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# Six Day Race Begins



*Journalists enjoying the hospitality of the EBL at a dinner hosted by Mr and Mrs Rona*

As we enter the second week of the tournament the Team Championships are about to enter the KO phase, while the Open, Women & Senior Pairs face the first of six days in pursuit of a European Open title.

The leading qualifiers in the Open Team Championship were **Zimmerman, Irens** and **Château Rossenovo**, with **Angelini, Welland** and **Apteker** close behind.

The biggest shock was the failure of the **Lavazza** squad to qualify.

Team **Ned Red** had the last "choice" in the line-up, and they are to face **O'Rourke**.

The Women and Senior series have two more matches today. They are being led by **FIGB Ladies, Joel, Fornaciari** and **Miroglio**.

## Today's - Schedule

- 10.00 Open Teams Round of 32 (1st)
- 12.15 Open Teams Round of 32 (2nd)
- 15.15 Open Teams Round of 16 (1st)
- 17.30 Open Teams Round of 16 (2nd)
  
- 10.00 Women Teams Qualifying R10
- 12.15 Women Teams Qualifying R11
- 15.00 Captains Meeting
  
- 10.00 Senior Teams Qualifying R12
- 12.15 Senior Teams Qualifying R13
- 14.15 Captains Meeting
  
- 10.30 Open Pairs Qualifying (1st)
- 15.30 Open Pairs Qualifying (2nd)
  
- 16.15 Woman Pairs Qualifying (1st)
  
- 16.15 Senior Pairs Qualifying (1st)



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## OPEN TEAMS FINAL RANKING SWISS A

1	ZIMMERMANN	142	GILBOA	109
2	IRENS	134	35 MIZEL	108
3	CHATEAU ROSSENOVO	130	36 DENMARK B	107
4	ANGELINI	129	ANGELINI GAROZZO	107
5	WELLAND	127	NONAME	107
6	APTEKER	126	39 LARA	106
7	PAYEN	124	40 COLDEA	104
	JACOB	124	41 FAYAD	102
	SWEDEN I	124	P.S.	102
10	WHITE HOUSE NL I	123	43 DE BOTTON	101
11	NED WHITE	122	WHITE BL2	101
12	HOLLMAN	121	HUNGARY SZABO	101
13	POLAND	120	46 ROUMANIA X	99
14	DENMARK	119	47 MRAGOWIA SI	98
	HERBST	119	48 FUCIK	96
16	BLUMENTAL	118	49 BEGIJNTJE	95
17	HET WITTE HUIS 2	117	TBOKS	95
	SYGNITY	117	51 RADKOV	94
19	MONACO	116	KATT_BRIDGE	94
	NED RED	116	53 GOMEROV	93
	O-ROURKE	116	GOODMAN	93
22	TEXAN ACES	115	VYTAS	93
	WHITE BLI	115	AUGURI	93
	WAC	115	57 BBO RITA TEAM	91
25	KOLATA	114	SHANURIN	91
26	ZALESKI	113	59 CAPPELLER	89
27	IL FANTE DI FIORI	112	60 SAVELLI	87
28	BESSIS	111	61 MARADONA	86
	GOLDBERG	111	62 TANANBAUM	84
	BAMBERGER REITER	111	63 PIEDRA	82
31	HARANGOZO	110	64 BRIDGE PLUS	78
	PAUNCZ	110	65 S MARINO / FAZZARDI	74
33	KINGKONG	109	66 LUXEMBOURG RED LIONS	68

### Round of 32

1	ZIMMERMANN	MONACO	9	PAYEN	VITO
2	IRENS	BLUMENTAL	10	DENMARK	VILLA FABRICHE
3	CHATEAU ROSSENOVO	WAC	11	HET WHITE HUIS 2	LENGY
4	ANGELINI	DUGUET	12	WHITE HOUSE NL I	IL FANTE DI FIORI
5	WELLAND	Z-TEAM	13	NED WHITE	ZALESKI
6	APTEKER	WHITE BLI	14	POLAND	TEXAN ACES
7	JACOB	KOLATA	15	HERBST	SYGNITY
8	SWEDEN I	HOLLMAN	16	NED RED	O-ROURKE

## WOMEN TEAMS RANKING AFTER 9 ROUNDS

GROUP U		GROUP W	
1	F.I.G.B. LADIES	171	
2	POLAND	168	
3	HANSEN	166	
4	DINKIN - NPC	142	
	SOLVI	142	
6	DUTCH BLUE	138	
7	GIRLS FRANCE	132	
8	DUTCH GIRLS	121	
9	SAGARIAN	119	
	RUSSIA	119	
11	LEVS	114	
12	NERE PER CASO	70	
1	JOEL	178	
2	RIMSTEDT	176	
3	CBC MILANO	157	
4	NORMANY	155	
5	GERMAN LADIES	145	
6	PENFOLD	141	
7	DUTCH ORANGE	135	
8	KULCHYCKY	126	
9	S MARINO/PERLINI	119	
10	GREECE	103	
11	DIAMONDS	58	

## SENIOR TEAMS RANKING AFTER 11 ROUNDS

GROUP S		GROUP T	
1	FORNACIARI	203	
2	ADAD	188	
3	GERMANY I	183	
4	OTVOSI	182	
5	AUSTRIA	179	
6	MILNER	178	
7	FRANCE	176	
8	HET WITTE HUIS	165	
9	DUTCH SENIORS	164	
10	ESTONIA	153	
11	NORDBY	152	
12	HARPER	142	
13	AUTO-POLAND	128	
14	VERED	114	
1	MIROGLIO	195	
2	GORACO	194	
3	WINANTALYA	193	
4	BULGARIA SENIORS	186	
5	HEERSCHOP	183	
6	AVON DANIELLE	177	
7	DAMIANI	169	
8	AMORE	160	
9	MAGYAR	157	
10	MARKOWICZ	156	
11	SCOTLAND	149	
12	CASSINI-FINLAND	143	
13	MPE	91	

## OPEN TEAMS FINAL RANKING SWISS B

1	VITO	148		
2	VILLA FABBRICHE	135		
3	Z-TEAM	134		
	LENGY	134		
5	DUGUET	131		
6	MESBUR	128		
7	LAZY	126		
8	KATOK SL	125		
	GIB	125		
	HOLAND	125		
11	KANIN	122		
12	CONTRA CERNATO	121		
13	GILLIS	116		
14	COOREMAN	114		
	PISAK	114		
16	TERENZIO	113		
17	MAHAFFEY	112		
	PATANE	112		
19	POMERANIA	110		
	BLONDIE	110		
	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	110		
22	BRUNNER	109		
23	PORTO	108		
24	VAN MIDDELEM	107		
	WOMBATS	107		
	SLOVENIJA	107		
27	FICI	106		
	SANTOS	106		
	ATLANTIC	106		
	DRACULA TEAM	106		
31	LAVAZZA	105		
	SLOVAKIA-KOSICE	105		
33	MCLEISH	104		
	SALOKIN	104		
	LES CHTIS	104		
	BRODACZE	104		
	NOSOROG	104		
38	MOSSOP	103		
	DIAMS EIGHT	103		
40	GOTARD	102		
	CRASHTEST DUMMIES	102		
42	FRANCE JUNIOR	101		
	HAUGE	101		
44	PONT	100		
45	ASH	97		
	JT2	97		
	HIRTZ	97		
48	KALISH	96		
	ASLANLI	96		
50	LIGURIA OPEN	93		
51	MCGUIRE	92		
52	THE4TOPS	90		
53	LATIN	89		
54	ALLIX	88		
	GROSS	88		
	MECKWELL JR	88		
57	ATLANTIDA	85		
	HOTEL PARIGI BORDIGHERA	85		
59	AC/DC	83		
60	KOPSTAD	82		
61	Z-TECH	76		
62	CALDARELLI	75		
63	ADAMS	57		

## Appeal No. 14

### Slovakia v France

**Appeals Committee:**

David Harris (Chairman, England), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Grattan Endicott (England), PO Sundelin (Sweden)

Open Teams Qualifying Round I

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 9 7 6 ♥ 6 5 ♦ K J 10 9 8 ♣ 2</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W     E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 8 5 4 ♥ Q 3 2 ♦ 7 3 ♣ J 10 8 5 3</p>	<p>♠ Q J 3 2 ♥ 10 9 8 4 ♦ A 5 2 ♣ 9 4</p>
♠ K			
	♥ A K J 7		
	♦ Q 6 4		
	♣ A K Q 7 6		

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Lohay	Multon	Henc
		Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	3♦	3♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

**Comments:** 3♦ better raise than 3♠, not invitational

**Contract:** Five Clubs, played by South

**Lead:** ♣2

**Result:** 11 tricks, N/S +600

**The Facts:**

East called the Director when the tray came back with the Double over 4♠, complaining about a break in tempo. East said the tray had taken 60 seconds to return, North put the time at 30". The Director went to the other side of the screen, and it was clear West had bid directly. West said South had taken 45" in selecting his Double, South had said he had bid directly.

**The Director:**

Ruled that there had been a break in tempo. He asked a number of players, most of whom would have bid 5♣ straight over 4♠. When asked to pass at that turn, some would also pass over the Double. The Director also established, from the players, what the hesitation showed: a good hand, but only in Hearts and Clubs. The Director saw some problems for the play of 4♠, but decided West would probably find the ♦Q and make 10 tricks.

