANY	16 - 0	33 - 1	29 - 33	9 - 34				87 - 68

**Venice Cup Playoff**

Teams	Carry-over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total
5 USA1 NETHERLANDS	12 - 0	43 - 18	20 - 32	5 - 35	80 - 85

**Seniors Bowl Final**

Teams	Carry-over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Total
3 USA1 INDONESIA	1 - 0	10 - 26	20 - 58	57 - 20				88 - 104

**Seniors Bowl Playoff**

Teams	Carry-over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total
6 DENMARK NETHERLANDS	0 - 8	15 - 48	48 - 12	44 - 22	107 - 90

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*This Canadian team showed up to play in the Transnational Open Teams wearing tee shirts with images of Don Quixote, a symbolic gesture to indicate their uphill fight against much more experienced teams. They are, from left, Tom and Eva Deri and Mari and George Retek. Another team mate, Terri Verret, is not pictured. George commented after the team defeated a squad of well-known players: "It made our tournament."*

**WBF Press Conference**

The WBF is to hold a Press Conference on Friday November 4th at 11.30 a.m., followed by a light lunch, in Sala E on the first floor.

**Correction**

The player pictured on page 11 of the Wednesday edition (No. 11) is Roald Ramer, a Senior player from the Netherlands. His first name was misspelled in the caption.

**Transnational Schedule**

**Friday 4 November**

11.00 - 13.20	Semi Final Session 1
14.00 - 16.20	Semi Final Session 2
17.00 - 19.20	Final Session 1

## RESULTS AFTER 15 MATCHES

## Transnational Open Teams

Rank	Team	Total	Rank	Team	Total	Rank	Team	Total
1	777	276	45	MILNER	235	90	MATOS	211
2	HUSSEIN	270	46	ZIMMERMAN	234		MAHAFFEY	211
3	SHUGART	268		KOKTEN	234		MIX	211
4	SHATO ROSENOVO	266	48	KIRKHAM	233	93	GUSSO	210
5	SCHNEIDER	265		MIZEL	233		SOPHONPANICH	210
6	SOFIA PESSOA	264		CHINA WOMEN	233	95	J OLIVEIRA	209
7	CHINA OPEN	262	51	PKO BP	232	96	LEITAO	208
8	SPECTOR	261.6	52	GONCALVES	231.5		GOMEZ DE PABLOS	208
9	LANTARON	260	53	LARA	231		GERMANY	208
10	ORANGE 2	259	54	KIRILENKO	230		PENDER	208
	GOTARD	259		SISSelaar	230	100	STOIMIROV	206.5
12	DAIGNEAULT	255		PASSARINHO	230		ACHTERBERG	206.5
13	VENKATESH	254.5	58	AUBRY	230	102	DEBUS	206
14	DHONDY	248		ORANGE A	229	103	LACHAPELLE	205
	WALEREK	248		ORANGE I	229		SAVELLI	205
	OTVOSI	248	60	GISBOURNE	228.5	105	VIOLA	204
17	ALIZEE	247	61	O'ROURKE	228		REAL	204
	POPOVA	247		NADER	228	107	LOPES	203
	HALLEN	247		PACAULT	228		PALMA CARLOS	203
20	HADI	246.4		KVANGRAVEN	228	109	HAMAOU	202
21	DE BOTTON	246	65	M OLIVEIRA	227		ROUSSEL	202
	HENRIQUES	246	66	MARKEY	226	111	PUIG-DORIA	200
21	TEIXEIRA	246	67	ROSSARD	225		NANIWADA	200
	ZIA	246	68	HOLT	224.5	113	N OLIVEIRA	198
25	PONT	244	69	TO DEBONNAIRE	223	114	MORGADO	197
	CANADA	244	70	MORBEY	222		ROSEN'S ANGELS	197
27	QUERAN	242		MARKOWICZ	222		SAPORTA	197
	JULS	242		SCHIPPERS	222	117	GALICIA	196.5
	NAGY	242	73	ALLANA	221	118	BE	196
30	MALAFAYA	241	74	BUSQUIN	220		LOURO	196
	GORACO	241		NARAN	220		SINGAPORE	196
32	BESSIS	240	76	GALVAO	219	121	RICE	195.5
	SAKURA KRAKOW	240		TURNER	219	122	COMPTON	195
34	BUCKLEY	239	78	HOLLAND	217.5		DERI	195
	NADAR	239	79	WIGNALL	217	124	MEEHAN	194
36	HACKETT	238	80	FLEISHER	216.5	125	BOWLES	193
	JACOBS	238	81	CARRASCO	216	126	CRiado DEL REY	188
38	CHIDIAC	237.5		DATA STEEL	216	127	PILARTE	184.5
39	BARR	237		NAITO	216	128	HANRATTY	182
	GILLIS	237	84	SWELAT	215.5	129	ESCUDEIRO	178.5
	IRELAND	237		EINBERG	215.5	130	CDUP	173
42	AUSTRIA I	236		PHELAN	215.5	131	CASTANHO	171
	MANO	236	87	HIRON	215	132	ILLUSION TEAM	141
	KATS	236	88	NIEDERMAN	214.5	133	MACHADO	121
			89	RODWELL	212	134	HANNA (DROP OUT)	0

## Quarter-finals

		Session 1	Session 2	Total	
7	777	SOFIA PESSOA	33 - 31	0 - 0	0 - 0
8	HUSSEIN	SCHNEIDER	57 - 43	0 - 0	0 - 0
9	SPECTOR	SHUGART	27 - 33	0 - 0	0 - 0
10	SHATO ROSENOVO	CHINA OPEN	21 - 52	0 - 0	0 - 0

## Transnational Quarter-finalists Rosters

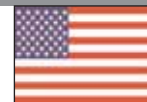
Teams	Players					
777	DUBININ A (RUS)	GROMOV A (RUS)	KHOKHLOV J (RUS)	KHVEN M (RUS)		
CHINA OPEN	DAI J (CHN)	FU Z (CHN)	SHI H (CHN)	YANG L (CHN)	ZHAO J (CHN)	ZHUANG Z (CHN)
HUSSEIN	COHEN R (CAN)	GOWER C (RSA)	HUSSEIN A (EGY)	LEVIT Y (ISR)	RAND N (ISR)	SADEK T (EGY)
SCHNEIDER	BAZE G (USA)	GAWRYS P (POL)	LESNIEWSKI M (POL)	SCHNEIDER P (USA)		
SHATO ROSENOVO	BARANTIEV N (BUL)	BATOVV (BUL)	BONEV I (BUL)	IVANOV I (BUL)		
SHUGART	BALICKI C (POL)	ROBSON A (ENG)	SHUGART R (USA)	ZMUDZINSKI A (POL)		
SOFIA PESSOA	CASTANHEIRA J (POR)	FARIA J (POR)	PAZ N (POR)	PEREIRA P (POR)	PESSOA S (POR)	SANTOS S (POR)
SPECTOR	BRAMLEY B (USA)	FALLENIIUS B (SWE)	FELDMAN M (USA)	MARTEL C (USA)	SPECTOR W (USA)	WELLAND R (USA)

SEMI-FINAL 6

Bermuda Bowl



USA1 v USA2  
Under One Flag



by Mark Horton

Sixteen boards remained to decide which of the two great American Open teams that have graced these Championships would go on to contest the final. USA1 led by 18 IMPs, but the Gods delivered a set of deals that were to tax the players to the uttermost.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Hamman	Greco	Soloway
	2♦*	Dble	2♥
3NT	All Pass		

Two Diamonds was Flannery, and when East doubled to show all around values West potted 3NT. North led the ace of hearts and, when his partner unblocked the queen, he continued with the nine. Declarer won and played the king of diamonds. North won and cashed out for two down; +100.



