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# DOUBLE GOLD FOR USA



Venice Cup champions: JoAnna Stansby, Jill Levin, Irina Levitina, Hansa Narasimhan, Debbie Rosenberg, Jill Meyers and non-playing captain Gail Greenberg.

Two American teams have earned gold medals at the World Bridge Team Championships – USA 1 in the Venice Cup and USA 2 in the Senior Bowl.

USA 1 – Jill Levin, Irina Levitina, Jill Meyers, Hansa Narasimhan, Debbie Rosenberg, JoAnna Stansby, with Gail Greenberg as non-playing captain – dropped the opening set to Germany in the Venice Cup final, then won every set from then on, posting an impressive 242-158.6 win.

In the playoff for the Venice Cup bronze medal, China Global Times defeated France 132-80.3.

In the Senior Bowl, USA 2 had an even easier time as their Indonesian opponents withdrew after 80 deals, trailing 205-127.

The Senior Bowl champions are Roger Bates, Grant Baze, Bart Bramley, Rose Meltzer, Alan Sontag and Lew Stansby. Kyle Larsen was the non-playing captain, Patty Magnus the coach.

USA 1 in the Bermuda Bowl can make it a sweep for America in the championships, but they face an uphill struggle against a tough team from Norway. With 32 deals to play today, the Norwegians are in the lead 242-184.5.

One other title will be decided today as the French-Italian-Swiss team captained by Pierre Zimmerman will play a further 32 boards against a Russian-Polish squad for the World Transnational Open Teams crown. After 16 deals, Zimmerman is ahead 61-27.



### VUGRAPH MATCHES



#### Final Session 7 (11.00-13.20)

VG: Table 1 USA 1 - Norway  
BBO 1: Table 61 Zimmermann - Russia  
(Final Session 2)

(BB)  
(Tran.)

#### Final Session 8 (14.00-16.20)

To Be Decided

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# RESULTS



## Bermuda Bowl

### Final

	Carry-Over	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Total	
		1 - 16	17 - 32	33 - 48	49 - 64	65 - 80	81 - 96	97 - 112	113 - 128		
I USA I	Norway	16.5 - 0	10 - 36	62 - 45	20 - 36	21 - 54	26 - 37	29 - 34	-	-	184.5 - 242

## Venice Cup

### Final

	Carry-Over	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Total	
		1 - 16	17 - 32	33 - 48	49 - 64	65 - 80	81 - 96		
I USA I	Germany	0 - 7.6	26 - 42	43 - 5	29 - 12	59 - 43	34 - 32	51 - 17	242 - 158.6

### Play-Off

	Carry-Over	Boards	Boards	Boards	Total	
		1 - 16	17 - 32	33 - 64		
I China Global Times	France	0 - 3.3	37 - 16	39 - 23	56 - 38	132 - 80.3

## Senior Bowl

### Final

	Carry-Over	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Total	
		1 - 16	17 - 32	33 - 48	49 - 64	65 - 80	81 - 96		
I Indonesia	USA 2	0 - 1	40 - 42	29 - 31	13 - 24	2 - 62	43 - 45	0 - 0	127 - 205

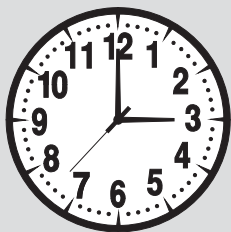
## Transnational Open Teams

### Semi-Final

	Boards	Boards	Total	
	1 - 16	17 - 32		
61 Germany Open	Russia	22 - 36	53 - 49	75 - 85
62 Zimmermann	Gordon	32 - 41	39 - 28	71 - 69

### Final

	Boards	Boards	Boards	Total	
	1 - 16	17 - 32	33 - 48		
61 Zimmermann	Russia	61 - 27	-	-	61 - 27



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

11.00, 14.00

## Bermuda Bowl

### Final Sessions 7-8

Table	Home	Visiting
I	USA I	Norway

## Transnational Open Teams

### Final Sessions 2-3

Table	Home	Visiting
61	Team I	Team 2

# SENIOR BOWL Final - Session 2



**USA 2**

v

**Indonesia**



by Brian Senior

After 16 deals of the Senior Bowl final, USA 2 led Indonesia by 43-40 IMPs. Set Two hardly changed anything, the Americans taking it by 31-29 to extend their lead to 74-69 with 64 deals still to play.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ 10 7 5 3 2 ♣ A 10 4	♠ 8 4 3 2 ♥ K Q 7 6 5 4 ♦ 6 ♣ J 6	N W     E S	♠ 9 7 5 ♥ J ♦ A J 9 8 4 ♣ Q 9 7 3
<b>West</b> Stansby	<b>North</b> Lasut	<b>East</b> Bramley	<b>South</b> Manoppo
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	INT
3♦	2♦	Dble	2♥
	4♥	All Pass	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Sacul	Meltzer	Sawiruddin	Baze
	2♥	Pass	4♥

All Pass

Rose Meltzer opened 2♥ and was raised to game by Grant Baze, giving the defence a blind lead. Munawar Sawiruddin led the seven of clubs, third and fifth, and this ran to Meltzer's jack. Meltzer played ♥K, a heart to the ten, then the ♥A, followed by a low club off the table, losing to Denny Sacul's ten. Sacul played a diamond to Sawiruddin's ace and a spade came back, the queen losing to the king. That was all for the defence, +620.

