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THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY



The big screens with running scores were a source of news throughout the day as teams made their final push to qualify for the knockouts.

In the final day of round robin play, some teams were secure, others were fighting for that precious eighth spot in the qualifying matches for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Seniors Bowl.

No team had a tide like Sweden in the Venice Cup. The team was in qualifying spot after the fourth of 21 rounds, but from the fifth round through the 20th, they were on the outside looking in.

Then, just like that, a 77-1 win over Barbados in the final match propelled the Swedish women from 10th to eighth, passing Indonesia and Denmark in the process. At one point during the final round, Denmark moved into a qualifying spot, but Sweden took that final spot over the last six deals.

Here are the quarterfinal matchups:

Bermuda Bowl – Italy-Russia, Norway-China Long Zhu, Bulgaria-Germany and USA2-Netherlands.

Venice Cup – China Long Zhu-Sweden, France Italy, USA1-Spain and USA2-Germany.

D'Orsi Seniors Bowl – England-Egypt, Belgium-Indonesia, Poland-Sweden and USA1-USA2.

In the Venice Cup, the two USA teams were told at the captains' meeting that if they both win, they will automatically be paired in the semi-final round. There is no need for

such a condition in the Seniors Bowl, where USA1 and USA2 are paired in the quarter-finals.

In the Venice Cup, Italy gave up seating rights throughout their match with France because an Italian pair are playing two brown-sticker conventions.

VUGRAPH MATCHES



Quarter Final Session 1 (11.00-13.20)

VG:	Table 2	Germany - Bulgaria	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 3	USA 2 - Netherlands	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 1	Italy - Russia	(BB)
BBO 3:	Table 24	France - Italy	(VC)
BBO 4:	Table 42	Indonesia - Belgium	(OSB)
OurGame:	Table 4	China Long Zhu - Norway	(BB)

Quarter Final Session 2 (14.30-16.50)

To Be Decided

Quarter Final Session 3 (17.20-19.40)

To Be Decided

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Watch OurGame at: <http://worldbridge.ourgame.com>





RESULTS

Bermuda Bowl



ROUND 19

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Italy	Brazil	34 - 42	13 - 17
2 Pakistan	Chinese Taipei	25 - 71	5 - 25
3 Mexico	Norway	47 - 32	18 - 12
4 Germany	Guadeloupe	57 - 27	22 - 8
5 India	Bulgaria	46 - 57	13 - 17
6 New Zealand	USA 2	22 - 59	6 - 24
7 Egypt	Russia	30 - 76	5 - 25
8 Morocco	Japan	8 - 108	0 - 25
9 Australia	China Long Zhu	43 - 46	14 - 16
10 USA 1	Chile	64 - 11	25 - 3
11 Argentina	Netherlands	28 - 33	14 - 16

ROUND 20

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 New Zealand	India	41 - 21	20 - 10
2 Egypt	Germany	19 - 57	4 - 24
3 Argentina	Mexico	36 - 32	16 - 14
4 Australia	Pakistan	56 - 13	25 - 5
5 USA 1	Italy	24 - 58	7 - 23
6 Morocco	Brazil	35 - 19	19 - 11
7 Chile	Chinese Taipei	37 - 35	15 - 15
8 China Long Zhu	Norway	29 - 34	14 - 16
9 USA 2	Japan	8 - 33	9 - 21
10 Russia	Bulgaria	7 - 63	3 - 25
11 Netherlands	Guadeloupe	73 - 5	25 - 1

ROUND 21

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 USA 2	Russia	40 - 19	20 - 10
2 Bulgaria	Netherlands	51 - 34	19 - 11
3 Guadeloupe	China Long Zhu	4 - 63	2 - 25
4 Norway	Chile	33 - 3	22 - 8
5 Chinese Taipei	Morocco	42 - 37	16 - 14
6 Brazil	USA 1	3 - 76	0 - 25
7 Italy	Australia	43 - 7	21 - 7
8 Pakistan	Argentina	25 - 24	15 - 15
9 Mexico	Egypt	29 - 47	11 - 19
10 Japan	India	34 - 24	17 - 13
11 Germany	New Zealand	43 - 46	14 - 16

Ranking after 21 Rounds

1	Italy	390.25
2	Norway	385.25
3	Bulgaria	382
4	USA 2	368
5	Netherlands	361
6	Germany	360
7	Russia	359
8	China Long Zhu Open	358
9	Argentina	346
10	Japan	330
11	Chinese Taipei	328
12	USA 1	301.50
13	Chile	298
14	India	296
15	New Zealand	294
16	Egypt	288
17	Brazil	283
18	Australia	276
19	Pakistan	232.50
20	Morocco	225
21	Mexico	183.50
22	Guadeloupe	172.50

Tournament on TV



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



Duplicimate Discounts

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



RESULTS

Venice Cup



ROUND 19

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Spain	Germany	18 - 28	13 - 17
22	France	Denmark	29 - 51	10 - 20
23	Brazil	USA 1	59 - 21	24 - 6
24	Sweden	China Long Zhu	31 - 69	6 - 24
25	Indonesia	Australia	20 - 51	8 - 22
26	Egypt	USA 2	28 - 48	10 - 20
27	Venezuela	Argentina	26 - 29	14 - 16
28	Japan	New Zealand	48 - 49	15 - 15
29	Pakistan	Canada MP Press	11 - 84	0 - 25
30	Jordan	Barbados	50 - 18	23 - 7
31	Italy	Morocco	48 - 7	24 - 6

ROUND 20

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Pakistan	Japan	24 - 56	7 - 23
22	Jordan	Venezuela	27 - 36	13 - 17
23	Italy	Egypt	40 - 8	23 - 7
24	Barbados	Indonesia	20 - 61	6 - 24
25	Canada MP Press	Sweden	14 - 40	9 - 21
26	New Zealand	Brazil	37 - 39	15 - 15
27	Argentina	France	43 - 12	22 - 8
28	USA 2	Spain	10 - 13	14 - 16
29	Australia	Germany	33 - 41	13 - 17
30	China Long Zhu	Denmark	59 - 13	25 - 5
31	USA 1	Morocco	47 - 15	23 - 7

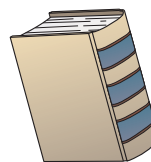
ROUND 21

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Morocco	Japan	22 - 41	11 - 19
22	Venezuela	Pakistan	30 - 41	13 - 17
23	Egypt	Jordan	43 - 74	8 - 22
24	Indonesia	Italy	31 - 44	12 - 18
25	Sweden	Barbados	77 - 1	25 - 0
26	Brazil	Canada MP Press	18 - 44	9 - 21
27	France	New Zealand	36 - 12	21 - 9
28	Spain	Argentina	51 - 42	17 - 13
29	Germany	USA 2	16 - 30	12 - 18
30	Denmark	Australia	10 - 5	16 - 14
31	USA 1	China Long Zhu	15 - 62	4 - 25

