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## We are the Champions!



Thomas Bessis, Frederic Volcker, Aleksander Krych, Michał Kania, Natalia Sakowska, Joanna Krawczyk

For those who appear on this final front page: our warmest congratulations on winning the European Junior title in your category.

For all players who have been here: we hope you enjoyed your stay as much as we did. We wish you a safe journey home and hope to see all of you back soon!

The Editors



### FAREWELL FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President of the Honour Committee, Marek Skorupa, member of the Polish Parliament, Mr. President of the Polish Bridge Union, Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Authorities, dear Colleagues of the EBL and PBU Boards, ladies and gentlemen, dear athletes, dear friends,

We are at the end of this 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Youth Pairs Championship and also this time, as usual in our events, when the curtain falls we are a little bit sad to leave our old and new friends, but in the meantime we are happy to return home, bringing with us the memory of a new exciting experience.

First of all I want to report to you the congratulations and best wishes from our WBF President José Damiani, who expressly called me: José, who has always attended the European Youth events, unfortunately today could not be here with us physically, but for sure he is here in spirit. He is confident to meet many of you in Beijing in occasion of the World Mind Sports Games.

We hope to have been able to satisfy once again your expectations and we did our best in organizing and managing this new marvelous bridge adventure and I hope that you enjoy your playing and staying in Wroclaw.

I am very pleased to congratulate and thank the President of the Honour Committee Marek Skorupa, the City of Wroclaw, with its Mayor Rafal Dutkiewicz, the Lower Silesian Authorities, the Polytechnic High School, the Polish Bridge Union, led my dear friend and colleague Radek Kielbasinski, and all our sponsor friends who supported the event with an extraordinary contribution and welcomed and hosted us with warmth and friendship. And I want particularly thank two extraordinary person who deserve the merit of the success of this event: Stanislaw "Bubu" Golebiowski, the On Site Organizer, and Slawek Latala, the Championship Manager. I am honored to announce that "Bubu" will be awarded, during the PBU congress next September in Warsaw, with the EBL Bronze Medal for his outstanding services to bridge. But since now I invite "Bubu" and Slawek to the podium to receive the EBL Plaque.

I want now to thank all the other people who enabled us to carry out this championship by offering their enthusiasm, their professionalism and their dedication. I would like to name them all, one by one, but for all of them I will call their chiefs, inviting them all to stand, when I call them to receive our much deserved applause. The Appeals Committee led by Patrick Jourdain. The Tournament Directors led by Eitan Levi. The Hospitality Team led by Leslez Nowak. The Main Office guided by Jerzy Gres. The Daily Bulletin coordinated by Jos Jacobs and Peter Ventura. The technological team led by Janek Romanski. The EBL web master Fotis Skoularikis. The Duplicating Team. The Venue Facilities Management with Czeslaw Gruszecki and Alicja Pekalska. Last but not least my colleagues of the EBL Youth Committee, Radek Kielbasinski, Sevinc Atay, Ata Aydin, Paolo Clair, Dejan Culic, Hartmut Kondoch, Micke Melander and Marina Madia. Thank you dear friends. Well done!

Of course all these persons are one part of the success of the championship, but you, the players, deserve the great part of the merit for it. You, with your enthusiasm and behavior created a suggestive atmosphere of friendship, serenity and harmony, confirming all the values of our discipline and marking another important sign in the way of developing the image of our fantastic discipline. On behalf of the European Bridge League and personally I want to congratulate you and thank you. We are proud of you. The future of bridge is in good hands!

Now we are really at the end. Thank you, again, dear friends, I hope you have a safe journey home and I hope to meet you in Beijing, to enjoy all together the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the World Mind Sports Games.

I declare officially closed the 9<sup>th</sup> European Bridge Youth Pairs Championship.

Un abbraccio to you all.

Gianarrigo Rona  
EBL President

Take care with the spades!

by Kees Tammens

In the first session after lunch in yesterday's semifinals, this board came by:

**BOARD 24**

W - none

<b>W</b>	♠ J10943
<b>none</b>	♥ Q 9
	♦ K 42
	♣ AJ6
♠ KQ6	♠ 7
♥ A1075	♥ 86432
♦ J63	♦ A975
♣ 853	♣ K102
	♠ A852
	♥ K J
	♦ Q 108
	♣ Q974

West	North	East	South
Macura	Drijver	Kopecky	Groenenboom
Pass	Pass (!)	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
INT	Dble	2♣	2♠
All Pass			

It's well known that in matchpoint pairs the spades are priceless. So it will make all the difference if you are going down in 3♠ or are making 2♠. In the sequence above, Drijver-Groenenboom proved this lesson to be true.