Henky Lasut passed the North hand and Eddie Manoppo opened with a strong club. The 1♦ response was negative and Manoppo showed around 18-20 balanced. When Lasut now transferred to hearts, Bart Bramley doubled to show diamonds, permitting Lew Stansby to compete to 3♦ with the West hand. Lasut ended the auction with a jump to 4♥. Stansby led a diamond to his partner's ace and Bramley switched to a low club, as he had to do, with the ♦Q providing a discard for declarer's second club if the defence did not take their club tricks now. The contract was on the

club guess and when Lasut put up the king he was one down; -100 and 12 IMPs to USA 2.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 4 ♥ J 7 ♦ K Q J 10 9 ♣ K Q 10 4 2	♠ A K 10 8 7 3 ♥ 8 3 ♦ A 4 2 ♣ A 3	N W     E S	♠ Q 6 2 ♥ K Q 10 9 4 2 ♦ 8 6 5 ♣ 8
<b>West</b> Stansby	<b>North</b> Lasut	<b>East</b> Bramley	<b>South</b> Manoppo
3♥	3♠	2♥	Pass
All Pass		Pass	4♠



Eddy Manoppo, Indonesia



<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Meltzer</i>	<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Baze</i>
		2♥	Pass
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

Both Easts opened 2♥ and both Wests raised pre-emptively to 3♥. Now Lasut contented himself with a 3♠ overcall, raised to 4♠ by Manoppo, while Meltzer jumped to 4♠.

Bramley led the king of hearts against Lasut, who won and played a spade to the ace followed by ace and another diamond. Stansby won the second diamond and played back the jack of hearts, which Bramley overtook to play another heart, ruffed by Lasut, who ruffed his diamond loser with the jack and led the ♠9. When Stansby showed out he conceded one off; -50.

Sawiruddin led his singleton club, the eight being covered by the nine, ten and ace. Meltzer cashed the top spades, then played her remaining club to the five and queen. Sacul returned the ♦Q, ducked, followed by the ♦J to declarer's ace. Meltzer ruffed her remaining diamond and led the ♣7, ruffing out the king. The ace of hearts was an entry to the club winners, so Meltzer had no heart loser; ten tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Bramley</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Meltzer</i>	<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Baze</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	All Pass

When East bid and rebid his long diamonds, Stansby continued with 2NT, raised to game, while Sacul preferred to bid 2♥, checking for a major-suit fit, and passed when Sawiruddin bid the diamonds for a third time.

Baze led the king of hearts against 3♦. Sawiruddin took the ace and led the jack of diamonds, playing low from

hand. Baze ducked, so Sawiruddin led a low spade off the table, Meltzer going in with the ace and switching to the jack of clubs. Sawiruddin won in hand to play ace then queen of diamonds. Baze won with the king and played back a low club to dummy's king. Sawiruddin ruffed a spade, drew the last trump and cashed his red winners; ten tricks for +130.

The stakes were considerably higher at the other table, where Lasut led the jack of clubs against 3NT. Stansby ducked, then won the continuation in hand and led the jack of diamonds, overtaking with the queen and losing to the king. Manoppo cleared the clubs and Stansby cashed two top diamonds, then played the queen of hearts to the king and ace. A heart back to the jack was followed by the nine of spades, but the defence had the rest; down three for -300 and 10 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Denny Jacob Sacul, Indonesia

<b>West</b> Stansby 4♠ All Pass	<b>North</b> Lasut Pass	<b>East</b> Bramley Pass	<b>South</b> Manoppo Dble
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<b>West</b> Sacul 4♠	<b>North</b> Meltzer All Pass	<b>East</b> Sawiruddin	<b>South</b> Baze
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Both Wests opened 4♠. Grant Baze passed the South hand, while Manoppo scraped up a double, ending the auction. They play double as take-out up to 4♥, so this one should have been at least suggestive of a penalty, making it still more aggressive.

Lasut led a club, Meltzer the king of diamonds. Both declarers set up the clubs and made twelve tricks; +480 for Sacul but +790 for Stansby and 7 IMPs to USA 2.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b> Stansby	<b>North</b> Lasut	<b>East</b> Bramley	<b>South</b> Manoppo 4♠
All Pass			

<b>West</b> Sacul	<b>North</b> Meltzer	<b>East</b> Sawiruddin	<b>South</b> Baze 3♠
All Pass			

Baze opened 3♠, while Manoppo gave full value to the eighth spade and opened a level higher, both ending the auction.

Sacul led the six of clubs against 3♠. Baze rose with the ace of clubs and returned the ♣Q, throwing a heart from hand. Sacul won with the king and played two rounds of hearts. Baze ruffed the second heart and cashed the top spades, making nine tricks for +140.

Stansby also led a club and Manoppo called for dummy's nine. When that held the trick, Manoppo cashed the ace of clubs, throwing a heart loser from hand. He ruffed a club and cashed the top spades, so had ten tricks for +620 and 10 IMPs to Indonesia, almost flattening the set.

It looked as though this match between two well-matched teams would go down to the wire.



## Homeward Bound

If you are staying at one of the designated hotels, you can get a shuttle to the airport on Sunday 14 October.

You must register at the hospitality desk no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 12 October.

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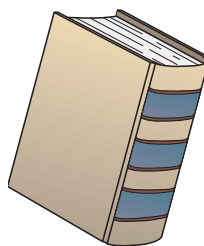
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There have been some problems with copies of last year's book being lost in the post. If you bought a copy in Verona and it has still not reached you, speak to Brian Senior in the Daily Bulletin Office, also on the third floor, and I will arrange to send another copy when I get home. I will be looking at a different way of sending out the individual copies this year in the hope of reducing these problems to a minimum.

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The 2007 book will consist of 336 large pages. There will be substantial coverage of all events, including every board of the finals and semi-finals of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, with full results listings, Butler rankings, photographs etc. Eric Kokish is taking a year off, alas, so principle analysts will be Brian Senior and Barry Rigal, with guest writers including John Carruthers (Senior Bowl) and Cathy Chua (BB and VC Round Robin stages). If you have a possible deal for inclusion, do feel free to contact John or Cathy, as appropriate.

