



# Daily Bulletin



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

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Monday, 28 June 2004

## ITALY PURSUED BY SWEDEN



At 9 years old, Anna Christa is the festival's youngest player

In the biggest match of the Championships Italy just edged out Sweden 16-14, but they only lead their main rivals by 3.5VP. The pack is led by Poland, Netherlands, Turkey, Belgium & Russia.

### Netherlands are the New Leaders

The Dutch women have taken over at the top of the Women's table but they are only just ahead of Sweden and France. Only 5 VP cover these three, and behind them Austria, Germany & England are within IVP of each other.

### Germany Stays Ahead

Despite losing a close match to their nearest rival Poland, Germany is still on top of the table in the Senior Championship. These two are followed by France, Denmark and an England team who must have been disappointed to lose heavily to their neighbours, Scotland.

### Today's VuGraph Matches

#### SENIOR TEAMS - Round 10

France v Germany 14.15

#### OPEN TEAMS - Round 21

Sweden v Denmark 17.40

### JOURNALISTS!

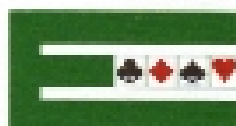
#### Programme

- There will be a Journalists' meeting in the Press Room on Wednesday after play finishes.
- The Journalists' Pairs will take place at 1800 alongside the Swedish open event. Please enter in the Press Room as soon as possible.
- There will be a Press Conference on Friday morning, the time and venue to be advised.

### NOTICE!!!

There has been a change in the timetable for the Senior Teams on Tuesday 29 June:

Round 12	14.15
Round 13	17.40



## OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

### ROUND 17

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	LITHUANIA	86 - 3	25 - 0
2	BYE	FINLAND		0 - 18
3	ITALY	CROATIA	67 - 42	20 - 10
4	FAROE ISL.	SWEDEN	21 - 46	10 - 20
5	CZECH REP.	SWITZERLAND	16 - 53	7 - 23
6	SAN MARINO	SCOTLAND	13 - 66	5 - 25
7	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	64 - 42	20 - 10
8	IRELAND	TURKEY	28 - 63	8 - 22
9	ISRAEL	NORWAY	24 - 37	12 - 18
10	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	30 - 20	17 - 13
11	BELGIUM	FRANCE	49 - 44	16 - 14
12	WALES	ICELAND	37 - 40	14 - 16
13	ROMANIA	ENGLAND	10 - 49	7 - 23
14	LATVIA	GERMANY	61 - 40	19 - 11
15	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	38 - 35	16 - 14
16	AUSTRIA	GREECE	29 - 38	13 - 17
17	POLAND	SERBIA/MONT.	71 - 40	21 - 9

### ROUND 18

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	FINLAND	RUSSIA	43 - 34	17 - 13
2	CROATIA	BYE		18 - 0
3	SWEDEN	ITALY	37 - 41	14 - 16
4	SWITZERLAND	FAROE ISL.	42 - 34	15.5 - 14
5	SCOTLAND	CZECH REP.	94 - 24	25 - 2
6	SPAIN	SAN MARINO	33 - 22	17 - 13
7	TURKEY	PORTUGAL	49 - 51	15 - 15
8	NORWAY	IRELAND	49 - 43	16 - 14
9	SERBIA/MONT.	ISRAEL	71 - 46	20 - 10
10	DENMARK	LITHUANIA	77 - 17	25 - 3
11	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	19 - 48	9 - 21
12	ICELAND	BELGIUM	58 - 63	14 - 16
13	ENGLAND	WALES	59 - 35	20 - 10
14	GERMANY	ROMANIA	36 - 17	19 - 11
15	HUNGARY	LATVIA	44 - 24	19 - 11
16	GREECE	BULGARIA	34 - 39	14 - 16
17	POLAND	AUSTRIA	57 - 29	21 - 9

### ROUND 19

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	CROATIA	23 - 62	7 - 23
2	BYE	SWEDEN		0 - 18
3	ITALY	SWITZERLAND	57 - 65	14 - 16
4	FAROE ISL.	SCOTLAND	41 - 62	11 - 19
5	CZECH REP.	SPAIN	68 - 53	18 - 12
6	SAN MARINO	TURKEY	24 - 75	5 - 24.5
7	PORTUGAL	NORWAY	69 - 57	17 - 13
8	IRELAND	ISRAEL	29 - 59	9 - 21
9	FINLAND	DENMARK	45 - 32	18 - 12
10	LITHUANIA	FRANCE	20 - 83	3 - 25
11	NETHERLANDS	ICELAND	60 - 45	18 - 12
12	BELGIUM	ENGLAND	48 - 68	11 - 19
13	WALES	GERMANY	35 - 30	16 - 14
14	ROMANIA	HUNGARY	83 - 47	22 - 8
15	LATVIA	GREECE	82 - 36	22 - 6
16	BULGARIA	POLAND	28 - 51	10 - 20
17	AUSTRIA	SERBIA/MONT.	53 - 40	18 - 12

## OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

### ROUND 20

14.15

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

### ROUND 21

17.40

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

## Victory Banquet

The Victory Banquet Desk will be located at the Hospitality Desk and will be open from 0930 to 1100 and from 1630 to 1730 on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th.

Team captains are kindly requested to collect the invitations for the team.

Only captains, npcs, coaches and players are entitled to receive invitations. Wives, companions, etc, can participate; the cost of the ticket is 300 SK.

All department heads should collect invitations for their staff.

The Victory Banquet will be held at Malmö-Mässan at 2030 on Saturday July 3rd.

There will be a show during the banquet.

