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FORTNIGHT NEARS THE END



These are the hard-working staff members who produce all the deals – literally thousands – for the championships

Players at the World Bridge Series Championships have been at it for nearly two weeks with only one full day left. Those who have played every day deserve credit for their stamina.

Consider the players who started on opening day of the Generali Open Pairs on Saturday nearly a week ago. If they made it to the final, which started yesterday, they will end up playing 15 sessions.

With three sessions to go, the Open leaders, drop-ins from the Rosenblum, are Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes. In the Women's Pairs, another pair of drop-ins, Carla Arnolds and Bep Vriend are in front.

The IMP Pairs leaders are Joao-Paulo Campos and Miguel Villas-Boas. ACBL President Rich DeMartino and Patrick McDewitt are in the lead in the Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs.

The Chagas team held a narrow lead in the World Mixed Swiss Teams.

In the World Junior Championship, Israel and France will start play today for the Ortiz-Patino Trophy, and in the World Youngsters Championship, it will be England versus Poland for the Damiani Cup.

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DISTRICT 3

AUTUMN LEAF REGIONAL

October 25 - 31, 2010

Fall Foliage and Bridge go together!

Danbury Hotel & Conference Center
Danbury CT 203-794-0600

Bridge Rate: \$94

(Reservation Deadline: October 11)

New: Golden Opportunity Pairs 0-750 MPs,
Friday, Oct. 29

Bracketed KOs, Bracketed Round Robin Teams;
Swiss Teams

Senior Pairs; Stratified Open Pairs, Newplicate
one-session games

For complete information:

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Badges Needed for Prize Giving

The Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony is on Saturday October 16th at 5 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom on the 5th floor of the Marriott Hotel for players who have registered to attend.

Please note that you will need to show your badge to gain entry.

VUGRAPH MATCHES

Matches (10.00, 13.10)

BBO.I-VG: Table I Israel - France (Juniors)

Vugraph Schedule

Two sessions of the World Junior Championship for the Ortiz-Patino Trophy will be shown in the Vugraph Theater today at 10.00 and 13.10 – Israel versus France. There will be no more vugraph today or tomorrow.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



(Today)

Mixed Swiss Teams

Qualifying sessions 6, 7 at **10.30, 12.20**
Final / Plate sessions 1-3 at
14.50, 16.40, 18.30

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy / Damiani Cup
Final / Play Off sessions at
10.00, 13.10, 15.50

GENERALI World Open / Women's Pairs
Final sessions 3, 4 at **11.00, 16.00**

Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs
Final sessions 3, 4 at **11.00, 16.00**

IMP Pairs
Final sessions 3, 4 at **11.00, 16.00**

Youth Individual Contest
Final sessions 1, 2 at **11.30, 16.00**
Plate sessions 1, 2 at **11.30, 16.30**

(Tomorrow)

Mixed Swiss Teams
Final / Plate sessions 4, 5 at **10.30, 12.20**

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy / Damiani Cup
Final / Play Off session at **10.00**

GENERALI World Open / Women's Pairs
Final session 5 at **10.00**

Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs
Final sessions 5 at **10.00**

IMP Pairs
Final sessions 5 at **10.00**

WORLD MIXED SWISS TEAMS

Ranking after 5 Qualifying sessions

1	Chagas	100	Kamras	76	
2	Gordon	98	Pin An	76	
	Payen	98	38	Funbridge Girls FRA	75
4	Amigos	96	39	Berg	74
5	Green	94		Istanbul	74
	Hinze	94	41	Rasmussen	73
7	Hennings	93	42	Harding	72
8	Hansa Narasimhan	92		Horn Lake 6	72
9	India Alizee	91	44	Beijing Trinergy	71
10	Ida	90	45	Djarum	70
	Wheeler	90		Ferlema	70
12	De Botton	89		Hargreaves	70
13	Steelers	88	48	Ekeblad	68
14	Auken	86		Gabrial UI	68
	Frind	86	50	Cassini	67
	Harris	86	51	Levine	66
17	Hansen	85	52	Hawkes	65
	Nice Girls	85	53	France Girls	64
	Schwartz	85		Rayner	64
20	Cooper	82		Team 913	64
21	Stienen	81	56	Hertz	63
22	Cayne	80		Reedinger	63
	Hauge	80	58	Drunken Kangaroos	62
	O'Rourke	80		Feldman	62
	Very Mixed	80	60	Fulton	61
26	Isporski	79	61	Meadow	60
	Lay	79	62	Moscow	59
28	Willenken	78	63	Allison	58
29	Callaghan	77	64	Giesler	57
	Cushing	77	65	Barrett	54
	Dulet	77	66	Kahlenberg	53
	Karsiyaka	77		Solodar	53
	Meltzer	77	68	Latins	51
34	Glasson	76		Stober	51
	Goldstein	76	70	Argemex	38

GENERALI WORLD OPEN PAIRS**Final Results after 2 sessions (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Fulvio FANTONI - Claudio NUNES	58.21	37	Joanna STANSBY - Lew STANSBY	50.22
2	Bobby LEVIN - Steve WEINSTEIN	56.89	38	Zia MAHMOOD - Eric RODWELL	50.04
3	Steve GARNER - Howard WEINSTEIN	55.66	39	Dominique PILON - Lionel SEBBANE	49.61
4	Eric GRECO - Geoff HAMPSON	55.22	40	Fred STEWART - Kit WOOLSEY	49.60
5	Gheorghe SERPOI - Calin STIRBU	55.00	41	Bill POLLACK - Jeff ROMAN	49.58
6	Tim COPE - Glen HOLMAN	54.76	42	Cezary BALICKI - Jacek PSZCZOLA	49.33
7	Martin FLEISHER - Mike KAMIL	54.69	43	Alexander DUBININ - Andrey GROMOV	48.99
8	Marc BOMPIS - Jean-Christophe QUANTIN	54.54	44	Yury KHIUPPENEN - Vadim KHOLOMEEV	48.89
9	Vladimir MIHOV - Jerry STAMATOV	54.35	45	Marian KUPNICKI - Leszek MAJDANSKI	48.85
10	Jouri KHOKHLOV - Georgi MATUSHKO	54.05	46	Ricco van PROOIJEN - Louk VERHEES JR	48.63
11	Bjorn FALLENIIUS - Peter FREDIN	54.02	47	Ralph KATZ - Nick NICKELL	48.62
12	Rui LI - Jiang TONG	53.99	48	Jan JANSMA - Gert Jan PAULISSEN	48.37
13	Ashley BACH - Ishmael DELMONTE	53.55	49	Hemant LALL - Justin LALL	48.24
14	Perry JOHNSON - Jeff MECKSTROTH	53.37	50	Janusz MAKARUK - Pawel NIEDZIELSKI	48.06
15	Dawei CHEN - Kazuo FURUTA	52.81	51	Siu-Kau Samuel WAN - Derek ZEN	47.91
16	Lixin YANG - Ban Xiang ZHANG	52.77	52	Tom HANLON - Hugh MCGANN	47.86
17	John HURD - Joel WOOLDRIDGE	52.44	53	Michael POLOWAN - Jacob MORGAN	47.71
18	Franck MULTON - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	52.42	54	Hailong AO - Jian-jian WANG	47.66
19	John DIAMOND - Brian PLATNICK	52.23	55	Dominik FILIPOWICZ - Michal NOWOSADZKI	47.47
20	Eldad GINOSSAR - Ron PACHTMAN	51.99	56	Karl GOHL - Neil KIMELMAN	47.43
20	Sherif NOSHY - Ahmed YOUSRY	51.99	57	Stephen BURGESS - Michael COURTNEY	47.38
22	Borislav POPOV - Stefan SKORCHEV	51.94	58	David BAKHSHI - Tom TOWNSEND	47.09
23	Brian GLUBOK - Philip GORDON	51.89	59	Jie ZHAO - Zhong FU	46.70
24	Honey B PRABHAKAR - Rajeshwar TEWARI	51.78	60	Sunit CHOKSHI - Subhash GUPTA	46.68
25	Peter BOYD - Steve ROBINSON	51.62	61	Kalin KARAIVANOV - Tony RUSEV	46.66
26	Marius IONITA - Cornel TEODORESCU	51.58	62	Pierre SAPORTA - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	46.55
27	Piotr GAWRYS - Piotr TUSZYNSKI	51.53	63	Curtis CHEEK - Joe GRUE	46.22
28	Krzysztof JASSEM - Krzysztof MARTENS	51.51	64	Shane BLANCHARD - Brad MOSS	46.14
29	Taufik Gautama ASBI - Robert PARASIAN	51.37	65	Tor HELNESS - Danny SPRUNG	44.78
30	Bob HAMMAN - Mike PASSELL	51.23	66	Xinli GAN - Qiang ZHANG	44.73
31	Jim FOSTER - Larry SEALY	51.21	67	Jason FELDMAN - John KRANYAK	44.64
32	Boye BROGELAND - Gavin WOLPERT	51.21	68	Doug DOUB - Adam WILDAVSKY	44.54
33	Bart BRAMLEY - Nikolay DEMIREV	51.09	69	Xu HOU - Miao SHI	43.91
34	William JACOBS - Ben THOMPSON	50.75	70	Michael ROSENBERG - Warren SPECTOR	43.57
35	Josef PIEKAREK - Alexander SMIRNOV	50.49	71	Piotr WALCZAK - Jan ZADROGA	42.56
36	Alexander ALLFREY - Andrew ROBSON	50.40	72	Yuliy CHUMAK - Oleg ROVYSHYN	40.73

GENERALI WORLD WOMEN'S PAIRS**Final Results after 2 sessions (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Carla ARNOLDS - Bep VRIEND	59.15	19	Aida SALDZIEVA - Betty SPEELMAN	49.76
2	Lynn DEAS - Beth PALMER	56.80	20	Maddalena SEVERGNINI - Antonella SORESINI	49.76
3	Sylvia MOSS - Judi RADIN	55.42	21	Gen GEIGER - Gigi SIMPSON	49.29
4	Xuefeng FENG - Yanhui SUN	55.09	22	Geeske JOEL - Tobi SOKOLOV	49.02
5	Brenda BRYANT - Kathy SULGROVE	54.59	23	Ming SUN - Hongli WANG	48.37
6	Renee MANCUSO - Sheri WINESTOCK	54.07	24	Angela DOSSENA - Luigina GENTILI	48.26
7	Susan CULHAM - Kismet FUNG	53.67	25	Cheri BJERKAN - Rozanne POLLACK	47.73
8	Pinpin DENG - Julie ZHU	52.59	26	Lynn BAKER - Karen MCCALLUM	47.05
9	Jo CASEN - Mickie CHAMBERS	52.58	27	Sylvia CALEY - Gail Moss GREENBERG	46.55
10	Nevena DJUROVIC - Pauline EVANS	52.41	28	Cynthia HINCKLEY - Diana SCHULD	46.49
11	Janice SEAMON-MOLSON - Carlyn STEINER	52.35	29	Maria GARATEGUY - Maria Elena IACAPRARO	46.36
12	Ling GU - Yan LU	52.32	30	Maud KHOURI - Nada WATTAR	46.18
13	Ping WANG - Shaohong WU	51.61	31	Agota MANDELLOT - Leda PAIN	46.09
14	Ellie HANLON - Maryse SAVKO	51.57	32	Victoria GROMOVA - Tatiana PONOMAREVA	45.65
15	Georgiana GATES - Pat NORMAN	51.52	33	Sue PICUS - Shawn QUINN	45.02
16	Allison HOWARD - Pamela NISBET	51.10	34	Bing DU - Juan LI	44.65
17	Joan EATON - Candace GRIFFEY	51.06	35	Jet PASMANN - Anneke SIMONS	44.61
18	Petra HAMMAN - Peggy SUTHERLIN	50.37	36	Patrizia CECCONI - Rita PASQUARE	42.37