Only two other NS pairs managed to end up in 2♠ so the three got no less than 93.75 5 for their joint efforts. A remarkable auction occurred at a table where another Dutch pair were holding the NS cards: Stuurman-Visser did not say a word at all. So the hand was passed out, giving NS a mere 81.25% for their silence. Poor EW: Gawel-Zatorski mustered only 18.75% without doing anything wrong...

On board 23, the same pair had shown good defence in a partscore battle of a different kind:

**BOARD 23** SF session A1

<b>A-all</b>	♠ Q10
	♥ A974
	♦ AJ542
	♣ J8
♠ J973	♠ AK6
♥ 3	♥ QJ1065
♦ KQ	♦ 9763
♣ K76543	♣ Q
	♠ 8542
	♥ K82
	♦ 108
	♣ A1092

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Stuurman	Zatorski	Visser
Pass	INT	2♥	All Pass

EW thus escaped the double but it did not matter much. South led a spade to the ten and ace and declarer played the ♣Q for South's ace. A spade came back to the queen and king and declarer led a diamond up, North winning the ace. Dennis Stuurman next put his partner on lead by playing a low heart to obtain his spade ruff. Dummy was then put on lead with a diamond to the queen. Declarer went on to cash the ♣K, throwing a diamond. After ruffing a club in hand he led a top heart, losing to North's ace. Now North could play two more rounds of diamonds to promote his partner's ♥8 into the second undertrick for +200 and 87.50%.

**The Final, session I**

By Jos Jacobs and others

Thanks to BBO and a few roving reporters all round the playing area, it is easily possible to write about the adventures at more than one table on any specific board. This proved a useful asset this morning, as things were happening everywhere all the time – as one would expect in an event like this. The overnight leaders did not take any unnecessary risks at the start of the day (no slam on board 2 for them) but were surely favoured by a few mistakes made against them.

Look at this, for example:

**Board: 4. Dealer West/All vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stuurman</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Visser</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	INT	Pass	
2♦	All Pass		

Three overtricks but 86% for NS. One wonders why Visser did not pass 1♠ doubled, as happened at a few other tables, among them:

West	North	East	South
<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Gula</i>	<i>Montanari</i>	<i>Stefanów</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

This went only four down, +1100 to EW and over 96%.

At yet another tables, Peteris Bethers from Latvia opened the West hand 2♥, showing a major-minor twosuit. This induced North to overcall 2♠...shortly afterwards he found himself back in 2NT doubled which duly went three off as well for an 86% score to EW...

On the next board, the intended fit bid missed its target:

**Board: 5. Dealer North/NS vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Wasiak</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Piotrowski</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
	1♦	1♥	Dble
3♣	All Pass		

This went two off for another 96% to the French...

**Board: 8. Dealer West/None vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Lebatteux</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
1♦	1♠	3NT	All Pass

Well, Thomas Bessis certainly cannot be blamed for missing out on the killing club lead. Beating the contract would have scored 79% whereas letting it through was still worth 54%.

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Mistretta	Malecki	Manno
1♦	1♠	Pass	INT
Dble	2♣	Dble	All Pass

The double of 2♣ was probably intended as: "Partner, I had a penalty pass of 1♠." On very accurate defence this can be defeated by just one trick, but it was soon made when West continued the ♦K after scoring an early spade ruff. Obviously, +180 was worth all the matchpoints. One down would have netted about 60% only...



Eugenio Mistretta, Italy.

Of course, the normal contract is 4♥ in which ten tricks are always there. As this is a pairs contest, it does not come as a surprise to see a few declarers go down in 4♥. This is even easier to understand when you see this happening:

West, who had opened 1♦, had become declarer and North a led diamond. As this smells like a singleton, what's wrong with going up with the ace, draw trumps and take a diamond finesse later? If you don't and even more so if you first draw three rounds of trumps, you will run into serious communication trouble in setting up the diamonds whereas it might have been so easy to make 12 tricks...

### Board: 12. Dealer West/NS vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Paske	Volcker	Jones	Bessis
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

INT was alerted and explained as one-round forcing but this proved not to be the case. Not that it mattered very much, as the defence easily took the first eight tricks in the minors for +100 and another 89% score.

At some other tables, they could not stop bidding:

West	North	East	South
Kopecky	Baroni	Macura	Sangiorgio
1 NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♦	Dble
2♠	Pass	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3 NT
All Pass			

After West's INT (11-14) the Italian pair of Baroni/Sangiorgio had their opponents in the sack for a while. However, their capture escaped. The key to that was when Macura bid 2♦, giving Kopecky the opportunity to correct to 2♠. In 2♠ declarer is likely to go no more than one off, so that would have been a good score for North/South, even doubled. That was South's conclusion too, thus he bid 2NT natural. When Baroni corrected to 3♥ North/South had found a good spot to be at, especially since 3♥ is likely to make, but Sangiorgio misjudged and took a shot at game. That was not a very successful move, as it changed a plus score into a minus ditto.

West led a spade and the defence had six easy tricks; E/W +200 and 82% for the Czechs.

