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MUCH WORK LEFT TO DO



The WBF Women's Committee had the honor and pleasure of toasting WBF President José Damiani on Thursday, thanking him for his friendship, trust and great support that he gave the committee since the first year of his presidency (Anna Maria Torlontano).

Sixty-four teams have made it to the knockout phase of the Rosenblum after three days of qualifying play, but it's still a long haul to the finish line for the hopefuls, who start head-to-head play today.

Leading the way among qualifiers are the Martin Fleisher squad, who finished with 189 victory points, followed closely by Lou Ann O'Rourke (187) and Neil Rosen (180).

In the McConnell, the 16 qualifiers will have the day off today, starting their KO phase on Saturday. The two group leaders were Valerie Westheimer and Full Spectrum Auctions.

You can check the matchups at
<http://www.swangames.com/magic/magic/www.php?nsid=370>

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Important Notices

Change in Conditions of Contest



The following change has been made to the supplementary Conditions of Contest in reference to items 14.2 and 15.2.

1. In the first segment, the lower-numbered team will sit N/S in the Open Room and E/W in the Closed

Room. The teams will remain in those positions throughout the match.

2. The lower-numbered team has the seating rights in the 2nd and 4th segments from the round of 64 up to and including the round of 16.

Systems Information

The regulations permit the use of the Multi 2 Diamond convention. This shows a weak two in either major. It may have additional meanings all of which must be strong and players are permitted to bring their written defences to the table

Players must ensure that both members of the partnership have a fully completed convention card detailing all their agreements. This must be the WBF Card; blank WBF Cards can be obtained from hospitality or alternatively the completed WBF Generali card may be used, and modified by the partnership as necessary.

Players are reminded that Brown Sticker Conventions and Highly Unusual Methods (HUM) are not permitted at any time in any Championship events.

Screen Regulations

Copies of the latest Screen regulations are available from hospitality, so please familiarise yourself with them

Rulings and Appeals

All players and captains are reminded that the tournament directors consult among themselves and solicit the opinions of expert players before giving a judgemental ruling. For this reason, the Appeals Committee, in accordance with the Code of Practice, presumes initially that the director's ruling is correct. The ruling will be overturned only if the evidence presented is strong enough to persuade the committee to the contrary. Copies of the Code of Practice may be obtained from the Hospitality Desk.

Alerts

The WBF Alerting Policy applies. No announcements are made. Copies of the Policy are available from Hospitality.

Boards

When the Boards come to the table DO NOT deal them. They are pre-dealt boards.

Restrictions:

No smoking is permitted in any part of the building

No mobile phones / electronic equipment may be taken into the playing area including the designated rest-rooms

Any player or team official bringing such an item into these areas will result in his team being fined 2 VP (or 6 IMPs in a knockout match), or in the case of pairs events, will result in his partnership being fined 25% of the match points available on a board during the session. The penalty is mandatory. Constant violation of this regulation will result in the player being prohibited from playing and in the team official not being admitted into the playing area.

The Chief Tournament Director may, at his discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area.

Hospitality may consent to keep these devices during play, but it must be clearly understood that no responsibility can be taken for any loss or damage.

No alcohol is permitted in the playing area

Dress Code

Players are reminded that the WBF is recognised by the IOC as a sports federation and are asked to respect this by dressing appropriately.

WBF Congress Meeting

Friday 8th October

The WBF Meeting of Congress will be held in the Liberty Ballroom.

A continental breakfast (assorted pastries, muffins & coffee) will be served beforehand from 9.00 am and all delegates are invited to attend.

The Meeting will start promptly at 9.30.

The Liberty Ballroom is on the 3rd floor of the Marriott Hotel, just across the bridge to the Convention Centre on the right. There will be signs to direct delegates.

McConnell Trophy



The top 8 teams from each group will qualify for the round of 16, which will be played on Saturday October 9th. **There will be no play in the McConnell Cup on Friday 8th October,** but the teams may play free of charge in the teams plate if they wish.

The Swiss Teams Plate

All teams that fail to qualify for the knockout stages of the McConnell or Rosenblum may play in the Swiss Teams plate free of charge but they **do need to register in advance.** Other teams who have not played in these events may join the Swiss Teams Plate by registering and paying the requisite entry fee.

Rand Cup for Senior Teams

The qualification consists of a Swiss Teams consisting of 10 rounds of 10 boards, 5 rounds on Friday 8th and 5 rounds on Saturday 9th. The first match will be at 10.30 and the detailed schedule will be in Friday's bulletin.

The qualification will be followed by a knockout stage, with the Quarter and Semi Final on Sunday 10th October, each of 24 boards. The Final and play-off will be played on Monday 11th over 3 rounds of 16 boards each. The non-qualified teams will have the opportunity to play free of charge in the Seniors Plate, the format of which will be decided when final numbers are known.

Looking for a partner or teammates?

