

EGYPTIANS TOP PAIRS PYRAMID

The qualification tournaments are over and the finals start today. Egypt's pairs specialists **Tarek Sadek & Waleed el Ahmadi** headed the Open qualifiers, followed by the young Italian brothers, **Stelio & Furio di Bello**.

The Women's field was topped by Spain's **Nuria & Marta Almirall**, ahead of the holders, Austria's **Maria Erhart & Jovanka Smederevac**.

In the Seniors, France's **Francois Leenhardt & Nicolas Dechelette** led the way from Italy's **Guido Resta & Dano De Falco**.

We start the pairs finals

The open pairs consists of 52 pairs playing a complete barometer, which means that all contestants meet all other and play 2 boards. Play is in Tenerife. The sessions will contain 26, 26, 26 and 24 boards respectively.

There is a carry-over with a weight of 1,5 session. Playing 102 boards in 4 sessions this means that the carry-over in matchpoints will be $1.5 * 25,5 * 50$ (the top in the final) multiplied by the percentage coming from the semifinal A. The carry-over for the pairs coming from the final teams will be based on the score of the pair ranked 15 in the semi final A for the winners and of the pair ranked 23 for the runners up. The carry over for the 6 pairs coming from semi final B will be based on the scores of the last 6 qualified pairs from the semi final A.

The other pairs play three sessions (the whole Friday and Saturday morning) of 26 boards in Los Espejos and (if needed) Imperial.

There are 32 women pairs in the final also having a complete barometer. Each round consists of 3 boards. They play 27, 24, 24 and 18 boards, all in Royale. Carry-overs are the same as in the Open pairs with the winners and runners up in the teams receiving the same percentage as in the Open pairs.

The other pairs play a Swiss pairs event either independently or joined with the seniors playing in their final B (depending on the number of pairs). They play in Imperial.

In the senior pairs we have 28 pairs and they play three sessions of 27 boards, finishing early in the afternoon on Saturday. They play in Royale. The other conditions are as described above.

The final B will be played as a Swiss pairs, possibly joined with the women.

Ton Kooijman



Jean-Marc Roudinesco Trophy

Jean-Marc Roudinesco from France was European senior champion in Malta in 1999.

He died in December 2001. The EBL decided to give his name to the Senior Championship held here. This trophy will be presented to the winners by Jean-Marc's widow Aime Laniel.

EBL Press Conference

A press conference will be held by the EBL President Gianarrigo Rona on Friday 1 July 2005, at 10.30 am, in Salon 5 - Palma de Mallorca, just opposite the Press Room.

Following the Press Conference, a short ceremony will take place in the same room, dedicated to the memory of

André Boekhorst

former EBL President.

Journalists, EBL & NBO officials as well as any other interested person are welcome to attend these events.

Schedule of Play

10.30 Open/Women/Senior Pairs
Final A, B & C Session 1

11.00 EBL President Press Conference

15.30 Open/Women/Senior Pairs
Final A, B & C Session 2

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Prize Giving Ceremony and Victory Banquet

The Prize giving and the Victory Banquet will be held in the Roman Pool area, on Saturday July 2nd

Programme

20.20 please present your invitation card at the entrance and take your place at the dinner table.

20.30 Prize Giving

At the end enjoy the Victory Banquet!

Please be punctual !

The following will be awarded:

-The 3 best classified Teams in Senior-Women - Open Categories. (Titles and medals)

-The 3 best classified Pairs in each category (Titles and Medals)

-The 3 best classified Pairs in the Finals B&C

-Trophies to the 3 best classified European Pairs in each Category, coming from Europe - same country.

European Trophy to the Federation

Replicas to the Players.

- Overall Cash Prizes

The 3 best classified players in each category will be called to the podium to receive their prizes.

The players classified from 4th on, are kindly requested to get their prizes at the Cybele Room (registration), on Saturday 2nd, from 7.30 to 8.30 pm.

The Women's Final

by Jos Jacobs

On Wednesday morning at 10.30 hrs., the teams who had reached the Finals of their respective team events were scheduled to fight it out over 48 boards. The Women's Final would be played between the French national women's team: Cronier, Gaviard, D'Ovidio, Willard against a strong combination from Great Britain and Germany: James-Courtney, Brock, Weber and Gromann. With both teams consisting of four players only, tiredness might also affect the outcome of the match.

Looking back at the first segment of the match, however, it occurred to me that reading the report below may not be recommended for people with a nervous disposition. The first three boards might very well show why:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West <i>Gaviard</i>	North <i>James</i>	East <i>D'Ovidio</i>	South <i>Brock</i>
	1♠	Pass	INT
2♦	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

If partner tells you, by bidding 3♠, that she knows best, why not trust her? Though the spades were 3-3, there were two unavoidable losers in each minor.

D'Ovidio +50.

Closed Room:

West <i>Weber</i>	North <i>Cronier</i>	East <i>Gromann</i>	South <i>Willard</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Once Sylvie Willard decided her hand qualified for a 2-over-1 response, the French were never in trouble and scored another +420 and their first 10 IMPs.

On the next board, the availability of a weak two in diamonds changed the outcome:



Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room:

West <i>Gaviard</i>	North <i>James</i>	East <i>D'Ovidio</i>	South <i>Brock</i>
		Pass	2♦
All Pass			

Gaviard's pass looks a matter of style, but if this is really the case, then D'Ovidio, on her passed hand non-vulnerable, might well have chanced a balancing double. As it was, a sound enough spade game was missed.

The contract made with an overtrick for +110 to Weber.

On the other table, there was no adverse opening bid, so EW were given an easier run:

Closed Room:

West <i>Weber</i>	North <i>Cronier</i>	East <i>Gromann</i>	South <i>Willard</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	2♥	Dble	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

This contract easily made too for another +420 and 11 IMPs to Weber to compensate for the loss on board 1.

On the next board the German EW produced a better defence than their French counterparts:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West <i>Gaviard</i>	North <i>James</i>	East <i>D'Ovidio</i>	South <i>Brock</i>
			1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Gaviard led a spade to declarer's king and the ♦K won the next trick. The ♦Q was also allowed



to hold, and declarer's next move was a losing club finesse. At this point the defence had lost any chance to beat the contract: declarer had two diamonds in the bag, while four clubs, two spades and the ♥A were there for the taking.

Closed Room:

West <i>Weber</i>	North <i>Cronier</i>	East <i>Gromann</i>	South <i>Willard</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

At the other table, declarer won the spade lead with dummy's ace, cashed the ♣A, crossed to the ♦K and took a losing club finesse. At this point, a heart shift would beat the contract and so it turned out when Ingrid Gromann put the ♥5 on the table.

The well-timed switch earned her side another 10 IMPs to go into the lead by 11 IMPs.