West	North	East	South
Molenaar	Pamelard	Verbeek	Pendrigh
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♥	2♠	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Molenaar opened a more normal 1♠ but even then, NS could not resist temptation...down two for the same indifferent mp score.

**Board: 13. Dealer North/All vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Pendrigh	Volcker	Pamelard	Bessis
	1♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Another good score went to the French when Bessis was among the declarers who found a nice endplay:

He won the ♠J lead and drove out the ♣A. A spade came back which was won again immediately and next came the remaining clubs. West is squeezed out of many cards (there are several variations) but has to keep at least ♦Kx. East was then put in the lead with his ♥K to either continue spades or open up the diamonds for declarer...ten tricks and another 82% score.

On board 15, Volcker's aggression was not an immediate success but it prevented his side from getting into deeper trouble.

**Board: 15. Dealer South/NS vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Kaya	Volcker	Cerek	Bessis
			Pass
1♣	4♦	All Pass	

1♣ showed at least two clubs. The contract went one off for a 40% score because many NS pairs ran into unplayable heart contracts.

On the next board, the NS machine began to hamper:

**Board: 16. Dealer West/EW vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Wasiak	Volcker	Piotrowski	Bessis
1♦	2♦	Dble	4♥
Dble	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

2♦ showed majors but Bessis clearly did not expect such a weak hand. Had he led a diamond, the contract might have gone down one (ruff and ♥ shift) but on the ♠K lead declarer easily made 12 tricks, losing a diamond trick only, after the trump finesse.

This did not give the Turks all the matchpoints as Montanari-Franchi managed to reach 6♣ and make it on the same lead of the ♠K for +1540!

At another table the save was found:

West	North	East	South
Rehder	Stuurman	Katerbau	Visser
1♦	3♠	3NT	Pass
4♣	4♥ (!!)	5♣	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Down two on a diamond lead to the jack, ace and a ruff; 68% to NS.

On the next board, Volcker-Bessis went back to normal again:

#### Board: 17. Dealer North/None vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Groenenboom	Volcker	Drijver	Bessis
	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

No mercy: ♥A, heart ruff and three more top tricks. Down two and 96%.

Again, at another table EW had quite different ideas:

West	North	East	South
Visser	Montanari	Stuurman	Franchi
	3♥	Pass	Pass
3NT (!)	All Pass		

This contract is off five top tricks anyway but they have to be cashed before declarer has nine. When this did

not materialise for the defence after a heart lead to the king and a heart back to the jack and ace, there suddenly were nine tricks and 93% for EW (clean top was someone who managed 10 tricks at NT...).

On the next board, the Dutch got somewhat of a revenge when North competed instead of opening his wallet to collect the money:

#### Board: 18. Dealer East/NS vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Groenenboom	Volcker	Drijver	Bessis
		INT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

This was duly made but for a 25% score only as INT will go down at least two on a club lead and (obvious) diamond switch.

With not very much in the closing boards of the morning session, Volcker-Bessis easily held on to their lead after the first 24 boards of this final. It did not take long after lunch, however, before they lost it...

## Disasters corner

By Peter Ventura

When there are so many boards played in a Championship like this you will meet with some real disasters from time to time. These fiascos might not be great fun for some of the involved players, but I am sure there are plenty of you out there who will enjoy the following couple of boards.

## Board 28

<b>W</b>	♠ Q103		
	♥ K		
<b>NS</b>	♦ AKQJ1082		
	♣ A10		
♠ AKJ8		♠ 976	
♥ 72		♥ 1098654	
♦ 963		♦ -	
♣ J973		♣ 8542	
	♠ 542		
	♥ AQ3		
	♦ 754		
	♣ KQ6		

West	North	East	South
Sikora	Baroni	Betley	Sangiorgio
Pass	1♦	1NT (!)	Dble
Pass	Pass	Redble	All Pass

When Sikora passed in the opening position Betley assumed North/South had something high in their cards, thus he psyched INT with his 'powerful' East hand. Sangiorgio doubled and Betley now tried to escape by redoubling, but Sikora did not read the psych so he passed. The Italian pair must have thought Christmas came early this year, and in a way it did... South led a diamond and when the smoke had cleared North/South had 13 tricks in their basket. The score meter has not stopped yet I believe... That was seven down redoubled for +3400 (!) and a clean top of course.

Our next board we picked up from the B semifinal in the Under 21 category, where the Latvian pair of Garkaje/Cizevskis, who want to remain anonymous, did not succeed, neither in bidding nor the play.