Pairs looking for teammates for Senior teams, or players seeking partners may go to the registration area on the 5th floor and they will try and help.

Rosenblum and McConnell KO phase

At the end of the round robin in the Rosenblum and McConnell, the knockout phase will begin. The brackets will be formed taking into account both the WBF master points and the ranking in the round robin.

Registration for the Open and Women's Pairs

All players not yet registered for the Open and Women's Pairs are requested to do so as soon as possible.

This also applies to players qualifying for the knockout stages of the teams and wishing to drop into the pairs.

NOTE that failure to register in advance will forfeit the right of players qualifying for the knockout stages to drop into the pairs.

You are reminded that players from the Rosenblum may only drop into the Open Pairs and players from the McConnell may only drop into the Women's Pairs.

Registration for the Rand Cup Senior Teams

It is important to know which teams wish to play in the Rand Senior Teams if they do not qualify for the knockout stage of the Rosenblum or McConnell.

Please register now if you wish to play – if you subsequently reach the knockout stage we will, of course, withdraw your registration and if you have paid, refund the entry fee.

Systems Committee meeting

The committee will meet at 9.30 am on Saturday 9th October in the Appeals room - room 303 on the 3rd floor.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on Saturday, 9th October at 10 a.m. (a change from previous notice) in José Damiani's office on the 3rd floor at the Marriott.

WBF Laws Committee

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

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.

ROSENBLUM CUP*(Round Robin Final Standings – subject to confirmation)*

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Zimmermann	166	1 Nickell	166	1 Auken	179	1 Rayner	170
2 Coldea	163	2 Berg	152	2 Cayne	164	2 China Open	167
3 Consus Red Poland	159	3 Zen	147	3 Rumelhart	141	3 Lavazza	152
4 Bramley	137.25	4 Rossard	142	4 Belgium Cooreman	137	4 Alizee	148
5 Payen	135	5 Lagoudinoi	138	5 Siwik BT	136	5 Kahn	142
6 Granovetter	124.25	Pauncz	138	6 Bennett	129	6 D'Orsi	140
7 Gamerman	124	7 Sher	125	7 Guangdong	127	7 Cortex	136
8 Sao Paulo	123	8 Onix	122	8 San3PDXI	122	8 Itaven	97
9 Café de Colombia	104	9 GIB	111	9 Colombia Bogotà	95	9 Himani	95
10 St Clair						10 St Clair	92
GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G		GROUP H	
1 British Lions	160	1 Fleisher	189	1 Parimatch	163.50	1 Strul	173
2 Koneru	153	2 Italian Stallions	180	2 Hampton	156.50	2 Team Pharmaservice	172
Mahaffey	153	3 Fredin	150	3 Vito	153	3 Josef and cards	169
4 Begijnt JE	152.65	4 Dipak Poddar	144	4 Schwartz	145.50	4 Gwadteam	134
5 Bernardes	152.61	5 Chile	143	5 Hungary	145.26	5 Fox	120
6 Brazil34	132	6 www.funbridge.com	127	6 Lara	134	Impaired	120
7 China Nangang Power	117	7 Rio de Janeiro	121	7 Oz Juniors	128	7 Tunisia	118
Villa Fabbriche	117	8 Fenerbahce USA	114	8 Rigal	117	8 Lall	117
9 Priebe	105	9 Karukera	42	9 Chevalier	94	9 Strasser	104
GROUP J		GROUP K		GROUP L		GROUP M	
1 Deutsch	177	1 Diamond	174.50	1 Rosen	180	1 Zambonini	159
2 Pinot Noir	154	2 Camberos	155.50	2 Moss	167	2 Nadar	156
3 Apteker	149	3 Klinger	153	3 Wolfson	163.50	3 Kamras	154
4 Canada	146	4 Dhampur Sugar Mills	150	4 Martens	153	4 JapCan	151
5 Wang Dade	144	5 Indonesia Gabriel UI	148	5 Gogo Fans	138	5 Hauge	134
6 Hollman	126	6 Marinna	136.50	6 Pascal Bernard	128	6 China Geely Auto	131
Krizel	126	7 Italia Mista	127	7 Yu Tong	121.50	7 French Juniors	125
8 Consus White Poland	120	8 Todd	94.50	8 All Bulgarian Stars	105	8 Lavee	118
9 Rodihade	98	9 Four and a half men	92	9 Michelin	69	9 Ecuador	109
GROUP N		GROUP O		GROUP P		GROUP Q	
1 Beijing Shouchuang	178	1 O'Rourke	187	1 Zaleski	175	1 Bilal	167
2 Allfrey	176	2 Robinson	170	2 Budimex Poland	164.50	2 Gordon	163
3 Meltzer	158	3 Hengyuanxian Heji	167.50	3 Beijing Trinergy	154	Green Machine	163
4 Hughes	138.50	4 Chateau Rossenovo	156	4 De Botton	143	4 Carmichael	144
5 Delmonte	129	5 Agsar	154.50	5 Kranyak	139	5 Ping an	133
6 Griffiths	124	6 Bergheimer	132	6 Japan Youth	129	Texan Aces	133
7 Argentina U26	110.50	7 Harris	95	7 Azure Hooda	125.50	7 True Blue	113
8 Derrico	100.50	8 Miyacuni	83	8 Feo	104	8 Oy vey	107.50
		9 Feldman	82	9 Izmir	96	9 Rerhayé	100