IMP PAIRS**Final Results after 2 sessions (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Joao-Paulo CAMPOS - Miguel VILLAS-BOAS	2502.0	37	Bob ETTER - Bob MORRIS	173.0
2	Onno ESKES - Vincent KROES	2391.0	38	Jiang GU - Xiaodong SHI	38.0
3	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	2293.0	39	Ahmed HUSSEIN - Apolinary KOWALSKI	31.0
4	Daniel WILDERMAN - Kenneth ZUCKERBERG	2217.0	40	Meng KANG - Shaolin SUN	0.0
5	Michal KOPECKY - Josef KURKA	1823.0	41	Masayuki INO - Tadashi TERAMOTO	-7.0
6	Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK	1800.0	42	Jaroslav CIESLAK - Piotr ZAK	-38.0
7	Waldemar FRUKACZ - Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ	1715.0	43	Ralph BUCHALTER - Alexander ORNSTEIN	-110.0
8	Alex GIPSON - Paul GIPSON	1536.0	44	Andrew ROSENTHAL - Aaron SILVERSTEIN	-281.0
9	Kaustubh BENDRE - Sandeep THAKRAL	1476.0	45	David WALKER - Kevin WILSON	-304.0
10	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	1422.4	46	R Jay BECKER - Robert SARTORIUS	-453.6
11	Mehmet GUNEL - Naci YUKSEL	1412.0	47	Manol ILIEV - Stefan STEFANOV	-492.0
12	Ari David GREENBERG JR - Billy MILLER	1380.0	48	Richard COREN - Barnet J SHENKIN	-493.0
13	Morten BILDE - Jorgen HANSEN	1350.0	49	Radu MIHAI - Paul WEINSTOCK	-499.0
14	Volodymyr DANYLYUK - Vladimir PORHUN	1180.0	50	Catherine CAPLAN - Paul CAPLAN	-518.0
15	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	1115.0	51	Gordon CAMPBELL - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	-652.0
16	Ricardo ANGELERI - Marcelo VILLEGAS	1095.0	52	Bobby JONES - Jim KREKORIAN	-669.0
17	Barry SPECTOR - Randy THOMPSON	1079.0	53	Anna ST CLAIR - Dee HARLEY	-740.0
18	Harley BRESS - Garth YETTICK	1048.0	54	Peter BERTHEAU - Gunnar HALLBERG	-762.0
19	Kelley HWANG - John ZILIC	1036.5	55	Philippe SOULET - Maurice TCHENIO	-770.0
20	Willem van EIJCK - Nicolas HAMMOND	986.0	56	Chuck BURGER - Dennis KASLE	-840.5
21	Gary COHLER - Eric ROBINSON	953.0	57	Steve BEATTY - Ronald GERARD	-880.0
22	Bruce FERGUSON - Robert HOLLMAN	951.0	58	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Ernesto MUZZIO	-1010.0
23	Wolfe THOMPSON - Marc ZWERLING	937.0	59	Irving LITVACK - William F. E. TUCKER	-1287.0
24	Thomas CHARLSEN - Thor Erik HOFTANISKA	856.3	60	Michael YUEN - Maurice DE LA SALLE	-1370.0
25	Karen Lee BARRETT - Carol Ann CLIFFORD	849.2	61	Roberto BARBOSA - Paulo Roberto BRUM	-1460.0
26	Rajeev GUPTA - Joyjit SENSARMA	802.7	62	Adam PARRISH - Randall RUBINSTEIN	-1635.0
27	Adi KALIANIWALA - B WADIA	752.0	63	Mckenzie MYERS - Robert TODD	-1758.0
28	Alon APTEKER - Craig GOWER	740.0	64	Craig GANZER - R POPPER	-1998.0
29	Andrew HOSKINS - Jason ROSENFELD	713.5	65	Claire TORNAY - George TORNAY	-2012.0
30	Julien GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN	523.0	66	Richard MORGEN - Andy MUENZ	-2164.0
31	Shireen MOHANDES - Andy BOWLES	410.0	67	Maritha POTTENGER - Judy RIMER	-2423.0
32	J BRYANT - Mark LAIR	382.0	68	Samuel IEONG - Pedro Leonel Ioklon IEONG	-2550.0
33	Dario ATTANASIO - Guiseppe FAILLA	357.0	69	Stanley DUB - Greg MICHAELS	-2579.0
34	Serge BERGHEIMER - Jean-Claude FOUASSIER	272.0	70	Sally CLARK - Robin TAYLOR	-2687.0
35	Isabella VARGAS DE ANDRADE - Stanley BARG	192.0	71	Robert HEITZMAN - Stan TULIN	-3392.0
36	Makiko SATO - Kyoko SHIMAMURA	175.0	72	Ender AKSUYEK - Marco TER LAARE	-3928.0

HIRON TROPHY SENIOR PAIRS**Final Results after 2 sessions (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Rich DEMARTINO - Patrick MCDEVITT	57.14	15	Albert FAIGENBAUM - Romain ZALESKI	50.07
2	Lew FINKEL - Dan GERSTMAN	56.04	16	Ken COHEN - Neal SATTEN	49.59
3	Kyoko OHNO - Akihiko YAMADA	55.91	17	Sandra FRASER - Douglas FRASER	49.38
4	Sam LEV - Reese MILNER	55.15	18	Michael GORE - Walter SCHENKER	49.04
5	Farid ASSEMI - Edward WOJEWODA	55.01	18	Dan MORSE - John SUTHERLIN	49.04
6	Roald RAMER - Jerzy RUSSYAN	53.30	20	Amilcar MAGALHAES - Pedro MANDELLOT	48.90
7	Bruce NODA - Mark RALPH	53.16	21	Rebecca (Becky) ROGERS - John GRANTHAM	48.35
8	Tom KNIEST - Don STACK	52.75	22	Victor MELMAN - Shalom ZELIGMAN	48.15
9	Martin HIRSCHMAN - Franklin KASLE	52.20	23	Makoto HIRATA - Tadashi YOSHIDA	47.80
10	Christian MARI - Stanley WALTER	51.79	24	Cynthia COLIN - Jeff HAND	45.54
11	Julian KLUKOWSKI - Victor MARKOWICZ	51.65	25	Mohsen Mohamed KAMEL - Wael WATTAR	44.02
12	Art GULBRANDSEN - Michael SPERO	50.96	26	Mickie KIVEL - Nadine WOOD	43.68
13	Jerry GAER - Markland JONES	50.48	27	Arnold FISHER - Fred PAUL	41.83
14	Robert BITTERMAN - Jerry HELMS	50.21	28	Barbara KEPPEL - Carl BERENBAUM	38.87

Final – Session I

Rosenblum Cup

For Those Who Like Action

by Brent Manley

The first quarter of the Rosenblum Cup final match between the Nick Nickell and John Diamond teams promised to be a hard-fought affair. The Nickell squad have proven themselves in high-level competition, and the Diamond team ran roughshod over the Rosenblum field to get to the championship round.

There was action on the first board out of the box.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A 8 4 ♥ Q 9 7 ♦ K 5 3 ♣ Q 9 5 4	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		♠ J 9 6 5 ♥ 8 3 2 ♦ J 8 6 4 ♣ 8 7	♠ K Q 10 3 2 ♥ A K J 10 5 ♦ 9 7 ♣ 10
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♠ 7 ♥ 6 4 ♦ A Q 10 2 ♣ A K J 6 3 2	West Rodwell	North Moss	East Meckstroth	South Gitelman
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Fred Gitelman and Brad Moss had only two tricks coming to them, and Meckstroth quickly chalked up plus 450. At the other table, Zia Mahmood bid too much and landed in the proverbial soup.

2♠ Pass Dble	North Hamman Pass Pass 5♣ All Pass	East Greco 1♠ 4♥ Pass	South Zia 2♣ 4NT Pass
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If Zia's 4NT suggested minors, Hamman must have thought his partner's primary suit was much longer than it actually was. Not that 5♦ was going to be a bargain. Zia's aggressive bid cost the team minus 800, and Diamond was off to an 8-0 lead.

In the semifinal round the on Tuesday night, a falsecard on defense by the Wolfson team appeared to lead to con-

fusion and a less-than-optimum result. On board 2 in the Nickell-Diamond match, there was a feeling of déjà vu.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q 9 ♥ 3 ♦ K 10 8 5 ♣ K J 10 8 5	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		♠ J 5 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ A Q J 9 ♣ 9 6 4 3	♠ 10 7 6 2 ♥ Q 9 6 5 2 ♦ 7 6 ♣ A Q
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West Hampson	North Hamman	East Greco	South Zia
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There was no chance for Geoff Hampson to make this contract on a 4-2 fit with all those high trumps on his left. The result was two down for minus 100.

1♦* 2♣	North Moss Pass All Pass	East Meckstroth Pass 1♥	South Gitelman Pass Pass
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Both pairs play Precision, so a 1♦ opener can often be made on a doubleton with a five-card club suit on the side. Meckstroth's pass turned out to be an excellent decision.

Brad Moss started with a low trump, taken in dummy by Rodwell with the ace. The ♠2 went to the 9 and jack, and Moss got out with a second spade to the 6, 8 and queen. Rodwell pulled trumps by playing the ♣K from hand, then exited with the ♦8. Moss won the 9 and played a low heart. Rodwell put in the 9 and Gitelman played the ace. A spade to the ace put Rodwell in, Moss discarding the ♦J. Rodwell now played the ♦K to Moss's ace, and he could have scuttled the contract by forcing out Rodwell's last

trump with a heart switch, but he simply cashed the $\diamond Q$, allowing declarer to claim plus 90 for a 5-IMP gain.

Diamond picked up an overtrick IMP on the next board, then another three when East/West at both tables played in $4\spadesuit$, one down, but doubled by Moss.

Nickell moved ahead on this deal:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 3 \heartsuit A 10 9 7 5 3 2 \diamond Q J 8 4 \clubsuit A</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit J 7 6 5 \heartsuit K Q J 8 \diamond A 5 \clubsuit 8 7 2</p>	
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<p>\spadesuit 8 \heartsuit 6 4 \diamond 9 7 6 2 \clubsuit K J 9 6 5 3</p>		<p>\spadesuit A K Q 10 9 4 2 \heartsuit - \diamond K 10 3 \clubsuit Q 10 4</p>										

Moss opened the North hand $1\heartsuit$, and Gitelman bid, in turns, $1\spadesuit$, $2\spadesuit$, $3\spadesuit$, $4\spadesuit$, $6\spadesuit$.