Alberto Sangiorgio, Italy

## BOARD 19, SEMIFINALS

<b>S EW</b>	♠ 1098652		
	♥ A54		
	♦ -		
	♣ AJ52		
♠ AKJ73		♠ Q4	
♥ J		♥ 107	
♦ AQJ102		♦ 974	
♣ 64		♣ KQ10983	
	♠ -		
	♥ KQ98632		
	♦ K8653		
	♣ 7		

West	North	East	South
	Rosenthal		Gerstner
			4♥
Dble	Redbl	5♣	5♦
Dble	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Redble	All Pass	

The Israeli pair of Lee Rosenthal/Gal Gerstner were sitting North/South. Rosenthal redoubled to play both times.

West led the diamond ace, which was a good start for declarer as he was able to ruff three diamonds in dummy. Eventually West did not read how many diamonds East had from the start, so under the trump suit he pitched a diamond to keep his spades. Therefore, declarer emerged with all thirteen tricks and that was two overtricks in 5♥ redoubled for +1400 and a 96%-board.

Why on earth you might think, why was that only 96% and not a clean top? Well, there were an East/West-pair that was practicing in 6♣. That was down five for the very same score, N/S +1400.

The French pairs must have been practicing the art of redoubling back home. On the same board we noticed that in the Under 26 category Thomas Bessis/ Frédéric Volcker made 5♥ redoubled for +1000 for a 94%-board and Alexandre Kilani/Pierre Franceschetti managed to make an overtrick in the very same contract, gaining +1200 for a top. (This also brings you the solution of this morning's exercise-Ed.)

In the Girls category, though, we did not see any redoubles. They are so sophisticated, those girls...



## The Final, session 2

## By Jos Jacobs

Shortly after lunch, a Polish pair took over the lead: Nowosadzki and Wiankowski. The French Volcker-Bessis stayed in the hunt, however, so the round in which the two had to meet would be particularly important. Here are the two boards they played. Both boards were typical pairs' partscores but if you don't well on this stuff, you are not going to win at pairs.

## Board: 17. Dealer North/None vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

The Poles would have been much better off if they had reached INT and played there. With the hearts 3-3, 150 was a popular score for EW and 120 also beats 110. Declarer lost the obvious four tricks but -110 gave NS 68% and EW just 32%.

## Board: 18. Dealer East/NS vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	All Pass		

You can always open INT with a bad five-card major but sometimes, you have to pay the price. This was one of those occasions. With spades as trumps, eight tricks are always there but at NT, declarer had a blind spot and emerged with only six tricks. On a heart lead, you have to establish diamonds rather than spades; the spade trick given up by declarer turned out to be the setting trick. So a lucky escape for the French but another good score for them: 71% v. 29%. They seemed to be back in the lead whereas even conceding 90 would nearly have reversed the matchpoint score on this deal.

From here on, Thomas Bessis and Frédéric Volcker played very well, not without the luck you need from time to time, on their way to victory in this prestigious Junior event, as you will be able to see on the front page again. Congratulations to them!

## Disease Etiology - Bridge

Bridge is a highly contagious, progressive and incurable disease. WHO estimates there are currently between 50 and 100 million infected people worldwide. Unlike other epidemics of this scale, bridge attacks primarily in developed countries. While rarely fatal, the disease has enormous negative impact on the lives of infected individuals and on the whole society.

### Etiology

Earlier theories assumed that bridge is an addictive drug, much like alcohol. In 1976, however, two independent teams of Dutch and American scientists isolated *Bacillus bridgeus*, a very small bacteria causing bridge. This discovery explains why earlier treatment programs such as 'Bridge Players Anonymous' were unsuccessful. *Bacillus bridgeus* transmits primarily via contact with bridge players. Once inside the human body, it lodges itself in the brain, where it attacks the parts responsible for higher cognitive functions. During the tertiary stage (see under symptoms) of bridge, the patient's brain is little more than a tool for *Bacillus bridgeus* to transmit itself to other victims.

### Origins of the epidemics

The bridge epidemic started around 1890, almost simultaneously in Great Britain and in the USA. It appears that a relatively benign bacteria causing whist mutated itself into *Bacillus bridgeus*. While the reasons for this mutation are not completely determined, a likely hypothesis suggests that it was a result of exposure of the whist bacteria to high doses of alcohol and boredom among civil servants in certain parts of the British Empire (mostly Egypt and India).

### Symptoms and relief

Stage 1 - which is not at all unpleasant, the infected individual enjoys an occasional social game of bridge and does not think of bridge in between those. Only a small area of the brain has been attacked and there are not infrequent reports of a spontaneous arrest of the disease and even of complete recovery.

**Stage 2** - usually marked by the victim starting to analyze the hand just played. It can be also recognized from the fact of the patient buying the first bridge book, usually with a title like 'Improve your play technique' or 'Killing defence at bridge'. During this stage the victim often joins

a bridge club and participates in the first tournament. Once this happens, the prognosis is almost always bad.