**IMPORTANT:** Invitations must be collected no later than 1000 on **Wednesday 30th.**

**WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 12**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	NORWAY	GERMANY	14 - 78	3 - 25
22	ISRAEL	ENGLAND	48 - 43	16 - 14
23	IRELAND	DENMARK	26 - 69	6 - 24
24	SCOTLAND	TURKEY	73 - 60	18 - 12
25	LEBANON	SWEDEN	35 - 85	5 - 25
26	FAROE ISL.	FRANCE	71 - 85	12 - 18
27	NETHERLANDS	ICELAND	81 - 41	23 - 7
28	CZECH REP.	HUNGARY	72 - 70	15 - 15
29	ITALY	AUSTRIA	52 - 66	12 - 18
30	FINLAND	POLAND	34 - 39	14 - 16
31	SPAIN	CROATIA	56 - 48	16 - 14

**ROUND 13**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	GERMANY	ISRAEL	43 - 56	12 - 18
22	ENGLAND	IRELAND	49 - 39	17 - 13
23	DENMARK	SCOTLAND	58 - 23	22 - 8
24	TURKEY	LEBANON	55 - 49	16 - 14
25	SWEDEN	FRANCE	48 - 47	15 - 15
26	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS	63 - 30	22 - 8
27	ICELAND	CZECH REP.	14 - 67	5 - 25
28	HUNGARY	ITALY	29 - 50	11 - 19
29	AUSTRIA	FINLAND	39 - 24	18 - 12
30	POLAND	SPAIN	77 - 54	20 - 10
31	CROATIA	FAROE ISL.	70 - 10	25 - 3

**WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 14 14.15**

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

**ROUND 15 17.40**

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

**SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 7**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	NETHERLANDS	CZECH REP.	8 - 55	3.5 - 24.5
42	SWITZERLAND	DENMARK	37 - 27	17 - 13
43	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL	32 - 41	13 - 17
44	ITALY	SWEDEN	47 - 27	20 - 10
45	IRELAND	ENGLAND	13 - 55	5 - 25
46	GERMANY	WALES	38 - 14	21 - 9
47	FRANCE	POLAND	35 - 57	10 - 20
48	NORWAY	FINLAND	19 - 27	13 - 17

**ROUND 8**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	25 - 35	13 - 17
42	ISRAEL	SWITZERLAND	34 - 17	19 - 11
43	SWEDEN	SCOTLAND	31 - 18	18 - 12
44	ENGLAND	ITALY	32 - 25	16 - 14
45	FINLAND	IRELAND	54 - 16	24 - 6
46	WALES	CZECH REP.	12 - 30	11 - 19
47	POLAND	GERMANY	49 - 43	16 - 14
48	NORWAY	FRANCE	34 - 14	20 - 10

**ROUND 9**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	41 - 19	20 - 10
42	SWITZERLAND	SWEDEN	39 - 15	21 - 9
43	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND	63 - 26	24 - 6
44	ITALY	IRELAND	58 - 9	25 - 4
45	DENMARK	WALES	66 - 16	25 - 4
46	CZECH REP.	POLAND	25 - 36	13 - 17
47	GERMANY	NORWAY	34 - 8	21 - 9
48	FRANCE	FINLAND	62 - 13	25 - 4

**SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 10 14.15**

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

**ROUND 11 17.40**

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

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 19 rounds

1	ITALY	382.00
2	SWEDEN	379.50
3	POLAND	345.00
4	NETHERLANDS	334.00
5	TURKEY	334.00
6	RUSSIA	324.50
7	BELGIUM	322.00
8	FINLAND	314.50
9	ENGLAND	312.00
10	GERMANY	311.00
11	ISRAEL	308.00
12	NORWAY	300.00
13	GREECE	298.50
14	AUSTRIA	292.00
15	ICELAND	291.50
16	FRANCE	288.00
17	SCOTLAND	287.00
18	CROATIA	282.00
19	PORTUGAL	276.00
20	WALES	273.50
21	DENMARK	271.00
22	HUNGARY	270.00
23	SPAIN	269.00
24	BULGARIA	262.50
25	LATVIA	261.00
26	SERBIA/MONTENEGRO	252.00
27	SWITZERLAND	249.00
28	IRELAND	240.50
29	ROMANIA	227.00
30	FAROE ISLANDS	215.00
31	LITHUANIA	212.50
32	CZECH REP.	191.00
33	SAN MARINO	163.50

## WOMEN'S TEAMS RANKING after 13 rounds

1	SWEDEN	242.00
2	FRANCE	239.00
3	NETHERLANDS	230.00
4	AUSTRIA	229.00
5	GERMANY	226.00
6	ENGLAND	225.00
7	SPAIN	212.00
8	ISRAEL	206.00
9	TURKEY	206.00
10	NORWAY	203.00
11	ITALY	197.00
12	FINLAND	194.00
13	POLAND	193.00
14	CZECH REP.	191.50
15	DENMARK	188.00
16	IRELAND	188.00
17	SCOTLAND	174.00
18	HUNGARY	161.00
19	CROATIA	161.00
20	LEBANON	134.00
21	ICELAND	132.00
22	FAROE ISLANDS	127.00

## SENIOR TEAMS RANKING after 9 rounds

1	GERMANY	177.00
2	POLAND	171.60
3	FRANCE	168.00
4	DENMARK	165.00
5	ENGLAND	159.00
6	SWEDEN	147.00
7	ITALY	147.00
8	CZECH REP.	138.50
9	NORWAY	136.00
10	ISRAEL	135.00
11	NETHERLANDS	129.50
12	FINLAND	121.00
13	SWITZERLAND	110.00
14	WALES	94.00
15	SCOTLAND	93.40
16	IRELAND	20.00

**WOMEN'S TEAMS**

**Round 9**

**Germany v Austria**

Ever since the World Championships in Yokohama, where these two teams fought out one of the most incredible matches in the history of the Venice Cup, this has been a match not to miss. We were treated to a real slugfest of difficult deals, with no quarter asked or given.

with a spade. East could cash the king of clubs, but then had to lead into the heart tenace. A well played +430 and a nice 11 IMP start for Austria.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

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West	North	East	South
Kriftner	Auken	Smederevac	Von Arnim
	1♣*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

- 1♣ Strong
- 2♥ Minors
- 2♠ Relay
- 3♥ 8-10, 6♣+4♦

Six Diamonds is obviously a poor contract, but it does have a little bit of play — it can be made if East leads a heart, but the sequence in spades was an obvious choice. Declarer won the opening lead and passed the queen of hearts to West's king. In due course she was two down, -100.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Reim	Grumm	Nehmert	Weigkricht
	1♣*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

- 1♣ Strong
- 1♠ Three controls

West led the three of diamonds — nothing helps if declarer reads the cards — and declarer won with dummy's ace and then overtook the queen of diamonds with the king and forced out the jack of diamonds. East won and switched to the ten of clubs and declarer won, cashed her diamond tricks and finessed the jack of spades. She then took her winners in that suit and exited

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

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

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**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Kriftner	Auken	Smederevac	Von Arnim
		1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A borderline game, difficult to defend and to make. North led the three of clubs and South won with the king and returned the suit. (The computer switches to the jack of hearts, defeating the contract). Declarer put up the queen and North ducked. Declarer unblocked the king of spades and played a heart to the king.