# BERMUDA BOWL

## Final - Session 2



Norway

v

USA 1



by Phillip Alder

For the second session of the Bermuda Bowl final, with Norway leading by 9.5 IMPs, the United States sent Steve Garner and Howard Weinstein into the open room to play North-South against Erik Saelensminde and Boye Brogeland. In the closed room, Michael Rosenberg and Zia Mahmood were East-West against Tor Helness and Geir Helgemo.

The U.S. regained the lead on the very first deal:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Garner	Saelensminde	Weinstein
	1♠	Pass	3♣ (a)
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣ (b)
Dble	5♦	Pass	5♥ (c)
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- (a) A raise with 5-14 points and three-plus trumps (always four-plus if weak)
- (b) One key card
- (c) The spade queen and heart king

West	North	East	South
Zia	Helness	Rosenberg	Helgemo
	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣ (a)	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

- (a) Singleton or void

As you can see, with the cards as they lay, six spades was easy. Helgemo, having jump-raised with only three spades, bid six hearts to offer as an alternative trump suit since his partner could be expected to have some length there. But

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Garner	Saelensminde	Weinstein
			1♣
Pass	1♠ (a)	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(a) In principle, denying a four-card major

West	North	East	South
Zia	Helness	Rosenberg	Helgemo
			1NT (a)

- All Pass
- (a) 15-17 points

Against one notrump in the closed room, Zia led the diamond four. Rosenberg, after winning with his queen, shifted to a low heart. West took the trick with his ten, then tried a low spade. Helgemo put up dummy's king and cashed his seven other winners to score an overtrick.

Against three notrump, Saelensminde led the heart queen. Declarer won with dummy's ace and called for a spade, West rushing up with his ace to continue hearts. When East did not overtake the ten of hearts, West pushed a spade through, but declarer had no choice: he played his jack and had nine tricks: two spades, one heart, one diamond and five clubs.

Minus 120 and plus 400 gave 7 IMPs to USA 1.

Then Helgemo recouped some points with a well-timed penalty double.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Garner</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Saelensminde ran from one notrump into two hearts, which it was hard for South to double. Declarer took one spade, three hearts and one club for three down, minus 300.

One notrump doubled was expensive. North led the club ten, South taking dummy's jack with his queen and returning his low club. Declarer played a diamond to his king, but North won with the ace and led a club to South's king. A spade shift left declarer unable to take more than his three aces. Four down was plus 1100 to Norway and 13 IMPs.

Two flat boards were followed by this deal:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Garner</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

On the Vugraph, Saelensminde misguessed the play. He ducked the club lead and took the second trick with West's club king. Declarer overtook dummy's diamond jack with his queen, a play that he could not afford as the cards lay. Weinstein won with his king and cleared the clubs. Now East cashed his two top diamonds, getting the bad news, and led a low heart to catch South's king, but that gave declarer only seven tricks: three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs.

In the closed room, where Rosenberg's careful three-club bid would have been great if West had had queen-doubleton or queen-third of clubs, North led the heart six. Declarer played low from the dummy and scooped up South's king with his ace. The diamond jack won the second trick, so declarer continued with a heart to the jack, the diamond ace, and the diamond queen. South, after winning with his king, shifted to a spade, giving his side two tricks there, but declarer claimed the balance.

Plus 200 and plus 630 gave 13 IMPs to USA I and a lead they would not lose during this session.

The next deal was exciting, too.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Garner</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦ (a)	Dble	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

(a) One key card



<b>West</b> <i>Zia</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Helness</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Rosenberg</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Helgemo</i>
3NT (a)	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

(a) Four-of-a-major opening that prefers partner to be declarer

This was not a good board for Roman Key Card Blackwood. East knew they had twelve trumps missing a top honor, but was it the ace or king? As Edgar Kaplan was fond of saying, the trump king is not an ace. Taking the low road, East settled for five spades. And he was right if North was going to lead a heart. But when South doubled, East might have redoubled – except that the penalty from six diamonds doubled is only 500. North led the diamond king. Declarer Brogeland drew the trump, gave up a club, then ruffed down the club ace to score twelve tricks.

Notice that the Americans right-sided the contract. When Rosenberg took twelve tricks in identical fashion, minus 750 and plus 980 gave 6 IMPs to USA I – now ahead by 16.5.

Norway immediately recouped 10 IMPs.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Brogeland</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Garner</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Saelensminde</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Weinstein</i>
	INT (a)	Pass	2♥ (b)
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

(a) 14-16 points  
(b) Transfer

<b>West</b> <i>Zia</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Helness</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Rosenberg</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Helgemo</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

Against five diamonds on Vugraph, Garner led the spade king. Declarer won with the ace and played his low heart, North grabbing his ace and shifting to the club king. Brogeland won with dummy's ace, played a heart to his queen,

cashed the spade queen and ruffed a spade in the dummy, North discarding his last heart. West ruffed a club, ruffed another spade (North threw a club), ruffed a club high (in case North was playing a subtle game by not ruffing a spade with the diamond queen), ruffed his last spade, ruffed a card, cashed the diamond ace, and lost the last trick to South's diamond queen – plus 600.

In the closed room, Zia made four diamonds exactly.

A flat board in a partscore battle was followed by another big swing on card play.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Brogeland</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Garner</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Saelensminde</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Weinstein</i>
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♣	All Pass	3♠

This came down to the heart guess. Garner got it right and Helness got it wrong, giving 10 more IMPs to USA I. Then ...



Boye Brogeland, Norway



Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Garner</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In the open room, Weinstein's two-heart response was game-forcing. So, when Brogeland gambled a double of three notrump, Garner, with 19 high-card points, was happy to place the blue card into the bidding tray. After a heart lead to West's jack and a diamond shift, declarer rose with his ace and took his ten top tricks for plus 1400.

Against four spades, Rosenberg led a diamond. Declarer Helness won with dummy's nine, drew trumps and conceded a diamond trick for plus 680, but a loss of 12 IMPs. USA 1 was now ahead by 28.5.