Eric Greco, USA

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Moss	Meckstroth	Gitelman
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Having written a Bols Bridge Tip entitled 'Don't be afraid to respond', I can only praise South's tactical reply to his partner's opening bid. Of course, it got his side way too high but, no double, no trouble and the contract was four down; -200. It served notice that North/South were going to make life as difficult as possible - and if East/West in the other room had been able to reach Five Diamonds from the right side it would have been a useful gain. As it was it cost 7 IMPs, moving USA1 25 IMPs clear.

Just to show you that the deal is not impossible, here is the brilliant auction that gave Germany a game swing in the Venice Cup semi final.

West	North	East	South
von Arnim		Auken	
	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♥*	Dble
3♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Three Diamonds promised a heart control and at least five diamonds (a very impressive bid!) and the continuation of Four Hearts showed working values for a diamond slam and was not directly related to hearts. If West had held the ♥A3 she would have bid Six Diamonds.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Hamman	Greco	Soloway
		1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	All Pass

North led the five of hearts and South won and played the ace of spades and a spade – one down; –50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Moss	Meckstroth	Gitelman
2♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2NT	Pass

You can contrast West's rebid with that of his counterpart in the other room. South led a low heart and declarer won in dummy and claimed eleven tricks; +460 and 11 IMPs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K Q 4 ♥ A 7 6 5 ♦ A 6 ♣ A K J 10	<table border="1"> <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		♠ 10 9 6 3 ♥ 4 ♦ Q 9 8 5 3 2 ♣ Q 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Hamman	Greco	Soloway
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

At first glance it looks as if a heart lead will ensure the defeat of 3NT, but because of the fall of the jack of spades it can always be made – if declarer decides that is the best option.

North led the six of clubs and declarer won in hand, preserving the queen of clubs as an entry to dummy. Declarer considered playing the king of spades but eventually played ace of diamonds and a diamond. Now North needs to go in with the king and switch to hearts, but he ducked. Declarer won with dummy's queen and played a spade to the king. When that held he went to dummy with a club and played the ten of spades. He was spared any guess when South went in with the ace; +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Moss	Meckstroth	Gitelman
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West showed 21/23 and denied a five-card major.

The lead was again the six of clubs and declarer won in hand and played ace of diamonds, diamond. North again missed his chance and the queen won in dummy. However, when declarer continued with a diamond, discarding a spade from hand, North won and switched to the king of hearts. Declarer could not unscramble his tricks and was one down; –100 and 12 IMPs, reducing the margin to 24 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A 10 ♥ Q 6 5 2 ♦ K 7 ♣ Q J 8 6 3	<table border="1"> <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 ♥ K 10 7 3 ♦ Q 10 5 3 2 ♣ A K 5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Hamman	Greco	Soloway
Pass	3♠	Dble	2♠
4♥	All Pass		Pass

North led the nine of spades and West won and played the queen of hearts. North won and played a second spade, forcing dummy to ruff. Declarer played a diamond to the king and North won and gave his partner a diamond ruff. South exited with a club and the contract depended on declarer's view in trumps. He won the club lead in dummy and played the king of hearts; one down, –100 and a chance missed.

Barry Rigal speculated that the best line might be a cunning low diamond at trick two, trying to make it hard for the defence to take a possible diamond ruff.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Moss	Meckstroth	Gitelman
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

For the second time in the set Meckwell were kept out of the auction on a deal where they could make a game. Declarer was able to ruff a club in dummy; down one, –100. 5 IMPs for USA1, extending their lead to 29 IMPs.



Brad Moss, USA

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Soloway</i>
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

South led the jack of clubs and declarer allowed North's queen to hold. In due course he arrived at eleven tricks; +660. If USA2 were going to win you felt they could not afford to keep missing chances.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ten of clubs and declarer won and ran the jack of spades. In due course he made all the tricks to pick up a couple of IMPs.



Geoff Hampson, USA

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Soloway</i>
		1♠	Dble
3♥*	4♥	4♠	All Pass

South cashed the ace of hearts and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed and played a club to the jack and queen. North switched to the two of spades and when declarer put in the seven the deal was over; +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
		1♠	Dbl
3♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

South led the ace of spades and continued with a second spade, so the deal was essentially over; +790 and 5 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Soloway</i>
1♦*	1♥	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the three of spades and South won with the king. It looked as if the contract would be defeated rather easily, but South switched to the nine of hearts. Declarer put up the king and North encouraged with the eight (the alternative is to win and return a heart to make it clear you want a spade

back – but that maybe assumes partner has the jack of spades).

Declarer played a club to the jack. South won and played a heart, and North won and cleared the suit. Declarer ran his club winners and cashed the king of diamonds. All depended on the diamond guess and, perhaps misled by the play of the spade suit, declarer decided to play North for a doubleton queen of diamonds. That was one down; -100 and yet another opportunity missed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

With East as declarer the singleton spade was concealed. South led the three of diamonds and declarer played low from dummy, winning with the king when North produced the ten. East played a heart to the king, which held, and a club to the jack and queen, South returning a diamond rather than the jack of spades that the commentators were calling for. Declarer finessed and crossed to hand with a club to play a heart to the queen and ace. North switched to the three of spades and South won the king and returned the four. When North put up the ace declarer could claim his contract.

That must have hurt – and it cost 10 IMPs, leaving USAI well in control.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Soloway</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	4NT

East led the three of diamonds so declarer made eleven tricks, +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♣*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	4♦

This needed some luck but it was missing this time and the contract had to fail; 11 IMPs to USAI – home and dry now.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Soloway</i>
Pass	Pass	Dble	1♠
3NT	All Pass		Pass

3NT can always be defeated, even after the lead of the three of clubs. Declarer won with dummy's ten and played the king of hearts. When that was ducked he continued with the queen – and South ducked again – fatally. Declarer played a diamond to the queen and ducked a diamond – and was home; +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
1NT	2♠	Dble*	1♠
Pass	Pass	4♥	3♠*
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Dble
Pass	Dble	5♦	Pass
All Pass			Dble

When Meckstroth made his inferential bid of Four Hearts South opened fire. After some scrambling East/West located their best fit.

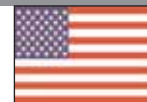
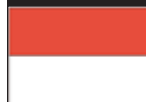
South led his club and declarer won with dummy's king and played a heart. South won and returned the two of hearts. Declarer won and played a diamond but South went up with the ace and played a heart, ruffed by North as declarer discarded one of dummy's spades. Back came a club, ruffed by South, who played another heart. One way or another the defenders had to take another trick; it came at once when declarer discarded dummy's jack of spades, North ruffing, and that was down three; -500 and 14 IMPs, the biggest swing of the set. However, it was too late to change the outcome. USAI would get the chance to defend the title they won in Monaco.



FINAL I

Seniors Bowl

INDONESIA v USA I



It says a lot for the way in which the prestige of the Seniors Bowl has grown in recent years that it is not long ago that we would have been very happy to see these two teams meeting in the final of the Open series.

USA I began the 96-board final with a single IMP carry-over advantage. Set One was a quiet affair, with only around a couple of IMPs per board changing hands.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Bates</i>	<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Sontag</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
4♠	All Pass		



Roger Bates, USA

Not an everyday bidding problem for West over South's 1♠ response. Denny Sacul started with a 2♣ overcall then bid and rebid spades. The first time, of course, 2♠ was an asking bid, but the rebid showed a genuine suit. However, Munawar Sawiruddin preferred clubs and said so. Roger Bates led the queen of clubs against 4♣. Sacul won with the ace, played a spade to hand and ruffed a spade in case both black suits were dividing badly. When that passed off peacefully, he crossed to hand with a diamond ruff then led a club. The even trump split meant eleven tricks for +150.