In Memoriam



On October 8, 80 years ago, our bridge colleague, bridge champion and journalist, Nissan Rand was born. Today, October 8, the Senior Open Teams championship begins and will hereinafter be contested for the Rand

Trophy, in honor of Nissan's activities in Senior bridge.

Nissan carried the torch for Senior Bridge as chairman of the Seniors Committee on the executive of the European Bridge League and chairman of the Seniors Committee of the WBF.

Nissan and his partner Moshe Katz, in a transnational team, won the Open Seniors in 1994 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and in 1998 in Lille, France.

He was a member of the Israel national team eight times and was president of the Israel Bridge Federation.

Nissan was a world authority on poultry nutrition, inducted as a member of the International Poultry Hall of Fame in 2000, and served as chairman of the European Council on Poultry Nutrition.

Nissan will be especially remembered for his vivacious and dynamic personality, his abundant humor and his perseverance to work for the goals he set for himself.

May his memory be for a blessing.



Playing Cards

Decks of playing cards from WBF Championships are available from the Jannersten Stand on the 4th floor. New deck 1US\$ per deck.

Used deck 0.70 US\$ per deck.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Today)

Rosenblum Cup
Round of 64 sessions at
10.30, 13.30, 16.00, 18.30

McConnell Cup
Day Off

Swiss Teams Plate
Sessions begin at **10.30**

Rand Cup Senior Teams
Round Robin begins at **10.30**

(Tomorrow)

Rosenblum Cup
Round of 32 sessions at
10.30, 13.30, 16.00, 18.30

McConnell Cup
Round of 16 sessions at
10.30, 13.30, 16.00, 18.30

Swiss Teams Plate
Sessions begin at **10.30**

Rand Cup Senior Teams
Round Robin begins at **10.30**

GENERALI Open & Women's Pairs
Sessions at **11.00, 16.00**



Duplimate Discounts



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

McCONNELL CUP

(Round Robin Final Standings – subject to confirmation)

GROUP S

1 Westheimer	285	9 Woolsey	229.07
2 Fireman	273	10 Stewart	227
3 Netherlands	269	11 Fairy Tale	216
4 Joel	267	12 Venezuela	196
5 McGarry	244	13 Goodman	186
6 CanUSA	239	14 Tunisia	162
7 Indonesia Djarum	234	15 Reunion Island	156
8 Sombra e agua fresca	229.22	16 Balkin	153

GROUP T

1 Full Spectrum Auctions	273	9 Mercosul	238.01
2 Hampton	272	10 Bloom	228
3 Glasson	259	11 Canada	206
4 Moss	255	12 Egypt	200
5 China Ladies Team	251	13 Singapore	184
6 Sweden	242	14 Angus	164
7 Eisenberg	240	15 Veladies	125
8 Italia	238.35		

Round 3

Rosenblum Cup

IMP Fest

by Mark Horton

In Round 3 of the Rosenblum an alliance between Germany and the USA, Josef and Cards, took on the all USA Lall squad. It turned into a real hammer and tongs affair with IMPs flying in both directions.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Lall</i>
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	4♣	4♠	2♦*
All Pass			Dble

If East was hoping to persuade North/South to push on to 5♥ he was quickly disavowed.



Justin Lall, USA

South led the six of clubs and North allowed that to run to declarer's king. When declarer took a losing diamond finesse North won and cashed the queen of clubs, followed by the ace. He then switched accurately to a low heart and South won with the ten. A diamond now would guarantee four down, (and was surely indicated by North's play in the club suit) but South played the ace of hearts and declarer ruffed in dummy. Had he cashed the ace of spades he would have escaped for three down, but when he played the ace of diamonds North ruffed and that was -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shivdasani</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Allegaert</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	4♥	Dble*	2♦
		All Pass	

East led the six of diamonds and West took the ace and switched to the four of clubs for the queen and king. East switched to a spade and West beat the jack with the ace and went back to diamonds. Declarer ruffed, passed the queen of hearts and played a heart to the ten. When declarer decided to play a diamond from dummy East scored the king of hearts. If I get the chance I'll ask Sabine why she went for this line of play, but it looks odd given the bidding and East's carding in diamonds. It cost 14 IMPs. (I did, but the answer is not illuminating.)