Rodwell led a diamond, and Meckstroth took the ace and continued the suit. Gitelman is reported to have placed the $\spadesuit A K Q$ on the table, claiming if the suit split. It did not, so it was minus 50.

Zia and Hamman did not venture past the four level, and in fact made only 10 tricks, but it was 10-IMP gain for Nickell, now in front 16-12.

The seesaw went Diamond's way on the next deal, putting the team back in the lead.



Fred Gitelman, USA

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 9 \heartsuit Q 10 8 5 4 \diamond K 10 9 8 7 5 \clubsuit 2</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit K 2 \heartsuit A J 7 3 \diamond 6 2 \clubsuit K Q 10 8 7</p>	
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	S											
		<p>\spadesuit A 8 7 \heartsuit K 9 6 \diamond A J 4 \clubsuit J 9 5 4</p>										

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Moss	Meckstroth	Gitelman
$1\heartsuit$	$1\spadesuit$	$1\diamond$	Pass
$4\heartsuit$	$4\spadesuit$	Dble	All Pass

Meckstroth led the $\clubsuit K$, taken by Moss with the ace. Meckstroth covered the $\spadesuit Q$, and when Moss returned to hand with a spade and led a heart up, Meckstroth took the $\heartsuit A$ and cashed the $\clubsuit Q$. That was it for the defense. Moss had plus 990.

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Hamman	Greco	Zia
$2\diamond$	$2\spadesuit$	INT	Pass
$5\heartsuit$	Pass	$3\heartsuit$	$4\spadesuit$
All Pass		Pass	Dble

Greco was three down for minus 500, but the net gain for Diamond was 10 IMPs.

Nickell picked up 4 IMPs on this deal:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>\spadesuit J 7 \heartsuit A K 6 \diamond A Q 10 6 4 \clubsuit 7 6 2</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit Q 9 8 \heartsuit Q J 5 4 2 \diamond K 7 5 3 \clubsuit 8</p>	
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West Rodwell	North Moss	East Meckstroth	South Gitelman
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Moss led the ♠J: queen, king, ace. Rodwell led a heart at trick two, taken by Moss with the ace. Now a second spade allowed North a third-round ruff, and he exited with the ♦A and a diamond to the king. Rodwell then ran clubs, pitching diamonds from dummy, and exited with a heart. No more defensive tricks were available, so Rodwell earned plus 110.

Hampson got to 2♥ via the same route, and Hamman started with the ♠7. Zia declined to cover, so the lead was won in dummy. Hampson played a diamond from dummy's king to his jack, losing to Hamman's queen. The ♠J went to the queen, king and ace, and Hampson cashed two clubs, pitching the losing spade from dummy. Now a diamond went to Hamman's ace and Zia ruffed the third round of diamonds with the 9, exiting with a club. Hamman ruffed with the ♥K and played a fourth round of diamonds, promoting Zia's ♥10 for the setting trick.

That was 4 IMPs to Nickell.

This deal brought about another of those falsecarding dilemmas.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West Rodwell	North Moss	East Meckstroth	South Gitelman
4♣	Pass	3NT*	Pass
	All Pass		

Meckstroth's 3NT opener described a hand with a long minor suit.

Moss started with the ♦9, Gitelman overtaking with the queen rather than the jack at trick one. Gitelman now

played the ♠K and a spade to his partner's ace, but Moss, apparently believing that Rodwell had the ♦J, continued with a diamond. Rodwell ruffed and claimed when the trumps split. Plus 130.

West Hampson	North Hamman	East Greco	South Zia
2♥	Pass	2♣*	2♦
3♥	Pass	2NT	3♦
	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Zia led a club, and all Eric Greco could do was pull trumps and lead a spade from hand. Zia won the ♠K and exited with a spade. Hamman won the ace and switched to the ♦9. That was one down and 6 IMPs to Nickell.

On board 14, both North/South pairs bid to 6♥, but there was a slam swing to Nickell on the next-to-last board, thanks to the aggressive tactics by Meckstroth and Rodwell.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Zia and Hamman charged unimpeded – with cuebids and Blackwood – to the lay-down spade slam and easily scored up plus 1430. Hampson and Greco had a lot more to deal with at their table.

West Hampson	North Hamman	East Greco	South Zia
Pass	2♥	Dble	1♠
4♣	4♦	5♣	3♠
Pass	5♠	All Pass	Pass

The barrage by Meckstroth and Rodwell shows why they are such dangerous opponents. Hampson and Greco had very little room to explore for slam, and in the end they went the conservative route. It was hard to tell, after all, whether they were being jobbed out of a cold vulner-

able slam or stamped into a no-play contract, such as the one that Zia and Hamman got to on the final board.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 7 6 ♥ J 6 5 ♦ 10 2 ♣ 6 5 4 3 2	♠ Q J ♥ Q 8 4 3 2 ♦ A 8 7 6 3 ♣ Q <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 10 5 2 ♥ A K ♦ K J 9 4 ♣ A K J 9	♠ A K 8 4 3 ♥ 10 9 7 ♦ Q 5 ♣ 10 8 7	
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West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Moss	Meckstroth	Gitelman
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Dble	4♥	All Pass.	

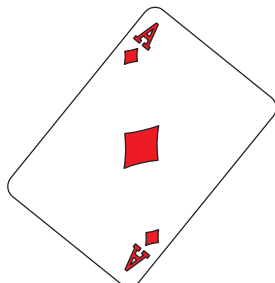
Meckstroth could have cashed two spades, but he started with a heart, enabling Moss to take all the tricks for plus 510.

At the other table, the wheels came off in the Zia/Hamman auction.

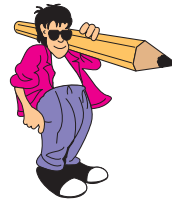
West	North	East	South
Hampson	Hamman	Greco	Zia
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	Redbl	Pass	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Zia must have thought that Hamman's redouble showed a control in the spades. In any event, it was over quickly as Greco cashed his spade winners for an 11-IMP gain.

After one quarter, Nickell led 39-34.



Championship Diary



Peter Hasenson emails from London: Watching the world championships on BBO and Swan it struck me that bridge is perhaps the only sport in the world where the spectators (often several thousand miles away) know the result before the participants?

Can you think of any other sport where this also applies?

Iain Sime, Edinburgh:

Re alternative verbs for 'beat', the popular one up here these days is 'mullered'- especially popular since a World Cup football match involving Germany and England in South Africa.

Simon Cochemé writes from London again:

I read in the Bulletins that 'World Players must RSVP by 3 pm.' Well, they would have to be World players, versed in French and Latin, to understand the instruction. I was disappointed that the following sentence did not read 'Regional Players must reply by 3 in the afternoon.'

Anyway, it got me thinking about other verbs (I use the term loosely) that are made up of initials. OK sprang to mind ...and KO and OD. What about in bridge? 'They RKCBed their way to a slam, MUDing in the club suit was the best lead.'

That inspired me to come up with a few for readers to work on:

ACBL	EHAA	NBB
BAM	FFB	PODI
CBF	GSF	RHO
DBV	HCP	ROPI
DEPO	HUM	SAYC
DOPI	IMP	SBU
DOPE	IPBA	SOS
DONT	IPBM	UNT
EBL	LHO	WBF
EBU	LOL	WBU

We offer a prize for the best effort submitted to the Daily Bulletin: a session with Barry Rigal. Second prize – you guessed it: two sessions with B...

Final – Session 2 Rosenblum Cup

Sting in the Tail by Mark Horton

As the second session of the Rosenblum final got under way Diamond trailed 34-39 IMPs. Nickell's lead did not survive the opening deal:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Hampson	Meckstroth	Greco
	1♦	1♥	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	2♥	2♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

South led the three of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the jack of clubs. North won and switched to a low heart, so the defenders played two rounds of the suit and North then switched to the three of spades. There were still two tricks to come, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Katz	Platnick	Nickell
	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led the jack of spades and declarer took dummy's ace and played the club. As before North won and two rounds of hearts followed, booking declarer for the same two down. Absent the double that was 5 IMPs for Diamond.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Hampson	Meckstroth	Greco
Pass	2♦*	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

West led the nine of hearts and declarer won the second round with dummy's ace and ran for home, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Katz	Platnick	Nickell
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

You can understand why North rebid 3♦ (as opposed to say 2NT) but it turned out badly when the no-trump game was bypassed.

East led the queen of hearts and declarer won and had to find a way to avoid three losers. We can see that drawing trumps and playing on clubs would work, but declarer could not. He tried the nine of spades at trick two and played low when East followed with the three. West won and the defenders cashed out for one down, 10 IMPs for Diamond.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 4 ♥ 4 3 2 ♦ A K J 6 2 ♣ 8 6 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 J 3 ♥ J 8 7 5 ♦ Q 10 ♣ 10 7 4	♠ 10 9 8 ♥ A K Q 9 ♦ 8 5 4 ♣ J 9 5
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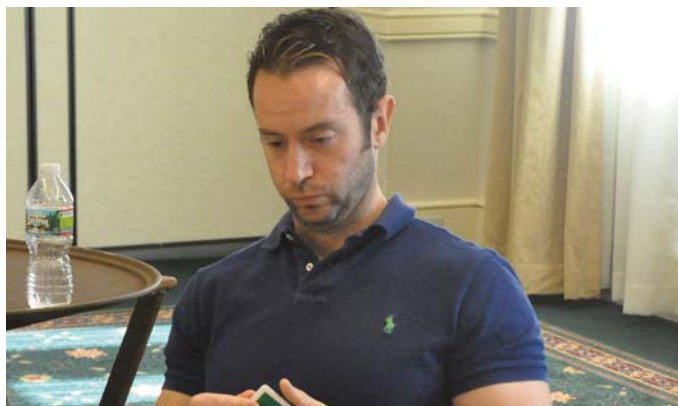
West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Hampson	Meckstroth	Greco
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	All Pass		

North led the five of hearts and declarer won in dummy and played a diamond to the jack. North took the queen and played another heart and declarer cashed out, +90.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Katz	Platnick	Nickell
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	All Pass		

The same lead but at trick two, a diamond went to the king. However, North followed with the ten. Now declarer played a heart to dummy and a second diamond to the jack. North won and switched to the ten of clubs, cov-



Eric Greco, USA

ered by the jack and queen. South switched to the seven of spades and the defenders cashed their winners for three down, -150 and 6 IMPs

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A Q J 3 ♥ A 10 6 2 ♦ A 2 ♣ A K 4	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 9 5 2 ♥ Q J 8 4 3 ♦ 10 ♣ 8 5 2	♠ 10 6 4 ♥ K 9 5 ♦ J 6 5 3 ♣ J 10 9
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Hampson	Meckstroth	Greco
1♣*	1♥	Dble*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the two of spades and when dummy's ten held declarer played a spade to the queen and North's king. He ducked the diamond switch, won the next spade, cashed the ace of hearts and played a heart to the jack and king. He then played the nine of hearts and claimed his contract, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Katz	Platnick	Nickell
Dbl	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led the eight of spades and declarer put up dummy's ace and followed it with the ace of hearts. His next move was a heart to the king and South discard of the eight of diamonds was a bitter blow. The jack of clubs was covered by the queen and ace and a low spade was taken by North's king. He cashed two trumps and played a diamond. Declarer took the ace and could cash his black suit winners, but that was only nine tricks, -50 and 10 IMPs to Nickell.

