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BUMPS IN THE ROAD



These five women make up the Championship Local Operations, who were praised by Ernesto d'Orsi as essential to the success of the World Championships. They are Andrea Junqueira, Daisy Kenedi, Germana D'Orsi, Fernanda Joanitti and Cláudia Cavalcanti.

With one day's play left, the story of the week-long round robin qualifying might be boiled down to a combination of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and the "best-laid schemes of mice and men."

It's fair to say most of the teams in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Seniors Bowl at the very least harboured dreams of getting to the knockout stages of their respective competitions, and most of the favored teams are in position to achieve their goals.

Some have fallen short, however, and the most glaring example is USA1 in the Bermuda Bowl. The winners of the American team trials are languishing in 17th place with only three matches to play and have no chance to make the KO phase.

In the Venice Cup, Sweden, expected to contend for the title, ended the sixth day of qualifying on the outside looking in – but they at least still have a chance.

Seniors Bowl competitors surprisingly not in the top eight with one day left to play are Japan, who won in Beijing; Turkey, who won the Senior teams in the European Championships last year, and Canada, who sent another strong team to Sao Paulo.

The race to the finish line should be exciting.

VUGRAPH MATCHES



Round 19 (11.00-13.20)

VG:	Table 11	Argentina - Netherlands	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 21	Spain - Germany	(VC)
BBO 2:	Table 1	Italy - Brazil	(BB)
BBO 3:	Table 26	Egypt - USA 2	(VC)
BBO 4:	Table 44	Canada - USA 2	(OSB)
OurGame:	Table 24	Sweden - China Long Zhu	(VC)

Round 20 (14.30-16.50)

VG:	Table 8	China Long Zhu - Norway	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 10	Russia - Bulgaria	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 5	USA 1 - Italy	(BB)
BBO 3:	Table 30	China Long Zhu - Denmark	(VC)
BBO 4:	Table 44	Japan - Sweden	(OSB)
OurGame:	Table 9	USA 2 - Japan	(BB)

Round 21 (17.20-19.40)

VG:	Table 1	USA 2 - Russia	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 2	Bulgaria - Netherlands	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 29	Germany - USA 2	(VC)
BBO 3:	To Be Decided		
BBO 4:	To Be Decided		
OurGame:	Table 31	USA 1 - China Long Zhu	(VC)

Watch BBO at: <http://www.bridgebase.com>
Watch OurGame at: <http://worldbridge.ourgame.com>





RESULTS

Bermuda Bowl



ROUND 16

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	China Long Zhu	Chile	27 - 17	17 - 13
2	Netherlands	Morocco	27 - 20	16 - 14
3	Russia	USA 1	69 - 27	25 - 5
4	USA 2	Australia	28 - 34	14 - 16
5	Japan	Pakistan	6 - 33	9 - 21
6	Guadeloupe	Egypt	30 - 40	13 - 17
7	Norway	New Zealand	33 - 40	14 - 16
8	Chinese Taipei	India	65 - 19	25 - 5
9	Brazil	Germany	11 - 55	5 - 25
10	Italy	Mexico	31 - 10	20 - 10
11	Bulgaria	Argentina	20 - 46	9 - 21

ROUND 17

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Pakistan	Italy	23 - 44	10 - 20
2	Mexico	Brazil	22 - 56	7 - 23
3	Germany	Chinese Taipei	44 - 22	20 - 10
4	India	Norway	52 - 25	21 - 9
5	New Zealand	Guadeloupe	56 - 21	23 - 7
6	Chile	Japan	38 - 46	13 - 17
7	Argentina	USA 2	39 - 35	16 - 14
8	Australia	Russia	47 - 20	21 - 9
9	USA 1	Netherlands	51 - 15	23 - 7
10	Morocco	China Long Zhu	35 - 39	14 - 16
11	Egypt	Bulgaria	43 - 34	17 - 13

ROUND 18

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Chile	Morocco	28 - 33	14 - 16
2	China Long Zhu	USA 1	65 - 10	25 - 3
3	Netherlands	Australia	45 - 8	24 - 6
4	Russia	Argentina	35 - 39	14 - 16
5	USA 2	Egypt	29 - 30	15 - 15
6	Bulgaria	New Zealand	73 - 31	25 - 5
7	Japan	Italy	32 - 50	11 - 19
8	Norway	Germany	37 - 24	18 - 12
9	Chinese Taipei	Mexico	51 - 31	20 - 10
10	Brazil	Pakistan	56 - 1	25 - 3
11	Guadeloupe	India	30 - 20	17 - 13

Ranking after 18 Rounds

1	Norway	334.25
2	Italy	333.25
3	Bulgaria	321
	Russia	321
5	USA 2	315
6	Netherlands	309
7	China Long Zhu Open	303
8	Argentina	301
	Germany	301
10	Chile	272
	Chinese Taipei	272
12	Japan	267
13	Egypt	260
	India	260
15	Brazil	255
16	New Zealand	252
17	USA 1	244.50
18	Australia	230
19	Pakistan	207.50
20	Morocco	192
21	Guadeloupe	161.50
22	Mexico	140.50

Tournament on TV



Guests at the Hotel Transamerica can keep up with all three events in the World Championships – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Seniors Bowl – on Channel 96 on their television sets. The daily broadcasts will include running scores and rankings.