But the French registered another big swing on board 8:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ 8 ♥ Q J 8 6 5 ♦ A K 7 ♣ K 10 5 4</p>	<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		<p>♠ 9 4 2 ♥ 9 ♦ 10 9 5 4 3 ♣ A Q J 6</p>	<p>♠ A 10 5 ♥ A K 4 2 ♦ J 8 ♣ 9 7 3 2</p>
	N											
W		E										
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Open Room:

West <i>Gaviard</i>	North <i>James</i>	East <i>D'Ovidio</i>	South <i>Brock</i>
2♠	Dble	4♠	Dble
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The difference in style once again caused a swing. When Gaviard could open 2♠, NS had less room to find their best spot. D'Ovidio's double netted two undertricks for a score of +300.

Closed Room:

West <i>Weber</i>	North <i>Cronier</i>	East <i>Gromann</i>	South <i>Willard</i>
		Pass	4♥
2♦	2♥	Pass	
All Pass			

Defending against a Multi-coloured 2♦ seems to be much easier. Cronier could simply overcall 2♥ so the proper game was reached for another +420 and 12 IMPs to the French.

More IMPs were their due or them on board 13:



Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Both teams reached a normal 4♠ played by North. When D'Ovidio led the ♣K the contract could no longer be made.

At the other table East led a trump and this gave declarer a chance. She won in dummy and immediately ducked a heart, West winning the trick when she rose with the ♥Q. Next, she played ♦A and...another diamond. Curtains. D'Ovidio 12 more IMPs to lead 57-45 at the intermission.

The first board of the second segment made clear which direction this match was developing:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Weber	D'Ovidio	Gromann	Gaviard
	Pass	Pass	2♥
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Well, on the surface there's nothing wrong with the leaping Michaels, except that trumps are 4-0 behind you. One down.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Willard	James	Cronier	Brock
	Pass	Pass	3♥
4♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

James' double of 4♥ gave East the chance to pass, after which west clarified her hand with a bid of 4♠. When nobody made any further move, the French had landed safely for +420 and another 10 IMPs. They went on to win the match 139-99. Once again our congratulations to them!



Here And There

We present a short look at some of the action from the quarter and semi finals.

Jacobs was expected to beat Hecht and took a handy lead into the second half, but the Danish players had not read the script.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bilde	Lauria	Hansen
	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3NT was made with an overtrick at the other table when South led the ♣8. Declarer had been allowed to win with dumm'y jack, had returned the suit to North's ace and then won a third club and cashed winners, +430. By the way, East had opened 1♥, but North's failure to switch when in with the club ace was still slightly strange.

Here South led the seven of diamonds for the eight, ten and king and declarer played the three of clubs to the jack and ace. North found the threatening switch to the ten of hearts and when declarer covered with the queen the contract was one down. If North had held ♥A/K108 alone covering would be correct.

♠ A 4 ♥ A 10 6 ♦ K J 10 ♣ 9 8 5 4 2	N W E S	♠ K Q 10 8 2 ♥ J 2 ♦ Q 7 6 5 4 ♣ A
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When the Jacobs team bid these North/South cards to 6♦ a contract that failed by one trick the match was level, and the Danes produced three rock crushing results on the last three deals to clinch the match. This was one of them, a worthy candidate for the best bid hand of the year:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bilde	Lauria	Hansen
	2NT*	Pass	1♥
Dble	3♠*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	4NT*
All Pass			6♥

West led his trump and declarer won, drew a second round and ran the queen of spades. When it held he had a parking place for a losing club and could claim.

Team Orange I appeared to be cruising to a place in the final against Ozdil but in the second half their opponents came roaring back, and when they bid a slam on the penultimate board to reduce the margin to just 1 IMP the Dutch supporters were biting their fingernails.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Holland	Muller	Bakshi	De Wijs
			1♣*
INT	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

A sound auction, easily dealing with West's intervention.

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Ginossar	Verhees	Ozdil
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

In the Women's event Sally Brock and Margaret James followed a similar sequence to the slam. Of course, 6♥ is a poor contract, but as a general point notice how important it was that South's hearts were so good. With the same values but a worse suit it would probably be better to look for an alternative rebid.

The 5-1 trump break was awkward, but the spade finesse was right and declarer was not tested in our main match as West led a diamond.

In the Senior event this deal also played a big part and it was tough on the Rand team, who lost by their semi final by 4 IMPs as this hand cost them a bundle when their opponents played in 6NT from the South side.



Team Orange Put The Squeeze On Miroglio

As in their earlier matches Team Orange I were fast out of the blocks against Miroglio in the first segment of the Open Teams final and within the space of just five boards they led 33-0.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Romanski</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Stepinski</i>
	1♠	Pass	INT
2♦	3♠	All Pass	

With the potential for seven quick tricks North was happy to jump at his second turn, but with nothing in reserve and an unsuitable hand South was surely right to pass.

The defence was accurate, starting with two top diamonds followed by a club switch to hold declarer to nine tricks, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Bakkeren</i>
	1♠	Pass	INT*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

North's 4♠ meant he moved from a contract that was unbeatable to one that was not. I have already polled a number of experts and taking into account certain systemic differences they are inclined towards a pass with the North hand. East led the jack of spades and declarer won, drew trumps and took an extra round of spades. That proved to be an astute move as East discarded the ♣2 and suddenly the hand was over, declarer discarding a losing diamond on a top heart and then playing on clubs. West had followed with the five, three and four of spades (would the five, four then three be better to suggest something in dia-



Bauke Muller, The Netherlands

monds?) So, +420 and a somewhat fortuitous 7 IMPs for the Orangeman.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Romanski</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Stepinski</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Dble*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

When North led a trump declarer had an easy ride and was soon claiming one overtrick, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Bakkeren</i>
		Pass	2♣
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the jack of diamonds and South won with the ace and switched to the four of clubs. Declarer knew South had a weak hand with diamonds and the club switch was surely a singleton. Should declarer win in dummy and take the spade finesse, or simply play ace of spades, spade?

When declarer went for the latter, he was a speedy one down, South winning and putting North in with a heart to get a club ruff. +50 and another 11 Orange IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Romanski</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Stepinski</i>
		2NT*	3♣*
5♣	5♥	All Pass	

North was left with a nasty decision once South had shown a liking for hearts over the weak opening. Five Hearts was too high on this layout and in due course declarer lost three tricks, saving one by endplaying West to lead away from the queen of spades or give a ruff and discard. Still, +100 was a decent result for East/West.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Bakkeren</i>
	Pass	2NT*	3♣*
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

This time North-South went for the money - and he was proved right. North led the ♠5 and South won and switched to ace of hearts and a heart. Declarer ruffed and tried the ace of clubs. When the king did not appear he was two down, -200 and 9 IMPs to continue the one way traffic.