Jovi Smederevac, Austria



the jack of spades. North played low without a flicker and declarer naturally cashed her top spade and subsequently took the diamond finesse for one down; -50.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Reim	Grumm	Nehmert	Weigkricht
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

This time South was on lead. When she led her singleton trump declarer was home and dry; +980. 14 juicy IMPs for Germany, putting them back in the lead, 41-31.

Even without the helpful lead Nehmert might have made the slam. Say South leads a heart. Declarer wins in dummy, ruffs a heart, cashes a top spade, crosses to a club, ruffs a heart, crosses to a club and runs the jack of spades. If it loses there is still the chance of the diamond finesse, plus the possibility that South will be endplayed. I don't say you should play this way, but you might, especially if you are student of the law of symmetry.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kriftner	Auken	Smederevac	Von Arnim
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	All Pass	INT	Pass

Declarer made eleven tricks; +150.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Reim	Grumm	Nehmert	Weigkricht
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass	INT	Pass

Meckwell with skirts on! South led the six of clubs and declarer won in hand, unblocked the king of clubs, came to hand with a diamond, cashed the ace of clubs, closed her eyes and played a diamond to the king. She was so delighted she simply claimed nine tricks; +600 and 10 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Kriftner	Auken	Smederevac	Von Arnim
Pass	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the nine of clubs and North played low, declarer winning with the king. She cashed the ace of spades, played a spade to dummy, drew another trump and then took a winning heart finesse. She drew the last trump to leave this position:

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

When declarer played a club she was one down.

Remember that South led the nine of clubs. That denied the ten, so the position in the suit was clear. On that basis only an endplay can succeed. Declarer must play a diamond to the ace, ruff a diamond and then play the ace of hearts and a heart. Not easy, but not impossible.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Reim	Grumm	Nehmert	Weigkricht
Pass	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

This time South led a heart for the king and ace and declar-



er crossed to dummy with a diamond to take the spade finesse. When the queen appeared she won, cashed a top spade, North discarding a heart, crossed to dummy with a spade, North discarding a club and played a club. North correctly went up with the ace and had only to play a high diamond to ensure the defeat of the contract. When she played a heart declarer could win, draw the last trump and play on clubs for ten tricks; +420 and 10 IMPs.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kriftner	Auken	Smederevac	Von Arnim
	INT*	Dble	2♠
Dble*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

INT 10-12



Beate Nehmert, Germany

When East heard about the heart support she bid the excellent slam; +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Reim	Grumm	Nehmert	Weigkricht
	1♠	2♣	3♠
5♣	All Pass		

As Andrea Reim pointed out, she bid a little bit too quickly, realizing that 4♠ would have been a better bid; +420, and 11 badly needed IMPs for Austria.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

	♠ J 10 5 4	
	♥ K Q 3	
	♦ A 5	
	♣ K 10 5 4	

	N	
W		E
	S	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kriftner	Auken	Smederevac	Von Arnim
			1♠
2♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♥	3♦	All Pass

Declarer won the spade lead in dummy, finessed in clubs, cashed the ace, ruffed a club and played the top spades discarding hearts. North ruffed and played a heart to declarer's ace. Now a diamond misguess meant declarer had made ten tricks; +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Reim	Grumm	Nehmert	Weigkricht
			1♠
2♦	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

If South finds the challenging heart lead declarer will have to duck twice and then get the diamonds right when the spades don't break. The five of clubs gave declarer time to get the diamonds wrong. When North didn't switch to a heart declarer emerged with eleven tricks and the same number of IMPs. Germany had done the business to the tune of 80-42 IMPs, 23-7 VP, but they still trailed Austria in the table.



**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 15**

**Russia v Belgium**

by Jos Jacobs

Over the first 14 rounds, Russia had marched on steadily and well, standing in fourth place, 14 VPs behind third-placed Poland but 11 VPs ahead of the last qualifying spot, held at the time by The Netherlands. Belgium had cheered up their supporters, of which quite a number are doing much good work here as staff members during these Championships, by wandering along nicely around the qualification line. At a certain moment they were above it, at this point they were seventh but only just 4 VPs below the line.

The first board of the match was flat, a simple slam for North/South bid and made by both North/South pairs. Action started on Board 3:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	V. Labaere	Zlotov	A. Labaere
Pass	1♥	Dble	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	3♥
			All Pass

Routine habits may well have caused the swing on this board, as both declarers and one defender probably played too quickly. North led the ♣J (Rusinow) which was covered by the king and ace. South, Alain Labaere, neatly returned his partner's suit, hearts, to beat the contract; Belgium +100.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Coenraets	Petrinin	Neve	Gromov
Pass	2♥	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		4♥

At the other table, the same obvious contract was reached and the lead was 'the same' ♣Q. Once again, declarer put up dummy's king which lost to the ace, but here South was too hasty as well and forgot to switch to hearts. His club return meant that the contract could no longer be beaten as the losing heart goes on the diamonds; Belgium another +620 and a 12-IMP swing.

But what would have happened, one wonders, if declarer simply plays low from dummy to trick one?

After some more quiet deals, things livened up again when Board 7 came up:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	V. Labaere	Zlotov	A. Labaere
2♦	Pass	4♠	1♦
Pass	Pass	5♠	5♣
Pass	6♣	Dble	Pass
			All Pass

In spite of, or maybe thanks to, the weak two-suited overcall from West, the Belgians finished up in an excellent slam that



Dmitri Zlotov, Russia

might have made on many occasions. Alas for Belgium, this was not one of them.

Kholomeev led his singleton diamond and duly received a ruff when Zlotov was in with the ♣A; Russia +200.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Coenraets	Petrinin	Neve	Gromov
2♣	Pass	4♠	5♦
All Pass			

For the Russians, the club fit had got lost due to the fierce intervention. At his second turn, Gromov did not show the real nature of his hand, but simply elected to sell out in 5♦. In a sense, he was right, as slam could not be made on the actual layout; Russia another +600 and 13 IMPs back.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	V. Labaere	Zlotov	A. Labaere
Pass	1♥	1♦	Dble
Pass	2♥	2♦	Dble
All Pass		Pass	2NT

Cautious bidding this time by Belgium led to an easy game being missed; ten tricks made.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Coenraets	Petrinin	Neve	Gromov
Pass	1♥	1♦	Dble
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♦
All Pass		Pass	3NT

The Russians took the bull by the horns and duly reached the cold 3NT. Ten tricks were made also, but that was Russia +10 IMPs. They led by 34-12.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	V. Labaere	Zlotov	A. Labaere
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦
All Pass			3NT

Simple and effective bidding by the same Belgian pair saw them recoup the IMPs just lost on the next board. As West could not possibly find the spade lead, declarer ran home after the lead of the ♥9; Belgium +400.