After an IMP to Norway, it was déjà vu all over again, again!

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ 8 7										
	♥ K J 3										
	♦ Q 10 6 3										
	♣ K Q 7 5										
♠ K J 6	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <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		♠ 4 3 2
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♦ K 7 5	♦ 9 2										
♣ A 2	♣ J 10 9 8 4 3										
	♠ A Q 10 9 5										
	♥ A 10 7										
	♦ A J 8 4										
	♣ 6										

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Garner</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
Pass	INT (a)	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦ (c)	Pass	2♣ (b)
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♥ (d)

- (a) Semiforcing
- (b) Natural or strong and artificial
- (c) Eight-plus points, forcing to game
- (d) Three-plus hearts and 16-plus points

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♥
Dble	Rdbl	All Pass	Pass

Against Garner's three notrump in the open room, Saelensminde led the heart queen. Declarer won with his king, ran the diamond ten, winning, and played a diamond to dummy's jack. West took the trick and returned a heart. Garner won with his jack and played a spade to dummy's queen, Brogeland winning with his king and clearing the hearts. Declarer took his two diamond tricks ending in his hand, then played a spade to dummy's ten. Unlucky – West won with his jack and cashed three tricks, two hearts and the club ace, for three down.

Against three notrump redoubled, Rosenberg led a spade, Zia winning with his jack and shifting to his low club. Helness won with his king, ran the diamond queen, winning, then played the diamond ten and rose with dummy's ace. Declarer cashed dummy's spade ace and continued with another spade. Zia won with the king and took his two winners, the diamond king and club ace, but then he had to lead a heart, so Helness claimed.

Plus 150 and plus 800 gave Norway 14 IMPs.

Note that Norway made a mistake that was avoided by the United States. What was it?

Norway erred in making three notrump redoubled when nonvulnerable.

Board 31 was flat. Then Zia and Rosenberg bid to five clubs, which needed trumps 3-2, the diamond finesse to win and no opposing trump promotion. Two-thirds of that worked, but the diamond finesse failed. When the Norwegians stopped in three clubs, they gained 7 IMPs but USA 1 retained a small lead, 88.5-81.





Having tagged on 16 IMPs over three boards, USA 1 now had to watch as Norway put 35 IMPs past them without reply over the next eight deals.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Katz	Helness	Jacobs
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
	3NT	All Pass	

South gave considerable thought to bidding over 3NT – 4♦ was one possibility – but eventually decided to call it a day.



George Jacobs, USA 1

East led the jack of spades and declarer was soon claiming all the tricks, +720.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zia	Saelensminde	Rosenberg	Brogeland
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣*
Pass	Rdbl*	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♦*	Pass	6♠

- All Pass
- 4♦ Slam try with spades
- 5♣ Cuebid
- Rdbl First-round control
- 6♦ Cuebid

The Norwegian pair made no mistake, +1430 and 12 IMPs.

The VuGraph operator observed that Zia was still reading the Bulletin (he had not been able to finish it during the previous set) and had two pages to go. Perhaps we should ask him to proofread it!

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Katz	Helness	Jacobs
Pass	1♦	2♥	Pass
	3♠	4♥	3♥
			All Pass

South led the three of clubs, North taking the ace and switching to the ten of diamonds. Declarer won in hand, drew trumps and played the nine of diamonds, covered by the queen and king. A diamond to hand and a club to the king gave declarer the rest, +680.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zia	Saelensminde	Rosenberg	Brogeland
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	4♣	Dbl	3♥*
			All Pass

East led the king of hearts and continued with the queen, declarer ruffing in dummy and playing a diamond to the ten and ace. East played the ten of hearts and declarer ruffed with the seven, West overruffing with the ten and playing back a spade. Declarer won in hand, ruffed a heart with the ace of spades, ruffed a diamond and drew trumps. He was two down.

If declarer ruffs the third round of hearts with the ace of spades and runs his trumps, then West will have to surrender a ninth trick, but that is not easy to see and -500 was still worth 5 more Norwegian IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Jacobs</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Db1*	Pass	INT	All Pass

South led the three of clubs. Declarer won in hand and played the king of diamonds. South won and played the four of clubs, declarer winning with dummy's queen and playing the queen of hearts. South won with the king and was careful to play the ten of clubs. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart to the ten and South's ace.

North won the next club and played the queen of spades, so declarer had to go one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Db1	Pass	2♥	Db1
Rdbl	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Db1
All Pass			

South cashed two top hearts and then switched to the five of clubs. (As is so often the case, the best move was to get rid of the singleton ace of trumps first.)

Declarer won in hand with the king and could have got home by cashing two more clubs and one heart before exiting with a trump to the king and ace, leaving South end-played.

However, he played the king of diamonds, and South won and exited with a heart.

Declarer won in dummy and played a diamond to the jack, two down, -300 when South showed out, another 6 IMPs for Norway.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Jacobs</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♠	1♥	1♠	2♥
4♠	3♣	3♦	4♣
	All Pass		

Helness decided to pay a waiting game, but having backed in he was not afraid to show his second suit, and West gave his partner a chance for glory by jumping to game.

South led the king of hearts, and when that held, he switched to the ace of clubs and a club, declarer ruffing and playing back a heart, taken by South, who played a third heart, ruffed by declarer.

If declarer was confident South was 6-4, there was a chance he might bring off a coup now by picking up the trumps and then taking the winning view in diamonds.

A spade went to the queen and king, and we confidently waited for declarer to take a spade finesse.

He did finesse – but in diamonds, playing one to the jack. South took the queen and played a club. Declarer ruffed and tried the ace of spades – two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
3♠	Pass	2♠	3♣
All Pass	Db1*	Pass	4♥

There was nothing to the play, +420 and 6 IMPs to Norway, now leading by 7 IMPs.

