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# Yanks Sweep the Mixed



Matthew Granovetter and Karen McCallum



Bobby and Jill Levin



Lew and JoAnna Stansby

Karen McCallum and Matthew Granovetter, moving steadily upward in the standings from the beginning of the Mixed Pairs final, completed their charge into first place in the third set, edging fellow Americans Jill and Bobby Levin to win a closely contested championship.

Third place in the Mixed Pairs went to another married couple - Americans JoAnna and Lew Stansby.

Granovetter and his wife, Pamela, are co-founders of Bridge Today, now an online bridge magazine. McCallum, who lives in New England and operates a mystery book business, is no stranger to the winner's podium. Most recently, she and Debbie Rosenberg won the Women's Pairs in Montreal in 2002.

McCallum and Granovetter were never far out of the lead, but they moved up to third place after the first final session on Sunday and into second position after the first session on Monday.

Their score of 59.28% was just ahead of the 58.75% posted by the Levins.

The Stansbys made the biggest leap, starting the day on Monday in 87th place overall with just 50.55%. They finished with 58.47%.

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

### ROSENBLUM CUP - McCONNELL CUP

10.30	Round Robin Session 1
15.30	Round Robin Session 2

## WBF CONGRESS MEETING



The WBF Congress Meeting will be held on Thursday, 15th June 2006 at 09:30 in the Theatre Verdi at the VeroneFiere.

The Theatre is situated on the lower ground floor of the venue, near the Registration Desks.

All countries represented in Verona are requested to send a delegate to this important meeting.

# To Save Or Not To Save?

The first final session of the Mixed Pairs featured a couple of bidding decisions for East/West – To save or not to save, that was the question.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 9 6 5 3 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ Q 10 8 ♣ 10 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 8 4 ♥ Q J 6 3 ♦ 9 7 5 2 ♣ 4 2	
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	S											
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>									
<i>Ozdil</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Zuhai</i>	<i>Miszewska</i>									
1♥	Pass	3♥	Dble									
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass									
5♥	Dble	All Pass										

Melih Ozdil had a close decision when 4♠ came around to him. In theory, he did the wrong thing when he went on to 5♥, as a club lead beats 4♠. However, in reality Apolinary Kowalski was surely about to make 4♠, as Ak Zuhai's normal lead was the queen of hearts, after which there is no defence.

Kowalski led a spade against 5♥ doubled. Ozdil won the ace and led a low heart, which Kowalski ducked. Dummy's jack won and Ozdil played a club up. Ewa Miszewska went up with

her ace and returned a spade, ruffed, and Ozdil played king of clubs then ruffed a club, then led a diamond. Again Miszewska went in with the ace and again she returned a spade. Ozdil ruffed, cashed the ace of hearts and ruffed a club, crossed to the ♦K and played his winning club. Kowalski could ruff but Ozdil had a trump at the end; down two for -300.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 9 4 ♥ 7 6 5 2 ♦ A 9 7 6 3 ♣ J 9	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 8 7 5 2 ♥ 4 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ K 7 6 3	
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W		E										
	S											
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>									
<i>Cichocki</i>	<i>T. Helness</i>	<i>Hocheker</i>	<i>G. Helness</i>									
Dble	3♥	Pass	1♥									
Pass	Pass	4♠	4♥									
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass									

Poles Miroslaw Cichocki and Danuta Hocheker had topped the qualifying standings and continued to do well early in the final. Hocheker bid only 3♠, what her hand was worth, over Tor Helness's pre-emptive heart raise but, when Gunn Helness went on to game, Hocheker judged correctly to bid again. In 4♥ there are just two clubs and a trump to be lost, so two down in 4♠ doubled would be a good save. Gunn led her singleton queen of diamonds to the king and ace and Hocheker put in the eight on the low diamond return. Gunn ruffed, cashed the ace of hearts, then switched to a club, but there were just the top trumps to come; -300.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



Gunn Helness, Norway



West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♣(i)	3♦	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

Names have been concealed to protect the guilty on this deal. West intended 4♣ as a cuebid in support of spades – he presumably expected more than four cards in partner's hand – but East took the bid as natural and asked for key cards. The response showed two plus the trump queen – you work it out – and East worked out that partner could not intend clubs to be trumps as she was looking at the queen of that suit, so passed.

The play was no more pretty than the bidding. Declarer won the diamond lead on table and led a club to the king and ace. She won the return of the jack of clubs in hand and played a heart to the queen followed by the ace of hearts, which was ruffed. Declarer lost a little concentration from here and ended up down three for –150.

Of course, 5♠ is cold after a diamond lead! Declarer simply needs to play for the diamonds to be eight-one and the club ace to be with the shortage. If that sounds a little improbable, consider that the 3♦ overcall was made at adverse vulnerability.

The play is to win the ♦K and take the heart finesse. Now cash three rounds of trumps and, when declarer discovers that they are four-two, play ace of hearts and another heart, discarding a club from hand. South is powerless. Holding only black cards, she has to give the lead to declarer, who can then draw the last trump, cross to the ace of diamonds, and cash all the hearts, losing just one heart and one club.



Tor Helness, Norway



The WBF wishes to welcome Mrs. Enma Castro-Ruz from Cuba to Verona. Mrs. Castro-Ruz lives in Cuba and Mexico but here represents the Cuba Bridge Federation together with her partner Frankie Frontaura. This is the first time players from the Cuba Bridge Federation have participated in the World Bridge Championships.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank her and Mr. Frontaura for their extraordinary efforts to establish bridge in Cuba and wish them well for the future development of bridge in their country.

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## Final Session 2

## Mixed Pairs

by Brian Senior

For the second session of the final I watched a few rounds featuring two of England's top players, Nicola Smith and John Armstrong, and a series of strong opposing pairs, starting with the overnight leaders, Chantal Haemmerli and Alfredo Versace.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Haemmerli</i>	<i>Smith</i>
Pass	5♣	5♥	3♣ All Pass

I suspect that a lot of different actions were tried around the room with the North cards facing a 3♣ pre-empt. As is often the case, the simple space-consuming bid proved to be very effective as Haemmerli had too much to pass and the wrong distribution to double. Smith led the ace of clubs against 5♥, then switched to the queen of diamonds for the king and ace. Armstrong carefully cashed the king of clubs before playing jack and another diamond for Smith to ruff; down three for -300.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Haemmerli</i>	<i>Smith</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The 2♣ response was two-way, usually either natural or invitational with three or more spades, which meant that Armstrong could not raise immediately. Not that it mattered very much, as Smith's next call ended the auction in the normal contract. Haemmerli had no reason to guess to lead a heart so chose a diamond. Armstrong won the ace, cashed the top spades, then crossed to a top club to lead the ♦Q to the king and ruff, then went back to dummy with the other club to take a heart pitch on the ♦J; eleven tricks for +650.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>B. Levin</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>J. Levin</i>	<i>Smith</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
All Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠

One Club could have been natural or any balanced hand outside the no trump range of 15-17. Armstrong had an awkward rebid. Not wishing to splinter with a stiff ace, he elected to show 18-19 balanced with four-card spade support instead, and Smith settled for game. Alas, on this occasion the heart singleton was the key to the hand. When the king of



John Armstrong, England

clubs ruffed out, there was no need to find the  $\diamond Q$  and Smith had twelve straightforward tricks for +680. For what it is worth, I agree with Armstrong's choice of call.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ K 8 7 5 3		
	♥ K 10 9		
	♦ 6 3		
	♣ 8 7 2		
♠ J 6 4 2	N	♠ A Q 10	
♥ A Q	W	♥ 8 7 4 3	
♦ K 8 7	E	♦ 10 2	
♣ J 10 9 3	S	♣ A K Q 4	
	♠ 9		
	♥ J 6 5 2		
	♦ A Q J 9 5 4		
	♣ 6 5		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
B. Levin	Armstrong	J. Levin	Smith
		INT	2♣
Dble	2♥	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Two Clubs showed hearts and another and Bobby Levin showed values then, with a heart stopper but lacking heart length, made the obvious 3NT call at his next turn. Smith led the queen of diamonds, ducked, then the  $\diamond J$ , won with the king. Jill Levin took the spade finesse, cashed the clubs, repeated the spade finesse, then took a heart finesse even though Smith's discarding strongly suggested that it would lose – it was a cost-nothing play for the overtrick at this point. When the heart lost, there were just nine tricks for +600.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ Q		
	♥ 9 6 5		
	♦ J 10 5 4 3		
	♣ K 9 4 2		
♠ 9 8 6 5 4	N	♠ A J 10 2	
♥ K 8 2	W	♥ 10 7	
♦ K Q 7	E	♦ 8 2	
♣ 10 5	S	♣ A Q 7 6 3	
	♠ K 7 3		
	♥ A Q J 4 3		
	♦ A 9 6		
	♣ J 8		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Berkowitz	Armstrong	Wei-Sender	Smith
Pass	2♥	Dble	Rdbl
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
3♠	All Pass		