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Lall	Piekarek	Lall
			2♣*
Dble	Rdbl	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

North/South went off the rails and with the king of spades offside this contract had no chance. When West led the two of spades declarer put in the queen and East won and switched to a heart for a rapid two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Auken	Allegaert	Von Arnim
			2♣
Dble	2♥*	Pass	3♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

2♥ Spades



Jaggy Shivdasani, India

North's more accurate appraisal paid dividends. South took the diamond lead and cross ruffed in spades and diamonds for eleven tricks and 11 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Lall	Piekarek	Lall
		Pass	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

- 2♦ Multi
- 2♠ Pass or correct
- 2NT 20-22
- 3♦ Transfer
- 4♣ Cue bid

On the four of spades lead declarer put in the queen and was soon claiming +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Auken	Allegaert	Von Arnim
		Pass	Pass
2♣*	2♥*	3♥	4♠
6♥	All Pass		

2♥ Spades or both minors (if I have interpreted the convention card correctly)

South led the three of spades and declarer closed his eyes and finessed – when it held declarer drew trumps, cashed the top clubs, discarded a club on the ace of spades and eliminated the black suits. Then a diamond to

the eight and ten endplayed North for a not unlucky +1430 and 13 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Lall	Piekarek	Lall
	1♣*	1♠*	Pass
2♣*	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

1♣ Strong
 1♠ Reds or blacks
 2♣ Pass or correct

Three Hearts was cold (more to the point, so was 4♥) but with 4♠ on the other +170 was still a result with potential.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Auken	Allegaert	Von Arnim
	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
1♥	1♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Was it so obvious for South to bid 4♠? At any rate I am full of admiration for South's decision, which brought in 12 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Lall	Piekarek	Lall
		Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Dble	2♠	Dble	All Pass

It looks as if West's double was asking for a diamond lead. The intention behind East's double is less clear, although it looks as if it was intended for take out. With a mass of defensive cards West was happy to convert it.

East led the jack of diamonds and declarer won and played ace of spades and a spade. West took the king, cashed two diamonds and switched to the king of clubs and a club. East won and played a heart. West won and exited with a spade. A second heart trick meant two down and +500.



Alexander Smirnov, Germany

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Auken	Allegaert	Von Arnim
		Pass	1♦
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the three of diamonds and South won with the ace and switched to the nine of spades. Declarer put in the jack and North took the queen and returned the three to South's ace. Declarer won the next spade, crossed to the jack of diamonds and came to hand with the king of clubs to cash the diamonds. That forced South down to three clubs and the ace of hearts, but declarer did not read the position and when he played a club he had to go one down, -100 and another 12 IMPs to Josef & Co.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Lall	Piekarek	Lall
		1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2NT Lebensohl

When North doubled for a second time South might have passed – that would have been an easy 300 – but he followed a different route.

West led the two of spades (low from a doubleton) and East won and switched to the two of diamonds. Declarer

won in dummy and played three rounds of clubs. West won and played a diamond, but declarer cashed his minor-suit winners and took the heart finesse for +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Auken	Allegaert	Von Arnim
		1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East started with two top spades and declarer ruffed, cashed the queen of diamonds (looking for clues?) and played a heart to the ace and a heart. When West followed with the eight she backed her judgement and played low, playing East for a doubleton king. When East was able to win with the nine the contract had to fail.

If declarer takes the view that hearts are 4-2 she can play the queen of hearts at trick four. Say East covers. Now declarer ruffs a spade and then cashes the jack of hearts, one top club and two more diamonds, ending in dummy. Now she plays the jack of spades. West has to ruff, but declarer discards the losing club and must score two more tricks with the king of clubs and the jack of diamonds. However, this line would fail if hearts are 3-3 as East will ruff the third diamond. It would also fail to cater for a singleton king in the East hand.

Whatever you make of that Lall had picked up 10 IMPs. Not quite enough to save the match, but 43-46 IMPs, 14-16 VP was a fair result to this exciting match.



Daniela Von Arnim, Germany

Round 3

Rosenblum Cup

Charging Ahead

by Brent Manley

Coming off a bye in the second round of the Rosenblum, the Nick Nickell squad was rested and ready to make a big impression against the Onix squad, a mostly Romanian foursome. Nickell, playing Bob Hamman/Zia Mahmood and Jeff Meckstroth/Eric Rodwell, succeeded, but there was a slight stumble early on.

This deal could have been a 10-IMP gain for Nickell, but it turned into a push.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Lungu	Hamman	Micescu	Zia
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

This was an excellent spot, whereas 3NT is in jeopardy on a spade lead. Veronel Lungu started with the ♦K to Zia's ace. He won and fired back the ♦J, covered and ruffed. When the ♦10 fell on the second ruff, Zia's ♦9 was good. It was a relatively easy plus 400.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Mihai	Meckstroth	Weinstock
Dble	1♠	Dble	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Rodwell started with a low spade to the queen and king. Meckstroth could have scuttled the contract with a heart return, but he switched to a low diamond: 9, Q, 3. The ♠J was ducked, and declarer won the continuation with the ace. On the run of the clubs, Rodwell was caught in a squeeze without the count. Down to the ♥A J and ♦K 8, he had to make a pitch at trick 10 and could not find one that didn't give away the contract, declarer holding the last club, the ♥K and the ♦A J. When Rodwell discarded the ♥A to avoid being endplayed to lead a diamond into declarer's tenace, Paul Weinstock was able to claim nine tricks for plus 400 and a well-earned push.

