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THE PLAY'S THE THING



With two qualifying sessions out of the way, competitors in the Mixed Pairs have only 26 boards left to make it to the final, where 156 pairs will compete for a world championship.

Out front after Saturday's two sessions are the mother-son partnership of Laurie and John Kryanak, whose 66.23% is well clear of second – Sandra Rimstedt and Shane Blanchard.

The first final session will be played this afternoon, with two final sessions on Monday.

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Important Notices

Important notice for Rosenblum, McConnell and Rand Cup



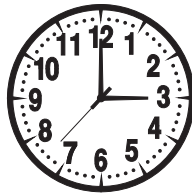
Registration for these events closes at 8:30 p.m. (20:30) on Monday 4 October.

If you haven't registered or paid, please do so as early as possible. You can register online on the WBF website, and then pay using the USBF online payment system.

Alternatively, you can register and pay on the 5th floor of the Marriott.

It is absolutely essential that the deadline is observed in order to allow the organizing committee to produce correctly seeded sections in time for the start of play.

Please note that all participants will need to go to the 5th floor of the Marriott to collect their badges and bags before start of play.



Championship Start Times

Please be aware that starting times for all events may vary day by day. Please check in the Daily Bulletin for the correct starting times.

Amendment to the Programme Senior Teams



Please note that the Rand Cup for Senior Teams will start on Friday 8th October at 10.30 a.m., and not as shown in the programme. The Schedule in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest is correct.

WBF Congress Meeting



The notice in the World Bridge Series Championship programme regarding the WBF Congress meeting is in error. The meeting is scheduled for **Friday, Oct. 8.**

Juniors BBO

Valerie Westheimer and Lynn Deas host first ever World-Wide Juniors get together on Sunday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Marriott Room 405.

Juniors, mentors and experts are welcome.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Today)

10.00-13.45
MIXED PAIRS *Qualifying 3*

16.30-20.15
MIXED PAIRS *Final 1* and
MIXED PAIRS PLATE *Session 1*

(Tomorrow)

11.00-14.45
MIXED PAIRS *Final 2* and
MIXED PAIRS PLATE *Session 2*

16.00-19.45
MIXED PAIRS *Final 3* and
MIXED PAIRS PLATE *Session 3*



MIXED PLATE NOTICE

The Mixed Plate will be played in three sessions. The playing schedule will be the same as the Mixed final.



WBF Laws Committee



The committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 8, in Room 303.

Silence Is Golden

by Barry Rigal

Board 1 in the World Mixed Pairs separated the players who believe “better to keep silent and be thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.”

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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At our table, North passed throughout. West reached 3NT after opening a strong INT. He won the second spade and had no clue about the bad break in spades. His best line was to lead a club to dummy for a diamond finesse – down two. If West reaches 3NT after a weak two or Multi 2♦, He will try to duck a club to South. North can rise with the ♣J on the first round, but declarer comes to hand with a heart to pass the ♣10 and has nine tricks without needing the diamond finesse once clubs break.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 9 7 3 ♥ 8 6 5 ♦ A 8 7 3 2 ♣ 4 3	<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		♠ A 10 5 4 ♥ K 9 ♦ 9 6 4 ♣ A J 9 5	♠ 8 2 ♥ 7 4 3 ♦ K J 10 5 ♣ Q 10 8 7 ♠ K Q J 6 ♥ A Q J 10 2 ♦ Q ♣ K 6 2
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Most tables reached 4♥ on the North-South cards, and on a club lead were struggling to escape for one down. I do have some sympathy for West at one table. He led the ♦A after South had showed both majors. Now the shift to the ♣4 gave East the opportunity to cover North’s card, but she took her ace for fear that the clubs might go on the diamonds. South could win the club return in dummy, pitch the ♣K on a good diamond and take the heart finesse. She could then knock out the ♠A and ruff a spade to dummy to repeat the heart finesse. The defenders had no trump promotion on the third club. Declarer’s hearts were just good enough.

Sometimes the cards fall just the way they are supposed to, and this deal was one of those moments.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

You might agree with the East-West bidding (majors and notrump had obviously gone out of fashion), but against 3♣ I led the ♠K and Sue Picus correctly overtook to return a spade. With discards looming, it seemed we were supposed to try to cash out. Just in case, I tried the ♥Q. Bingo! That let us collect plus 50, not terrible even though in theory even INT cannot make. At many tables, East-West went plus when the defenders couldn’t run their majors.

Mixed Pairs Session I – Boards 9-16

by Brian Senior

My assignment for the first session of the 2010 World Mixed Pairs Championship was the middle boards, 9-16. We start with a great board for a non-standard no-trump range:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Dehay	Friedman	Dewasme
	INT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Belgian, Bernard Dehay opened INT, 9-11, and two passes saw David Rosenberg (USA) with a decent 13-count and what seemed to be an automatic double. Automatic, perhaps, but decidedly unsuccessful. Sandra Friedman had no reason to remove her partner's double and led the three of spades.



Bernard Dehay, Belgium

Dehay played low from dummy so Rosenberg won the king and switched to a low club. Dehay won the king and led a spade to the ten then cashed the spades. Rosenberg threw the ♥9 followed by the ♦8. Next came a club to the queen followed by a low diamond. Friedman took a while to play so Dehay put up the queen. He cashed the ace of diamonds then exited with a club. Rosenberg won and cashed the fourth club then exited with a low heart to the eight and queen, making the last two tricks with his ace-jack.

A doubled overtrick for +280 on a board where nobody else rated to have the same problem with the East/West cards looked huge for North/South.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 10 9 7 5 ♥ A Q 8 4 ♦ 8 ♣ 8 5 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		♠ 8 6 3 ♥ J 10 5 2 ♦ 10 7 5 4 3 ♣ 6	♠ A Q 4 2 ♥ 7 6 3 ♦ K 6 ♣ K J 7 3
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West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Dehay	Friedman	Dewasme
		1♣	1♦
1♠	4♦	4♠	5♦
All Pass			

Friedman's 1♣ opening caught Dewasme with a strong minor two-suiter with which she began with a simple overcall. When Dehay made a pre-emptive raise to 4♦, Friedman was unwilling to be shut out and bid 4♠, two levels higher than she would have preferred. Dewasme did as would most of us, I imagine, bidding 5♦ in the hope that one or other game was making.

Rosenberg led the jack of spades to the ace and Friedman tested declarer's nerve with a switch to her low diamond. Dewasme got that right, putting in the queen. She played ace then ruffed a club, ruffed a spade then another

club before leading a heart and guessing to put up the king. It didn't matter, of course, and the two heart losers meant one down for -100.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K Q ♥ K J 3 ♦ Q J 10 7 3 ♣ K 5 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ A J 9 ♥ A Q 10 ♦ A K 4 2 ♣ 8 4 2	♠ 6 4 2 ♥ 9 8 7 6 4 ♦ 6 ♣ A J 10 9
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West	North	East	South
DelMonte	Seamon	Granovetter	Ekeblad
			Pass
INT	Dble	Rdbl	2♠
All Pass			

Ishmael DelMonte and Pamela Granovetter would be expected to do well in this tournament. DelMonte opened INT, which Michael Seamon doubled. Granovetter's redouble showed a single-suited take-out and Sheila Ekeblad bid 2♠, where she played.