**Ruling:**

Score adjusted to 4♠X by West, making 10 tricks, N/S -590

**Relevant Laws:** Law 16B1a Law 12C1c

North/South appealed.

**Present:** All players except West and both Captains

**The Players:**

North confirmed his estimate that the tray had returned after 30", but he pointed out that this was for both the Double and the Pass, and that there might have been questions asked and answered. South added that the tray had been slow in general. 3♥ and 4♠ had also taken some time, and the Double not exceptionally long in relation.

North told the Committee that his partner had shown 5 clubs, 4 hearts and a strong hand, 16 points or more. If he had no more than that, passing over 4♠ felt right to North. The double showed that South had even more than that, and since he held 3 spades himself, that "more" could not be in spades, rather in general strength. North saw no defensive tricks, so he believed 5♣ to be correct now.

North/South pointed out that Mr Balicki at the other table had also removed 4♠X to 5♣, but the Committee pointed out to him that since the rest of the bidding was not known, that was hardly an argument.

East asked the Committee to inquire why North had not said 5♣ over 4♠. East did not understand the bidding.

The Director added that South had told him, at the table, that he intended the double as penalties.

**The Committee:**

Needed to reach three decisions.

Firstly, it was clear from the evidence that there had been a break in tempo. So there was Unauthorized Information.

Secondly, the Director had established that there had been Logical Alternatives to bidding 5♣. Some players decided to pass on both occasions.

But a third condition may not have been met. Did the Unauthorized Information that is, the hesitation demonstrably suggest the bid of 5♣ over the legal alternative of passing?

The auction tells North that South has 5 clubs, 4 hearts, and a strong hand. The double tells him that it is a very strong hand, and the hesitation adds nothing to that.

The Committee judges that the Unauthorized Information does not demonstrably suggest one Logical Alternative over another.

**The Committee's decision:**

Original table result restored

**Deposit:** Returned



# Open Teams Round Robin, Round 5

## Texan Aces v. Mesbur

by Jos Jacobs

These two teams, one from Ireland, and one consisting of players from India, were preparing to do battle in the final round of Saturday's Round Robin. The Indians, whose link to Texas has yet to be clarified (we believe it is Venkatesh's home state, *Editor*), were joint leaders of group Z whereas their opponents, part of the national team of the Republic of Ireland, were needing a win and a few V.P. more to go through to the Swiss A.

On the first board, both teams missed a reasonable chance:

Board 21. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A 5 ♥ K 7 2 ♦ A 9 7 3 ♣ A 9 5 2	♠ K J 10 6 4 ♥ Q 8 ♦ 4 ♣ K Q 8 7 3	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> <span>S</span> </div>	♠ Q 8 7 2 ♥ J 3 ♦ K Q J 10 8 6 ♣ 10
♠ 9 3 ♥ A 10 9 6 5 4 ♦ 5 2 ♣ J 6 4			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Prabhakar</i>
	1♠	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All pass			

Declarer ducked the ♣K lead but won the ace when North continued low to the jack. This way, he was bound to lose four club tricks and the ♥A. One down, Texan Aces +100.

Wouldn't the double promise an ace? It's risky to go for it as you are liable to go down quite a number if it does not work...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sundarram</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Sridharan</i>	<i>Carroll</i>
	1♠	3♦	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Here, declarer won the low club lead immediately and went on to play ♠A and another. North took his king, put

his partner in with the ♥A, after which N/S collected four more club tricks for down two. No defensive mistake, no swing.

A remarkable save on the next board:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ K Q 5 ♥ 8 6 4 3 ♦ A J 9 ♣ J 10 2	♠ 9 6 ♥ Q 9 7 2 ♦ Q 7 6 ♣ K Q 6 3	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> <span>S</span> </div>	♠ A J 10 8 3 2 ♥ — ♦ 8 4 ♣ 9 8 7 5 4
♠ 7 4 ♥ A K J 10 5 ♦ K 10 5 3 2 ♣ A			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Prabhakar</i>
		2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	All pass	



Honey B. Prabhakar, India

4♥ was the normal contract and brought the Texan Aces an easy +450.

And the next board:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sundarram</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Sridharan</i>	<i>Carroll</i>
3♠	4♥	2♠	3♥
All pass		4♣	Dble

Here, Sridharan opened a natural weak two but decided to upgrade his two-suiter when partner raised. Well judged, only one down so +200 to Mesbur but 6 IMPs to Texan Aces.

On the next board, an innocent pre-empt saw the opponents in trouble:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Prabhakar</i>
Dble	Pass	4♣	3♦
			All pass

West had to double, so to speak and Tewari was kind enough not to double the final contract, though maybe, he too had to... Anyway: Texan Aces another +300 as down three was inevitable. Had South led his spade rather than the ♦Q, we might well have seen a fourth undertrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sundarram</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Sridharan</i>	<i>Carroll</i>
INT	All pass		Pass

No pre-empt in the other room, not even a balancing overcall as 2♦ would be conventional, as is quite common these days...

West simply made an overtrick for another +120 and 9 IMPs to the Texan Aces. They led 15-0 now.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sundarram</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Sridharan</i>	<i>Carroll</i>
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All pass	

After West's weak two, 3NT for N/S is easy enough to reach, but how would you play it? East leads a heart to West's ace and back comes the ♣10. You win the king, having to preserve dummy's only entry, and now what? Garvey put his money on scoring four spade tricks and one diamond so he led a diamond up to the king. When this was taken by West, he was in deep trouble on the club continuation. He ducked the second round, won the third perforce in dummy and was down two when the spades, predictably, did not break. Texan Aces +100.

In the Open Room, Tewari followed an interesting different line:


Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Prabhakar</i>
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All pass	

Same auction, same first trick but here, West continued hearts after winning the ace. Tewari won and led a diamond to the jack which was allowed to hold. Had he continued the ♦K now, he would have scored two overtricks but his next move of a low diamond was good enough to cut off the defensive communication lines. East won the queen and exited with his last heart, clearing the suit but West would play no further part in this deal. Declarer simply gave up a spade and thus had his nine tricks after all. Texan Aces +400 and another 11 IMPs to lead 26-0 after four boards...

On board 26, the Irish lost a further 8 IMPs when INT came home against them after an unlucky lead and this was board 27, the board on which they finally got off the mark:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Prabhakar</i>
Pass	2♥	2♠	INT
2NT	Pass	3♣	All pass

Mesbur made good use of the availability of 2♠ as a take-out double. When Fitzgibbon replied 2NT, a transfer to 3♣ in preparation of any sign-off action, the auction quickly came to an end in a safe spot.

South led a diamond to declarer's ten. Next came a trump to the king and when this held, declarer simply played on diamonds, throwing dummy's hearts and leaving South with nothing more to make than his three trump tricks. Mesbur +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sundarram</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Sridharan</i>	<i>Carroll</i>
Pass	2♥	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♠
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass

The Texans apparently do not use the same gadgets as at the other table so they were soon in trouble when West replied 3♣. A side-effect of this approach was that North would have to make the opening lead, a clear advantage to N/S this time. Out came the ♥9 won by dummy's ace, and declarer led a trump to South's ten and his king and a trump back to the nine and queen. South now could draw all the trumps and wait for his tricks once declarer decided not to take the flying first-round diamond finesse. That was two off, Mesbur +100 and their first 6 IMPs of the match.

The final score: 34-8 or 23-7 V.P. to Texan Aces. They were through to the Swiss A, and the Irish would have to start all over again, so to speak, from the depths of the repechage.

## THE LAST WORD – 3NT OR FOUR OF A MAJOR ANALYSIS

by David Stern

Those who know me well may believe that I generally like the last word (And the first and the second... Ed). And so it may be with the discussion of what to do with any 4-3-3-3 and game values opposite a 15-17 INT opening. An unsigned article in the Bulletin suggested that the analysis may in fact be skewed by the possibility of the INT opener holding a five-card major and that he would always bid the hand according to time-honoured principles of Stayman etc.

I set my computer, and now perhaps people may understand why I bring a second one to bridge tournaments, on the slavish task of analysing North holds any 4-3-3-3 with game values with South holding a 5-3-3-2 with the major being the five-card suit and here are the conclusions.

	No-Trumps		Spades	
<7		26		2
7	99.5%	189	100.0%	19
8	95.7%	665	99.6%	204
9	82.4%	1488	95.5%	1109
10	52.6%	1573	73.3%	2190
11	21.2%	879	29.5%	1292
12	3.6%	179	3.7%	183
13	0.0%	1	0.0%	1
Total Number of Tricks		47,745		50,078
Average Tricks Hand		9.55		10.01

I must thank Herman De Wael, who has pointed out two significant issues with my earlier analysis. Firstly, the analysis is generally skewed towards teams and this is certainly correct. However, more important, he directed me to analyse how many hands declarer can make 3NT and NOT make 4♠ and vice versa, how many times 4♠ will make and 3NT will fail.

The software that I use has in fact got a module for this analysis built into it. In the analysis above there you will:

- Make 3NT 793 time on hands where you do not make 4♠; and
- Make 4♠ only 339 times on hands where you fail in 3NT.