**Stage 3** - can be recognized by the victim being able to name the current World Champions, winners of the Bermuda Bowl and other major tournaments. It is also marked by the patient owning a full bookshelf of bridge books and/or a subscription to a bridge magazine. At this stage the infected individual loses interest in other pursuits, is a common sight on the tournament circuit, and often dabbles in bridge theory. In extreme cases the victim neglects even the most elementary functions such as eating or personal hygiene. While there may be periods of marked improvement, which often lull the patient and concerned relatives into a false sense of security (with the patient thinking 'I can take it or I can leave it'), it is important to recognize that a relapse is unavoidable. Nevertheless, some symptomatic relief can be achieved by simple methods such as getting the victim interested in other pursuits (sex, fly-fishing, crocheting), taking away his/her pocket money, and keeping the patient locked up during club games and local tournaments.

### Cure

Currently, the only available cure for bridge is lobotomy. This is performed only in extreme cases.

### Prevention

Bridge is highly contagious. Conservative estimates indicate that it is 65 times as contagious as chess and about 5-6 times as the most infectious of the so called Nintendo viral group (which usually attack only children and adolescents and disappear, without causing any damage, upon the victim's reaching the adulthood). Thus it is very hard to prevent a bridge infection.

One should avoid any contact whatsoever with bridge players. If complete avoidance is impossible, do not allow the infected individual talk about bridge and never, ever agree to be 'introduced to bridge'.

Recently published results of a 20-year long study by John R. Williams of the Hopkins University lead to surprising conclusions. Thus it is not particularly risky to be in company of bridge carriers, when their number is divisible by 4. On the other hand, it is extremely dangerous to be alone with 3 (or 7, 11, etc.) bridge players for a prolonged period of time (a cruise, chalet holiday, etc.). The reasons for this dichotomy are at present completely unknown and underline our lack of knowledge about *Bacillus bridgeus*.

# 1<sup>st</sup> World Mind Sports Games

3-18 October 2008, Beijing, China



**Beijing, China, 3/18 October 2008**

will be the venue for the first World Mind Sports Games (WMSG).

These games will be held under the aegis of

**IMSA (the International Mind Sports Association)**

**and GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations)**

and will consist of Bridge, Chess, Go and Draughts

(and also Chinese Chess in Beijing).

The Games will be held in the Beijing International Convention Centre, and may also utilize space within the Olympic Complex, with hotels and media village nearby. The Opening Ceremony will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (probably in the early evening) and the Closing Ceremony will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, afternoon.

### THE WMSG NATIONAL YOUTH TEAMS

Each and every member country of the World Bridge Federation is encouraged to enter one national team, consisting of 4, 5 or 6 players aged under 28 (i.e. born in 1980 or later), a non-playing captain and possibly one more team official. The competition will be played as the former World Bridge Olympiad, i.e. with a qualifying stage, followed by a knockout phase until the winners are determined. A (national) Pairs competition and an Individual will follow (see below), in which all team members may participate.

### THE WMSG YOUTH PAIRS

The Youth Pairs competition will be played in qualifying, semi-final and final stages. It is intended that pairs eliminated in the qualifying stage have a second chance to qualify to the final, through semi-final B. Players from the WMSG Youth Teams who fail to qualify for the Knockout stages of that event are encouraged to participate in the Pairs. Note that partnerships must be national - transnational pairings will not be permitted. However, if an NBO has been unable to send a team to play in the Youth Teams, they are encouraged to send a national pair to compete in the Pairs Championship. NBOs with teams participating in the Youth Teams event may not send additional Pairs to compete in this event. As for the Youth Teams all players must be under 28 years old (i.e. born in 1980 or later).

### THE WMSG YOUTH INDIVIDUAL

The Youth Individual competition will be played straight through in one stage. The format will be such that groups will be formed in accordance with the Swiss principle, to ensure that competitors meet with / play against players of similar level of ability. Players from the WMSG Youth Teams who fail to qualify for the later Knockout stages of that event are encouraged to participate in the Individual Championship. However, if an NBO has been unable to send either teams or pairs to the event, they are strongly encouraged to send an individual to take part in the Individual Championship. NBOs with teams participating in the Youth Teams event or Pairs playing in the Pairs event may not send additional individual players to compete in this event. As for the other WMSG Youth events, all players must be under 28 years old (i.e. born in 1980 or later).

**There are no entry fees for the Youth Teams, Pairs or Individual Championships. In addition, all youth competitors, captains and one other official per NBO will be offered free room and board in the media village apartments to encourage participation.**

It is also possible that reduced or even free air fares may be available; more information about this will be published as soon as it is available.

**In addition the World Junior Team Championships will be staged comprising:**

### THE WORLD JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE ORTIZ-PATIÑO TROPHY

This Championship is for players aged under 26 (born in 1982 or later). The teams for this event will qualify through their own Zonal Championships.

### THE WORLD JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE DAMIANI CUP

This Championship is for players aged under 21 (born in 1987 or later). The teams for this event will also qualify through their own Zonal Championships.