Duplimate Discounts

The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount.



RESULTS

Venice Cup



ROUND 16

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Morocco	Egypt	28 - 58	8 - 22
22	Indonesia	Venezuela	37 - 19	19 - 11
23	Sweden	Japan	40 - 23	19 - 11
24	Brazil	Pakistan	28 - 33	14 - 16
25	France	Jordan	59 - 29	22 - 8
26	Spain	Italy	28 - 34	14 - 16
27	Germany	Barbados	32 - 15	19 - 11
28	Denmark	Canada MP Press	20 - 26	14 - 16
29	USA 1	New Zealand	51 - 35	19 - 11
30	China Long Zhu	Argentina	25 - 46	10 - 20
31	Australia	USA 2	35 - 37	15 - 15

ROUND 17

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Venezuela	Egypt	28 - 50	10 - 20
22	Japan	Indonesia	42 - 32	17 - 13
23	Pakistan	Sweden	13 - 54	6 - 24
24	Jordan	Brazil	32 - 22	17 - 13
25	Italy	France	27 - 44	11 - 19
26	Barbados	Spain	13 - 104	0 - 25
27	Canada MP Press	Germany	20 - 36	11 - 19
28	New Zealand	Denmark	42 - 29	18 - 12
29	Argentina	USA 1	16 - 44	8 - 22
30	USA 2	China Long Zhu	24 - 39	12 - 18
31	Australia	Morocco	57 - 39	19 - 11

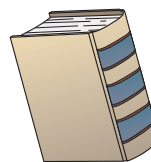
ROUND 18

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Germany	Denmark	51 - 37	18 - 12
22	Spain	USA 1	20 - 44	9 - 21
23	France	China Long Zhu	25 - 21	16 - 14
24	Brazil	Australia	18 - 44	9 - 21
25	Sweden	USA 2	35 - 36	15 - 15
26	Indonesia	Argentina	34 - 47	12 - 18
27	Egypt	New Zealand	27 - 47	10 - 20
28	Venezuela	Canada MP Press	53 - 23	22 - 8
29	Japan	Barbados	47 - 22	21 - 9
30	Pakistan	Italy	31 - 33	15 - 15
31	Jordan	Morocco	54 - 22	23 - 7

Ranking after 18 Rounds

1	France	350
2	USA 1	344.50
3	China Long Zhu Women	337
4	USA 2	302
5	Germany	301.75
6	Spain	299
7	Denmark	290
8	Indonesia	284
9	Italy	283
10	Sweden	281
11	Egypt	279
12	Argentina	269.50
13	Australia	265
14	New Zealand	264
15	Canada Master Point Press	248
16	Japan	239
17	Jordan	233.50
18	Brazil	227.50
19	Pakistan	223
20	Morocco	206
21	Venezuela	201.75
22	Barbados	152.50

World Championship Book 2009



The Official book of these Championships in Sao Paulo will be available in March 2010, when the official price will be US\$34 plus postage. Advance orders can be made in Sao Paulo to Jan Swaan in the Press Room at the discounted price of US\$30, Euros 20, or Reals 55 per copy, including postage.

The principal writers will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, John Carruthers and Geo Tislevoll. There will be a full listing of all participants and results and many photographs. Every board of the finals and semi-finals of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup will be covered, along with the best of the action from the earlier stages, plus the Senior Bowl and Transnational Teams.



RESULTS

d'Orsi Seniors Bowl



ROUND 16

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	Argentina	Egypt	35 - 56	10 - 20
42	Japan	India	41 - 17	21 - 9
43	South Africa	Barbados	23 - 78	3 - 25
44	USA 1	Canada	48 - 23	21 - 9
45	USA 2	Italy	35 - 24	17 - 13
46	Brazil	Sweden	65 - 13	25 - 4
47	Australia	Indonesia	39 - 16	20 - 10
48	Uruguay	England	6 - 67	2 - 25
49	Pakistan	New Zealand	15 - 64	4 - 25
50	Poland	Belgium	12 - 32	10 - 20
51	Turkey	Venezuela	46 - 4	25 - 5

ROUND 17

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	India	Egypt	32 - 37	14 - 16
42	Barbados	Japan	11 - 75	2 - 25
43	Canada	South Africa	62 - 16	25 - 5
44	Italy	USA 1	30 - 29	15 - 15
45	Sweden	USA 2	37 - 50	12 - 18
46	Indonesia	Brazil	44 - 4	24 - 6
47	England	Australia	70 - 14	25 - 3
48	New Zealand	Uruguay	39 - 42	14 - 16
49	Belgium	Pakistan	20 - 40	10 - 20
50	Venezuela	Poland	10 - 96	0 - 25
51	Turkey	Argentina	36 - 47	13 - 17

ROUND 18

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	Canada	Barbados	44 - 25	19 - 11
42	Italy	India	41 - 17	21 - 9
43	Sweden	Egypt	29 - 26	16 - 14
44	Indonesia	Japan	35 - 23	18 - 12
45	England	South Africa	29 - 20	17 - 13
46	New Zealand	USA 1	9 - 63	3 - 25
47	Belgium	USA 2	52 - 28	21 - 9
48	Venezuela	Brazil	1 - 27	9 - 21
49	Turkey	Australia	47 - 19	22 - 8
50	Poland	Uruguay	52 - 16	23 - 7
51	Pakistan	Argentina	27 - 32	14 - 16