There were a few minor swings in both directions but then the Dutchmen in the Closed Room finished the set as they had started it, with a slice of luck.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Romanski</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Stepinski</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Seven Spades is clearly a poor contract, needing the diamond finesse plus a reasonable break in the suit (with slight additional squeeze chances in the event of a bad break.)

Declarer won the trump lead in hand, closed his eyes and played a diamond to the queen. When he opened them it had held and after a diamond ruff, spade to dummy and a diamond ruff he could claim +2210.

As you will already have guessed the Polish players did not duplicate this result.

At the end of the set Team Orange I held a commanding lead, 54-11 IMPs. When you are playing well - and in luck - you are going to be hard to beat.

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Bridge, Zia...and You! (Part 2)

by Ace Ventura

Round of 32: Panahpour vs Auken

Some of you must have read the book, 'Bridge, Zia... and Me!'. We could not afford a follow-up by the author Michael Rosenberg, so here is the Tenerife-version - Bridge, Zia... and You!

You will be given some of Zia's hands to see if you can do any better than him. All hands are from the Round of 32 match between Panahpour, including the bridge star Zia Mahmood, and Jens Auken's Danish squad. See part one in yesterday's bulletin. At the halfway point of this match, Jens Auken's team was leading 50-17.

Session two. 14 more boards to go. Zia is now seated South in the Closed Room.

The first board was flat since both EW-pairs reached and made 6♠. That happened only in one other match. Well done! Auken gained another 5 IMPs on board 16.

♠ A J 9 8
♥ 8 5 4 2
♦ 4 2
♣ 6 5 2

West	North	East	South
	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♥	3♣	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	?

Sitting South, do you pass or double?

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ -
♥ K J 10
♦ K Q 9 7 6 3
♣ A J 9 7

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Mcintosh	Kampmann	King	Auken
	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♦	Dble	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Schaltz	Robson	Christiansen	Zia
	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♥	3♣	3♠	Pass
3NT	Dble	All Pass	

You may have noticed that the closed room action does not exactly match that of the quiz. But Zia had promised at the table that he would double, even if Robson had not. Double was therefore the answer. Kampmann and Auken



passed in cowardly fashion.

Robson led the king of diamonds and Schaltz won the ace. Now declarer wanted to establish spades, but he soon discovered to his dismay how the suit was divided. Zia won the trick and returned a diamond, Robson let dummy's ten win the first spade. Declarer tried the club king but Robson won with the ace and cashed four diamond tricks. The defence had one more trick coming for 500 and 10 IMPs to Panahpour, when the defence in the Open Room slipped slightly and only won five tricks.

All vulnerable, do you take action with Zia's hand?

♠ K Q 10 6
♥ 7 5
♦ K J 3 2
♣ A 10 7

West	North	East	South
4♥	Pass	Pass	?

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Mcintosh	Kampmann	King	Auken
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Schaltz	Robson	Christiansen	Zia
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Did someone say that pass is the best call in bridge? Well, here it was, even though no one can blame you if you reluctantly picked an X from your bidding box. No defence could prevent declarer from making an overtrick in 4♥, which happened at both tables for +990 and a remarkable push.

Okay, have another go at it.

♠ A
♥ A K Q J 9
♦ 7 4 3
♣ K 5 4 3



♠ J 10 7 3
♥ 8 7 6 5
♦ A J 8
♣ 8 6

Neither defender interfered and you are playing in 4♥. You win the trump lead in dummy to play a diamond to the jack and queen. West switches to the queen of clubs. What is your plan?

You can count to seven easy tricks. Ruffing two

clubs in hand would produce two more. But where to find the tenth trick? The hands were rotated for your convenience. This was the actual layout:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Mcintosh	Kampmann	King	Auken
Pass	3♣	Pass	1♥
All Pass			4♥

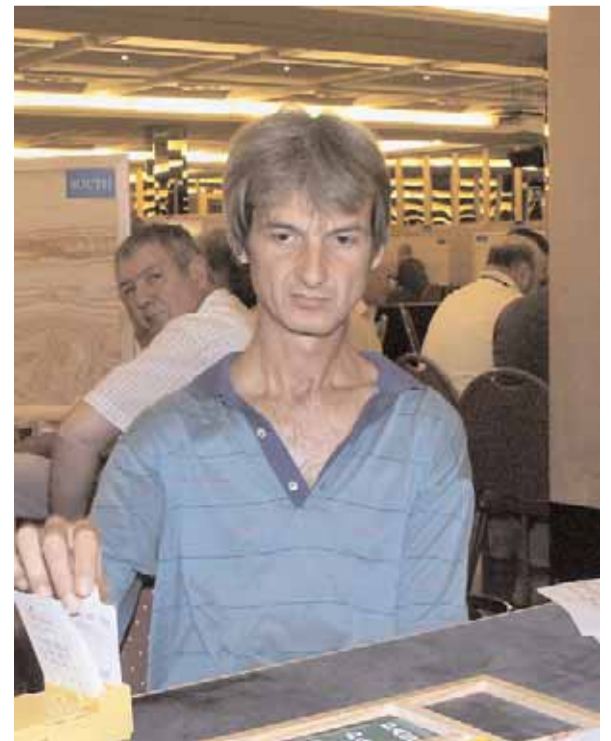
Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Schaltz	Robson	Christiansen	Zia
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♥
All Pass			4♥

Panahpour closed the gap here thanks to Zia, who found the winning line. He let the club queen hold the trick, then again played low on the club continuation. East sifted to a trump, which was won in dummy. Zia ruffed a club felling the ace. Now the king of clubs was a winner, so a diamond loser could be pitched and a diamond ruff was the tenth trick.

At the other table 3♣ showed four card trump support, 6-9 HCP, and the same contract was reached. Jens Auken put up the king in the same situation and went one down; Panahpour gained 12 IMPs.

Panahpour came close, but not close enough. This board was the last big swing of the match and the final score was 69-47. Panahpour was knocked out, but Team Auken didn't survive the Round of 16.



Andrew Robson, England

SEMIFINAL PAREJAS

Los torneos de parejas Open, Damas y Seniors siguen avanzando, habiéndose disputado ya las 2 primeras (de 3) sesiones de la semifinal.

A falta de la última sesión, que se está disputando en estos momentos, en el torneo Open la pareja G.Goded-F.Goded está situada en la posición 19 (de 104) con un 54.29% de media, lo que les daría derecho a disputar la gran final. En Damas las noticias aún son mejores, ya que de momento hay 3 parejas en puestos de pase a la final: N.Almirall-M.Almirall (puesto 1 con un 57.58%), Hernández-Mestres (puesto 10 con un 52.26%) y L.Castells-M.Castells (puesto 13 con un 52.01%).

