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## ITALY SURGE TO THE TOP



Start your day the perfect way, with a Lavazza!

Thanks to three tremendous victories, in which they amassed a massive 72VP, Italy has announced to the rest of the field that it is business as usual as they moved to the top of the table, 8VP clear of second placed Sweden, who are obviously enjoying playing at home. The overnight leaders Poland had a poor day, which included a heavy defeat by the Italian juggernaut, and as a result they have dropped to third place. They are followed by three teams who are demonstrating that they intend to be involved in the race to Estoril, (announced today as the venue for next year's World Championships) Turkey, Greece and Belgium. It is too early for any team to panic but, nevertheless, there must already be some who are glancing nervously at the teams above them, especially Netherlands, Israel, Denmark, Bulgaria, Norway, Iceland, France and England. Still, as Italy demonstrated, a big day can make all the difference.

### Today's VuGraph Matches

*OPEN TEAMS - Round 10*

Denmark v Poland 10.30

*WOMEN'S TEAMS - Round 7*

England v Netherlands 14.15

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### NOTICE!!!

**NEW SCHEDULE FOR SENIOR TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP SEE PAGE 3**



## OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

### ROUND 7

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	HUNGARY	93 - 31	25 - 3
2	BYE	GREECE		0 - 18
3	ITALY	POLAND	92 - 33	25 - 4
4	FAROE ISL.	AUSTRIA	23 - 79	4 - 25
5	CZECH REP.	BULGARIA	66 - 21	24 - 6
6	SAN MARINO	LATVIA	50 - 62	13 - 17
7	PORTUGAL	ROMANIA	46 - 57	13 - 17
8	IRELAND	WALES	26 - 61	8 - 22
9	ISRAEL	BELGIUM	40 - 22	19 - 11
10	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS	54 - 25	21 - 9
11	TURKEY	LITHUANIA	70 - 58	16.5 - 13.5
12	SPAIN	FINLAND	42 - 40	15 - 15
13	SCOTLAND	CROATIA	48 - 52	14 - 16
14	SWITZERLAND	SWEDEN	53 - 57	13.5 - 15.5
15	GERMANY	DENMARK	43 - 47	14 - 16
16	ENGLAND	FRANCE	33 - 77	6 - 24
17	ICELAND	SERBIA/MONT.	62 - 43	19 - 11

### ROUND 8

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GREECE	RUSSIA	37 - 33	16 - 14
2	POLAND	BYE		18 - 0
3	AUSTRIA	ITALY	46 - 95	5 - 25
4	BULGARIA	FAROE ISL.	60 - 40	19 - 11
5	LATVIA	CZECH REP.	50 - 23	21 - 9
6	ROMANIA	SAN MARINO	34 - 50	12 - 18
7	WALES	PORTUGAL	56 - 21	22 - 8
8	BELGIUM	IRELAND	73 - 30	24 - 6
9	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	67 - 13	25 - 4
10	LITHUANIA	NORWAY	51 - 18	22 - 8
11	FINLAND	TURKEY	65 - 31	22 - 8
12	CROATIA	SPAIN	73 - 56	19 - 11
13	SWEDEN	SCOTLAND	51 - 19	22 - 8
14	SERBIA/MONT.	SWITZERLAND	43 - 65	10 - 20
15	DENMARK	HUNGARY	36 - 68	8 - 22
16	FRANCE	GERMANY	37 - 19	19 - 11
17	ICELAND	ENGLAND	42 - 37	16 - 14

### ROUND 9

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	POLAND	18 - 13	16 - 14
2	BYE	AUSTRIA		0 - 18
3	ITALY	BULGARIA	47 - 12	22 - 8
4	FAROE ISL.	LATVIA	45 - 53	14 - 16
5	CZECH REP.	ROMANIA	49 - 51	15 - 15
6	SAN MARINO	WALES	20 - 87	1.5 - 24.5
7	PORTUGAL	BELGIUM	24 - 29	14 - 16
8	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS	44 - 31	18 - 12
9	ISRAEL	LITHUANIA	34 - 39	14 - 16
10	NORWAY	FINLAND	1 - 84	0 - 25
11	TURKEY	CROATIA	51 - 35	18 - 12
12	SPAIN	SWEDEN	31 - 48	11 - 19
13	SCOTLAND	SWITZERLAND	62 - 18	24 - 6
14	GREECE	DENMARK	72 - 24	25 - 5
15	HUNGARY	FRANCE	33 - 57	10 - 20
16	GERMANY	ICELAND	33 - 59	10 - 20
17	ENGLAND	SERBIA/MONT.	36 - 45	13 - 17

## OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

### ROUND 10

10.30

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

### ROUND 11

14.15

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

## SWAN GAMES



is broadcasting live from the tournament site in Malmö, throughout the championships. There is also a daily presentation of photographs - just visit [www.swangames.com](http://www.swangames.com)

**WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 6 10.30**

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

**ROUND 7 14.15**

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

**SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 1 14.15**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND
42	SWITZERLAND	WALES
43	SCOTLAND	POLAND
44	ITALY	NORWAY
45	IRELAND	FRANCE
46	ENGLAND	GERMANY
47	SWEDEN	CZECH REP.
48	ISRAEL	DENMARK

**New Schedule for Senior Teams Championship**

The EBL Tournament Committee together with the Chairman of the Senior Committee and the Championship Manager, have discussed the problem that the entry for the Senior event is much lower than expected, which leads to a programme where the teams when playing a round robin have an unsatisfactory championship, with insufficient boards being played. This feeling has also been expressed by participating Senior teams.

Discussion has resulted in the following change of the programme.

The round robin as published in the programme will be played normally but over fewer days. After this round robin the field will be divided in two groups, the first eight and the second eight, and both groups will play a round robin within the group, leading to a ranking 1 to 8 and 9 to 16. Ties will be solved in accordance with the regulations (5.3).

The rounds will consist of 16 boards and the schedule is such that it almost completely follows the schedule for the Open teams, playing the same set of boards, but 4 less.

The results after the complete round robin of 15 rounds will be maintained and completed with the 7 other matches.

The time table is as follows

<b>Wedn</b>	<b>14.15</b>	<b>round 1</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10.30, 14.15, 17.40</b>	<b>rounds 2, 3, 4</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>14.15, 17.40</b>	<b>rounds 5, 6</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.30, 14.15, 17.40</b>	<b>rounds 7, 8, 9</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>14.15, 17.40</b>	<b>rounds 10, 11</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>10.30, 14.15</b>	<b>rounds 12, 13</b>
<b>Wedn</b>	<b>10.30, 14.15</b>	<b>rounds 14, 15</b>
		<b>end of RR.</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10.30, 14.15, 17.40</b>	<b>rounds 1, 2, 3 (16, 17, 18)</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>10.30, 14.15, 17.40</b>	<b>rounds 4, 5, 6 (19, 20, 21)</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>round 7 (22)</b>
		<b>end of Championship.</b>

**SENIORS CAPTAINS MEETING**

Wednesday 10,00 h in the vugraph theatre

**Championship Diary**

Celebrating England's victory over Croatia, your editor remarked that they were magnificent at the front and horrendous at the back. 'Just like Dolly Parton' said Patrick Jourdain.