Ranking after 21 Rounds

1	China Long Zhu Women	411
2	France	389
3	USA 1	377.50
4	USA 2	354
5	Italy	348
6	Germany	347.75
7	Spain	345
8	Sweden	333
9	Denmark	331
10	Indonesia	328
11	Argentina	320.50
12	Australia	314
13	Egypt	304
14	New Zealand	303
15	Canada Master Point Press	301
16	Japan	296
17	Jordan	291.50
18	Brazil	275.50
19	Venezuela	247.75
20	Pakistan	247
21	Morocco	230
22	Barbados	165.50

World Championship Book 2009



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

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



RESULTS

d'Orsi Seniors Bowl



ROUND 19

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	Egypt	Japan	20 - 50	8 - 22
42	India	South Africa	53 - 30	20 - 10
43	Barbados	USA 1	20 - 78	3 - 25
44	Canada	USA 2	34 - 24	17 - 13
45	Italy	Brazil	36 - 29	16 - 14
46	Sweden	Australia	44 - 29	18 - 12
47	Indonesia	Uruguay	48 - 22	21 - 9
48	England	Pakistan	64 - 17	25 - 4
49	New Zealand	Poland	19 - 22	14 - 16
50	Belgium	Turkey	35 - 28	16 - 14
51	Venezuela	Argentina	34 - 61	9 - 21

ROUND 20

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	Argentina	Barbados	43 - 27	19 - 11
42	India	Canada	26 - 24	15 - 15
43	Egypt	Italy	27 - 55	8 - 22
44	Japan	Sweden	51 - 13	24 - 6
45	South Africa	Indonesia	15 - 33	11 - 19
46	USA 1	England	33 - 6	21 - 9
47	USA 2	New Zealand	41 - 20	20 - 10
48	Brazil	Belgium	19 - 39	10 - 20
49	Australia	Venezuela	58 - 17	24 - 6
50	Uruguay	Turkey	48 - 76	8 - 22
51	Pakistan	Poland	25 - 15	17 - 13

ROUND 21

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	Argentina	India	25 - 39	12 - 18
42	Egypt	Barbados	74 - 13	23 - 2
43	Japan	Canada	28 - 14	18 - 12
44	South Africa	Italy	29 - 38	13 - 17
45	USA 1	Sweden	29 - 49	10 - 20
46	USA 2	Indonesia	50 - 50	15 - 15
47	Brazil	England	4 - 34	8 - 22
48	Australia	New Zealand	61 - 6	25 - 3
49	Uruguay	Belgium	26 - 44	11 - 19
50	Pakistan	Venezuela	53 - 19	23 - 7
51	Poland	Turkey	52 - 18	23 - 7

Ranking after 21 Rounds

1	England	402
2	Belgium	378.50
3	Poland	371
4	USA 1	365
5	USA 2	361
6	Egypt	352
7	Sweden	344
8	Indonesia	341.50
9	Japan	340
10	Italy	330
11	Canada	323
12	Turkey	313
13	Australia	310
14	India	302.50
15	Argentina	299
16	Pakistan	284
17	Brazil	277
18	South Africa	266
19	Barbados	244
20	New Zealand	241.50
21	Uruguay	226
22	Venezuela	175

WBF cards for sale



Packs of used WBF playing cards – with 5-bar codes – are for sale. If you are interested in buying some, please contact Christine Francin in the WBF Secretariat situated on the basement floor of the Hotel - Brasilia 2 room. The price is US\$0.60 per pack

WBF Laws Committee

There will be a Laws Committee meeting in the WBF meeting room at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8.





TODAY'S PROGRAM

Quarterfinals

Bermuda Bowl

	Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over
1	Italy	Russia	6.5 - 0
2	Germany	Bulgaria	0 - 16
3	USA 2	Netherlands	5 - 0
4	China Long Zhu	Norway	0 - 2

Venice Cup

	Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over
21	China Long Zhu	Sweden	16 - 0
22	Germany	USA 2	0 - 7
23	USA 1	Spain	12 - 0
24	Italy	France	0 - 8.5

d'Orsi Seniors Bowl

	Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-Over
41	England	Egypt	12 - 0
42	Indonesia	Belgium	0 - 15.5
43	USA 1	USA 2	0 - 10.7
44	Sweden	Poland	1.3 - 0

World Transnational Open Teams

Teams wishing to play in the World Transnational Open Teams, if they do not qualify for the semi-finals of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup or D'Orsi Seniors Bowl, are asked to inform Anna Gudge in the WBF Secretariat (in the basement area, room Brasilia 2) as soon as possible.

It would be helpful if you could PRINT the names of the players in your team and the team name, and hand the list to Anna.

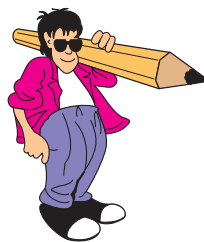
ALL TEAMS – whether or not they are required to pay an entry fee – will need to have a receipt from the WBF in order to participate in the event.

Payments may be made and receipts collected from the WBF Office

The office will be open for this purpose on:

- Sunday: 10.00 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 16.00
- Monday: 10.00 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 18.00

Championship Diary



Whilst watching the movie The Stone Angel, I spotted a sign that every public building might consider displaying:

"If we see you smoking we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate measures."

Back in 1958, the year the WBF was formed, Marcelo Lerner was representing Argentina in the World Championships in Como, Italy (yes, the Blue Team was triumphant).

Seven years later he made a second appearance in the Bermuda Bowl, this time in the ill-fated championships staged in Buenos Aires in 1965. (It was after this event that the then Editor of Bridge Magazine, Ewart Kempson, wrote that the World Championships should be abandoned. Fortunately, no-one took any notice.)

Here in Sao Paulo, Marcelo is appearing in the Argentinian Senior team, and today he celebrates his 86th birthday! Many Happy Returns!

We cannot be sure that Marcelo is our oldest reader, but we have no doubt about the youngest – Augustin Madala's one-year-old daughter, Juana.



Chatting on line with Ron Tacchi while following a match on BBO we had the following exchange:

'Tell Kokish to email me his address.'

'It's in the IBPA Handbook.'

'Then email me the IBPA Handbook.'



BERMUDA BOWL Round 13



Italy

v

Bulgaria



Slugfest

by Brent Manley

Europe has many fine teams in Sao Paulo. The standings in the Bermuda Bowl, for example, reflect the strength of the European squads. Entering play on Friday, the top four teams in the round robin phase were from the continent.

Two of them – Bulgaria and Italy – provided an entertaining, high-scoring match in round 14 on Thursday.

Italy was up 7-5 early on, stretching the lead on this deal:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K J 8 ♥ 10 9 4 ♦ J 10 8 6 3 ♣ A Q	<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		♠ 10 5 ♥ J 8 6 ♦ K 4 2 ♣ K 10 8 6 2	♠ 7 4 ♥ A Q 7 5 3 ♦ A Q 7 5 ♣ 7 3
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W		E										
	S											
West Karaivanov Pass All Pass	North Lauria 1♥ 2♦	East Trendafilov Pass Pass	South Versace 1♠ 2♠									

Kalin Karaivanov started with a low diamond, taken in dummy with the ace. When Alfredo Versace called for a low club from dummy, Roumen Trendafilov rose with the king, crashing into his partner's queen, to switch to a trump. Versace put in the ♠9, won by West with the jack. He exited with the ♥10 to Versace's king. With the club position marked, Versace simply cashed the ♠A and put West in with the trump king, claiming nine tricks for the loss of only one more club.