**Players (up to six per team) and the NPC and possibly one other official for each team in these two events will be offered free accommodation and all meals in the Media Village, part of the Olympic Complex.**

It is also possible that reduced or even free air fares may be available; more information about this will be published as soon as it is available. If your NBO wishes to apply for financial assistance with the air fares, please email Christine Francin ([cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com)) with the details. As teams are knocked out of the Junior Championships, they may join play in the Youth Teams and if they are subsequently eliminated from the WSMBG Youth Teams, they will be eligible to join the World Youth Pairs, then the Individual. Details are still being worked on.

**Participation in these events is expected to be in accordance with the following table: Zone Ortiz- Patiño Trophy Damiani Cup** (U-26, (U-21, born in 1982 or later) born in 1987 or later): **Europe:** Netherlands, Poland, Italy, Bulgaria, Poland France, Norway, England, Germany, Norway, Denmark and Netherlands.

**NBOs with teams qualifying for either or both of these events are also eligible – and indeed, are encouraged, to send a team to the World Youth Teams Championships.**

#### ENTRY FEES Event US \$

- **WSMG Youth Teams, Pairs and Individual** Free of Charge
- **World Junior Team Championship** 1,500 (under 26)
- **World Junior Team Championship** 1,000 (under 21)

#### REGISTRATION OF SYSTEMS 1<sup>st</sup> of August

#### PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES 1<sup>st</sup> of July

#### ENTRIES must be sent to: The World Bridge Federation

40, rue François 1<sup>er</sup> 75008 Paris – France

[cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com)

### SYSTEMS

Full systems regulations will be published in due course, but players should note that for the Open & Women's Teams, the Seniors and the World Junior Championship Teams it will be a requirement that systems are registered in advance, by email, for publication to the other teams. Please note that neither Brown Sticker nor HUM Systems will be permitted at any stage of any of the events.

### ACCOMMODATION

Free accommodation and meals will be provided for all youth teams and women's teams. The accommodation will be in nearby fully furnished and fully equipped apartments. Hotels will be available for approximately 1080 RMB (currently approximately \$145) per room per night for a 5-star hotel or 810 RMB (currently approximately US\$ 110) per room per night for a 4-star hotel all inclusive breakfast taxes and service. Full details of the hotels and the booking agency will be sent out in due course.

### MORE INFORMATION

[www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org)

## GIRLS FINAL RESULTS

place	nr			c-o %	session %	total %
1	26	J Krawczyk N Sakowska	POL	54.70	57.60	56.64
2	21	M Maj K Szczepańska	POL	56.93	55.75	56.14
3	36	P Hoderova J Jankova	CZE	52.95	56.63	55.40
4	11	K Wesołowska J Żmuda	POL	54.42	54.78	54.66
5	32	S Stockdale F Brown	ENG	54.91	53.90	54.24
6	43	M Ticha S Heroutova	CZE	57.56	52.05	53.88
7	17	E Jurkiewicz J Przytycka	POL	49.32	53.70	52.24
8	33	A Dykier E Grabowska	POL	55.80	50.19	52.06
9	31	L Dekkers M Michielsen	NED	48.92	52.24	51.13
10	35	S B Thomsen A C R Ege	DEN	49.60	51.85	51.10
11	28	A Rowold A Heim	GER	53.31	49.32	50.65
12	16	A Szyber M Zadrożna	POL	51.61	49.71	50.34
13	25	K Górniak U Kędzierska	POL	55.53	46.88	49.77
14	37	M Canonne L Favard	FRA	59.36	44.74	49.61
15	34	P Jatczak K Tyszkiewicz	POL	55.49	46.39	49.43
16	18	N Banaś A Marek	POL	49.09	46.78	47.55
17	24	M Chavarria Kaifmann G Botta	ITA	51.92	45.22	47.46
18	38	K Dufurat A Ferrer-Lopez	POL	51.07	45.13	47.11
19	27	R Barendregt M van Gelder	NED	53.37	42.59	46.18
20	23	D Kazmucha J Małecka	POL	48.82	44.54	45.97

## FINAL U 21 RESULTS

place	nr			c-o %	session %	total %
1	5 6	M Kania A Krych	POL	54.57	55.70	55.33
2	6 1	T Jochymski W Kaźmierczak	POL	53.35	56.00	55.12
3	4 2	I Szpunto K Wilczak	POL	54.75	54.90	54.85
4	2 1	E Verbeek E Wackwitz	NED	55.02	54.00	54.34
5	6 2	A Cohen O Cohen	FRA	55.35	53.12	53.86
6	5 9	J Paul G Robertson	ENG	56.12	52.70	53.84
7	6 4	Ł Gawel M Maj	POL	53.75	52.81	53.12
8	3 1	M Mroczkowski A Śmieszkoł	POL	55.84	49.82	51.83
9	5 7	L Teichmann K Zylka	CZE	52.31	50.69	51.23
10	4 3	M Meyuchas A Lazar	ISR	53.35	50.55	51.19