Whilst on the subject of football, the following message came up on screen during the second half: 'Nyheterna och vädret ser ni 22.50.' 'Ah, highlights of the other match at 22.50' remarked the editor. 'No, news and

weather' advised Martin Nygren.

Peter Pigot Junior is representing Ireland in the Open Series, thereby maintaining the family tradition, as his father Peter Pigot represented Ireland with distinction, including being a member of the bronze medal winning team in Lausanne in 1979, as did his Grandfather, David Pigot. Can any other family match three generations of internationals - in any sport? (We know the answer is yes, but invite you to provide us with examples!)

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 9 rounds

1	ITALY	184.50
2	SWEDEN	176.50
3	POLAND	176.00
4	TURKEY	166.50
5	GREECE	158.50
6	BELGIUM	151.00
7	RUSSIA	149.50
8	FINLAND	146.00
9	AUSTRIA	146.00
10	GERMANY	145.00
11	THE NETHERLANDS	140.00
12	ISRAEL	140.00
13	WALES	139.50
14	DENMARK	136.00
15	BULGARIA	135.50
16	LITHUANIA	134.50
17	NORWAY	134.00
18	ICELAND	133.50
19	FRANCE	133.00
20	SCOTLAND	131.00
21	SERBIA/MONTENEGRO	130.00
22	ENGLAND	126.00
23	LATVIA	124.00
24	HUNGARY	124.00
25	PORTUGAL	120.00
26	SPAIN	118.00
27	CROATIA	117.00
28	ROMANIA	113.00
29	SWITZERLAND	106.50
30	FAROE ISLANDS	104.00
31	CZECH REP.	103.00
32	IRELAND	98.50
33	SAN MARINO	83.50

## WOMEN'S TEAMS RANKING after 5 rounds

1	FRANCE	108.00
2	SWEDEN	99.00
3	ENGLAND	89.00
4	AUSTRIA	89.00
5	THE NETHERLANDS	87.00
6	TURKEY	86.00
7	IRELAND	86.00
8	FINLAND	85.00
9	ISRAEL	82.00
10	SPAIN	82.00
11	ITALY	75.00
12	GERMANY	75.00
13	NORWAY	73.00
14	HUNGARY	71.00
15	CZECH REP.	71.00
16	ICELAND	70.00
17	SCOTLAND	63.00
18	POLAND	55.00
19	DENMARK	53.00
20	LEBANON	48.00
21	CROATIA	45.00
22	FAROE ISLANDS	42.00

A promotion desk for the **2nd European Open Championships** to be held in **Arona, Tenerife** from **18th June to 2nd July 2005** is located inside Malmo Massan. There you can find information about the event and the enchanting Canarian venue. With its charming yet modern and comfortable resorts, this island of the Canary archipelago offers the finest combination of bridge competition and an unforgettable holiday.



*EBL President Gianarrigo Rona and Ana Maria Lujk,  
Director of Tourism, Arona, Tenerife*

<b>OPEN TEAMS</b>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Turkey v Netherlands</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">No Turkish Delight for The Netherlands</h3> <p style="margin: 0; font-style: italic;">by Jos Jacobs</p>
<b>Round 6</b>	

For the Dutch, Turkey has developed into one of their favourite countries to spend a holiday. If this will still be the case after this report, remains to be seen, however...

The Netherlands, lying eighth after five rounds with 87 VP, were scheduled to play Turkey in Round 6, the latter being ranked second with 101 VP. Right from the start of these Championships, Turkey had been performing impressively well, so the Dutch knew they had to be careful. After Turkey had scored a few IMPs on superior partscore bidding, the score stood at 7-1 to them when, on Board 8, active bidding by Zorlu and Assael saw them end up in a fair game to which their Dutch counterparts came nowhere near:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K ♥ QJ8765 ♦ KJ975 ♣ 5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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		♠ A1032 ♥ 102 ♦ AQ843 ♣ 43
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	S										
♠ J854 ♥ 93 ♦ 6 ♣ QJ10972											

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	De Wijs	Assael	Muller
2♦	2NT	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Zorlu's multi on a rather unorthodox hand for this convention induced Assael to produce a pass-or-correct 3♥ after 2NT. Zorlu decided there should be fair chances to make game, so he raised to 4♥. From the Turkish point of view, this contract was played from the wrong side of the table: for De Wijs in the North chair, it would have been virtually impossible to find the diamond lead that was automatic for South. Still, we would have to wait and see if De Wijs, holding only a small diamond doubleton himself, would be able to read the hand correctly. Fortunately, this is a situation about which there are agreements. Assael took the diamond lead in dummy and led a low heart to his ten. De Wijs rose with the king and cashed the ♣A, on which he saw his partner contributing the two. Fully confident, De Wijs returned his remaining diamond and 4♥ was one down.

Zorlu's active bidding still netted 3 IMPs as this was what happened in the Open Room:

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Atabey	Verhees	Kolata
2♦	2NT	All Pass	

On a diamond lead the defenders can take the first seven tricks but, on a more normal heart lead, it's declarer who will rattle off the first eight for his contract. Thus it turned out after Verhees' lead of the ♥10; Turkey 2 IMPs more to lead 9-1.

Board 10 very much looked like a flat 3NT, but watch out:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 865 ♥ 653 ♦ QJ82 ♣ K106	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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		♠ 10743 ♥ KQ84 ♦ — ♣ QJ854
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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	De Wijs	Assael	Muller
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

After the auction above, Zorlu had to find a lead. Within a split second he elected to lead his best short suit: clubs. The ♣6 was ducked in dummy, East won the jack and, after a long thought, returned the suit to dummy's now bare ace on which Zorlu of course unblocked his king. Muller cashed the ♦A next, getting the bad news. He then switched to hearts but when East could not be kept off the lead the contract stood no chance. That was 13 IMPs for Turkey as this is what happened at the other table:

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Atabey	Verhees	Kolata
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

Who can blame Jan Jansma for not finding the same devastating club lead on this unrevealing auction? A spade lead went to the ace, the ♦10 was covered by the queen and ace and a low diamond then established the suit with the help of a later finesse; eleven easy enough tricks.