DelMonte led the queen of diamonds to the ace and Ekeblad played ace then jack of spades. DelMonte won and played the ten of diamonds to the king, ruffed. Gra-



Pamela Granovetter, USA

novetter switched to ace then jack of clubs and the defence cashed its minor-suit winners for down one; -50.

The defence had done all it could do, but with 2♥ making for East/West -50 did not have to be too bad for North/South.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ J 10 ♥ 9 5 3 ♦ K 6 5 ♣ A K Q 9 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ K Q 8 5 2 ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ 3 2	♠ 9 7 4 3 ♥ K 8 6 ♦ A Q 7 4 ♣ J 6
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West	North	East	South
DelMonte	Seamon	Granovetter	Ekeblad
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	All Pass

DelMonte again opened INT and Granovetter enquired. Two Diamonds showed a minimum (14-15) with no major, so Granovetter signed off in 2NT.

Seamon led his fourth-best spade. Ekeblad won the ace and returned the six of spades to the queen. Seamon cashed the king of spades, on which Ekeblad pitched a discouraging four of clubs and DelMonte a diamond. Seamon found the killing switch of the queen of hearts and the defence had four heart tricks for down two; -100 and a strong result for North/South.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Anyone who believes in blindly raising to the level of their side's known fit would do badly here. John Sinclair made a slightly heavy four-card raise to 2♠ facing the overcall and that ended the auction. Rosenberg led the six of hearts to the eight, nine and queen. Chris Urbanek cashed the top spades then led a diamond to the jack. Friedman won the ace, cashed the ace of hearts and switched to the two of clubs. Rosenberg won the club ace and returned the jack so the defence had its five tricks; +110.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Sinclair	Friedman	Urbanek
		1♥	2♦
2♥	Pass	3♣	3♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

If the previous deal was peaceful, this one more than made up for it. As her opponents bid to a heart game whose fate would have depended on the heart guess, Urbanek bid up to 4♠ on her own and Rosenberg doubled. Sinclair gave preference to 5♦ with no great enthusiasm and Rosenberg doubled again, ending the auction.

Rosenberg led a low trump for the jack and ace. Urbanek played ace, king and a third spade. Rosenberg won and continued with the ten of diamonds. Urbanek won and cashed a third diamond before exiting with a club. There was no way to avoid two clubs, and one in each of the other suits from here for down four; -800.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
DelMonte	Goenka	Granovetter	Passell
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♣	2♠	3♣	All Pass

Granovetter doubled then competed in her partner's suit, hoping to find him with a fifth card. Though that hope was not realised, the end result was fine for East/West.

Jagdish Goenka led out three rounds of spades as Nancy Passell pitched a heart then the nine of diamonds. Goen-



Nancy Passell, USA

ka switched to the two of diamonds, ducked to the king. Passell returned the jack of diamonds. DelMonte won in hand and led a club to the jack, cashed the club ace, then knocked out the ace of hearts; down two for -100.

Minus 100 looked OK with North/South making nine tricks in a spade contract.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
DelMonte	Goenka	Granovetter	Passell
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	All Pass		

Though the West hand falls within East/West's range for a INT opening, their agreement is not to open INT with a four-card major and only 14 HCP, preferring to open a loose diamond with any weak no trump. Granovetter had the option of passing her five-count, but did not find that very appealing facing a possible diamond void. A INT response would have been game-forcing, so that left 1♥, which by agreement could be bid on a three-card suit. DelMonte rebid INT and played there on a low spade lead.

Passell won the ace of spades and returned the six, DelMonte following with the ten to ensure that North would cash the king. Sure enough, Goenka did indeed win the jack then cash the king. Passell threw a discouraging heart two and Goenka exited passively with the fourth spade. That caused Passell some difficulty. DelMonte threw a heart from the dummy and Passell a low diamond.

DelMonte won the spade and led a low diamond from hand. Goenka hesitated then played low and the ten lost to the queen. Passell led the king of clubs. DelMonte won the ace and cashed the ace of diamonds. When the king fell, he switched his attention to clubs, leading to the jack and queen, and had the rest; a useful-looking +120.

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL RESULTS

FRIDAY EVENING KICKOFF PAIRS

12.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.34	1			Andy Avery, Jamaica VT; Cecily Kohler, Washington DC	61.36%
2.51	2	1		Robert Mast, Morristown NJ; Carol Leroux, St Catharines ON	60.23%
1.88	3	2		Dennis O'Brien, Ambler PA; Joan Brandeis, Glenside PA	60.00%
1.41	4			Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo 167-004 Japan; Yukiko Tokunaga, 1800002 Japan	57.27%
2.05	5			Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Hills CA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA	55.91%
1.44	6			Joseph Seigel - Barbara Holmes, Thornhill ON	55.23%
1.97		3	1	Barry Dehlin, Dresher PA; Carol Vorchheimer, Philadelphia PA	50.91%
1.48		4	2	Regena Edwards - Winston Edwards, Laurel MD	48.86%

SATURDAY FLIGHT A/X PAIRS

13.0 Tables / Based on 43 Tables

	A	X		
18.55	1		Vonnie Lavender, Burke VA; Marshall Kuschner, Reston VA	58.07%
13.91	2		Paul Wright Jr, Mount Pleasant SC; Martin Johnson Jr, Folly Beach SC	57.76%
10.43	3	1	Regina Strauss, Cherry Hill NJ; Steven King, Philadelphia PA	56.88%
7.83	4		John Miller, Vienna VA; Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA	56.17%
6.18	5		Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA; Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA	55.83%
5.30	6		Richard Morgen, Havertown PA; Brian McAllister, Gibbsboro NJ	55.77%
4.64	7		Janet Robertson, Timonium MD; Ruth Grant, Tarrytown NY	55.38%
4.12	8		Jay Apfelbaum, Philadelphia PA; Andy Kaufman, Smyrna DE	53.96%
7.79	9	2	Helen Miller - Jay Berke, Philadelphia PA	53.64%
5.84		3	Gemma Mariano, Metro Manila Philippines; Jackie Thompson, Silver Spring MD	51.52%
4.38		4	Carol Foley, Mount Laurel NJ; Denyse Le Maire, Mickleton NJ	51.18%
3.46		5	Sandra Stern - Roger Stern, Chevy Chase MD	50.85%

Roller Coaster

by Brent Manley

The last time the World Mixed Pairs was played in North America, Jeff Meckstroth came away with the title. This year, he is trying again with a new partner – fiancée Sally Chapleau.

It was an up-and-down first session, ending with the two slightly below average.