Alan Sontag found an alternative approach to the West cards, simply leaping to 4♠, where he played. After a club lead, he just had to lose two club tricks; +450 and 7 IMPs to USA I.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Bates</i>	<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dble(i)
2♦	2NT	All Pass	
(i) Three-card diamond support			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sontag</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
			1♦
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The American N/S auction gave Sawiruddin the option of overcalling 1♥ on the empty suit and he chose to do so. Sacul showed a constructive raise and Bates tried 2NT, where he played. Bates won the heart lead with the queen and played a diamond to the queen and ace. Sawiruddin cleared the hearts, so Bates tested the diamonds, cashed the thirteenth card in the suit, then played on clubs; +120.

At the other table, the 1♦ opening and inverted raise shut E/W out of the auction. Two Hearts showed a weak no trump type and Henky Lasut jumped to the no trump game. Again the lead was a low heart to the nine and queen. Lasut played a low club at trick two and Peter Weichsel jumped in with the ace and continued with ace and another heart. On a different



day, that might have been the killing defence, but certainly not today. Lasut still had to knock out the ace of diamonds to create a ninth trick, but as the ace was with the short hearts, that was no problem and he emerged with a surprising ten tricks; +430 and 7 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Bates</i>	<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
1♠	Pass	INT	2♦
2♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Sontag</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
1♠	Pass	INT	2♦
2♥	Pass	3♥	4♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The two auctions were identical up to 2♥ but then Sawiruddin passed, knowing that he was facing at most a 15-count and not liking his diamond holding, while Weichsel raised to 3♥. Sacul was left to play in 2♥, while Eddy Manoppo came again on the South cards, doubled by Weichsel but removed to 4♥ by Sontag.

Two Hearts was a comfortable spot. Bates led a diamond to the queen and Lew Stansby switched to a trump. Sacul won



Denny Sacul, Indonesia

with the ace and played the ♦J, attempting to build a discard for his potential club loser. However, Bates ruffed the diamond and switched to a club to dummy's ace. Sacul led a spade to the king then returned a spade to the ace. Back came a trump. Sacul won and crossruffed his way to eight tricks for +110.

Four Hearts was not at all comfortable and Sontag was soon down two for -200 and 7 IMPs to Indonesia. The first two tricks were as we have already seen, then Sontag took the losing club finesse and back came a second trump. He crossed to the ace of clubs to play a spade up, but when Lasut won the second spade he could play a third trump, holding declarer to one spade ruff in dummy. Sontag came to a diamond for his eighth trick in the endgame.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Bates</i>	<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Sontag</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♠

The natural American auction saw Stansby become declarer in the poor heart game, on the lead of a diamond to the ace and a second diamond for the ten and jack. Sacul switched to a spade but nothing mattered after this start. The contract was one down for -50.

Lasut stretched a point to open INT because of his good club suit, and Manoppo followed a Smolen sequence to make Lasut declarer in 4♥. Weichsel led the eight of hearts round to declarer's queen, and Lasut crossed to the queen of spades to lead a club to the jack and queen. Back came a second trump to the nine and ace. Lasut ran the ♣K now, pitching a diamond from dummy, then played the ♣10, covered and ruffed. He crossed back to hand with a spade and played a winning club for another diamond pitch from dummy. Sontag could ruff but there was only one diamond to cash; ten tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to Indonesia.

The Indonesians won the session by 26-11 and led by 26-12 after 16 deals.



EGYPT		VS		U.S.A.1															
19 - 11 VP (54 - 35 JWP)																			
Open Room				Closed Room															
ARMAZI Waked Et				HARBAN Bob															
HECKSTROTH JWP	<b>N</b> <b>W</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b>	ROOVELL Eric		DAGHER Raff	<b>N</b> <b>W</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b>														
SADEN Tami				SOLDWAY Paul															
Board	Cont	Decl	Lead	Tricks	N/S	EW	Cont	Decl	Lead	Tricks	N/S	EW	Cont	Decl	Lead	Tricks	N/S	EW	
1	3N	E	▲7	9	400	3N	E	9C	9	400									
2	3N	E	▲3	10	170		3N	E	9A	10	170								
3	3N	E	92	12	990		3N	E	92	12	920								
4	3N	E	▲5	9	200	3N	E	9C	9	100			3						
5	3N	W	▲0	10	430	3N	W	9S	11	460									
6	3N	E	92	9	50	3N	E	9C	9	140									
7	3N	E	▲A	10	630		3N	E	▲10	8	100								
8	3N	E	▲3	13	1320		3N	E	97	12	990								
9	3N	E	9C	9	300	3N	E	9C	9	100			3						
10	4N	E	▲0	10	670	4N	E	90	10	670									
11	4N	W	97	9	50	4N	W	9S	10	420									
12	3N	W	▲C	9	110	3N	W	▲7	7	000									
13	3N	E	99	12	100	3N	E	▲0	12	690									
14	3N	E	93	5	100		3N	E	97	9	140								
15	3N	E	92	8	120		3N	E	92	8	120								
16	3N	E	93	7	50	3N	E	9C	9	300									
17	3N	E	▲A	10	430	3N	W	92	9	400									
18	3N	E	▲A	10	400	3N	W	▲0	8	50									
19	4N	W	9S	9	100		4N	E	▲0	10	50								
20	3N	W	97	9	180	3N	E	▲0	8	100									

**The future**

Have we reached the end of what we can do to serve you? Certainly not. One of the main objectives of the WBF website is to provide all available information, accurately and reliably. The next step will be to provide information on the bidding and play of each deal at each table. A mammoth task, for sure – but it will come!

The WBF website depends on the championship scoring team for the information it can provide. To this end, we would like to thank Tomas Brenning for his wonderful support here in Estoril. We look forward to the day when we will get call-by-call and card-by-card information in electronic form to offer you the ultimate service.

**Board 15. Dealer South, N-S Vulnerable.**

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

♠ A Q 3 2  
 ♥ 7 5 4  
 ♦ K Q 8  
 ♣ T 6 4

**N**  
**W** **E**  
**S**

♠ T 7 6  
 ♥ Q J 3 2  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ K Q 8 7 3

♠ J 8 5  
 ♥ K T 9  
 ♦ A 9 6 5 3  
 ♣ A 2

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Room	Cont	Decl	Lead	Tricks	N/S	EW	Final	VP
1	ARGENTINA	INDIA	Open	1N	E	▲7	7	90			
			Closed	1N	E	▲3	7	90			
2	EGYPT	U.S.A.1	Open	1N	E	92	8	120			
			Closed	1N	E	92	8	120			
3	SOUTH AFRICA	JAPAN	Open	1N	E	▲10	5	200			7
			Closed	1N	E	9C	7	90			
4	POLAND	CANADA	Open	1N	E	▲7	7	90			
			Closed	1N	E	92	8	100			
5	BRAZIL	ITALY	Open	1N	E	92	8	100			8
			Closed	1N	E	9C	8	120			
6	GUADELOUPE	CHINESE TAIPEI	Open	2N	E	910	8	110			8
			Closed	1N	E	▲3	7	90			
7	RUSSIA	AUSTRALIA	Open	1N	E	▲7	7	90			
			Closed	1N	E	97	7	90			
8	ENGLAND	U.S.A.2	Open	1N	E	▲7	7	90			
			Closed	2N	W	9C	7	50			
9	SWEDEN	NEW ZEALAND	Open	2N	E	▲3	8	110			8
			Closed	3N	W	▲1	8	100			
10	SOUTH KOREA	BELGIUM-LUX	Open	1N	E	▲3	7	90			

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9:55 p.m. The price of the ticket is 8 Euros.