On the next board, the Dutch defenders should have beaten Zorlu's contract by two tricks when declarer elected to follow a line of play in anticipation of a bad trump break that did not exist in real life:



Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ J 6 2 ♥ K 10 9 6 2 ♦ 5 4 ♣ 10 9 3	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <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	♠ 10 4 3 ♥ A Q J 8 7 5 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ 8	♠ K Q 9 7 ♥ 4 3 ♦ J 10 8 7 ♣ A Q J
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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	De Wijs	Assael	Muller
			1♦
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

De Wijs led a diamond against 3♣. Had Zorlu dared to win dummy's queen, discard a spade on the ♥A and lead a club to the king, there would have been no story to tell as he simply would have lost two clubs, a diamond and a spade to land his contract. At the table, however, he ran the diamond lead to his hand, played a diamond to the queen, shed a spade on the ♥A and took the diamond finesse. De Wijs, North, ruffed this and returned the ♥K to put declarer in his hand. Zorlu ruffed and played his last diamond, again ruffed by North. At this point, De Wijs has to make a decision: if partner holds ♠AQ he has to exit with a trump to force declarer to lead spades from his hand in the ending. If, on the other hand, declarer holds the ♠A, South is bound to have two or three trump tricks, in which case spades is the right suit in which to exit. As West had bid and rebid clubs, though the 3♣



Nazif Zorlu, Turkey

bid might well have been a choice of the lesser evil, De Wijs elected to exit in trumps, throwing away an extra undertrick.

Another 2 IMPs to Turkey as in the Open Room, it went like this:

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Atabey	Verhees	Kolata
			1♦
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	All Pass

This contract went down two, due to the bad trump split.

The Dutch suffered a heavy blow when De Wijs/Muller ended up in an unmakeable 4♥ whereas Atabey and Kolata reached the ice-cold 3NT. To make things worse, N/S were vulnerable too:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A 10 9 ♥ K 10 9 7 6 5 ♦ J 10 5 ♣ K	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <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 7 3 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ Q 10 8 6	♠ K 8 5 4 ♥ 8 2 ♦ A K 8 ♣ A 7 4 2
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W     E						
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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	De Wijs	Assael	Muller
1♣	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

After his partner's club lead to the ace Zorlu cashed the ♦AK and returned a club. De Wijs ruffed and Assael gave him a glitter of hope by contributing the ten, suggesting an original holding of Q106 in the suit. De Wijs ruffed, crossed in trumps, ruffed another club (no success) and played off all his remaining trumps, on which he had to discard a spade from dummy. Next came the two diamonds, on which East had to blank his ♠J. To the penultimate trick, dummy led the ♠Q. When Zorlu did not cover this, Assael's ♣Q became the setting trick; Turkey +100.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Atabey	Verhees	Kolata
			1NT
1♣	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

A very well-controlled auction saw Atabey and Kolata reach the correct contract almost effortlessly.

West led the  $\diamond A$  and switched to a spade to the jack and queen. Now, declarer played another diamond, won by the king. The only thing the defence could do now was to cash the  $\clubsuit A$  and  $\clubsuit Q$  to hold declarer to nine tricks. Turkey scored another fine +600 and 12 more IMPs to lead 38-1.

With the score at 39-6 the Turkish put the final nail into the Dutch coffin:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p><math>\spadesuit</math> Q 10 9 4 2  <math>\heartsuit</math> J 10 8 2  <math>\diamond</math> 9  <math>\clubsuit</math> 7 5 3</p>	<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     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	<p><math>\spadesuit</math> K J 8 7 6 5  <math>\heartsuit</math> A K 9  <math>\diamond</math> J 8 4  <math>\clubsuit</math> Q</p>
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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	De Wijs	Assael	Muller
	Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	3 $\diamond$
Dble	Pass	3 $\spadesuit$	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

On this hand, the E/W pairs here in Malmö were divided into two groups of about equal size: those who would pass 3NT and thus finish up in the proper contract and those who preferred to rebid their not too good spade suit a third time to reach 4 $\spadesuit$ .

In the Closed Room, the Turks belonged to the former section (following the example set by their teammates on Board 12) and De Wijs led the  $\diamond 9$ . Muller overtook this with the ten and declarer ducked. Next came the  $\diamond A$  and another, declarer winning the king. Then came the  $\clubsuit Q$ , the  $\spadesuit A$ , two top clubs and the three top hearts, declarer ending in his hand. To finish it off in great style, Zorlu exited with his last heart and finessed the  $\spadesuit J$  on North's forced spade return; nicely played and +430 to Turkey.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Atabey	Verhees	Kolata
	Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	Pass
2 $\clubsuit$	Pass	2 $\diamond$	Dble
2 $\heartsuit$	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 $\clubsuit$	Pass	4 $\clubsuit$	Pass
4 $\diamond$	Pass	4 $\heartsuit$	Pass
4 $\spadesuit$	All Pass		

In the Open Room, Louk Verhees was in 4 $\spadesuit$  and he got the lead of the  $\heartsuit 4$ . He won the king and cashed the  $\spadesuit A$ . He then went back to his hand in clubs and continued the  $\spadesuit K$ , discarding a diamond in dummy and getting the news. He then played a diamond, won by Kolata with his ace. At this point, if Kolata returns

a diamond, Atabey will ruff and come to two more trump tricks later, but Kotala exited with his second heart instead. Now, had Verhees won North's eight with the ace, all would have been well as dummy can be reached with the  $\heartsuit Q$  to dispose of the remaining diamonds on the top clubs. After this, declarer can ruff dummy's last heart for his ninth trick and exit in trumps, after which he will come to another trump trick for his contract.

At the table, however, Verhees won the heart return with dummy's queen. His plan was to throw the  $\heartsuit K$  and a diamond on the clubs, cash the  $\diamond K$ , ruff a heart and go for the trump endplay. This plan failed when Atabey could ruff the  $\diamond K$  after all and sit back now for his two remaining trump tricks to come in; Turkey +50 and 10 more IMPs to lead 49-6.

Finally, on the next board, a good chance for the Dutch to recoup some points:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	De Wijs	Assael	Muller
		Pass	Pass
INT	Dble	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, De Wijs was able to double INT for penalties and Muller took the right decision by passing. After five rounds of clubs De Wijs had to find an exit card. Muller had thrown the  $\diamond 4$  followed by the  $\spadesuit 3$ ,  $\spadesuit 8$  and  $\spadesuit 9$ . Declarer had discarded the  $\spadesuit 4$ ,  $\heartsuit 2$  and the  $\diamond 5$ . After some thought, De Wijs went for the wrong red suit:  $\heartsuit Q$ . Zorlu did not hesitate for a moment, won the king in dummy and finessed for South's  $\heartsuit J$ . That was contract made for +180 to Turkey, but one feels there should have been a way to find the correct switch to diamonds.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Atabey	Verhees	Kolata
		Pass	Pass
INT	Dble	Pass	2 $\diamond$
All Pass			

In the Open Room, Kolata retreated into 2 $\diamond$  after partner's double and went three down vulnerable; Netherlands +300 and 3 IMPs to them. It might have been a 9-IMP swing, however.