The first board did not help the Meckstroth-Chapleau cause.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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West	North <i>Meckstroth</i>	East	South <i>Chapleau</i>
			1♥
Pass	INT	Dble	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West, Marc Jacobus, started with the ♣4. With East's takeout double to guide her, Chapleau probably should have played dummy's queen, but she played low, taking the king Lou Ann O'Rourke inserted the 9.

The ♦Q went to West's ace and a club was returned to the jack. O'Rourke cashed the ♠A then the ♣A, on which Jacobus discarded a spade, then played a fourth round of clubs. Chapleau ruffed with the 10 and Jacobus pitched his third spade. He ruffed the ♠K and played a diamond to dummy. Chapleau could then take the trump finesse but was two down for minus 200. That earned only 72 of 414 matchpoints.

A couple of average boards followed, then this:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

East-West had three tricks only – one spade and two hearts. Plus 130 was good for 317 matchpoints. There was even better news on the next board.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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West	North <i>Meckstroth</i>	East	South <i>Chapleau</i>
			Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Dbl	Pass	2♠
3♥	Dbl	All Pass	

Meckstroth's first double was for takeout, the second for penalty.

He started with the $\diamond K$, cashed the $\spadesuit A$ and exited with a low diamond, ruffed in dummy. A heart went to declarer's jack and Meckstroth's queen. On the third round of diamonds, declarer pitched a spade, winning the jack in hand. He then played the $\heartsuit K$ to Meckstroth's ace. The $\spadesuit J$ went to West's king and the $\diamond A$ was ruffed out. Declarer returned to hand with the $\clubsuit K$ and now could not avoid two down for minus 300. That was good for 401 matchpoints for Meckstroth and Chapleau.

The next board was nearly as good for them.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
	<i>Meckstroth</i>		<i>Chapleau</i>
INT	Pass	3 \clubsuit	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West's decision to open INT on his 13-point hand (their range is supposed to be 15-17) did not work out very well. East's 3 \clubsuit was described as puppet Stayman (3NT indicated no four- or five-card major).

Meckstroth started with a low spade. Chapleau won the ace and returned the suit. Meckstroth won the queen and considered his next play for a moment before cashing the $\spadesuit K$. Chapleau discarded the $\heartsuit 2$ (upside-down). The $\heartsuit 2$ would have been a trick, but the discard assured a great



score for their side. Meckstroth switched to the $\heartsuit Q$ and the contract was quickly two down. On any other play, West would have romped home with 10 tricks. Plus 100 was worth 386 matchpoints for North-South.

The roller coaster started in a downward direction a couple of boards later when Chapleau doubled 4 \heartsuit , which was cold, for minus 590.

There was another doubled contract by East-West (4 \spadesuit) that ended with declarer making five for minus 690 and 3 matchpoints.

The best result of the day was achieved when Meckstroth played INT with three low spades opposite a singleton king, with no one playing the suit until trick 13. Plus 180 on board 27 was nearly a top.

The session ended on a down note, however, thanks to this deal, the penultimate.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	\spadesuit A K 10 9 7 6 \heartsuit 3 \diamond 8 5 3 \clubsuit J 9 8					
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N						
W E						
S						
	\spadesuit 3 \heartsuit K Q J 9 4 \diamond J 4 2 \clubsuit 10 7 6 5					

West	North	East	South
	<i>Meckstroth</i>		<i>Chapleau</i>
2 \spadesuit	Dbl	All Pass	2 \heartsuit

The play was very frustrating for Meckstroth. He started with his singleton heart, taken by declarer (Bruck Wick) with the ace. A low spade went to Meckstroth's king. The diamond switch was taken in dummy, and Wick played a club to his ace, continuing with the $\spadesuit J$.

Meckstroth won and played a second round of diamonds.

Now declarer could cash two more clubs and another diamond, bringing himself down to $\spadesuit 8 5 4$ and $\heartsuit 10$ while Meckstroth held $\spadesuit 10 9 7 6$. Meckstroth ruffed the fourth round of diamonds, but had only trumps left, so he had to concede trick number eight to declarer's $\spadesuit 8$. Minus 670 was good for only 20.1 matchpoints.

An Der Schönen Blauen Donau

The Beautiful Blue Danube

by Mark Horton

The Blue Danube is the common English title of An der schönen blauen Donau op. 314 (On the Beautiful Blue Danube), a waltz by the Austrian composer Johann Strauss II, composed in 1866. Originally performed 13 February 1867 at a concert of the Wiener Männergesangsverein (Vienna Men's Choral Association), it has been one of the most consistently popular pieces of music in the classical repertoire.

The sentimental Viennese connotations of the piece have made it into a sort of unofficial Austrian national anthem. It is a traditional encore piece at the annual Vienna New Year's Concert.

This preamble acquires meaning when you discover that my featured pair from the first session of the World Bridge Series Mixed Pairs come from Austria. The Blue Danube is the unofficial national anthem, but the official system of the Austrian players is Blue Club, as practised by the legendary Blue Team. Here we see it in action in the capable hands of Sascha Wernle and Jovi Smederevac. For those with a statistical bent a top was 414.

The first deal of their session was a matchpoint classic:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Barrett	Wernle	Dawson	Smederevac
	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	4♠	All Pass

A typical matchpoint overcall saw N/S locate their heart fit and North put the pressure on by jumping to game. (The alternative approaches of a fit non jump 3♣ or a fit

jump 4♣ would also have supporters.) With plenty of soft defensive values West doubled, but East, unwilling to stand it, turned a potential top into a moderate result.

South led the ace of hearts and when North followed with the three switched to the queen of diamonds. Declarer won in hand and drew trumps, but had to lose another heart, a diamond and two clubs for two down. That was worth 333/81.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Barrett	Wernle	Dawson	Smederevac
		1♥	Pass
INT*	Dbl	2♠	3♦
4♥	5♦	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

INT Forcing, possibly invitational with spades

With 5♦ cold for N/S East/West did the best they could by going on to 5♥.

South led a diamond – a trump looks a better idea, as partner cannot have doubled in the expectation of taking many diamond tricks – and declarer won in hand and ducked a spade to North, who switched to a trump. Declarer won in hand and crossruffed before drawing trumps. All she had to do now was to give up a spade, but incredibly she cashed the last trump before playing a spade and was one down, losing a diamond as well as a second spade. Another cracking result for N/S, 396/18.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Finikiotis</i>	<i>Wernle</i>	<i>Fanos</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
Pass	3♥*	All Pass	2♦*

- 2♦ Multi
- 3♥ Pass or correct

South's Multi and North's jump was enough to keep East/West quiet.

East cashed the king of diamonds and continued with the ace and a third diamond. Declarer pitched a spade from dummy and West ruffed and switched to the jack of spades. Declarer took the ace and played a club to the jack. West won with the ace and could have switched to a trump, holding declarer to seven tricks. When he played back a club declarer could win and ruff a club for one down.

