



# Daily Bulletin



47TH EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND 10TH SWEDISH BRIDGE FESTIVAL JUNE 19TH TO JULY 3RD 2004

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## Top Marks for a Night at the Opera



*The sensational skills of the girls of the Malmöflickorna*

A spectacular display by the Malmöflickorna ensemble, which included the music of Simon & Garfunkel and (of course) Abba, marked the brilliant Opening Ceremony of the 47th European Championships at the Malmö Opera Music Theatre. It was choreographed along with the presentation of the participating countries and their flags. Compered in excellent style by Anna Maria Torlontano and Christer Cedergren, there were speeches of welcome by the Mayor of Malmö, Kjell-Arne Landgren, Swedish Bridge Federation President Mats Qviberg, and EBL President Gianrigo Rona, who returned to the stage at the conclusion of the performance to formally declare the Championships open. Now it is down to business for the Open and Women's teams and those taking part in the Festival.

### Welcome!!!

Welcome to Malmö and the 47th European Bridge Championships with the 10th Swedish Bridge Festival.

Bridge is the reason that you are here and you are probably eager to make it to the green tables. There are, however, some practical matters that need to be attended to before you can get to the playing area.

Badges must be worn to be allowed entrance to the bridge festival playing areas. Security will not let you into the conference hall unless you wear a badge and you might be forced to leave the premises if you at any time do not wear your badge. Replacement badges can be purchased for 50 Skr at the registration desk.

Please note that the official language of the bridge festival is broken English. No penalty will apply for speaking your own language, correctly pronounced English or any other language that all players do understand, but you should refrain from using a language that your opponents do not understand.

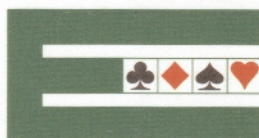
Bus 15 will take you to most of the hotels in central Malmö. Special coaches will be available for those of you that stay at Ibis hotel. The plan is that the coach will leave the Ibis hotel at 9.00 and return about half an hour after the play has finished.

The restaurant in the conference hall serves lunch from 11.30 to 15.00 and a buffet between 18.30 and 22.00. Coffee, sandwiches and light snacks are available in the cafeteria. There are plenty of good eating places in central Malmö and some of them have special offers for participants in the bridge festival. Bring your badge and look out for the championship logo.

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**OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 1 10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	RUSSIA	SERBIA/MONTENEGRO
2	BYE	DENMARK
3	ITALY	FRANCE
4	FAROE ISL.	ICELAND
5	CZECH REP.	ENGLAND
6	SAN MARINO	GERMANY
7	PORTUGAL	HUNGARY
8	IRELAND	GREECE
9	ISRAEL	POLAND
10	NORWAY	AUSTRIA
11	TURKEY	BULGARIA
12	SPAIN	LATVIA
13	SCOTLAND	ROMANIA
14	SWITZERLAND	WALES
15	SWEDEN	BELGIUM
16	CROATIA	NETHERLANDS
17	FINLAND	LITHUANIA

**ROUND 2 14.15**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	DENMARK	RUSSIA
2	FRANCE	BYE
3	ICELAND	ITALY
4	ENGLAND	FAROE ISL.
5	GERMANY	CZECH REP.
6	HUNGARY	SAN MARINO
7	GREECE	PORTUGAL
8	POLAND	IRELAND
9	AUSTRIA	ISRAEL
10	BULGARIA	NORWAY
11	LATVIA	TURKEY
12	ROMANIA	SPAIN
13	WALES	SCOTLAND
14	BELGIUM	SWITZERLAND
15	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN
16	LITHUANIA	CROATIA
17	SERBIA/MONTENEGRO	FINLAND

**ROUND 3 17.40**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	RUSSIA	FRANCE
2	BYE	ICELAND
3	ITALY	ENGLAND
4	FAROE ISL.	GERMANY
5	CZECH REP.	HUNGARY
6	SAN MARINO	GREECE
7	PORTUGAL	POLAND
8	IRELAND	AUSTRIA
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14	SWITZERLAND	NETHERLANDS
15	SWEDEN	LITHUANIA
16	CROATIA	FINLAND
17	DENMARK	SERBIA/MONTENEGRO

**WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 1 14.15**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	GERMANY	CROATIA
22	ENGLAND	POLAND
23	DENMARK	AUSTRIA
24	TURKEY	HUNGARY
25	SWEDEN	ICELAND
26	FRANCE	NORWAY
27	LEBANON	ISRAEL
28	SCOTLAND	IRELAND
29	SPAIN	NETHERLANDS
30	FINLAND	CZECH REP.
31	ITALY	FAROE ISL.