The remaining boards saw Norway score 6 points to their opponent's four – they led overnight by 117-108.5.



# Difficulties

by Brian Senior

This deal created difficulties for all the East/West pairs in the three finals, with only two of the six pairs managing to achieve a sensible result.

Board 66. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

## USA1 v Norway (BB)

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>Tundal</i>	<i>Jacobs</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Saelendsminde</i>	<i>Zia</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

I wonder if either Bermuda Bowl pair saw both partners on the same wavelength? Both West made a game-forcing two-over-one response to the opening bid, so could bid 2NT at their second turn, and both Easts showed their club support. Three diamonds was the most economical forward move on the West hand, and here the paths divided. Ulf Tundal doubled 3♦, so George Jacobs could redouble to show the first-round control. Ralph Katz showed his three-card heart support and Jacobs signed-off in 4♥. When Katz moved with 4NT, Jacobs jumped to 6♣ to confirm the void. At the other table there was no double by North, so Erik Saelendsminde bid out his shape with 3♥ then, I guess, took 3♠ to be a cuebid for hearts and signed-off in 4♥, but Boye Brogeland assumed better hearts in his partner's hand and jumped to the club slam.

Tundal led his singleton spade and Katz, seeing that desperate measures were called for, finessed the jack in the hope of getting two heart discards on the top spades. That lost to the queen and Glenn Groetheim cashed the ace of hearts but could not read his partner's five as encouraging, so switched to the ten of trumps. Katz won in dummy and took a heart pitch on the ace of spades, but Tundal ruffed that and returned a trump. Katz won in hand and played the queen of hearts to Tundal's king. With the hearts established, Tundal was powerless now and Katz had the rest; three down for -150.

That hardly looked to be a triumph for East/West and Katz/Jacobs would have been impressed to discover that they had gained IMPs for their efforts. In the other room, Michael Rosenberg led a trump. Brogeland won in dummy and led a low heart. Zia went up with the ace of hearts and returned a diamond. Brogeland rose with the ace of diamonds and led a spade to the jack and queen. A diamond through saw the nine force a ruff from dummy, and Brogeland tried to cash a spade for a heart discard. That was ruffed and Rosenberg played the king of diamonds, ruffed with dummy's last trump. Brogeland took a discard on the ♠K now and that too was ruffed. The contract was five down for -250 and 3 IMPs to USA1.

## USA 2 v Indonesia (SB)

West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Bramley</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Baze</i>	<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Sontag</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Low Stansby and Bart Bramley started in the same way, but Stansby cuebid 4♦ over 3♥ and Bramley liked his hand enough to co-operate with a return cuebid of 4♠. Stansby checked on key cards, then signed off in 6♣. Henky Lasut led the singleton spade and the contract went three down after similar play to that at Katz's table.

After the familiar start, Munawar Sawiruddin rebid the strong five-card spade suit rather than the weak five-card heart suit at his fourth turn. That dampened Denny Sacul's enthusiasm considerably and he settled for 3NT, ending the

auction. Grant Baze led a club. Sacul won in dummy and played a heart to the queen and king, won the spade return, and knocked out the ace of hearts; 11 tricks for +460 and 12 IMPs to Indonesia.

### USAI v Germany (VC)

West	North	East	South
Alberti	Rosenberg	Meuer	Stansby
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Dble	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Auken	v Arnim	Levin
		1♠	Pass
2♣	2♦	2♥	3♦
Dble	All Pass		

Anja Alberti did not have a forcing 2NT available, so used fourth-suit instead, feeling that she was too strong simply to jump to 3NT. When Mirja Schraeverus-Meuer rebid her

hearts, Alberti raised quietly to game. JoAnna Stansby led a diamond. Schraeverus-Meuer went up with the ace, throwing a spade, and played a heart to the jack and ace. Stansby returned a heart to Debbie Rosenberg's king, and she played a spade. Declarer won with the ace, drew the last trump, and threw her remaining spade losers on the clubs; +450.

Sabine Auken was the only North to overcall, knowing that Daniela von Arnim could not get over-excited as she was limited by her opponents' game-forcing auction. Von Arnim raised to 3♦ and Jill Meyers made a penalty double, which ended the auction.

Jill Levin led a top spade, then switched to a heart, which Auken won in dummy. She ruffed a spade, cashed the ♥K, then played a club, which Levin won with the jack. Levin played another heart, which Auken ruffed and now it was plain-sailing for declarer. Auken ruffed a club in dummy and led a spade. Meyers could have ruffed high and played a trump, but Auken would still have had one more ruff in dummy and nine tricks in all. Meyers instead threw a top club and Auken ruffed, then ruffed another club in dummy. She took another spade ruff, exited with her last club, and had to make a diamond at the end; nine tricks for +670 and 15 IMPs to Germany.

## 2008 Yeh Brothers Cup

26 February - 1 March 2008

Kaohsiung Howard Plaza Hotel, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

### Participating Teams:

24-28 teams in total. The following teams will be invited:

- The top three teams of the 2007 Bermuda Bowl
- The top three teams in 2007 North American Bridge Championships
- The top three teams in 2007 European Championships Open Series
- The top three teams in 2007 PABF Championships Open Series
- One team each from Zone 3 (South America), Zone 4 (Asia and Middle East) and Zone 8 (Africa)
- One team from Taiwan
- The host team (Yeh team)
- Five teams from China
- Other teams by invitation of Mr. Yeh

**Prizes:** exceeding US\$ 150,000 in total

Yeh's Cup Winner	US\$ 60,000
2nd	US\$ 30,000
3rd	US\$ 10,000
4th	US\$ 5,000
Open Pairs Winner	US\$ 20,000
2nd	US\$ 10,000
3rd	US\$ 5,000
4th	US\$ 2,500
Swiss Plate Winner	US\$ 6,000
2nd	US\$ 4,000
3rd	US\$ 2,000
Consolation Pairs Winner	US\$ 1,500
2nd	US\$ 1,000
3rd	US\$ 500

**Subsidies:** only the top three teams at the 2007 Bermuda Bowl, with at least four of the original team members, are entitled to the following subsidies.