Ranking after 18 Rounds

1	England	346
2	Belgium	323.50
3	Poland	319
4	Egypt	313
	USA 2	313
6	USA 1	309
7	Sweden	300
8	Indonesia	286.50
9	Canada	279
10	Japan	276
11	Italy	275
12	Turkey	270
13	India	249.50
14	Australia	249
15	Argentina	247
16	Brazil	245
17	Pakistan	240
18	South Africa	232
19	Barbados	228
20	New Zealand	214.50
21	Uruguay	198
22	Venezuela	153

WBF cards for sale



Packs of used WBF playing cards – with 5-bar codes – are for sale. If you are interested in buying some, please contact Christine Francin in the WBF Secretariat situated on the basement floor of the Hotel - Brasilia 2 room. The price is US\$0.60 per pack

WBF Laws Committee

There will be a Laws Committee meeting in the WBF meeting room at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8.



Double-dummy dilemma

by Barry Rigal

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
INT	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass	2♠	Pass

I know my limitations. When P-O tells me he cannot solve a double-dummy problem I should not even bother to look at it but should go straight to Deep Finesse; however I foolishly wasted an hour before surrendering. And the play is indeed stimulating; do you want to play or defend four spades?

Let's do the simple stuff first; on a heart lead you could arrange to draw trumps via the finesse and then cross to the diamond king to play a club up. So the defence take their club ruff at the first two tricks. What now?

If you do not play a trump, declarer arranges a diamond ruff in dummy with the low trump (we are playing double-dummy!) so South must shift to a trump at trick three won by East in hand. Now declarer cannot duck a diamond to North or a club back starts to re-promote a trump for South. East must ruff high but can no longer ruff a diamond in dummy without letting the ♠J score a trick. If East ducks a diamond to South then a second spade kills the ruff and there is no pressure.

How about double squeezes? Connoisseurs of the genre will note that with both club and diamond menaces offside no double squeeze works. Instead, at trick three, win in dummy and cross to the spade ace, ruff a club high and lead the third and fourth trumps.

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

When East leads the spade king South follows and the first critical moment is reached; dummy MUST discard the diamond nine and North pitches a heart. (The reason why you need to unblock the diamond nine is that North may be forced to discard a diamond later on, and then you will need to be able to cash the diamond king and exit with the diamond seven to endplay South – that requires the diamond nine to no longer be in dummy. If you do not unblock that card South MUST pitch the heart king on the next trump and declarer can not succeed no matter what he discards from dummy. If you pitch a diamond, North throws a heart and although that lets you establish a heart you cannot get both diamond tricks since the suit is blocked.)

After West's discard of the ♦9 declarer leads his fifth trump. South pitches a low heart, dummy throws a diamond, and North has to come down to six cards. If he pitches a club declarer crosses to ♦K ruffs out the club, cashes ♦A, and takes dummy's two winners. If he pitches a heart, declarer plays a heart up and arranges to duck the heart to South on either the first or second round. That forces South to play a diamond, letting West cash the two red-suit winners and leaving East with ♦A and his trump to reach it.

What if South pitches the ♥K? Dummy throws a club, and North cannot let go a heart or declarer establishes a long heart and cannot let go a diamond or South gets endplayed. Declarer takes the diamond king, plays ♥A and ruffs a heart and is down to ♦A87 with South having ♦Q J 6; on the second diamond South is endplayed.

Accordingly, North pitches a club. Declarer cashes the two top diamonds, ruffs a club and leads a heart, covering South's card, to endplay North in hearts!

World Transnational Open Teams

Teams wishing to play in the World Transnational Open Teams, if they do not qualify for the semi-finals of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup or D'Orsi Seniors Bowl, are asked to inform Anna Gudge in the WBF Secretariat (in the basement area, room Brasilia 2) as soon as possible.

It would be helpful if you could PRINT the names of the players in your team and the team name, and hand the list to Anna.

ALL TEAMS – whether or not they are required to pay an entry fee – will need to have a receipt from the WBF in order to participate in the event.

Payments may be made and receipts collected from the WBF Office.

The office will be open for this purpose on:

- Saturday: 10.00 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 16.00
- Sunday: 10.00 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 16.00
- Monday: 10.00 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 18.00

BERMUDA BOWL Round 10



Italy

v

Norway



Preview of the final?

by Brent Manley

In round 10, Norway, defending champions in the Bermuda Bowl, faced the always-formidable Italian team in what could easily turn out to be the matchup for the final. After 16 boards, Norway had reason to hope that the set did not portend future results.

Norway drew first blood.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Lindqvist	Fantoni	Brogeland
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Espen Lindqvist's acceptance of the slam try may seem aggressive with the dull shape, but he was at the top of the range for a INT rebid. The Lindqvist INT opener is listed as (14) 15-17.



Glenn Grøtheim, Norway

Fulvio Fantoni started with a low heart, taken by North, who wasted no time playing on diamonds. A low diamond to the ace and a diamond back produced the king from West. The 3-3 split in spades meant declarer had an easy 12 tricks for plus 990.