West Nunes Pass Pass	North Karakolev 1♠ 2♦ 4♠	East Fantoni Pass Pass All Pass	South Danailov INT 2♠
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The system notes for the Bulgarian pair indicate that INT is a one-round force and that a 1♠ response is natural, making the bidding sequence somewhat curious. In any event, the hopeless game was reached. Claudio Nunes

started with the ♦J, and Diyan Danailov put in the queen, losing to the king. A club return allowed the defenders to collect two tricks in that suit. With two trump tricks to come, that was two down for minus 200 and 8 IMPs to Italy, now leading 15-5.

That was when Bulgaria started their run.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ J 8 ♥ A 9 5 4 2 ♦ 10 6 ♣ A K 8 4	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K Q 6 4 2 ♥ 3 ♦ A 7 5 4 ♣ Q 10	♠ 3 ♥ 8 7 ♦ K Q J 8 2 ♣ J 9 5 3 2
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W		E										
	S											
West Karaivanov 2♥ 4♣ 4♥ 6♠	North Lauria Pass Pass Pass All Pass	East Trendafilov 1♠ 3♠ 4♦ 4♠	South Versace Pass Pass Pass Pass									

Versace led the ♥K to dummy's ace, and Trendafilov played a diamond to his ace at trick two, followed by a second diamond. Lorenzo Lauria continued with a heart, ruffed by declarer. When Trendafilov played a third round of diamonds, Versace ruffed with the ♠9, forcing dummy's jack. There was no defense to defeat the contract, however. Plus 1430 to Bulgaria.

West Nunes 2♥ 3♣ 3♠	North Karakolev Pass Pass Pass	East Fantoni 1♠ 2♠ 3♦ 4♠	South Danailov Pass Pass Pass All Pass
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Danailov also led the ♥K and declarer also played two rounds of diamonds. When he won the second round of diamonds, Karakolev switched to a trump. Had Fulvio Fantoni been in slam, he would have had to abandon ideas of ruffing a diamond in dummy, instead running trumps, squeezing North in clubs and diamonds. As it was, Fantoni won the spade switch in hand and ruffed a diamond with

the ♠J, promoting a trump trick for South. It didn't matter that he made only 11 tricks, though. It was 13 IMPs to Bulgaria either way.

Another 13 IMPs went to Bulgaria on the next deal when Karaivanov and Trendafilov bid to a cold 6♥ for plus 1430 while Versace and Lauria stopped in 4♥ on the same cards. Then came:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ J 10 9 8 7 2 ♥ A 7 ♦ J 9 6 ♣ Q J	♠ K Q 4 ♥ Q J 8 4 2 ♦ A 8 4 3 ♣ 4	♠ 6 3 ♥ 5 3 ♦ Q 10 2 ♣ A K 10 9 7 2	♠ A 5 ♥ K 10 9 6 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ 8 6 5 3
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West	North	East	South
Karaivanov	Lauria	Trendafilov	Versace
2♠	All Pass		

Lauria led the ♥Q to his partner's king and declarer's ace. Karaivanov, looking to discard his losing heart, played a club to the ace, followed by the ♣K. Lauria ruffed, however, and the contract was quickly one down for minus 50.

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Karakolev	Fantoni	Danailov
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Danilov took a more aggressive view in the closed room with his balancing takeout double, and the game was duly reached. Plus 450 was good for a 9-IMP pickup for Bulgaria, who had scored 35 unanswered IMPs to lead 40-15.

Italy had their own run in the offing, and it started on the next deal.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K Q J 10 9 7 3 2 ♥ 6 ♦ 3 ♣ 9 3 2	♠ 6 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ A K J 8 7 4 ♣ Q 8 4	♠ A 8 5 4 ♥ — ♦ 10 9 6 5 2 ♣ K 10 7 6	♠ — ♥ K Q J 10 9 8 7 5 2 ♦ Q ♣ A J 5
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West	North	East	South
Karaivanov	Lauria	Trendafilov	Versace
4♠	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dble	Pass	5♥	6♥
	All Pass		

West led his singleton diamond and Versace was soon scoring up the overtrick for plus 1310. It was a short auction at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Karakolev	Fantoni	Danailov
All Pass	1♦	Pass	6♥

A seven-level save on the East-West cards costs only minus 800, but looking at the West hand it could just as easily be minus 1400 or 1700. Plus 1010 meant a 7-IMP loss.

The score was 40-23 for Bulgaria when the players took their cards out for board 12.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K 7 4 ♥ Q J 6 ♦ K Q 10 8 ♣ K Q 2	♠ A 8 5 2 ♥ A K 10 4 2 ♦ 9 2 ♣ 9 7	♠ Q J 10 9 6 3 ♥ 7 ♦ 5 ♣ J 10 8 4 3	♠ — ♥ 9 8 5 3 ♦ A J 7 6 4 3 ♣ A 6 5
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West	North	East	South
Karaivanov	Lauria	Trendafilov	Versace
1♣	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Lauria's version of a Michaels cuebid with 4-5 in the majors (they play 2♦ to show 5-5 in the majors) worked out very well, and he was not taxed to take 10 tricks in hearts for plus 620. Trendafilov led his singleton diamond, ducked by Lauria to West's 10. The ♦Q was ruffed by East, who exited with a club to dummy's ace. Now a heart to the ace was followed by a spade ruff. The ♦A provided a place for declarer's losing club, and he could now ruff the diamonds good, ruff a spade to get back to dummy, then play a good diamond and pitch his last spade when West ruffed in from his ♥Q J.



West	North	East	South
Nunes	Karakolev	Fantoni	Danailov
1♣	1♥	2♥	3♠
4♠	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Karakolev led the ♥K, then forced dummy with another high heart. Karakolev ducked when declarer played the ♠Q from dummy, and he ducked again on the play of a spade to declarer's king. The ♥Q was cashed for a diamond pitch, and Nunes played the ♣K to North's ace. The defense had only the trump ace to come. One down was good for an 11-IMP swing to Italy, now behind by only 6 IMPs. They took the lead on the next board.

West	North	East	South
Karaivanov	Lauria	Trendafilov	Versace
	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Versace hit on the spectacular opening lead of the ♣K. Trendafilov ducked, then took the ♣Q with his ace on the continuation. A spade to the ace was followed by the ♥J: queen, king ace. The diamond exit was won in dummy by the ace. Declarer cashed the ♠K, pitching a diamond from hand, but North ruffed the ♠Q with the 5. Declarer over-ruffed with the 8 and exited with a low heart to North's 10. After getting his club ruff, Versace cashed the ♦K for two down.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Karakolev	Fantoni	Danailov
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Karakolev led a low club, ducked in dummy to South's king. A diamond went to the 5, queen and 3. South did not play the king on the diamond return, but declarer took two more tricks in that suit before playing a club to dummy's jack. He cashed the ♣A, then played three rounds of spades, putting South in with a spade at the end to surrender trick number nine to the ♥K. Plus 600 meant 13 IMPs to Italy, now ahead 47-40. The margin grew to 58-40 with a slam swing on the next deal. The final score was 58-48 for Italy, an average of 6.6 IMPs per board.