Of course, 3NT is a very good contract — if spades are 4-3 it cannot be beaten at all.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Coenraets	Petrinin	Neve	Gromov
Pass	1♥	1♠	1♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	4♦

Once the Russians could not open 1NT, they were in trouble. North showed his suits, but how could South ever bid 3NT without a club stopper? It was down two as the contract had no play at all; Belgium +100 and 11 IMPs back.

And:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	V. Labaere	Zlotov	A. Labaere
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♥	5♦	All Pass

Once again, the artificial club did not work out too well when Zlotov elected to jump to 5♦, neglecting the clubs. He made his contract in comfort, but would the Belgians reach 6♣?

Yes they did, for this is how it went:

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Coenraets	Petrinin	Neve	Gromov
Pass	2♦	Dble	2♥
Pass	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Neve was very pleased to hear 5♣, though these were the only 'values' Coenraets was able to offer. After the grand slam try of 5♥, West quickly signed off, though the grand can be made on the actual layout if a heart is led. As it was, the Belgian East/West had already done very well by reaching the correct slam. So this gave Belgium another 11 IMPs to tie the match at 34-34.

More there was to come immediately:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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	♣ A 7 6 4 3										

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	V. Labaere	Zlotov	A. Labaere
	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

3♠ showed minors and 4♦ showed fits. After the 4♥ cuebid, Valérie Labaere would not stay out of slam any more, but without the help of the ♣Q this proved too much; one down, Russia +100.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Coenraets	Petrinin	Neve	Gromov
	1♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

A controlled auction saw the Russians land on their feet very well in the last makeable contract. Russia scored +600 which saw them go ahead by 12 IMPs again.

Two boards later, the Russians missed a very good chance to score heavily:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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	♥ 9 7 4										
	♦ K Q 8										
	♣ 8 4										

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Coenraets	Petrinin	Neve	Gromov
			Pass
Pass	Pass	INT	

In the Open Room, the Belgians stayed quietly in INT, West apparently not considering his hand worth a raise due to a complete lack of good intermediates; Belgium +120.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	V. Labaere	Zlotov	A. Labaere
			Pass
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Kholomeev did make a further move, so he ended up in 3NT when Zlotov was quick to accept the invitation. The play was interesting.

The lead of the ♠4 went to the jack and king. Zlotov cashed two top hearts and then led a club to the queen and North's ace. Another spade by North was ducked to dummy's queen. Next, declarer played a diamond to the nine and South's queen. South

then exited with a heart, dummy cashing two tricks in the suit. South discarded the ♠9 on the last heart. Next declarer led a diamond to his ace and exited with a spade to South. He was obviously hoping that South would have to lead away from the ♣J in the end, but when South also held the ♦K Zlotov had to concede one down for +50 to Belgium and 5 IMPs to them instead of 7 IMPs to Russia. The score now stood at 46-40 to Russia.

One board later, Belgium took the lead once again:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	V. Labaere	Zlotov	A. Labaere
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♣	All Pass

This misunderstanding might have cost the Russians a slam swing, vulnerable, when they scored a meagre +170 here.



Valérie Labaere, Belgium

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Coenraets	Petrunin	Neve	Gromov
1♦	Dble	Rdbl	1♥
Pass	3♥	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

When North doubled, it was difficult for East to show both his suits and the unusual shape of his hand.

Thus, they ended up in a very solid contract, but in such a way that it may well have induced Gromov to double the final contract opposite his partner's take-out double.

This definitely was the wrong moment, as Neve lost little time in wrapping up the contract with an overtrick for +950 to Belgium, a swing of 13 IMPs.

On the next board, the Russians may well have been trying to force the pace a little but the Belgian defence stood firm:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kholomeev	V. Labaere	Zlotov	A. Labaere
Dble	1♣	1♦	2♥
3♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	3NT	Dble
Rdbl	All Pass	5♦	Dble

Well, 3NT would probably have gone off, so Zlotov made a wise move when he retreated. Jumping to game in diamonds, however, was more than Labaere could stand, so he doubled again. On a club lead and continuation, ruffed by South, declarer still had no way to execute a complete cross-ruff for 11 tricks and had to go one down; Belgium +200.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Coenraets	Petrunin	Neve	Gromov
	2♣	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

This quiet little partscore went one off as well, to add another +50 to the Belgian score for a useful little swing of 6 IMPs more.

The score now was 59-46 to Belgium, which would convert into an 18-12 VP victory. The 1 IMP to Belgium from an overtrick later on changed the final score to 60-46, but 18-12 VPs it remained. Belgium had done a good job on their way to cross the qualification line again in an upward direction.



# SCENT OF ADVENTURE



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## A stepping-stone End-play

By Svend Novrup

Maybe you do not win a long championship by executing coups and squeezes - but it helps! Board 1 in Round 14 caused problems in many matches, and we have heard of pairs who, sitting North/South, were happy to get a plus score in their game contract.

Well, against Lithuania in the Open series, Hedin Mouritzen from the Faroe Islands landed a small slam by means of a rare guest at the bridge table, a stepping-stone end-play that undoubtedly is one of the best achievements of the championships so far.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A K J 4 3 ♥ A Q J 9 3 ♦ A Q ♣ 9	<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		♠ 10 9 8 6 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ J 6 4 2 ♣ K 10	
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	<i>Hedin</i>		<i>Jóannes</i>									
	2♣	Pass	3♣									
Pass	3♠	Pass	5♠									
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass									
Pass												

An extremely difficult hand to bid, and probably you will not consider 6♠ to be the top spot to end up in but good slams are slams that make! 3♣ showed a hand with HHxxxx in clubs and almost no side strength, so Jóannes Mouritzen thought that he had to do something extra on the next round. He felt like bidding 6♠ but, as Hedin never refuses an invitation, he bid only 5♠ (pard, you have to take care of the top trumps yourself!) putting the responsibility on the shoulders of Hedin!