That still gave E/W the better of the deal, 167/247.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Finikiotis</i>	<i>Wernle</i>	<i>Fanos</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
Pass	INT*	All Pass	

INT 14-16

East, unwilling to show the majors over North's medium no trump, led the five of spades. When dummy's nine held declarer ran the queen of diamonds. East ducked, won the next diamond and switched to a heart. Declarer ducked and put in the queen of spades when West switched back to that suit. East won and reverted to hearts, but declarer won in dummy and ran the jack of clubs. The defenders could score only one more heart trick, so that was +120. This time N/S took the lion's share, 272/141.

There are only three Austrian pairs competing in the Mixed Pairs, but in round 3 two of them were in opposition:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Babsch</i>	<i>Wernle</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
3♠	INT	Pass	Pass
	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the ace of clubs and South played a discouraging two. When North cashed the ace of diamonds South played a sleepy nine and that was enough for North to switch to heart. Now declarer could organize the discard of his losing club on the ace of hearts for a more than useful overtrick. Only 68/346 for N/S.



Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ 4		
	♥ A 10 6 2		
	♦ A 2		
	♣ K Q 9 7 3 2		
♠ A Q J 8 3	N	♠ K 9 6 5 2	
♥ J 3	W	♥ K Q 7 4	
♦ 10 8 7	E	♦ Q J 9 5	
♣ A J 6	S	♣ —	
	♠ 10 7		
	♥ 9 8 5		
	♦ K 6 4 3		
	♣ 10 8 5 4		
West	North	East	South
<i>Babsch</i>	<i>Wernle</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
		1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

I hate leading away from a king, so I would have scored dreadfully on this deal. However, the World Champion sitting South put the three of diamonds on the table and North won and returned the suit, a ruff and the ace of hearts giving North/South a huge score, recovering most of the points lost on the previous deal, 299/114.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ A Q J 8 7 6 3		
	♥ 10 2		
	♦ 9 5		
	♣ 8 7		
♠ 10 2	N	♠ K 9	
♥ Q 6 5 3	W	♥ 8 7 4	
♦ J 8 7 4	E	♦ 6 3 2	
♣ 6 3 2	S	♣ K Q J 10 5	
	♠ 5 4		
	♥ A K J 9		
	♦ A K Q 10		
	♣ A 9 4		
West	North	East	South
<i>Vahalia</i>	<i>Wernle</i>	<i>Vahalia</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
Pass	3♥*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
1♣	Blue Club		
3♥	♠AQJxxxx or ♠KQJxxxx		

If you have a gadget that not only makes an appearance but also works then you deserve a pat on the back. West led a diamond, so the play did not take long, +1430 delivering 333/80 for N/S.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ 10 8 3		
	♥ 7 5		
	♦ 8 5		
	♣ Q 10 8 7 6 3		
♠ A 9 6 4	N	♠ Q J 5 2	
♥ 10 8 2	W	♥ A K Q J 6	
♦ 9 6 2	E	♦ A 10	
♣ K 4 2	S	♣ J 9	
	♠ K 7		
	♥ 9 4 3		
	♦ K Q J 7 4 3		
	♣ A 5		
West	North	East	South
<i>Vahalia</i>	<i>Wernle</i>	<i>Vahalia</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	1♦
Dbl	Pass	1♥	2♦
3♦*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
1♣	16+		

West gave some thought to passing 3NT, but when he corrected to the major suit game he avoided a potential catastrophe and collected 237 matchpoints.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Leonard	Wernle	Packer	Smederevac
	Pass	Pass	1♦*
Dbl	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

I do not profess to understand the tactics required to do well in a major pairs event, but with North known to hold no more than five spades might West not have preferred a double to 3♥?

South led the jack of spades and declarer won in hand, played a club to the queen and a heart. North took the ace and switched to the nine of diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's ace, played a heart to the king, a club to the ace and a diamond. South won, cashed the queen of hearts and a diamond and exited with the king of clubs. There was still a spade to come, +100 and 376/38.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Leonard	Wernle	Packer	Smederevac
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♦	Pass	2♠*
Dbl	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Dbl	4♦
Dbl	All Pass		

Clearly there was some confusion about the meaning of South's 2♠. 2NT would have scored well, as would 3♦, but when East found a double of 3♥ West was happy to double 4♦ and declarer had to go one down. -200 was the usual kiss of death, 16/398.

On these eight deals my featured pair scored well over 73% - and it could easily have been more.

Championship Diary

As players and officials arrived ahead of Friday's opening ceremony we picked up some stories about their journeys. Ron Tacchi's direct flight from Paris had to land at Shannon to refuel - the pilots were concerned about possible diversions because of bad weather around Philadelphia.

Jean-Paul Meyer was delayed at the airport for two hours. Eventually he asked if he had been forgotten. 'What's your name?' 'Jean-Paul Meyer'. Whereupon his papers were stamped and he was on his way.

Anna Maria Torlontano had the misfortune to have a shoe split open as she made her way through the airport and as a result she sustained a nasty fall. She was expecting to be collected, but her driver had been told she was on an internal flight and was at the wrong terminal. Luckily one of the editors was on hand and he managed to find the driver while Anna guarded the bags.

However, the palm must go to Carl Ragnarsson, who somehow managed to confuse the time of his BA flight from Stockholm to London. He could get a later flight but that would risk missing his connection (as it happened it would not have done as that flight was delayed by three hours) and that in turn might have meant the quickest way to Philadelphia would have involved flying back to Stockholm from London!!

It all passed off peacefully in the end, but given that Carl's profession involves the precision timing of events you might see the funny side of things.

There were some great speeches at the Opening Ceremony, one of them alluding to the possibility that the President of the United States might have been a caddy in Hawaii. That inspired the following piece of nonsense (with apologies to Gilbert & Sullivan):

When I was lad I served a term as bridge caddy to an ACBL firm

I cleaned the tables and I cleared the floors and I carried all the boards to the room next door

I carried those boards so carefully that now I am the ruler of this great country

He carried those boards so carefully that now he is the ruler of this great country

Now bridge players all, whoever you may be
 If you want to rise to the top of the tree
 If your road isn't fettered to an office stool
 Be careful to be guided by this golden rule
 Keep your cards to your chest and play carefully
 And you all may be rulers of this great country

QUALIFYING MIXED PAIRS

(After 2 Sessions)