From the Top

by Phillip Alder

If you look at the Butler scores from the Venice Cup, I expect you will see Lynn Deas and Beth Palmer of USA1 at or near the top. Here are two deals that show why they have been scoring well. The first occurred during the Round 2 match against Germany, rotated to make South the declarer.

Dealer East. North-South vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Levitina	Gromann	Sanborn	Nehmert
		Pass	Pass
INT (a)	Pass	2♦ (b)	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

- (a) 15-17 points
- (b) Transfer

West	North	East	South
Auken	Palmer	von Arnim	Deas
		2♥ (a)	2♠
4♥	Dble (b)	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

- (a) Five-plus hearts, five-plus in either minor, 4-9 points
- (b) Support double: three spades and some points

In the Open Room, defending against three hearts, Ingrid Gromann (North) led the spade ace, then shifted to the

club four, Pony Nehmert (South) winning with her ace and returning a club.

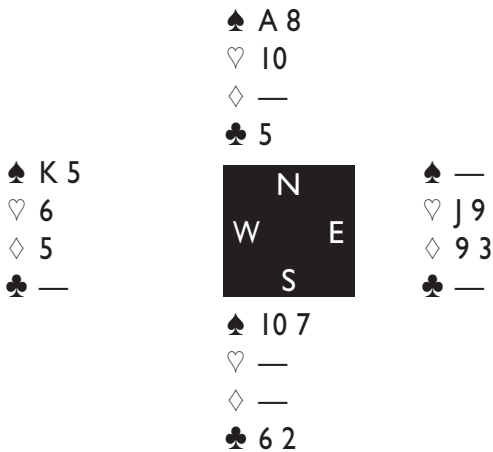
Irina Levitina (West) took her king and ran the heart six to South's king. Back came the spade jack, declarer winning with her king and playing another trump.

Declarer lost only one spade, two hearts and one club. (I wonder if anyone defeated three hearts by West. Yes, perhaps North should have led a club, when South can win and return her singleton diamond. Declarer wins with dummy's queen and calls for a trump. South must play her king, put partner on lead with a spade, and receive a diamond ruff.)

The ambitious auction in the other room left Lynn Deas in a hopeless four spades doubled. But she played very unblockingly to escape for down one to hold the loss on the board to 2 international match points, not 8.

Sabine Auken (West) led the diamond ace and continued with the diamond king. Deas ruffed, played a heart to dummy's ace, and led the club eight (unblock one), covered by the nine, queen and king. West returned another diamond, declarer ruffing high (unblock two). South cashed her club ace, then ran the spade jack. Daniela von Arnim (East) took her queen and played a heart to declarer's king.

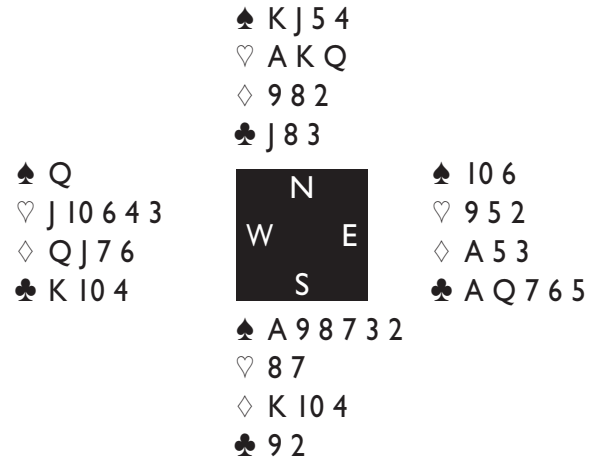
Reading the position correctly, Deas now led a club, West ruffing and dummy's ten being played (unblock three) to give this position:



If West had led a trump, declarer would have drawn trumps and overtaken the club five with her six. And when West led a heart, declarer ruffed high in her hand (unblock four), played the spade seven to dummy's eight, cashed the spade ace, and claimed the last trick.

Deas and Palmer defended expertly on this deal from their Round 12 match against Jordan.

Board 30. Dealer South. None vul.



West	North	East	South
<i>Kreidieh</i>	<i>Levitina</i>	<i>Abu-Jaber</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
			2♠

All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Deas</i>	<i>Qashu</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Saket</i>
			2♦ (a)
Pass	2♥ (b)	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- (a) Weak two in either major or a balanced 22-23
- (b) Pass or correct

Kerri Sanborn (South) made four in two spades, collecting six spades, three hearts and one diamond.

There was more at stake in the Closed Room. Deas (West) led the heart three (low from odd). Randa Saket (South) drew trumps and cashed the other two hearts, discarding a club from her hand. Then she called for a club, Palmer (East) rising with her ace and shifting to a low diamond, which was ducked to West's jack.

Now Deas set out to help declarer misplace the diamond honors. Instead of leading the club king, she played a low club.

Declarer, thinking that East had falsecarded on the first round of clubs, ruffed in her hand, crossed to dummy with a trump, and played a diamond to her ten. Deas produced the queen and returned a diamond for down one and 6 IMPs to USA1, a quarter of the winning margin.

Money found



will gladly return it.

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Notice to captains in the knockout stages

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BERMUDA BOWL Round 15



Italy

v

USA 2



A prelude?

by Phillip Alder

The final Vu-Graph match on Thursday was the match that some believe could be the final: Italy against USA2.

This was the most interesting problem in the set:

♠ A 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 9
♥ J 6 5		♥ A K 10 9 4 3
♦ A K 9 3		♦ 10 7 5
♣ A K 9 7		♣ 10 3

You get to six hearts by East after an uncontested auction. How would you plan the play after either a trump lead or a spade lead?

Board 1 was a flat partscore, and on Board 2 both Souths found a winning lead against four spades. Then came ...

Board 3. Dealer South. East-West vul.

	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ Q 9 4	
	♥ —	
	♦ K Q J 9 8 6 5 2	
	♣ 6 3	
♠ K 8 3		♠ J 6
♥ A J 10 8 6 3 2		♥ K 9 5
♦ 3		♦ A 7
♣ 8 7		♣ K J 10 9 5 2
	♠ A 10 7 5 2	
	♥ Q 7 4	
	♦ 10 4	
	♣ A Q 4	

West	North	East	South
Versace	Hamman	Lauria	Zia
2♥	5♦	Dble	1♠ All Pass

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Sementa	Meckstroth	Duboin
2♥ Pass	3♦ 4♠	4♥ All Pass	1♠ Dble (a)

(a) Shows a minimum because pass would be forcing

On Vu-Graph, Bob Hamman (North) just closed his eyes and blasted five diamonds. Never put an eight-card suit down in the dummy. Lorenzo Lauria (East) doubled to show cards, but at the unfavorable vulnerability Alfredo

Versace (West) chose not to bid five hearts. (Note that it is down only one.)

With the club finesse working, declarer must play to avoid losing two spade tricks. However, if the club finesse is failing, declarer needs to get dummy's spade suit established.