East, who expected to see ♣AQxxxx in dummy, led a shrewd ♣10, a lead chosen at several tables(!). Hedin won ♣A, planned the play and started his voyage towards 12 tricks: ♦Q, heart ruff, ♦A, heart ruff, club ruff, ♠A, ♠K, ♠J, and ♥A, hoping for the ♥K to drop. Probably he was happy that this was not the case, as he now had to play for the stepping-stone variation in this position:

♠ — ♥ K 10 ♦ — ♣ Q	<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		♠ 10 ♥ — ♦ J 6 ♣ —	
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East was put on lead with the last trump while the ♣J was discarded from dummy, and he had to lead away from the ♦J.

One admiring fan later on, breathless from admiration, asked Hedin: —How did you know to finesse for the ♦J? Hedin had a pro-saic answer to that: —If East had held a non-diamond, he probably would have cashed it!

## Lord of the Kings

by Raymond Brock

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q J ♥ A 5 3 2 ♦ Q 4 ♣ 9 8 5 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 10 9 8 7 ♥ K J 6 ♦ 6 ♣ A K Q J	♠ 6 3 ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ A 10 7 3 2 ♣ 10 7 3
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This board, from the Open series match between England and Greece, saw some declarer play that must be a candidate for the Best Played Hand of the Championship.

In the Closed Room, Kannavos played in 2♠ on a heart lead which should have held him to nine tricks but the defence went astray and he ended up making ten.

The stakes were higher in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Lambrinos</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Zotos</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
1♣	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

South's raise to 2♠ would not be everyone's choice and on this deal it led to the wafer-thin game.

One difficult aspect of defence is when dummy has a possible source of tricks and the defender with most of the high cards does not have a strong holding in that suit. If his partner guards that suit it is sufficient simply to defend passively; if his partner does not hold that suit then it is important to set up side-suit winners quickly.

Here East led a low spade and West's jack was allowed to hold the trick. West now made a small mistake when he switched to a low heart. Declarer, David Price, went up with the king, cashed the ace of spades and played four rounds of clubs discarding dummy's hearts. Now he led a diamond. This was not a guess for him because he could not afford for West to gain the lead. He won dummy's king, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a heart with dummy's last trump. That was eight tricks in the bag and he still had two certain trump tricks to come.

That was +620 and 10 IMPs which contributed to England's 17-13 victory.

## Appeal No. 4

### France v Scotland

**Appeals Committee:**

Anton Maas (Chairman, the Netherlands), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Maria Erhart (Austria), Tjolpe Flodqvist (Sweden)

Senior Teams Round 3  
Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠																						
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♠																						
Pass	4♠	All Pass																							

**Contract:** Four Spades, played by South

**Lead:** ♣8

**Play:** ♥A, ♥K, heart ruff

**Result:** 10 tricks, NS +420

**The Facts:**

This was the first board of the match, in the third round. West called the director at the end of play. He would not have led clubs but for his partner's double. East had doubled because he had not understood that 2♣ had been alerted, as being Drury. He had intended his double to show the red suits. North stated he had alerted by pointing to his own bid. East told the director that he was not familiar with this method of alerting. The scorer, who sat at the same side of the screen, confirmed that the bid had been alerted by pointing.

**The Director:**

Told North off for alerting in a non-standard manner, but ruled that East should be expected to understand what the movement means, or at least ask about it.

**Ruling:** Result Stands

**Relevant Laws:** Conditions of Contest C2

**East/West appealed**

**Present:** All players and the Captain of East/West

**The Players:**

East told the Committee that he had not been aware there had been an alert, either by pointing to the bid or otherwise. When asked by the director about it, he had wanted to express that he would be prepared to accept that such an action had taken place, but that he would not be certain it could be an acceptable alert. He had not seen anything.

South expressed his partner's apologies for not respecting procedure. South pointed out that he always used the blue card, but that his screenmate alerted in the same manner as his partner, by pointing to the bids. South argued that Drury is not very unusual.

East/West's captain pointed out that Drury was not so usual in his country, and that West, while indeed alerting in the same manner, also always made certain that his screen-mate has noticed the alert.

When asked about it, North admitted that he could not confirm that East had noticed the alert.

South finally stated that he would always make the contract, even without a club lead. He would notice the 4-1 trump split and play East for the ♣Q.

The Committee asked the director to confirm what was told to him. The director confirmed that East had not objected to the fact that North had alerted by pointing at the bid. East had only told him that he did not think pointing at the bid constituted an alert. The director had not asked further and had concluded that East had seen the movement but had not understood it.

**The Committee:**

Decided that the most important fact had never reached the director: North had not made certain that East had noticed his movement. The Conditions of Contest contain the following sentence:

It is the obligation of the player making an 'alert' to ensure that his screen-mate has noticed that an "alert" has been made.

Therefore, the ruling shall be as if no alert had taken place.

The Committee then decided on what score adjustment to give.

Without the double, West has three available leads: hearts, diamonds or clubs. The Committee decided to weight these options 75%-20%-5%. With a club lead, the contract is made, and with a diamond lead, declarer runs into too many difficulties to cope with. On a heart lead, the chances are with declarer, but it was not thought he would always make the contract. A success rate of between 60% and 80% was put forward, but in the end the Committee rounded the final outcome off to 60% making.

**The Committee's decision:**

Score adjusted to:

Both sides receive:

60% of 4♠= by South (NS +420)  
plus 40% of 4♠-1 by South (NS -50)

**Deposit:** Returned

**Note:** the result at the other table was +420 so the final result on the board was:

60% of 0 IMPs  
plus 40% of -10 IMPs  
or -4 IMPs to the team of North/South



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You can't have too much of a good thing, and in 2005 you have the chance to sample the delights of this region not once but twice as, in addition to the Festival, Estoril plays host to the World Championships from 22 October — 5 November.

The brilliantly conceived idea of the Transnational World Championships gives everyone the opportunity

to compete for a world title and at the same time to savour the unique atmosphere that surrounds the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup contests. I will say more in a moment, but lest you think I am in the least bit biased I asked for the opinions of a number of leading players and officials.