Rank	Names	Result			
1	Laurie KRANYAK - John KRANYAK	66.23	67	Shawn QUINN - Bob HAMMAN	54.78
2	Sandra RIMSTEDT - Shane BLANCHARD	61.80	68	Robin TAYLOR - Alan SONTAG	54.69
3	Shaohong WU - Jia Hong ZHOU	61.42	69	Ginny SCHUETT - Jeffrey SCHUETT	54.69
4	Joan LEVVIS - Robert HOPKINS	60.07	70	Cindy BERNSTEIN - Dan JACOB	54.67
5	Noel HELMINK - Randy HELMINK	59.71	71	Barbara KASLE - Drew CANNELL	54.64
6	Sam PUNCH - Tim REES	59.57	72	Alison WILSON - Chris WILLENKEN	54.63
7	Bep VRIEND - Anton MAAS	59.37	73	Isabelle DEWASME - Bernard DEHAYE	54.59
8	Jovanka SMEDEREVAC - Sascha WERNLE	59.27	74	Lynn JOHANNESSEN - Dale JOHANNESSEN	54.56
9	Dana BERKOWITZ - Adam KAPLAN	59.19	75	Heather BAKHSHI - David BAKHSHI	54.50
10	Marion MICHIELSEN - Peter FREDIN	59.03	76	Barbara HOLMES - Joseph SEIGEL	54.43
11	Sally WHEELER - Buddy HANBY	58.89	77	Magy ROSENBERG - John MOHAN	54.40
12	Frances DICKMAN - Billy MILLER	58.88	78	Samantha NYSTROM - Daniel LAVEE	54.40
13	Barbara TRAVIS - Subhash GUPTA	58.80	79	Rose MELTZER - Kyle LARSEN	54.37
14	Miriam VARENNE - Jan van CLEEFF	58.57	80	Valerie BLOOM - Neville EBER	54.33
15	Beatrix KUZSELKA - Gary GOTTLIEB	58.53	81	Aida SALDZIEVA - Jan JANSMA	54.29
16	Kalpna MISRA - Anil PADHYE	58.41	82	Kathrin BOARDMAN - Bobby RICHMAN	54.29
17	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD - Erik SAELENSMINDE	58.04	83	Diane GRAESE - Martin CALEY	54.22
18	Neil ROSEN - Catherine SEALE	57.95	84	Hjordis EYTHORSDDOTTIR - R Jay BECKER	54.22
19	Diana BUDKIN - Mario MAYANTZ	57.92	85	Zhengjiang LIAO - Zhaobing XIE	54.21
20	Pamela GRANOVETTER - Ishmael DELMONTE	57.89	86	Yue LIN - Yu Xiong SHEN	54.18
21	Peggy SUTHERLIN - John SUTHERLIN	57.76	87	Karen WILLENKEN - Craig GANZER	54.17
22	Kyoko SHIMAMURA - Russell SAMUEL	57.47	88	Lynn JONES - Paul BENEDICT	54.11
23	Doris FISCHER - Bernd SAURER	57.13	89	Anna MALINOWSKI - Rune HAUGE	54.09
24	Nataly GOLDIN - Lloyd ARVEDON	57.12	90	Leda PAIN - Gabriel CHAGAS	54.09
25	Viv WOOD - Richard DALY	57.11	91	Marianne HARDING - Sven Olai HOYLAND	53.96
26	Kerri SANBORN - Steve SANBORN	57.10	92	Emma SJOBERG - Johan UPMARK	53.93
27	Tina MCKEE - Garey HAYDEN	57.00	93	Donna MORGEN - R POPPER	53.92
28	Sheila EKEBLAD - Michael SEAMON	56.94	94	Marilyn REEDINGER - Rich ROTHWARF	53.90
29	Julie ZHU - Charles MINER	56.86	95	Marjorie MICHELIN - Howard PARKER III	53.85
30	Irina LADYZHENSKI - Alexander LADYZHENSKI	56.73	96	Barbara KEPPEL - Carl BERENBAUM	53.81
31	Paula VARRASSI - Mike KAMIL	56.71	97	Himani KHANDELWAL - Rajeev KHANDELWAL	53.76
32	Judy RIMER - Craig HUSTON	56.60	98	Edith MAISLIN - Nicolas L'ECUYER	53.70
33	Elena PRAHIN - Michael PRAHIN	56.48	99	Judith SHULMAN - Michael KLEIN	53.68
34	Kathrine BERTHEAU - Thomas CHARLSEN	56.38	100	Elizabeth SMITH - Andre CHARTRAND	53.62
35	Gloria SILVERMAN BART - Les BART	56.36	101	Betty SPEELMAN - Gert Jan PAULISSEN	53.59
36	Kathy SULGROVE - Joaquin PACAREU	56.30	102	Karen WALKER - Eric GETTLEMAN	53.58
37	Wendy KRAUSE - Arnie KRAUSE	56.27	102	Leora DUBROVSKY - Richard DUBROVSKY	53.58
38	Lynn DEAS - Curtis CHEEK	56.23	104	Suzy BURGER - Chuck BURGER	53.53
39	Lynne Gail SCHAEFFER - Martin HIRSCHMAN	55.97	105	Isabelle SMITH - Jeff SMITH	53.52
40	Rebecca (Becky) ROGERS - Eric RODWELL	55.85	106	Valerie HARGREAVES - John DUQUETTE	53.49
41	Linda Jane BALL - Meyer KOTKIN	55.79	107	Elianna MEYERSON - Adam MEYERSON	53.48
42	Sharon GERSTMAN - Dan GERSTMAN	55.76	108	Giulia NASTASE - Waldemar FRUKACZ	53.47
43	Karin WENNING - Ulrich WENNING	55.75	109	Loretta RIVERS - Chris COMPTON	53.45
44	Marina PILIPOVIC - Jurica CARIC	55.72	110	Daisy GOECKER - Andrew MARKOWITZ	53.45
45	Donna CHAMBERS - Neil CHAMBERS	55.69	111	Heather CUTTING - Gary MACGREGOR	53.39
46	Joanna NEVE - Pierre SCHMIDT	55.62	112	Ping WANG - Jingsheng BIAN	53.38
47	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE	55.60	113	Sheri WINESTOCK - Fred GITELMAN	53.34
48	Connie GOLDBERG - Tor HELNESS	55.52	114	Phebe PACKER - Frank LEONARD	53.33
49	Barbara GOTARD - Tomasz GOTARD	55.49	115	Ellen HESSEL - Ira HESSEL	53.29
50	Debbie ROSENBERG - Andrew ROSENTHAL	55.47	116	Reanette FROBUCK - Allan GRAVES	53.23
51	Diana SCHULD - Allen SIEBERT	55.43	117	Grazyna BREWIAK - Janoslaw PIASECKI	53.23
52	Emanuela CAPRIATA - Nino MASUCCI	55.42	118	Victoria GROMOVA - Andrey GROMOV	53.15
53	Linda SMITH - Ron SMITH	55.36	119	Petra von MALCHUS - Walter HOEGER	53.06
54	Rozanne POLLACK - Bill POLLACK	55.33	120	Lindsay PEARLMAN - Geoff HAMPSON	53.03
55	Donna COMPTON - Fulvio FANTONI	55.32	121	Claudia Valerie GAMIO - John JONES	53.02
56	Nese MERCAN - Joseph MACHOTKA	55.32	122	Irina LEVITINA - Seymon DEUTSCH	52.87
57	Joanna STANSBY - Lew STANSBY	55.27	123	Gabriella OLIVIERI - Jimmy CAYNE	52.86
58	Beth PALMER - Steve ROBINSON	55.17	124	Qinghua LIU - Xiao HU	52.84
59	Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE-ALBU - Zia MAHMOOD	55.16	125	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	52.82
60	Cecilia RIMSTEDT - Justin LALL	55.13	126	Sylvie WILLARD - Marc BOMPIS	52.80
61	Lou Ann O'ROURKE - Marc JACOBUS	55.10	127	Margie GWOZDZINSKY - Richard SCHWARTZ	52.76
62	Sally BROCK - David GOLD	54.99	128	Lisa BERKOWITZ - Gary COHLER	52.73
63	Kismet FUNG - Brian GLUBOK	54.88	129	Peggy WARE - Spencer JONES	52.70
64	Joan DEWITT - Bobby LEVIN	54.87	130	Joan PRIEBE - James PRIEBE	52.61
65	Sandra FRIEDMAN - David ROSENBERG	54.84	131	Carla ARNOLDS - Ton BAKKEREN	52.58
66	Mildred BREED - Richard ZECKHAUSER	54.80	132	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	52.57
			133	Tina TESSARO - Fred WILLS	52.54