East led the heart five, queen, ace, ruff. (Hamman played the queen to find out more about the heart layout.) Then declarer surprisingly attacked spades immediately, leading his nine. When East covered with his jack, declarer won with dummy's ace and played a trump to his queen. Lauria won with his ace and thought for some time. We could see that if he returned his remaining spade, West would win with the king and give him a spade ruff. But eventually Lauria shifted to the club jack. Declarer called for dummy's queen, drew the missing trump and claimed.

When Lauria saw Hamman's hand, he was clearly not a happy camper.

In the Closed Room, Antonio Sementa (North) chose to go for the ten-trick game in spades. Don't worry about putting an eight-card suit down in the dummy.

Eric Rodwell (West) led his singleton diamond and received a diamond ruff. Then he shifted to a club. Giorgio Duboin (South) won in his hand, cashed the spade ace and played another spade, claiming when both opponents followed.

Plus 550 and minus 420 gave 4 international match points to USA2.

Did you notice that the defense could have also done better against four spades? A club lead can defeat the contract by two tricks. And after ruffing the second diamond, a heart shift to tap the dummy would have been fatal. Don't put an eight-card suit down in the dummy ... unless it does not cost!

On Board 4 North opened two notrump and South had a 2=4=3=4 11-count. Zia used Stayman, then signed off in three notrump. Hamman tried for an endplay that did not work, so he took only nine tricks when he could have taken an overtrick.

Duboin tried for a slam and got his side into an uncomfortable five-club contract on a 4-4 fit. But he guessed everything correctly and brought home an overtrick to give Italy its first IMP.

Italy gained two IMPs for a higher-scoring partscore, then came two flat boards. USA2 won 6 IMPs by making three hearts in the Open Room and three diamonds in the Closed Room. Next came...



Board 9. Dealer North. East-West vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Versace	Hamman	Lauria	Zia
2♥	Pass	1♠	2♦
	5♦	5♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Sementa	Meckstroth	Duboin
4♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
	All Pass		

Hamman pressed the pedal to the metal, which accelerated Lauria into bidding five hearts. (Notice that five diamonds doubled goes down four, minus 800.)

Hamman led the club queen. Versace won with dummy's king, drew trumps ending in his hand, and played a spade to dummy's nine. Zia took the trick and returned a low club. After winning, declarer took another losing spade finesse. Now Zia cashed his diamond ace and his partner's club jack for down two.

In the Closed Room, first Duboin did not overcall, then Rodwell jumped straight to four spades, "protected" by knowing that his partner had at most 15 points.

Duboin found the killing lead: a club. Now declarer had to lose two spades, one diamond and one club.

Plus 200 and minus 100 gave 3 IMPs to USA2.

Three games followed, on which USA2 gained 1 overtrick IMP. Then came the deal of the session.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Versace	Hamman	Lauria	Zia
2NT (a)	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠ (c)	Pass	3♦ (b)	Pass
4♣ (c)	Pass	3NT (d)	Pass
		4♥ (e)	All Pass

- (a) Inquiry
- (b) Two top heart honors
- (c) A further relay
- (d) Minimum
- (e) "I wasn't kidding!"

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Sementa	Meckstroth	Duboin
2NT (a)	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♣ (c)	Pass	3♠ (b)	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♦ (d)	Pass
4NT (f)	Pass	4♠ (e)	Pass
6♥ (h)	All Pass	5♣ (g)	Pass

- (a) Inquiry
- (b) Six hearts, a maximum and fewer than three spades
- (c) An artificial slam-try
- (d) Last Train
- (e) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (f) Three key cards
- (g) Asking for the heart queen
- (h) "I've not got her, but I wish to be in slam."

Against four hearts, Zia led the diamond six! Declarer won with dummy's ace, drew trumps, then played a diamond to dummy's nine to bring home two overtricks.

Against six hearts, Duboin led a trump. Now declarer was thinking of taking these 12 tricks: one spade, six hearts, three diamonds and two clubs. But there were many other considerations, with definite squeeze possibilities, especially if North had the king and queen of spades.

Taking the diamond suit in isolation, what is the percentage play for three tricks or four tricks?

If you need four tricks, you should play a diamond to the nine. But for three tricks, the best play is to cash dummy's ace, then to cross to hand and play a diamond to the nine. However, here, communications are not great. After drawing trumps, if declarer plays a diamond to the ace, how does he come back to his hand? He could ruff the third club, but that would cost some squeeze chances.

What did Jeff Meckstroth do? After two rounds of hearts, he immediately played a diamond to dummy's nine!

Here, this worked perfectly, but it was also a sensible play because if at the other table South found the spade lead, declarer would have to make the same play.

Also, if the nine had lost and a spade had come back, declarer would have won in the dummy and tried for diamonds 3-3 or the other honor being doubleton. If they were, he was home. If not, he could run trumps, hoping for a simple or double squeeze.

Regardless, USA2 gained 13 IMPs to lead by 24.

Only three IMPs changed hands on the remaining deals, leaving the match score at USA2 ahead by 29 IMPs to 4 or 21-9 in victory points. Round 1 to USA2.

Believe it or Not

by Mark Horton

Ripley's *Believe It or Not!* is a franchise founded by Robert LeRoy Ripley which deals in bizarre events and items so strange and unusual that readers might question the claims. The *Believe It or Not* panel proved popular and was later adapted into a wide variety of formats, including radio, television, a chain of museums, a book series and a pinball game.

In Round 18 there were a number of incidents that would be candidates for the bridge version of the program.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
5♣*	All Pass	2♥	Pass

This sequence was reproduced at least two tables, West intending his bid to be Exclusion Blackwood, a possibility unfortunately excluded by partner.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Lindqvist	Piekarek	Brogeland
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♠	3♣	3♦
All Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT

We have all risked bidding no trumps without a stopper, but doing it in a suit the opponents have bid is asking for trouble. When West led a club declarer finished up two down, not much of a result to set against the +600 record-

ed at the other table.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Binderkran	Auken	Bekkouche	von Arnim
Pass	1♣*	3♣*	All Pass

East's overall promised either clubs or the red suits. I gather this is a popular idea in Denmark (and they think it wonderful in Germany) but to my way of thinking it is misguided. If you want to do this type of thing it's safer to use 2♠ to show clubs or the red suits. (3♣ would show diamonds or the majors and so on.) I also think the East hand is too good to make an essentially pre-emptive bid, but that is a side issue. Three Clubs did not play too well and -250 was added to the +400 recorded at the other table where Five Diamonds made.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

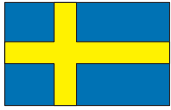
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	N											
W		E										
	S											
<p>♠ Q J 8 ♥ Q 10 8 ♦ Q 10 ♣ J 8 6 4 3</p>												

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Lindqvist	Piekarek	Brogeland
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Quite why you would want to play these two hands in 5♣ is a mystery that only East/West can answer. Declarer emerged with eight tricks, and when 3NT failed at the other table this misadventure cost only 3 IMPs.