At the other table, Lorenzo Lauria and Alfredo Versace had essentially the same auction, but Lauria declined the invitation to slam. That was 11 IMPs to Norway.

Italy evened the score on the next board.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Lindqvist	Fantoni	Brogeland
3♣ (1)	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	Pass	3♠	3NT
All Pass		4♠	Dble

(1) Diamonds and spades.

North-South could have managed plus 300 from this layout with two trumps, two diamonds and a heart, but Boye Brogeland started with the ♠A and a spade to declarer's king. Fantoni played a diamond, ducking when Brogeland put in the jack. Brogeland exited with his third spade, taken in dummy. Lindqvist ducked two rounds of hearts, so Fantoni simply cashed the ♦A and played a third round. The defenders got one spade, one heart and two diamonds for plus 100.

West	North	East	South
Grotheim	Lauria	Tundal	Versace
2♠	Dble	Pass	2♦ (1)
Pass	Dble	3♠	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3NT

(1) 18-20 balanced.

The 4♠ save was not taken in this room, and Versace had no difficulty taking 10 tricks for plus 630 and 11 IMPs to Italy.

Two boards later, Italy had another big swing.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Lindqvist	Fantoni	Brogeland
1♣	Pass	1♠ (1)	Pass
2♦ (2)	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥ (3)	Pass	5♣ (4)	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

- (1) No major; up to 11 HCP or five clubs and four spades, 10+.
- (2) 4-4 in the minors.
- (3) Key card ask in diamonds.
- (4) One or three key cards.

North led a spade to the 5, jack and ace, and Nunes was soon claiming plus 1370, not troubled at all by the 3-0 trump split because he needed only one heart ruff in hand with the spade suit producing four tricks.

At the other table, Glenn Grotheim and Tundal had a long relay auction that did not achieve the maximum result. Stopping at 5♦ cost them 13 IMPs.

On board 22, Italy lost 9 IMPs but they might have gained 7.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Lindqvist	Fantoni	Brogeland
		2♣ (1)	Pass
2♦ (2)	Pass	2♠ (3)	All Pass

- (1) Natural, 10-13, unbalanced.
- (2) Asks.
- (3) Possible three-card holding.

Had Claudio Nunes known his partner had the ♥K, he might have taken a different view with his shapely hand.

Brogeland started with the ♠A and could have held Fantoni to nine tricks with a diamond shift, but he continued with spades. A club return allowed Fantoni to ruff the clubs good and discard both diamonds from dummy for plus 200.

West	North	East	South
Grotheim	Lauria	Tundal	Versace
		1♦	1♥
Dble 4♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
	All Pass		

Versace could have scuttled the contract with a diamond lead, but that's strictly double dummy. On the normal heart lead, Tundal won in hand, cashed the ♣A and ruffed a club, then played the ♥A, pitching a diamond, and the ♥Q, overruffing with the ♠Q when Lorenzo Lauria ruffed with the jack. Now the ♣K was cashed, pitching a diamond, and a low club ruffed. When Tundal played a heart from dummy, Lauria ruffed with the ♠K. Tundal discarded a diamond. He still had to lose the ♦A and ♠A, but he had plus 620 and a useful swing. Norway had moved to within 3 IMPs at 24-21. The margin increased significantly on the next deal.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Lindqvist	Fantoni	Brogeland
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥
All Pass			3NT

Nunes led a low club to the 10 and king, and Brogeland assessed the situation. Even if hearts produced four tricks, he was still one trick short, so he took the reasonable shot

of playing a spade to dummy's king. It was trick 10 before Brogeland had the lead again. Fantoni won the ♠A and played a low diamond. Brogeland stuck in the 10, taken by Nunes with the jack. The ♦K was next, and a third diamond to Fantoni's ace picked up Brogeland's queen. Two more diamonds and two more spades left Brogeland with five tricks for minus 400. He had a reasonable hope that the result would be duplicated at the other table, but it did not work out that way.

On an identical auction, Grotheim (West) started with the ♦J – not a success. Tundal won the ace and returned the suit. Versace put up the queen, taken by Grotheim with the king. Versace gratefully won the third diamond trick with the 10 and was soon claiming plus 600 for a 14-IMP swing. Italy earned another big swing on this deal.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Lindqvist	Fantoni	Brogeland
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	2NT (1)	Pass
4♠	All Pass	3♦	Dble

(1) Three spades with 7-9, four spades with 5-9 or four spades with any 8-11.

Lindqvist started with the ♦9 to the 4, queen and ace. Nunes ruffed a diamond at trick two and played a club to the ace. On the play of the ♦10 from West, Lindqvist ruffed in with the ♠Q and gave Brogeland a club ruff. When Brogeland exited with a spade, Nunes went up with the ace, dropping the king. He was able to ruff his last diamond with dummy's ♠J, return to hand with a heart ruff and claim plus 650.