We cannot always have the perfect distribution for a take-out double and Kathie Wei-Sender took the risk that David Berkowitz would compete too vigorously in diamonds be-

cause if she didn't come into the auction now her side would probably be shut out for good. Berkowitz proved what he a good partner he is by competing in spades not diamonds. Armstrong led the queen of spades to dummy's ace and Berkowitz played a diamond to his king then a trump for the jack and king. Smith cashed the ace of hearts then exited with her remaining trump. Berkowitz won in hand, took the club finesse, then led a second diamond up. Smith took her ace and declarer claimed the rest for +170 and 80% of the match-points – clearly not everyone found the take-out double.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ A J 2		
	♥ A Q 10 6 5		
	♦ J 10 6		
	♣ J 2		
♠ K Q 10 5 4	N	♠ 9 7 6 3	
♥ 9 3	W	♥ K J 4 2	
♦ Q 7 2	E	♦ 9 8	
♣ Q 9 8	S	♣ A K 6	
	♠ 8		
	♥ 8 7		
	♦ A K 5 4 3		
	♣ 10 7 5 4 3		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Berkowitz	Armstrong	Wei-Sender	Smith
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
2♠	All Pass		

After passing initially, Berkowitz competed with 2♠ and must have been well-pleased with the dummy. Armstrong led the jack of diamonds and Smith played three rounds of the suit. Berkowitz won the  $\diamond Q$ , throwing a club from dummy, then crossed to the ace of clubs to play a spade to the king and ace. He won the club return and led a second spade to his queen, and had to concede a heart and a second spade; eight tricks for +110.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ Q		
	♥ K 10 7		
	♦ A 2		
	♣ A 10 9 8 7 5 3		
♠ 10 7 5 3	N	♠ J 4 2	
♥ J 2	W	♥ A Q 9 8 4	
♦ K Q 9 8 5	E	♦ J	
♣ J 4	S	♣ K Q 6 2	
	♠ A K 9 8 6		
	♥ 6 5 3		
	♦ 10 7 6 4 3		
	♣ –		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Baze	Armstrong	Mancuso	Smith
Pass	1♣	1♥	1♠
	2♣	All Pass	



The problem for declarer in 2♣ is to avoid the loss of three trump tricks and three tricks in the red suits. Renee Mancuso led the jack of diamonds and Armstrong could have won and taken a diamond pitch on the top spades. However, he would then have been left to play the heart suit himself, with the ace rating to be offside. Instead, Armstrong ducked the diamond. That set Mancuso a problem and her solution cost her side a trump trick when she elected to switch to the two of clubs to the jack and ace. Armstrong took his heart pitch now then ruffed a third round of spades before playing the ten of clubs. Mancuso won, cashed the other club winner and exited with a club, leaving declarer to lead hearts from hand; eight tricks for +90.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ Q 6 5 4 ♦ K J 10 7 4 ♣ A 7 4	♠ A Q 7 5 4 ♥ 9 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ K 6 5 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div> ♠ 10 8 6 2 ♥ A K 10 7 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ Q 10	♠ K J 9 ♥ J 8 3 2 ♦ A 9 ♣ J 9 8 3	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Baze</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mancuso</i>	<i>Smith</i>
2♦	2♠	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	4♠

Facing a passed partner, Grant Baze felt at liberty to open an off-centre weak 2♦ and this worked out very nicely for his side. Armstrong made a thin overcall and Smith raised to game – maybe she is worth only a raise to 3♠, but the fourth trump is good and if partner is short in diamonds three small will be a good holding in that suit. Even 3♠ would have been too high. Three rounds of diamonds gave Mancuso a ruff and there was still a club and a trump to come; down two for –200 and a good score for the American pair.



Nicola Smith, England

## Thanks for the Memories



As she moved from table to table and greeted new opponents each round in the Mixed Pairs in Verona, Kerri Sanborn could not help remembering her first world championship, 28 years ago and a continent away.

It was 1978 in New Orleans, and Sanborn (then Shuman) flew in from Los Angeles to play in the Mixed Pairs with Barry Crane, a frequent partner in the U.S. and a player regarded by many as the all-time best pairs competitor.

The two were dominant, winning the Mixed Pairs by about five boards (or tops) ahead of second place.

It was thrilling for Sanborn just to take part in the world championship. "I was playing against people I had read about since I started playing bridge," she says.

Sanborn recalls that she knew she and Crane were having a good game in the world championship, "but I'm not a good estimator," so she could go only by how the session felt.

"Sometimes when you were playing with Barry it was like magic," she says. "It's hard to describe, but your karma was really pumped up."

The whole New Orleans trip was somewhat of a blur, Sanborn recalls - in and out in three days - and she didn't play in another world championship until eight years later, when she and Bob Hamman sat down as partners in another Mixed Pairs (they were second).

Sanborn says she was devastated when Crane was slain in 1985 during a bridge tournament in the Los Angeles area (the crime is still unsolved). She ended up filling in for her longtime partner in a knockout Crane's team had been playing when he was killed.

"It took a long time to get over it (Crane's death)," she says. "I would walk into a room at a tournament and expect him to be there. I would think it was all a great, horrible hoax."

Reflecting on the differences between the bridge of today and at the time of her international debut, Sanborn says, "Bridge is a lot more sophisticated today, and a lot more people can play the game well. It's also more of a business."

# Bulgarians Bid Boldly

by Mark Horton

We haven't had an alliterative title for a while, but one soon came to mind when Bulgaria's Valio Kovachev produced a couple of noteworthy efforts during the qualifying rounds of the Mixed pairs.

I'll start with a deal that is already well known from Session 3.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ 9 7 2 ♥ K 9 ♦ A 8 6 4 3 2 ♣ 9 4</p>	<p>♠ J 5 4 3 ♥ 8 ♦ K J 10 7 ♣ K J 10 6</p>	<p>♠ K 10 ♥ A Q 10 7 5 4 3 ♦ Q 9 ♣ A 8</p>	<p>♠ A Q 8 6 ♥ J 6 2 ♦ 5 ♣ Q 7 5 3 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Shah Bahrat	Kovachev	Vazirani	Wolfarth
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♥	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	Pass

When East bid Four Hearts North decided to 'sacrifice' in Four Spades. However that is tough to defeat as it requires the defenders to play hearts at every opportunity, which will lead to the promotion of West's spade nine as the setting trick. Plus 620 was a very decent result for North/South.

Going back to the second session we can witness a tour de force in the bidding against a player who is himself a master of the art:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 10 2 ♥ K J 10 8 ♦ Q 8 3 2 ♣ 7 6 4</p>	<p>♠ A 7 6 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ 6 ♣ K Q 10 9 8 2</p>	<p>♠ Q J 3 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ K 10 9 5 ♣ A J 3</p>	<p>♠ K 9 8 5 4 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ A J 7 4 ♣ 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
Zia	Kovachev	Meyers	Wolfarth
	INT!	Pass	2♥*
Dble	3♠!	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

That was a strong no trump and when South showed a spade suit North upgraded his hand for a second time. Once again there is a way to defeat the contract, and Zia had given his side a slim chance with his lead directing double. No doubt partnering himself he would have found the lead of the nine of hearts, but that was very tough for his partner, who led the two. Now declarer could duck the ten of hearts and then play on clubs, taking a ruffing finesse against East's jack to score an impressive 420.



Maria-Teresa Lavazza, well known around the world, played with Giorgio Duboin in the Mixed Pairs and qualified for the final. As all have noticed, the Lavazza Group provides coffee and tea for all players at many points at the PalaExpo building. The WBF thanks Lavazza warmly for their support of the tournament.

# The Red Mist

by Mark Horton

It may just have been a trick of the light, but it seemed to me that I was surrounded by a sea of Red cards when I watched the second session of the final of the Mixed pairs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

  

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Kowalski	Rosenblum	Miszewska	Panina
Pass	1♣*	1♥	1♠
Dble	2♣	Pass	2♦
	All Pass		

There was nothing to the play, the defenders starting with three rounds of hearts, West ruffing and in due course they made three more trump tricks, one down, -100.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

  

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Kowalski	Rosenblum	Miszewska	Panina
1♦	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♥	Dble*	Dble	Redble
All Pass		Pass	2♠

I wonder if South was tempted to pass out her partner's double in search of the magic 200? Had she done so declarer would have been a favourite to record +670.

Two Spades was a simple affair, declarer losing two diamonds, a club, a diamond ruff and a trump.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

  

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Hamman	Rosenblum	Granovetter	Panina
1♠	Pass	INT	1♦
2♥	2NT*	4♥	Pass
All Pass			Dble

North's second-round action showed clubs and diamond support. With five-card trump support it was difficult for East not to bid game, despite the apparently poor location of the queen of diamonds.