At the post, Turkey had won by 49-10 IMPs which converted to 23-7 in VPs. Turkey would stay firmly in second place but The Netherlands took an enormous splash. Not into beautiful seas around Turkey but down to 14th position.

**OPEN TEAMS**

**Iceland v Denmark  
Nordic Contests (cont.)**

**Round 5**

by Jos Jacobs

The major Nordic contest took place last night, as we all should know by now. Those who were not aware of it before this soccer match started, certainly were brought back to reality by the tremendous noises produced on either side of the Öresund, as well as in all local hotels.

On Monday afternoon we had a small Nordic contest: tiny Denmark playing little Iceland. On the bridge scene, however, these two countries have been considered major contestants over the last decade. Iceland won a Bermuda Bowl back in 1991 when everybody wanted to play them. This time, two of the then successful players are here again and were in fact playing in this match in the Open Room. The Danes are no mean performers either. They have been among the contenders for the top spots in many European Championships over recent decades, be it successfully or not. In Olympiads they have had their greatest successes: their Women's team brought home a gold medal from Venice and, but for the extra time, their Open team would have made it to the final in Rhodes!

Though neither team had a really good start, their records looked convincing enough to me to pick them as the teams to follow during Round 5. This proved a good idea right on the first board when I saw this happen:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ — ♥ A J 10 8 2 ♦ K J 5 4 ♣ Q 10 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		♠ 9 4 ♥ 9 5 4 3 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ J 8 6 5
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	S										
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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	D. Schaltz	Magnusson	P. Schaltz
	INT	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

To me, bidding a risky slam on the first board always gives an indication about the direction the wind will be blowing from during the match. South was definitely unlucky that partner's extra values were all in spades and that there was not even an outside jack available to create the odd extra menace. If West does not lead the ♥A all is still well for the defence, as the only thing he has to do later is to hop up with his ace once declarer leads a heart. Rumours are that at one or two tables, West players forgot to rise with the ♥A only to fall victims to a simple throw-in later for -980.

As it was, Thorvaldsson quickly solved any problem by leading his ace; Iceland +50.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
L. L. Madsen	Baldursson	M. L. Madsen	Jönsson
	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

As you can imagine, Jon Baldursson could not find anything near the extra values required from him when Jönsson made one further move. Five Spades was of course never in danger, so Iceland chalked up another +450 to take an 11-0 lead.

Almost half of it went away again on the next board:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 7 4 ♥ 9 7 5 3 ♦ J 3 ♣ K 6 5 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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 3 2 ♥ A J 8 ♦ A K 9 7 ♣ Q 10 3
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Morten Lund Madsen, Denmark



**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	D. Schaltz	Magnusson	P. Schaltz
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

Though the INT rebid showed 15-17 HCP, Dorthe Schaltz had no problems in balancing with 2♦, a contract she made in some comfort as East had to lead away from vulnerable holdings on too many occasions; Denmark +90.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
L. L. Madsen	Baldursson	M. L. Madsen	Jónsson
		INT	All Pass

Here, one would expect Baldursson to make the same 2♦ bid in fourth position but due to systemic reasons this was not possible. So he had to pass, only to see Morten Lund Madsen run home with an overtrick; Denmark another +120 and 5 IMPs back.

After two flat boards, it was a matter of bridge judgement on Board 5:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	D. Schaltz	Magnusson	P. Schaltz
	1♠	2♥	3♥
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Please note the very light overcall by Magnusson. From South's point of view it is difficult to imagine that 5♥ will make, but that's life. Iceland scored +650, declarer just losing a trick in each of the black suits.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
L. L. Madsen	Baldursson	M. L. Madsen	Jónsson
	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♠	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

Morten Lund Madsen made the same light overcall but, in the end, Jónsson judged the situation slightly better than his Danish counterpart. The save in 5♠, vulnerable against not, should go two



Magnus Eidur Magnusson, Iceland

off for an expensive 500, but with 650 in the bank, this would still have netted a profit of 4 IMPs. When East, understandably, led the ♥A, the contract was defeated by just one trick for a mere +200 to Denmark, another big swing of 10 IMPs to Iceland who now led 21-5.

There was more to come for them:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	D. Schaltz	Magnusson	P. Schaltz
		1♥	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

A fully respectable auction to a fully respectable contract. With everything working well for declarer, ten tricks were easy enough; Denmark +170.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
L. L. Madsen	Baldursson	M. L. Madsen	Jónsson
		1♥	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

A bold jump to a dangerous level paid off when, at this table too, all the cards were right for declarer.

West led the ♠J, solving declarer's first problem. East won and played the ♣K and another, ruffed in hand. Though Jönsson had his anxious moments about how to play the trump suit after leading low from hand to the king (it was unclear from this defence how the adverse distribution would be), he finally played the ace on the second round of trumps to pick up the queen and make this ambitious contract. Well done and 6 more IMPs to Iceland who at this stage led 27-5.

Apart from one IMP on an overtrick, these were to be the last IMPs Iceland would score in the match, believe it or not! Here is one rather quiet example of what happened from this point onwards:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	D. Schaltz	Magnusson	P. Schaltz
1♥	Dble	3♥	Dble
4♥	Dble	All Pass	



Dorthe Schaltz, Denmark

The commentators on BBO described the 4♥ bid as unnecessary, as there seems to be little to gain. On this layout, they were certainly right, as the Schaltzes were quick to prove. Dorthe doubled again and Peter saw no reason to go anywhere, holding only two spades himself. On a spade lead and continuation, the defenders got their ruff and thus collected three undertricks; Denmark +500.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
L. L. Madsen	Baldursson	M. L. Madsen	Jönsson
1♥	Dble	3♥	Dble
4♥	Dble	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

It was the same start to the auction here but, for once, Jönsson did not take the winning decision. No real harm done, however, as Baldursson guessed well in trumps; Iceland +400 but 3 IMPs to Denmark to trail by 8-27.

The Icelanders did themselves more serious damage two boards later:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	D. Schaltz	Magnusson	P. Schaltz
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

5♣ was Exclusion Blackwood, it was explained, but the meaning of 5NT and 6♣ were far less clear. It looks as if there was no suitable way to check on the presence of the ♠Q. Had she made her appearance on time, however, this would have been a different story - Denmark +100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
L. L. Madsen	Baldursson	M. L. Madsen	Jönsson
1♥	3♣	1♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass	3♠	5♣

This auction looks rather one-sided, but effective it was. Denmark scored +1370 and a swing of exactly 16 IMPs to erase the complete deficit and tie the match at 27-27.