West	North	East	South
Grotheim	Lauria	Tundal	Versace
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass	4♦	Pass

Lauria started with the ♠K, taken by Grotheim with the ace. Declarer cashed the ♦A and ruffed a diamond, returned to hand with a club to the ace, ruffed another diamond, then played the ♥A and ruffed a heart to hand. Had

Grotheim simply played a spade at that point, he would have survived, but he tried to cash the ♣A. Versace ruffed, cashed the ♦K and played the ♦Q. Grotheim desperately ruffed with the ♠10, but Lauria overruffed and gave his partner a second club ruff. One off meant 13 more IMPs to Italy, now leading 52-27.

It was 55-27 with one deal to play before Norway scored again.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A K 9 6 2 ♥ K J 5 3 ♦ 6 5 ♣ J 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 5 4 ♥ A 10 9 2 ♦ A 4 3 ♣ K 9 8 6 ♠ J 10 8 7 ♥ 4 ♦ K J 10 8 ♣ A 10 7 5	♠ Q 3 ♥ Q 8 7 6 ♦ Q 9 7 2 ♣ Q 3 2
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West	North	East	South
Nunes	Lindqvist	Fantoni	Brogeland
1♠	Pass	2♣ (1)	Pass
2♦ (2)	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT (3)	Pass	4♥	
All Pass			

- (1) Game forcing.
- (2) Five spades and four hearts.
- (3) 5=4=2=2 minimum.

Brogeland started with the ♠8, taken in dummy. Fantoni played a club to his king and Brogeland's ace at trick two, and Brogeland continued with a spade to dummy's king. A club went to Lindqvist's queen, and Fantoni won the diamond switch with the ace. Fantoni ruffed out Brogeland's ♣10 and played a spade, ruffing low as Lindqvist discarded a diamond. Fantoni then played the ♥A and a heart to the king. He was able to ruff another spade in hand, but that was his last trick, and he was two off for minus 200.

West	North	East	South
Grotheim	Lauria	Tundal	Versace
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Against the part score, Lauria led the ♦7, ducked to Versace's king. Grotheim won the diamond continuation with the ace, cashed two high spades and ruffed a spade, then ruffed a diamond and led a club to the king and ace. Versace returned a trump and played a second round when he got in with the ♣Q, but Grotheim already had seven tricks and could separate the top two trumps with ruffs for plus 140 and 8 IMPs.

It was one of the few positive notes in an otherwise disappointing session for Norway, who fell to Italy 55-35.

From Bridge Base Online

by Phillip Alder

As you know, five matches each session are being shown on BBO. Luckily, someone was watching at the right moment when England played Indonesia in Round 8 of the seniors.

Board 26. Dealer East. Both vul.

♠ K Q 9 ♥ 9 8 6 2 ♦ 8 4 2 ♣ J 5 2	♠ 10 2 ♥ A 10 7 3 ♦ A 10 9 5 3 ♣ A Q <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A J 7 6 4 ♥ K Q J ♦ Q ♣ 8 7 6 3	♠ 8 5 3 ♥ 5 4 ♦ K J 7 6 ♣ K 10 9 4	
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West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin Holland	Price Lasut	Sacul Hallberg	Simpson Manoppo
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

After identical auctions at each table to three notrump, a club lead would have been fatal. But against Colin Simpson, Munawar Sawiruddin selected the heart nine. Declarer won with his jack and immediately ran the diamond queen. Denny Sacul took his king and shifted to the spade three (when the eight would have been a better choice). South now erred. He should have won the trick, cashed the heart king, overtaken the heart queen with dummy's ace, and played on diamonds. At the worst he would have lost two spades and two diamonds. But declarer played a low spade. West won with his queen and could have shifted effectively to a club. But he was fooled by his partner's low-spade shift, thinking this promised at least one honor in the suit. So West next led the spade king. South won with his ace, cashed three more spade tricks and claimed ten in all: four spades, four hearts, one diamond and one club.

In the Closed Room, John Holland (West) led the heart two. Eddy Manoppo (South) started in identical fashion, winning in his hand and running the diamond queen. But now came the key difference: Gunnar Hallberg (East), a Swede who has lived in England for many years, ducked. And now the contract had no chance.

South tried a low spade, but West won with his queen and shifted to the club two. East took dummy's queen with his king and returned the four, West carefully unblocking his jack.

Declarer ran dummy's spade ten, but West produced the king and played his last club to give the defenders five tricks: two spades and three clubs. Very nicely defended.

Plus 630 and plus 100 gave England 12 international match points.

Calling All Seniors



An Open Forum for Seniors will be held in the WBF Meeting Room (in the basement) on Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

This is an opportunity for all Seniors to express their views about Senior events at World Championships including this one and to look forward to the Senior events in Philadelphia.

Respect will be paid to the memory of the late Chairman of the WBF Senior Committee, Nissan Rand of Israel.

All members of the WBF Senior Committee are invited to meet at 9.30 a.m. in the same room.

Youth Committee Meeting



A meeting of the WBF Youth Committee is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5, in the WBF Meeting Room. All members of the Committee present in Brazil are invited to attend.

Ata Aydin,
WBF Youth Committee Chairman

Women's Committee Meeting

The meeting of the WBF Women's Committee will be held on Saturday Sept. 5 9:30 a.m. in the WBF Meeting Room (Brasilia 3 in the basement – floor SS in the lift), next to the WBF Secretariat. All members are asked to confirm their attendance to Anna Gudge. The chairman is Anna Maria Torlontano.