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ESPIRITO  
SANTO**



# IBPA Annual Awards 2005



## Personality of the Year

### Fred Gitelman (USA)

Our Personality of the Year is a fine player who is not only very well-liked, but who has also made a major contribution to bridge away from the table in the computer field, one that you will be seeing in front of you when play begins shortly.

As a player for Canada he won a silver medal in the World Junior Championship of 1991, losing to the USA. In the final, and, in 1995, another silver in the Bermuda Bowl, again coming in second to the USA.

They say if you cannot beat them, join them, and a few years ago Fred moved from Toronto to Las Vegas and became eligible to represent the USA. Last year he won the Cavendish partnering Brad Moss, and this year the Spingold and US Trials, again partnering Moss, to become part of the USA2 team here in Estoril.

Fred is also the author of the book, Master Class that made our shortlist for Book of the Year, but the contribution away from the table he is best known for is Bridge Base Online. BBO offers a free and valuable service to bridge players worldwide, including watching bridge live with excellent commentary. Tens of thousands of bridge players have benefited and are benefiting now from that service. In the last year, BBO has become the source of the vugraph screen picture you will be seeing in a moment. The few problems we have seen with the feed dropping are no fault of the service provider.

By now you should all have guessed who the man is, but I now ask him to come to the podium. Please give a warm welcome to FRED GITELMAN.

*(From the presentation made by Patrick Jourdain.)*



Fred Gitelman with IBPA President Patrick Jourdain

## The C & R Motors

### Best Played Hand of the Year

### Brilliant Display Roy Welland, NYC

From IBPA Bulletin No. 484, p. 6

On the first deal of his team's match against the Roy Welland team, Bill Pettis managed to bring home a very difficult contract, playing it practically double dummy. His squad emerged with a 6 IMP win over the No. 3 seed, thanks in large measure to this deal. Pettis was playing with Frederick Allenspach against Roy Welland and Björn Fallenius.

Dealer South. Neither Vul.

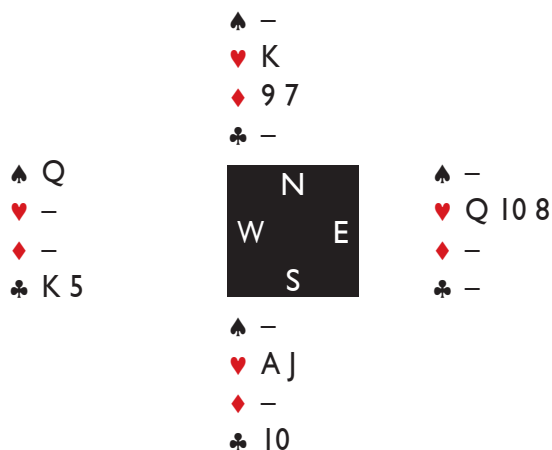
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♦ A Q 9 7 5 3			
♣ 6			
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♦ K 4	E	♦ J 10 8	
♣ K 5 4 3 2	S	♣ 9 8	
		♠ 6	
		♥ A J 9 3 2	
		♦ 6 2	
		♣ A Q J 10 7	

West	North	East	South
Welland	Allenspach	Fallenius	Pettis
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♥
Dble	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	5 ♥	All Pass	



Welland started with two high spades. Pettis ruffed the second round. At trick three, he played the club ace, followed by the club queen. Welland did not cover, so Pettis discarded dummy's last spade. Welland again refused to cover when Pettis played the club jack, so he discarded a diamond from dummy.

Fallenius ruffed the club and offered an unhelpful ruff-sluff by playing the jack of spades. Pettis pitched a club from hand as he ruffed the spade in dummy. A heart went to the nine in declarer's hand, then Pettis finessed the queen of diamonds, cashed the diamond ace and ruffed a diamond to hand, leaving this end position:



Pettis ruffed the ten of clubs with the heart king as Fallenius under-ruffed, leaving the lead in dummy for the contract-fulfilling trump coup. Had Pettis gone down in his contract (Four Hearts was successful at the other table), his team would have lost the match.

The other finalists were:

Walid El Ahmady in 6♠, Bulletin No. 479, p. 9, reported by Brent Manley

Sabine Auken in 6♥, Bulletin No. 480, p. 4, reported by Sabine Auken

Fulvio Fantoni in 6♥, Bulletin No. 482, p. 12, reported by Mark Horton

ZY Shih in 6♣, Bulletin No. 485, p. 6, reported by Eric Kokish

Fred Gitelman in 6♦, Bulletin No. 486, p. 14, reported by Tim Bourke

## The Romex

### Best Bid Hand of the Year

## Bridge with the Hackett Family

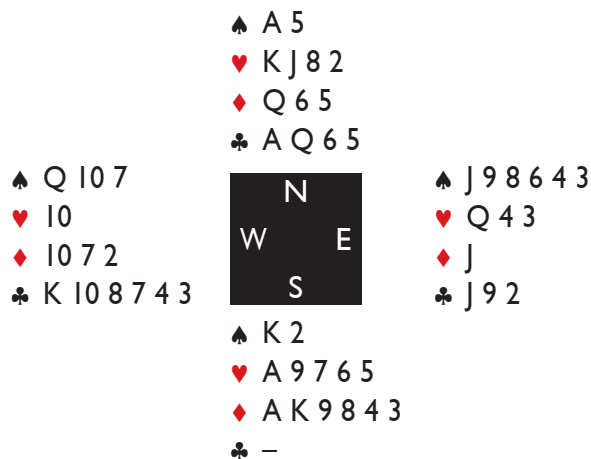
### Paul Hackett, Manchester

*(From the Sunday Express, April 17, 2005.  
Further editing has taken place.)*

#### From IBPA Bulletin No. 486, p. 7

We recently played in the invitational White House tournament, held in Utrecht, Holland. It was a superb tournament, with top teams and attractive cash prizes. All the invited teams were taken out to an excellent dinner on the Saturday night. This was one of the most interesting deals from the tournament.

Dealer East. NS Vul.



West	North <i>Justin Hackett</i>	East	South <i>Jason Hackett</i>
		Pass	1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠	5 ♣ (1)
Pass	5 ♠ (2)	Pass	6 ♣ (3)
Pass	7 ♦ (4)	Pass	Pass (5)
Pass			

1. Exclusion Key Card
2. 2 key cards outside clubs, no heart queen
3. Anything extra?
4. You bet! Could we play diamonds, perhaps?
5. Of course we could!

Often, a failure to bid can provide as many clues in the play as a bid itself. This is the case in this deal, where East's decision to enter the bidding on the second round proved very expensive. East's overcall of One Spade was questionable, given that he didn't particularly want a spade lead from partner, and that it helped South out in the bidding and the play.

West led his partner's suit and, of course, finding the heart queen was the key to the hand. South won the spade in hand and played a low diamond to the queen in case East had all the outstanding diamonds, then ruffed a club.

He drew trumps and crossed to the spade ace, played the ace of clubs, then ruffed a club. Now, knowing East had five or six spades, one diamond, and three or more clubs, South consulted the East/West system card. He ascertained that East would have opened Two Spades to show five spades and a four-card minor and 4-9 points. Since he had not opened Two Spades, six spades, three clubs and one diamond left East with three hearts.

South duly led a low heart from hand, thrilled to see the ten appear. He won the heart king and now finessed East's heart queen for a well-deserved thirteen tricks and a 19 IMP swing.