On the next board, Denmark went into the lead on an extra undertrick and then, with six boards to play afterwards, Denmark sealed the outcome of the match:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	D. Schaltz	Magnusson	P. Schaltz
		Pass	1♥
2♥	3♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Peter Schaltz' very light 1♥ opening was very well-timed as Dorthe could show a modest heart fit after the two-suited overcall. East doubled the final contract, but declarer was not to be led astray. He won the diamond lead in dummy and immediately passed the ♦Q, throwing a spade from hand. The ♦10 was covered and ruffed, and next came the ♣J. West covered this, a move he was to regret, so dummy's ace won and a fourth diamond was played, declarer throwing another spade. When West did not ruff, the last diamond was ruffed by East with the ♥8, but declarer simply threw his last spade. The rest was easy now. A spade was returned and ruffed, a club was ruffed by East and another spade was ruffed by declarer. With the clubs all good, Schaltz simply drew two rounds of trumps now and played on clubs, conceding only a third trump trick to the defence. Nicely done, exploiting the chance offered to him when the defenders did not first cash their spades; Denmark +590.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
L. L. Madsen	Baldursson	M. L. Madsen	Jönsson
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♦	3♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The lead of the ♥10 was covered by the queen and king, declarer ruffing. South was given a club trick next, and at this point a shift to the ♦J will ensure declarer's downfall as the ♦K will be ruffed away. The trump return made by Jönsson was equally effective, as declarer would never be able to stay in control of the hand. He needs ruffs to return to his hand when ruffing out the clubs, so he duly went down one on this more passive defence as well. Iceland scored +50, but the swing went to Denmark; 11 IMPs more.

As almost no IMPs exchanged hands on the final six boards, this match report may as well come to its end here. The final score was a steady 41-28 win to Denmark, 18-12 in VPs.

## Special Splinter

by Roman Krzemien (Poland)

According to the dictionary of insulting quotations there is a Czech saying that one should never trust a Pole. An unfortunate member of the Czech team picked up:

♠ —
♥ A J 10 8 2
♦ K J 5 4
♣ Q 10 3 2

and listened to the auction:

West	North	West	South
	Balicki		Zmudzinski
	1♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♠

When he asked about the auction he learnt that 1♣ was the Polish Club, 4♦ a splinter bid, 4♥ promised a first or second round control in hearts, 4NT asked for aces - or keycards as they are known nowadays - and 5♦ promised one. Looking for a safe lead he opted to trust that Zmudzinski was short in diamonds and lead a small diamond.

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Declarer asked for the queen and claimed twelve tricks.

## Miracle Cure

(Grattan Endicott - Liverpool Supporter)

Football fans may have noticed the name of Wayne Rooney mentioned in the last week. This is an anecdote about another side of the Everton and England player. A few months ago a sad father rang the Everton club and told them his small son, an Everton fan, was in the Alder Hey Children's Hospital with bone cancer from which he was likely to lose at least a leg. The next day Wayne Rooney arrived at the hospital to see the boy. He brought with him the boots he had worn in his first international appearance for England. He was accompanied by another member of the club who was carrying a football and an Everton shirt, signed by the whole of the first team squad. Today, the boy is recovering from the disease; he has not lost the leg.

**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 7**

**Italy v Poland**

Ever since their titanic clash in the final of the Maastricht Olympiad, a match between these two teams has been regarded as one to set the pulse racing. With Poland already more than a match ahead of them the Azzuri were sure to be going flat out in an effort to close the gap. The editor was on hand to bring you all the action, while Jos Jacobs kept a watchful eye on Germany & Denmark.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Tuszynski	Lauria	Kowalski
	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♣ weak with 4+♣ or any strong hand

You might argue that 3NT by East is the best contract, as it is clearly odds on to be laydown after the opening lead. Playing a natural system you might get there via 1♠-2♦-2♥-2♠!?-3NT.

Four Hearts was a reasonable alternative, and as the play went declarer was not under any pressure. North led the eight of diamonds, low from a doubleton, and declarer won in dummy and played a spade. There was no compelling reason for South to play the ace, so declarer was allowed to score the queen. He then ran the nine of hearts, drew trumps, overtook the king of diamonds and claimed twelve tricks; +480.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Same contract, but with a different declarer. South led the five of clubs and North took the ace and returned the suit. Declarer won in hand and played a spade, but with the singleton queen on view South took the ace and played a third club. Declarer ruffed, cashed the king of spades, ruffed a spade, cashed the king and

queen of diamonds, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond high, ruffed a spade and led a diamond from dummy. When North followed with the three of hearts declarer had to guess the location of the queen. When he put in the seven he was one down; -50 and Italy was off to a fast start.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Tuszynski	Lauria	Kowalski
		1♦	Pass
1♠	2♥	2♠	Dble*
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

North was persuaded by his partner's double that his side had enough defence to venture a double of Four Spades. He led the queen of clubs and continued with the ten. Declarer won and played a spade to the ten. When that held he cashed the ace of diamonds, discarding a heart and ruffed a diamond. At this point



Action from the Open Room



declarer can get home by playing on cross-ruff lines, even though this will allow North to score the king of spades, as when he ruffs he will have to lead away from the ace of hearts. However, he preferred different approach, playing a second trump. When the king came up he only needed one of the minors to provide a tenth trick, but this time his luck was out; -100.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
1♠	2♥	1♦	Pass
4♣	All Pass	2♠	Pass

North led the queen of clubs and when that was allowed to hold he switched to the six of diamonds. Declarer tried the queen and ruffed when South produced the king. A spade to the ten was followed by the ace of spades and declarer could now ruff a couple of clubs in dummy and claim ten tricks; +420 and 11 slightly fortunate IMPs for Poland.

*Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.*

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Tuszynski	Lauria	Kowalski
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

West led a spade and Declarer took East's jack with the ace and attacked hearts. West falsecarded with the seven, East took the ace and returned a spade. West allowed the ten to hold and after cashing four diamonds declarer did not divine the heart position; -50.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

The defence started in the same way, but this time East ducked the first heart. Declarer came to hand with a diamond and played a second heart. East/West were using Smith Peters, and Zmudzinski played high low. East took the heart and played a spade and West won and returned the suit. This time, for whatever reason declarer got the hearts right; +400, putting Italy back in the lead.



Cezary Balicki, Poland

They missed a potential vulnerable game on the next board, but it was the right time to do so!

*Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.*

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Tuszynski	Lauria	Kowalski
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Dble
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The 4/1 trump break meant declarer could not avoid four losers; -100.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Dble
Pass	1♠	All Pass	



Declarer made nine tricks; +140 and 6 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Tuszynski	Lauria	Kowalski
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ 18-20 balanced  
 2♠ 4+♥

3NT is a tough contract to analyse, as there are many possible variations. North led the four of diamonds and West won with the king and made the natural play of the queen of clubs. (Playing a diamond, aiming to build a second trick in that suit is the only genuine way to succeed.) If South takes the king of clubs and switches to a heart - neither being an obvious move - then in theory the defenders can counter any move declarer makes, but South ducked. Now declarer played a diamond and North won and cleared the suit. The fortunate position in hearts meant there were nine tricks; +400.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the three of diamonds and declarer won with the king and cashed the ace and queen of hearts. Now there was no way to get home, and declarer finished two down; -100 and a loss of 11 IMPs.

This board also created a substantial swing in one of yesterday morning's other matches shown on one of the many internet vugraphs in operation here, the Germany v Denmark encounter.

In the Closed Room, the Germans' Strong Club brought them to a very delicate no-trump game that required some good card-reading as well:

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Ludewig	M. L. Madsen	Reps	L.L. Madsen
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♦ was negative and 2♦ an invitational transfer to hearts. 2♠ showed a maximum with doubleton heart so 3NT was the logical conclusion. Morten Lund Madsen led the ♦3, which went to the jack and king. To trick two, Berhard Ludewig led an interesting card: the queen of Clubs! What should South do?

Best defence is to win the king and return a heart, but would you think of that? At the table, Lars Lund Madsen ducked the ♣Q. Next, Ludewig went on to cash his hearts, having to overtake the queen with dummy's king in the process. This worked, and at the same time the defenders had to find two discards. South could throw a club and a spade without any problem. North, threw two spades (nothing else is better). Declarer had discarded a diamond and then blanked his ♣A by throwing two clubs. This was the position:

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

Reading the position perfectly, Ludewig then presented the ♠Q from dummy. What can the defence do? If South covers, he can exit in clubs, but then North will win the second round of spades to lead up to the ♦Q, presenting declarer with his contract.

If South allows North to win the trick, he can either concede a diamond trick immediately or exit in spades, establishing the ♠J as declarer's ninth trick. Well done! Germany +400.

At the other table, the Schaltzes came nowhere near bidding a game: in fact, they allowed their opponents to play a contract and make it too! This was their auction:

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
P. Schaltz	Gotard	D. Schaltz	Piekarek
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	1♥	1♠
Dble	2♠	All Pass	

No Strong Club here, but a natural 1♣ opening followed by a double to show a good hand. When Dorthe could not make any further move, Peter too had to give in. Eight tricks were duly made for to 11 IMPs Germany.

Lady luck was not shining on the Poles, but they were the architects of their own misfortune on the next deal:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Tuszynski	Lauria	Kowalski
		1♦	2♠
Dble	3♠	Pass	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

This terrible contract was four down; -800.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
		1♦	1♠
Dble	Pass*	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Pass Please lead a spade

There was some question surrounding the absence of an alert for North's first Pass, but when he failed to lead a spade would you not assume that he was looking at the ace?

The club lead was not unfriendly and declarer won with the jack and played the nine of diamonds, overtaking with the jack when North followed with a small card. The 5-0 split complicated matters, and when declarer subsequently decided to rely on South for the ace of spades he went one down (South had discarded a couple of spades on the diamonds).

The score was now 52-11 and things immediately got worse:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Tuszynski	Lauria	Kowalski
			1♦
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East tried the queen of spades, and declarer made eleven tricks; +660.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
			1♦
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

- 2♣ Asking
- 2♦ any minimum
- 2♥ Game forcing relay

After the game-forcing relay North asked a few more questions and then went on to the slam that was easy to play; +1370, advancing the score to 64-11.

The slam was missed at one of the tables in the Germany-Denmark match too:



Piotr Tuszynski, Poland

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ludewig	M. L. Madsen	Reps	L.L. Madsen
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♦	All Pass	5♦

Simple and effective. 4♦ established trumps and from there it was plain sailing; Denmark +1370.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
P. Schaltz	Gotard	D. Schaltz	Piekarek
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	4NT	All Pass	2NT

When Piekarek showed a balanced hand with 2NT, Gotard showed his strength with a quantitative raise, but there it rested, South holding a bare minimum. Ten top tricks to Germany on a spade lead for +630 to Germany, but a loss of 12 IMPs for them.

A couple of small swings brought a little cheer to Poland's supporters, then at last there was something for them to cheer about:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

  

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Tuszynski	Lauria	Kowalski
2♣*	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
		5♦	All Pass

2♣ Game force, 4+♣ or balanced

Versace knew he was facing a hand where East's diamonds were only moderate, and the spade void was another factor to take into consideration. Declarer won the club lead and played a club a diamond to the queen, so he made eleven tricks; +400.



Adam Zmudzinski, Poland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
2♣*	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass	5♦	Pass

2♣ Game forcing

Perhaps expecting better diamonds on this sequence, West went on to the slam, bid at many tables, but only made three times. South led the six of clubs and declarer ruffed in hand and played a diamond. South switched to a heart after winning the ace of diamonds and declarer won in hand, ruffed a spade, cashed the king of diamonds, came to hand with a heart, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club, drew the outstanding trump and claimed; +920 and 11 badly needed IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

  

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Tuszynski	Lauria	Kowalski
INT	Pass	2♣*	3♣
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The defence started with two rounds of clubs and then switched to a heart. Declarer won, drew trumps, cashed four diamonds ending in dummy and played a spade. South had no answer; +620.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
INT	All Pass		

The convention card says INT is 15-18, so Balicki's pass was somewhat conservative. He made nine tricks but lost 10 IMPs.

Once again, there was the same type of swing in our other featured match.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Ludewig	M. L. Madsen	Reps	L.L. Madsen
INT	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Ludewig had to open INT and thus was not in a position to use his judgment later. Game is not a very good contract, but with trumps breaking and the spades 5-2 with split honours, the defence cannot beat it unless North finds a spade lead and South puts in the nine; Germany +170.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
P. Schaltz	Gotard	D. Schaltz	Piekarek
1♦	Pass	1♥	3♣
Dble	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

As Peter Schaltz could not open INT (the Danes have been playing 12-14 NT for ages, and why not?) they managed to reveal the double fit and thus bid to the game, which was too high. The only thing that matters is, of course, if it makes or not. Denmark +620 and 10 IMPs to earn a winning draw with 45-43 IMPs, but 15-15 in VP.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 ♥ J 10 9 7 5 4 ♦ A J 6 3 ♣ 6 2	♠ 6 ♥ Q 8 3 ♦ K 9 7 ♣ A K J 8 5 4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px 0;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div> ♠ A Q J 8 7 5 4 ♥ A K 6 2 ♦ 5 ♣ 7	♠ K 9 3 2 ♥ — ♦ Q 10 8 4 2 ♣ Q 10 9 3
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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Tuszynski	Lauria	Kowalski
2♥	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

Five Spades was quickly defeated by the jack of hearts lead. East ruffed and returned a diamond; +100. In view of the warning note sounded by North's 3NT bid, perhaps South should have tried Four Hearts, reserving his options.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
Pass	1♣	1♥*	2♥*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

1♥ 8-15, 5+/4+ ♥+♣ or ♠+♦ or any three suiter

West led the ace of diamonds and continued the suit. Declarer won, discarding a heart, took a spade finesse and claimed when the ten appeared. These 12 IMPs took the score to 92-33, 25-4 VP. Italy had certainly done the business.