11	2 6	P Jassem P Tuczyński	POL	57.58	47.66	50.97
12	4 6	A Terszak R Pałuba	POL	53.75	49.33	50.81
13	1 1	S Nijako J Wojcieszek	POL	52.41	49.81	50.67
14	2 4	J Thrower S Shah	ENG	52.86	48.66	50.06
15	5 2	M Wojciechowski M Zimniewicz	POL	53.60	47.90	49.80
16	5 8	M Gulczyński J Pędziński	POL	53.60	47.86	49.78
17	2 3	T Hoffmann P Sinkovicz	HUN	53.05	47.51	49.36
18	6 6	R Parkitny P Kaleta	POL	53.05	46.04	48.38
19	4 0	G Zanasi R Rubino	ITA	55.17	42.86	46.96
20	4 9	Ł Golder T Kapera	POL	52.89	42.08	45.39

## FINAL U26 RESULTS

place	nr			c-o %	session %	total %
1	2 6	T.Bessis F.Volcker	FRA	55.97	60.51	59.00
2	1 6	M.Nowosadzki P.Wiankowski	POL	54.40	57.36	56.37
3	6 6	A.Franchi M.Montanari	ITA	51.77	58.72	56.12
4	5 9	M.Cerek E.Kaya	TRK	53.39	56.77	55.35
5	1 3	P.Bethers J.Balasovs	LAT	53.60	54.38	54.12
6	1 7	M.Kopecky M.Macura	CZE	53.43	54.00	53.81
7	2 8	D.Stuurman F.Visser	NED	54.39	53.09	53.53
8	3 1	A.Guła M.Stefanów	POL	55.31	52.32	53.03
9	2 2	G.Delle Cave R.Fellus	ITA	52.78	53.22	52.79
10	3 7	B.Drijver M.Groenenboom	NED	53.10	52.49	52.69
11	4 3	S.Skorchev N.Vasilev	BUL	54.27	51.43	52.38
12	4 2	L.Lauks A.Imsa	LAT	50.90	52.98	52.29
13	7 1	A.Manno E.Mistretta	ITA	52.78	51.77	52.10
14	7 6	P.Jassem P.Małecki	POL	52.52	51.80	52.04
15	2 1	P.Piotrowski A.Wasiak	POL	55.13	50.30	51.91
	4 6	I.Baroni A.Sangiorgio	ITA	53.04	51.34	51.91
17	7 8	R.Dobrescu R.Nistor	ROM	54.65	49.71	51.07
18	1 1	W.Gawel P.Zatorski	POL	54.45	49.24	50.98
19	1 2	J.Hop V.de Pagter	NED	50.17	49.91	50.00
20	3 6	P.Nawrocki J.Sikora	POL	51.21	48.42	49.07
21	3 3	D.Molenaar T.Verbeek	NED	52.52	46.85	48.74
22	6 3	M.Gackowski M.Pielaszkiewicz	POL	52.10	46.96	48.38
23	7 4	N.Lhuissier A.Lebatteux	FRA	51.87	46.12	48.04

24	5 3	J.Katerbau M.Rehder	GER	53.04	44.41	47.29
25	6 2	J.Bethers M.Lorencs	LAT	49.96	44.77	46.50
26	1 8	O.Stanicic V.Zepic	CRO	50.02	44.00	46.01
27	5 1	E.Jones T.Paske	ENG	52.10	41.76	45.21
28	5 6	A.Paparo M.Di Franco	ITA	49.69	44.22	44.89
29	5 7	K.Gałązka P.Kruszewski	POL	50.71	41.88	44.82
30	6 5	R.Pendrigh A.Pamelard	FRA	51.87	39.25	43.46

## FINAL B RESULTS

Place	nr			total %
GIRLS				
1	28	M Beuger L Sanders	NED	54.05
2	34	A Kamińska K Bąk	POL	52.95
3	99	J Carbonneaux C Puillet	FRA	52.84
4	39	Z Moszczyńska A Puczyńska	POL	52.61
5	46	L Leufkens J Wackwitz	NED	51.89
6	13	S Bird J Marvin	ENG	48.18
7	80	K Ticha H Novotna	CZE	46.93
8	50	A Thizy C Chaugny	FRA	46.78
9	67	I Erkena D Cimoka	LAT	44.58
10	79	E Maksymiuk M Maksymiuk	POL	44.32
11	72	E Iacopini C Beccarini	ITA	40.72
12	74	M Eggeling L Matthias	GER	37.61
13	14	J Marinković J Tomić	SER	35.64
UNDER 26				
1	94	A Kilani P Franceschetti	FRA	65.57
2	61	J Sigurdurson G F Kristinsson	ICE	62.84
3	33	J Betley M Sikora	POL	62.61
4	35	P Owczarek D Schulz	AUT	62.01
5	91	M Jarosz A Michalak	POL	58.67