**ROUND 2 17.40**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY
22	CZECH REP.	ENGLAND
23	ITALY	DENMARK
24	FINLAND	TURKEY
25	SPAIN	SWEDEN
26	CROATIA	FRANCE
27	POLAND	LEBANON
28	AUSTRIA	SCOTLAND
29	HUNGARY	IRELAND
30	ICELAND	ISRAEL
31	FAROE ISL.	NORWAY

**Sports News****Tennis**

Svetlana Kuznetsova produced an impressive comeback to win the Hastings Direct International at Eastbourne. The Russian beat Slovakian wild card Daniela Hantuchova 2-6 7-6 (7-2) 6-4 in the final on Saturday. Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan staged a stunning comeback to beat Thomas Johansson of Sweden and win the Nottingham Open. Top seed Srichaphan came back from a set and 5-2 down to beat the Swede 1-6 7-6 (7/4) 6-4. Johansson, the 2001 champion, was a game from victory before top seed Srichaphan battled back to take the set to a tie-break.

**Rugby Union**

World champions England were convincingly beaten 12-36 in the second test match against New Zealand in Auckland, giving the All Blacks a 2-0 series win. It was always going to be an uphill struggle for England after Simon Shaw was sent off in the tenth minute for kneeling a New Zealand player in the back, condemning them to play with 14 men for the bulk of the match. Australia 34-13 Scotland (Australia win series 2-0); Argentina 20-35 Wales (Series drawn 1-1), South Africa 26-17 Ireland (South Africa win series 2-0).

**Football - Euro 2004**

Germany 0-0 Latvia. A first ever point in a major championship finals for Latvia!

**Formula 1 - US Grand Prix (Indianapolis)**

Rubens Barrichello took pole position for today's US Grand Prix, ahead of Michael Schumacher, Sato, Button, Montoya and Ralf Schumacher.



## Championship Diary

The event that is capturing the attention of all Europe starts today. That support for the teams is fantastic is evidenced by the fact that in England hundreds of thousands of fans have attached Cross of St George flags to their cars. They intend to sound their horns every time England scores an IMP.

Readers with a good memory may recall that a few Championships ago we discussed the best collective noun that might be applied to a group of tournament directors. Our recollection is that we decided on a 'Bavin' of Directors. You might like to consider the best collective noun in a number of other categories, for example, VuGraph Commentators or Bulletin Editors.

Talking of VuGraph commentators, a visitor to the Bulletin office suggested that readers should be invited to award them marks out of ten for performance. They could then be given a rating to carry forward to subsequent events. Operating on a scale of 0-10 we had just awarded Guido Ferraro 11 when Jan Van Cleef popped into the room. When we told him he was starting on zero he pointed out he hadn't said anything yet!

We normally make a forecast as to who will qualify for the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup. If we rely on the ones made by a certain Internet site, then Italy will win the Open by a wide margin, followed by Norway, Poland, Sweden, Bulgaria & France, while the Women's event will be a desperate struggle between France, Netherlands, Germany & England.

If you are a Senior, we suggest you take a look at page 20 of the program and revise your hotel bookings and flight reservations accordingly. By our calculations your event starts in 2009!

## SOME REGULATIONS

### LINE-UP

The line-up procedure is as published on the internet. Teams do not have seating rights, so they give their line-up in independently of their opponents. The line-up must have been made 15 minutes before the start of the match, i.e. at 1015, 1400 and 1725.

### NO SMOKING

Players are not allowed to smoke during the rounds. In between rounds, smoking is only allowed in the designated areas.

### MOBILE PHONES

Nobody is allowed to bring a mobile phone into the playing area. There will be random checks where a team will be asked to empty bags and pockets.

## Table Numbers

In the Women's series the tables are numbered 21-31 and in the Seniors they are numbered 41-48.

## Welcome Message from the President

*Mr Mayor, Authorities, dear colleagues and friends,*

Welcome to Malmö to participate and enjoy together the 47th European Bridge Teams Championships, almost 50 years since the last time this event was held in Sweden. With teams representing some 34 countries and the Bridge Festival taking place here at the same time, this will be a truly unique and special event with thousands of bridge players involved.



I am sure that this will be a great event thanks to the Swedish Federation and the Organising Committee who have worked with such commitment, passion, professionalism and enthusiasm towards its success. To all of them go our most sincere thanks. We are also very grateful to the local Authorities for their significant and essential contribution.