En estas 2 sesiones, jugadas a alto nivel, destaco las siguientes manos. En primer lugar, un peculiar contrato jugado por G. Goded:

Dador Este. Todos vulnerables.

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

Este	G.Goded	Oeste	F.Goded
Paso	1ST	2♠	Doblo
Paso	3♣	Paso	3♦
Paso	3♥	Todos pasan	

La subasta merece un comentario. Gonzalo abrió de 1ST (15-17) y después del doblo negativo de su compañero propuso su palo 5° a trébol. No es el mejor contrato que se le ocurría a Fede, así que él propuso a su vez su palo 5° a diamante. Finalmente, Gonzalo escogió la parcial a ♥ con el fit 4-3.

La salida fue del ♠J para la ♠Q, ♠K y el ♠A. ♦ al ♦ 10 y el ♦ A fue seguido de ♠ y otro ♠ fallado en el muerto con el ♥9 y refallado con el ♥10. Este volvió a trébol para el ♣A y Gonzalo jugó ♥ para el ♥K de Oeste. La ♣Q fue ganada por el ♣A y el remate fue espectacular: ♦ para la ♦Q y el ♦K, ♦ fallado con el ♥A y ♥ hacia el muerto, firme cuando Oeste sirve el ♥J.

Subastar 3♥ y apuntar +140 era un 89% de la mano.

Muy entretenida fue también la siguiente mano:

Dador Oeste. Nadie vulnerable.

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

En la mayoría de las mesas, Sur jugaba el contrato de 5♦, después de la apertura de 3♠ de Oeste, y recibía la salida del ♣J (claro semifallo). ¿Cómo hubiera carteadado usted?

Es muy difícil que Oeste tenga dos semifallos, por lo que no podemos utilizar las 2 entradas de

diamante en el muerto para impasar el trébol, ya que nos fallaría. Por otro lado, el hecho de que no haya salido de ♠ nos convence de que Este tiene un honor seco. Las distribuciones posibles de Oeste, por tanto, pueden ser la 7-3-2-1 o bien la 7-2-3-1.

Hay una línea que gana siempre con la segunda de ellas. Jugamos ♦A, ♥ fallado, ♦K (ahora ya sabemos la distribución en función de si Este ha asistido o no), ♥ fallado y la ♦Q si es necesaria. Jugamos ahora ♠ y el contrato está asegurado. Este debe ganar la baza con su honor seco y jugar ♣ (que le impasamos) o bajo el ♥A (descartamos ♣) o del ♥A (que fallamos). En cualquier caso, otra vuelta a ♠ nos permite hacer la ♠Q del muerto.

La mano completa:

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

Con esta línea, caía el ♥A segundo y el contrato se cumplía sin dificultad. Sin embargo, hubiera sido indiferente que el segundo ♥ de Oeste hubiera sido cualquiera.

En la mesa que estaba observando, el declarante no acertó con esta línea y subió al muerto con el ♦A para impasar el trébol (Este sirviendo el ♣8). Oeste falló y siguiendo la señal de su compañero volvió de ♠ para cobrar otro fallo y el ♠K. 2 multas en lugar de contrato cumplido. Apuntar 400 era un 85% de la mano para Norte-Sur, mientras que multar de 1 tan sólo reportaba un 22%.

Por último, 2 manos donde había que tener engrasada la subasta de slam.

Dador Sur. Todos vulnerables.

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

En algunas mesas Sur abrió de 2♥, mostrando la cada vez más popular convención que describe una mano débil con 5 corazones y 5 a un menor. Aunque en muchos casos entorpece la subasta de los contrarios, en este caso ayudó enormemente, como demostraron Wasik-Vincent:

Sur	Wasik	Norte	Vincent
2♥ (1)	Doblo	Paso	3♣ (2)
Paso	5ST (3)	Paso	6♦ (4)
Paso	7♣	Todos pasan	

- (1) 5 corazones y 5 a un menor, débil
- (2) Natural, voz positiva (2ST sería débil)
- (3) Pregunta de honores mayores a trébol
- (4) 1 honor mayor a trébol

Sin embargo, en las mesas en las que se dejó subastar más libremente, no siempre se llegó al contrato correcto, ya que Este mostraba su palo a ♥ y su compañero devaluaba la mano al tener allí su fallo. De hecho, en 11 mesas se subastaron 6♣, en 23 se subastaron 7♣ (algunos doblados) y el resto jugaron a ST. En el primer caso, Este-Oeste cosechaban un 42% y en el segundo un 78% de la mano.

La otra mano, también de gran slam, fue la siguiente:

iente:

Dador Este. Todos vulnerables.

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

Después de la apertura de 1♠ de Este, todas nuestras queridas abuelas llegarían a 7♠ sin problemas después de constatar que tienen todos los ases, todos los reyes y muchísimos puntos. Pero veamos lo que pasa si nos tomamos el juego más seriamente:

Sur	Oeste	Norte	Este
			1♠
Paso	2ST (1)	Paso	4♠ (2)
Paso	4ST	Paso	5♠ (3)
Paso	5ST	Paso	6♦ (4)
Paso	¿?		

- (1) Jacoby, apoyo a ♠ y forcing a manga
- (2) 12-13H equilibrados
- (3) 2 Ases de 5 + ♠Q
- (4) El ♦K

Si estamos en Oeste, sólo podemos estar seguros de que haya 7♠ si Este tiene una 5-2-3-3, mientras que si tiene una 5-3-2-3 o una 5-3-3-2 debemos quedarnos en 6♠ ya que nos ha mostrado 12 puntos y no puede tener ninguna Dama más. La voz correcta en este caso es 6♥ que, en esta secuencia, pide precisamente a Este que cante 7♠ si tiene control de tercera (la Dama ó doubletón) en el palo. Este acepta la invitación y subasta el gran slam.

No se crea que todo el mundo subasta también como usted y yo hemos hecho. 13 parejas se contentaron con 6♥, 12 subastaron 6ST (que en principio multa si el doubletón de Este está en el palo de trébol !!), 23 cantaron 7♥ y 4 osados llegaron hasta 7ST.

Como ve, sólo hay 12 bazas de cabez a ST, pero la divina providencia quiso que los de ST ganaran más puntos que los de palo, ya que existía un squeeze ♦-♥ que todos encontraban y ejecuta-



Federico Goded, Spain

Statistics on board 23 from the Open Teams

Qualification Session 3 Disciplinary Hearing No2

The Scoring department has provided the Appeal Committee with the following information concerning the board that was the subject of the Disciplinary Hearing No. 2

This board was played in 41 matches, at 82 tables.