That was just about it as far as good news for Onix, however. Nickell picked up 7 IMPs two boards later when both North-South pairs bid to 5♦ and were doubled. Meckstroth and Rodwell took the four defensive tricks they had coming, but Lungu and Micescu managed only three for plus 200 instead of 500.

Nickell picked up 13 IMPs on the next deal.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Lungu	Hamman	Micescu	Zia
2NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♣	Pass

Over the Multi 2♦, West asked and apparently did not receive a satisfactory answer, simply jumping to game. Slam needs two finesses but both work, so the Onix team had to hope Meckstroth and Rodwell would also bid conservatively. That was a faint hope.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Mihai	Meckstroth	Weinstock
		2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Meckstroth's 3♥ showed a six-card suit with a "medium" hand, and Rodwell was not to be denied. South's heart lead went to the jack and a spade to the queen held, so there was a parking place for a loser. Meckstroth cashed dummy's top clubs, then discarded the ♣J on the ♠A, ruffed a club then cashed some trumps, eventually playing North for the ♦K for plus 1430.

Board 9 cost the Nickell team 8 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Paul Weinstock, Israel

Zia and Hamman got to 4♠ on the North/South cards, making 11 tricks in relative comfort after East had made a Michaels cuebid in second seat and West had jumped to 4♥.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Mihai	Meckstroth	Weinstock
	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Meckstroth led his singleton club and it was over quickly as Radu Mihai won the club and cashed the ♠A, followed by a low spade. Meckstroth switched to a low diamond, and Mihai was able to claim two overtricks for plus 790.

Nickell got it back, and a little more, on the next board.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lungu	Hamman	Micescu	Zia
		Pass	1♣
1♦	All Pass		

Hamman led the ♣4, taken by West with the king even though Zia played low. The ♦Q was ducked, but Zia took the ♦J to play a second round of clubs. Dummy's ♠10 won the trick and declarer played a low heart to his queen, cashed the ♦K and exited with a heart. The defenders eventually had to play a black suit to give declarer his eighth trick for plus 90.

Meckstroth and Rodwell did much better at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Mihai	Meckstroth	Weinstock
		Pass	1♣
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Mihai started with a low spade, taken by Weinstock with the ace. The spade continuation went to Rodwell's jack and North's queen. With no semblance of an entry, Mihai knew continuing spades was fruitless, so he switched to the ♥J. South won the ace and cleared spades, but with South holding both red aces and diamonds going 3-3, the defenders were limited to four tricks. Plus 600 was good for 11 IMPs to Nickell.

The defenders can succeed with a club lead from North. West wins and plays on a diamonds. South can win the first trick or duck, it doesn't matter, even if West has won the ♣9 at trick one and unblocked the ♣K. In with the ♦A, South switches to a low spade. West inserts the jack (the ♠K will win, but then the suit is ready to run for the defenders). North wins the ♠Q, and the ♥J return is ducked to West. Declarer can get to dummy with the ♦J if South has won the first round, but declarer is squeezed when he cashes the clubs. He must blank a major-suit honor or throw a diamond winner. No matter what, he cannot come to more than eight tricks.

There were more reverses for the Romanians, who fell to the reigning Bermuda Bowl champions 65-18.



Jeff Meckstroth, USA

A Mystery No More



Congratulations to all who guessed the identity of both people in the photo from issue No. 6, page 19.

For those who did not guess correctly, it was the late Eloene Griggs, former IBPA and press room official, and Jan Swaan, currently press room manager.

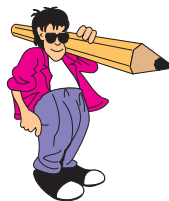
Swaan is celebrating his 30th year in the press room, working from 1980 to 2004 as assistant to his brother-in-law, the late Rene Ducheyne, and his sister, Ely Ducheyne.

A resident of The Hague, Netherlands, Swaan is a semi-retired educational psychologist and a self-described "average" bridge player.

In his 30 years in the press room, Swaan has seen many developments in the way information is moved around the world, from Telex to fax, telephone and now mostly via the Internet.

"It all has changed," he said.

Championship Diary



The December 2010 issue of *Bridge Magazine* will feature the *Ultimate Bridge Quiz*, comprising a fiendish set of questions that the Editor has been amassing for more than a year. Realizing that a special prize is called for I asked if they had any ideas in the office. Here are some of the suggestions:

Persuade David Bird to feature the winner as a monk or a nun in his next book/Abbott's Tales.