With two deals left in the set, Nickell led 56-53. The next two deals went a long way to deciding the final outcome.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Hampson	Meckstroth	Greco
Pass	1♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

Declarer scored his top tricks, +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Katz	Platnick	Nickell
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

3♠ Minors

An effective sequence to a good contract.

East led the king of spades and declarer won with the ace, played a diamond to the king and played three rounds



of hearts. When East ruffed in with the ten declarer over-ruffed.

The winning line now is to play a club to the ace, cash the queen of hearts to get rid of the losing spade and play a club. That leaves the defenders without resource.

If you treat East's ruff with the ten of diamonds as a restricted choice type of play perhaps you can find that line.

When declarer played a second trump, he could not recover, down two, -200.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Hampson	Meckstroth	Greco
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

- 1♣ Strong
- 2♥ 12-13 balanced
- 4♥ Kickback
- 4NT 1 key card
- 5♥ King ask
- 6♣ Club King

Something went seriously wrong here as North/South landed in a very poor contract.

East led the three of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's jack and drew trumps, discarding a heart from dummy as West parted with three spades. Declarer cashed the king of hearts, East following with the five, and played a heart to the nine and ace. He played the jack of spades to the ace, cashed the ten of diamonds, throwing dummy's last heart, East discarding the seven of clubs and

West the ten of spades. When he played the last diamond East threw the seven of spades, dummy the queen of spades and West...the queen of hearts.

Declarer's hearts were good now so that was a fortuitous +1440.

Declarer's line was perhaps the best available (although at double dummy the contract can be made), hoping for a doubleton queen of hearts, or ♣Qxx with East.

Clearly at the end West was catering for declarer being 1-2-6-4, when he needs to keep all his clubs.

However, if East's shape had been 4-4-4-1, he would surely have thrown a third heart on the last diamond.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Katz	Platnick	Nickell
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Declarer won the spade lead in dummy, played a heart to the ace and a heart to the king, claiming when East followed, +980. That was 10 IMPs to Diamond

If Katz had made 6♦ and Rodwell defeated 7♦ Nickell would have scored 26 IMPs. As it was diamonds had been brilliant for Diamond who picked up 23 IMPs on the two deals.

It had been a great set for Diamond, who led 76-56 IMPs.



A view of the World Computer-Bridge Championships playing room

Bots Battle Bit-By-Bit...

by Al Levy

In the closest round-robin finish in the 14 year history of the World Computer-Bridge Championship, the last match determined all 4 qualifiers for the semifinal KO stage. With one round to go any one of the top five contenders could have been eliminated.

The final result was WBridge5 first with 110 VPs, followed by Shark Bridge with 108 VPs, Jack with 106 VPs and Bridge Baron with 103 VPs. Q-Plus Bridge lost its last match to Shark Bridge by a 6-24 VP margin, and was eliminated with 99 VPs. Micro Bridge was also out of the money with a respectable 74 VPs, and newcomer Moose Bridge managed only 6 VPs, in what the software developer referred to as a 'learning experience.'

Since Q-Plus Bridge won't have a chance to show off in the KO stage, here's a hand that it defended truly 'double dummy' in the last round.

Dealer North. Both Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Shark	Q-Plus	Shark	Q-Plus
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Q-Plus found the double dummy defense to defeat 3♥; ♠J to partner's ♠K; spade to the ♠10; ♠A; diamond to the ace; and the fourth spade promoting the setting trick.

All that, and Q-Plus Bridge has to wait until next year to display its talents in the 15th annual championship, to be held in Veldhoven, The Netherlands, as part of the 40th World Team Championships.

Shark Attack

by Al Levy

Board 15 of the round-robin third round produced a big swing for Shark Bridge against Jack, when both played in 6♥ and the lead was crucial.

Dealer South. North-South Vul

♠ 10 9 6 5 ♥ K 7 ♦ Q J 6 5 2 ♣ A 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K Q 8 ♥ A Q J 10 9 4 3 ♦ ♣ 4 2	♠ 7 ♥ 8 6 5 2 ♦ A 8 3 ♣ Q J 8 6 5 ♠ J 4 3 2 ♥ ♦ K 10 9 7 4 ♣ K 10 9 7
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As the cards lie, 6♥ goes down except on a spade lead. At Table 1, Jack made the unfortunate lead of a spade, and 6♥ made. At Table 2, Shark Bridge had an easy club lead and 6♥ had no play.

A most interesting play occurred in the Q-Plus Bridge vs. Micro Bridge match. At one table Micro Bridge opened 4♥ and played it there, making 7 on a spade lead. At the other table Q-Plus Bridge played in 6♠ from the West position. North led the ♦A and Q-Plus Bridge ruffed with the ♠Q, and led the ♠8! A good play to induce a defender with ♠Jxxx to win the trick. Declarer will then succeed unless a club is returned and the defender with 4 spades has a heart void. South ducked the ♠8 and declarer had no play, down one.

(If South wins the jack and returns a club, declarer is defeated, but if declarer has the ♣AQ, the safe defense is to duck the ♠8. Maybe a better play is for declarer to play the ♠A at trick two before leading the ♠8, but then the short spade hand has a chance to signal and make the club lead even more obvious.)

Open Room

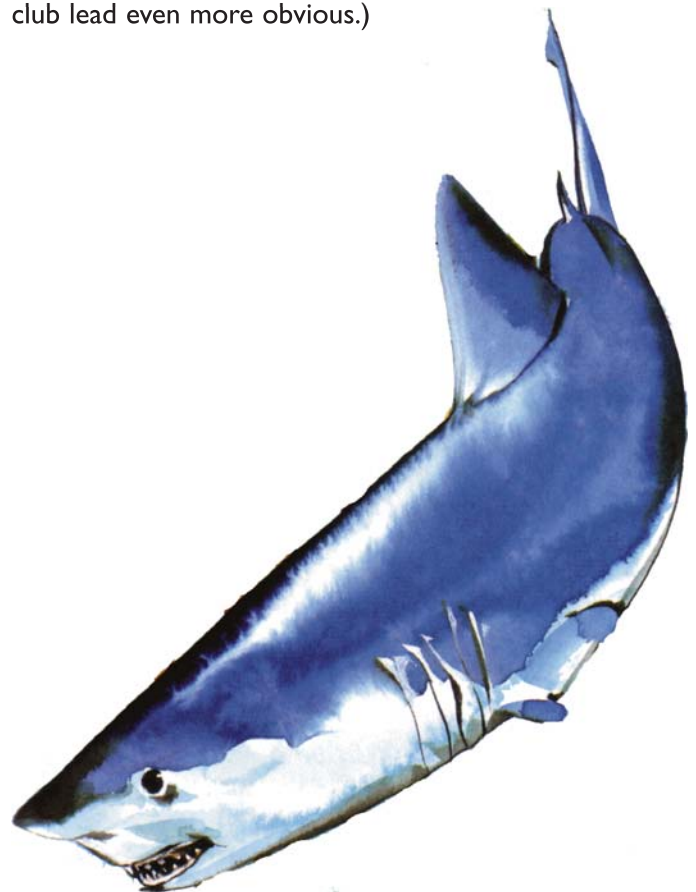
West	North	East	South
<i>Shark</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Shark</i>	<i>Jack</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT*	Pass	6♦*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- 2♣ Not game forcing
- 2NT Waiting, denies 3 hearts
- 6♦ 2 key cards + diamond void

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jack</i>	<i>Shark</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Shark</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠*	3♣	4♥	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- 2♣ Not game forcing
- 2♠ Waiting, denies three hearts
- 5♠ 2 key cards + ♥Q



PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL RESULTS

2nd TUESDAY – WEDNESDAY KO, BKT#1

9 Tables

38.17	1	Betty Bloom - Steve Bloom, Duaneburg NY; Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO; Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins CO	
26.72	2	Daisy Goecker, Yardley PA; Raymond Raskin, King of Prussia PA; Eugene Davidson, Boynton Beach FL; Jerome Resnick, Riverside NJ	
17.18	3	Bobby Wolff - Judy Kay-Wolff, Las Vegas NV; Howard Cohen, Philadelphia PA; Jane Segal, Villanova PA	

2nd TUESDAY – WEDNESDAY KO, BKT#2

12 Tables

14.60	1	Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI; Norman Dressler - Judy Null, Kingston PA; Jeanne Fainberg, Dallas PA	
10.22	2	Alfred Tuckman - Joel Levy, Monroe Township NJ; Barbara Schlosser, Lawrenceville NJ; Rita Whitney, Skillman NJ	
5.84	3/4	Patricia Turberg, Newtown Square PA; Sandy Bowers, Wallingford PA; Anne Knight, West Chester PA; Afra Barlow, Sarasota FL	
5.84	3/4	Susan Nichols - David Hoover - Irene Harpster, State College PA; Noreen Khoury, Lemont PA	

2nd WEDNESDAY FLIGHT A/X PAIRS

18.0 Tables / Based on 47 Tables

	A	X		
19.95	1	1	Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Jori Grossack, Waban MA	59.85%
14.96	2		Donald Vancil, Aurora CO; Lutz Dohnert, Miami FL	58.47%
11.22	3	2	Robert Stearns, Chevy Chase MD; William Goldman, Bethesda MD	57.51%
8.42	4	3	Anne Levin, Bryn Mawr PA; Corey Krantz, Drexel Hill PA	57.04%
6.65	5		Melih Ozdil - Justine Cushing, New York NY	56.88%
5.70	6		Joann Glasson - Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ	56.71%
4.99	7	4	Sheldon Per, Bensalem PA; Nancy Kaercher, Langhorne PA	56.53%
4.43	8		Daniel Boye, Farmington NY; John Marks, Langhorne PA	56.47%
3.99	9	5	Harold Weiner, Lafayette Hill PA; Philippe Galaski, Amherst MA	56.43%
3.63	10		Jenni Carmichael, Kennesaw GA; Patricia Civale, Trenton NJ	54.89%
3.33	11		Ed Weiss, Sun City Ctr FL; Ronda O'Farrell, Sun City Center FL	53.33%
3.07	12	6	Julie Cohan, Montville NJ; Richard Hyken, Morristown NJ	52.74%
2.85	13		Ellie Goldman, Lansdale PA; Ferne Kleban, Plymouth Mtng PA	52.73%
3.32		7	Robert Smink, Newtown Sq PA; R David Walker, Radnor PA	52.00%

2nd WEDNESDAY GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS

29.0 Tables

	7	3		
9.64	1		Stanley Weiss, Livingston NJ; Vladimir Oudalov, Nutley NJ	65.39%
7.23	2		Gayle Tunnell - James Tunnell, San Francisco CA	60.12%
5.42	3		Michele Saland, Philadelphia PA; Sharon Gordon, Broomall PA	59.97%
5.72	4	1	Louis Rocco, Manchester NJ; J Eugene Salomon, Toms River NJ	57.74%
3.21	5		Donna Saffren, Warminster PA; Evelyn Cutler, Elkins Park PA	57.42%
4.29	6	2	Joseph Miller, Macungie PA; Loredana Bosis, Northampton PA	56.85%
2.41	7		Steve Herrmann - Susan Herrmann, Wilmington DE	56.59%
3.22	8	3	Barbara Sobel - Howard Sobel, Narberth PA	56.55%
2.41		4	Roy Robson, Arlington VA; Stephen Colevas, Oakton VA	56.01%
2.39		5/6	Benita Tropin - Leslie Tropin, West Windsor NJ	54.32%
1.77		5/6	Edward Cotilla - Linda Cotilla, Churchville PA	54.32%

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Final – Session 4

Rosenblum Cup

The Closer

by Mark Horton

In baseball, a closing pitcher, more frequently referred to as a closer (abbreviated CL), is a relief pitcher who specializes in closing out games, i.e., getting the final outs. Closers often appear when the score is close, and the role often goes to a team's best reliever. A small number of closers have won the Cy Young Award. Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers, Goose Gossage, Bruce Sutter and Hoyt Wilhelm are closers who have been elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Closers are often the highest-paid relief pitchers on their teams, since they are expected to be the most talented and 'mentally tough'.