Champion	US\$ 30,000
1st runners-up	US\$ 20,000
2nd runners-up	US\$ 10,000

**Entry Fees:** Yeh Brother's Cup - US\$ 500/team for invited squads.

Swiss Plate - Free of charge for non-qualifiers from main event  
Open Pairs - US\$ 500/pair

### Tournament Schedule:

26 February:	Yeh Brothers Cup Qualifying
27 February:	Yeh Brothers Cup Qualifying
28 February:	Yeh Brothers Cup Knock-out Swiss Plate
29 February:	Yeh Brothers Cup Knock-out Swiss Plate
1 March:	Yeh Brothers Cup Knock-out Open pairs

Other interested teams are welcome to apply for an entry, but need to pay \$US10,000 as entry fee for the main team event. This money will go into the prize pool and will thus increase the winner's prizes accordingly. Entries will be accepted on strength, as well as geographical diversity, and are subject to availability.

The organizers will send invitations to all qualified teams in October-November 2007. Other details will be shown on the website in due course.

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# BERMUDA BOWL

## Final - Session 4



Norway

v

USA 1



by Brent Manley

In any long match such as the final of the Bermuda Bowl, there will be ups and down for both teams. In the fourth set of the showdown between USA 1 and Norway, the Americans had many more downs than ups.

It all started on the first deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Garner	Helness	Weinstein
	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Steve Garner might have mentioned his five-card spade suit, but he chose a contract with no legitimate play at all. Tor Helness started with the ♥K, getting an encouraging 3 from Geir Helgemo. Helness, confident that declarer was very short of tricks, played the ♣J at trick two. Garner tried the ♦A, then the ♠A (the ♠Q J might have been doubleton), then the ♦K, ♠K and another spade. Garner ended with but six tricks for minus 150.

West	North	East	South
Zia	Tundal	Rosenberg	Groetheim
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	Dble	INT*	Dble
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Glenn Groetheim's 1♣ opener was strong and artificial. The bidding by Zia Mahmood and Michael Rosenberg (INT was a cuebid for hearts) helped North-South diagnose their lack of a heart stopper and they found their eight-card spade fit.

Rosenberg played two top hearts before switching to the ♣J. Ulf Haadon Tundal won the ♣A in dummy, cashed the

♦A and played a low diamond from dummy, overruffing when Zia ruffed with the ♠9. A spade to the jack and king allowed Tundal to ruff another diamond low, and a second spade to dummy allowed Tundal to claim with good diamonds. Rosenberg had a spade trick coming, but that was it. Plus 420 and 11 IMPs to Norway.

The next deal required some very good card play by South in both rooms.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Garner	Helness	Weinstein
Zia	Tundal	Rosenberg	Groetheim
		Pass	Pass
2♠	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the closed room, Zia started with the ♠Q: jack, 6, ace. A low club went to the 10 and queen, and Groetheim won the diamond continuation with the queen. He played another low club from hand, taken by Zia with the ace. Zia cashed the ♠10, then played a diamond to dummy's ace. Groetheim then called for the ♥J from dummy, letting it ride when Rosenberg played low. A heart to the king drew the 10 from Zia, but declarer had his nine tricks via three hearts, two clubs, three diamonds and a spade.

The play went a bit differently in the open room. Helgemo started with the ♠K, ducked by Weinstein in case Helgemo's 2♠ was based on a five-card suit. Helgemo switched to a diamond, which went to declarer's queen. Now a club to the 10 and queen brought another diamond to dummy's ace. A club to the jack and ace meant Weinstein had only one club trick, but he worked out a way to get home anyway. He won the third round of diamonds in dummy, then thought for a long time before played the ♥J and letting it run. He then played a heart to the king, cashed the ♠A, pitching dummy's diamond. Helness also pitched a diamond, but then Weinstein played a club to dummy's king

and threw Helness in with the fourth round of the suit, getting the blocking ♡9 out of his hand. Helness was left on lead at trick 12 with the ♡Q 7, looking at dummy's ♡A 8. Well done at both tables for a push.

Eight more IMPs went to Norway on the third board when Groetheim and Tundal landed in 4♥ on a deal where Weinstein and Garner got all the way to INT. 4♥ was a very lucky make, but it was a swing nonetheless.

The one big swing of the set for USA I occurred on the next deal.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ Q 6 ♦ A 6 5 3 ♣ A 9 8 5 4 3	N W     E S	♠ K J 7 3 2 ♥ A K 3 2 ♦ 10 9 2 ♣ K	♠ Q 9 4 ♥ J 10 8 7 4 ♦ K ♣ Q J 7 2
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Zia	Tundal	Rosenberg	Groetheim
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Groetheim's 3♠ described a hand with 7-9 high-card points and no singletons or voids. Rosenberg led the ♡J, taken by declarer with the ace. A spade to the ace was fol-



Howard Weinstein, USA I

lowed by a spade to the king. A low diamond from declarer's hand drew Rosenberg's king. Now a club to the ace felled the singleton ♣K with North. The ♦A and ♠Q were still to come. One down.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Helgemo	Garner	Helness	Weinstein
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Weinstein's 3♣ could have been a strong raise. A good guess in trumps is needed to make 10 tricks legitimately, but Garner ended up with an overtrick. He won the heart lead in hand, played the ♠K and a spade to the ace, getting the bad news. He then called for a low diamond from dummy, and when Helgemo went in with the ace, Garner was up to 10 tricks. Number 11 came on the underlead of the ♣A. Plus 650 meant 13 IMPs for USA I.