*I visit the Portuguese Open in Estoril each year just after Easter with friends who play both golf and bridge. My reasons for returning are the combination of good value hotels, many excellent restaurants, convenience to Lisbon, a leisurely schedule that leaves time in the afternoon for golf, and usually reliable weather. And the half-hour train journey along the coast to Lisbon, a highly attractive trip, costs less than a euro!*

**Patrick Jourdain**

**President International Bridge Press Association**

*Cascais, Lisboa, Sintra are three destinations that are coveted places for quality tourists. Estoril is in the centre of this triangle. Furthermore, in its own right, Estoril is a great place to be in. I work very near and usually direct the International Festival (the 20th edition will be held in April 2005) and it is probably the best location in Portugal to play Bridge. The Congress Centre is 50 meters away from the Casino, and 100-200 meters away from the hotels. The beaches are not much further than that... and going to Lisbon or Cascais involves no more than a hop into the train that runs on a 24/24 hr basis and deposits you right into the heart of both locations for next to nothing. All the Estoril Coast is a kind of magical place and a preferred choice for our Portuguese weekend strolls. I could fill a page with nice things, but it*



might be considered publicity... I just say this: "We - the Portuguese people - invite you to (re)discover the Estoril magic. Some of you remember the Vilamoura European Championships. We will make it just as good, or better. Take my word for it".

**Rui Marques**

**Director, European Bridge League**

The warmth of the welcome and the outstanding hospitality of the Portuguese make Estoril a memorable place to play bridge. Its the perfect location for a family holiday, providing the beach for the children, the shops for the wife, and the Bulletin office for me.

**Brian Senior**

**England International**



For Bulgarian players, who are not amongst the most affluent, Portugal, and Estoril in particular is a fantastic place to play bridge. Cheap flights to Lisbon, inexpensive self-catering hotels, and sunshine! It will always be my favourite!

**Dessy Popova**

**Bulgarian International**

I think the Estoril Conference Center is a very good choice for the 2005 World Championships. Estoril is a fantastic place situated close to Lisbon, Cascais & Sintra (considered World Patrimony). The place where the tournament will take place is close to the beach —five minutes by foot —and the weather will help people to spend some unforgettable days. There are many fine hotels in the environs of the Conference Center —a modern building with excellent facilities. There are opportunities to enjoy other pastimes. Swimming, tennis and golf are readily available, along with the biggest casino in Europe for all to enjoy.

The food is excellent, fish a speciality and also the local wine is superb.

The temperature at the time of the Festival is generally 20-25 Celsius.

Being Portuguese, I look forward to seeing you all in Estoril and hope you will enjoy the best of Portuguese hospitality and our Country.

See you....

**Joao Passarinho**

**NPC Spanish Women Malmö 2004**



Well, I hope you get the idea, Estoril is a fantastic place, and this will be a Championship not to be missed.

The venue for the World Transnational Open Championship is a magnificent, modern, air-conditioned building, surrounded by hotels and restaurants. It offers ideal conditions for both players and spectators. World Championships have a habit of producing dramatic finishes, as in Bermuda in 2000, Paris 2001 and Monaco 2003. The combination of rubbing shoulders with the world's finest players, seeing them in action and competing for a World Championship carries a simple message: put the World Transnational Open Championship on your schedule for 2005 now! (And tell your friends!)





# The Swedish Pairs Championships, Qualification

by Tjolpe Flodqvist

170 pairs were expected for the Swedish Pairs Championships, but seven pairs did not show up without giving advance notice. This caused a lot of inconvenience for both the participants and the secretariat. Which 52 pairs that play the A final were to be decided over 66 boards on the Sunday.

I decided to watch a few of the early rounds, and started with Tomas 'The Cross-country skier' Magnusson and Frederic Wrang, who encountered a bidding problem here.

The deal has been rotated.

Board 11. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ J 10 8 ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ 9 8 2 ♣ 10 9 3 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		♠ 9 ♥ J 9 5 ♦ A 10 6 5 ♣ A K J 6 4	♠ 4 3 ♥ K 8 7 3 ♦ K Q J 4 ♣ Q 7 5
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West	North	East	South
	Frederic		Tomas
Pass	1♠	2♣	Dble
Pass	3♣*	Pass	?

At this point did South - rather unwisely - bid 3NT, which ended the auction. The consensus was that South should have bid 3♦, so



Thomas Karlsson, Sweden

that North could have clarified the nature of his hand with 3♣.

In my opinion North should not consider to stay in three no trumps, when South did not bid it over 3♣. But with a couple of low clubs it's quite another story and he should give partner the opportunity to bid 3NT.

430 was worth a mere 4 out of 154 MPs compared with 76 MPs for 450. They got it all back on the next board.

The deal has been rotated.

Board 12. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Tomas		Frederic
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	3NT	All pass	

The no trump opening showed 9-12 HCP and 3♣ was a transfer to diamonds. When poor East bid his obvious 3♥ North suggested 3NT and South had the perfect hand to accept that.

On a black-suit lead the defence can cash five tricks, but West naturally enough led the queen of hearts. Declarer won the king and cashed his seven diamond tricks.

♠ A ♥ 10 ♦ — ♣ 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		♠ K Q ♥ J 9 ♦ — ♣ A	♠ 9 ♥ A 7 ♦ ♣ K 6
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After a club to the ace and spade to the ace, West played his last heart and, when declarer cashed his king of clubs, East discarded his last heart.

460 was worth a huge 152 for an almost flat round.

The art of positioning your 3NT contracts correctly is worth many MPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Here the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All pass	

After the six of hearts lead to the queen and king, South could not make more than ten tricks and 38 MPs. There were quite a lot of 490s, probably after a diamond lead from East, followed by an endplay towards him.

I moved to watch a Stockholm derby.

The deal has been rotated.

Board 17. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

### Menu 28 June 2004

<b>Lunch, served between 11.30 and 15.00</b>	
Steak with red wine sauce	70 Skr
Vegetarian: Beef of vegetables with rosmarin potatoes	70 Skr
<b>Dinner, served between 16.30 and 20.00</b>	
A selection of herring	60 Skr
Pearl fish with shell fish filling in white wine sauce and potato wedges	125 Skr
Minute steak with feta cheese stuffing, olive sauce and potato wedges	125 Skr
Pasta Frutti di Mari	85 Skr
Swedish meatballs with cream sauce and lingon berries	80 Skr
Cold dishes	60 Skr

West	North	East	South
Lagerman	Wingborg	Ryman	Sjöberg
			INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	

West led the two of diamonds, third or fifth, and declarer got nervous and refused to take the trump finesse. Instead he played the ace and king of spades, which meant that the defence got three tricks for 46/154 MPs as opposed to the available 117 MPs.

The deal has been rotated.

Board 18. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Janne Lagerman, playing a strong club, decided to open INT, and North launched a 2♣ Stayman and had to pass 2♥. West led the ace of hearts and shifted to the spade three for the king and ace. Now South for some reason played the queen of hearts out of hand, and finished with four tricks and -200, never a good score in a pairs tournament, unless the opponents have an easy



Fredrik Björnlund, Sweden

game to bid and make. He must have been surprised to receive 57/154 MPs for this effort.