2 tables played unconventional contracts (6♣-4; 2♥X-5 by West).

49 tables played No-Trump contracts (43 in 3NT, 1 in 4NT, 4 in 6NT).

31 tables played in Diamonds (4 in 5♦, 27 in 6♦).

Of these 80 (49+31) contracts, 2 declarers made only 10 tricks, 73 made 11 tricks, and 5 made 12 tricks.

Those five declarers were:

-The South players for teams:

-Tor, 6NT= on the lead of the ♦7

-Goded, 6NT= on the lead of the ♣3 (incidentally these two teams played each other)

-Sazonov, 6♦= on the lead of the ♠8

-Queran, 6♦= on the lead of the ♦7

-and Mr Buratti, 6♦= on the lead of the ♥A

Brilliance Uncovered

The International Bridge Press Association has many awards for excellence but perhaps the one for defence is too all encompassing and should be subdivided with a separate one for opening leads - certainly one of the hardest skills to master.

The following deal would be a worthy contender but it almost passed into oblivion when it was reported in an earlier edition of the Bulletin.

Dealer West, E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Passarinho	L. Goldberg	Panadero	U-B. Goldberg
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

North/South reached a poor contract, but one that had some chances should declarer take a winning view in the trump suit. However, West, Joao Passarinho found the only lead to ensure that the contract was bound to fail when he placed the six of clubs on the table. Declarer ran the opening lead to the jack and cashed the top trumps. Our reporter suggested that the winning line now is to play the jack of hearts, under which West's ten will drop. However, East wins and plays a second club, killing dummy and ensuring the defeat of the contract.

If West leads any other suit declarer has only to guess the trumps suit to make the contract.

Women Semifinal B

Rank	Name	%
1	Paola RONCHI - Patrizia CECCONI	58.15
2	Aase LANGELAND - T. SVENDSEN	56.28
3	Adriana SALINAS - Miriam ROSENBERG	55.43
4	Gilda PENDER - Noreen PENDER	55.05
5	Anila BAHAL - Marietta ANDREE	54.14
6	Judi RADIN - Virginia CAVE	53.93
7	Anna GRUNT - M. JELENIEWSKA	52.89
8	Paola SCALAMOGNA - E. FUSARI	52.16
9	Mine BABAC - Merih TOKCAN	52.04
10	Anna Maria TROTTA - R.a LANZILLI	52.03
11	Emma RICCIO - Maria De GOETZEN	52.01
12	Paula SPIL - Maria PEL	51.89
13	Kath NELSON - Rhona GOLDENFIELD	51.24
14	Roz WOLFARTH - Anni KOVACHEVA	50.96
15	Ann FITZGERALD - Lucy PHELAN	48.95
16	Joan KENNY - Emer JOYCE	48.42
17	Stine HOLMOY - Maja Rom ANJER	47.69
18	Pernille LINDAAS - Inger HJELLEMAREN	47.62
19	M.C. PERLINI - Lea M STACCHINI	47.03
20	Camilla PAOLINI - Caterina CERCIELLO	46.94
21	Aoife MACHALE - Antoinette MCGEE	46.33
22	Francesca MARANI - Patrizia LOMBARDI	46.31
23	Carmelina, De La FE - Eva SARMIENTO	44.95
24	Enrica DIAMANTI - Carla COMPARINI	41.10
25	Irene BARONI - Mariella PAPARO	40.69

Senior Semifinal B

Rank	Name	%
1	Mike HIRST - Patrick JOURDAIN	59.56
2	Gerrit KAMERBEEK - Piet BORST	56.19
3	Z. LASZCZAK - Jan KANDYBOWICZ	56.07
4	Roy BENNETT - David LIGGAT	55.79
5	Kazimierz PUCZYNSKI - H. KOSIANKO	54.48
6	Marie-France RENOUX - A. DELCOURT	53.58
7	Lewis KAPLAN - Danielle AVON	53.25
8	Eduardo MOLERO - J. MANGLANO	52.70
9	Mario MAGGIO - Antonio LATESSA	52.42
10	Sean O'LUBAIGH - Michael MCDONAGH	51.24
11	Erik LUND - Niels Joergen TOBIASEN	50.40
12	Sergio ARNABOLDI - G. TURLETTI	48.97
13	Rita SEAMON - Ruth LEVKOFF	48.77
14	Nicole SCHULMANN - J. GONFREVILLE	46.95
15	A. FLEISCHMANN - U. FLEISCHMANN	46.91
16	W. MALACZYNSKI - A. GORZYNSKI	46.69
17	Koos VRIEZE - Harry Van De PEPPEL	45.88
18	Joseph FREI - Hugo IMHOF	44.21
19	Maria FLEISCHMANN - Herbert FINZ	39.11
20	Renata CROCOLI - Antonio De SANDRO	38.52
21	Christo DRUMEV - Torkom MECHIKIAN	0.00

The Jourdain Principle

If my memory serves Patrick Jourdain proposed that sometimes the secret of making a difficult 3NT is to play off the long suit. I wonder if Tarek Nadim knew that when he played this deal in the Open Teams Consolation Swiss.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Heshmat		Nadim
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When West led the three of hearts prospects were poor. Declarer ducked the first two rounds of the suit, won the third and then started on the clubs. When they proved to be 3-3 he was able to play two more rounds of the suit, discarding a diamond on the queen and a spade on the eight. When the last club hit the table East was down to ♠AQ, ♥K, ♦K85. What could he discard?

A heart would allow declarer to play a diamond to the queen, cash the ace and exit with a diamond to force East to give the last trick to the king of spades.

A diamond would give declarer four tricks in the suit and a spade would allow declarer to duck a spade. East would win, cash a heart but then have to play a diamond allowing declarer two tricks in that suit and a spade.

Championship Diary

Dessy Popova came in to the office and asked 'When can I register for the Senior Pairs?' (She was intending to do it for a Bulgarian pair) 'In about forty years time.'

On Bridgebase a Polish player, Lukasz, enquired which matches were to be shown... 'as I'm considering not going to school.' He clearly has his priorities right.

Patrick Jourdain reported that he American Senior Team led by Bob Hollman that won their qualifying pool sent Bruce Ferguson to the captains' meeting to make the choice of opponent for the quarterfinals. So when, by chance, Tony Priday, from the selected choice, met Hollman at the swimming pool the American could not tell whether the Englishman was kidding when he said 'Ah! At the captains meeting your man said 'I hear there's a team with two women and an 83-year old man.' We want to play them.'

In a similar vein at the Women's meeting one of the teams, having realised that it was the kiss of death to choose an opponent, resorted to the refused to do so and resorted to the time honoured method of tossing a coin!