North led the six of diamonds and you can understand given the auction why declarer rejected the finesse, although had he taken it he would have been able bring home the doubled game. (Only a heart lead defeats the contract for certain.)

After winning with the ace declarer took the spade finesse and cashed the ace and king. South ruffed, cashed the ace and king of hearts and tried the ace of clubs. Declarer could ruff, but he was a trick short, having to lose a club at the end, down one, -100.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

  

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Hamman	Rosenblum	Granovetter	Panina
1♣	1♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	



I have never cared much for the style that allows East to make a weak jump on this type of hand. You may beg to differ, but it certainly came a cropper on this deal.

South led the queen of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the king of clubs. South won and switched to a heart. North won with the king, cashed the king of diamonds and played a diamond for South to ruff. Back came a heart and North won and played another diamond. South could ruff that and still had a couple of trump tricks to come, +500.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 2		
	♥ AKQ8		
	♦ 984		
	♣ KQJ42		
♠ A85		♠ K1097643	
♥ 532		♥ 6	
♦ K10632		♦ J5	
♣ 86		♣ A105	
	♠ QJ		
	♥ J10974		
	♦ AQ7		
	♣ 973		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Kasle</i>	<i>Rosenblum</i>	<i>Quinn</i>	<i>Panina</i>
3♠	2♣*	2♠	3♦*
All Pass	4♥	4♣	Dble

As an aside, whenever I see Gaylor Kasle for some reason I have long since forgotten I bring to mind Gaylord Ravenal the gambler played by Howard Keel in the musical Showboat.

North's opening bid might have been based on a weak two in diamonds, hence South's bid of Three Diamonds, pass or correct.

With trumps 2-1 and the diamonds well placed there was no defence, -790.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ 97		
	♥ QJ1076		
	♦ K7432		
	♣ A		
♠ J64		♠ AQ10532	
♥ 843		♥ 92	
♦ J108		♦ 96	
♣ K632		♣ QJ10	
	♠ K8		
	♥ AK5		
	♦ AQ5		
	♣ 98754		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Kasle</i>	<i>Rosenblum</i>	<i>Quinn</i>	<i>Panina</i>
3♠	Dble	2♣	Pass
Pass	4♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass		Pass	4♥

It was déjà vu all over again for Kasle as he raised his partner's suit. There was nothing to the play, the defenders scoring the ace of spades. For my money South was worth another bid once North showed the red suits.

I thought that was it for this session, but when I went to collect the hand records

The players were still hard at work, so I grabbed a seat nearest the door.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ K1094		
	♥ A		
	♦ KJ54		
	♣ AQ108		
♠ 8		♠ AJ	
♥ KQJ5		♥ 9643	
♦ 93		♦ Q872	
♣ J65432		♣ K97	
	♠ Q76532		
	♥ 10872		
	♦ A106		
	♣ -		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Wei-Sender</i>	<i>Ryman</i>
1♥	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	Dble	3♥	4♥
All Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠

Declarer won the heart lead and embarked on a cross ruff, ruffing three clubs in dummy, and three hearts in hand. He could then give up a trump trick and claim the rest, +1430. That excellent result was almost matched by the next one:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ K8753		
	♥ K109		
	♦ 63		
	♣ 872		
♠ J642		♠ AQ10	
♥ AQ		♥ 8743	
♦ K87		♦ 102	
♣ J1093		♣ AKQ4	
	♠ 9		
	♥ J652		
	♦ AQJ954		
	♣ 65		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Wei-Sender</i>	<i>Ryman</i>
3NT	All Pass	INT	Dble*

South had shown a major and a minor and kicked off with the jack of diamonds. When declarer ducked, South switched to a low heart. North won and returned the ten to dummy's ace. Declarer can get home if she leads a diamond towards the king, but when she chose to play on the black suits she could take no more than eight tricks.

# Tough Day at the Office

by Brent Manley

Bridge players learn to take the good with the bad. In the second final session of the Mixed Pairs, Americans Kerri Sanborn and Larry Cohen had some of each.

This was one of the good ones.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ K Q 9 5 4 2 ♣ A K J 2	♠ K 8 4 ♥ A J 10 8 7 2 ♦ 7 3 ♣ 5 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-size: 10px;">N</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">W</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">E</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">S</span> </div>	♠ J 9 7 5 3 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A J 6 ♣ 10 7 6 ♠ A Q 10 6 ♥ Q 9 5 ♦ 10 8 ♣ Q 9 8 4
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West	North	East	South
1♦	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	2♠	3♥
5♦	All Pass	4♦	Pass

East, very short on values for her 2♠ bid, did well to pull the double – Cohen had an easy nine tricks. West did less well by carrying on to game. Cohen led the ♣5 to the 6, 8 and jack. Declarer played two rounds of diamonds, ending in dummy, and continued playing clubs. When that did not produce a discard for one of dummy's hearts, West took his last shot — the ♥A onside – but one down was inevitable. That was good for 78% for Sanborn-Cohen.

They went plus 200 on the next two boards, but only one of them was good (there was a missed game).

On Board 6, Sanborn defended brilliantly to earn her side a 75% score.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ J 6 4 2 ♥ A Q ♦ K 8 7 ♣ J 10 9 3	♠ K 8 7 5 3 ♥ K 10 9 ♦ 6 3 ♣ 8 7 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-size: 10px;">N</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">W</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">E</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">S</span> </div>	♠ A Q 10 ♥ 8 7 4 3 ♦ 10 2 ♣ A K Q 4 ♠ 9 ♥ J 6 5 2 ♦ A Q J 9 5 4 ♣ 6 5
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West	North	East	South
3NT	All Pass	INT	2♦

Sanborn's 2♦ showed diamonds and a major, such as it was. She started proceedings with the ♦Q, ducked by declarer. Now a low heart went to the queen and king. Cohen fired back the ♥10 to dummy's ace. A spade finesse was next, followed by four rounds of clubs, ending in dummy (Cohen discarded the ♠8, hoping Sanborn read it to mean he had the ♥9). Another spade went to the 10. Declarer cashed the ♠A and got out with a diamond. Sanborn won the ♦A and did not make the mistake of playing her ♥J. Instead, she led a low heart to Cohen's 9 so that he could cash the ♠K, the setting trick.

This next deal was troublesome for many North-South pairs, but more so for the opponents when the board was played by Sanborn and Cohen.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 7 5 3 ♥ J 2 ♦ K Q 9 8 5 ♣ J 4	♠ Q ♥ K 10 7 ♦ A 2 ♣ A 10 9 8 7 5 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-size: 10px;">N</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">W</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">E</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">S</span> </div>	♠ J 4 2 ♥ A Q 9 8 4 ♦ J ♣ K Q 6 2 ♠ A K 9 8 6 ♥ 6 5 3 ♦ 10 7 6 4 3 ♣ –
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West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	1♥	1♠
Dbl	2♣	Pass	2♦
	3♣	Dbl	All Pass

East started with the ♦J, which went to Cohen's ace. He overtook his ♠Q with dummy's ace to cash a second high spade for a diamond pitch, then ruffed a spade to hand. He followed with the ♣A and the ♣10. East can be forgiven for playing the ♣Q on this – if Cohen held the ♣J, she would be endplayed on the next round of clubs, forced to lead away from the heart tenace. East was still okay even after she crashed her partner's ♣J, but instead of cashing the other high club and exiting with the ♣6, East underled her hearts. Cohen gratefully won the ♥K and was soon claiming nine tricks for plus 470 and 98% of the matchpoints.

Sanborn bid boldly and played expertly on the following deal to earn 82%.



Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♠	Dbl	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	INT
All Pass			2♥

Presumably the 2♥ bid showed at least a tolerance for her partner's spade suit.

West started with the ♦K, continuing with a low diamond at trick two. One more round of diamonds left West on lead, and he persevered with the ♠10 to the jack, queen and ace. Sanborn now played a heart to dummy's ace and continued with a low heart, inserting the 8 when East played the 3. Even if East had split her 10-9, Sanborn was going to duck (West needed the ♥K to have an opening hand). West exited with his last diamond, and Sanborn pulled trumps, pitching spades from dummy, and knocked out the ♣A. Plus 110 was a fine score.

This next deal was frustrating for Sanborn.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

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

The contract has no play on a heart lead, but West's club suit is too strong for a player to ignore as the opening lead. With the start of the ♣Q, Sanborn had a chance so long as she didn't duck and give West a chance to find the right switch. Sanborn won the ♣A and played the ♦Q from hand, ducked by West. Unfortunately for Sanborn, she played too quickly and called for a low card from dummy. Now the only chance was to find a doubleton ♦J in an opponent's hand (a doubleton ace

wouldn't help). It didn't work out, however, and Sanborn eventually finished two down.

On this deal, Cohen found himself in a tight spot in the trump suit but managed to get home with a tough 4♥ contract despite some tough defense.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	1♥	1♠	3♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The ♠10 went to Cohen's jack at trick one, and he cashed the ♥A, stopping for a long think after East showed out.