Sacrificing at the five level vulnerable against not in pairs is not an easy task, especially when the opponents open fourth in hand.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Last years winners were North/South.

West	North	East	South
	<i>Tomas Karlsson</i>		<i>Fredrik Björnlund</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♠	3♥	3♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

This honourable effort gave 142/154 MPs as opposed to 82 MPs for defending Four Spades correctly, i.e. playing a heart after the lead of a high diamond. Anyone for a fourth in hand 4♠ opening?

The deal has been rotated.

Board 51. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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

Simple enough and the play presented no problems either, but 920 still produced an amazing 115/154 MPs.

## Old guard battles on

by Martin Nygren

Board 15 in the afternoon match was a scary one. East/West can make Seven Hearts on the lay of the cards but the odds are against bidding even a small slam. The Swedish Seniors managed to keep their Scottish opponents away from game. Hans-Olof Hallén picked up one of my usual rubber bridge hands ♠ 10 9 3 ♥ 9 5 4 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ 10 8 5 3 and saw that his partner had opened a weak no trump when the tray came over. Some of us youngsters might have got carried away and raised to two or three no trumps, although the vulnerability does not favour that kind of action. Hans-Olof's choice of 2♣ turned out to be exactly what was needed

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>David Liggat</i>	<i>Hans-Olof Hallén</i>	<i>David Frew</i>	<i>Lars Alfredsson</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♦	All Pass

East did score twelve tricks but 170 did not compare well with the 4♥ that had been bid at the other table

## Jan Kamras, NPC for Sweden

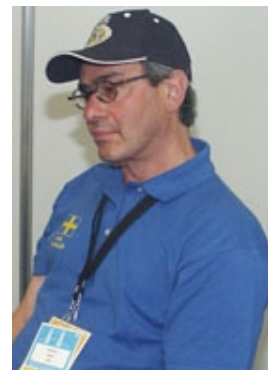
*You have enjoyed a good start?*

It has been really nice, both the results and the morale within the team. The harmony is good, which it of course tends to be when one collects good results.

*Would you dare to tip how Sweden finishes?*

I am sceptical towards forecasts and objectives in terms of a specific result. Our objective is to perform as near to our top level as possible, especially so during the second week. In theory, we are playing stronger teams during the second week than we did during the first. For that reason I believe that it was necessary to collect a large number VPs during the first for it to be realistic to hope for a medal.

*Is there any specific play or effort that you are extra pleased with?*  
Specific boards I will have a look at after the Championship. I am not so interested in single boards, what might be interesting to analyze is if there have been some kind of trends. The one thing that I am most pleased with so far is that all players have consistently played disciplined bridge. When one pair has brought a protocol that is somewhat shaky, the other pair has always had a good set. And we have enjoyed some more luck in the slam department.



# The Pairs Game

by Tjolpe Flodqvist

All tricks are equal, but some tricks are more equal than others. I am, of course, thinking of tricks in the pairs game.

Gunnar Hallberg, who is a reliable source of interesting boards, gave me this one from the Sunday Gold Tournament of the Swedish Bridge Festival.

Dealer East. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Magnus Eriksson	Staffan Larsson	Gunnar Hallberg	Rolf Bengtsson
Pass	Pass	2♦	3NT

Magnus led the king of hearts and Gunnar dropped the jack. There are obviously ten tricks with the aid of a diamond finesse, but when you've got ten you want eleven. Rolf won the next heart and rattled off his club winners, discarding a heart from his hand. Which cards do you think that the defenders should keep in the three-card ending?

If West throws a spade and two hearts, declarer will play the jack of diamonds to East's king and then squeeze West in the majors. Therefore West immediately threw two spades and East kept his three small spades.

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

Now declarer played the jack of diamonds to the king and ace and followed with the queen and a third round to East. West discarded the ten of hearts and dummy the eight. The forced spade return went to the jack and king and South continued with a spade to the ten — and collected only nine of the cold ten tricks.

# Another spade accident

by Martin Nygren

Scoring 1440 vulnerable should be 6NT just made, but how on earth could that happen on Board 48 in the qualification round of the Swedish Pairs Championship? Well a gentleman in the South seat looked at ♠ A K 9 7 5 4 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ 3 ♣ 9 5 3 and heard his right-hand opponent make a cuebid in spades that promised a first or second round control. He doubled to give a hint that a spade might be a good lead. Eventually, he was on lead against 6NT and followed the advice he had given and led the ace of spades. Seeing the queen-ten of spades in dummy he could have concluded that declarer's second round control must be a singleton, but he failed to summarise the available information correctly and continued a small spade.

Board 48. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ J 8 6 2 ♥ 10 5 2 ♦ 10 5 ♣ Q 10 8 6	<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		♠ 3 ♥ K Q J 6 4 3 ♦ J 9 7 ♣ J 7 4
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## Bridge Festival Schedule 28 June 2004

### Swedish Pair Championships A-final

10.00 - 12.00	16 boards
12.00 - 12.30	Coffee break
12.30 - 14.30	16 boards
14.30 - 15.30	Lunch
15.30 - 17.30	16 boards
17.30 - 18.00	Coffee break
18.00 - 20.00	16 boards

### Swedish Pair Championships B-final

10.30 - 12.30	16 boards
12.30 - 13.00	Coffee break
13.00 - 15.00	16 boards
15.00 - 16.00	Lunch
16.00 - 18.00	16 boards
18.00 - 18.30	Coffee break
18.30 - 20.30	16 boards

### Silver Barometer

11.00	Silver sixteen
18.00	Silver seventeen, mixed

### Bronze Barometer

19.00	Bronze eight
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### Information from Malmö Tourism

A sightseeing tour of north-western Skåne will be arranged on Thursday 1 July between 9.00-16.00. Tickets for the tour can be bought at Malmö City stand outside vu-graph until 10.00, Tuesday 29 June. The price for the tour is 300 Skr.

# Born to Blush Unseen

by Barry Rigal

It would be invidious to single out who are the best vugraph commentators — and also who are the worst. But it is clear who are the best members of the audience, those who out-analyse the commentators, but then tell them quietly and in private what the right answers are.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

When North led the three of diamonds there was an inference that the ace of spades might be wrong. Declarer won with the king and led a heart to the eight and a heart to the queen and ace. North played back a heart, as South pitched a club.