Simon De Wijs and Bauke Muller of Team Orange call their system Tarzan. Can you guess why? Okay, perhaps the most famous actor to play the role of the ape-man in the movies was Johnny Weismuller, the Olympic swimming champion. Now take a close look at their surnames!

Medal Presentations

If you are leaving before the ceremony on Saturday evening you must tell Silvia Valentini at the Bridge Shop no later than this afternoon so that your medal can be formally awarded at 10.00 on Friday before the Press Conference in Salon 5, Palma de Mallorca, opposite the Press Room.

Open Pairs Semifinal A

Rank	Name	%
1	Tarek SADEK - Waleed EI AHMADI	56.69
2	Stelio DI BELLO - Furio DI BELLO	56.56
3	Victor ARONOV - Ahu ZOBU	56.38
4	Tom TOWNSEND - David GOLD	56.37
5	Tor HELNESS - Rune HAUGE	55.76
6	Desislava Borissova POPOVA - R.G. GUNEV	55.44
7	Maurizio PATTACINI - Stefano CAITI	55.43
8	Steve GARNER - Howard WEINSTEIN	55.35
9	Thomas VANG-LARSEN - Lars BLAKSET	55.26
10	Gabor WINKLER - Miklos DUMBOVICH	54.80
11	Philippe TOFFIER - Jean-Paul BALIAN	54.70
12	Michal KWIECIEN - Piotr BIZON	54.70
13	Jakub SLEMR - David VOZABAL	54.46
14	Jon-Egil FURUNES - Jan Petter SVENDSEN	54.24
15	Wojciech OLANSKI - Wlodzimierz STARKOWSKI	54.21
16	Tom HANLON - Hugh MCGANN	54.14
17	Alain LEVY - Herve MOUIEL	53.97
18	Thierry De SAINTE MARIE - Marc BOMPIS	53.80
19	Michael BAREL - Yaniv ZACK	53.63
20	Christian TERRANE0 - Franz TERRANE0	53.61
21	Tony WATERLOW - John ARMSTRONG	53.58
22	Alan NELSON - John HOLLAND	53.42
23	Valentin Ivan KOVACHEV - Vladis Nikolov ISPORSKI	53.32
24	Federico GODED - Gonzalo GODED MERINO	53.28
25	Vladimir GONCA - Elena ALFEJEVA	53.11
26	Bartosz CHMURSKI - Mariusz PUCZYNSKI	52.99
27	Eric COLINET - Jacques STAS	52.86
28	Jan Van CLEEFF - Vincent KROES	52.68
29	Jeff MECKSTROTH - Eric RODWELL	52.54
30	Michael ROSENBERG - Debbie ROSENBERG	52.52
31	Alexander DUBININ - Andrei GROMOV	52.39
32	Nils Kare KVANGRAVEN - Tom HOILAND	52.37
33	Bruno SAPUTI - Verino CALDARELLI	52.29
34	Valerie CARCASSONNE-LABAERE - Alain LABAERE	51.97
35	Bjorn FALLENIOUS - Geoff HAMPSON	51.90
36	Sven Olai HOYLAND - Sam Inge HOYLAND	51.88
37	Kauko KOISTINEN - Sue BACKSTROM	51.85
38	Simon GILLIS - Boye BROGELAND	51.83
39	Janusz MAKARUK - Pawel NIEDZIELSKI	51.80
40	Ricco Van PROOIJEN - Sjoert BRINK	51.70
41	Josef ROLL - Ilan BAREKET	51.52
42	Cezary BALICKI - Tomasz SIELICKI	51.35
43	Konrad ARASZKIEWICZ - Andrzej JASZCZAK	51.11
44	Tommy GARVEY - John CARROLL	51.05
45	Alfredo VERSACE - George JACOBS	51.02
46	Julian STEFANOV - Vladimir MIHOV	50.94
47	Alain NAHMIAIS - Dominique BEAUMIER	50.83
48	Asbjorn KINDSBEEKEN - Ole BERSET	50.67
49	Ildeniz OZAN UCAN - Ata AYDIN	50.63
50	Doron YADLIN - Israel YADLIN	50.56
51	Johan UPMARK - Tobias TORNOVIST	50.46
52	Andrzej DUDZIK - Marek NOWOWIEJSKI	50.42
53	David BAKHSHI - Andrew MCINTOSH	50.39
54	Bengt-erik EFRAIMSSON - Anders MORATH	50.22
55	David BIRMAN - Amir LEVIN	50.22
56	Arno LINDERMANN - Martin SCHIFKO	50.07
57	Arne LARSSON - Pia ANDERSSON	49.95
58	Lars Lund MADSEN - Morten Lund MADSEN	49.87
59	Entscho WLADOW - Michael ELINESCU	49.83
60	Larysa PANINA - Michael ROSENBLUM	49.81
61	Arthur MALINOWSKI - Nicklas SANDQVIST	49.80
62	Tomasz GOTARD - Josef PIEKAREK	49.76
63	Jack MIZEL - Tony FORRESTER	49.58
64	Leonardo CIMA - Lorenzo STOPPINI	49.31
65	Paul CHEMLA - Philippe CRONIER	49.28
66	Krzysztof JASSEM - Krzysztof MARTENS	49.09
67	Mike ALEXANDER - Justin HACKETT	49.02
68	Moza PANAHPOUR - Andrew ROBSON	49.00
69	Carlo CARPENTIERI - Mario GUARINO	48.95
70	Vladimir REKUNOV - Eugene SOLNTSEV	48.87
71	Avi KALISH - Leonid PODGUR	48.86
72	Tomasz PILCH - Leszek SZTYRAK	48.80
73	Melih OZDIL - Eldad GINOSSAR	48.60
74	Janet DE BOTTON - Gunnar HALLBERG	48.52
75	Manuel D'orey CAPUCHO - Joao Maria LARA	48.51
76	Jim SEXTON - Terry WALSH	48.28
77	Andreas KIRMSE - Michael GROMOELLER	48.15
78	Gunnar NORDBY - Anders FODSTAD	47.90
79	Poul CLEMMENSEN - Hans Christian GRAVERSEN	47.86
80	Krzysztof BURAS - Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ	47.62
81	Ivars RUBENIS - Ugis JANSONS	47.30
82	Herve VINCENT - Arturo Herve WASIK	47.27
83	Albert BITRAN - Jean-pierre ROCAFORT	47.11
84	Jean-Louis STOPPA - Pierre-jean LOUCHART	47.01
85	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	46.19
86	Darren WOLPERT - Jurek CZYZOWICZ	46.02
87	Jens AUKEN - Sabine AUKEN	45.87
88	Wojciech ROZWADOWSKI - Piotr WALCZAK	45.79
89	Marco ARRIGONI - Sergio BEVILACQUA	45.44
90	Tomasz KRYSZTOFIK - Grzegorz LEWACIAK	44.90
91	Gary GOTTLIEB - Peter FREDIN	44.78
92	Per JANSSON - Lars-Goran EHLIN	44.74
93	Giovanni MACI - Ruggero PULGA	44.69
94	Peter HECHT-JOHANSEN - Knut BLAKSET	44.27
95	Bas DRIJVER - Maarten SCHOLLAARDT	44.19
96	Leif BREMARK - Ulf NILSSON	43.88
97	Ivan NANEV - Ilija VASILEV	43.80
98	Claude DELMOULY - Iain SIME	43.79
99	Doris FISCHER - Bernd SAURER	43.57
100	Francesco NATALE - Barbara CESARI	41.78
101	Renzo MIETI - Fiorenzo FIORINI	41.71
102	Jerzy KOZYCZKOWSKI - Laszlo GOTTHARD	41.70
103	Sascha WERNLE - Joe BRAININ	40.85
104	Christophe MARRO - Stephane SANT	38.86