6	77	T Gotard F Zimmermann	GER	58.45
7	85	M Dudkova O Bahník	CZE	58.33
8	70	S Poulat V Vidalat	FRA	57.46
9	16	I Angus J Clacey	ENG	56.86
10	20	P Kautny R Bina	AUT	56.78
11	63	T Malarme C Grosset	FRA	56.63
12	76	B Agica C Daday	ROM	56.48
13	100	K Kontomitros K Doxiadis	GRE	56.25
14	12	L Constantin A Sechelea	ROM	56.21
15	57	P Butryn P Szymaszczyk	POL	55.15
16	90	A Gogoman J Islam	AUT	54.96
17	65	R Rychlicki P Jaworski	POL	53.79
18	71	L Andrea Q Levoy	FRA	53.45
19	73	M Würmseer R Braun	GER	52.69
20	44	A Helmich G Hop	NED	51.93
21	89	I Volozhenin K Nekrasova	RUS	51.44
22	58	E Ahlgren S Granath	SWE	50.80
23	87	E Davis R Boyd	IRE	50.76
24	83	D Dobrin A Osipov	RUS	50.61
25	88	Ş Ercan G Gündoğdu	TRK	50.45
26	55	A Berge T Boekhorst	FRA	49.36
27	30	V Vitkauskas R Blazevicius	LIT	49.02
28	42	L Fruscoloni G Trimarchi	ITA	48.60
29	97	R Torma K Lazar	HUN	48.26
30	21	M Majak A Bakalarz	POL	47.99
31	98	B Bozzai L Kaderják	HUN	47.61
32	62	E Dłutowska J Grzeszczak	POL	47.35
33	86	L Dondivic T Gracin	CRO	46.25
34	75	A Honyek G Szentandrási	HUN	45.80
35	66	M Osmański	POL	44.2

		M Magdoń		8
36	37	G Krawczyk J Kasprzyk	POL	42.7 3
37	26	C Margot J Amiguet	SUI	41.8 6
38	60	D Ćwirko M Bielawski	POL	41.5 9
UNDER 21				
1	68	B Paske R Myers	ENG	59.7 3
2	53	T Trzewik M Klukowski	POL	57.0 8
3	69	T Coudert C Thizy	FRA	56.8 9
4	25	A Janeczko M Igła	POL	56.3 3
5	41	J Spangenberg S Spangenberg	NED	56.2 9
6	82	K Król P Witaszek	POL	56.1 7
7	84	P Podolski G Jarzabek	POL	55.7 2
8	18	K Mielnik B Stępień	POL	55.0 0
9	64	G Gerstner L Rosenthal	ISR	54.6 6
10	32	O Damty E Erez	ISR	54.3 6
11	31	W Racz M Wieteska	POL	54.1 3
12	95	Z Siderov D Spasov	BUL	53.7 9
13	23	F De Leo S Balestra	ITA	53.5 6
14	49	R Philipsen T Verbeek	NED	51.4 4
15	47	J van Lankveld V Broersen	NED	50.5 3
16	59	S Karbanovich J Szpuntov	BLR	50.4 5
17	17	M Flury F Ghielmetti	SWI	50.1 1
18	24	P Railing T Rainforth	ENG	49.7 7
19	56	A Majcher M Dąbrowski	POL	49.3 2
20	11	Ł Witkowski I Łosiewicz	POL	48.8 6
21	54	Ł Chrzanowski K Gajda	POL	48.6 4
22	45	J Nab V Nab	NED	47.5 4
23	48	V Frank M Petrasek	CZE	47.3 5
24	15	J Harris J Richards	WAL	46.7 8
25	19	A	POL	46.3

		Waszkiewicz J Kwiecień		6
26	43	L Jones D Faria	ENG	46.0 6
27	81	A Rudolph T Hoffmeister	GER	45.8 3
28	78	G Lafont F Charignon	FRA	45.0 8
29	36	M Ellerbeck D Kaepfel	GER	44.9 6
	93	A Górska M Andrzejewski	POL	44.9 6
31	29	D Karman K Streekstra	NED	43.9 4
32	51	R Grigoraitis J Ceponkus	LIT	43.9 0
33	96	N Ertel K Kaepfel	GER	43.0 3
34	22	D Hersfang D Hersfang	ISR	42.3 1
35	38	F Palermo G Maruzzella	ITA	42.1 2
36	27	U Eberhard L Della Ca	SWI	41.3 6
37	40	E Cizevskis G Garkaje	LAT	36.7 0
38	92	B Okopiński J Tarnawski	POL	33.6 0
39	52	R Watkins C Evans	WAL	24.2 8