The other finalists were:

Peter Boyd/Steve Robinson to 7♥, Bulletin No. 486, p. 11, reported by Richard Colker

Geoff Hampson/Eric Greco to 5♣, Bulletin No. 486, p. 13, reported by Donna Compton

David Berkowitz/Larry Cohen to 5♠, Bulletin No. 486, p. 14, reported by Donna Compton

Fred Gitelman/Brad Moss to 6NT, Bulletin No. 487, p. 4, reported by Tim Bourke

The ITES

Best Defended Hand of the Year

Defensive Wizardry

Donna Compton, Dallas

From IBPA Bulletin No. 486, p. 14

On this deal, a candidate for the best defence of the year, declarer committed a slight inaccuracy, but it is my view that the defense deserved to beat the game for their efforts. What do you think?

Board 26. Dealer West. All Vul. (rotated 180 degrees)

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 NT

All Pass

Bart Bramley led the diamond jack, promising the queen. Let us look at the deal and speculate about how many tricks you expect declarer to come to.

Well, there are clearly nine tricks available by dislodging the spade ace before playing on hearts, but let us see what happened at the table.

Roy Welland ducked the opening lead, won the next diamond, pitching a spade from dummy, and led to his heart ace – he could see the danger in taking the heart finesse. Now he planned to duck a club to West, win the return, and drive out the spade ace. But, when he led a low club from dummy, Mark Feldman played the queen!

It was not safe to duck this, so Welland won and crossed to the heart king (hoping that the fall of the ten or queen would make his life easy). No luck there; so he played a spade to his king – and Bramley ducked!

Now declarer played two more rounds of clubs and committed the very slight error of leaving his own hand with the re-entry when he saw that West was about to win the third club (it seemed irrelevant to him, since he knew East had the spade ace). This was the position:



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

The defence had two tricks in, and Bramley now led a heart to his partner's queen for the diamond switch. When declarer won and played a second spade, Bramley had the rest.

The other finalists were:

Tarek Sadek/Walid El Ahmady to 3NT, Bulletin 479, p. p, reported by Brent Manley

Richie Pavlicek/Richard Pavlicek to 3NT, Bulletin No. 481, p. 13, reported by Brent Manley

Doron Yadlin/Israel Yadlin to 5♦ doubled, Bulletin No. 483, p. 2, reported by Lex de Groot

Ross Harper/Paul Hackett to 4♠, Bulletin No. 486, p. 6, reported by Paul Hackett

The Brazilian

Best Junior Deal of the Year

Presented by Revista Brasileira de Bridge

10th World Junior Team Championship,  
Sydney Olympic Park, August 7-17, 2005

Brian Senior, Nottingham

(From the Daily Bulletins)

From IBPA Bulletin No. 488, p. 14

Sports leagues are fond of naming a 'Most Valuable Player'; FIFA has its 'Footballer of the Year'. A case can be made for naming Joe Grue of USA1 as 'Bridger of the Year' or, at the least, MVP of the 2005 World Junior Bridge Team Championship. See if you agree.

Following is a deal Grue declared during the Championship against Canada in the Round Robin.

Board 17. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♠
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Grainger</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Lavee</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Dble	4 ♠	All Pass	

There is an inescapable loser in each suit and so Demuy's double gained 2 IMPs for his side, right? Wrong! Grainger was given no chance to make his Four Spade contract when Hurd led the club jack to Wooldridge's ace and back came the nine of spades. Grainger won with the king, ruffed his club loser and played a second spade to the ace. Seeing that he had a spade to lose, he tried the diamond finesse and was one down for Minus 50.

At the other table, Wolpert led a heart against Four Spades doubled and Demuy ducked it to Grue's nine. To trick two Grue led the jack of spades(!) from hand, trusting that the spade had to be offside to justify Demuy's double. Had Wolpert gone in with his queen he could then have collected a heart ruff for down two, but he played low, not believing that anyone could play this way from Grue's actual holding. When the spade jack scored and West followed suit, Grue happily cashed the top spades and simply conceded one trick in each side-suit; a wonderful Plus 590 and 12 IMPs to USA I.

The other finalists were:

Jenny Ryman in 4♥, Bulletin No. 480, p. 3, reported by Brent Manley

Vincent Demuy in 4♠, Bulletin No. 485, p. 12, reported by Richard Colker

Joe Grue in 6♥, Bulletin No. 488, p. 15, reported by Brian Senior

Krzysztof Buras in 3NT, Bulletin 489, p. 11, reported by Ron Klingner

## The Master Point Press Book of the Year

### The Principle of Restricted Talent and Other Bridge Stories by Danny Kleinman & Nick Straguzzi

Readers of The Bridge World will already be familiar with the acerbic Chthonic, the self-confessed world's greatest bridge player. Fifteen of the 21 stories in this delightful book previously appeared in its pages; the other six are new.

In his Foreword to the book, Jeff Rubens professes that for him, "... the holy grail consists of humorous pieces that meet the exacting general standards that readers demand of the magazine's articles: technically sound bidding and play, deals of interest to accomplished or improving players, and a high ratio of bridge to total content."

Despite stiff competition, The Principle of Restricted Talent was a clear winner in our jury's collective opinion. The bridge deals are intriguing and the witty dialogue brings to mind another great book from 1976, Bridge with a Perfect Partner by PF Saunders.

Let's let the characters tell a story:

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Chthonic</i>		<i>Orttman</i>	
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			

"We were trailing by 4 IMPs with this board to play. Birdsworth and Barton no doubt had a sub-par session in the Closed Room. Our opponents bid uncontested to Four Spades, which of course has no play on a club lead. Yet, through inexcusable carelessness, Chthonic nearly allowed the contract to make!"

The opening lead was the club deuce. Declarer followed twice as I took the ten and the ace, then he ruffed the third round. To my horror, Chthonic carelessly followed to this trick with the king!"

"Fortunately, declarer had no loser to discard on dummy's established queen, so the error could not cost. Not so his second mistake. When declarer led a spade to dummy at trick four, the robot unthinkingly followed small!" Orttman paused for a few seconds to let the magnitude of Chthonic's gaffe sink in.

Marty stared at the diagram in amazement. "Holy cow," she finally said. "That's incredible. I...I can't believe he did that!"

"My sentiments exactly," said Dr. O., happy to have salvaged a little satisfaction from his trip to the basement. "Even a beginner would know to split his honors in this elementary situation. I need not mention that if declarer had thought to insert dummy's nine, we would have been knocked out of the tournament. Thankfully, however, he made the routine play of the king and so went down one trick."

"Chthonic, true to form, refused to acknowledge his errors in the post-mortem."

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(From the BBO transcript ...

Chthonic: "Well, Frederick, despite your best efforts I see we have won the match by 6 IMPs."

DrFooPhD: "Bah! I hope you realize how close we came to defeat."

Chthonic: "Indeed. Had you chosen to sit West instead of East we would have lost one IMP on the final board, instead of gaining ten. I am confident you would have devised a line of defense to allow an overtrick. Let us hope you perform as admirably when selecting your seat next Tuesday.)"

...

"What card did Chthonic play at trick two?" she asked.

"That is totally irrelevant."

"No, really sir. It's very important. Which club spot did he play?"

"Hmph. The nine."

"I thought so," she said with a nod. "Sir, Chthonic defended this hand perfectly. If he had played a different card to any of the first four tricks, declarer would have made the contract!"

"Balderdash! Declarer has four certain losers on a club lead."

"No, sir. Watch" She began crossing off cards from the diagram.