I am sure that the beautiful city of Malmö, once the rains stops, will live up to its reputation for offering a great welcome and I take the opportunity to thank Mr Ilmar Reepalu, Chairman of the City Commission, the Mayor of Malmö, Mr Kjell-Arne Landgren, the Swedish Federation led by Mr Mats Qviberg, my colleague and great friend, Micke Melander, Chairman of the Organising and Championship Committees, and all our Sponsor-friends who have allowed us to organise this Championship.

Together with my colleagues from the European Bridge League, I am confident in being able to count on both the dedication and professionalism of our staff, and on the co-operation of all of you. I often repeat that bridge is more than fair-play, because it is a way of thinking and not just a way of being, and I am sure that this great event will increase my conviction.

This biennial appointment represents the most important meeting in European Bridge and each time it renews a great tradition of friendship, solidarity, aggregation, without discrimination and barriers, exalting the true values of sport in general, and Bridge in particular.

At a dramatic time in history, such as the one we are living through at present, when a mad fringe wish to endanger the serenity, security and balance of the whole world, our reply, the reply of the Bridge world, must be firm and resolute. Our motto 'Bridge for Peace', which is our flag, must fly even higher.

I am sure that this event will reflect our way of being and thinking.

Now the curtain is raised and let's enjoy ourselves all together.

Under these auspices I declare the 47th European Bridge Teams Championships officially open.

All the best and "un abbraccio".

**Gianarrigo Rona**  
EBL President

# BRIDGE AT THE MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD

The 8th Mind Sports Olympiad takes place in Manchester. From the 24th of August until the 30th August there is a full festival of bridge. Information from [www.msoworld.com](http://www.msoworld.com)

On his way to a salmon fishing trip with Ross Harper in Scotland, Geir Helgemo, the world's number one player, will be competing in the Point-a-Board and the Swiss Teams, whilst several foreign players will be taking the opportunity to combine a football match with a little bridge. The one session Point-a-Board teams is an unusual event. Instead of Imping up with your teammates, you either win, lose or draw the board with a difference of just ten points being a win.

Here is a hand with Geir in action from the Yeh Brothers Cup, the invitational tournament held recently in China, which shows how good his technique is:

*Dealer South. North/South Vul.*

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S						

West	North	East	South
			<i>Helgemo</i>
			1♠
2♦	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Geir's 3♣ bid was asking for help in the suit and it was easy for his partner to accept the game try. The defense cashed the two top tricks in diamonds and continued with the ♦10.

Geir ruffed this and cashed one top spade. He now led a club to the ♣K, and returned to hand with the ♥K. A second club was now led to the ♣A and now he cashed the other top heart and trumped his last heart in dummy. He now played a spade to the ten and spread his hand. He had already counted West for six diamonds, three hearts, two clubs and one spade, so even if the ♠10 lost to the ♠Q, West would have no option but to give a ruff and discard.

The hand below looks relatively trivial, yet the decision at trick two was to cost one team \$18,000 dollars.

*Dealer North. All Vul*

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West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	3♦*	3♥**	4♥
4♠	5♥	All Pass	

\* 3♦ showed 5+♦ and 4+♥

\*\*3♥ showed a good raise to 3♠

The bidding was exactly the same at both tables. Readers may be interested in the two conventional bids. After passing, a jump in a new suit shows a fit with partner and one's own suit. In competitive sequences it helps the partnership make high level decisions. The bid of 3♥ (made by East) shows a better hand than bidding 3♠.

North, with his void in spades, was correct to compete to 5♥ and this left West on lead. At one table the ♠A was led and declarer had no problem making his contract. He ruffed a spade, played a round of trumps, ruffed a second spade and drew trumps. He now cashed the ace and king of diamonds throwing his last spade and set up the clubs conceding two tricks.

At the other table the club lead was won by the ace, and a club was returned. It was the moment of decision. Was the lead from ♣Q62 or was it a singleton? Declarer guessed wrongly and played the ten, which was won by the queen. He now suffered a club ruff to go one down and give victory to the Italians by 9 IMPs.

Would you have got it right?



## Bridge Festival Schedule

**20 June 2004**

### Chairman's Cup Round One

10.00-13.15	Four matches
13.15-13.30	Coffee break
13.30-16.50	Four matches
16.50-18.00	Dinner break
18.00-22.05	Five matches
23.00-23.30	Second round draw

### Silver Barometer

11.00	Silver one
12.00	Silver two

### Bronze Barometer

19.00