After considerable thought, Cohen cashed the ♠A and the ♦K, then played a diamond to the ace in dummy. Cohen then played the ♣10 from dummy. West (Lew Stansby) ducked smoothly, so Cohen let the club go to JoAnna Stansby's queen. She returned a club.

Cohen ruffed in dummy, ruffed a diamond (Lew pitched his last spade), then ruffed another club in dummy. At that point, Cohen could play a spade or a diamond from dummy and West could not prevent the game-going tricks. On the spade lead, Cohen could overruff if West ruffed in with the ♥9, and he could pitch his losing club if West ruffed high. On a diamond play, West could discard his ♣A, but Cohen merely ruffs and plays his last club, ruffing with the ♥Q. Cohen would have to score the 10 in the end.



Larry Cohen, USA



# La Femme Fatale

by Rich Colker

Things were admittedly going badly for Alfredo Versace of Italy and Chantal Haemmerli of Switzerland, who were suffering a below par game (having averaged well over 60% previously) in Monday morning's second final session of the Mixed Pairs. But as if that weren't enough, when they came to Linda and Brian Trent's table, things got even worse. What happened to the Italian triple world title holder on the second board of the round would be described as cruel were it not so brilliant.

The source of Versace's angst on this day was his RHO, Linda Trent. Linda is normally a quiet, unassuming intermediate player and teacher of newcomers. She undergoes a radical personality transformation when she dons her dark glasses and suits up to play against the big guns of the bridge world. Just watch Linda in action – and Alfredo in misery.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	B. Trent	Haemmerli	L. Trent
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Two clubs was strong and artificial, 2♦ negative, and 3♥ transferred to spades after Versace's natural 2NT rebid. Versace thought long and hard before finally passing 4♠, so perhaps a different auction would have denied interest beyond game. Anyhow, North led the ♦10 and when dummy came down Versace smiled broadly, thanked his partner, and set about making his game.

After winning the ♦K(!) at trick one, Versace ruffed the ♦4 to dummy in order to play a trump toward his hand, hoping to find queen and one aside, inserting the 9 as South followed low. North won the ♠A and led a third diamond as Versace pitched a club from dummy and South ruffed – with the ♠Q! She then shifted to a low club.

Versace won his ace and paused to consider how to continue. Assuming the ♠Q to be a true card (could this unassuming woman in the dark glasses really have ruffed unnecessarily high? Impossible.), North held both outstanding trumps. If Versace drew trumps ending in hand, he could pitch dummy's last

two clubs on his two remaining high diamonds, then knock out the ♥A.

But then the defense could win the first heart, tap dummy with a club, and with the heart suit blocked he would have to win the next heart in hand and lose a club in the ending.

Versace thought he found a solution: he would first cash his high diamonds, pitching dummy's losing clubs as North followed helplessly and South pitched (having no more trumps!?). Then he could knock out the ♥A, win any return, unblock the hearts, and draw trumps ending in dummy to enjoy his ♥J.

So, having carefully formulated his plan, Versace cashed a high diamond, pitching a club from dummy as North followed and Linda . . . ruffed with the ♠8! She then led a club to her husband's king to beat declarer two tricks in a cold contract. (If North had earlier unblocked his ♣K under the ace South could have cashed the ♣Q and given North a club ruff to beat the contract three tricks!)

It's true, the female of the species is deadlier than the male. Move over, Nikita, make room for La Femme Linda.

## Sports News

### Soccer - World Cup



Australia came from a goal down against Japan, to win 3-1, scoring three times in the last ten minutes. The Czech Republic won comfortably by 3-0 against USA.

### Soccer

Roy Keane has announced his decision to retire from professional football on medical grounds following a long-standing hip injury. Former colleagues, managers and fans have been queuing up to pay tribute to the 34-year-old, who finished his career at Celtic after a glittering career at Manchester United.

### Ice Hockey



Edmonton Oilers breathed life into their Stanley Cup campaign with a crucial 2-1 home win over Carolina Hurricanes in game three of the series. The victory, sealed by Ryan Smyth's goal with just over two minutes left in the third period, cuts

Carolina's lead in the series to 2-1.

### Basketball

Dallas produced a dominant display to defeat Miami Heat 99-85 and take a 2-0 lead in the NBA finals. The game turned in the first half when the Mavericks produced a 27-6 run to turn a 28-23 deficit into a 50-34 lead.



## WBF Focus: Recruiting Young Players



*On the podium at the WBF press conference on Monday were, from left, Massimo Giorgetti, of the Ministry of Sport for the Regione Veneto; Gianarrigo Rona, president of the European Bridge League; Mayor Paolo Zanotto of Verona; Sharon Osberg, world champion player; Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates; Jose Damiani, president of the WBF; Antoine Berhheim, president of the Generali Group; Romain Zaleski, president of the financial firm Carlo Tassara, and Luigi Castelletti, president of VeronaFiere.*

Ask anyone in the bridge world these days about the most important objective and you will almost certainly receive the same answer - get more young people involved in the game.

That was the focus on Monday at the press conference featuring an appearance by Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, who added his support for the goal of teaching bridge to more young people around the world.

Commenting on the state of the World Bridge Federation, President Jose Damiani said, "Bridge is taught in schools in many countries."

World champion Sharon Osberg, Gates' partner in the Mixed Pairs, was also on the podium at the press conference, and she explained that she and Gates have made an effort to get middle schools in the USA to introduce bridge to young people. She said about 10 middle schools (12- to 14-year-olds) in the USA are teaching bridge and work is in progress to recruit more.

"We are working closely with the ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) to sponsor teaching programs," Osberg said. "So far, so good."

On other subjects, Damiani said the 8th World Bridge Championships are going well. "We already know it will be a success," he said, adding that the WBF expects 3,500 to 4,000 players by the time the tournament concludes.

Damiani reminded the journalists that the 2008 bridge tournament in Beijing, China, will include the Intellympiad, including bridge, chess, Go and other mind games, including the possibility of duplicate poker.

Gates, asked about how his appearance in Verona as a competitor, said he and Osberg enjoyed themselves. Gates noted that he can learn the game more quickly playing against better players. "Sharon and I have had lots of fun," he said. "Thanks for the hospitality. I hope we can raise the visibility of bridge even more."

### World Championship Book 2006



The official book of these championships in Verona will be available before the end of the year at a price of US\$34. However, for those present in Verona, the book can be pre-ordered at the very special reduced price of US\$25 or 20 Euros, including surface mail to anywhere in the world (Airmail is extra).

To order and pay for your copy, please see Jan Swaan in the Press Room - go through the door marked Staff and Guests only, one floor down from the main playing area, and the Press Room is through the Bulletin Room. Please, when you fill in the form, write your name and address very clearly in capital letters, as every year I have to guess at several addresses.

The book will be 336 large pages, its usual size, and will include a full results listing and many photographs. There will be coverage of every championship, with the principal analysts being Eric Kokish and Brian Senior. Barry Rigal is taking a year off, but there will be one or two guest special contributors to look forward to.

# COSE DI CASA NOSTRA

La strategia del ragno, a volte, non funziona bene. Il ragno aspetta in tana che qualcosa resti impigliato nella tela. Se particolarmente appetibile e' meglio. No, nel bridge le cose interessanti e' meglio cercarle. Prima o poi si trovano. Al tavolo di Kerri Sanborn e Larry Cohen, in attesa di coppie nostrane, e' capitato questo bel controgio.

## Preferenziale

Board 6. Dich. Est. E/O in zona.

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

  

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

  

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

<b>Ovest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
Bertens	Cohen	Van Zwol	Sanborn
3SA	Fine	ISA	2♦

Il 2♦ di Sud mostra 5+ quadri ed un maggiore (4+). La Sanborn ha attaccato Dama di quadri. Va bene, passando il Re del morto e, via impasse a picche, si incassano 4 fiori, 3 picche, 1 quadri e 1 cuori, terra terra. Ma da una parte c'e' la spinta del torneo a coppie, che invita a fare di piu' con il gancio a cuori, per esempio, dall'altra c'e' il pericolo dell'Asso di quadri in Nord. Fatto sta che la Van Zwol e' stata bassa dal morto e la Sanborn ha virato immediatamente a cuori, per la Dama ed il Re di Cohen. Al morto con l'Asso di cuori sul ritorno nel colore, la dichiarante ha proseguito con picche impasse, 4 giri di fiori finendo al morto, picche impasse, Asso di picche e quadri. Alt. Notate che sul quarto colpo di fiori Cohen ha scartato l'8 di picche (prendo a cuori). La Sanborn, in presa con l'Asso di quadri, ha giocato la piccola cuori per il 9 di Nord che ha incassato il Re di picche. 3SA - 1.

Rientriamo in casa nostra con la coppia composta da Marco e Gianna Ricciarelli.