So with any 4-3-3-3 it seems best to simply bid 3NT than Stayman for four or five card majors and hope to play a team with our anonymous contributor at the other table.

# Eyes on the prize

by Brent Manley

Teams in the round robin phase of the Open Teams have one goal in mind: to get to the next level, the Swiss competition. For round robin competitors, that meant finishing in the top three in their respective groups.

The American team of Roy Welland, Christal Henner-Welland, Zia Mahmood, Howard Weinstein and Steve Garner had a bye in the first round, thus earning 18 victory points.

They defeated a Belgian team on the second round 24-13 for another 18 IMPs, and faced a multi-national team on the third round. Their opponents were David and Paula McLeish of Australia, Phoebe Lin of the Philippines and Steve Chien of Chinese Taipei.

The Americans earned a swing on the first deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K 8 ♥ Q 8 5 4 3 2 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ K 7	♠ A Q J 7 6 5 2 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ 7 ♣ 6 5	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ 10 9 ♥ K 10 9 ♦ K J 10 2 ♣ A Q J 3
N						
W     E						
S						
	♠ 4 3 ♥ A ♦ A 9 8 5 4 ♣ 10 9 8 4 2					



Steve Garner, USA

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J ♥ A 2 ♦ K J 9 6 5 2 ♣ K J 7 6	♠ K 9 4 ♥ J 10 8 6 5 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ 9 5	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ A Q 10 8 2 ♥ 9 7 4 3 ♦ A ♣ 8 4 3
N						
W     E						
S						
	♠ 7 6 5 3 ♥ K Q ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ A Q 10 2					

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>D. McLeish</i>	<i>Henner</i>	<i>P. McLeish</i>
		Pass	INT
3♦	All Pass		

Welland managed 10 tricks for plus 130.

West	North	East	South
<i>Chien</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Lin</i>	<i>Garner</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The curious bidding sequence left East/West in a contract that was unbeatable on the lie of the cards, but Chien didn't manage to unravel his tricks.

Weinstein started with the ♣9, ducked around to Chien's jack. Declarer played a diamond to dummy's ace and a club from dummy. Garner went up with the ace and played the ♥Q, which was ducked. Garner tried the ♣Q next, and that too was ducked. Now he reverted to hearts, and West won the ace performe. Declarer cashed the ♣K and the ♦K, then



played the ♠J, letting it run without overtaking, then played a diamond to South's queen.

Dummy had the ♠A Q and a losing heart. Garner returned a spade to dummy's ♠A Q, and Weinstein took the fifth trick at the end. One down, minus 50.

Declarer had at least two ways to make his contract. Play a diamond to dummy, club to South's ace, win the ♥A on the first round, cash the ♦K and play a third round. West takes five diamonds, two clubs, one heart and the ♠A.

Although the odds are against its success, he could also have played on spades immediately, overtaking the ♠J with the queen, cashing the ace and then driving out the king for four spades, two diamonds, two clubs and one heart.

Welland gained 11 IMPs on the next deal when McLeish and McLeish bid to 6♣ with the North/South cards on this deal:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Had the ♠A been with West, the slam would have been trivial. It was not, so compared to 3NT making 11 tricks at the other table, the Americans had another good gain.

On this deal, Garner missed a chance for another big gain for Welland.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

At one table, Paula McLeish never had a chance.

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>D. McLeish</i>	<i>Henner</i>	<i>P. McLeish</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♥
3♠	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Welland started with the ♦A, then switched to a spade. He won the third round of hearts, put Henner-Welland in with a spade and ruffed a diamond for one down.

Garner also played 4♥ by South after East had overcalled North's 1♦ opening with 1♥, showing spades.

Chien did not find the killing lead, starting with a spade instead. Had Garner ducked at trick one, he would soon have been recording plus 620 (West cannot put partner in for a diamond ruff). Garner, however, went up with the ♠A and played three rounds of trumps. Chien won the ♥Q, cashed the ♦A and put his partner in for the diamond ruff that produced a push.

McLeish pulled closer when Garner and Weinstein overbid on this deal. Lin still had to find the right opening lead, however.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Chien</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Lin</i>	<i>Garner</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

- 2NT Game-forcing heart raise
- 3♣ Minimum opener
- 3♦ Any singletons?
- 3♠ No
- 4♠ Key card Blackwood for hearts

The auction did not provide a lot of information in the way of cuebids or value-showing bids. The ♣A was not likely to be a good choice, so Lin was left with the other two non-trump suits. Ultimately, she settled on a diamond as the opening shot – and she was right. Weinstein had no choice but to duck, hoping East held the king. Chien won the ♦K, however, and shot back a club. One down and an 11-IMP gain because the McLeish pair did not get past the four level (making 12 tricks on a spade lead).

The final score was 23-14.

Welland ended the round robin phase atop the P group.

# Overturning Fate

*Fate affects us all, both mortals and Deities.  
by Mark Horton*

The Moira in Greek mythology were the white-robed personifications of destiny, usually known as the Fates. Homer's Iliad speaks generally of the Moira, who spin the thread of life for men at their birth.

It is hard to overturn what fate has in store at the bridge table, but on this deal from the second round of the Swiss in the Open Teams Romania's Veronel Lungu and Viorel Micescu produced a stunning defence against what appeared to be an unbeatable contract:

Dealer South, None Vul

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



Viorel Micescu, Romania

West <i>Lungu</i>	North <i>Ginossar</i>	East <i>Micescu</i>	South <i>Pachtman</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♣



Veronel Lungu, Romania

West led the two of spades, and declarer played low from dummy, taking East's jack with the queen. When South played a diamond to the king, East won with the ace and played another spade, which declarer ducked to West's king.

Now West made the farsighted play of switching to a club. When declarer played low from dummy East put in the queen and when that held he switched back to spades.

Although the defenders were assured of four tricks, it appeared that the fates had decreed that declarer would make his contract, thanks to the fall of the jack of hearts. However, when declarer, having taken the ace of spades, crossed to dummy with the ace of hearts, the jack of hearts made an unexpected appearance!

Convinced that he could no longer hope for five heart tricks, declarer needed to score a trick in clubs. As West had failed to clear the spade suit it seemed logical to place the ace with East, so declarer played the king of clubs.

However, it was West who took the trick and his last spade defeated the 'unbeatable' game.

That helped Roumania X defeat Bessis 35-7 IMPs, 23-7 VP – and might put Veronel and Viorel in the running for defence of the year.

## Points for the cash prizes in the Open Teams (reg. 37.3)

These are the points attributed to the winners of the Teams Competitions.

These points are added to those from the Mixed Teams and Mixed Pairs, and the Open/Senior/Women's pairs later this week.

In order to obtain a cash prize, a player has to have participated in at least three events (a fourth result will be dropped). Only the points obtained in the appropriate category will count for that category. A player can (by competing for example in the Senior Teams and Women Pairs) be listed in more than one category, but he/she will be eligible for one cash prize only (the highest).

Open Teams Knock-out							
1	5000	9	2566	17	1317	25	676
2	4600	10	2361	18	1212	26	622
3	4232	11	2172	19	1115	27	572
4	3893	12	1998	20	1026	28	526
5	3582	13	1838	21	943	29	484
6	3295	14	1691	22	868	30	445
7	3032	15	1556	23	799	31	410
8	2789	16	1431	24	735	32	377
Swiss A				Swiss B			
28	347	48	65	6	347	26	65
29	319	49	60	7	319	27	60
30	294	50	55	8	294	28	55
31	270	51	51	9	270	29	51
32	249	52	47	10	249	30	47
33	229	53	43	11	229	31	43
34	210	54	40	12	210	32	40
35	194	55	37	13	194	33	37
36	178	56	34	14	178	34	34
37	164	57	31	15	164	35	31
38	151	58	28	16	151	36	28
39	139	59	26	17	139	37	26
40	128	60	24	18	128	38	24
41	117	61	22	19	117	39	22
42	108	62	20	20	108	40	20
43	99	63	19	21	99	41	19
44	91	64	17	22	91	42	17
45	84	65	16	23	84	43	16
46	77	66	15	24	77	etc	
47	71			25	71	63	3
Women & Senior Teams - Knock-out							
1	5000	3	4232	5	3582	7	3032
2	4600	4	3893	6	3295	8	2789
Women & Senior Teams - Round-Robin							
5	2566	8	1998	11	1556	13	1317
6	2361	9	1838	12	1431	14	1211
7	2172	10	1691				

## Confidence rewarded

On this deal from the Open Teams round of two, Brian Senior found himself in contract that only the most optimistic of players would embrace (e.g., his partner, Jack Mizel).

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ J 9 3 ♥ K Q J 8 7 ♦ 7 5 ♣ K J 10	♠ K 10 7 5 4 ♥ — ♦ K Q 8 6 4 3 ♣ A 6	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W                  E                      S                 </div> ♠ Q 2 ♥ A 10 9 6 4 3 ♦ 10 2 ♣ 8 5 2	♠ A 8 6 ♥ 5 2 ♦ A J 9 ♣ Q 9 7 4 3
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West <i>Senior</i>	North	East <i>Mizel</i>	South
	1♥	Pass	4♥
4♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

At the other table, Andrew Robson and Alexander Allfrey were doubled in 4♥, going minus 800 (so much, at least on this deal, for the law of total tricks).