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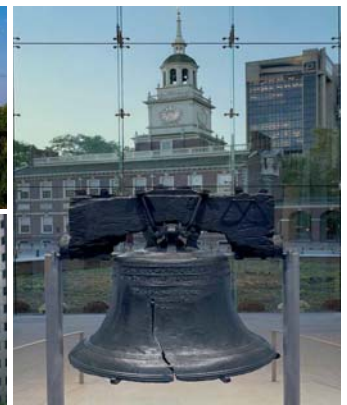
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Schedule of World Championship Events

Friday October 1	6.30 pm – Opening Ceremony	
Saturday October 2	MIXED PAIRS - qualifying 1 & 2	
Sunday October 3	Mixed pairs – qualifying 3 & Final 1 / Mixed Pairs Plate 1	
Monday October 4	Mixed Pairs – Final 2 & 3 Mixed Pairs Plate 2 & 3	
Tuesday October 5	ROSENBLUM/MCCONNELL *(RR)	
Wednesday October 6	Rosenblum / McConnell (RR)	
Thursday October 7	Rosenblum / McConnell (RR)	
Friday October 8	Rosenblum (64) / McConnell (32) Swiss Plate ** SENIORS TEAMS	
Saturday October 9	OPEN AND LADIES PAIRS QUALIFYING 1 & 2 Rosenblum (32) / McConnell (16) Seniors Teams	
Sunday October 10	WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS – RR (5 matches) * Rosenblum (16) / McConnell (8) Open and Ladies Pairs qualifying 3 & 4 Seniors Teams	
Monday October 11	Rosenblum (8) / McConnell (4) Open and Ladies Pairs qualifying (5) / Semi Final 1 [pairs from the Rosenblum (32/16) or McConnell (16/8) may drop into the semi finals] Seniors Teams World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – RR (5 matches) *	
Tuesday October 12	SENIORS PAIRS – Qualifying 1 & 2 IMP PAIRS – Qualifying 1 & 2 ** Rosenblum (4) / McConnell (2) Open and Ladies Pairs Semi Final 2 & 3 World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – RR (5 matches) *	
Wednesday October 13	Rosenblum Final Open and Ladies Pairs Semi Final 4 & 5 IMP Pairs - Qualifying 3 & 4 Seniors Pairs – Qualifying 3 & 4 World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – RR (2 matches) & QF(32) *	
 Thursday October 14	MIXED SWISS TEAMS – Qualifying 1 & 2 WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP * Open & Ladies Pairs / IMP Pairs – Final 1 & 2 (pairs from the QF/SF & F of the Rosenblum and SF/F of the McConnell may drop into the finals) Seniors Pairs – Final 1 & 2 World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – SF (48) *	
Friday October 15	Open and Ladies Pairs / IMP Pairs Final 3 & 4 Seniors Pairs – Final 3 & 4 Mixed Teams Qualifying 3 & Final 1 & Swiss Cup (1) World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – F (48) * World Youth Bridge Individual Championship *	
Saturday October 16	Open and Ladies Pairs / IMP Pairs Final 5 Mixed Teams – Final 2 & Swiss Cup (2) World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – F (16) * World Youth Bridge Individual Championship * 5.00 pm Closing Ceremony	

*18 teams in each event, pre-qualified for Ortiz-Patino Trophy and Damiani Cup. The World Youth Individual Championship is for players eliminated from the Round Robin & Quarter Final of the World Youth Team Championships - new players may be accepted.

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All schedule of play & drop in regulations etc are subject to revision under the Conditions of Contest

VENICE CUP

Round 15



Germany

v

Italy



by Brian Senior

Going into their Round 15 clash in the Venice Cup qualifying round robin, Italy was lying sixth, Germany ninth, both in with a good chance of making it through to the knock-out stages but neither by any means secure. This then was a crucial match for both teams.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K 8 3 ♥ A J 10 8 6 3 2 ♦ 3 ♣ 8 7</p>	<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		<p>♠ Q 9 4 ♥ - ♦ K Q J 9 8 6 5 2 ♣ 6 3</p>	<p>♠ J 6 ♥ K 9 5 ♦ A 7 ♣ K J 10 9 5 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Della Monta</i>	<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Arrigoni</i>
3♥	4♦	4♥	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferlazzo</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>v Arnim</i>
2♥	5♦	5♥	1♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

For Germany, Annaig Della Monta made a weak jump overcall of 3♥, which looks right for that West hand at this vulnerability, and Barbara Hackett raised to game over Gabriella Olivieri's 4♦ call. Gianna Arrigoni made a forcing pass and Olivieri showed her spade support. At the prevailing vulnerability, it seems normal for East/West to think that they have done their bidding and should pass now, as they did.

Della Monta led her singleton diamond and was given her ruff and now switched to a club. That wasn't good enough. Arrigoni could win the club and play a low spade. Della Monta won the king and played a second club but Arrigoni could win and draw trumps ending in dummy to run the diamonds; +420.

After ruffing at the second trick, Della Monta needs to play a heart, forcing dummy, and if declarer leads a club to

the queen and a low spade towards the queen, go up with the king and lead another heart. Declarer cannot use the diamonds now and must fail.