A chance to join the panel of Marks & Comments for 3 months.

A star on Hollywood Boulevard, between Marilyn and James Dean.

11,753 copies of Ask Zia (winner pays postage).

An egg & bacon sandwich and coffee from the cafe next door.

A well known magazine Editor came in to the office to report a deal. 'I had ♠Qx and ♥Jxx – the rest I have forgotten, I'm over 50!' Naturally we will respect his plea for anonymity, merely mentioning that he is very fond of IMPs and *Bridge Topics*.

So Near And Yet ...

by Phillip Alder

Kismet Fung from Edmonton, Alberta, and Brian Glubok of Manhattan were second in the Mixed Pairs. They were so close to winning, leading into the last round, but Donna Compton and Fulvio Fantoni scored 259 matchpoints out of 308 to win by 104.7 matchpoints.

Glubok read the play perfectly in this deal from the first session of the final, rotated to make South the declarer.

Board 23. Dealer East. Both Vul.

<p>♠ J 6 5 2 ♥ J 10 ♦ A 9 8 6 2 ♣ 10 8</p>	<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		<p>♠ A Q 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ J 10 7 5 4 3 ♣ K 9</p>	<p>♠ 10 3 ♥ K 9 7 6 4 3 ♦ - ♣ A Q 7 5 4</p>
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Kismet Fung, Canada

West	North	East	South
	Fung		Glubok
		2♥ (1)	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(1) At least 5-5 in hearts and a minor

West led the ♥J, ducked to East's king; he returned a heart. South took the next two tricks with his diamond honors, played a spade to dummy's queen, and knocked out the ♦A to give this position:

<p>♠ J 6 5 ♥ - ♦ 9 8 ♣ 10 8</p>	<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		<p>♠ 10 ♥ 9 7 6 4 ♦ - ♣ A Q</p>	<p>♠ A 4 ♥ - ♦ 10 7 5 ♣ K 9</p>
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What should West have done now?

She made the natural-looking play, shifting to a club in answer to East's encouraging discard in that suit. However, after East won with his ♣Q and knocked out the ♥Q, West was forced to part with her remaining club. Then Glubok played a spade to dummy's ace, cashed the ♦10, discarding a club, and endplayed West with a diamond. At trick 12 she had to lead away from the ♠J-6 into South's ♠K-9.

Plus 600 was worth 127 matchpoints out of 154.

In the above position, West had to lead either a diamond or a low spade to break up the timing.



Under Two Flags

by Mark Horton

According to our resident vexillologist Herman de Waal, there are 14 countries that are members of the WBF that have a red and white flag. In this report I take a look at a match between teams representing two of them.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Jones	Martens	Rosen
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
	4♣	All Pass	



Krzysztof Jassem, Poland

East led the six of hearts to the king and ace and declarer cashed the ace of spades, then the queen of hearts and crossed to dummy with a trump. With hearts 3-3 that was eleven tricks, +450.

Notice that East didn't double.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bell	Kopecky	Byrne	Kurka
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
	4♣	All Pass	

East led the two of hearts for the king and ace. Declarer cashed the queen of hearts and went to dummy with the king of spades and played a spade to the nine. East won with the queen and switched to the jack of clubs. That was two down, -100 and a fast 11 IMP start for the English team.

Notice that East did double, and that persuaded declarer that East had one spade and four hearts. Still, if that were true, how could declarer hope to score ten tricks?

Before I leave this deal what do you think East should lead against 4♣? If you have doubled there is something to be said for trying the five of spades. Of course, declarer can get home by winning in hand and playing for hearts 3-3 (cash the ace and follow it with the queen) but as you can see from the closed room there are no guarantees.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Jones	Martens	Rosen
INT	Dble	4♥*	Pass
4♠	Dble	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

As you can see there was confusion as to the meaning of East's 4♥. However, with 4♠ cold the other way -300 was a promising result, albeit achieved somewhat accidentally.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bell	Kopecky	Byrne	Kurka
INT	2♦*	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

In this confused auction I'm informed that West's INT was strong (the exuberance of youth, no doubt). A BBO commentator suggested that North's 2♦ was a single suiter, but I don't believe that - South's 4♠ strongly suggesting that he knew his partner held spades, so the over-



Josef Kurka, Czech Republic

call was either Multi style (as described in The Mysterious Multi) or spades and another suit.

When South bid 4♠ it was easy enough for North to go on to 5♠ and that made in comfort, +480 (when declarer played the queen of clubs from dummy West ducked) giving the Poles 5 IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Jones	Martens	Rosen
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

This type of approach is popular in England, 2NT being based on either a balanced 17-18 or a strong hand with four hearts.