134	Jill MEYERS - Sid BROWNSTEIN	52.53	209	Jill WOOLDRIDGE - Joel WOOLDRIDGE	50.52
134	Padma DARYANANI - Ernesto MUZZIO	52.53	210	Chris CARMICHAEL - Joel DATLOFF	50.50
136	Joann GLASSON - Bob GLASSON	52.51	211	Diane BEYER - Brian BEECHER, SR	50.48
137	Fiona BROWN - Hugh MCGANN	52.47	212	Debra HYATT - Jian WANG	50.45
138	Rita GHOSN - Nicolas FAWAZ	52.46	213	Patricia CAYNE - Dano DE FALCO	50.45
139	Adrienne NETHERWOOD - Vince NETHERWOOD	52.45	214	Perla SULTAN - Alejandro BIANCHEDI	50.40
140	Ljudmila KAMENOVA - Thomas WEIK	52.38	215	Allison HOWARD - Mike CAPPELLETTI JR	50.35
141	Pam MILLER - Jim RASMUSSEN	52.33	216	Claudia van der SALM - Jay BORKER	50.33
142	Yukiko TOKUNAGA - Kenji MIYAKUNI	52.30	217	Hazel WOLPERT - Darren WOLPERT	50.29
143	Gail Moss GREENBERG - Brad MOSS	52.27	218	Arline FULTON - Mike GRUDSKY	50.28
144	Rita SHUGART - Bruce FERGUSON	52.24	219	Sara CHAPLEAU - Jeff MECKSTROTH	50.28
145	Debora CAMPAGNANO - Marco PARRELLA	52.23	220	Petra HAMMAN - Hemant LALL	50.26
146	Sylwia MCNAMARA - Mike MCNAMARA	52.22	221	Jo MORSE - Boye BROGELAND	50.13
147	Marion ROBERTSON - Simon COPE	52.21	222	Odette ZIGHELBOIM - Steve HAMAOU	50.12
148	Pam STRATTON - Steven JOHNSON	52.19	223	Cynthia COLIN - Jeff HAND (2)	50.10
149	Masako SAKURAI - Dawei CHEN	52.19	224	Linda LEVINS - Nikolay DEMIREV	50.08
150	Alida MANZANO - Andrea FRANCESCONI	52.16	225	Angela REINER - Romeo BODROGI-PODOABA	50.04
151	Linda LEEDY - Jerry CLERKIN	52.16	226	Phyllis YATES - Rick ROEDER	50.03
152	Kay SCHULLE - Gerald SOSLER	52.13	227	Chris URBANEK - John SINCLAIR	50.03
153	May SAKR - Krzysztof MARTENS	52.11	228	Georgiana GATES - Ed LAZARUS	50.00
154	Lynn FELDMAN - Barry SCHAFFER	52.07	229	Enrica DIAMANTI - Carlo CARPENTIERI	49.91
155	Donna DULET - Abe PINELES	52.04	230	Nina GLAZER - Viktor ANIKOVICH	49.91
156	Ann BORGSCHULTE - Steve GLADYSZAK	52.02	231	Melanie TUCKER - John HURD	49.90
157	Beverly PERRY - Gavin WOLPERT	52.00	232	Feryal SOLAKOGLU - Hakan GOKSU	49.88
158	Jennifer JONES - Robert KLEIN	51.98	233	Marie-Therese HUMBLE - Jacques HUMBLE	49.86
159	Linda WIENER - David BROWER	51.96	234	Leslie PARYZER - Stephen GOLDSTEIN	49.86
160	Jane DILLENBERG - Jerry GOLDBERG	51.95	235	Jo Ann SPRUNG - Danny SPRUNG	49.85
161	Cathy NATHAN - Marc NATHAN	51.94	236	Janet DE BOTTON - Artur MALINOWSKI	49.82
162	Joyce HAMPTON - Steve WEINSTEIN	51.93	237	Daniela von ARNIM - Tommy GARVEY	49.82
163	Valeria BIANCHI - Marco CATELLANI	51.92	238	Susan SUBECK - Stanton SUBECK	49.82
164	Yasmin BASEGMEZ - Michael GROMOELLER	51.92	239	Frances HINDEN - Graham OSBORNE	49.80
165	Terry JONES - Jeff ROMAN	51.91	240	Tania REYES HILLER - Brett ADLER	49.76
166	Joan STEIN - Jeffrey A MILLER	51.91	241	Gail BELL - Charles GRAY	49.75
167	Cheri BJERKAN - Howard WEINSTEIN	51.91	242	Yiji STARR - Doug DOUB	49.74
168	Jan MARTEL - Chip MARTEL	51.89	243	Carol REITZ - Edward BISSELL	49.73
169	Barb CLINTON - Vince ODDY	51.80	244	Janice NAKAO - Thomas QUINLAN	49.55
170	Phoebe LIN - Patrick K H CHOY	51.71	245	Patricia TUCKER - Kevin COLLINS	49.54
171	Karen Lee BARRETT - Ellis FEIGENBAUM	51.71	246	Ana Lavinia OPRISAN - Darrian Bogdan COTESCU	49.51