## Forzante

Board 13. Dich. Nord. Tutti in zona.

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

  

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

<b>Ovest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
Jacobs	M. Ricciarelli	Auken	G. Ricciarelli
3♠	2♣	2♠	3♥
Passo	4♠	Passo	5♣
	5♥	Fine	

L'apertura di 2♣ palesa una mono o bicolore limitata. Perche' Ricciarelli si e' ingorillito con la surlicita a 4♠? E' presto detto, il 3♥ di Sud e' forzante. Non sembrerebbe, ma da sistema e' forzante. La difesa, in tutto, ha incassato 2 Assi. Mano che bridgemate ha valutato l'80 % per N/S. Perche'? Perche' spesso le cuori hanno faticato ad uscire, in molti tavoli il contratto e' stato a picche (4 fatte o 5 un down, sempre conveniente rispetto a 650 dall'altra parte).

## La retta via? Smarrita...

Il confine tra il top e lo zero e' impercettibile.

Board 14. Dich. Est. Tutti in prima.

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

  

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

<b>Ovest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
Jacobs	M. Ricciarelli	Auken	G. Ricciarelli
3♠	Contro	2♠	3♣
		Fine	



Partiamo da quello che si fa: 12 prese a cuori ed a quadri in verticale (11 a SA, per i veri malati...). Il fatto e' che non e' stato uno slam molto popolare. Possiamo anche dire che e' stato praticamente indichiarato. C'e' l'Asso di picche piazzato, la perfezione dei fit rossi, troppa roba. Tutta questa premessa per dire che, al 480 massimo di N/S, segnare un 500 o un 800 non sarebbe stato per niente male. Le prese a disposizione di N/S contro 3♠ contrate sono 2 cuori, 2 quadri, 1 fiori, 1 picche e 2 tagli a fiori. Una tombola, 4 down! Ma tra quelle a disposizione e quelle realizzate, purtroppo c'e' stata una differenza di 2 (3♠x-2). L'inizio e' stato buono, Asso di cuori e fiori, ma il prosieguo ha permesso alla dichiarante di entrare in presa e battere le atout. Il cigno si e' trasformato in anatroccolo, brutto anatroccolo.

**In casa**

Ovvero coppie italiane che s'incontrano.

Board 17. Dich. Nord. Tutti in prima.

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

<b>Ovest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
<i>Cima</i>	<i>M.Ricciarelli</i>	<i>Gemignani</i>	<i>G.Ricciarelli</i>
	1♥	Passo	4♥
Fine			

A carte viste se ne fanno 5, ma le carte rifiutano di farsi vedere troppo in anticipo. La Gemignani ha attaccato picche e Ricciarelli, in presa con il Fante, ha tirato l'Asso di cuori (ed



Marco Ricciarelli, Italy

anche un paio di moccoli sottovoce, quando Est ha scartato). Qualcuno, in qualche altro tavolo, dopo questo inizio deve aver perso lucidita' andando down. Ricciarelli, invece, ha proseguito con il Re di quadri, quadri per l'Asso e fiori (preparando il Re). Cima e' entrato con l'Asso (sostituzione del Re di fiori con il 6) ed ha giocato picche. Asso di picche, fiori taglio, Redi picche e cuori. 4♥ mi. Positiva per N/S

**Queste sono mie, poi se ne parla...**

Board 18. Dich. Est. N/S in zona.

	♠ 6 3 2		
	♥ J 9 3		
	♦ A 10 5 2		
	♣ K 7 6		
♠ Q 5		♠ A K J 7 4	
♥ 8 6		♥ A 5 4	
♦ K Q J 7 4 3		♦ 8	
♣ Q 5 3		♣ A J 9 8	
	♠ 10 9 8		
	♥ K Q 10 7 2		
	♦ 9 6		
	♣ 10 4 2		
<b>Ovest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
<i>Cima</i>	<i>M.Ricciarelli</i>	<i>Gemignani</i>	<i>G.Ricciarelli</i>
		1♠	Passo
3♦	Passo	3SA	Fine

Attacco Re di cuori seguito da altri 2 giri nel colore. La dichiarante, in presa con l'Asso di cuori, ha giocato quadri per un pezzo del morto, filato da Nord, e ancora un onore di quadri. Nord e' entrato con l'Asso ed e' tornato picche, per la Dama del morto che ha incassato il rimanente onore di quadri e ha realizzato 9 prese senza impasse a fiori, temendo di cedere la presa a Sud che e' in possesso delle cuori buone.

**Parziali**

Board 19. Dich. Sud. E/O in zona.

	♠ K J 6 4 3		
	♥ A 5		
	♦ 8 6 2		
	♣ K 9 4		
♠ 10 7		♠ Q 8 5 2	
♥ K 6		♥ 10 9 3 2	
♦ K Q 5 3		♦ A J 10	
♣ A 7 6 5 3		♣ 10 2	
	♠ A 9		
	♥ Q J 8 7 4		
	♦ 9 7 4		
	♣ Q J 8		
<b>Ovest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
<i>Cesari</i>	<i>M.Ricciarelli</i>	<i>Natale</i>	<i>G.Ricciarelli</i>
		Passo	Passo
1♣	1♠		2♥
Fine			

Cesari ha attaccato Re di quadri, per il Fante della compagna, ed e' tornato 10 di picche, per il Fante del morto, la Dama di Est e l'Asso della mano. Gianna Ricciarelli ha tirato anche il 9 di picche, si e' trasferita al morto con l'Asso di cuori e ha incassato il Re di picche scartando una quadri e rimanendo in presa. Fiori per la Dama e l'Asso di Ovest. Quadri per l'Asso di Est che, virando a fiori, ha successivamente realizzato un taglio nel colore. 2♥ mi, una buona mano per N/S.

Board 20. Dich. Ovest. Tutti in zona.

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Cesari	M. Ricciarelli	Natale	G. Ricciarelli
Passo	Passo	1♣	Contro
2♣	Passo	Passo	2♠
Fine			

Dopo l'attacco Fante di fiori per l'Asso, l'unico ritorno che impedisce la presa in piu' e' quello in atout. Est, invece, ha ri-giocato fiori e la Ricciarelli e' riuscita a tagliare una quadri al morto per 2♠ +1.



Gianna Ricciarelli, Italy

## Different Routes

Two declarers played Board 20 from opposite sides of the table in different contracts – and both earned the majority of the matchpoints for their efforts.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

First up is Emine Kondakcisen of Turkey, who sat East.

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbf
All Pass			

South started with the ♠A and continued with the ♠10 to dummy's king. Declarer cashed dummy's diamonds, then the top two clubs, ruffing a third round low. South overruffed the club and played a diamond to declarer's ace as the spade loser went away. On a low heart from the East hand, South went up with the trump king and played another trump to dummy's jack. Kondakcisen then ruffed another club with the ♥A and played a trump to dummy's queen for plus 790 (and 91%).

At another table, Wafik Abdou of the USA had to negotiate a different contract. This was the auction he had with Connie Goldberg, also of the USA.

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

North started with a low spade to South's ace. A spade was continued and Abdou, aware that many pairs would be playing in hearts, decided to not to duck. He won the ♠K and floated the ♥J. When it held, he played the ♥6 from hand, ducking in dummy when North showed out. The ♣9 was returned to Abdou's ace, and he cashed his diamond honors, the other top club, the played the ♥Q to the ace, following with a low heart. South was in and had nothing but diamonds left to play. The ♦A and the long heart were tricks eight and nine for Abdou, whose effort was worth 81% of the matchpoints.