Over 4♥, Senior felt his hand was worth making some noise, and it seemed best to bid the game that required only 10 tricks as opposed to 11, although 6♦ is unbeatable because of the favourable lie of the clubs.

Mizel's leap to slam was aggressive, and it turned out that, played from Senior's side, 6♠ was also unbeatable.

Senior ruffed the opening heart lead, played a spade to the ace and another to the king, then entered dummy with a diamond to ruff dummy's other heart. Now on the run of the diamonds, North was in an impossible position. If he ruffed in before Senior finished running the diamonds, North would have to exit with a club or a heart. On a club, Senior would put up the queen and claim his slam. Equally bad would be to exit with a heart: dummy ruffs and the club loser in the West hand goes away.

North did the best he could by pitching down to a singleton ♣K. If Senior had tried the gambit of throwing North in with the master spade after running diamonds, he would have a heart to cash for one down. Senior was not fooled, however, cashing the ♣A and claiming the slam for the loss of a trump trick.

That was 13 IMPs to the good, and the Mizel team won by 44 IMPs.



# Reversal of Fortune

by Mark Horton

Everyone knows that you must be very wary on deals where there is evidence of a misfit. When Sally Brock picked up this hand in Round 3 of the Women's Teams she had a feeling that it might prove to be awkward, a view that was reinforced when her partner Nicola Smith opened One Spade

Dealer North. E/W Vul

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

When Sally responded Two Diamonds, it was inevitable that Nicola would rebid Two Hearts. When a fourth suit Three Clubs elicited only a response of Three Hearts Sally bid 3NT.

This was the full deal:

Dealer North. E/W Vul

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

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



♠ J 9 8 3  
♥ A 8 5  
♦ Q 9  
♣ 9 8 7 3

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

West	North <i>Smith</i>	East	South <i>Brock</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the two of diamonds, covered by the jack, queen and ace and declarer tried the king of clubs, which held. Now she tried the queen of hearts and that too scored a trick. West took the jack of clubs with the ace and cashed the king of diamonds, declarer discarding a heart, and continued with the ten, dummy and East throwing spades.

These cards remained:



Sally Brock, England

♠ A K 10  
♥ J 10 7 6  
♦ —  
♣ —

♠ Q 7 4 2  
♥ K 9  
♦ 7  
♣ —



♠ J 9 8  
♥ A 8  
♦ —  
♣ 9 8

♠ —  
♥ —  
♦ 8 6 5  
♣ Q 6 4 2

So far the defence has not put a foot wrong, and if West now exits with a low spade declarer should make no more than six tricks.

However, when West decided to exit with the seven of diamonds East decided to discard a club!!

## Senior and Women Pairs

This afternoon the Seniors and Women play their first session in the qualification. It is played on the first floor of the Ariston building just across the square. You can see it if you are standing in front of the Palafiori building.

Starting Time: 16.15h



## Four Tricks Four Jacks

by David Stern

Craig Gower from South Africa reports this oddity involving four jacks in four tricks.

Open Teams Qualifying Round 5 - Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ A K 5 ♥ A J ♦ A Q 10 7 5 ♣ Q 6 5</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 80px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">W E</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> </div>	<p>♠ Q 10 4 ♥ 8 7 5 3 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ 9 7 3</p>	<p>♠ J 8 3 ♥ Q 10 9 6 2 ♦ J 8 ♣ K J 4</p>
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Playing the 'normal' 3NT Craig, sitting North, received the ♠4 lead. Winning with the ♠J in dummy, Craig then played a heart to the jack which held, a club to the jack which held and finally the ♦J after which partner asked, "No more jacks partner?"

Scouting around for hands in between sessions, Thomas Bessis reported a hand on which the declarer had a not unreasonable blind spot on an excellent defence.

Swiss Round 3 Board 2 - Dealer East, N/S Vul

<p>♠ 8 6 5 ♥ Q J 10 8 6 ♦ 7 2 ♣ J 6 5</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 80px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">W E</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> </div>	<p>♠ A K 10 3 ♥ 5 4 2 ♦ J 10 5 4 3 ♣ 8</p>	<p>♠ Q J 9 2 ♥ K 7 ♦ A K 6 ♣ 10 9 7 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♣
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

A 'blind' spade lead would have defeated the contract but North, Michel Bessis reasonably led the ♥Q, overtaken by Thomas with declarer allowing this to hold. Fearing that declarer may have two spades, one heart, three diamonds and three clubs for nine tricks, Thomas set about finding a means to defeat the contract so he switched to the ♠Q. Declarer continued with a diamond to the nine and when this held continued with the ♦Q. South won and continued his desperate bid to find a means of defeating this contract by continuing with the ♠J taken in dummy with the king.

Declarer was still in good shape with South having to concede

a spade entry late in the play but declarer erred by cashing the ♠10 to establish what would be the defence's fifth trick to go with a heart two diamonds and a club. A well thought out defence to lead declarer astray.

Based on this fine hand, I decided to watch the next match where Michel and Thomas Bessis were pitted against Sjoert Brink, South, and Bas Drijver, North where board one was a defining moment for the ultimate result.

Dealer South, None Vul

<p>♠ K 9 ♥ J 3 ♦ K Q 8 7 4 3 ♣ Q J 9</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 80px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">W E</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> </div>	<p>♠ Q 8 7 ♥ A 10 8 2 ♦ 6 ♣ 8 7 4 3 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 5 2 ♥ K Q 9 7 5 4 ♦ 9 5 ♣ K 10</p>
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West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

The auction does require a little explanation. 2♥ showed diamonds and 4NT was optional Blackwood with 5♦ showing a poor hand, after which South pressed on regardless.

Some twenty years ago, Australian Tim Seres wrote a bridge tip entitled "Give Declarer Enough Rope" for which this hand could have been a perfect candidate. Looking at all four hands we can see that declarer will lose a heart and will be able to establish spades to discard clubs from dummy and eliminate the club loser. If only life was so simple.

Michel, West led the ♥K. One of the beauties of playing top players is that 'more often than not' you can trust their bidding. In this case Thomas surmised that South was unlikely to have bid slam with two heart losers especially after North's negativity. Accordingly, and without hesitation, he overtook the ♥K with the ace and switched to the ♣8.

At this stage I happened to glance at the timer and can confirm it was a full seven minutes before South played a card. He had to guess whether spades were behaving, i.e. either defender holding ♠Q-x or ♠Q-x-x and if so win the club and establish the spades to make his contract or if spades are not behaving to take the club finesse. Without the fine play by East, declarer would have had the luxury of testing the spades first and if that failed rely on the club finesse.

Note however that for the defence to work East must believe that his partner did not overcall with ♥KQxxxx and the ♣K. The moral of these two hands for me is watch out for Thomas Bessis as a defender!

# Open Teams Swiss A, round 1

by Jos Jacobs

In this report about the opening round of the Swiss A, we will have a look at what happened in two matches between teams who all won their Round Robin groups: Zaleski (France) v. Het Witte Huis 2 (Netherlands) and Goodman (Wales/Ireland) v. De Botton (England)

On the second board of the match, we saw a unique combination of final contracts in the English-speaking match:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K 8 7 2 ♥ Q ♦ K J 8 3 ♣ A Q J 9	<table style="border: 2px solid green; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ 10 9 6 5 ♥ A J 8 4 3 ♦ A 7 ♣ 8 3	♠ J 4 3 ♥ 10 9 6 ♦ 9 4 2 ♣ 7 6 5 2
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W												
	S											
♠ A Q ♥ K 7 5 2 ♦ Q 10 6 5 ♣ K 10 4												

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Burn</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Goodman</i>
		Pass	1♣
INT	Dble	All pass	

David Burn overcalled an off-shape INT and there it rested. The defence started off with their five heart tricks, after which North exited with the ♠10. South won the ace and led a low diamond with went to the jack and ace. North then returned a spade rather than a diamond so declarer escaped for down two, Goodman +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Hackett Ju</i>	<i>Keaveney</i>	<i>Hackett Ja</i>
		Pass	INT
Dble	All pass		

In the Closed Room, Jason Hackett opened a weak NT. West doubled and East knew there would be no place to go so he passed, no doubt hoping to concede not too many overtricks. When West led a diamond which ran to declarer's ten, nine tricks, but no more, rolled in for a score of +580, less than a vulnerable game would have cost. The swing thus was 280 or 7 IMPs to De Botton.

How long will it take before we see a team in INT dou-

bled at both tables again?

Over now to the vulnerable game. In our other match, both sides played in 4♥ but the hand was not at all a push.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Groenenboom</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dbl	2♠	Pass	4♥
All pass			

At this table, North was declarer and this meant that East could lead a club. West won the nine and exited with his trump but declarer now had to open up all the crucial suits himself. Whatever he did, one down would be the outcome. +100 for the Dutch.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Faigenbaum</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
		Pass	1♣
1♦	Dble	Pass	2♥
Dble	2NT	Pass	4♥
All pass			

When West overcalled, North had to double first. As a



Marc Bompis, France

consequence, South became declarer in 4♥ which made a great deal of difference. West led his trump but declarer, knowing where the high cards were, simply played three rounds ending in dummy and followed this by ♦A and a diamond to the ten and jack, leaving West on play again. When Faigenbaum returned a spade it was all over. Het Witte Huis +620 and 12 IMPs.

three rounds of hearts. East has only minor suit cards left...