At this tournament I seem to have spent a lot of my time writing up the last set of numerous matches, but my new nickname, 'the Closer' implies nothing about my mental toughness, and even less about my salary.

Diamond led 90-69 IMPs, handy, but a couple of big swings could quickly change that. They did.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 7 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ A 4 ♣ Q 9 8 5 4 3 2	♠ K 10 6 5 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ K 10 5 ♣ A 10 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 9 3 ♥ J 10 8 7 6 ♦ 3 2 ♣ K J 7
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	S											
	♠ A J 8 4 2 ♥ A K ♦ Q J 9 8 7 6 ♣ –											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	Greco	Hamman	Hampson
	1♦*	Pass	2♦*
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

- 1♦ 10-15 2+ diamonds
- 2♦ Inverted

West's intervention allowed North to show the modest nature of his hand by passing. When South introduced his second suit North cue bid his club control and South asked for key cards, signing off when North could only admit to two.

West led the nine of hearts and declarer won with the ace, crossed to dummy with the king of spades and, aided by the overcall, played a spade to the jack. That was +480.

I would have been willing to bet my house that Meckwell would bid a slam at the other table:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	Rodwell	Gitelman	Meckstroth
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2♦ 8-10, balanced

No time to ask Eric or Jeff what this all meant, but it looks as if 3♥ was a four-card spade raise. 3NT might have been the serious variety (remind me to discuss the use of 3NT as a non-serious bid sometime – Brian Senior claims it is vastly superior). 4♣ I guess was a cue bid (or possibly some key card ask). No matter how (in)accurate this might be, 6♠ was a decent proposition, although not quite as good as 6♦, where, apart from eliminating the danger of a diamond ruff, declarer might get some useful information some of the time.

West led the ace of diamonds, five, two, queen, sighed (according to the VuGraph operator) and put his cards on the table. Eventually he played another diamond and declarer won with dummy's king.

Declarer asked about E/W's defence to 1♣ and received a lengthy explanation (West, facing a passed partner, had done very well to keep quiet). He apologized to his partner, saying he wished he could claim and West said he could – but only for one down.

Read into all that what you will, but declarer ruffed a club and cashed the ace of spades, so he was one down.

With enough entries to dummy (here there are none) playing the king of spades first will allow you to pick up

all four spades in the East hand. The best chance of avoiding a loser thereafter is to play a spade to the ace, which delivers 57/91% of the time.

Only 21 IMPs down its not clear if declarer should deliberately play for a swing by planning to finesse one way or the other, after all, the slam is not certain to be bid in the other room.

Diamond had 11 IMPs – just the start that one team wanted.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zia	Greco	Hamman	Hampson
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

It looks as if declarer needs to find the queen of trumps (get that wrong and you may have some squeeze chances) but Zia found a way of making the opponents finding the lady for him.

North led the queen of spades and declarer won in hand, played a diamond to the ace, cashed the ace of spade and ruffed a spade. A diamond to the king was followed by a diamond ruff, South discarding the six of clubs. Declarer cashed two clubs, ending in dummy and played a diamond, ruffing when South pitched the nine of spades.



He exited with a club, knowing someone would be end-played.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	Rodwell	Gitelman	Meckstroth
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
5NT	Pass	7♥	All Pass

For the second time in the match the diamond team reached a dubious grand slam. Had North avoided a trump lead declarer might have got that suit wrong, but he was over the first hurdle when the three of hearts hit the deck.

Declarer took the queen with the ace, crossed back to the king of hearts, came to hand with the king of spades, drew the last trump and played the jack of diamonds to the ace.

He cashed the king of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, isolating the diamond menace.

He cashed a heart, then played a club to the king and a club to the ace.

On the last trump North had to part with a spade. The redundant four of diamonds was discarded from dummy and South also had to pitch a spade. The double squeeze gave declarer a heart warming/breaking 2210 and 13 IMPs.

Diamond led 118-70 IMPs, and although there were 12 deals to play the writing was on the wall.

Historical Note

The phrase *Mene, Mene, Tekel u-Pharsin* (the writing is on the wall) comes from the book of Daniel. During a drunken feast King Belshazzar of Babylon takes sacred golden and silver vessels that had been removed from Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem by his predecessor Nebuchadnezzar. Using these holy items, the King and his court praise 'the gods of gold and silver, brass, iron, wood, and stone'. Immediately, the disembodied fingers of a human hand appear and write on the wall of the royal palace.

The meaning that Daniel decrypts from these words is: *God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; you have been weighed on the scales and found wanting; your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.*

That night Belshazzar is slain and Darius the Mede becomes King.

Stepping Down But Not Away

by Brent Manley

Sixteen years ago at the World Championships in Albuquerque NM, José Damiani was elected World Bridge Federation president, a position he is turning over to Giannarrigo Rona at the end of the Philadelphia tournament.

In four terms as the WBF chief, Damiani has seen many changes in the world of bridge – some of them wrought by him.

Of all his accomplishments in the high office, he is especially proud of the advances in technology he has helped to bring to the sport of bridge.

“I tried to build a different image for bridge,” Damiani says, “and for that I worked a lot on the technological side.”

The fruits of his imagination are evident to competitors in the many events on the schedule of WBF tournaments: Bridge Mates for scoring, Bridge Vision for watching, Duplimate machines for duplication of computer-generated deals. Today, every event is played with screens, and players use symmetrical cards and bidding boxes.

By the next championships – scheduled for Eindhoven, Netherlands, next October 15-29 – Damiani says players can expect to see web cams at every table to record all bidding and play and to allow spectators to watch any match or pair they want to.

Although he is stepping down from the WBF presidency, Damiani says he will still be heavily involved in the organization and a presence at world championships. He is hoping to have more time to play – he is passionate about the game from all perspectives.

Damiani’s career as a player began while he was studying law and economics at the University of Paris in his hometown. Although he learned bridge at college, he didn’t play for about 10 years after graduating, concentrating on his career, which has included ownership of a sports marketing company.

After returning to the game, his play improved quickly, helping him to six national championships and three

medals in European competitions. He also owned a bridge club in Paris for a time, and he learned a skill he took with him to other jobs – getting more members.

He soon was recruited into bridge politics and became president of the French Bridge Federation in 1978. At the time, the membership of the federation was about 20,000. Five years later, Damiani had overseen growth to 44,000.

With his record for recruitment – he more than doubled the membership of his bridge club – Damiani came to be known as “Mr. 100 Percent.”

He turned the same trick after becoming president of the European Bridge League in 1987, taking the membership from 220,000 to 400,000 in short order. He also found a number of sponsors for the EBL and embarked on a campaign to promote teaching of bridge in schools.

One of his disappointments as WBF president has been the near miss in getting bridge into the Olympic Games – one of his key goals. Bridge had a strong ally in the effort in the late Marc Hodler, a bridge player and IOC vice president who helped to get the game approved as an official sport by the International Olympic Committee. There appeared to be support for getting bridge into the Games in some fashion, but then Juan Antonio Samaranch stepped down as IOC president, and his successor, Jacques Rogge, said no to bridge in the Olympics.

Since then, Damiani has been working on a different strategy, one embodied in the creation of the International Mind Sports Association five years ago. The first World Mind Sports Games took place in 2008 in Beijing, China, not long after the Olympics concluded, and the plan is for the next edition of the tournament to occur in Manchester, England, after the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

IMSA, Damiani says, is willing to add poker to the Mind Sports Games, “but not as it’s played now. We must avoid gambling and eliminate the luck factor. We will have only



skill games. We may introduce duplicate poker, and we hope to have a lot of VIPs playing to qualify for a heads-up (one on one) final.”

Damiani acknowledges that poker is more attractive than bridge to the young at this point. If duplicate poker becomes part of the Mind Sports Games, he says, “once the young people understand the duplicate concept they may go to bridge.”

One of Damiani’s enduring legacies is the concept of transnational events, which have opened the world championships to many more players. “These events,” he says, “have helped with our goal of Bridge for Peace.”

The outgoing president will maintain his focus on getting more young players into the game. “We must teach bridge in schools, but it all depends on the national federations,” he says.

Although much progress has been made in that area, he says, there is much work left to do. “We can provide the leadership,” Damiani says, “but it’s up to the federations

to follow.”

Damiani says that successfully managing an organization of diverse personalities and nationalities has been challenging, “but I am proud to have gathered so many people who have worked for the good of bridge. The Executive Council has worked in harmony for all these years.”

In his final interview as WBF president, Damiani did have some news items, starting with the plans by Sport Accord, the world’s largest international sports organization, to put on a tournament of mind sports next September, possibly in Beijing. Damiani says only the elite players of each of the games will be invited and that prize money is expected to total \$300,000 or more.

He also reported that the McConnell Cup winners, the Chinese Ladies Teams, received a message from Chinese President Hu Jintao congratulating them on their achievement, and he noted that Cuba became a member of the World Bridge Federation three months ago.

Tough Defence

by Brian Senior

South African, Jeff Sapire came in with this deal from the fourth session of the Open Pairs semi-final. It features a defence which Jeff admitted to having missed at the table.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A 9 7 6 3 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ 10 4 2 ♣ A 5	♠ J 10 4 2 ♥ J 3 ♦ A K 7 5 ♣ K Q 9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 5 ♥ A Q 10 8 4 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ J 8 7 6	♠ K Q 8 ♥ 9 5 2 ♦ Q J 6 ♣ 10 4 3 2	
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West	North	East	South
	Sapire		Amoils
1♠	1♦	Pass	1♥
	INT	2♠	All Pass

Sapire led the ace of diamonds against 2♠ and switched to the jack of hearts, which Les Amoils ducked to declarer’s king. Declarer thought awhile then led a low spade and, having given away the four-one trump split with his INT call, Sapire split his honours, forcing dummy’s queen. Declarer played a diamond next so Sapire won and led his remaining heart.