172	Mari RETEK - George RETEK	51.68	247	Benedicte CRONIER - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	49.49
173	Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO	51.65	248	Justine CUSHING - Melih OZDIL	49.45
174	Kitty MUNSON COOPER - Steven COOPER	51.61	249	Franca BRACCO - Pierino DATO	49.43
175	Diane WALKER - Prahald RAJKUMAR	51.57	250	Beverly LEVY - Alvin LEVY	49.39
176	Betty Ann KENNEDY - Dan MORSE	51.56	251	Mickie KIVEL - John POTTER	49.39
177	Diana WYLIE - Wendell WYLIE	51.53	252	Lyudmila ANTONOVA - Louk VERHEES JR	49.38
178	Gabrielle UZ - Morrie KLEINPLATZ	51.51	253	Katherine WEI-SENDER - David BERKOWITZ	49.37
179	Jing Rong RAN - Zijian SHAO	51.42	254	Fiona HUTCHISON - Richard BOWDERY	49.36
180	Susan STUBINSKI - Bruce WICK	51.41	255	Anja KAGELING - Rien VERBEEK	49.34
181	Brenda JACOBUS - Dennis CLERKIN	51.40	256	Nancy LIRA - Miguel REYGADAS	49.31
182	Linda ROSENBLATT - Marvin ROSENBLATT	51.37	257	Jacqueline SINCOFF - Roger LORD	49.30
183	Sylvia CALEY - Mike MOSS	51.36	258	Ora LOURIE - Bobby JONES	49.26
184	Martine ROSSARD - Jerzy ROMANOWSKI	51.27	259	Sally WOOLSEY - Kit WOOLSEY	49.16
185	Brenda BRYANT - Tadashi TERAMOTO	51.25	260	Carol BRUNO - Steve BRUNO	49.10
186	Ruth STOBER - Joe GRUE	51.20	261	Kate BURTON - Dave W. SMITH	49.06
187	Yvonne HERNANDEZ - Lu KOHUTIAK	51.18	262	A. RODNEY - David RODNEY	49.05
188	Hansa NARASIMHAN - Eddie WOLD	51.16	263	Karen XIA - Samuel YAKE	49.03
189	Susan CULHAM - Maurice DE LA SALLE	51.12	264	Debbie BENNER - Arthur CRYSTAL	48.98
190	Susan BENDER SCHEER - Erez HENDELMAN	51.11	265	Anne DAWSON - Geoffrey S Jade BARRETT	48.96
191	Sue PICUS - Barry RIGAL	51.06	266	Rosemarie LOUGHNANE - Bruce SCHWAIDELSON	48.92
192	Daniele GAVIARD - Bernard PAYEN	51.01	267	Ava GRUBMAN - Elliott GRUBMAN	48.91
193	Susan WEXLER - Alexander ORNSTEIN	50.99	268	Cheryl PORTER-GAROFALO - Marvin DENEROFF	48.89
194	Beatrice KEMP - John BURTON	50.98	269	Susan COOPER - Randal DAVIDSON	48.85
194	Lynne SCHAEFER - Stephen LANDEN	50.98	270	Ely SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER - Rene STIENEN	48.82
196	Judy BRAMLEY - Bart BRAMLEY	50.98	271	Grace JEKLIN - Fredrik NYSTROM	48.82
197	Sharon MENG - Rahn SMITH	50.97	272	Katharine JIN - Weishu WU	48.78
198	Audrey GRANT - David LINDOP	50.92	273	Loreto CUEVAS - Marcelo CARACCI	48.78
199	Karen CUMPSTONE - John RAYNER	50.88	274	Maria GRONKVIST - Johan GRONKVIST	48.76
200	Diana MILLER - George KLEMIC	50.78	275	Judy DUBAY - William DUBAY	48.74
201	Sabine AUKEN - George JACOBS	50.76	276	Cecily KOHLER - Andrew AVERY	48.61
202	Jeroo MANGO - B.N. PARASRAMPURIA	50.64	277	Jenni CARMICHAEL - Tom CARMICHAEL	48.56
203	Bing DU - Dade WANG	50.59	278	Barbara STEWART - Michael ROCHE	48.53
204	Kathy BAUM - Jay BAUM	50.59	279	Helen STELIGH - Robert HEITZMAN	48.49
205	Nina ANIDJAR - Diego BRENNER	50.58	280	Dominique STUYCK - Guy VAN MIDDLEM	48.47
206	Vandana VIDWANS - Rajeev GUPTA	50.57	281	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	48.44
207	Tetyana DANYLYUK - Volodymyr DANYLYUK	50.53	282	Geeske JOEL - Michael ROSENBERG	48.41
208	Elizabeth (Liz) MCGOWAN - David LIGGAT	50.52	283	Nancy KATZ - Glenn EISENSTEIN	48.34