One down, +50 and 10 IMPs to Zaleski.

Nothing very much happened in either match till near the end. This was board 8:

On the next board we saw a slam swing in one match:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 8 3 ♥ 9 2 ♦ 10 9 8 6 ♣ 10 9 8 3	N W     E S	♠ A 9 6 ♥ 10 6 3 ♦ A Q 5 2 ♣ A Q 6 ♠ 5 4 ♥ Q J 7 ♦ K J 7 4 3 ♣ K 4 2	♠ K J 10 7 2 ♥ A K 8 5 4 ♦ — ♣ J 7 5
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Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Groenenboom</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	All pass	

The French had no trouble in reaching one of the two proper contracts: a game in either major. Ten tricks were made: Zaleski +420.

The Dutch were much more ambitious. Maybe, this was because the average age of the team is about 23.5 years: they are all juniors.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Faigenbaum</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All pass			

North launched a series of relays on which South showed his exact 5-5-0-3 distribution. This made it easy for West to find the killing club lead. On any other lead, the contract makes: win the major suit lead or ruff the diamond lead, draw trumps eliminating the queen in the process and play

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 10 8 6 4 ♥ 8 7 5 4 ♦ 7 5 3 ♣ 8 2	N W     E S	♠ J ♥ Q 9 ♦ K 10 8 6 4 ♣ J 10 5 4 3 ♠ Q 3 2 ♥ K 3 ♦ A Q J 9 2 ♣ A K Q ♠ A K 9 7 5 ♥ A J 10 6 2 ♦ — ♣ 9 7 6	♠ Q 3 2 ♥ K 3 ♦ A Q J 9 2 ♣ A K Q
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Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Groenenboom</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
Pass	Pass	2NT	Dble
Pass	3♥	All pass	

When Quantin could double East's 2NT to show majors, the French ended up in their best fit and quietly went one down. Het Witte Huis +50.

In the other room, it was North who opened 2NT:

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Faigenbaum</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	2NT	Dble	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Dble
All pass			

2NT of course showed minors. Had West passed the double of 3♣, two down would have been the likely result on an "automatic" trump lead. When he bid, there was trouble...

South led a club and declarer continued a low spade to North's lone jack. The ♠Q would have been a much better card for declarer to play here but this is rather difficult to see. North persisted with clubs and another spade went to South who cash his other top spade before clearing the clubs. Declarer had to lead a red suit now and chose a low heart. South rose with the ten but

North overtook, cashed his club and led his remaining heart, giving his partner the rest of the tricks as dummy had discarded a heart as well. Het Witte Huis a remarkable +1400 and 16 IMPs.

Then came a slam which was not bid at one of the tables in the Goodman-De Botton match:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K 9 8 7 3 2 ♥ 8 5 3 ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ 5	♠ — ♥ A K Q J 10 2 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ A J 7 6	♠ Q 6 5 4 ♥ 7 4 ♦ K ♣ K Q 10 9 8 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S
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W     E						
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	♠ A J 10 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A Q J 9 6 5 ♣ 4 3					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Burn</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Goodman</i>
Pass	1♥	2♣	2♦
Pass	4♥	All pass	

Apparently, the 2♣ overcall made North feel more pessimistic than was necessary. Goodman +480.



Peter Goodman, Wales

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Hackett Ju</i>	<i>Keaveney</i>	<i>Hackett Ja</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Dbf	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All pass	

When Keaveney did not overcall, the twins had no trouble in exchanging the necessary information after the game-forcing 2♦ response from South. De Botton an easy +1010 and 11 IMPs to them.

The slam was duly bid at both tables in the French-Dutch encounter.

On the last board, it was proved again that in bridge, there is no justice:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q 6 ♥ 7 ♦ K J 10 5 ♣ 10 9 6 4 3 2	♠ A 10 8 3 ♥ A Q 10 6 4 ♦ A 9 6 ♣ K	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ J 9 ♥ 5 2 ♦ Q 8 7 3 2 ♣ J 8 7 5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Groenenbo</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	7♥	All pass	

The French knew they were missing the ♠Q but did not bother too much. They wanted a favourable swing and they got it. Zaleski +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Faigenbaum</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All pass	



Ending up in the correct final contract this time cost 13 IMPs.

The final result: Het Witte Huis 35, Zaleski 28; 17-13 in V.P.

In the other match, we saw pretty much the same story:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Burn</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Goodman</i>
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♦
Dbl	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠
Pass	7♥	All pass	

Once North found out about the extra heart length, he was only interested in the ♠K. When South confirmed its

presence, North bid the grand and...easily made it. Goodman +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Hackett Ju</i>	<i>Keaveney</i>	<i>Hackett Ja</i>
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All pass	

With spades established as trumps, Justin quickly found out that the trump queen was missing and thus signed off in the proper slam. De Botton +1460 but 13 IMPs to Goodman.

The final score here: 27-18 or 17-13 V.P. to De Botton.

## Senior Moments

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

As one might expect, the Senior Teams have a higher proportion of players with World or European titles to their credit, than the Open. "But when?" asked a younger player (under 59). Nonetheless, the comment is by way of explaining the low position of your reporter's team.

As a starter, consider this one suit problem assuming ample entries to both hands. How do you play:

K 10 7 5 2 opposite A J

to give the best chance of:

- (a) five tricks;
- (b) four tricks.

The answer is: (a) low to the jack to pick up doubleton queen with North (a 3-3 break is a guess);

(b) low to the ACE in case South has singleton queen (any 4-2 break is OK, so you think about 5-1)

But real life presented a more difficult problem, namely, this one:

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

I was East, and opened a 14-16 INT in third seat at red, with West raising to 3NT. South led ♠3 (attitude), and the jack won in dummy, North giving natural count with the nine.

How do you play?

If you could be sure that the defence would take the first heart in order to clear the spades, you might play a heart at trick two. Then the diamond finesse can be taken safely through South.

That idea has two snags. First, if the heart is ducked you are badly placed as you have lost an entry to dummy. Second, if North has the heart ace he might find a worrying switch to, say, ♣J.

So, in common with the other seniors who have told me what they did, I began with a low diamond to the jack. If this lost the clubs would be protected from attack, and one would fail only if South had ♦Q, ♠KQxxx AND ♥A, when he might bid. A glance at the full diagram will show how that line fared:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Embarrassing! South won with his singleton queen, cleared the spades, and came back in with the ace of hearts to claim one down. By contrast, those who played a diamond to the ace had the chance to take 11 tricks.

At the other table South had bid over East's INT to show spades and another. That meant declarer could infer he held the ♠A. But he still followed the same line for a flat board.

Did you fare better?

## CHAMPIONSHIP DIARY



Ten minutes before the start of the second session of the final of the Mixed Pairs Ireland's Anna Onishuk (formerly of Moscow, now enjoying Dublin) decided to pop outside to take a breath of fresh air. Alas, she tripped and fell, breaking an arm and a rib.

For most of us that would have meant a trip to the hospital, but Anna and her partner Karel de Raeymaker were lying fourth and she was not going to let such a trifling matter interfere with the chance of a medal in a major championship.

Despite the pain she chose to return to the playing room and under the circumstances their ninth place finish was remarkable.

Her remarkable sporting achievement is surely worthy of the rarely given IBPA award in that category.

In Final B of the Mixed Pairs it happened that two pairs got rather tired. During round 9 the Director was walking by one of the tables just as a board was completed. To his considerable surprise, he observed that a man was partnering a man and a woman a woman! It was only when he asked what was going on that the players realised what had happened. One of the men thought for a moment and replied, 'The women won.'

The tremendous number of additional entries for the three team tournaments means that in order to allow for the possibility that the players will also enter one of the subsequent pairs events extra tables are needed. Even as I type, 100 (!) are being transported from Salsomaggiore.

Every Bulletin is proof read several times before it is handed to the printer. The final version also receives an inspection for obvious errors – 'the idiot's check'.

Nevertheless Sunday's Bulletin (which was prepared on the day of the Journalists' dinner) was not exactly error free. For example, the front page proclaimed the date as Sunday 20 June.

When I asked Herman why that had not been spotted during the idiot's check, he replied, 'He'd already left.'

Perhaps we should remember that Greece adopted the Gregorian calendar only in 1923, the last country in Europe to do so. Maybe this is George's attempt at regaining the 13 days that were lost at the time.

George pointed out that 21 June is the longest day of the year. As Bulletins 8 and 9 were dated 20 June and Bulletin 10 is dated 22 June, that is not in doubt!