East led the four of hearts and declarer put up dummy's king and played a spade to the ten and jack. He took the next heart in hand and played a diamond for the queen, king and ace. He won the club return with the ace and played a diamond. East cashed two diamonds and played a heart. Now declarer ruffed the master diamond and played a club pitching a spade. When West exited with a spade declarer put up the queen, so he was three down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bell	Kopecky	Byrne	Kurka
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

When West led the ace of diamonds declarer was well paced. He put the ten up on the spade switch, took East's

jack with the ace, drew trumps and played a diamond. He finished up with ten tricks, +170 giving Martens 10 IMPs.

The match was tied, 16-16, but exploded into life over the final three deals:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Jones	Martens	Rosen
1♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♠	2♥	2♠
		All Pass	



Martin Jones, England

West's lightweight effort did not cause N/S any great difficulty.

Declarer won the heart lead with the ace and played a diamond to the queen and king. When East switched to the ten of clubs he put up the king, played the queen of spades covered by the king and ace and played a spade to the nine. He ran the nine of clubs, ruffed a heart and played the ace of clubs, claiming ten tricks, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bell	Kopecky	Byrne	Kurka
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West was not interested in attempting any diversionary tactics and when South rejected the Moysian fit, West led the seven of hearts. Declarer won the third round, shedding two of dummy's diamonds and advanced the queen of spades. When that held he played a club to the jack, cashed the ace of clubs and played a club to the king.

If declarer now plays a low spade the contract would be secure, but when he elected to play the queen of spades the contract went up in flames. (Did declarer imagine West could be 4513 and not have tried something third in hand?). Declarer came to hand with a club and took the diamond finesse, but when that lost he was two down and 11 IMPs worse off.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Jones	Martens	Rosen
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

Declarer won the trump lead and played a diamond. East went in with the ace and played a second trump. Declarer won in hand, played a diamond to the king and ruffed a diamond. He went to dummy with a trump and cashed the diamonds, pitching two clubs.

He ended up scoring +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bell	Kopecky	Byrne	Kurka
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Declarer won the trump lead and played a diamond. East went in with the ace and played a second trump. Declarer won in hand, played a diamond to the king and ruffed a diamond. He went to dummy with a trump and cashed the diamonds, pitching two clubs.

When declarer played the ten of spades, East, in an echo of the previous board played low, costing his side a trick. However, +200 was still 10 IMPs to the English squad.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Jones	Martens	Rosen
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

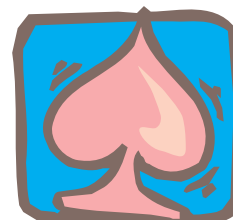
- 2♦ Multi
- 2NT Relay
- 3♣ Maximum with hearts

The Multi can be used in many ways – here its use by responder (see The Mysterious Multi) made life very easy. On a trump lead declarer made eleven tricks in comfort, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bell	Kopecky	Byrne	Kurka
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Declarer made nine tricks, but that cost 8 IMPs. That was a big win for Rosen, 45-16 IMPs, 22-8 VP.



Michael Byrne, England

Smoke And Mirrors

by Brent Manley

This deal was played in round eight of the Rosenblum qualifying stage, and Fredrik Nystrom was excited about his teammates' defensive effort against a team from Chile.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

At one table, West for the Peter Fredin team played 4♠ on a trump lead, easily wrapping up 10 tricks for plus 420.

At the other table, West was also declarer in the same contract, but he had to deal with a much more challenging defense by Fredin, North, and Bjorn Fallenius.

Fredin started with a low heart: 7, 10, king. Declarer fired a heart right back, and Fredin smoothly played his 8. Declarer inserted the 9, losing to the jack.

The deception continued with Fallenius putting the ♣Q on the table, ducked by declarer.



Peter Fredin, Sweden

A third round of hearts was ruffed by declarer, who then played the ♠A and a spade to the jack. Fallenius won and played a fourth round of hearts.

Fredin didn't want to give away the show by discarding a club, so he ruffed with the 10, overruffed in dummy.

Declarer now played a diamond to his ace and ruffed a club. On the second round of diamonds, Fallenius played the jack, won by declarer's king.

Declarer now had a finessing position against Fredin's ♦10 7, but he was convinced that North's last two cards were a low diamond and the ♣A. Accordingly, he played a diamond from hand and went up with dummy's queen.

One can only imagine declarer's chagrin at having been bamboozled so thoroughly.

The nifty defense gave the Fredin team a 10-IMP gain in a narrow loss to the South Americans. Fredin went on to qualify, but their opponent narrowly missed the cut.