Alfredo Versace, Italy



# Going for the Cup

The Chairman's Cup has reached the semi-finals. Hauge will face Ruterfyra in the first semi-final and GABI has been paired with Chlodnia Möbelplast in the second.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b> Wikner	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b> Upmark	<b>South</b>
Pass	2♠	Dble	1♠
4♣	Pass	4♦	3♠
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Lead: ace of spades

South continued a second round of spades to be ruffed in dummy. Johan Upmark finessed the king of hearts with the queen and ruffed his last spade. Next came five rounds of diamonds, fol-



Per-Ola Cullin, Sweden

lowed by the ace of clubs and another club. As neither defender could afford to discard a heart it did not matter in which hand the club was won. It happened to be North who was forced to play away from the king of hearts.

Team Hauge turned out to be too good for my own team 10652 after we had been reincarnated together with the Swedish Juniors. Here is a sample of their skill.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b> Hauge	<b>North</b> Gullberg	<b>East</b> Svendsen	<b>South</b> M Eriksson
3♥*	3NT	Pass	INT
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	4NT

Lead: king of spades

3♥ showed spades. It turned out to be a good call to sacrifice against 3NT, as it makes easily, just don't win the opening lead and it is all over. 4♠ would have been two off but 4NT one off was 12 IMPs to the Norwegians

Team 10652 are, by the way, looking for the third chance in Chairman's Cup. Reliable sources have it that there is not any.

This hand, from the quarter-finals, was a difficult slam to bid

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
A Larsson	Cullin	Helmertz	Berg
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Arne Larsson did, after the ceremonial relay sequence, show his club suit. Per-Inge Helmertz' raise to Five Clubs showed a weak hand with club support and Arne took the view that 6♣ might make. With the trumps breaking and king of spades in North's hand that was a good decision.

Strong opening bids do inspire high pre-empts. Per-Ola Cullin had to experience this in the quarter-final between the Swedish Juniors and Bridgestallet. He held:

♠ K Q 10 ♥ A K Q 10 5 3 2 ♦ — ♣ A 9 8

and opened a game-forcing 2♣. Per-Inge Helmerets, non-vulnerable versus vulnerable, overcalled 4 NT. Arne Larsson bid 5♦ and Pocken introduced his heart suit.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

5♥ was doubled by Arne. There was no such thing as an entry to dummy and the contract went two off for -500.



Arne Larsson, Sweden

## Wonderful Defence In The Chairman's Cup

by Jos Jacobs

Malmömassan is a vast building, very suitable for Trade Fairs, Congresses and record-breaking bridge events. At the moment, the Swedish National Open Seniors Championships as well as the Chairman's Cup, a team event sponsored by the Chairman of the Swedish Bridge Federation, are being played simultaneously with the Europeans next door. From the final match of the preliminary round of the Chairman's Cup, we picked up a wonderful defence by a relatively unknown Polish pair from team GABI against Tony Forrester's PANAPHOUR team.

Board 75. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West, Tony Forrester, opened INT and played there.

North, Damian Wronski, led the ♣2 to dummy's queen and the king from East. When this held, South, Krzysztof Warzecha, had to reconsider the situation. It was clear that partner had led from four to the ace, so the first thing to do was to attack dummy's entry, the ♦K. So he returned a low diamond on which Wronski correctly inserted the 10. Dummy's king won and Forrester continued with a spade to the king, won by North immediately (a farsighted move, as we shall see).

Wronski now switched to the ♥8 (the Poles play reverse count) which was covered all round. Forrester's next move was to lead his remaining club, but Wronski rose with the ace to continue hearts to clear the suit. Forrester won the third round and prepared to throw Wronski in with a spade to lead away from the ♦A.

Of course, having done everything right so far, Wronski would have nothing of becoming the victim of an ordinary throw-in, so he gallantly and swiftly unblocked the ♠J when the ♠Q was cashed. This proved the final knock-out for declarer who thus suffered the relative ignominy of having to concede down three for a score of -150. Tony must have felt very happy that he was not playing a pairs' event this time!

After this board, it will be no surprise for you to hear that team GABI easily qualified for the quarter-finals of the Chairman's Cup!



# England and an old truth

Åke Englund did, a very long time ago, take part in a game of Stop. The point of Stop is to win the last trick. Clubs had not been mentioned and wholesaler Englund did not have high hopes in his eight of clubs. Much to his surprise the eight turned out to be the master club. The eight of clubs has since this day carried his name.

This year's Swedish Senior Pair Championship will commence today. Last year's event illuminated the old truth that it is enough to take the lead at the same time that the director announces that the tournament is finished. Bernt-Åke Jansson - Jan Sonnerstedt battled their way to the top position overtaking Kenneth Österberg/Fredrik Wickström, and Bodil Andersson - Johan Tobiasson on the very last board.

Dealer North. None Vul.

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



At all tables but one South declared 4♠ and seventeen West players led a Tom, Dick or Harry queen of clubs to wrap up a score of 16 out of 46 match points. Kenneth and Fredrik dug their own grave with the aid of their bidding methods which cost them dearly on this occasion

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	3♣*
Pass			Pass

## Menu 23 June 2004

Lunch, served between 11.30 and 15.00

Duxelle baked chicken 70 Skr

Vegetarian: Baked zucchini with cheeses 70 Skr

Dinner, served between 16.30 and 20.00

Midsummer buffet including desserts 175 Skr



2NT showed a game-forcing raise in spades and 3♣ a singleton or void in clubs. This had the effect that West lost interest in the club suit and tried the ace of diamonds. This happened at six tables and rendered North/South a meagre score of 7 MPs.

There had, of course, been plenty of other decisive boards. This one is from the meeting between Kenneth Österberg - Fredrik Wickström, who were the leaders, and Bernt-Åke Jansson/Jan Sonnerfeldt.

Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Jan	Fredrik	Bernt-Åke	Kenneth
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♣
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The lead of the ace of the spades was ruffed in dummy and declarer ran the jack of clubs. If Kenneth had played on the hearts he would have collected twelve tricks but when he instead ruffed two more spades in dummy he could not avoid losing two tricks to the king of clubs and the king of hearts. The overtrick was only 5 MPs, but they could have been handy as Jan and Bernt-Åke went on to collect the winner's medals 7 MPs ahead of Fredrik and Kenneth.