Lest you imagine we are the only publication to suffer the

occasional mishap, this critical letter was sent to a national newspaper (frequently referred to with an unflattering nickname on account of its innumerable typos):

I have written to you before about similar mistakes in a previous column. (Even if you are not going to fix the on-line articles, can't you at least avoid similar mistakes in the future?) Whoever is typesetting (is that the correct term these days?) the column is confused between bids and cards:

"two hearts" is a bid

"the two of hearts" is a card

The second paragraph reads:

"There were two passes to East, Meckstroth, who opened the bidding with the Ace of hearts designed to inhibit the enemy bidding. Rubin doubled and Rodwell, West, bid 2 of diamonds, an artificial move to show a sound raise to 2 of hearts. Thereafter, Rubin and Granovetter, his partner, conducted a convoluted auction that ended in 6 of diamonds by South. West led the 2 of hearts to East's A, and East returned the 8 of spades. How would you continue?"

I have bolded the mistakes ("Ace of hearts" should be "one heart" or "1 heart")

And the third paragraph begins:

"Rubin won the spade with the A and cashed the Ace of spades."

That should be diamonds.

### EBL/WBF WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS ONLINE

After the "1st Women Festival online" organized in 2008 by the Women's Committee and BBO, tournaments online were established every Wednesday (four tournaments per day) with a monthly overall classification.

Money prizes were offered by Josè Damiani, President of the WBF, to the best classified players to be used only for certain number of free tournaments online.

The "winner" of the monthly classification has the right to play a tournament online with the world champions: Sabine Auken, Mildred Breed and Fulvio Fantoni (in rotation).

Now we took the decision to stop with the "Wednesday" tournaments for three months, July, August and September because of the Summer Holidays. We will start again in October possibly with a new format.

All details will be available on our website: [www.womensbridgeclub.org](http://www.womensbridgeclub.org)

The next "Women's Bridge Festival online" will be held in April 2010.

## EBL Meeting



The EBL met yesterday to discuss a number of important matters.

The assembly was addressed by the *President Emeritus of the WBF*, **Jaime Ortiz-Patiño**, who spoke about the restructuring of the WBF and the tremendous success of these European Open Championships.

The *President of the EBL*, **Gianarrigo Rona**, chaired the meeting and spoke of the plans of the EBL with regard to future events, including the European Championships in Oostende in 2010 and the European Open Championships the following year.

He introduced the *President of the WBF*, **José Damiani**, who spoke at length about the restructuring of the WBF and the various WBF events, including the Beijing World Bridge Games, the forthcoming World Bridge Championships in São Paulo and the World Bridge Series, which will take place in Philadelphia next year.

The *Chairman of the EBL Women's Committee*, **AnnaMaria Torlontano**, spoke about the 2009 Women's jamboree and the Internet events.

**Geert Magerman** outlined plans for the first EUSA Championships to be held in Croatia in October.

There was also a presentation about the World Youth Championships that will take place in Istanbul later this year by the *President of the Turkish Bridge Federation*, **Fahir Üzümcü**.

The *Honour President of the EBL*, **Bill Pencharz** recognised the enormous contributions made to the EBL by **Karl Rohan** and **Nissan Rand** before formally closing the meeting.

## Full Disclosure

by Mark Horton

During the bidding phase, many pairs use complex methods to describe their hands, and many of the bids have a conventional meaning. If players are called upon to give an explanation it is important to make things as clear as possible to the opponents.

If you want to know how to do this, here is a perfect illustration involving those super scientists Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell from the match between O'Rourke and Begijntje in Round 3 of the Swiss.

Dealer South. All Vul

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	West <i>Vandereet</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Devigne</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
				1♦
	Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
	Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
	Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
	Pass	4♠	Pass	5♥
	All Pass			

When the bidding was over East/West asked for an explanation and Jeff Meckstroth explained things like this:

- 1♦ Precision
- 2♣ Both minors, ♣ could be longer
- 2♠ Artificial game force
- 3♥ 1-3-4-5
- 3♠ Asks about points
- 3NT Minimum
- 4♣ Transfer to 4♦ intending to make a slam try
- 4♠ RKCB
- 5♥ One Key card

Not too shabby, as I'm sure you will agree!

## Duplimate Discounts

The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount. Visit the Jannersten Bookshop on the first floor.

# COSE DI CASA NOSTRA

by Franco Broccoli

Bisogna stare attenti, qui come ti giri è tutto uno sfavillio di campioni, di gente assatanata di top, di giocatori afflitti da poca dimestichezza con gli errori. E sono ovunque, sparsi da tutte le parti, in alta e bassa classifica. L'unica è fare lo slalom, disciplina bridgistica nuova che consiste nell'evitare accuratamente, per mera fortuna, chi può fare più prese di noi. E' difficile, ma con la giusta applicazione, ammesso si chiami così, ci si può riuscire. Tornando agli affari che più strettamente riguardano il biancorosoverde, planate a volo radente sul tavolo dove si stanno confrontando Villa Fabbriche e Gillis, formazione di peso composta da coppie di punta estratte dalle nazionali irlandese e norvegese. Per gli italiani, in aperta, ci sono Dario Attanasio e Giuseppe Failla.

Board 1. Dich. Nord – Tutti in prima

<p>♠ A F 3 ♥ 10 8 7 5 ♦ 10 7 ♣ F 4 3 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                 N O     E S             </div>	<p>♠ R 10 8 7 ♥ R 9 3 ♦ R 8 6 4 2 ♣ 5</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ A D F 6 ♦ D F 9 5 ♣ A R 10 7 6</p> <p>♠ D 9 6 5 4 2 ♥ 4 2 ♦ A 3 ♣ D 9 8</p>
Ovest <i>Failla</i>	Nord <i>Hanlon</i>	Est <i>Attanasio</i>	Sud <i>Mc Gann</i>
passo	1♣	1♦	1♠
passo	2♣*	passo	2♠
fine	2SA	passo	3SA

Non c'è molto da dire a parte il fatto che il ♣ di apertura di Nord è ambiguo (11/14 bilanciato o 17+ qualsiasi) e che il suo successivo 2♣ è forzante a manche. Bene, bella partita, peraltro chiamata e fatta da tutto il globo terracqueo anche se, almeno in questo tavolo, il dichiarante ha avuto in regalo un minimo di apprensione. Perché? Perché Attanasio, incaricato dell'attacco, ha intavolato il 7♠, nel colore licitato e allungato da Sud. Una ministilla di sudore è apparsa sulla fronte di Hanlon, ma la favorevole disposizione generale ha favorito le nove prese. Il 9♠ impegnato sull'attacco è stato catturato dal Fante di Failla che è tornato quadri per la Dama di Nord, rimasta in presa. Asso di fiori, fiori per la Dama (non si fa nemmeno un chilometro per arrivare qui e giocare Asso e Re di fiori) e cuori per la Dama. Attanasio è entrato con il Re di cuori, ha giocato il 7♠ e, rimasto in presa, quadri. 3SA mi. Nell'altra sala Mario D'Avossa, in Nord, ha realizzato la surlevée con l'attacco quadri di Est. C'è poco da dire in generale anche perché, solo per sognatori, se si cercasse di penalizzare il modesto contratto di 1♦ (c'è chi nasce con l'istinto omici-

da/suicida), Est non faticherebbe molto ad allineare le 5 prese che gli consentirebbero di guadagnare.

Meglio cambiare board per scoprire cosa riserva il destino (ovvero la smazzatrice) nella prossima mano.

Board 2. Dich. Est – N/S in zona

<p>♠ 7 4 ♥ A 9 3 ♦ D 9 8 ♣ A R D 4 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                 N O     E S             </div>	<p>♠ 8 6 5 ♥ D F 10 8 6 ♦ 7 2 ♣ F 6 5</p> <p>♠ A R 10 3 ♥ 5 4 2 ♦ F 10 5 4 3 ♣ 8</p> <p>♠ D F 9 2 ♥ R 7 ♦ A R 6 ♣ 10 9 7 3</p>	<p>Ovest <i>Failla</i></p> <p>Nord <i>Hanlon</i></p> <p>Est <i>Attanasio</i></p> <p>Sud <i>Mc Gann</i></p>
passo	1♦*	passo	1♣
fine	passo	passo	1♠

Tra i significati convenzionali della risposta di 1♦ c'è pure la nebbia, come vedete. Il fatto che ha comportato la prematura fine della licita è che l'1♠ di Sud è ancora ambiguo. Attenzione, Mc Gann, per sistema, a questo punto ha 11/14 con 3+ ♠ oppure 17/21 con 4+♠ e, fattore di disturbo, non è forzante. Perciò Ovest, se chiamato ad agire, pur non prevedendolo, si trova di fronte alla gradevole scelta "o adesso o mai più". Failla ha deciso di non intervenire e quando il carrello è arrivato davanti ad Attanasio pieno di cartellini verdi, il passo di Dario è stato automatico visto che gli avversari avevano centrato il suo colore più forte.

Quattro colpi a fiori d'attacco, col surtaglio del morto, e il dichiarante, alla fine, ha raccattato 5 prese per due down, 200. Come valutate questa mano? Una remissione. Perché? Perché per battere 3SA giocati da Ovest (da Est sono imperdibili), bisognerebbe attaccare picche da tre cartine invece di cuori da DF1086. Sì, andateglielo a dire voi a Nord che è obbligatorio l'attacco picche. Magari a distanza di sicurezza.

Voglio farvi due esami della felicità.