It was the last substantial gain the Americans would make, however.

This deal was one of the bad ones for USA I.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 10 8 3 ♥ 10 3 ♦ A Q J 6 5 3 ♣ A Q	N W     E S	♠ A Q 9 4 2 ♥ A J 5 4 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ 10	♠ 5 ♥ K Q 8 7 2 ♦ 4 ♣ K 9 8 6 4 2
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Helgemo	Garner	Helness	Weinstein
INT	2♥	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♠	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

Helgemo's INT was nominally 15-17. Garner's 2♥ showed the majors, which dissuaded Helness from introducing his second suit. Weinstein's opening lead of the ♡9 did not hinder declarer's efforts. Helness put up the ♡10 at trick one and later finessed the 8 to hold his losers in the suit to one. He lost one club, one spade and one heart for minus 100.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Zia	Tundal	Rosenberg	Groetheim
1♦	1♠	2♥	3♠
4♦	4♠	5♣	Pass
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

Zia naturally went back to his partner's first suit, with devastating consequences. Groetheim hit on a forcing defense by leading a low spade. The second spade was ruffed, and



Rosenberg played a club to the ace and a heart to his king. A second club to the queen was ruffed by North, who continued playing spades. Rosenberg ruffed and ruffed a club with dummy's 10. That was overruffed by Tundal, who continued with spades. At that point, Rosenberg was down to the lone trump queen, so he couldn't play another trump. When he played the ♣K and it was ruffed by North with the ♥A, Tundal was able to punch out declarer's last trump, promoting Groetheim's 9 to a winner. That was three down, minus 500 and 9 IMPs to Norway.

Board 11 brought more bad news for USA 1.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Garner</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
Pass	2♠	Dble	1♠
2NT	Pass	3♣	All Pass



Geir Helgemo, Norway

Helgemo had a trump stack, but the spade spots were not to his liking, so he made the excellent decision to pull the double to 2NT, directing partner to bid something.

Weinstein led his singleton diamond, ducked to Garner's queen. A low club came back, and Weinstein let the 8 win in dummy. Helness rode the ♥9 to Weinstein's 10, and the ♣A and a club cleared the trumps. The defenders duly arrived at five tricks for plus 50.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Tundal</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
Pass	2♠	Dble	1♠
			All Pass

Zia went for the gusto, passing the takeout double and leading the ♥9. Rosenberg played the jack, taken by declarer with the king. Groetheim played a diamond at trick two, and Zia won the ace to continue hearts. Rosenberg won the ♥Q and cashed the ace, then played a low club. Groetheim went up with the ♣A, played the ♠10 to the jack and king, and he discarded his losing clubs on the high diamonds. Zia, who had discarded a diamond on the third round of hearts, ruffed the ♦Q, but the only other trick his side was taking was the high spade. That was plus 470 and another 9 IMPs to Norway.

The set ended with Norway ahead 54-21 and leading in the match 171-129.5.

## Shuttle Bus Schedule

Please visit the Hospitality Desk for a complete Sunday schedule of shuttle buses from all hotels to the airport.

We have had two weeks of hard work for the staff, whose members, with no exception, have been working around the clock most days to ensure the best possible service to the players.

I will not name them one by one, but I want to thank the group as a whole for the high level of professionalism and the constant application demonstrated.

Special thanks go to the fantastic group of Chinese volunteers, all of them always smiling, friendly, fully available.

Last, but not least, thanks to the Chinese Bridge Federation for the continuous help and support. It will be a pleasure working again together.

As for China, I have to publically admit that I feel in love with this country and its great people. Wherever I went I felt warmth, friendship and sense of hospitality.

We shall look forward to coming back next year, and sharing more great and entertaining moments with our Chinese friends.

Xie xie, zai jian.

*Maurizio Di Sacco, Operations Director*

## World Bridge Federation Press Conference



With one successful tournament in China nearly behind them, World Bridge Federation officials are about to turn full attention to the next one – the bridge part of the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing next October 3-18.

In a wide-ranging press conference in a packed meeting room at the Convention Center, WBF President José Damiani made several points and announcements, including:

- Thanks to the Chinese Contract Bridge Association and the principal sponsor – Shanghai Media & Entertainment Group – for their part in making the two-week tournament a success.
- A statement by Damiani that if the first World Mind Sports Games is a success, there is great hope that it will be recognized as an official event by the International Olympic Committee.
- Notation that this year's participation in the World Transnational Open Teams was a record 148 teams. In the future, Damiani said, if the participation continues to grow, there may be a change in format for the WTOT.
- Integration of the Bridgmate scoring devices to include complete bidding and play records from all the championships.
- A note that there will be special games organized next year in observance of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the WBF.
- An announcement that Albania, Cuba and Mayotte may soon be new WBF member nations – and that discussions are under way for the future memberships of Brunei, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.
- That Jacques Rogge, president of the International Olympic Committee, is now a member of the committee of honor of the World Mind Sports Games.
- A reminder that the minimum age for Senior competitors in Beijing will be 58, rising to 59 for the 2009 tournament and reaching the maximum of 60 by 2010.

The WBF president also announced that the Laws Committee has completed several changes to the Laws, which will be known as the Laws of Duplicate Bridge (dropping “contract” from the title). The new laws will take effect Jan. 1 of next year, although some countries are not expected to have them translated immediately. All are expected to be using the new Laws by September of 2008.

Damiani said there have been changes in the names of the WBF major tournaments. In odd years, the tournament will be known as the World Bridge Team Championships, and will feature the same events as this year. In even years, the tournament will alternately be part of the World Minds Sports Games (as next year in Beijing) or the World Bridge Series, featuring the Rosenblum Cup, the McConnell Cup and various pairs events as in last year's tournament in Verona, Italy.