Caterina Ferlazzo made a simple 2♥ overcall and Sabine Auken jumped to 5♦. Gabriella Manara was pushed into bidding at the five level and 5♥, of course, must fail on this lay-out. But Auken could not know that and, once Daniela von Arnim could not double 5♥, Auken felt that she had to take out some insurance by bidding 5♠, doubled by Ferlazzo.

There was potential for a substantial penalty if the best defence could be found but, once again, Ferlazzo led her singleton, collected the ruff, and switched to a club. Von Arnim won and played ace and another spade; down one for -100 and 11 IMPs to Italy.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ 8 7 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ K 9 7 ♣ A Q 9 8 2</p>	<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		<p>♠ 9 4 2 ♥ K Q J 9 7 5 4 ♦ 5 4 3 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ A Q 5 3 ♥ A 8 ♦ 10 8 ♣ K 10 6 4 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Della Monta</i>	<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Arrigoni</i>
Pass	3♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	5♣	Dble	4♦
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		5♦

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferlazzo</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>v Arnim</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
All Pass			2♥

It appears that the Italian North/South pair had a misunderstanding on this one. Clearly, Olivieri meant 3♥ to be natural, similar to a 3♥ opening, while Arrigoni took it as heart shortage with a diamond fit. When Arrigoni rebid 4♦, Olivieri, quite logically, expected a strong hand with long diamonds so, with three-card support and a decent hand in

context, cuebid her club control. Hackett/Della Monta took full advantage of their opponents' error; Hackett doubling 5♣ and that convinced Della Monta that she could afford to double 5♦.

Della Monta led the ace of clubs, ruffed. Arrigoni led the king of hearts to Hackett's ace and Hackett found the best return of a trump. Arrigoni won the ace, ruffed a club, threw her last club on the ♥Q and played a spade, unblocking the jack under Hackett's ace. Hackett led a club, forcing declarer to ruff, and Arrigoni played the ♦Q to the king, ruffed the club return and cashed the ♦J to draw the last trump. Hackett threw a spade on this trick so when Arrigoni now played king and another spade could win and lead a club; down three for -800.

Von Arnim opened 1♠ in her partnership's canapé style and Auken responded 2♦, invitational plus in a major. With no interest facing hearts, von Arnim simply bid 2♥ and Auken had an easy pass. After a heart lead to the ace and diamond switch, von Arnim rose with the ace, crossed to dummy with a club ruff and pulled the outstanding trumps, coming to ten tricks for +170 and 14 IMPs to Germany.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 6 2		♠ A Q 9 8 4									
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West	North	East	South
<i>Della Monta</i>	<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Arrigoni</i>
	Pass	1♠	2♦
3♦	5♦	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferlazzo</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>v Arnim</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Arrigoni overcalled 2♦ – it isn't much of a hand with 11 HCP and a 3-2-5-3 shape, but the suit is good and many players would agree with her decision. Della Monta showed a constructive spade raise and Olivieri took an advance save in 5♦. Though she had almost nothing, she did have five-card diamond support and probably thought that it would be difficult for her opponents to double with their short diamond holdings. She was mistaken, as Hackett judged well to double despite her singleton diamond, ending the auction.

Della Monta led the two of spades. Hackett won the ace and switched to the king of hearts then the ♣2. Della

Monta won the ace and switched back to hearts, playing ace and another. Though declarer could ruff that, there was still a diamond and a club to be lost; down for a second -800 in three boards.

Von Arnim did not overcall. Ferlazzo showed an at least invitational hand with three-card spade support and Manara jumped to game.

Four Spades can be beaten but that requires that the defence lead clubs early, so it is also easy to let it through. However, von Arnim got the defence right, starting with the six of clubs, Polish style. Manara won the ace of clubs and ran the ten of spades to the jack. Von Arnim continued with a second club to Manara's king. She cashed the ace of spades then played three rounds of hearts, hoping to get her diamond away. No luck – von Arnim ruffed the third heart, cashed the ace of diamonds and led a club to Auken; down one for -100 and 14 IMPs to Germany.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Della Monta</i>	<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Arrigoni</i>
	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferlazzo</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>v Arnim</i>
	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Opening style played a part in this one. Manara opened with a multi 2♦ and showed a minimum with hearts in response to the 2NT asking bid. Ferlazzo had an automatic 4♥ bid now. Auken led the queen of clubs. Ferlazzo won, drew trumps and gave up a club, establishing two discards for the spade and diamond losers; 12 tricks for +680.

Hackett opened with a natural weak two bid then showed a maximum with a good suit. Della Monta made the mildly aggressive decision to ask for key cards then, on finding two but no trump queen, to bid the small slam. The contract would have been far better had the maximum contained a minor-suit queen, but it was still playable. You will

read elsewhere about the play options on a neutral lead, but Hackett's job was made easier by Arrigoni's choice of the jack of diamonds. Hackett had an easy time coming to 12 tricks for +1430 and 13 IMPs to Germany.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J ♥ A 10 7 3 2 ♦ 10 7 6 5 2 ♣ Q 2</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ Q 10 8 7 5 4 ♥ – ♦ Q J ♣ A K J 9 7</p>	<p>♠ 9 6 3 ♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 ♦ K 9 8 ♣ 5</p>
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<p>1♥</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>1♠</p>	<p>Pass</p>
<p>2♦</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>3♣</p>	<p>Pass</p>
<p>3♦</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>3♠</p>	<p>Pass</p>
<p>4♠</p>	<p>Dble</p>	<p>All Pass</p>	

<p>1♥</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>1♠</p>	<p>All Pass</p>

Things were looking bleak for Italy but this deal gave them a little respite from the battering.