VENICE CUP

Round 19



Sweden

v

China Long Zhu



by Brian Senior

With three rounds to go in the Venice Cup qualifying stage, China Long Zhu was one of three teams who could be certain of a place in the knockouts. Sweden, meanwhile, had spent most of the round robin below half-way but had steadily crept into contention and lay tenth, just 3 VPs behind the eighth and final qualifying position.

Sweden self-destructed on the first two boards of the match, making their task that much harder, and the early running was all China.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
W Wang	Midskog	Liu	Bertheau
Pass	Pass	2♦	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Sun	Sjoberg	H Wang
Pass	Pass	2♦	2♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Both Easts opened with a multi 2♦, both Souths overcalled 2♥ and both Norths raised to game. When that got back to the West players, Wenfei Wang went quietly while Sweden's Sandra Rimstedt saved in 4♠, promptly doubled by Ming Sun.

There was nothing to the play of 4♥ after a spade lead. Kathrin Bertheau took the heart finesse and lost two spades and a diamond; +420.

Sun led a heart against 4♠ doubled. Hongli Wang won and cashed a second heart then switched to the five of diamonds. Rimstedt seems to have been scared of a diamond ruff, because she falsecarded by playing the nine on this trick then dropping the queen under the ace on the dia-

mond return. Wang now switched to ace and another club and Sun won and played a third round. With no entry to hand to take the trump finesse, Rimstedt could ruff this but was then obliged to play ace and another trump, losing a trick to the king for down four; -800 and 9 IMPs to China instead of two had Rimstedt retained the ♦Q.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
W Wang	Midskog	Liu	Bertheau
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♥
Pass		All Pass	

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Sun	Sjoberg	H Wang
3♥	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	3NT	Dble	Dble
		Dble	All Pass

Bertheau opened 1♠ then splintered with 3♥, leaving Catarina Midskog with a tricky piece of hand evaluation. Had Bertheau had strong spades and weak clubs, 5♦ might have been in danger on a club lead, making Midskog's choice of 3NT the winner, but on the actual deal 6♦ was an easy make despite the wasted heart values. 3NT made 11 tricks after the lead of the queen of hearts; +660.

Life was tough for N/S in the other room also, where Emma Sjoberg could open INT as East, 9-12. It is surprising that Hongli did not overcall - she could have bid 2♠ to show spades and a minor, at least 5-4 - and when she did not Rimstedt jumped to 3♥, to play, so not promising values. Sun had points but no obvious bid so passed, and now Hongli's previous pass had worked out well, as she had the perfect hand for a take-out double. Sun still had an interesting problem, which she eventually resolved by bidding 3NT. Now Sjoberg doubled, a gamble based on her heart

holding. She too led the queen of hearts and Sun wrapped up 11 tricks for +1150 and 10 IMPs to China; 19-0.

On Board 3 at favourable vulnerability you pick up:

♠ A
♥ J 10 8 7 6
♦ 2
♣ J 7 6 5 4 2

Partner opens 1♠ and RHO overcalls INT; what would you bid?

Midskog chose 2♥, Sun 2♣, both of which ended the auction. Facing:

♠ Q J 10 9 7
♥ A
♦ Q 9 6 4
♣ K 10 8

2♣ made a comfortable nine tricks while 2♥ was down three; 6 IMPs to China, 25-0.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
W Wang	Midskog	Liu	Bertheau
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Sun	Sjoberg	H Wang
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♥
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Both Norths opened INT, 14-16, and both Souths enquired. Bertheau followed up with 2♠, forcing with five cards, then stressed the suit, and jumped to the small slam

when Midskog was able to cuebid. Hongli's 3♥ rebid showed five spades and four hearts, GF, and Sun showed her club control and that was sufficient to convince Hongli to take control, asking firstly for key cards then for kings. Six Diamonds showed either that king or the other two and 6♥ was a grand slam try. With the two-king option and a promising source of tricks, Sun had a clear jump to seven – nicely bid.

The play was easy and both declarers claimed 13 tricks very quickly – +1460 to Sweden but +2210 and 13 IMPs to China; 39-0 after just four boards.

The early Chinese blitz was followed by three flat boards, then came some good news for Sweden.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
W Wang	Midskog	Liu	Bertheau
1♦	1♠	Dble	3♠
Dble	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Sun	Sjoberg	H Wang
1♦	1♠	INT	3♠
4♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Both 1♦ openings were in the context of a strong club system, with Wenfei promising at least two diamonds, Rimstedt none. Yiqian Liu made a negative double, just promising values rather than guaranteeing hearts, and Wenfei made a responsive double over the pre-emptive raise to 3♠. When Midskog now went on to 4♠, neither East nor West were assured of a suitable fit for this level so neither felt that they had anything more to say. Liu led a diamond. Wenfei took two of those then switched to a low heart and now the hearts were established before the defensive club trick; down one for –50.

Sjoberg could bid INT, transfer to clubs, and this piece of system made all the difference. Looking at a good hand with four-card club support and a singleton spade, Rimstedt first splintered then went on over 4♠ and the Swedes reached the club game. Hongli cashed the ace of spades then switched to a heart but the contract was cold. Sjoberg won in dummy and led the ten of clubs. Sun won the ace and returned a heart but when the ♣Q showed up on the

next round there were 11 tricks for +400 and 8 IMPs to Sweden; 8-39.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K 9 7 2 ♥ A K J 8 4 2 ♦ 2 ♣ Q 9	♠ J 8 5 4 ♥ Q 6 3 ♦ Q J 8 4 ♣ A 10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A Q 6 3 ♥ 10 9 ♦ 7 ♣ J 8 6 5 4 3	♠ 10 ♥ 7 5 ♦ A K 10 9 6 5 3 ♣ K 7 2
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West	North	East	South
W Wang	Midskog	Liu	Bertheau
3♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass	3♠	Pass

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Sun	Sjoberg	H Wang
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♠	Pass

Liu opened a pretty chunky 3♦ and Wenfei responded 3♥, natural and forcing. I'm not sure what 3♠ meant but traditionally it would show a control and a hand too good to raise to 4♥. If so, Wenfei's 3NT looks very odd, though perhaps her idea was that it was clear that the partnership was locked into hearts so that 3NT was forcing and looking for a club cuebid?

Midskog led a low spade to Bertheau's ace and back came a low spade to her eight. She led a third spade to the queen and king and Wenfei cashed the top diamonds then took the heart finesse. When that lost, Midskog had a spade, two diamonds and a club to cash; down three for -300.

Sjoberg opened 1♦, Precision, and the Swedes bid up to the best game, 4♥. Sun led ace then ten of clubs to declarer's queen. Rimstedt crossed to the ace of diamonds to lead the ten of spades. Hongli went in with the ace and switched to a trump. Rimstedt won the ace, ruffed a spade and played the ♣K, pitching the last spade loser. Sun could ruff but that was with her trump trick; +620 and 14 IMPs to Sweden, who were coming back strongly at 22-39.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q J 8 5 ♥ 9 8 6 ♦ 4 ♣ J 6 5 2	♠ 10 9 ♥ A J 10 5 3 ♦ A 2 ♣ A Q 7 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 7 6 4 3 2 ♥ — ♦ K J 10 8 3 ♣ K 9	♠ — ♥ K Q 7 4 2 ♦ Q 9 7 6 5 ♣ 10 8 4
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West	North	East	South
W Wang	Midskog	Liu	Bertheau
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Sun	Sjoberg	H Wang
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Midskog's 2♣ rebid looks natural but was in fact either natural or any 15+. Bertheau enquired then rebid her spades and Midskog raised to 4♠, ending the auction. Wenfei led her singleton diamond to the queen and king. Bertheau cashed the ace of trumps, ready to play a second round then claim either ten or eleven tricks, and found that she had four trump losers so was down one for -100.