Bernt-Åke became declarer in three no trumps on the second board of the round.

Dealer East. All vul, the hand has been rotated.

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



<b>West</b> Kenneth	<b>North</b> Jan	<b>East</b> Fredrik	<b>South</b> Bernt-Åke
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	2NT
Pass		Pass	Pass

Running low on attractive leads, Kenneth placed the queen of spades on the table. Bernt-Åke won with the king and continued with the queen of clubs which was won by the ace. Kenneth cashed the jack of spades and exited with a small club to the king. Declarer cashed the jack of clubs and continued with another club to establish the suit discarding two diamonds. West did also intend to discard two diamonds but did accidentally put a small heart on the table. As hearts were now breaking it was a very wise decision by East to cash the ace of spades. Fredrik would, without the mechanical error, have switched to a low diamond on which declarer must play the nine to West's queen. Kenneth could have exited a heart and collected one down. The annoying technicality of playing the wrong card did not cost more than 32 MPS.

Vidar Wahlestedt declared the following deal in a very sloppy, maybe even sleazy way.

Dealer East. All Vul, the hand has been rotated.

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

<b>West</b> Bernt	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b> Vidar	<b>South</b>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

South led a small diamond to the four, nine and ten. Declarer crossed to dummy on the ace of hearts and played a small club to the seven which was won by the jack. South did, persistently, continue with another diamond to the king and ace. Vidar played a small spade to dummy's king and another club to the ten, queen and ace. South cashed the queen of diamonds and exited a club, ruffed in dummy and dropping the king.

At this point Vidar erred, or maybe he is not aware of the importance of the eight of clubs. The queen of spades followed and trumps were drawn with the aid of a finesse. He cashed the eight of clubs and won the last trick with ace of hearts. He really should have honoured Englund by cashing the ace of hearts before drawing trumps and winning the last trick with eight of clubs.

### Swedish Senior Team Championships, final standing

- 1 Glyssner, Bertil Arvidsson - Sven-Åke Arvendahl  
Roland Axelsson - Rolf Glyssner 486
- 2 Malaboro, Mats Allgöwer - Bo Appelqvist  
Lars-Åke Gustafsson - Roland Härslö 478
- 3 Hallén, Lars Alfredsson - Hans-Olof Hallén  
Bernt-Åke Jansson - Sture Ekberg Johan Dieden 475
- 4 Wenander 453
- 5 Tjämpe 450



### Bridge Festival Schedule

23 June 2004

#### Chairman's Cup Rounds Two and Three

- 10.00 - 12.10 Semi-finals, first session
- 12.20 - 14.30 Semi-finals, second session
- 14.30 - 15.30 Lunch
- 15.30 - 17.40 Semi-finals, third session
- 17.50 - 20.00 Semi-finals, fourth session

#### Silver Barometer

- 11.00 Silver seven, Swan Mixed Pairs
- 18.00 Silver eight

#### Bronze Barometer

- 19.00 Bronze four

#### Swedish Senior Pairs Championship

- 10.00 - 12.00 Fourteen boards
- 12.00 - 12.15 Coffee break
- 12.15 - 14.00 Twelve boards
- 14.00 - 15.00 Lunch
- 15.00 - 17.00 Fourteen boards
- 17.00 - 17.15 Coffee break
- 17.15 - 19.15 Fourteen boards
- 19.15 - 19.30 Coffee break
- 19.30 - 21.00 Ten boards



# ESTORIL 2005



## PORTUGAL WILL HOST THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS WORLD BRIDGE EVENT IN 2005

### Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Seniors Bowl World Transnational Open Teams Championships 22nd October - 5th November 2005

#### The Championships

The Opening Ceremony will be on Saturday 22nd October 2005.

The Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup Round Robin will start on Sunday 23rd and finish on Saturday 29th, with the final stages starting on Sunday 30th.

The Seniors Bowl will also start on Sunday 23rd and will end before the start of the Transnational Open Teams on Monday 31st October.

The Awards Ceremony will be on Saturday 5th November.

Details of Registration and Schedule of Play will be published when they are available



*José Damiani President of the WBF and José Oliveira, Honour Vice-President of the EBL, celebrate the signing of the Championship contract*

depend on the number of teams entered.

The Quarter Final will start on Thursday, late afternoon, the Semi-Final will be played on Friday and the Final will be held on Saturday.

#### The venue

An internationally known resort, Estoril, "the land of kings and fishermen", has all the facilities required to host the Bermuda Bowl 2005.

The Estoril Coast, striking a harmonious blend between the delights of the land and the enchanting beauty of the sea, deserves being talked about time and time again.

It is close to the capital, it is Portuguese and it is fantastic! Its climate is one of Nature's greatest blessings. It is never

too hot or too cold, the humidity is always at a comfortable level and there is enough variation between the beaches in the south of that zone and the Sintra mountains in the north.

Here you will find the perfect combination to enjoy an event like the World Bridge Championships in 2005: an atmosphere that is both relaxed and sophisticated, combined with inexpensive, modern, ample and well equipped facilities serviced by highly trained staff.

The international Lisbon Airport is just a half-hour drive away, and with good road access, modern telecommunications, a wide variety of hotels of different categories at a walking distance from the playing area, restaurants ranging from the simplest ones where you can get fish practically from the sea, to the most sophisticated ones, a variety of sporting activities from swimming, sailing, surfing to golf, tennis, name what you like (no snow skiing, sorry), the largest Casino in Europe, we believe that these are just some aspects to convince you how right is our choice!

The play will take place in the Estoril Conference Centre, an ideal very modern complex designed as a medium-sized centre to enable it to host conferences, exhibitions and indoor events with class and the welcoming atmosphere that is the trademark and the image of quality characteristic of Estoril.

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#### World Transnational Open Teams

The 5th World Transnational Open Teams Championship is a prestigious and most enjoyable event. Being Transnational, it is open to teams composed of players coming from different countries, nominated by their National Bridge Organisation and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee.

It is a great opportunity for players to participate in a wonderful bridge tournament while at the same time having an unique opportunity to experience all the atmosphere and excitement of the final stages of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and watch some of the greatest players of the world in our vugraph presentation. Players wishing to compete in this Championship should contact their NBO and request nomination by the end of July 2005. There is no quota, and NBOs may nominate as many teams as they wish to compete in this great tournament. Players eliminated from the Round Robin of the Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup, as well as those from the Seniors Bowl, will be able to enter the World Transnational Open Teams Championship free of charge.

The World Transnational Open Teams will take place during the second week, starting in the late afternoon on Monday 31st October. The format will be Swiss Teams. It is normally played as 10-board matches (3 or 4 per day) but the exact format will