Il primo vi assegna queste carte:

- ♠ A D 10 9 2
- ♥ A D F 10 6
- ♦ F
- ♣ F 7

Siete confortevolmente seduti in Ovest, zona contro prima. Nord, che se non sbaglio dovrebbe essere alla vostra sinistra, apre di 1♦, il vostro passa e Sud licita 1♠. Siete felici? Poco. Che fate? Agite. Un duecuorino ci starebbe tutto. Anche perché se passate, come successo al tavolo, la cosa si complica. Nord



dichiara 2♣, che corrisponde alla ripetizione delle quadri, Est passa, Sud riporta a 2♦ e sta di nuovo ineluttabilmente a voi. Vi piace il contro di riapertura? Mostra le picche, ma non ci andate matti. Allora 2♥. Sì, ma la licita termina e il totale è questo:

Board 9. Dich. Nord – E/O in zona

♠ A D 10 9 2 ♥ A D F 10 6 ♦ F ♣ F 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">N</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">O</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	O	S	♠ F 6 ♥ 9 7 5 2 ♦ D 7 6 2 ♣ R 10 3
N	E					
O	S					
	♠ R 7 5 4 ♥ R 4 ♦ R 8 ♣ 9 6 5 4 2					

Ma tu guarda che incrocio. Di cuori se ne fanno mille (5) perché il morto, nella sua povertà, porta carte chiave a pioggia.

Secondo esame.

Spostatevi in Sud con questo neriforme niente:

♠ 10 9 8 6 3
♥ 6 2
♦ 5
♣ D 10 8 4 3

L'apertura di ISA di Est, prima di voi, vi coglie formalmente disinteressati, in quanto avete lasciato da tempo l'era juniores in cui entravate in licita con qualsiasi cosa (e anche senza). Carrello di là, carrello di qua e tutto torna con il passo di Ovest e l'intrigante 2♣ del vostro compagno. Est passa. Immagino siate curiosi sul significato del 2♣. Presto detto: 4 carte di cuori con un minore 5+. Con uno sforzo di immaginazione piazzate la 5° di quadri di fronte. Ma che bella scelta! Quanto siete felici? Non troppo, ma tuonate un 2♦, passa o correggi, come se aveste il fit quarto. Ecco cosa vi aspetta, perché ve le fanno giocare:

Board 10. Dich. Est – Tutti in zona

♠ R F 4 ♥ A F 10 4 ♦ R D F 10 2 ♣ 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">N</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">O</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	O	S	♠ D 5 2 ♥ D 8 7 5 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ A R 5
N	E					
O	S					
	♠ 10 9 8 6 3 ♥ 6 2 ♦ 5 ♣ D 10 8 4 3					

Un gran bel morto, e con un minaiuto riuscite a racimolare le 8 prese dichiarate. Uomini di poca fede, già credevate di cadere a 2♦ quando si facevano 2♠. Fiducia, orsù, fiducia.

## 1st EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

by European University Sports Association (EUSA) & EBL



### Croatia, Opatija 2009 October 04th - 10th, 2009

The 1st European Universities Championship is to be held from 4 till 10 October 2009 in Opatija, a maritime resort in Croatia. It will be organized by EUSA (European University Sports Association) which recognized bridge as a sport in 2007.

The championship is open to teams representing European universities. Each university may participate with any number of teams. Entries can only be made through EUSA (not via NBOs).

#### **Entry conditions:**

- Entries via the National University Sports Federation (Entries via the national Bridge Federation are NOT valid!!)
- University teams with at least 2 students from the university they represent
- No limitations in number of teams per university or country

#### **Accommodation:**

- 4-star hotel accommodation at the beach!

#### **Price:**

- accommodation: 300 Euros for 6 days full board.
- entry fee: 20 Euros per person

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# EUROPEAN WOMEN'S BRIDGE JAMBOREE' ROME - ITALY 6/11 OCTOBER 2009

**Under the auspices of Anna Maria Torlontano,  
Chairman of the EBL and WBF Women's Committees**



The European Jamboree' is dedicated to the Women Bridge players of any level and rank. It is a true "Festival" where serious and qualified Bridge Tournaments, high level tourism, friendship and warm hospitality, merge in a pleasant, relaxing and amusing atmosphere. This event is "transnational" which means that Women players from different countries can play together and, more, is extended to the players from outside Europe, from other continents. We are so lucky, this year because the "Jamboree" will be organized in Rome! The splendour of Rome, built throughout the centuries by Emperors and Popes, is still visible to day in his streets and squares. The beauty of the churches, abbeys, fountains and monuments truly makes it the "Eternal City"! ..... and October is one of the best months in Rome!! For your 5 unforgettable days, this is the **PROGRAMME**

## 1st day (Tuesday 6 October 2009)

Arrival in Rome Transfer to Hotel Sheraton  
15.30/18.30 Registration to the "Jamboree"  
18.45 Welcome drink and dinner in Hotel  
After dinner ,transfer to the "Bridge Club Eur", our playing area  
21.30 Friendly Tournament (optional 5 Euros)  
Evening free for the players who don't intend to participate in the tournament.

## 2nd day (Wednesday 7 October 2009)

8.30 (approx) "Apal Audience" (if His Holiness the Pope will be in Rome). otherwise visit of the cathedral of Saint Peter and the Cappella Sistina.  
At the end, continuation to the Bridge Club.  
Mini-lunch  
14.00 Individual Tournament (one session)  
Transfer to the Hotel.  
19.30 Dinner in the Hotel  
21.00 Social Tournament in the Club (optional) or evening free.

## 3rd day (Thursday 8 October 2009)

9.00 Full day guided tour to the historical centre of Rome ( lunch included)  
19.30 Dinner in the Hotel  
21.00 "Italian National Simultaneous Tournament" in the Club, or evening free.

## 4th day (Friday 9 October 2009)

Morning free- Optional excursion to two well known outlets, for shopping. (25 minutes by coach – tickets to be purchased)  
Transfer to the Bridge Club  
Pairs Tournament (1st session)  
Dinner in the Hotel and return to the Club  
21.15 Pairs Tournament (2nd session).

## 5th day (Saturday 10 October 2009)

Morning free  
Coach to the Bridge Club  
Pairs Tournament ( 3rd session)  
At the end return to the Hotel  
21.30 Victory Banquet and Prize-giving

## VENUE

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## HOTEL SHERATON \*\*\*\*\*

Located in the modern EUR business district. All comforts of a five star Hotel.. It has restaurants- bar-swimming pool-air conditioning- TV, connection to internet, minibar in all rooms- parking- tennis and squash courts-ground jogging-fitness centre. transfer from and to the Airport.

## ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY

Entry must be made to ENRICO BASTA not later than July 2009 and must be accompanied by a deposit equivalent to Euro 150.00 per person. (see Registration Form). Later entries can be accepted if accommodation is available.

## INFORMATION

Ask for information to Enrico Basta email: enricobasta@incontridibridge.com Mobile:+39 335 7018233 or +39 393 9944505 or to ALESSANDRA ARSELLINI email: alessandraarsellini@libero.it mobile: +39 335 6374563

## IMPORTANT

To find out more about Women's Bridge, go to our Official sites at: [www.wbfwomensbridgeclub.org](http://www.wbfwomensbridgeclub.org)  
[www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) [www.eurobridge.org](http://www.eurobridge.org) (and in each case click on category Women)  
ECatsBridge: [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com) and you will find lots of interesting information

**AND HERE IN SANREMO TO SILVIA VALENTINI – HOSPITALITY DESK**

## BRIDGE ENTRY FEES

Individual Tournament (one session) 25 Euros

Pairs Tournament (three sessions) 45 Euros (per player)

**PRIZES**

No money prizes. There will be Cups and many prizes in kind and luxury goods:

**Awards will be as follows:**

Individual Tournament	First three places
Pairs Tournament	First three places
Jamboree (combined classification)	First six places

The player coming first in the combined classification will be the **“JAMBOREE CHAMPION” 2009**

**European Master Points will be awarded to the leading five pairs from Europe in the Pairs Tournament**

**Note:** Obviously only the players participating in both the Individual and Pairs Tournaments will be eligible to receive prizes for the combined classification or to be the Jamboree Champion. The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place in the Hotel Sheraton, during the Victory Banquet on Saturday night

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Smoking	Smoking will not be permitted in the playing rooms at any time
Weather	October is normally one of the best months in Rome.
Shopping	You can visit two very well known OUTLETS for your shopping.
Navette service to the subway and, at a fixed time, to the Historical Centre	

**COMPANIONS**

If you wish your husband, your family or your friends accompany you to Rome,, there is no problem! Buying the “package” they will join you for the entire social part, (also for the social tournaments.). Of course the official Jamboree Tournaments will be reserved only to you bridge players.

**NO PARTNER?**

Don't worry- this is no problem: we will arrange it all for you. Just ask!!

Plan to take your Bridge Holiday with us, please, book in good time in order to be allocated rooms on a first-come/first-served basis. As in Rome there is so much to be seen, if you wish to prolong your holiday, just ask the organizers, they will be very pleased to help you.