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13.72	3/4	Nancy Katz, Carolina PR; Jean Ludwig - Jonathan Greenspan - Glenn Eisenstein, New York NY
13.72	3/4	Paul Benedict, Pikesville MD; Lynn Jones, Timonium MD; Ed Lazarus - Diane Lazarus, Baltimore MD; Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA; Georgiana Gates, Houston TX

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY KNOCKOUTS, BKT#2

12 Tables		
18.05	1	Adam Parrish, Arlington MA; Randall Rubinstein, East Falmouth MA; Arthur Crystal - Debbie Benner, Fairfield CT; Dana Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL
12.64	2	Melanie Manfield, Chevy Chase MD; C. Buddy Carls, Huntington Bh CA; Joan Brandeis, Glenside PA; Philip Lindy, Philadelphia PA
7.22	3/4	Barbara Horowitz, Haverford PA; Linda Zelnick, Bala Cynwyd PA; Judith Goldberg, South Orange NJ; Mary Lasser, West Orange NJ
7.22	3/4	Judy Fox - James Fox, Va Beach VA; David Cohan, Richboro PA; Alvin Pecarsky, Newtown PA

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16 Tables		
12.07	1	Pat Hunn - Peggy Hunn, Blue Bell PA; Marilyn Rubinstein - Herbert Rubinstein, Bethesda MD
8.45	2	Audrey Egger - Patricia Taylor - Nancy Robins, Princeton NJ; Lynne Long, Skillman NJ
4.83	3/4	Nicholas Nazarenko, Doylestown PA; Carole Witty, Warrington PA; Harriet Schwartz, New Hope PA; Ralph Collins, Warminster PA
4.83	3/4	Kenneth Harris, Margate NJ; Bernard Neff, Delray Beach FL; Linda Sargent-Pizagno, Northfield NJ; Ralph Croskey, Brigantine NJ

WEDNESDAY FLIGHT A/X PAIRS

19.0 Tables / Based on 68 Tables			
	A	X	
25.84	1		Daisy Goecker, Yardley PA; Raymond Raskin, King of Prussia PA 58.64%
19.38	2		Amanda Carter, Arlington VA; Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA 58.32%
14.54	3		G Osborne - F Hinden, United Kingdom 58.15%
10.90	4		Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA; Martin Rabinowitz, Narberth PA 57.61%
8.61	5		Melanie Tucker - Aaron Silverstein, New York NY 56.06%
7.38	6		Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Martin Caley, Montreal QC 54.96%
6.46	7		Joseph Machotka, Chicago IL; Nese Mercan, 54.36%
15.32	8	1	Leila DeNotaristefani, Mendham NJ; Matt Meckstroth, Gainesville FL 53.32%
5.17	9		Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; P Drew Cannell, Doll-Des-Ormeau QC 53.11%
11.49	10	2	Bruce Greenspan, Danvers MA; Judy Cardin, Chesterfield MO 52.36%
8.62	11	3	Jim Gaarder, Columbia MD; Jimmy Ritzenberg, Bethesda MD 52.16%
3.98	12		Riki Tulin, Highland Beach FL; Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA 52.14%
3.69	13		Judith Argento - Raymond Depew, Kingston PA 51.93%
6.46		4	Jack Goodykoontz - Vicki Goodykoontz, Morgantown WV 50.76%
5.11		5	Kenneth Shatoff, Broomall PA; John Jemmott, Philadelphia PA 49.89%

WEDNESDAY GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS

49.0 Tables			
12.77	7/2	3	Christina Valente, Philadelphia PA; Barry Balof, Walla Walla WA 59.52%
12.77	1/2	1	Lee Nowoslawski, Villanova PA; Carol Berry, Malvern PA 59.52%
8.21	3	2	Neeta Mone, Livingston NJ; Andrejs Bross, Clifton Heights PA 59.38%
6.16	4		Estera Lisker, East Quogue NY; Amanda Jeger, Frankfurt Am Ma Germany 59.08%
4.89	5	3	Samuel Argento, Kingston PA; Mary Zabresky, Forty Fort PA 58.99%
3.91	6/7		Tanya Maurelli, Buena NJ; Renee Truskin, Ventnor City NJ 57.74%
3.91	6/7		Elaine Friedenber, Blue Bell PA; Karen Gold, Jenkintown PA 57.74%
3.24	8		Ann Linda Norton - Beau Norton, Barnegat NJ 57.16%
2.92	9		Janet Johnson - Ellen Kaye, Philadelphia PA 56.42%
2.65	10		Evelyn Cutler, Elkins Park PA; Donna Saffren, Warminster PA 56.38%
2.43	11		Maureen Connolly - Gene Luckey, Lakemont GA 56.18%
3.67	12	4	Gary Hillenbrand, Lehighon PA; Loredana Bosis, Northampton PA 56.02%
2.90	13	5	Larry Abramovitz, Warrington PA; Norman Garfield, Southampton PA 55.80%
2.48		6	Karen Largay - Sheila Gillin, Avon CT 55.72%
2.05	7/8		Lisa Collins, Harleysville PA; Oleg Savinov, Chalfont PA 54.91%
2.23	7/8		Marianne Bruni - Kim Guinan, Doylestown PA 54.91%
1.96	9		Barbara Tiernan, Saratoga CA; Gail Arnov, Cincinnati OH 54.40%

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