**MIXED PAIRS****Final Standings**

Rank	Names	Total		Total	
1	Karen MCCALLUM - Matt GRANOVETTER	59.28	68	Irene SAESSELI - Fernando PIEDRA	51.58
2	Jill LEVIN - Bobby LEVIN	58.75	69	Pamela GRANOVETTER - Bob HAMMAN	51.53
3	Joanna STANSBY - Lew STANSBY	58.47	70	Nathalie FREY - Jerome ROMBAUT	51.23
4	Fiona BROWN - Hugh MCGANN	58.07	71	Pia ANDERSSON - Arne LARSSON	51.19
5	Christal HENNER-WELLAND - Marc JACOBUS	57.79	72	Makiko HAYASHI - Nobuyuki HAYASHI	51.19
6	Victoria GROMOVA - Andrei GROMOV	57.71	73	Shawn QUINN - Gaylor KASLE	51.13
7	Kerri SANBORN - Larry N. COHEN	57.48	74	Connie GOLDBERG - Wafik ABDOU	51.07
8	Daniele ALLOUCHE - GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN	56.75	75	Sevil NUHOGLU - Ismail KANDEMIR	51.04
9	Renee MANCUSO - Grant BAZE	56.39	76	Woyciech USZINSKI - Sophie WAKSMAN	51.03
10	Manuela GEMIGNANI - Leonardo CIMA	56.37	77	Heather BAKHSHI - David BAKHSHI	51.00
11	Sue PICUS - Barry RIGAL	56.34	78	Jan MARTEL - Chip MARTEL	50.98
12	Candice FEITELSON - Jacek PSZCZOLA	56.24	79	Elke WEBER - Martin LOFGREN	50.96
13	Laurence BACO - Franck MULTON	56.06	80	Malgorzata PASTERNAK - Konrad ARASZKIEWICZ	50.75
14	Michelle BRUNNER - John HOLLAND	55.84	81	Anne BEAUMIER - Dominique BEAUMIER	50.71
15	Carla ARNOLDS - Ton BAKKEREN	55.73	82	Lydie TRAJMAN - Shapour MOHTASHAMI	50.70
16	Sabine AUKEN - George JACOBS	55.71	83	Kyoko SHIMAMURA - Tadashi TERAMOTO	50.68
17	Wei Fei WANG - Jian Ming DAI	55.39	84	Beverly LEVY - Alvin LEVY	50.59
18	Nikica SVER - Pavo MARINKOVIC	55.30	85	Jeanine MOERS - Jean-Pierre BOUVERESSE	50.53
19	Debbie ROSENBERG - Bruce ROGOFF	55.03	86	Mari RYMAN - Mikael LINDBLOM	50.46
20	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	55.01	87	Trine BINDERKRANTZ - Morten Lund MADSEN	50.41
21	Danuta HOCHKEK - Miroslaw CICHOCKI	54.85	88	Diana KRASOVA - Ondrej KRASA	50.36
22	Tatiana PONOMAREVA - Alexander DUBININ	54.68	89	Matilda POPLILOV - Lilo POPLILOV	50.36
23	Marianne HARDING - Jan Tore BERG	54.67	90	Valerie CARCASSONNE-LABAERE - Herve HUNTZ	50.32
24	Larissa PANINA - Michael ROSENBLUM	54.65	91	Marilina VANUZZI - Franco GARBOSI	50.31
25	Daniela von ARNIM - Ishmael DELMONTE	54.34	92	Sandra KULOVIC-PROBST - Alexander HYDES	50.25
26	Claudia VECHIATTO - Joerg FRITSCH	54.15	93	Hema DEORA - Jyotindra SHAH	50.03
27	Sylvie DUMON - Marcel SIMEONI	54.10	94	Sandra LUCCHESI - Sergio DEVOTO	50.00
28	Sylvie WILLARD - Herve MOUIEL	53.82	95	Catherine D' OVIDIO - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	50.00
29	Wietske Van ZWOL - Huub BERTENS	53.82	96	Sheila EKEBLAD - Michael SEAMON	50.00
30	Kathrine BERTHEAU - Brad MOSS	53.80	97	Frances HINDEN - Jeffrey ALLERTON	49.95
31	Lisa BERKOWITZ - Steve WEINSTEIN	53.76	98	Dejana SVERKER - Vladis Nikolov ISPORSKI	49.87
32	Maria LEBEDEVA - Igor KHAZANOV	53.42	99	Judy WOLFF - Bobby WOLFF	49.84
33	Kalpana MISRA - Anil PADHYE	53.38	100	Rosalien BARENDREGT - Vincent KROES	49.82
34	Carla SOLDATI - Fabrizio SOLDATI	53.37	101	Valerie WESTHEIMER - Bjorn FALLENIOUS	49.77
35	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	53.34	102	Thalia KOREN - Gadi LEBOVITS	49.70
36	Bep VRIEND - Anton MAAS	53.09	103	Gianna RICCIARELLI - Marco RICCIARELLI	49.64
37	Sun MING - Fu ZHONG	53.07	104	Beth PALMER - Steve ROBINSON	49.56
38	Peggy SUTHERLIN - John SUTHERLIN	53.05	105	Linda TRENT - Brian TRENT	49.46
39	Jo Ann SPRUNG - Danny SPRUNG	53.03	106	Marta JANECZEK - Andrzej BUNIKOWSKI	49.40
40	Ronnie BARR - Ilan HERBST	52.92	107	Francesca CARAFA - Matteo MONTANARI	49.36
41	Gail Moss GREENBERG - Jeff HAND	52.88	108	Roberta PEIRCE - Cristiano MIOZZI	49.32
42	Kathy FALLENIOUS - Peter FREDIN	52.84	109	Ornella COLONNA - Luigi LIGAMBI	49.27
43	Meike WORTEL - Louk VERHEES JR	52.80	110	Katherine WEI-SENDER - David BERKOWITZ	49.26
44	Nicola SMITH - John ARMSTRONG	52.76	111	Susie MILLER - Marcelo BRANCO	49.22
45	Sue BACKSTROM - Kauko KOISTINEN	52.71	112	Betty Ann KENNEDY - Gene FREED	49.19
46	Jillian HAY - Tony NUNN	52.68	113	Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE - Michael BAREL	49.17
47	Anna SARNIAK - Leszek SZTYRAK	52.67	114	Marianne HOMME - Egil HOMME	49.15
48	Maria Teresa LAVAZZA - Giorgio DUBOIN	52.55	115	Marion MICHIELSEN - Jan JANSMA	48.92
49	Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER	52.53	116	Jean KRETZ - Mark LAIR	48.89
50	Sabina GRZEJDZIAK - Igor GRZEJDZIAK	52.50	117	Gigi WEINSTEIN - Howard WEINSTEIN	48.76
51	Marjorie MICHELIN - Nels ERICKSON	52.49	118	Grazyna BREWIAK - Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ	48.70
52	Anne Marie KITABGI - Alain NAHMIAS	52.48	119	Anja ALBERTI - Nikolas BAUSBACK	48.67
53	Desislava Borissova POPOVA - Georgi KARAKOLEV	52.42	120	Tracy CAPAL - Ian PANTO	48.67
54	Ahu ZOBU - Victor ARONOV	52.38	121	Jana POKORNA - Zdenek JANSKA	48.66
55	Diana CATTANI - Paolo CITTADINI	52.38	122	Floriana MARZI - Riccardo VITALE	48.64
56	Nevena SENIOR - Geoffrey WOLFARTH	52.34	123	Mireille FAYAD - Gabriel HARFOUCHE	48.61
57	Gunn HELNESS - Tor HELNESS	52.30	124	Annarita AZZIMONTI - Giancarlo ZUCCHINI	48.58
58	Marlene DUGUET - Patrick GRENTHE	52.28	125	Brenda JACOBUS - Dennis CLERKIN	48.58
59	Ewa MISZEWSKA - Apolinary KOWALSKI	52.09	126	Valerie SAUVAGE - Patrick BOGACKI	48.33
60	Chantal HAEMMERLI - Alfredo VERSACE	52.04	127	Johanna RACZYNSKA - Jean Francois ALLIX	48.25
61	Ursula HARPER - Martin HOFFMAN	52.01	128	Eva IPPISCH - Johannes BAMBERGER	48.14
62	Jenny RYMAN - Gavin WOLPERT	51.96	129	Hedwig Van GLABBEEK - Willem Jan MAAS	48.05
63	Isabelle LE PROVOST - Jean-Baptiste FANTUN	51.94	130	Nancy PASSELL - Mike PASSELL	48.01
64	Zuhai AK - Melih OZDIL	51.87	131	Hansa NARASIMHAN - Michael ROSENBERG	48.01
65	Pony Beate NEHMERT - Michael YUEN	51.78	132	Valerie BLOOM - Neville EBER	47.91
66	Nevena STOIMIROV - Ivan STOIMIROV	51.72	133	Rozanne POLLACK - Bill POLLACK	47.91
67	Lynn DEAS - Curtis CHEEK	51.67	134	Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO	47.89
			135	Elisabeth HUGON - Jean-Jacques PALAU	47.87