Open Pairs Semifinal B

Rank	Name	%
1	Jan-olov ANDERSSON - Goeran PETERSON	59.00
2	Tadeusz RALKO - Roman GRZELAK	58.48
3	Marcin KRUPOWICZ - Piotr LUTOSTANSKI	57.46
4	Thomas BESSIS - Michel BESSIS	57.42
5	Boguslaw PAZUR - Rafal JAGNIEWSKI	57.34
6	Jeff ALLERTON - Frances HINDEN	56.56
7	Slawomir OLECH - Krzysztof KUJAWA	55.67
8	Laszlo HONTI - Gyula BODIS	55.62
9	O. ROD.-BIELEWICZ - M. NOWOSADZKI	55.38
10	Edouard BEAUVILLAIN - Marlene DUGUET	55.28
11	Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE - Marcin LESNIEWSKI	55.18
12	Jim KREKORIAN - Drew CASEN	55.07
13	Andris SMILGAJS - Maris MATISONS	55.00
14	Luisa VENINI - Daniele MEREGAGLIA	54.84
15	Wolfgang BIEDER - Andreas BABSCH	54.25
16	Maciej WRECZYCKI - Stanislaw GOLEBIOWSKI	54.21
17	Anna MATWIJOW - Bernard JADCZAK	54.08
18	Ron TOR - Yeshayahu LEVIT	53.63
19	Pierre ZIMMERMANN - Pierre SAPORTA	53.14
20	Janis NEIMANIS - Bruno RUBENIS	53.01
21	Revas BERIASHVILI - Giorgi ABZIANIDZE	53.00
22	Enrico CASTELLANI - Carlo MAGNANI	52.96
23	Patrick GRENTHE - Michel DUGUET	52.88
24	Hans MELBY - Roger OLAFSEN	52.75
25	Pierre ZUKER - Denis SERGENT	52.65
26	Mohamed Samy Ahmed HESHMAT - Tarek NADIM	52.63
27	Antonio CACCIAPUOTI - Manlio TOMASSINI	52.59
28	Vladimir NULICEK - Zbynek LAUER	52.47
29	Igor CURLIN - Dmitri PROKHOROV	52.23
30	Paul MARTIN - Nick BOSS	52.16
31	Enzo DITANO - Alessandro PIANA	52.16
32	Gyorgy MARJAI - Ferenc ZOLD	51.94
33	Erik RYNNING - Geir BREKKA	51.91
34	Gojko ZIVKOVIC - David MOSSOP	51.87
35	Tony CUENCA - Michel HIRCHENAUT	51.65
36	Dominique PILON - Gerard IZISEL	51.56
37	Zia MAHMOOD - Lila PANAHPOUR	51.55
38	Jan CHODOROWSKI - Irena CHODOROWSKA	51.33
39	Henrik NORMAN HANSEN - Georg NORRIS	51.30
40	Aydin UYSAL - Naci DEMIRBAS	51.26
41	Lars Kirkegaard NIELSEN - Jonas HOUMOLLER	51.25
42	Luc DE MESMAECKER - Eric DEBUS	51.18
43	Temel AKSOY - Mehmet EKSIUGLU	51.06
44	Balazs SZEGEDI - Mate MRAZ	51.01
45	Lilo POPLILOV - Serjio KOVALIU	50.80
46	Gay KEAVENEY - Cian HOLLAND	50.77
47	Andrew THOMPSON - Anthony CLARK	50.74
48	Herve VINCIGUERRA - Christian MARI	50.68
49	Gaetano MASSA - Dario MARMONTI	50.54
50	Livio TRESTA - Giuseppe ROCCHI	50.50
51	Cornel TEODORESCU - Pascal RINGUET	50.48
52	Philippe COENRAETS - Guy VAN MIDDELEM	50.40
53	Tormod ROREN - Odin SVENDSEN	50.34
54	Peter LAKATOS - Gyorgy SZALAY	50.33
55	Fred Arne MOEN - Ingvar ERGA	50.32
56	Bogdan MARINA - Gilles-Ren QUERAN	50.17
57	Kenneth SKOV - Haldor SUNDE	50.02
58	Peter FEHER - Csaba CZIMER	49.63
59	Hani DAGHER - Magy NADIM	49.16
60	Jacques HENRI - Jean-pierre LAFOURCADE	48.49
61	Emil JEPSEN - Dennis BILDE	48.48
62	Maria Pia TOTARO - Carlo TOTARO	48.03
63	Calin STIRBU - Bogdan NEAGU	47.98
64	Prit HALLER - Vassili LEVENKO	47.61
65	Matteo MONTANARI - Marco VILLANI	47.49
66	Juha SAARIKOSKI - Jari BACKSTROM	47.07
67	Mario BACCETTI - Domenico CHIARO	47.02
68	Vincenzo BURGIO - Salvatore GATTO	46.97
69	Vytattas VAINIKONIS - Jacek PSZCZOLA	46.80
70	Flip BOER - Edwin De RUITER	46.78
71	Mario D'AGOSTINO - Matilde LONGHI	46.72
72	Antonio PALMA - Paulo SARMENTO	46.52
73	Pavel VOROBEI - Yurii ANDREEV	46.39
74	Brian SENIOR - Geoffrey WOLFARTH	46.37
75	Ozcan PEHLIVAN - Ugur ER	46.25
76	Jean Francois ALLIX - Erick MAUBERQUEZ	45.84
77	Alex ADAMSON - Harry SMITH	45.81
78	Carlos LUIS - Nuno PAZ	45.77
79	Manuel NEGRIN - Lucas CONTRERAS	45.59
80	Robin FELLUS - Giuseppe DELLE CAVE	45.55
81	Gabriel BALITA - Dan MANEA	45.30
82	David KENDRICK - Victor MILMAN	45.21
83	Didier MASSE - Philippe MARILL	44.96
84	Gaetano LEONETTI - Vincenzo ROBERTI	44.83
85	Rudy MASCARUCCI - Giacinto PARRELLA	44.75
86	Rita D'APICE - Nicola RIZZUTI	44.52
87	Stein Atle JUVIK - Ann-mari MIRKOVIC	44.24
88	Francesco SCRATTOLI - Alberto GULLOTTA	43.38
89	Arturo ERRA - Clara LAUS	43.06
90	Philippe BUSQUIN - Georges JAUNIAUX	43.04
91	Santino CASADIO - Patrizia JEREB	42.01
92	Giuseppe PAGANO - Umberto RAIOLA	41.52
93	Gadi LEIBOVITZ - Josef ZWILLINGER	41.40
94	Maurice PANIS - Lea HESS	41.06
95	Angelo GAIONI - Aureliano YANES	40.75
96	George HRISTOV - Kamen TCHERVENIAKOV	40.72