(If West follows low on the second and third clubs and splits his honours in spades to deny South the safety play in trumps, declarer strips West of minor-suit cards to reach:)

<p>♠ Q J 8 ♥ Q ♦ - ♣ -</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	<p>♠ - ♥ J 10 9 ♦ 10 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ A 7 ♥ A 8 ♦ - ♣ -</p>
N						
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S						

"Declarer needs three more tricks. At trick ten he cashes the ace of hearts, and West has to follow suit. Now South leads his last heart. If West ruffs low he gets overruffed, and if he ruffs high he's end-played."

"The bottom line is that if Chthonic splits his honours at trick four, he's toast. He has to play low smoothly, and he also needs to have falsecarded in clubs so that declarer won't risk the safety play. Pretty cool defense," she concluded.

Well. Orttman opened his mouth, closed it, and opened it again, all the while waving his hands jerkily in the air. He looked like a mime doing the soliloquy from Hamlet.

### The Alan Truscott Memorial Award

for Special Achievement

**Bill Bailey (USA)**  
for Deep Finesse

IBPA has announced a new award this year, to be awarded periodically to a person who has made a significant contribution to bridge and bridge journalists. The first such award, named after our ex-President and ex-Chairman Alan Truscott, who died in September, goes to Bill Bailey for Deep Finesse, an invaluable tool for bridge writers and analysts everywhere.

### The 2005 IBPA Honour Member of the Year

**George Rosenkranz (Mexico)**

IBPA has announced that George Rosenkranz of Mexico has been named the Honour Member for 2005. George has been a long-time supporter of the IBPA and its awards programme.

## Bridge The Silver Way

Canada's Joey Silver has a unique approach to the great game of bridge. This is a polite way of saying that he is completely barking mad, certifiable, but the world of bridge would be a duller and poorer place without people like Joey to enliven it. Take this example from the eighth round of the World Transnational Open Teams Championship.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ Q 4 3 ♥ Q J 6 2 ♦ J ♣ A J 10 5 4</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	<p>♠ A J 9 7 ♥ A 10 3 ♦ A K 9 8 4 3 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ K 8 6 5 2 ♥ K ♦ 7 5 ♣ Q 9 8 7 3</p>
N						
W      E						
S						
<p>♠ 10 ♥ 9 8 7 5 4 ♦ Q 10 6 2 ♣ K 6 2</p>						

West	North <i>Silver</i>	East	South <i>Carruthers</i>
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Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♥	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

After two passes, Joey traded on the favourable vulnerability to open 1♠, hoping to pick off the opponents' suit. East had a very good hand for a simple overcall, but nothing else particularly appealed so that was his choice. John Carruthers made an aggressive negative double and 2♥ was the obvious response. Now East showed his extra strength by repeating the diamonds and, when that was passed by West, North's operation had been successful. But Joey could not bear to pass when he had a guaranteed heart fit so came again with 3♥. That slipped past East, but not West, who tried a speculative 3NT, offering partner a range of options, pass being the logical choice with the actual East hand. Carruthers doubled – after all, his partner had bid when he had no need to do so, and John had the diamonds well held.

The double ended the auction and West came to nine tricks for +750. That may not look like a triumph for N/S, considering that they could have passed out 3♦ and conceded only –150. However, as the contract at the other table was 6♠, making for +1430, the Canadians picked up 12 IMPs anyway. A triumph after all!



**FINAL I** **Venice Cup**

# France v Germany

by Mark Horton

France enjoyed a 16 IMP carry-over, having inflicted a heavy defeat on Germany in the Round Robin. Both teams played well in what turned out to be a relatively quiet set of deals.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>von Arnim</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
2♦*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the two of spades and, when declarer played low from dummy, the winning defence was hardly obvious, and South put in the jack. Declarer won in hand and overtook the jack of diamonds. South held on to her clubs, so declarer



*Sylvie Willard, France*

made ten tricks; +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Schraverus</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Alberti</i>
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West's jump to Three Clubs promised 5-5. This time North found the excellent lead of the eight of spades. Declarer played dummy's nine and when South failed to rise to the occasion the chance for a morale-boosting start had been missed.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>von Arnim</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
1♥*	2♣	3♥*	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East's raise to Three Hearts was known to be pre-emptive, but, even so, full marks to North for bidding 3NT, a contract that cannot be defeated.

She won the lead of the jack of hearts in dummy and played the two of clubs to the jack. When that held she ran the queen of diamonds. West won and played back a heart, but declarer won and knocked out the ace of spades, setting up her ninth trick; +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Schraverus</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Alberti</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♦
2♠	3♦	All Pass	

North must have been hoping that her partner would reopen with a double – that would have posed an interesting problem for East/West – but when she preferred Two Diamonds it was difficult for the no trump game to be

reached. Of course, Three Diamonds was a comfortable contract, it made +130, but France had the first major swing; 10 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 9 6 5 4 2 ♥ A Q J 3 ♦ 9 3 ♣ K 8	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;">N</td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;">W</td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ A K 10 7 ♥ K ♦ A Q 4 2 ♣ 10 7 5 3	♠ J 3 ♥ 9 7 6 5 4 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ A J 6
N	E						
W	S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	d'Ovidio	Auken	Gaviard
1♦*	Pass	1♣*	Pass
	Pass	INT	All Pass

South led a heart and the defence started with five tricks in that suit, declarer discarding three clubs and a diamond. South cashed the ace of clubs and exited with the jack of spades. Declarer won in dummy and ran the ten of diamonds. South took the king and played a club, two down; -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Schraverus	Cronier	Alberti
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♦	Dble	Pass	1♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♥
	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Again the opening lead was a heart and North took the ace and continued with the queen. Declarer ruffed, played a spade to the queen and ran the jack of diamonds to South's king. It was difficult for South to find the winning defence of a low club, and when she played a heart declarer could ruff, cash the ace of diamonds and play a club to the nine. There was nothing the defence could do; +110 and 7 IMPs for France.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 9 4 2 ♥ K 9 5 ♦ K J 7 5 ♣ 8 5 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;">N</td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;">W</td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ K J 7 ♥ A Q 6 ♦ 6 2 ♣ K J 10 9 3	♠ 8 6 3 ♥ 10 8 ♦ A 9 4 3 ♣ A Q 7 4
N	E						
W	S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	d'Ovidio	Auken	Gaviard
Pass	Dble	INT	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
	All Pass		2♥

It was surprising to see South remove the double of the 10-12 no trump, but she was under the impression that North was showing a single-suited hand. It is possible that there was further confusion when South bid Two Clubs, which looks like a form of Stayman. When North bid Two Diamonds, South could have shown the nature of her hand with a bid of Three Spades, but she did not think she was strong enough.

Not exactly an unlucky board!

West led a club and East won with the queen and switched to a diamond, West winning with the jack and switching to a spade. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed out the ace of clubs, crossed to the ace of hearts and discarded her diamonds on the good clubs as West ruffed. She was +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Schraverus	Cronier	Alberti
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
	All Pass		3NT



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Given a free run North/South got too high. East led the eight of spades and declarer won in dummy and took a heart finesse. She cleared the hearts and West won and switched to the five of diamonds. It looks easy from here, but the French defence was not perfect, and at no stage did West play a club through declarer, so she escaped with seven tricks; -100 and another small but useful swing to France, this time of 6 IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>von Arnim</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
1♠	3♣*	Pass	3♦

All Pass

West had to lead a trump to put Three Diamonds in danger, but that was hardly obvious, and she went for the queen of clubs. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart. East won with the queen and switched to a trump. Declarer won cheaply in dummy and played a second heart. West won and returned the king of diamonds. That was taken by the ace and declarer ruffed a heart, ruffed out the king of clubs, drew the last trump and gave up a heart. East won and played a spade and declarer put in the ten for an overtrick and +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Schraverus</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Alberti</i>
1♠	INT*	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	All Pass

North's overall of INT promised at least a five-card minor, at least four hearts and 8-17 points.