136	Marisa BONORI - Gabriele GAVELLI	47.71	160	Eva BERGLUND - Daniel SIVELIND	45.23
137	Virginia LIFTON - Mike CAPPELLETTI JR	47.67	161	Heather DHONDY - Ross HARPER	45.17
138	Doris FISCHER - Bernd SAURER	47.65	162	Karen WILLENKEN - Chris WILLENKEN	45.16
139	Eli SOLHEIM - Ivar M.ANFINSEN	47.44	163	Jovanka SMEDEREVAC - Sascha WERNLE	45.13
140	Valeria BIANCHI - Claudio BAVARESCO	47.19	164	Moyna MACKENZIE - Greer MACKENZIE	45.12
141	Tuna ALUF - Namik KOKTEN	47.07	165	Claire TORNAY - Michael RADIN	44.93
142	Ulla-Britt GOLDBERG - Lars GOLDBERG	47.00	166	Jill MEYERS - Zia MAHMOOD	44.40
143	Carol Ann CLIFFORD - Baxter CLIFFORD	46.90	167	Ibolya NYARADI - Gabor NYARADI	44.33
144	Barbara CESARI - Francesco NATALE	46.82	168	Linda GREEN - Ya Fu LIN	44.03
145	Ilaria ASCIONE - Fabio ZAMPINI	46.71	169	Slavica MARTINOVIC - Tom TOWNSEND	44.01
146	Caroline VANDEN BOSSCHE - Guy VAN MIDDELEM	46.70	170	Debora CAMPAGNANO - Giampaolo FRANCO	43.63
147	Katia PIGNATTI - Alessandro PUGLIA	46.59	171	Christina MORTENSEN - Michael ASKGAARD	43.58
148	Teruko NISHIMURA - Kazuo FURUTA	46.50	172	Nadine WOOD - Paul DEPORTE	43.30
149	Emine KONDAKCI SEN - Tezcan SEN	46.39	173	Joanne TITOW - Kenneth TITOW	42.85
150	Elisabeth CHAZEL - Jean Pierre DESMOULINS	46.20	174	Maureen HANNAH - Jimmy LEDGER	42.58
151	Blandine De HEREDIA - Antoine BERNHEIM	46.11	175	Marlene WATTS - Adam SARTEN	42.45
152	Marini MAZZOLA - Francesco MAZZOLA	45.97	176	M. Cristina MOTTA - Ezio TRAGHIN	42.14
153	Heidi LILLIS - Michael McGLOUGHLIN	45.96	177	Sally STRUL - Aubrey STRUL	42.13
154	Sara SIVELIND - Bryan MAKSYMETZ	45.95	178	Jamilla SPANGENBERG - Dennis KRUIS	42.09
155	Anne-Frederique LEVY - Alain LEVY	45.70	179	Pat DAVIES - Gwynn DAVIS	41.81
156	Cathy BALDYSZ - Marek BALDYSZ	45.56	180	Vera CALDARELLI - Franco FONTI	41.40
157	Wil BUKET - Carel BERENDREGT	45.52	181	Vivien CORNELL - Michael CORNELL	40.35
158	Ewa HARASIMOWICZ - Piotr GAWRYS	45.51			
159	Chantal SAFRA - David DOMENECH	45.32			

## MIXED PAIRS PLATE

### Final Standings

Rank	Names	Total			Total
1	Irene BARONI - Enrico GUERRA	63.44	42	Rita MUCHA - Alexandru PANA	54.94
2	Danielle AVON - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	62.23	43	Marina PILIPOVIC - Dubravko DIKLIC	54.90
3	Catherine RITTER - Sartaj HANS	61.27	44	Iman CHAMAA - Krzysztof MARTENS	54.67
4	Renata MULLER - Mario ZELJKO	60.46	45	Tonia Di LORENZO - Giuseppe BUFFARDO	54.60
5	Jo MORSE - George TORNAY	60.39	46	Dianne BALCOMBE - Keith BALCOMBE	54.59
6	Marlene KIRSTAN - Tobias TORNQVIST	60.23	47	Aida de Vries SALDZIEVA - Gerben DIRKSEN	54.57
7	Bruna BERTACCINI - Ruggero BONVICINI	59.93	48	Darina LANGER - Hans-Herman GWINNER	54.54
8	Diana BUDKIN - Mario MAYANTZ	58.79	49	Teresa DAL BEN - Paolo COMIRATO	54.53
9	Monica MAINOLDI - Camillo GADDI	58.78	50	Fabienne PIGEAUD - Lewis KAPLAN	54.42
10	Marita MAI - Enrico LONGINOTTI	58.72	51	Ellen KLOSSON - Peter BOYD	54.41
11	Blanka MEDLINOVA - Jiri MEDLIN	58.53	52	Daniela HNATOVA - Otakar SVOBODA	54.15
12	Thea WILLEMSE - Michel JIALAL	58.14	53	Lila PANAHPOUR - Tony FORRESTER	54.03
13	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD - Geir BREKKA	58.10	54	Fay KIRK - Clive KAYE	54.00
14	Marie Louise DAS - Pierre d' OVIDIO	57.90	55	Inez Van EIJCK - Willem Van EIJCK	53.91
15	Linda GORDON - Robb GORDON	57.70	56	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE	53.77
16	Judith SHULMAN - Joel DATLOFF	57.54	57	Raffael GREPPI - Gabriele PELIZZARI	53.73
17	Maggie SHENKIN - Barnet SHENKIN	57.19	58	Annette HENRY - Stephen BLACKSTOCK	53.65
18	Karin WENNING - Ulrich WENNING	57.12	59	Andrea MULIAR - Martin SCHIFKO	53.61
19	Majja ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	57.12	60	Simonetta PIVA - Maurizio CASATI	53.50
20	Eva DITETOVA - Tomas FORT	57.04	61	Joann GLASSON - Bob GLASSON	53.48
21	Vanessa TORIELLI - Simon FELLUS	56.97	62	Christine DUCKWORTH - Brian CALLAGHAN	53.35
22	Susanna GROSS - Espen ERICHSEN	56.83	63	Nina ANIDJAR - Diego BRENNER	53.32
23	Linda MALONEY - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	56.73	64	Anna LICURSI - Gianpaolo CENTIOLI	53.24
24	Cinzia AGRILLO - Diego CARDENAS	56.72	65	Beverly PERRY - Kent MIGNOCCHI	53.18
25	Madeleine SWANSTROM - Tommy GULLBERG	56.66	66	Anna ONISHUK - Karl De RAEYMAEKER	53.07
26	Sandra FRASER - Douglas FRASER	56.54	67	Gloria PESTON - Mike MOSS	52.97
27	Dorota TOKAJ-WOJTCZUK - Rafal WOJTCZUK	56.10	68	Eija MULTIMAKI - Jari BACKSTROM	52.80
28	Virginia CHEDIAK - Ronny JORSTAD	55.94	69	Milka IVANCIC - Zoran BOHACEK	52.74
29	Ulrike SCHRECKENBERGER - Michael GROMOELLER	55.92	70	Sue GRENSIDE - Paul WEINSTOCK	52.69
30	Dolores GIULIANI - Piero MORI	55.90	71	Caren GRENZ - Kai ROHLK	52.57
31	Malgorzata SCHROEDER - Michael SCHROEDER	55.81	72	Sahar OUDA - Hans KREUNING	52.56
32	Pierre-Jean LOUCHART - Muriel CLEMENT	55.75	73	Iman Assassa - Michael FERNOLEND	52.40
33	Alexandra NIKITINA - Sergei SYTSEVICH	55.67	74	Fulvia GATTESCHI - Giuseppe BAU	52.36
34	Claudia Valerie GAMIO - John JONES	55.63	75	Benedicte CRONIER - Moza PANAHPOUR	52.28
35	Kath NELSON - Steve EGINTON	55.57	76	Despina GEORGAS - Brent GIBBS	52.26
36	Martine ROSSARD - Philippe TOFFIER	55.42	77	Sharon OSBERG - Bill GATES	52.26
37	Aude DE RUSSE - Luc MORIN	55.31	78	Marinella CANESI - Franco CEDOLIN	52.21
38	Donatella PINNA - Sergio PELA	55.22	79	Gio PEYRON - Amedeo COMELLA	52.11
39	Florence DELEFLIE - Michel DELEFLIE	55.21	80	Tina TESSARO - Allan COKIN	52.08
40	Isabelle BELLO - Jaap Van Der NEUT	55.09	81	Guillaume GRENTHE - Sabine BERG	52.07
41	Linda WIENER - David BROWER	55.03	82	Laurence DUC - Stephan MAGNUSSON	52.00
			83	Giovanna BANCI - Gianni BALBI	51.96