Sandra Rimstedt, Sweden

Sun's 2♣ rebid was natural and Hongli used FSF then, on finding her partner with both a maximum and diamond values, went on with 4♦. Sun had sufficiently good controls that she was willing to cuebid despite having only a doubleton diamond, but Hongli was only looking for the best game, not slam, so signed off in 5♦, doubled by Sjöberg who could see that everything was breaking badly for declarer.

Rimstedt led her singleton trump, Sjöberg putting in the nine. Hongli won the jack and ducked a spade. Rimstedt won the ♠J and, after considerable thought, returned a low spade for Sjöberg to ruff. Sjöberg exited with a trump to dummy's bare ace. Hongli pitched a spade on the ace of hearts then played three winning clubs. Sjöberg ruffed. Though that cost the trump trick when Hongli could overruff, the trick came back as there were still two losers for down two; -500 and 9 IMPs to Sweden, 31-40.

Just when it appeared that Sweden were getting right back into the match, the wind changed again. China had a couple of small pick-ups then this big one:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q ♥ K Q J 8 7 4 3 ♦ 5 4 3 2 ♣ -	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 8 5 4 ♥ 5 ♦ 10 9 7 ♣ A K Q 5 4	
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West	North	East	South
<i>W Wang</i>	<i>Midskog</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
Pass	2♣	Dble	INT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♦

West	North	East	South
<i>S Rimstedt</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Sjöberg</i>	<i>H Wang</i>
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Both Souths opened with a 14-16 no trump. Midskog responded 2♣, asking for a four-card heart suit. Liu doubled to show clubs and 2♦ denied hearts. Now Midskog jumped to 4♥, ending the auction. Presumably there is more to this sequence than meets the eye, as Midskog could have got to 4♥ without asking for support. Given that the double of 2♣ improved both the North and South hands, surely someone should have done more?

Sun followed a different route, gambling that the five level would be safe. She used Texas to set hearts then followed

up with Exclusion in clubs, getting a 5♠ response to show two key cards but no heart queen. Sun bid 6♥ and there were 12 easy tricks at both tables; +680 for Sweden but +1430 for China and 13 IMPs, stretching the Chinese lead to 58-31.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ - ♥ K 10 9 8 5 3 ♦ 5 2 ♣ K 10 9 4 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 8 7 5 4 2 ♥ 7 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ A J 8 5	
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West	North	East	South
<i>W Wang</i>	<i>Midskog</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♥	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>S Rimstedt</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Sjöberg</i>	<i>H Wang</i>
2♦	Pass	2♥	2NT
3♣	3NT	All Pass	

For reasons best known to herself, Wenfei did not open the West hand, though she did overcall 2♥ at her next turn. Midskog/Bertheau found the four-four spade fit and bid confidently to the best game.

Wenfei led the ten of clubs to Liu's ace and back came a heart. Bertheau won the ace and cashed the ace of spades, getting the bad news. She exited with the queen of clubs to Wenfei's king. Wenfei cashed the king of hearts and gave Liu a heart ruff. Bertheau won the trump return and got the diamonds wrong so was two down for -100.

Rimstedt did open the West hand, with a multi 2♦. Sjöberg responded 2♥, pass or correct and Hongli overcalled 2NT. No doubt Sun would have bid 3♣ to check for a spade fit, but Rimstedt got there ahead of her and she settled for a simple 3NT. Had Rimstedt led clubs, she would have found that there were five of those to cash, but she chose the nine of hearts. That gave a second heart trick and the bidding made it clear which way to play the diamonds. That gave Hongli 10 tricks for +430 and 11 IMPs to China.

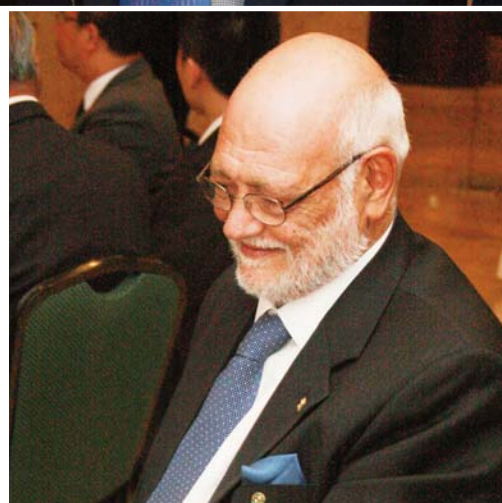
The match ended in a 69-31 IMP, 24-6 VP, win to China, putting Sweden in real danger of failing to make the cut.



WBF President's Dinner



WBF President José Damiani hosted a dinner on Friday night, and the workers at the World Championships enjoyed an evening with top officials of the World Bridge Federation and the Brazilian Bridge Federation.



A Trick Up His Sleeve

by Brent Manley

On this deal from Pakistan's Bermuda Bowl match against Italy, Hasam Askari made a tricky play that paid big off handsomely against a slam.

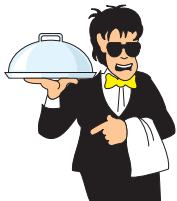
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Askari was North against 6♠ by West. Askari led the ♥A and continued with a low heart when his partner, Khaled Mohuddin, played the queen. West ruffed and played a club to dummy's ace, then cashed the ♦A. There were two lines of play – a crossruff, which would be easy enough with all of the good spade spots, or establishment of diamonds via a ruff in dummy.

When the Italian declarer played the ♦A from dummy, Ashari dropped the queen! To declarer, it looked as though the crossruff was more likely to produce 12 tricks. Accordingly, he played the ♣K next. The slam was down when Ashari ruffed, good for a big swing in a match won by Italy despite Ashari's heroics.

Late eating on Monday



Because of the late finish of the Transnational Open Teams, the hotel Piano Bar will provide a buffet with soup and snacks opening at 10:30 p.m. on Monday. The charge will be 18 Reais per person.

Closing Ceremony

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

Departures

The organizing committee will provide buses at certain times on Sept. 12 and 13 from the Hotel Transamerica and the Transamerica flats to Sao Paulo-Guarulhos International Airport. For this, you must provide information about your departure – day, flight number and time – to the Hospitality Desk. If you do not, you risk having to pay an expensive taxi ride.

The deadline for providing the information is Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Departures in all other days can be organized by the Hospitality Desk, but at the expense of the traveller.

Seniors Committee

There will be a meeting of the Seniors' Committee on Sunday, Sept. 6, at 10 a.m. in the WBF meeting room.

WBF Systems Committee

There will be a meeting of the WBF Systems Committee in the WBF Meeting Room (Brasilia 3 in the basement floor, SS in the lift) at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 7.