North led a heart and declarer won and played three rounds of the suit, South ruffing with the eight and declarer overruffing. West played a spade and if North had ducked two down would have been possible - South wins and plays a diamond and, after taking two tricks, North plays a heart, South ruffs and gives North a club ruff.

However, North went in with the ace of spades and cashed the ace of diamonds. There was still a chance for one down, but North played a second diamond and declarer won and played a trump, claiming when they divided; +140 and 7 IMPs for France, who had made a very good start.

## Sports News

### Soccer - Champions League

Lille 1-0 Manchester Utd; Benfica 0-1 Villarreal; Werder Bremen 4-3 Udinese; Juventus 2-1 Bayern Munich; Brugge 3-2 Rapid Vienna; Thun 2-4 Ajax; Barcelona 5-0 Panathinaikos; Arsenal 3-0 Sparta Prague.



### Cricket



Australia reached 340-7 at the end of the first day of their test match against West Indies. Captain Ricky Ponting scored 145. India defeated Sri Lanka in the fourth one-day international, clinching the series 4-0 with three games still to play. Sri Lanka 261 all out, India 261-6.

### Motorsport - Formula 1

Nico Rosberg will drive alongside Mark Webber at Williams next season after the 20-year-old German was named as the team's other driver for 2006. The GP2 champion, son of 1982



Formula One world champion Keke, is already the youngest person to drive an F1 car after testing for Williams in 2002.



### Ice Hockey

Buffalo Sabres 4-10 Ottawa Senators; St. Louis Blues 5-6 Chicago Blackhawks; Dallas Stars 3-6 L A Kings; Vancouver Canucks 2-1 Minnesota Wild; San Jose Sharks 3-2 Nashville Predators.

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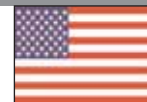
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**FINAL 2**

**Bermuda Bowl**



**ITALY v USA I**  
**Action Packed**



Set two of the Italy-USA I match was the kind of roller-coaster round that would make nervous wrecks of partisans on either side.

The Americans started the set up 25, thanks to the 24-19 first set and their 20-IMP carry-over. The fun started on the first deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	Dble	1♥	Dble
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

Jeff Meckstroth's 1♣ was strong and artificial. Claudio Nunes' 1♦ bid promised majors or minors, at least 4-4 in each suit. The double showed values, but short of a positive response. When Meckstroth doubled 1♥ for penalty, Nunes' pass revealed that he had the majors. Eric Rodwell didn't fancy defending 1♥ doubled with a void, so he pulled it. Fulvio Fantoni started with the ♠Q to dummy's ace, and Nunes won the spade continuation with the jack. A low club went to the nine and ace. Rodwell cashed the ♥A and ruffed a heart, following with a spade ruff with dummy's ♦7. The defenders still had three tricks coming, but Rodwell had Plus 110.

West	North	East	South
<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Versace</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	INT	Dble
All Pass			

Alfredo Versace and Lorenzo Lauria had the preponderance of the high-card points, but Nick Nickell beat them out where it counted – in tricks.

Versace started with a low heart. Nickell played dummy's six, overtaking with the ten. He played his ♠8 to dummy's jack, then another spade to the queen and Versace's ace. Versace exited with a low club to the ten and Nickell's jack. Nickell fired back a club, taken by South with the ace, and another low heart went to dummy's nine. Lauria was down to three diamonds by then, and he split his honours when Nickell

called for the ♦8. Nickell won with the ♦A and exited with the ten to Versace's king. Versace cashed the ♥A, and Lauria still had the ♣K and ♦Q to come, but Nickell had the rest for Plus 180 and a 7-IMP swing to USA I.

A couple of small swings later, there was another doubled INT contract, but this one didn't fare as well.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
INT	All Pass		

Rodwell started with a low heart to the ace. The diamond return went to the nine and dummy's queen. The ♠Q was covered by the king and ace, and the ten returned to North's jack. North/South could take only three hearts, one club and one spade. Nunes had Plus 120.

West	North	East	South
<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Versace</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass



Italy v USA I on vugraph

Versace's INT was natural and strong, but not strong enough. Nickell had enough to make a penalty double, and Freeman led his partner's suit. Versace won with the ♥Q in hand and played the ♦8. Freeman ducked and Nickell overtook with the queen to return the ♣8. Versace put up the king, ducked by Freeman. Now the ♦J went to Nickell's king and a second club produced three club tricks for the defense. Freeman exited with the ♠10 to declarer's king, and Versace could do no better than cash his two heart tricks. That was two down for Minus 500 – and 9 IMPs to USAI.

More IMPs went to the Americans on the next board.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Nunes</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Fantoni</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
	1♦	1♥	1♠
2♠ 4♥	Pass All Pass	3♥	Pass

Meckstroth led the ♣8 to Rodwell's ace. Instead of giving Meckstroth his ruff right away, Rodwell exited with his singleton spade. Fantoni pitched a spade on the ♦A before playing a heart from dummy. Rodwell hopped up with the ace, gave Meckstroth his club ruff and ruffed the spade return for Plus 50.

West <i>Freeman</i>	North <i>Lauria</i>	East <i>Nickell</i>	South <i>Versace</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♦ All Pass	Pass	Pass	2♦

Nickell no doubt was thinking, no double, no trouble, when he passed 2♦ with a void in his partner's suit. It worked out well when Versace bid his spade suit again.

Freeman started with the ♦A and a second diamond. Nickell ruffed and returned a club to the nine and ace. A spade went to the jack and queen, and Nickell ruffed another diamond, getting out with the ♣K. Versace ruffed and played a high spade to Freeman's ace. Versace had played the ♦K earlier, so he had to take the next diamond trick in dummy – and now there was a possible trump promotion for Freeman if Nickell was alert enough to play the ♥Q after the ♥A and a second heart. That became a moot point, however, when Versace ruffed a club and was overruffed by Freeman for the second undertrick. The USAI lead had grown to 67-21.

An overtrick IMP on Board 6 made it 68-21, but a big chunk came back almost immediately.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West <i>Nunes</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Fantoni</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
	Dble	2♣	Pass
INT	2♠	2NT	Pass
2♦ Pass	Pass	Dble	4♠ All Pass

On a different layout, the aggressive bid by Meckstroth might have worked out. The cards did not lie well for them, however. Fantoni started with the ♦K and continued with a diamond to his partner's ace. The defense took the next two tricks in hearts, and Fantoni put Rodwell in dummy with a club to the king. Rodwell played a spade to the queen, but he still had to lose a spade trick because of the need to ruff club losers, so he was two down for Minus 500.

West <i>Freeman</i>	North <i>Lauria</i>	East <i>Nickell</i>	South <i>Versace</i>
	1♠	Dble	Pass
1♣ Pass Pass	4♠ Dble	5♣ All Pass	3♠ Pass

When the tray came back to Freeman's side of the screen with Lauria's 4♠ bid and Nickell's 5♣, it had to be a disappointing sight for Freeman. The opening lead of the ♠A didn't help the defensive cause a lot, but there were four natural trump tricks for the defense. That was all they took, but it was Plus 500 and 14 IMPs to Italy, now 33 IMPs behind.

Freeman made a nice play on defense on Board 8 to help the American cause.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Rodwell	Fantoni	Meckstroth
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

The 2♦ bid was Multi, and Meckstroth's 2♠ bid said he would be happy to play at least at the three level in hearts if that was Rodwell's suit.