If North had both major-suit aces then the ace of clubs had to be with South. So, if you play for the following position, as declarer very nearly did, you can assure yourself of a degree of immortality.

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

In the Sweden - Israel match P-O Sundelin had made Four Hearts on a misdefence.

West	North	East	South
Liran	Lindqvist	Levinger	Fredin
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

On the last diamond South must pitch a club, West a spade and North a club. (Declarer actually threw a club from hand and went down.) Now declarer leads a spade to the blank king and ace and if North plays a club he simply discards from dummy. So North plays a low spade to South's jack and this time declarer discards from hand, leaving South on lead and endplayed.

Well spotted Bryan Maksymetz, and even more congratulations for only telling us about it discreetly after the session.

So, is there a defence? Yes, and it was found in the match Wales-Italy by Fulvio Fantoni. At trick four North must exit with a club, defeating the contract by force. Well defended!



Magnus Lindqvist, Sweden - Asa Levinger, Israel

## What is the IBPA?

The International Bridge Press Association is an association of Journalists who write about bridge. At all major Championships, it allows access to well equipped Press Rooms which receive all results as soon as matches are completed. Members are permitted to view at the table of a given match even at venues where this is not allowed to the general public.

The IBPA publish a monthly journal with reports and hands which may be used by members for their own columns. It also publishes a membership list of Journalists world wide.

If you write for any paper or magazine and are not a member but would like to join, the Press Room manager will be pleased to give you more information.

We are also happy to welcome Associate Members who have an interest in the activities of the IBPA and a wide interest in bridge.

The Press Room is adjacent to the Viewgraph Theatre and opposite the Closed Room.





# 3rd EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP

Barcelona, Spain

7th - 10th October 2004



The third edition of the European Bridge Champions Cup will be held in Barcelona, Spain, at the Majo Hotel, from 7th (15:30, Captains' Meeting and Opening) to 10th October 2004 (19:00, Prize Giving and Closing Gala Dinner).

The competition is reserved to the National Champion Teams of the 10 best countries ranked in the Open Series of the 47th European Bridge Teams Championship, held in Malmö, (who have a regular National team championship and fulfil the requirements of the competition) plus the defending champion,

Tennis Club Parioli and the host team Catalanian Bridge Club.

## Format

The teams are divided into two groups of six and in each group a complete round-robin of 20/24 boards will be played. At the end of the round-robin the first two ranked teams will play a KO match of 36 boards in Semi-final A, the third and fourth in Semi-final B and the fifth and sixth in Semi-final C. The winners of Semi-final A will play a KO match of 48 boards for the title; the losers will play a KO Match of 32 boards for the third place; the winners of the Semi-finals B and C will play a KO match of 32 boards, respectively, for fifth and ninth places; the losers of these Semi-finals will not play.

## Prizes

1st Team	- 6,000 Euro - Trophy - Gold Medal
2nd Team	- 3,600 Euro - Silver Medal
3rd Team	- 2,200 Euro - Bronze Medal
4th Team	- 1,600 Euro
5th Team	- 1,000 Euro
9th Team	- 600 Euro

## Further Information

The NBOs of the teams entitled to participate will receive all useful information from the EL Secretariat before the end of July.



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# I'm in Love With Vienna 2004 EUROPEAN WOMEN'S BRIDGE FESTIVAL

*Under the Auspices of Anna Maria Torlontano*

*Chairman of the European Bridge League Women's Committee*

**VIENNA - AUSTRIA - 20th TO 25th JULY 2004**  
**VIENNA HOTEL SOFITEL**

Go to [www.bridgefestival.at](http://www.bridgefestival.at) to download the Registration form

## PROGRAM

### 1st day (20.07.2004. Tuesday)

Arrival in Vienna (Hotel Sofitel\*\*\*\*)  
15.30-18.30 Registration (Hotel Sofitel)  
18.45 Bridge Club (BCAT): Welcome drink, dinner  
20.00 Friendly pairs tournament

### 2nd day (21.07.2004. Wednesday)

09.00 3½ hour historical city tour of Vienna with  
Schönbrunn Palace  
15.00 Individual Tournament (1 session)

### 3rd day (22.07.2004. Thursday)

09.00 Full day city tour (professional guides), lunch in  
city restaurant, stroll through centre (Hofburg,  
Graben, St. Stephen's Cathedral etc.), Boat trip  
on the Danube, Grinzing Village.

### 4th day (23.07.2004. Friday)

Morning free  
12.30 Pairs Tournament 1st session  
16.00 Pairs Tournament 2nd session  
19.30 End of 2nd session  
Evening free

### 5th day (24.07.2004. Saturday)

14.00 Pairs Tournament 3rd session  
17.30 Free  
19.30 Prize giving ceremony  
20.30 Victory Banquet

### 6th day (25.07.2004. Sunday)

Departure after breakfast

## Hotel

The accommodation for the Women's Bridge Festival will be the four star deluxe Hotel Sofitel. It is situated a few minutes away from the inner city and the historical centre of Vienna and furnished in the Jugendstil. It has three non-smoking floors. The rooms are equipped with air conditioning, bathroom, toilet, radio, satellite, pay TV, mini-bar, internet, hairdryer. To book a cheaper hotel out of the package you can contact Doris or Martin.

## Packages

Special packages have been arranged for the whole period, valued in EURO.

You will find the Registration Form by going to, [www.bridgefestival.at](http://www.bridgefestival.at) and clicking on the link.

Please, complete this form very carefully and return it to:

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## Bridge Entry Fees

The entry fees for the Bridge Competitions, to be paid at the Hospitality Desk, are as follows:

Individual Tournament (one session)	20 Euro each player
Pairs Tournament (three sessions)	45 Euro each player
Both Tournaments (four sessions)	55 Euro each player

*PLEASE NOTE that all additional costs, including the cost of the package, bridge entry fees, extras etc. cannot be paid by credit card. Only EURO can be accepted either in cash or as a Euro cheque.*

## Companions

If you wish your husband, your family or your friends to accompany you to Vienna, there is no problem. We will arrange rubber bridge for them — if players are sufficient. They can also attend or watch the Vienna Bridge Festival taking place at the same time in the magnificent City Hall — Rathaus (web: [www.bridgefestival.at](http://www.bridgefestival.at)). We welcome them to join the same package as you, including all extras e.g. sightseeing tours and victory banquet.

## No Partner?

Don't worry - this is no problem: We will arrange it all for you!

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