Amoils won the ♥Q and cashed the ace, Sapire pitching a diamond. Now Amoils led a club through. Declarer ducked this to the queen and won the diamond return, crossed to the ace of clubs and led a spade to the eight. He could now cash the ♠K then ruff a club back to hand to cash the ace of spades for eight tricks and +110.

Sapire’s first thought was that he had erred by pitching a diamond on the third heart and should instead have thrown a club. However, the nine of clubs is not good enough. Declarer now wins the club switch, plays a spade to the eight and cashes the ♠K and ♦J before exiting with a club to North’s remaining honour. North is endplayed to provide a safe return to hand for declarer.

The winning defence is for North to throw a club honour on the third heart and, when declarer wins the club switch, unblock the second honour. Now South wins the second club and can push a heart through to promote the jack of spades for the setting trick.



When in Doubt Bid 4♠

by Gert-Jan Paulissen

Everybody knows the rule of Bob Hamman: when in doubt bid 3NT. Well, for our partnership (Jan Jansma and myself), we may try bidding 4♠ as well. I will show you some deals.

This was board 9 from the third qualifying match of our team (Rose Meltzer) against Argentina U26.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 2 ♥ K Q J 6 3 ♦ K Q 8 ♣ 9 6 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 7 6 5 4 ♥ 8 ♦ A 10 3 ♣ A K Q	♠ K J ♥ A 10 9 7 5 ♦ J 9 7 4 2 ♣ J
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West	North	East	South
	<i>Paulissen</i>		<i>Jansma</i>
	1♠	Pass	INT*
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

INT One-round force

Declarer made 10 tricks. Jan did not adhere to the new rule that time, but he got another chance.

This one was against team Hughes in the fourth round of the qualifying stages.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Paulissen</i>		<i>Jansma</i>
	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Jan thought that when zero points were enough to make 4♠, four points would certainly be enough.

The play was very interesting. Steve Aarens made the good lead of the ♣J, which held the trick. He continued with the ♣5 to the queen and ace. I now had two ways to play the contract. The first is cash ♠A and ♠K (the queen must drop) and finesse in hearts and later lead to the ♦K. Slightly better, I could cash ♥A after finessing and exit with clubs. Or the second line, which I chose – spade to the Jack, finesse in hearts, ♥A, ♠10 to the king, ruff a heart and reach dummy with the ♠4. Bingo.

The first line wins when spades can be played for no loser (slightly above 50%) and the two red key cards are well placed (about 25%) which is about 12.5% in total.

My line wins when East has the ♠Q, West has the ♥K and hearts are 3-3 (spades must be 2-2 as well) or West has the ♦A. Please note that you can combine hearts 3-3 with spades 2-2 or the ♦A well placed, because when you play the second spade and East plays low (spades 3-1), you just finesse, play another to the king and lead diamonds. And if the hearts don't break when spades are 2-2, you also can lead diamonds up to the king (or better exit in clubs). All in all 50% x 50% x (35% x 40% + 50%) = 16%. It took me some time to calculate (a pity we cannot use calculators at the table) that but it paid off.

And now I show you the final example of the new rule.

Our team had a hard time against team Chateau Rossenovo in the round of 64.

This is board 23 of the last segment. Halfway, we were down 41 IMPs, but we won the third set by 29, so we were only 12 behind in the last segment. This deal contributed a lot to the 61-15 victory in the last segment.



Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J 9 ♥ A 10 5 3 ♦ 9 6 5 4 ♣ K 10 5	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S		♠ 7 6 3 ♥ Q 6 2 ♦ A J 7 3 ♣ Q 4 3	♠ A Q 10 8 5 ♥ K 8 ♦ 8 ♣ A J 9 8 2
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W	E											
	S											

West	North	East	South
Jansma		Paulissen	
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

- 3♣ 5-5, 15-17 HCP
- 4♠ When in doubt, bid you know what

The play was again not without interest. South led the ♦K and continued the suit. Now you can try to draw trumps and guess the clubs, but I could not resist this line: ♣J to the king and club to my ace and club to the 10. South almost ruffed this one, but he discarded a heart. Now North persevered with diamonds and I had a cross-ruff (♥A and ♥K, club ruffed with the 9, diamond ruffed with the ace and the last club with the ♠J. I cannot remember when I had a crossruff in a 5-2 fit!


And I think my line is better than just trying to draw trumps. Drawing trumps needs the trump king with North or trumps 3-3 and guessing the ♣Q (you play North to have it) unless spades are 3-3 with the king well placed. For me, it was best when South had won the third club because he cannot play spades to his advantage. Now North was on lead with the queen he had to lead spades from two or four small, which is not always easy to do. And if he had the ♠K, I needed him to have at least three spades. I could not calculate my line so I just did it on intuition. The other table scored 2♠ plus three, so we won 9 IMPs.

World Championship Book Philadelphia 2010

The official book of these championships in Philadelphia will be available in March 2011, when the official price will be US\$34 plus postage (\$35 from some suppliers). Advance orders can be made through Jan Swaan in the Press Room on the third floor at the discounted price of US\$30, with free postage and packing.

The principal writers will again be Brian Senior, John Carruthers, Barry Rigal and Geo Tislevoll. There will also be guest contributors including Donna Compton on the Mixed (likely with substantial input from Fulvio Fantoni).

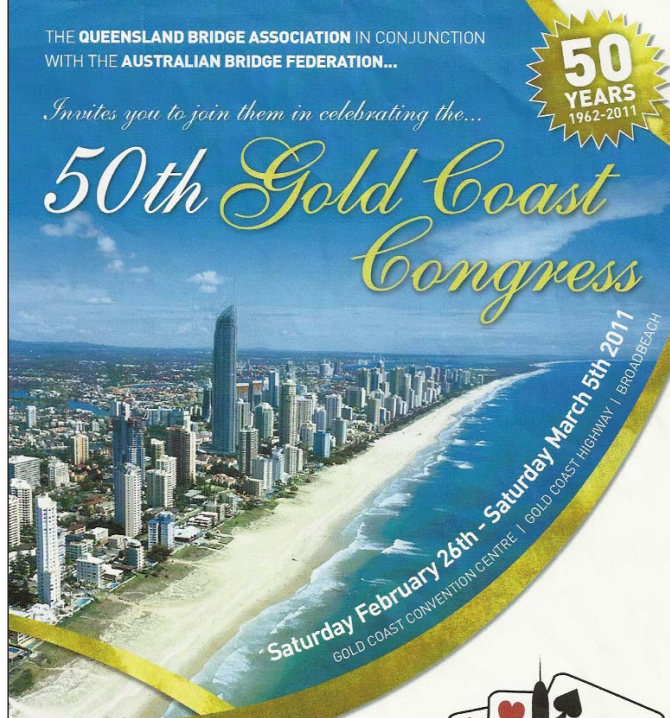
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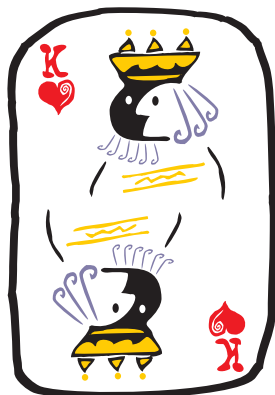
The Fox and Crow

(Thomas Philipot)

The Crow with laden beak the tree retires,
The Fox to gett her prey her forme admires,
While she to show her gratitude not small,
Offering to give her thanks, her prize lets fall.

Spiders and Scorpions

Everyone is afraid of spiders and scorpions! They are terrifying because they have many legs, move fast and are venomous. We must not forget, however, that they can be beneficial too: they eat the worms and insects that destroy crops. Spiders create sticky threads to make webs, which they use to entrap insects. They then kill their prey with venom and consume them.



Look at the following defensive trump suit shenanigans from Krzysztof Martens...

CAMOUFLAGING 4

"He's not a fox, he's a chicken," commented the kibitzers, when the contract was not doubled.

Pairs. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

N	E
W	S

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	2 ♣	Double	3 ♣
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Lead: Club ace and a small club. West ruffs, crosses to dummy in spades and leads a heart to the nine. You, North, win the jack, cash two more trumps and switch back to clubs, forcing declarer to use his last trump. Here are the four hands:

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

N	E
W	S

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

Declarer claims nine tricks. One off was worth only 29%. Many North players courageously doubled. Well, if the queen had appeared in dummy you would have been right to pass.

After a similar auction, the fox did not double either. His opening lead was identical, and he also continued clubs at trick two. However, when declarer crossed to the ace of spades and led a trump to the nine, the fox won with the king and continued clubs. Can you blame declarer for looking for a way to make the contract? He imagined North holding ace-king doubleton of trumps. Based on this, he ruffed in dummy and played another heart. The result: four down and 99%.

“Better four down undoubled than one down doubled,” was the friendly beast’s response to the kibitzers’ critique.

KILLER 3

Underestimating your opponent may cost you dearly. The auction was informative.

Pairs. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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W E				
S				
♠ Q 10 6 ♥ A 9 8 7 6 ♦ 9 8 6 ♣ 7 2				

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	5 NT	Pass
		Pass	Pass

Lead: Heart queen. You take the ace and continue hearts. Declarer ruffs, draws trumps via a finesse against the queen and claims the contract. How lucky! The four hands:

♠ K J 9 8 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ A 4 3 ♣ 10 9 4	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 3 2 ♥ K ♦ K Q J 10 ♣ A K Q J 5
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S					
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The fox never rests. Having taken the first trick, he switched to the ten of spades! Declarer happily covered with the jack and, when it held, played the spade nine, ducking in dummy. Ultimate naïveté, no doubt about it, but congratulations to the fox nevertheless. If you haven’t been fooled this way before, you are very likely to fall for this trick.

Jacks Step Aside

by Brent Manley

On this deal from the third qualifying session of the IMP Pairs, Steve Hamaoui of Venezuela skilfully got a jack out of the way at just the right time.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Hamaoui opened INT as North and was raised to 3NT. East led the ♠6 to the 5, king and ace. Hamaoui cashed the ♣K and played the ♣10, ducking when East showed out, pitching a heart. West took the ♣J and played the ♥K, ducked by Hamaoui, who played the ♥J from dummy, unblocking. West might have done better to switch to the ♦10, but he persisted in hearts. Hamaoui took the ♥10 and cashed the ace, as East discarded a diamond.

Now Hamaoui played a low diamond from hand, winning the queen in dummy. He cashed the ♣A, and East was in a bind. If he pitched a spade, Hamaoui could then overtake the ♠J and take five spade tricks in all. If East pitched the ♦J, Hamaoui could cash the ♠J and exit dummy with a diamond, leaving East to lead from the ♠10 8 7 into his ♠A Q 9.

It was important to for Hamaoui to unblock dummy’s jack so that he could take his two heart tricks before playing a diamond from hand.