John Wignall, Chairman



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The IBPA General Meeting and Annual Awards



The IBPA AGM and awards will be held in the WBF Meeting Room in the basement of the Hotel America at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 7.

Papers for the AGM will be available in the Press Room beforehand. Papers on the awards will be available in the Press Room after the meeting.

Candidates to receive or present awards who are not IBPA members should be present at 10.30 a.m.

Patrick Jourdain, IBPA President

Donde Comen 2... Comen 3 y donde hay 7... siempre hay 6

Por Fernando Lema y Ana Roth

Solo faltaban 3 ruedas cuando se encontraron Holanda, 6° en la clasificatoria y Argentina en el 8° puesto...

Mano 4: Dador Oeste, Todos Vulnerable

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

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♥ A Q 7 4					
♦ Q 2					
♣ Q 7					

Sala Cerrada

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Bianchedi	Wijs	Muzzio	Muller
Paso	1♣	Paso	1♥
Paso	1♠	Paso	INT
Paso	2♣	Paso	3♣
Paso	4♠	Paso	6NT
Fin			

Uno de los jugadores de Holanda en la cuarta vuelta de la subasta se decidió por no averiguar más y decretó 6NT... 13 bazas sin carteo.

Sala Abierta

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Brink	Pellegrini	Drijver	Ravenna
Paso	INT	Paso	2♣
Paso	2♦	Paso	3♥
Paso	4♠	Paso	4NT
Paso	5♥	Paso	5NT
Paso	6♣	Paso	6♦
Paso	6♥	Paso	7♠
Fin			

Pellegrini abrió de INT, Ravenna preguntó por mayores cuartos y cuando Carlos negó tenerlos, Pablo le mostró sus 5 cartas de espadas y 4 de cartas de corazón. Pellegrini mostró sus 3 cartas de apoyo a ♠, Sur preguntó KC y al ver que la pareja tenía las 5, preguntó por reyes... Pellegrini primero mostró el K de trébol, Ravenna le preguntó si tenía otro rey... Pellegrini mostró su ♥K... y Ravenna decretó 7♠... 13 bazas sin carteo.

Un Poco de Estadísticas: en la BB el Grand Slam se jugó en 14 mesas de las 22 y todas las mesas hicieron las 13 bazas. En la VC el Grand Slam se jugó en 7 mesas de las 22 y todas las mesas hicieron las 13 bazas. En la SB el Grand Slam se jugó en 16 mesas de las y todas las mesas hicieron las 13 bazas.

Olé... Olé... Y Olé...

El equipo de Damas español está desarrollando un juego de clase mundial. Para muestra basta un botón. Aquí les acercamos una mano que ellas mismas nos contaron, de la Ronda 14 de la Clasificatoria donde se enfrentaron a Pakistán. España terminó la ronda en la quinta posición...

Mano 18 del Round 14

Por Nuria Almirall

Por España en la sala cerrada jugaban en E/O Cafranga Martorell Carmen, Hernandez Ma. Eugenia y en el abierto N/S: Nuria Almirall y su hermana Marta Almirall.

Mano 18: Dador Este, N/S Vulnerable

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

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♥ A K 5 3					
♦ K J 7					
♣ 10 5					

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Azwer	Almirall N.	Agha	Almirall M.
2♥		1♦	Paso
Fin	Doblo	Paso	4♠

Salida: ♦3

La declarante jugó el ♦9 del muerto y Este tomó con su ♦A, Sur desbloqueó el ♦K. Este volvió el ♥J, Sur ganó la baza con su ♥K y jugó la ♠Q...baza...y ♠... Oeste descartó un corazón...♠K del muerto... Este ganó la baza con el ♠A y volvió ♠... la declarante jugó el ♠9 de su mano, Oeste descartó trébol y chico de la mesa. La declarante ahora ve la tricolor de Este... así que termina de destriunfar, adelanta el ♥A... Este descarta diamante... juega los diamantes firmes quedando en el muerto... y juega el ♣10 poniendo en mano a Este... que debe jugar trébol hacia la tenaza ♣ A K 9.



Nuria y Marta Almirall

Rápido y Sencillo

Por Fernando Lema y Ana Roth

En la ante-ultima rueda de la clasificatoria apareció otro Grand Slam al que la mayoría no llegó. En la BB... 8 parejas lo subastaron y cumplieron... en la VC... solo 2 parejas... en la SB... solo 7...

Mano 22: Dador Este, E/O Vulnerable

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

En la mesa de USA I jugaron el Grand... la subasta fue sencilla y contundente:

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Wildavsky	Fantoni	Doub	Nunes
4♣	Paso	1♠	Paso
5♦	Paso	4NT	Paso
7♠	Fin	5NT	Paso

En la otra mesa los italianos solo subastaron pequeño slam y la mano les costó 13 IMPs

III South American Transnational Festival

Mar del Plata, Argentina 2010



The South American Bridge Confederation and the Argentine Bridge Association are pleased to announce that the 2010 III South American Tran-National Festival will be held in the city of Mar del Plata, Province of Buenos Aires, from May 1 to 8, hosted by the Sheraton Hotel.

Mar del Plata is a favourite year-round resort to Argentines; 3 million people of all ages vacation there enjoying its numerous tourist attractions as well as the Grand Casino, dating back to 1938.

The local cuisine is famous for its fish and seafood, as well as superb beef obtained in near-by farms. Bars by the beach offer the delicious "clerico" and tasty 21-piece hors d'oeuvres..

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Tournaments: Pairs: 5 sessions; Swiss Round Robin Teams: 12 rounds of 14 boards each; Semi-finals in 3 categories: open, ladies and seniors; and Final Round - both Trans-national events starting at 11 AM.

Simultaneously the South American Junior and Student Tournaments will be played, both categories classifying 2 participants to the forthcoming World Tournament to be held in Philadelphia, U.S. in October 2010.

Feliz Cumpleaños Marcelo Lerner!!!

Hoy el maestro decano de los argentinos el Dr. Marcelo Lerner cumple 86 años.

Marcelo participó en 1958 del Campeonato Mundial de Bridge en Como Italia, donde participaron 3 países por primera vez. Hoy 51 años después...y con el mismo entusiasmo, está con todos nosotros en San Pablo representando a la Argentina en la Categoría Senior, todo un ejemplo a destacar!!!



Marcelo Lerner, Terence Reese, Eduardo Berisso y Boris Schapiro
Campeonato Mundial de Bridge, Buenos Aires 1965

Bridge y Humor

Mal Ubicada

Un jugador hace un mal remate y se paga 1400.

"Lo siento," le dice a su compañero... "Tenía una carta mal ubicada."

El compañero le pregunta: Solo una?"



Cada día...

"Cada día estas jugando peor... pero hoy estas jugando como si fuera mañana..."

Bridge en el Confesionario

Fue el devoto bridgista a confesarse, y le preguntó al Padre Confesor: Padre, ¿es cierto que es pecado jugar bridge en Domingo? El Padre le contesta: Hijo mío, por la forma en que usted juega... es pecado cualquier día de la semana