**ORGANIZATION**

EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE  
ENRICO BASTA - Under the auspices of the Italian Bridge Federation

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Surname	First Name		
Address	City	Country	Post Code
Arrival (Date/ Time)	Flight number		
Departure (Date/ Time)	Flight number		
Phone	Fax	Email	
I will share my room with	Surname	First Name	

Please arrange a transfer for me (Arrival- Departure) YES NO  
The cost is 5 Euros per person, to be paid at the registration desk at your arrival.

**PACKAGE** (all the prices given are per person, based on two people sharing a double room). The Package includes:  
5 nights accommodation \*Breakfast-buffet\* Half Board - Drinks (water and local wine ) included with the meals. Hospitality Kit – files – badges - etc..\*Welcome Drink- - ”Apal Audience“ given by His Holiness the Pope (on Wednesday morning) -\* Full day guided tour to the Historical Centre of Rome (lunch included) \*Victory Banquet – \*Service and Taxes.

**COST OF THE PACKAGE****HOTEL SHERATON \*\*\*\*\***

Half Board	( Double room – per person)	Euro 665.00
Half board	( Single room)	Euro 825.00

Note: All the expenses relative to the transfer of the deposit have to be paid by the person who books the package..

Please transfer the deposit (150.00 Euro per person- credit transfer) to ENRICO BASTA  
Bank “Intesa San Paolo –Ag: 71 Roma Italy Iban code: IT 20CO30690330810000000039 BIC: B C I T I T M M

Please return this form not later than August 10, .to ENRICO BASTA –Viale Oscar Sinigaglia 4 –00143 Roma  
If you would like to register by email, ask ENRICO BASTA - email: enricobasta@incontridibridge.com ... to mail you the Registration Form.

Signature

Date

## SENIOR TEAMS ROSTER

**GROUP S**

ADAD	AUBERT Alain, DUPRAZ Pierre, ADAD Pierre, SALLIERE Gerard
FRANCE	VANHOUTTE P., STRETZ F., PY J., PIGANEAU Patrice, MEYER J., LEENHARDT F., AUDOUARD O.
AUSTRIA	EICHHOLZER Jorg, ERHART Maria, FELDERER Christian, KUBAK Fritz, MILAVEC A., OBERMAIR H.
MILNER	CARRUTHERS John, EKEBLAD Russ, GRANOVETTER Matt, HOBART Arno, MILNER R., SUNDELIN P.
DUTCH SENIORS	BOEGEM Willem, DOREMANS Nico, JANSSENS Onno, TROUWBORST Jaap
OTVOSI	BILSKI G., KLAPPER Pavel, LASOCKI K., OTVOSI Keiko, OTVOSI Erwin, RUSSYAN Jerzy, SZMAKFEFER
FORNACIARI	PERSIANI I., RICCIARELLI M., FORNACIARI E., BETTINETTI G., BARONI F., MARIANI C., MARINO L.
GERMANY I	KOCH Robert, UHLMANN H. STRATER B., SCHNEIDER Werner, KRATZ Ulrich, MATTSSON Goran
HARPER	HARPER Ross, HARPER Ursula, HOFFMAN Martin, JOURDAIN Patrick, TEDD Mike, HACKETT Paul D
HET WITTE HUIS	ABRAM Max, TUWANAKOTTA Tjali, BORM Frans, NIEMEIJER Christoffer
NORDBY	HANSEN Egil, NORDBY Harald, TROLLVIK Jan, BAKKE Tor
VERED	AMIR Arie, ZILBERBUSH Samuel, VERED Noah, KAPLAN Aharon, BRESLAUER Menachem, BRAV B.
AUTO-POLAND	STRYKIER Krzysztof, PANA Alexandru, MUCHA Rita, KUTNER Roger, BOREWICZ Marek
ESTONIA	KOBOLT Guido, LEIS Paul, LINNAMAGI Jaan, LOND Peeter

**GROUP T**

MARKOWICZ	RAMER Roald, ZELIGMAN Shalom, MELMAN Victor, MARKOWICZ Victor, JEZIORO A., KLUKOWSKI J.
DAMIANI	CHEMLA Paul, CHIDIAC Pierre, DAMIANI Jose, ZALESKI Romain, BAROUDI Nagib
WINANTALYA	SCHWARTZ Adrian, ROMIK Pinhas, LEVIT Yeshayahu, KAMINSKI Amos, SHEINMAN Rami
HEERSCHOP	OTTEVANGER Dennis D., RUITER Kees J. de, BOMHOF Jan Willem, HEERSCHOP Martin
MIROGLIO	ROMANSKI Jacek, KOWALSKI Apolinary, COMELLA Amedeo, BURATTI Andrea, BONGIOVANNI Giulio
GORACO	WALA Wlodzimierz, SZENBERG Stefan, KIERZNOWSKI Roman, MILASZEWSKI Miroslaw
SCOTLAND	SMITH Harry, MCGOWAN Elizabeth, LIGGAT David, BENNETT Roy
MAGYAR	SZAPPANOS Geza, MAGYAR Peter, KOVACS Mihaly, LINCZMAYER Lajos
BULGARIA SENIORS	GRAMATIKOV G. CHAVDAROV H., TSOLOV Tsolo, MARKOV M., DARAKTCHIEV S., PETKANOV D.
AVON DANIELLE	AVON Danielle, BEINEIX Jean-claude, FOUASSIER J., MEJANE Gaston, PEREZ Moise, SERF Marianne
CASSINI-FINLAND	JUURI-OJA Pirjo, PARVIAINEN Eeva, KELHA Vaino, JUURI-OJA Erkki
MPE	PARNIS-ENGLAND Margaret, LEIGHTON Cecil, DENNISON Maureen, DIX Mario
AMORE	NELSON Alan, MACKENZIE Greer, BLAKEY Irving, BLAKEY Joy, NELSON Kath

## WOMEN TEAMS ROSTER

**GROUP U**

HANSEN	DHONDY Heather, HANSEN Renate, MALINOWSKI Anna, SMEDEREVAC Jovanka, VIST Gunn tove
F.I.G.B. LADIES	ARRIGONI G., DE FALCO D., FERLAZZO C., MANARA G., OLIVIERI G., PAOLUZI S., RESTA G., SACCAVINI I.
RUSSIA	VOROBAYCHIKOVA O., PONOMAREVA T., NIKITINA A., KHONICHEVA E., GROMOVA V., CHUBAROVA S.
DINKIN - NPC	WILLARD Sylvie, McCALLUM Karen, CRONIER Benedicte, BAKER Lynn
POLAND	SZCZEPANSKA K. SOBOLEWSKA E., SAWICKA M., MAJ M., HARASIMOWICZ E., CICHOCKI M., BREWIAK G.
DUTCH LADIES BLUE	KELDER Hans, REENEN Alex van, SALM C., VERBEEK Martine, WIJMA Anke, ZWOL Wietske van
SOLVI	BREIVIK Kristine, FENESS Jorunn, HOMME Marianne, LESLIE Paula, REMEN Solvi, SHEASBY Suzanne
SAGARIAN	GROMOELLER Anne, KNOLL Gabriele, KUERSCHNER Ria, SZIMANSKI Sabine
GIRLS FRANCE	CARBONNEAUX Jessie, PUILLET Carole, ROBERT Lea, CANONNE Marion
NERE PER CASO SANREMO	TOSELLI Monica, BELLINI Valeria, LEONCINO Maurizia, MURA Thea
LEVS	JACOB Stephanie, CORNELL Vivien, BLACKHAM Elizabeth, LEIBOWITZ Louise
DUTCH GIRLS	DEKKERS Laura, KRUIS Dennis, NAB Judith, SPANGENBERG Jamilla, SPANGENBERG Sigrid

**GROUP W**

NORMANY	WEBER Elke, BROGELAND T., GLADIATOR Anne, GLAERUM L., LISS Ulrike, SCHRECKENBERGER U.
DUTCH LADIES ORANGE	WORTEL M., VRIEND B., SIMONS A., REENEN A., PASMAN J., MICHIELSEN M., KELDER H., ARNOLDS C.
JOEL	ARNIM D., AUKEN Sabine, JOEL Geeske, ROSENBERG D., SEAMON-MOLSON Janice, SOKOLOW Tobi
PENFOLD	SENIOR Nevena, SMITH Nicola, PENFOLD Sandra, BROCK Sally
CBC MILANO	COLOMBO BRUGNONI G., GENTILI Luigina, PREVE M., ROSETTA A., SEVERGNINI M., VANUZZI M.
RIMSTEDT	SIMPSON Gigi, SJOBERG Emma, RIMSTEDT Cecilia, RIMSTEDT Sandra
DIAMONDS	TAZENKOVA Tatiana, RYZHKOVA Marina, NOKHAEVA Tatiana, KALACHEVA Natalia
KULCHYCKY	KULCHYCKY Jill, JOYCE Emer, FINN Mary, KENNY Joan, RIGNEY T., CLEARY Ena
GREECE	KOTRONAROU Anastasia, POLITOU Angeliki, TSIRIKOU Eleni, VELAITOU Polina
S MARINO / PERLINI	FILIPPI Mimma, JANOUSEK Barbara, PECCI Clelia, PERLINI M., STACCHINI Lea m, URBANI A.
GERMAN LADIES	DELLA MONTA Annaig, NEHMERT Pony Beate, HACKETT Barbara, GIAMPIETRO Cristina