284	Jennifer LIN - Charlie GARROD	48.27	359	Gui Qing Lily CHAN - Gideon TAN	45.03
285	Mary POPLAWSKI - Harry NUCKOLS	48.23	360	Despina GEORGAS - Brent GIBBS	44.93
286	Renate HANSEN - Andreas BABSCH	48.22	361	Enma CASTRO RUZ - Carlos Federico FRONTAURA	44.91
287	Christine DUCKWORTH - Brian CALLAGHAN	48.14	362	Sandra FRASER - Douglas FRASER	44.89
288	Donna C. GARRARD - William T. GARRARD	48.13	363	Louise KLIMOWICZ - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	44.88
289	Carolyn LYNCH - Mike PASSELL	48.13	364	Nancy PASSELL - Jagdish Prasad GOENKA	44.72
290	Jane DICKEY - David SIEBERT	48.07	365	Alene FRIEDMAN - Ernest NAPIER	44.71
291	Maria TSOUKALAS - Bogdan AGICA	48.07	365	Judy ZIMMERMAN - John STUBBE	44.71
292	Ellen CHERNIAVSKY - Eugene KALES	47.98	367	Sinead BIRD - Michael BELL	44.68
293	Penelope MILLAR - Matthew CORY	47.94	368	Linda MCGARRY - Dennis MCGARRY	44.61
294	Diane TRAVIS - Frank TREIBER	47.93	369	Diana TENERY-ASCHER - Larry ASCHER	44.60
295	Anna ST CLAIR - Dee HARLEY	47.92	370	Raija DAVIS - Srinivas KACHIBHATLA	44.59
296	Arendina DRURY - Richard MOSS	47.85	371	Darina DEMIREV - Howard LIU	44.58
297	Belinda GU - Jonathan PINES	47.81	372	Mariko KAKIMOTO - Hiroki YOKOI	44.53
298	Rachael MOLLER - David GURVICH	47.79	373	Nancy ABRAMS - Mark LAIR	44.49
299	Stephannie RUSSO - Marshall LEVVIS	47.75	374	Judith HESS - Nicholas FRANCE	44.40
300	Ketki VAHALIA - Parimal VAHALIA	47.74	375	Janine BIBB - Peter PETRUZZELLIS	44.39
301	Lillienne YEUNG - Wei Peu ZEN	47.73	376	Suzanne GRENSIDE - Paul WEINSTOCK	44.34
302	Shireen MOHANDS - Andy BOWLES	47.57	377	Lucia STASI - Alberto GULLOTTA	44.33
303	Valerie ARON - David SEGAL	47.55	378	Marilyn FRITH - Joe WALSH	44.28
304	Andreea IORDACHE - Dragos IORDACHE	47.52	379	Pamela NISBET - Renato ZAMBONINI	44.25
305	Evelyn KIRSH - David KIRSH	47.47	380	Sybil BRAGADIR - Michael RANIS	44.24
306	Kyoko OHNO - Akihiko YAMADA	47.42	381	Claire TORNAY - George TORNAY	44.20
307	Lee ATKINSON - Mark YAEGER	47.39	382	Judy NASSAR - Tony AMES	44.12
308	Desislava Borissova POPOVA - Geir HELGEMO	47.37	383	Regena EDWARDS - Winston EDWARDS	44.08
309	Vera PETTY - Roman SMOLSKI	47.34	384	Ana PRADOS - Filippo PALMA	44.05
310	Aoife MACHALE - Peter GOODMAN	47.33	385	Linda CARDONE - John COOK	44.00
311	Joanne TITOW - Kenneth TITOW	47.28	386	Helen COLTER - Mike CAPPELLETTI SR	43.85
312	Iolanda RIOLO - Thomas BESSIS	47.25	387	Xiao Li XUE - Jian Hua TAO	43.76
313	Veronique BESSIS - Romain ZALESKI	47.25	388	Isabella VARGAS DE ANDRADE - Stanley BARG	43.74
314	Joan JACKSON - Norman ZALEK	47.17	389	Claire WHITBURN - Christopher Henry BOSENBERG	43.70
315	Renee MANCUSO - Gaylor KASLE	47.16	390	Louise LEIBOWITZ - Keiran DYKE	43.69
316	Catherine D'OVIDIO - Philippe CRONIER	47.12	391	Ruthanne MAZER - Allan MAZER	43.58
317	Nalita HALL - Daniel RADVANSKY	47.11	392	Estelle RONDEROS - Alvaro RONDEROS	43.56
318	Julie ROWE - Alexander ALLEN	46.98	393	Shaomin SHI - Ya Fu LIN	43.55
319	Joan BRODY - Kent MIGNOCCHI	46.97	394	Michiko MASUDA - Hiroaki MIURA	43.52
320	Susie MILLER - Apolinary KOVALSKI	46.97	395	Ewa Agnieszka GRABOWSKA - Jacek KALITA	43.46
321	Georgia HETH - Jim REIMAN	46.96	396	Anna Maria TORLONTANO - Guido RESTA	43.46
322	Catherine REY - Bruno REY	46.96	397	Kathleen FORTNEY - Charles FORTNEY	43.37
323	Sharon BENZ - John TOY	46.91	398	Debbie FELDMAN - Chris COWAN	43.28
324	Anne BRENNER - David CAPRERA	46.86	399	Christal HENNER-WELLAND - Roy WELLAND	43.23
325	Patti LEE - Martin MILLER	46.73	400	Suzanne HIDI - Andrew HIDI	43.19
326	Ana Maria JARAMILLO - Rafael PESANTES	46.71	401	Norma SANDS - James LA FORCE	43.15
327	Catalina ROBLES - Jose Manuel ROBLES	46.71	402	Vicki GOODYKOONTZ - Jack GOODYKOONTZ	43.02
328	Betty SCULL - Martin DE BRUIN	46.67	403	Gloria COHEN - Gouverneur CADWALLADER	42.91
329	Jane SEGAL - Steve GROSSMAN	46.67	404	Mileva JOBIN - David GORDON	42.84
330	Sevinc ATAY - Josef HARSANYI	46.35	405	Muguette PELI - Frantz PLUMASSEAU	42.73
331	Sally ALTMANN DE HANTOS - Gustavo De LEMOS	46.34	406	Judith BIANCO - Win ALLEGAERT	42.69
332	Tobi SOKOLOV - Paul FIREMAN	46.32	407	Sylvie LABELLE - Marc FORTIN	42.69
333	Beverly GARDNER - Rick KAYE	46.29	408	Leia BERLA - Allan TUSHMAN	42.66
334	M. HENNINGS - D. HENNINGS	46.24	409	Shannon CAPPELLETTI - George COLTER	42.53
335	Ivanie YEO - Lon SUNSHINE	46.22	410	Inez van EIJCK - Willem van EIJCK	42.47
336	Gracia YALMAN - Ali YALMAN	46.18	411	April UHLENBURG - James RAPP	41.88
337	Vjolca XHULI - Kostandin KAPO	46.17	412	Ann INGRAM - Vincent MESSINA	41.76
338	Phyllis FIREMAN - Valentin I.D. KOVACHEV AL-SHATI	46.17	413	Nicole JOST - Patrick JOST	41.67
339	Linda TRENT - Brian TRENT	46.13	414	Janet JEANPIERRE - Thomas SHELLEY	41.50
340	Serap CARFI - Salvador ASSAEL	45.84	415	Francoise GUENOUN - Raphael GUENOUN	41.33
341	Elisabeth FANOS - George FINIKIOTIS	45.83	416	Catherine CAPLAN - Paul CAPLAN	40.94
342	Lynn TARNOPOL - Bjorn FALLENIUS	45.74	417	Barbara STENING - Stephen STENING	40.92
343	Judy FOX - Jim FOX	45.73	418	Angela FENTON - Michael YUEN	40.91
344	Jenny WOLPERT - Bob HAMPTON	45.72	419	Capri O'HARA - Paul NICKERSON	40.62
345	Janice SEAMON-MOLSON - Stan TULIN	45.65	420	Jennifer RICHTER - Brady RICHTER	40.27
346	Kimberly WHIPPLE - Kevin DWYER	45.65	421	Hortensia AZERRAF - Eli BENYES	40.23
347	Natalie HERTZ - Daniel HERTZ	45.63	422	Virginia SCHUEMANN - Garry SCHUEMANN	40.13
348	Kathy WALVICK - Walter WALVICK	45.56	423	Rupa BAKERI - Ashish PATEL	40.12
349	Katherine POLLOCK - Albert SHRIVE	45.56	424	Barbara AMES - Ralph HOFFMAN	39.90
350	Pirpin DENG - David YANG	45.48	425	Zoraida DIEBOLD - Eduardo ROSEN	39.88
351	Enza ROSSANO - Antonio VIVALDI	45.47	426	Anny TRACOL - Roland MICHEL	39.49
352	Kathy LOGUE - Marc RABINOWITZ	45.46	427	Bonnie BRITTON - Peter LATKANY	38.93
353	Allison BRANDT - Michael GIESLER	45.39	428	Sally STRUL - Aubrey STRUL	38.80
354	Sandra MARLIN - John MARLIN	45.33	429	Judy GRAF - Michael RYAN	38.59
355	Mina CHESNUT - Stewart CRAMER	45.27	430	Hilary HALL - Walter HALL	37.76
356	Patricia CIVALE - Vincent CIVALE	45.20	431	Marcia SCHLOSS - Aviv SHAHAF	37.74
357	Gayle COVEY - Steven COVEY	45.19	432	Estelle MARGOLIN - Alan BRONSTEIN	35.73
358	Maritha POTTENGER - Serge de MULLER	45.05	433	Argenta PRICE - Jonathan BITTNER	35.01