84	Marilyn NATHAN - Arthur MALINOWSKI	51.95	159	Roz WOLFARTH - Valentin Dgiassim AL-SHATI	47.37
85	Dominique PORTAL - Patrice MARMION	51.80	160	Donatella GIGLIOTTI - Ezio FORNACIARI	47.30
86	Lucy PHELAN - John PHELAN	51.79	161	Elisabeth FANOS - George FINIKIOTIS	47.28
87	Anna GRECO - Galielo De MICHELE	51.69	162	Paola MONTELLA - Mario AGRILLO	47.19
88	Iva MATIJEVIC - Jurica CARIC	51.65	163	Lucia BETTI PILI - Ruggero PIAZZA	47.16
89	Anna KOVACHEVA - Trajan HRISTOV	51.58	164	Enma CASTRO DE LOMELI - Frankie FRONTURA	47.15
90	Renate HANSEN - Heinrich BERGER	51.52	165	Francesca CARNICELLI - Carlo MANTEGAZZA	47.09
91	Brigitte AUBONNET - Jean-Marc BOULICAUT	51.43	166	Else Van EIJDHOVEN - Branislav PROTEGA	47.03
92	Janet DE BOTTON - Nicklas SANDQVIST	51.39	167	Mary FINN - Sean O'LUBAIGH	47.02
93	Francoise GUENOUN - Raphael GUENOUN	51.39	168	Barbara STEWART - Michael ROCHE	46.99
94	Gisela SMYKALLA - Michael SCHNEIDER	51.33	169	Margaret PARNIS-ENGLAND - Mario DIX	46.97
95	Emanuela GANDINI - Marco G CORAZZA	51.32	170	Kotomi ASAKOSHI - Tadashi IMAKURA	46.83
96	Eva BAHNIKOVA - Petr BAHNIK	51.31	171	Tihana BRKLJACIC - Miro TESLA	46.82
97	Carla Pa ARSLAN - Paolo CLAIR	51.25	172	Rosetta AMIRATA - Alejandro BIANCHEDI	46.78
98	Barbara KASLE - Haig TCHAMITCH	51.23	173	Despina KANELLOPOULOU - Thanos KAPAYANNIDIS	46.77
99	Fiorenza BELLUSSI - Luca BELLUSSI	51.23	174	Debbie FELDMAN - John RAYNER	46.74
100	Raffaella MICHELOTTI - Giovanni LUCCHESI	51.08	175	Bettina ARTMER - Andreas BABSCH	46.73
101	Francesca DE LUCCHI - Giancarlo MARINI	51.05	176	Leda PAIN - Gabriel CHAGAS	46.63
102	Aliye UGUR - Sermed BASARAN	51.03	177	Loukia TRIANTAFYLLOU - Petros TRIANTAFILLIS	46.60
103	Vigdis THOREN - Erik RYNNING	51.02	178	Shirley BATEMAN - Bill BATEMAN	46.53
104	Zeynep ALP - Okay GUR	50.95	179	Barbara DESSI - Riccardo GIORDANO	46.43
105	Nicole JOST - Patrick JOST	50.94	180	Arijana DUIC-PETRIC - Zvonko PETROVIC	46.27
106	Virginia GIZA - Stephen GOLDSTEIN	50.89	181	Caroline GREGSON - Victor SILVERSTONE	46.26
107	Vita WINESTOCK - Derek MALTZ	50.88	182	Irmeli SALONEN - Marc VERDURMEN	46.16
108	Rita PASQUARE - Orlando BIANCHI	50.86	183	Susan INGHAM - Terry BROWN	46.06
109	Marina CALZONI - Giorgio STUPPIONI	50.82	184	Miriam McCONVILLE - Paul PORTEOUS	46.04
110	Rozalia RONEN - Jacek KALITA	50.81	185	Sandy DAVIES - Tom GISBORNE	46.00
111	Ruth NIKITINE - Roger KUTNER	50.73	186	Lillian MORGANTI - Ugo MORGANTI	45.94
112	Laura TIDONE - Domenico CHIARO	50.68	187	Fiammetta BONNANO - Pietro FORCISI	45.89
113	Gianna ARRIGONI - Guido RESTA	50.60	188	Linda MCGARRY - Dennis MCGARRY	45.88
114	Cate HUGHES - Stanislav NEDKOV	50.55	189	Alessandra MORI - Giancarlo MANNATO	45.66
115	Judi RADIN - Jim MAHAFFEY	50.34	190	Adele GOGOMAN - Christian ZACH	45.62
116	Katalin MEZEI - Laszlo HONTI	50.22	191	Grete SKAFTE - Bob PRICKAERTZ	45.48
117	Rosanna GENTILE - Ennio RIZZO	50.14	192	Aleksandra JESENICNIK - Tolja ORAC	45.43
118	Carole KLEIN - Michael SCHLEIFER	49.93	193	Gila EMODI - Doron YADLIN	45.37
119	Ruth STOBER - Joe GRUE	49.88	194	Beryl CAMPBELL - Allan GORDON	45.29
120	Cathy STRAUCH - Riggs THAYER	49.66	195	Alessandra URBANI - Rocco LATORRE	45.06
121	Brid KEMPLE - Terry WALSH	49.61	196	Sanja ZAGAJSEK - Branko REFI	44.96
122	Margherita ZANIERI - Alessandro GALARDINI	49.57	197	Giorgia BOTTA - Corrado GAIA	44.96
123	Morella PACHECO - Steve HAMAOU	49.53	198	Janice RANGLES - Terry RANGLES	44.72
124	Zdena ZOUCHOVA - Zbynek LAVER	49.52	199	Joan COOK - Maurice EMOND	44.71
125	Cynthia TREVISANI - Claudio BIANCHINI	49.43	200	Barbara GOTARD - Tomasz GOTARD	44.68
126	Maria PANADERO - Joao PASSARINHO	49.35	201	Fiammetta TRALLO - Giancarlo NOTARI	44.58
127	Jeroo MANGO - B.n. PARASRAMPURIA	49.34	202	Marie-Francoise GERMAIN - William AUDIBERT	44.38
128	Angela DOSSENA - Paolo CHIZZOLI	49.33	203	Francoise MONDOR - Fred MONDOR	44.35
129	Helen ABBOTT - Dan ROMM	49.26	204	Kitty TELTSCHER - Willie COYLE	44.07
130	Dilek YAVAS - Yusuf KAHYAOGLOU	49.21	205	Carole COVENEY - Michel COVENEY	44.04
131	Elena PRAHIN - Michael PRAHIN	49.05	206	Mary Ann BERG - Bruce FERGUSON	43.70
132	Pavla SVOBODOVA - Petr VRKOC	49.02	207	Angiolisa FRATI - Franco BARONI	43.46
133	Pernilla ANDREASSON - Kjell HOLMGREN	48.93	208	Vera SCHULZOVA - Zdenek LASTOVICKA	43.42
134	Elizabeth ADAMS - David BEAUCHAMP	48.93	209	Usha KOTHARI - Sunil MACHHAR	43.36
135	Jeanne BURNS - Wilson MCLEOD	48.89	210	Perla SLIMAK - Paolo PASQUINI	43.03
136	Anna KRAUSOVA - Milos BAHNIK	48.83	211	Shalh MOFAHKAMI - Giorgio ODELLO	42.99
137	Wendy KRAUSE - Arnie KRAUSE	48.83	212	Catherine CAPLAN - Paul CAPLAN	42.90
138	Nicole SCHULMANN - Jacques GONFREVILLE	48.66	213	Livia ORRU' - Stefano MATTANA	42.71
139	Mine BABAC - Aydin UYSAL	48.54	214	Miny TANANBAUM - Teddy CHIMION	42.69
140	Laura MELCHIORRI - Massimiliano MOSCONI	48.40	215	Louise MITCHELL - Diarmuid REDDAN	42.46
141	Christine BOYLSON - Stephen BURGESS	48.37	216	Maria Rosa STERZA - Gustavo TERNULLO	42.33
142	Valerie GARDINER - Peter GILL	48.35	217	Alexandra BERTRAM - Paul WENS	22.75
143	Pauline MAGUIRE - Gay KEAVENEY	48.29	218	Delia COSTA - Juan Jose LAGOMARSINO	41.89
144	Elda BUSI - Sergio RICCI	48.22	219	Carla PORTANTI - Mauro SCANCARELLO	41.77
145	Ester BECCUTI - Antonio MORTAROTTI	48.20	220	Beatrice DELLE COSTE - Pierfrancesco PAROLARO	41.62
146	Daniela BALDASSIN - Giancarlo PRINCIPE	48.15	221	Mari RETEK - George RETEK	21.74
147	Ellie FITZGERALD - James FITZGERALD	48.09	222	Angela GRAMBERG - Norbert SCHILHART	41.20
148	Ylva KARLSSON-UISK - Ahto UISK	48.03	223	Fulvia GHIA - Franco DURANTE	40.44
149	Elisabeth DELOR - Romain ZALESKI	48.02	224	Vanna MENDITTO - Mario CAJANO	40.28
150	Beatrix KUZSELKA - Gareth BARTLEY	47.95	225	Catherine BEARPARK - Steve BEARPARK	39.61
151	Anna MATWIJOW - Bernard JADCZAK	47.87	226	Aneta JARMOCIK - Michal SZELAGOWSKI	39.32
152	Louise SOLOMON - Warner SOLOMON	47.80	227	Jamie STEEN - Mac STEEN	39.04
153	Anne-Marie COLOMBARO - Jean-Yves DANIC	47.71	228	Rosa Yb LUI - Robert Sb LUI	38.38
154	Dagmar NEUMANN - George BILSKI	47.70	229	Gloria SILBERSTEIN - Giulio BOVE	37.10
155	Netsy SAYER - Zahary ZAHARIEV	47.66	230	Suchithra VAZIRANI - Shashikant SHAH BAH RAT	37.01
156	Sally WOOLSEY - Kit WOOLSEY	47.58	231	Nawal FENWICK - John HARRISON	36.90
157	Nurit GRAIZER - Shimshon HORVITZ	47.58	232	Hilary HALL - Walter HALL	35.50
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