Women Semifinal A

Rank	Name	%
1	Marta ALMIRALL - Nuria ALMIRALL	57.73
2	Jovanka SMEDEREVAC - Maria ERHART	55.14
3	Gabriella OLIVIERI - Gianna ARRIGONI	54.78
4	Nevena SENIOR - Sandra PENFOLD	54.51
5	Malgorzata PASTERNAK - Ewa HARASIMOWICZ	54.25
6	Elisabeth HUGON - Martine ROSSARD	53.91
7	Victoria GROMOVA - Tatiana PONOMAREVA	53.69
8	Wietske Van ZWOL - Femke HOOGWEG	53.41
9	Ilaria SACCAVINI - Simonetta PAOLUZI	53.28
10	Anna SZCZEPANSKA - Ewa SOBOLEWSKA	52.69
11	Laura CASTELLS-CONRADO - Marina CASTELLS	52.41
12	Martine VERBEEK - Marion MICHELSEN	52.37
13	Montserrat MESTRES - Maria Eugenia HERNANDEZ	52.35
14	Susanne KRIFTNER - Chantal HAMMERLI	52.03
15	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD - Marianne HARDING	51.92
16	Nicola SMITH - Heather DHONDY	51.73
17	Rosa CORCHIA - Rita PASQUARE	51.62
18	Christina AHL - Margaretha EHLIN	51.19
19	Lynn BAKER - Karen (kate) MCCALLUM	51.01
20	Ruth LEVIT-PORAT - Daniela BIRMAN	50.51
21	Monique VAN DE SANDE - Marleen VAN GELDER	50.34
22	Maryse LEENHARDT - Fabienne PIGEAUD	50.30
23	Giuseppina VALENZA - Pietra COSTANZO	49.49
24	Caterina FERLAZZO - Gabriella MANARA	49.14
25	Donatella GIGLIOTTI - Angela De BIASIO	48.81
26	Emanuela CAPRIATA - Cristina GOLIN	48.67
27	Grazyna BREWIAK - Anna SARNIAK	48.55
28	Marisa CATTANEO BUFFA - Rita FEDERICO	48.28
29	Christine LUSTIN - Minnie TANANBAUM	48.10
30	Ewa MISZEWSKA - Jolanta KROGULSKA	47.77
31	Pilar LEON - Pilar G HONTORIA	47.60
32	Marianne RASMUSSEN - Lone BILDE	47.28
33	Terry WEIGKRICHT - Sylvia TERRANE0	47.28
34	Patsy MEEHAN - Rose O'FARRELL	46.53
35	Anneke SIMONS - Jet PASMAN	46.18
36	Annaig JACQUEMARD - Petra Von MALCHUS	46.11
37	Luigina GENTILI - Maddalena SEVERGNINI	43.82
38	Eva CSIBY - Katalin MEZEI	43.18
39	Ana PANELLA - Marta FRANCO	41.66
40	Monica BURATTI - Darinka FORTI	41.39

Senior Semifinal A

Rank	Name	%
1	Nicolas DECHELETTE - Francois LEENHARDT	55.43
2	Krzysztof SIKORSKI - Roman KIERZNOWSKI	55.06
3	Stefan KOWALCZYK - Jan SUCHARKIEWICZ	54.73
4	Pierre ADAD - Gerard SALLIERE	54.37
5	Kazimierz OMERNIK - Jozef POCHRON	54.17
6	Roger JACKSON - Anthony N GORDON	53.87
7	Marianne SERF - Jean- Claude FOUASSIER	53.67
8	Dano De FALCO - Guido RESTA	52.73
9	Victor MELMAN - Shalom ZELIGMAN	52.25
10	Nissan RAND - Goran MATTSSON	52.03
11	Loek VERHEES SR - Hans WOENSEL VAN	51.84
12	Bill HIRST - John HASSETT	51.48
13	John ONSTOTT - Jim ROBISON	51.17
14	Massimo IANNETTI - Eugenio METE	51.12
15	Nico DOREMANS - Jaap TROUWBORST	50.66
16	Hanspeter BOESIGER - Walter SPENGLER	50.55
17	Roman BUDZIK - Walter HOEGER	50.46
18	Elizabeth McGOWAN - Ken BAXTER	50.43
19	Maureen HIRON - Irving GORDON	49.76
20	Harald NORDBY - Kaare KNUTSEN	49.04
21	Onno JANSSENS - Willem BOEGEM	48.82
22	Wlodek BUZE - Zdzislaw KOWALEWSKI	48.68
23	Elly SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER - Erik de JONGH	47.97
24	Victor MARKOWICZ - Julian KLUKOWSKI	47.76
25	Tony PRIDAY - Vivian PRIDAY	47.70
26	Vincenzo DI GIROLAMO - Franco SANTOLINI	47.19
27	Enrico LONGINOTTI - Lino VANINI	46.98
28	Luciano CARONI - Gerry LINK	45.95
29	Grant BAZE - Robert HOLLMAN	45.30
30	Avi ARVATZ - Menachem RAVID	44.41
31	Ross HARPER - Paul D HACKETT	44.22
32	Pierre D' OVIDIO - Marie Louise DAS FR	42.49
33	Greer MCKENZIE - David A JACKSON	0.00

Victory Banquet

The Victory Banquet desk located at the 'Shop desk' in front of the 'Taberna Andaluza' will open on Thursday 30 June at 10.00.

All players are kindly requested to collect their invitations before 20.00 on Friday 1 July presenting their badges.

Tickets for wives, companions and friends are also available from the shop desk priced at Euro 50 each.

Please do not forget to take your invitation with you, otherwise you will not be able to enter the Roman Pool area.