ORTIZ-PATIÑO TROPHY

World Junior Championship

SEMI FINALS

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
1	Israel	43	48	38	–	129
	USA I	13	13	24	–	50
2	China	29	22	26	52	129
	France	53	54	29	49	185

DAMIANI CUP

World Youngsters Championship

SEMI FINALS

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
1	England	45.5	1	32	64	142.5
	Netherlands	25	78	20	13	136
2	Israel	10	63	9	24	106
	Poland	55	41	18	25	139

Today's Schedule

(Final at 10.00, 13.10, 15.50)

ORTIZ-PATIÑO TROPHY

World Junior Championship

FINAL / PLAY OFF (10.00, 13.10, 15.50)

1	Israel	France
2	USA I	China

DAMIANI CUP

World Youngsters Championship

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11	England	Poland
12	Netherlands	Israel

World Youth Individual Contest

(Final 11.30, 16.00 / Plate 11.30, 16.30)

The final of the Ortiz-Patiño Junior Championship will be between Israel and France. Both had relatively comfortable wins over USA I and China respectively in yesterday's semi-finals.

The Damiani Cup semi-finals were much closer affairs. Poland led most of the way against Israel but were never completely comfortable. In the final the Poles will meet England, who came back from a long way down to the Netherlands, partly due to an unfortunate deal on which the Dutch team lost points on Appeal.

The Junior final will be on vugraph for the first two sets today and BBO throughout. However, there will be no coverage of the Youngsters Damiani Cup final. If anyone would like to sit at the table and make bidding and play records for the Damiani Cup final, which will help with coverage in the official world championship book, please come to see Brian Senior in the Bulletin Room on the third floor before game time today. You can earn yourself a free copy of the book when it is published.

WORLD YOUTH INDIVIDUAL CONTEST

Final Qualifying Results (subject to confirmation)

Juniors			Youngsters		
Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Raghavendra RAJKUMAR	57.05	1	Daniel GULLBERG	65.14
2	Raja Sekhar GUTHI	56.70	2	Yujie JIANG	62.34
3	Yanjiao LIU	56.02	3	Chun-Yao HUANG	62.05
4	Hiroki YOKOI	55.91	4	Shan HUANG	60.42
5	Mohit AGARWAL	55.80	5	Maxim HENBEST	60.00
6	Belinda GU	55.68	6	Danuta KAZMUCHA	58.75
7	Hiroaki MIURA	55.45	7	Kristoffer HEGGE	57.55
7	Michael BELL	55.45	8	Mats EIDE	57.36
9	Prajwal BACHIRAJU	55.23	9	Kevin ROSENBERG	56.00
10	Owen LIEN	54.77	10	Manlin LUO	55.85
11	Dennis BILDE	54.32	11	Magdalena HOLEKSA	55.26
12	Joanna TACZEWSKA	53.41	12	Kai LU	54.28
13	Lulu PENG	52.73	13	Asya LADYZHENSKY	54.01
14	Bruno FURLAN	52.61	14	Renjie TANG	53.91
15	Yin Wai LEUNG	52.50	15	Kornel LAZAR	53.34
15	Adam KAPLAN	52.50	16	Krisztina ORMAY	52.70
17	Xing LI	52.27	17	Csaba KONKOLY	52.43
18	Lars Arthur JOHANSEN	52.16	18	Massimiliano DI FRANCO	52.17
19	Konstantinos KONTOMITROS	51.93	19	Barnabas SZIRMAY-KALOS	51.98
20	Marius BARTNES	51.59	20	Ola RIMSTEDT	51.43
21	Vassilis VROUSTIS	51.36	21	Shane HARRISON	51.32
22	Haakon BOGEN	51.25	22	Shih-Yao LEE	51.30
23	Matthew MECKSTROTH	50.91	23	Adam GROSSACK	50.93
24	Pui TSANG	50.23	24	Po-Hsiang HAO	50.16
25	Wei MENG	49.89	25	Richard JENG	50.09
26	Sam KATZ	49.66	26	Po-Yi LIN	49.84
27	Eric ARVIDSSON	49.43	27	Sebastian OCHOA	49.64
28	Andrea MANNO	48.64	28	Kristian ELLINGSEN	49.58
28	Steffen Fredrik SIMONSEN	48.64	29	Johan KARLSSON	49.29
30	Erlend SKJETNE	47.73	30	Jianqiu SHEN	49.22
31	Chun Ting Arthur LAU	47.05	31	Jourdain PATCHETT	48.79
32	Vinoth Kumar RAGHAVAN	46.70	32	Justyna ZMUDA	48.59
33	Erik BERG	46.14	33	Geoff WEBB	48.37
34	Dana BERKOWITZ	45.91	34	Tor Eivind GRUDE	48.31
35	Daniel GOLDFEIN	45.80	35	Malcolm McCOLL	48.09
36	Naozumi NAKAYAMA	43.98	36	Paul GRUENKE	47.90
37	Yasuaki II	43.75	37	Hsuan LEE	47.67
37	Kevin DWYER	43.75	38	Zsolt WAGNER	47.32
37	Leonid BAYAKHCHEV	43.75	39	Zachary GROSSACK	47.24
37	Yoshiro KIDO	43.75	40	Hsiu-Ping SHEN	47.05
41	Xiufen CHANG	42.95	40	Andrew JENG	47.05
42	Anurag MOHOTA	42.84	42	Ethan MACAULAY	45.75
43	Shunsuke GOTODA	41.59	43	Junjie MAO	45.55
44	Ethan KOTKIN	40.23	44	Vemund VIKJORD	45.47
			45	Guillermo MINUTI	45.35
			46	Mikael RIMSTEDT	45.00
			47	Pablo HERNANDEZ	44.55
			48	Solene THEPAUT-VENTOS	44.48
			49	Stephen WILLIAMS	44.22
			50	Xu HUANG	43.89
			51	Aled IABONI	43.30
			52	Justin HOWARD	40.79
			53	Rodrigo GARCIA DA ROSA	40.01
			54	Peter KU	39.67
			55	Martin DE LOS SANTOS	38.67
			56	Kendrick CHOW	37.68

Junior Semi-final Session 2 - Israel v USAI

by Brian Senior

Israel had a handy 43-13 IMP lead after the first quarter of their semi-final with USAI. The second set was a lively affair – on five of the first six deals one side or the other attempted a 6♥ contract.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Fay	Tarnovski	Chiu	Fisher
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Dble	6♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Argelazi	Fournier	Birman	Lee
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Argelazi rebid 1NT and Birman enquired then made one slam try when he admitted to three hearts, albeit it in a minimum. When Argelazi signed off, Birman called it a day. Roger Lee led a low club to the queen and king. In the fullness of time, Birman could finesse the ten of clubs for his twelfth trick to chalk up +480.

Jason Chiu was considerably more optimistic and drove to slam once he got a cuebid out of Kevin Fay. Here, the lead was the requested spade, ducked to the queen. Spectators could see that there was a positional minor-suit squeeze against South, but the odds for that were not that great and Chiu preferred a different line.

He won the trump return and rattled off all the trumps. Lotan Fisher could pitch three clubs, two spades and a diamond, while declarer came down to three clubs and two spades in the dummy. Seeing that if he threw a club his queen would then fall under declarer's king, leaving a finesse against Fisher's jack, Bar Tarnovski instead came down to a singleton diamond. The guard squeeze had now done its work. Chiu continued by cashing the ace of spades and this time it was South who was squeezed. Fisher threw a diamond, hoping that he had got the distribution wrong, but Chiu crossed to the king of clubs and cashed the ace then four of diamonds and had his slam for +980 and 11 IMPs to USAI.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Fay	Tarnovski	Chiu	Fisher
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	



West	North	East	South
Argelazi	Fournier	Birman	Lee
	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Both North/South pairs bid to the thin heart slam. Chiu led the ten of diamonds. Tarnovski rose with dummy's ace to take the heart finesse, running the ten then leading low to his jack. He continued with ace of spades and a low spade, ruffed and over-ruffed, and was one down for -50.

Alon Birman also led the ten of diamonds, but Jeremy Fournier covered with the jack, covered in turn by the queen and king. He played ace then ruffed a spade and was quickly one down for -50 and a push.

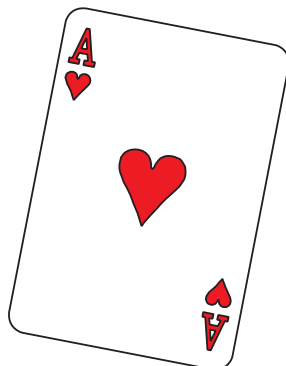
Clearly, the contract can be made. If declarer wins the ace of diamonds then draws three rounds of trumps via the finesse and continues with the top spades, pitching the ♠8 from dummy, he will see that spades are not going to produce the required tricks. Now he can switch his attention to clubs and, with the jack coming down in three rounds, does not even have to run the ten to establish the two tricks he needs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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♠ A 8 4 3
♥ K Q J 10 9 3
♦ 7
♣ Q J



West	North	East	South
Fay	Tarnovski	Chiu	Fisher
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Argelazi	Fournier	Birman	Lee
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Both North/Souths over-reached to a poor slam on this one. While slam has play, you would prefer to stop in game. Clearly, someone did a little too much. Perhaps the South players put too much weight on their fitting club honours? Anyway, Fisher got out for one down while Lee was down two, so Israel picked up 3 IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

	N	
W		E
	S	


West	North	East	South
Fay	Tarnovski	Chiu	Fisher
		Pass	3♠
1♠	2♥	3♥	Pass
4♣	5♥	Pass	Pass
6♠	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Argelazi	Fournier	Birman	Lee
			1♥
3♣	4♦	4♠	5♥
5♠	6♥	Dble	All Pass

Fisher passed as dealer and Tarnovski overcalled 2♥. Fisher then set up a force by cuebidding 3♠ and Tarnovski was happy to take the push to the five level over Fay's 4♠. Now Chiu made what was surely a forcing pass, and Fay took him seriously, jumping to what he expected to be a good slam. I suspect that Chiu did not realise that his pass over 5♥ would be taken as encouraging. Anyway, Tarnovski doubled 6♠ and, though the heart did not stand up, Fisher provided a club trick to go with the king of spades; down one for -100.

Lee scraped up an opening bid on the South hand and Argelazi made a two-suited overcall, showing spades and diamonds. Fournier splintered and everyone could see a double fit so the music didn't stop until the six level. Once again, it was the American pair who declared a doubled slam, losing the inevitable diamond and spade plus one club trick for down two; -300 and 9 IMPs to Israel.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A 4 ♥ A 9 8 2 ♦ A K J ♣ K Q 6 4		♠ 8 ♥ Q 10 7 6 5 ♦ 6 4 ♣ A 9 8 7 3	♠ J 10 7 5 ♥ J 4 3 ♦ Q 10 7 5 3 2 ♣ -
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West	North	East	South
<i>Fay</i>	<i>Tarnovski</i>	<i>Chiu</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Argelazi</i>	<i>Fournier</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Lee</i>
2NT	Pass	3♦	3♠
4♣	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Both Wests broke the transfer and the heart slam was played at both tables but from different sides of the table.