He said the World Bridge Team Championships in 2009 are scheduled for Sao Paulo, Brazil. IN 2010, the World Bridge Series will likely be in St. Petersburg, Russia.

There was a lot of discussion with the journalists present about the inclusion of young players in the world championships, and Damiani said that the Beijing tournament will include teams, pairs and individual championships for youths. He said it has yet to be determined what the age limitations will be.

He said also that it is hoped that considerable financial support for the Junior players will be available in Beijing, including full board accommodation and possibly the transportation costs. Small federations that send a Junior team may be able to receive some support for their women's teams also.

Damiani said that the format for the World Mind Sports Games – bridge, chess, go, Chinese chess and draughts – will be similar to the Olympic Games, with players representing their countries in opening and closing ceremonies.

He said the WBF will maintain its emphasis on attracting more young people to the game.

Responding to questions about the reduction in the number of boards played in the round robin stages of the three main events, Damiani said there were three reasons – the fact that competitors in bridge are growing older and it is better to play no more than 48 boards a day; that it is preferable for all competitors to play the same deals, and when there are different numbers of boards played in different events there can be issues resulting from competitors finishing at different times; the rules allow for brown-sticker conventions in matches longer than 16 boards, and it is considered desirable to prohibit brown-sticker conventions in the round robin.

Damiani said that nearly all of the players he has spoken to approve of the change to 16 deals in the round robin.




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- **Pre-registration fee:** € 270 only by advancing the team registration within November 26 and payment within 13,30 p.m. of Friday, December 7.



## PROGRAMMA

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<b>VENERDI'</b> <b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>7/12</b>	ore 14,00	Chiusura iscrizioni End of registration
		ore 14,30	DANESE / SWISS 3 incontri / rounds
		ore 20,30	DANESE / SWISS 3 incontri / rounds
<b>SABATO</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>8/12</b>	ore 14,00	DANESE / SWISS 4 incontri / rounds
		ore 21,30	DANESE / SWISS 2 incontri / rounds
	<b>9/12</b>	ore 10,30	DANESE / SWISS 3 incontri / rounds
<b>DOMENICA</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>		ore 16,00	PREMIAZIONE / PRIZE GIVING

- **Precisare al momento dell'iscrizione il nome e la categoria della squadra per accedere ai premi speciali.**
- *For the access to special prizes the team name and category has to be notified at the moment of registration.*
- **La partecipazione è consentita ai tesserati FIGB, agonisti e ordinari, ed ai tesserati di Federazioni straniere.**
- *Participation is allowed to FIGB members, competitors and not competitors, as well as to members of foreign Federations.*



## Regolamento

## Rules

Le Squadre potranno essere composte da sette giocatori effettivi, compreso il Capitano. Tutti gli incontri saranno disputati sulla distanza di 8 smazzate.

Saranno disputati 6 incontri di Danese "sistema Milano" e nell'ultimo turno gli incontri potranno ripetersi.

Per questi sei incontri sarà adottata la scala V.P. 16/0 con l'attribuzione all'eventuale riposo di 12 V.P.

Al termine del sesto incontro, le squadre saranno suddivise in tre gironi: il numero delle squadre che comporrà ciascun girone sarà comunicato entro la fine dei primi tre incontri in base al numero delle squadre partecipanti.

Negli incontri di Danese si adotterà il "sistema Milano" che prevede l'impossibilità d'incontrare la stessa squadra nell'incontro successivo; la ripetizione degli incontri potrà avvenire nelle fasi di promozione e/o retrocessione nonché nell'ultimo incontro.

Gli incontri della seconda fase (sabato pomeriggio) serviranno per promuovere e/o retrocedere squadre fra i gironi.

*Teams can be composed of seven players including the Captain.*

*All rounds will be contended over 8 boards.*

*6 rounds of Swiss "Sistema Milano" will be played and in the 6<sup>th</sup> round the rounds can be repeated.*

*For all these six rounds the 16/0 scoring system will be used and the possible bye will be awarded 12 V.P.*

*At the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> round the teams will be subdivided into three sections: the number of the teams composing each group will be made known within the end of the first 3 rounds according to the number of the participating teams.*

*In the Swiss "Sistema Milano" two consecutive rounds can not be repeated; the rounds can only be repeated to promote and/or relegate in the sections, in the blocking rounds and in the last round.*

*The rounds of 2nd stage (Saturday afternoon) will serve to promote and/or relegate teams in the sections.*

*After that the sections "A" and "B" will be blocked and the section "A" will play duplicated hands .*



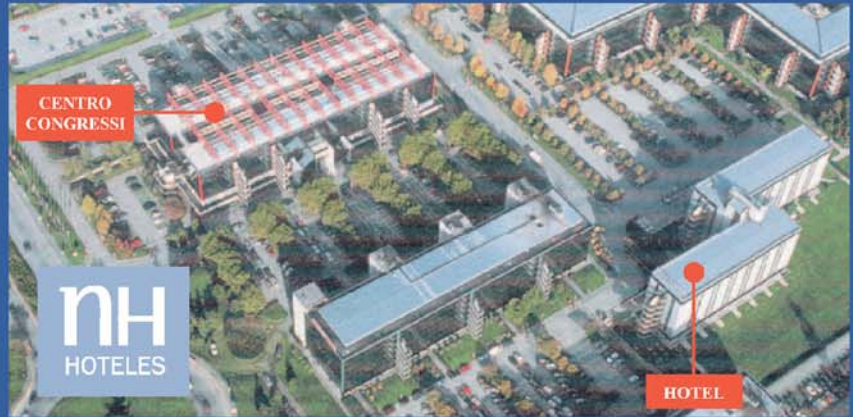


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A Sud di Milano, percorrendo la Tangenziale Ovest in direzione dell'Autostrada A7 Milano-Genova, si raggiunge l'uscita di Assago.

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