Nunes started with a low trump, ducked to Meckstroth's queen. Meckstroth played a low heart from hand. Fantoni overtook Nunes' ♥J to play a low club. Meckstroth won with the ♣A and played another heart. Fantoni won again and continued with the club. Meckstroth took the ♣K and ruffed a heart, then played the ♠A and the ♠J. Fantoni won with the ♠K and played the ♦Q to the king and ace. The ♦J was cashed, followed by the ♣Q, on which Fantoni discarded his third diamond. He made the ♠9 on the play of the third round of diamonds. A well-earned Plus 100 for Italy.

West	North	East	South
Freeman	Lauria	Nickell	Versace
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Nickell led two top hearts, playing a low one to his partner's jack on the third round. Lauria ruffed, went to dummy with a club and ran the ♠Q. Nickell won the king and continued with the ♥Q, Freeman alertly ruffing with the ♠8. Lauria discarded a diamond, and now there was only one play to keep Lauria from making his contract – the ♣Q. Freeman found it. In dummy with the ♣K, Lauria played the ♦K to Freeman's ace. Nickell ruffed the club return for the setting trick. It was a loss of 2 IMPs, but it might have been 5.

Italy scored 8 IMPs when Meckstroth and Rodwell overbid to 4♥, two down, while Nickell and Freeman let Versace make 3♥.

More overbidding by the Americans produced another swing for Italy.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Rodwell	Fantoni	Meckstroth
Pass	2♦	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	3♠	3♥
			All Pass

There were nine tricks but no more, so Nunes was Plus 140.

West	North	East	South
Freeman	Lauria	Nickell	Versace
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♣
2♠	3♥	Dble	2♥
4♠	All Pass		Pass

Nickell's second double – a game try – was aggressive, to say the least. Whether Freeman had the right hand to bid on is debatable – his five-card suit was, after all, the suit South had opened, although it might have been only two. Despite the opening club lead, Freeman had no quick way to hand for a heart discard on the ♣A, so he was quickly one down.

On the next deal, both rooms reached the same contract, and both went down two, but one was doubled and the other not.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Freeman	Lauria	Nickell	Versace
1♠	3♥	4♥	5♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Lauria led the ♣10 to the ace. A heart went to Freeman's ace, and the ♠J fetched Lauria's ace. He exited with a spade to dummy's king. The ♠Q was cashed, and Freeman could have escaped for one down by playing a diamond to the jack or ten. Lauria would be in with all hearts and would have had to give Freeman a ruff-sluff to pitch one of his losing clubs. Freeman played a diamond to the ace, however, and had to lose another three tricks for Minus 100.

## Victory Banquet

It is regretted that, on this occasion, for reasons beyond our control, it is not possible to hold a Victory Banquet to which all teams can be invited. The semi-finalists and finalists from each event – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Seniors Bowl and the Transnationals – will receive invitations to the Victory Banquet, which will take place at the Casino Estoril on Saturday, 5th November 2005 at 7:30 pm.

These teams should let Hospitality know how many tickets they require, on Friday morning at the latest. Any remaining invitations will be allocated on a 'first-come-first-served' basis.

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Rodwell	Fantoni	Meckstroth
2♠	3♥	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

The play record does not indicate how Nunes escaped for two down, but the double helped USAI to another 5 IMPs.

Board 14 was frustrating for USAI partisans but a delight, in a way, for Italian rooters.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Rodwell	Fantoni	Meckstroth
4♣	Pass	INT	2♦
		4♥	All Pass



Lorenzo Lauria, Italy

Meckstroth started with the ♦Q (Rusinow), ducked. Fantoni won the continuation of the ♦K and, after long thought, played the ♣J and let it go. He could have prevailed if he had continued with clubs, but he ruffed a spade in dummy to play a low heart. Rodwell went up with the ♥K and accurately played back a diamond. That was ruffed in dummy, followed by a heart to the queen. Fantoni had to lead a club at that point, otherwise he would have been locked in dummy after picking up the trumps and forced to lead away from the ♣K. On the club lead from declarer, Meckstroth went up with the ace and played a fourth round of diamonds, promoting Rodwell's ♥J to the setting trick.

USAI was in position for a nice gain thanks to overly aggressive bidding by Versace and Lauria, but they had to settle for less.

West	North	East	South
Freeman	Lauria	Nickell	Versace
2♥	2NT	1♦	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	4♠
			All Pass

Freeman would have done best to lead his partner's suit – the club return through declarer's A-Q would have been deadly. Freeman started with the ♥A, however, and continued with the ♥2, advertising the ♣K. Versace studied the dummy at length before going up with the king, dropping Nickell's queen (Versace discarded a club from hand). On the play of the ♥J, Nickell ruffed with the ♠2. Versace overruffed and played the ♦K to Nickell's ace. The ♣J went to Versace's ace, and he exited with the ♣Q to Freeman's king. Freeman could have assured two down by continuing with a heart, giving declarer a useless ruff-sluff but allowing Nickell to ruff with the ♠Q or ♠K while he still had an out card.

Instead, Freeman got out with a club, ruffed by Versace. Now declarer could cash two winning diamonds and ruff the last one in dummy, bringing Nickell down to the ♠K Q 10. All Versace had to do then was to play low from the ♠A 8 7 toward the ♠J 9 6 in his hand to achieve one down. It was still a loss, but he should have been Minus 300.

The final two boards produced small swings. USAI had taken an action-filled set, 37-33. There was a lot of bridge left to play, however.

## World Championship Book 2005



The Official World Championship Book 2005, of these championships in Estoril, will be available next March. As always, we offer a substantial discount to anyone who would like to order and pay for their copy while at the championships.

On publication, the price will be US\$33 per copy plus postage. For the duration of these championships, you can order the book for US\$25 or Euros20, including postage (surface mail) to anywhere in the world. To order your copy, please see Jan Swaan in the Press Room on the ground floor of the building.

Principal analysts will be Eric Kokish, Barry Rigal and Brian Senior. There will be a complete listing of teams playing in all four championships, plus a full results listing and many photographs. Kokish will cover every board of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup finals and there will be substantial coverage of the earlier stages, plus enhanced coverage of the Seniors Bowl and the best of the action from the Transnational Teams.



## Championship Diary

When I told Jean-Paul Meyer that Tacchi & I are planning to write articles under the pseudonym 'Two Gentlemen of Verona', he immediately said that it was an overstatement!

When it was pointed out that the Women & Seniors play 32 boards fewer than the Open in their finals, a Bridge Base spectator said it was because the Women needed time to prepare their hair and the Seniors needed a nap!

134 teams took part in the Round Robin phase of the Transnationals, playing 15 rounds. Between them they managed not a single appeal! Hurrah!

## Quote of the Day

'It is not enough to be a good player; you must also play well.'

After Siegbert Tarrasch

## New MP Scale For the Transnational Teams

Because of the large number of entries in this event, the Masterpoint Committee have decided to increase the number of WBF Masterpoints to be awarded. The new scale is as follows:

Position	MP	PP
1	540	2
2	430	1
3	330	0.5
4	270	
5	170	
6th to 15% of the field	80	
from next to 25%	60	

The allocation of WBF Masterpoints for the Transnational Teams, the Mixed Pairs and the exciting new IMP Pairs events to be held in Verona has been changed to reflect the increasing size of the fields.

The actual number of Masterpoints available will now depend on the numbers of Teams or Pairs playing and will directly reflect the importance and success of these World Championship events.

The full details will be published on the website at  
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[www.worldbridge.org/departments/mps/](http://www.worldbridge.org/departments/mps/)

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