Tarnovski led the two of diamonds round to the jack. Fay played ace then ruffed a spade and led the queen of hearts to the king and ace then the ♥9. He went one

down, I believe because he claimed without stating his line in the club suit; -100.

Lee led the king of spades. Birman won the ace and played ace and another heart, picking up the suit without loss. He is credited with only twelve tricks so presumably also carelessly lost a club trick. Still +17 IMPs for Israel.

The deals calmed down after that, the remaining big swing coming right at the end of the set.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A 8 6 5 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ 3 ♣ A J 9 7 6		♠ Q J 7 2 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ J 9 8 7 5 ♣ 3	♠ K 10 9 3 ♥ 9 7 6 3 ♦ 6 4 ♣ K 4 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Fay</i>	<i>Tarnovski</i>	<i>Chiu</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	2♦
2♥	4♣	Dble	5♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Argelazi</i>	<i>Fournier</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Lee</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Argelazi passed as dealer and heard his opponents bid almost unopposed to 3NT. He led the five of spades to the queen and king. Birman switched to the four of clubs for the ten and jack, and Argelazi could not read the club position so tried the jack of hearts. That lost to declarer's king. Lee cashed all the diamonds then the hearts, ending in dummy, and led a low spade. The defence had the rest for one down.

Fay opened the West hand and heard his opponents bid to 5♦. There was no defence to that and Fisher soon had eleven tricks stacked in front of him for +600 and 12 IMPs to Israel.

Israel won the set by 48-13 and led by 91-26 at the half.

Young Ladies World Championship Final

by Brian Senior

Poland topped the short Young Ladies qualifying round robin ahead of France, meaning that those two teams would meet in the three 16-board set final. China qualified third ahead of USA, and these two teams met in the third-place play-off.

France started the better and led by 20-11 midway through the first set. However, it was all Poland for the remainder of the set and the Poles led by 41-21 after 16 boards. Meanwhile, China took a narrow lead of 34-28 over USA.

Poland steadily added to their lead early in the second segment and led by 65-28 after 26 deals. Then came a small French fightback. Poland led by 72-49 with one 16-board set to play. Meanwhile China extended the lead to 81-64 in the bronze medal match.

Set Three

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Thizy</i>	<i>Holeska</i>	<i>Cannone</i>	<i>Taczewska</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dble	4♥	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Grabowska</i>	<i>Chaugny</i>	<i>Sakowska</i>	<i>Puillet</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

The two auctions were identical on the first round but then the two North players followed very different ap-

proaches at their second turns. Claire Chaugny, for France, made the simple heart raise consistent with her sub-minimum high-card strength, while Magdalena Holeska, for Poland, made a pre-emptive leap to game, trading on her extreme distribution. These choices had a profound effect on the two players' decisions on the next round, when East's 4♠ came around. Having far more playing strength than she had as yet admitted to, Chaugny went on with a descriptive 5♦ bid and was left to play there, while Holeska had heard her partner double, Joanna Taczewska no doubt expecting greater high-card strength for the 4♥ bid, so passed.

Natalia Sakowska led a spade against 5♦, so Chaugny won and drew trumps then knocked out the missing heart honours, losing two hearts and a club for down one; -100.

Taczewska led a diamond against 4♠ doubled and Holeska won the ace and continued with the queen, ruffed. Marion Cannone led a spade to the king then a second spade to her jack. When Taczewska ducked again, Cannone switched her attention to clubs, allowing Taczewska to make two trump tricks but retaining control of the hand; +590 and 10 IMPs to France.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Thizy</i>	<i>Holeska</i>	<i>Cannone</i>	<i>Taczewska</i>
<i>Grabowska</i>	<i>Chaugny</i>	<i>Sakowska</i>	<i>Puillet</i>
		Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Both Wests opened 4♠ and played there, and both Norths led the ace of hearts. Holeska switched to the nine of diamonds at trick two. With the clubs blocked, Aurélie Thizy could only duck that to the queen and hope for a defensive error. There was none forthcoming. Taczewska switched back to hearts and Holeska played a second diamond through; down one for -100.

Chaugny continued with the king of hearts at trick two then switched to a trump. Ewa Grabowska could draw those, unblock the club and cross to the ace of diamonds to take two more club winners; +650 and 13 IMPs to Poland.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thizy	Holeska	Cannone	Taczewska
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			



Joanna Taczewska, Poland

West	North	East	South
Grabowska	Chaugny	Sakowska	Puillet
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

Chaugny opened a natural 1♣ and rebid a slightly pushy 2♠. She declined Carole Puillet's 4NT invitation. After a diamond lead to the king and a second round to her queen, Chaugny cleared the clubs and soon had eleven tricks for +460.

Holeska opened a Polish Club and showed the strong variety with her natural 2♣ rebid. Eventually, Taczewska raised to the club slam and Cannone led a diamond, ducked to the queen. With the second diamond trick established, Holeska must have had high hopes for her slam. Alas, not having second sight, she played clubs from the top so was one down for -50 and France had 11 badly-needed IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thizy	Holeska	Cannone	Taczewska
Grabowska	Chaugny	Sakowska	Puillet
			1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Identical auctions saw the two Souths declare 4♠ on the lead of a low diamond. Both won in hand and tried the queen of spades, losing to West's bare ace, and both conceded a diamond ruff at trick three.

Sakowska switched to ace and another heart after taking her diamond ruff. Puillet won, drew trumps and ran all

her winners, eventually taking the club finesse for her contract; +420.

Cannone switched to the nine of hearts instead of the ace. That ran to dummy's queen and now Taczewska ran her spade and diamond winners, coming down to four clubs in dummy and three clubs and the ♥K in hand. She now cashed the king of clubs and, after some thought, excited with the heart, hoping to endplay East. Cannone had a second heart to cash, however, and that meant one down for -50 and 10 IMPs to France.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Grabowska	Chaugny	Sakowska	Puillet
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Different routes led to identical contracts. Thizy led the seven of spades. Taczewska won the queen and cashed the ace then led a diamond to the queen and ace. Thizy returned a diamond so Cannone won and played a third round, Taczewska throwing a club from hand. She now played ace and another heart and, when Cannone played low, put up the queen, holding herself to just one trump loser; +620

Grabowska led the ten of clubs. Puillet won dummy's ace and led ace and another heart. Sakowska ducked in tempo and Puillet got it wrong, putting in the ten and los-

ing to the jack. There was no way to avoid two diamond losers so Puillet was one down for -100 and 12 IMPs to Poland.

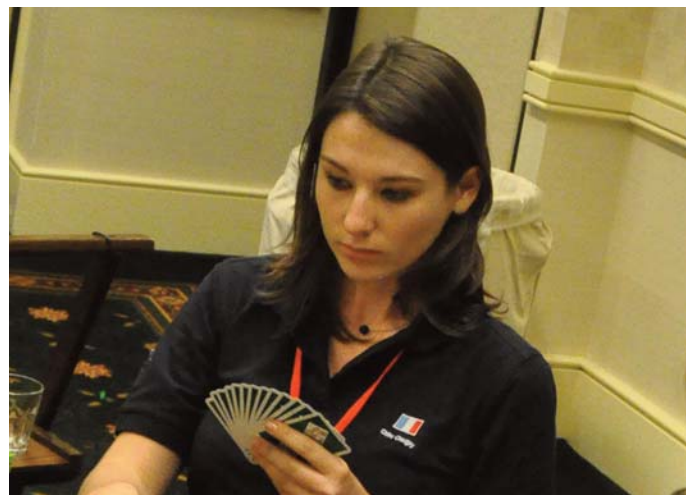
Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Thizy	Holeksa	Cannone	Taczewska
Pass	2♥	Dble	2♦
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		Dble

West	North	East	South
Grabowska	Chaugny	Sakowska	Puillet
Pass	Pass	Dble	3♥
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
			All Pass

Taczewska opened with a multi 2♦ and Cannone doubled the pass or correct 2♥ response for take-out then cuebid to ask for a heart stopper. Thizy bid 3NT, ending



Claire Chaugny, France

the auction. Holeska led the jack of hearts and Taczewska overtook with the queen, Thizy ducking. Now Taczewska switched to a spade, placing declarer with the club ace and so not imagining that her club king was an entry. Thizy won in dummy and played the ♣Q to the bare king. Taczewska continued with a second spade, again won in dummy. Thizy played the jack of clubs next and Holeska won and played a third spade. Thizy won the ♠Q and led a diamond to the nine. When that won she cashed three top diamonds followed by the thirteenth spade and that squeezed Holeska in the minors for the overtrick; nicely done for +430.

Had Taczewska cleared the hearts at the beginning of the play, declarer would have had four diamonds, four spades and a heart without having to touch the club suit.

In the other room, Puillet opened a level higher and again East doubled for take-out. Grabowska responded 4♣ and Sakowska guessed to raise to game. As is often the case, the full-blooded pre-empt had worked out better than the easy option of opening at the two level. Five Clubs lost a heart and three club tricks for -100 and 11 IMPs to France.

Though France had the edge on our featured deals, over the set as a whole Poland came out on top by 59-48 IMPs, giving an overall margin of 131-97 and making Poland the first winners of the Rona Cup and the World Young Ladies Team Championship.

Meanwhile, the third set of the bronze medal play-off finished level at 33-33, leaving China as winners by 114-97.

Only in the Juniors

by Brian Senior

Only in a Youth event could a team proudly present us with a story where one of their pairs defended correctly, in their words, by holding 5♠ doubled to eleven tricks for -850. In the Open, that sort of triumph would never see the light of day. The story comes from the last round of qualifying in the Juniors. Our heroes were playing for China Hong Kong against Italy.

Round 17. Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
	<i>Tsang</i>		<i>Leung</i>
1♠	2♣	2♦	5♣
5♠	Dble	All Pass	

For China Hong Kong, Pui Tsang led the king of hearts and, having seen his partner's signal, showing an even

number, defended correctly by cashing the queen of hearts when he got in with the ace of diamonds to avoid conceding the overtrick.

There was more action in the other room...

West	North	East	South
	<i>Tsang</i>		<i>Chiu</i>
Pass	1♣	3♦	Dble
4♠	4NT	Pass	5♣
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♣
6♠	Dble	All Pass	

Abby Chiu decided that now was the time to allow his imagination to express itself and so passed the big spade suit. Hing Lun Tsang made a pre-emptive overcall of 3♦ and his diamond length helped to convince Chiu that he should keep on competing until his opponents gave up. As it happens, 6♣ is due to fail by a trick as there are two cashing aces, but 6♠ had to be very cheap - and collecting +100 or +200 was not going to cover team-mates -850.

The music stopped in 6♠ doubled and again the opening lead was the king of hearts. Chiu won the ace and South signalled with the eight. Chiu drew two rounds of trumps then led the two of diamonds. North took his ace and attempted to cash the ace of clubs, and that was +1660 and 13 IMPs to China Hong Kong.

Alas, this triumph was not sufficient to see them qualify for the knockouts, but it wasn't a bad way to finish the event.