Both Wests overcalled 1♥ and I wonder how many did so across the three championships and how many preferred to pass. It looks like the sort of hand where I might bid one day and pass the next, depending on my mood. Both Easts responded 1♠, but that was where things changed.

Ferlazzo was facing a non-forcing 1♠ bid so, while not thrilled with spades, passed to avoid giving partner the idea that she had a better hand. One Spade made exactly for +80.

Hackett's 1♠ response was forcing so Della Monta naturally showed her second suit. Now I think Hackett did too much on what looked to be a misfit. Her sequence of 3♣ followed by 3♠ effectively forced to game and Della Monta clearly took it that way as she raised 3♠ to 4♠. Now Olivieri doubled on her undisclosed eight-count and heart stack.

Arrigoni led a club. That gave Hackett a moment's hope, as she could win the queen and get rid of a diamond loser on the ace of hearts before playing the ♠J. But that hope was swiftly dashed as Arrigoni gave her partner a club ruff, got back in with the ace of diamonds and gave a second ruff. There was still a second trump to be lost so the contract was down two for -300 and 9 IMPs to Italy.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K Q J 8 4 2 ♥ Q 10 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ 10 6</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A 10 9 5 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ J 2 ♣ J 8 7 5</p>	<p>♠ 7 3 ♥ K J 7 4 ♦ A K Q 7 4 3 ♣ 2</p>
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<p>2♠</p>	<p>3♦</p>	<p>4♠</p>	<p>5♣</p>
All Pass			

<p>2♦</p>	<p>3♦</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>3♥</p>
<p>Pass</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>All Pass</p>	

If Board 15 was good news for Italy, the final deal featured a great team effort from the Germans. First, Della Monta opened a natural weak 2♠ and Hackett jumped to game over Olivieri's overcall, giving Arrigoni a tough problem against vulnerable opponents who must be assumed to expect to not go many down. Arrigoni solved this by bidding her strong six-card suit.

Della Monta led the king of spades. Hackett knew what to do so made certain by overtaking with the ace and cashing the ace of hearts before reverting to spades. Arrigoni ruffed and cashed the top clubs but found that there was a loser there; down one for -50.

At the other table, Ferlazzo opened with a multi and now Manara could not pre-empt in the same way on the East hand. Auken overcalled 3♦ and Manara passed. That gave von Arnim the opportunity to make the truly inspired bid of 3♥, which suited Auken very nicely as she raised to game. Von Arnim must have awaited the appearance of dummy with some trepidation – might the raise be on only honour-to-three hearts? No, that was a very nice dummy, thank you very much partner.

Ferlazzo led the king then queen of spades, ruffed, and von Arnim led a heart to the ten and jack. Manara ducked and von Arnim continued with a low heart off the dummy. Manara took her ace this time and must have been surprised to see partner follow with the queen. No matter, it was only the overtrick. Von Arnim had 11 tricks now for +450 and 11 IMPs to Germany. They won the match by 57-21 IMPs, 23-7 VPs. That moved Germany up to seventh and dropped Italy to eighth with six rounds of qualifying to go.

VENICE CUP

Round 14



Sweden

v

Egypt



The Sands of Time

by Mark Horton

The Sands of Time is a 1988 action novel by Sidney Sheldon. A best-seller, it follows the adventures of four women who are forced to leave their Spanish convent for the outside world of threat, violence and passions. The eight players in this important match between two of the teams trying to stay within reach of a place in the quarter-finals found themselves embroiled in a set of deals that featured some of the most testing hands of the tournament.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lily	Midskog	Maud	Bertheau
		1♣	Dble
1♥	2♥*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Holding four trumps, East was in no hurry to lead her singleton and she started out with the jack of clubs. Declarer won with the ace and played a spade to the queen, a diamond to the ten, and the king of spades. East does best to duck this, intending to win the next spade and play two rounds of diamonds, after which declarer cannot arrive at more than nine tricks. However, East took the ace of spades, West discarding the six of hearts and exited with the jack of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played the king of diamonds to East's ace. Now East fatally exited with the eight of clubs, allowing declarer to score a trick with the ten (a diamond would keep the defenders ahead of the game). The hand was over now, declarer being able to cross to dummy to pick up East's trumps, +620.

If we go back to the point where East erroneously took the ace of spades declarer can make the contract by un-

blocking the nine of spades from dummy! Now declarer wins the heart exit and plays the king of diamonds. She wins the diamond exit and plays a heart. It does not help East to ruff, so say she will discard a diamond. Declarer wins and now runs the ten of clubs. East wins, but that is the last trick for the defence.

The unblock is needed because otherwise in the four-card ending envisaged above East can exit with the four of spades locking declarer in dummy. (And you thought it was only the players who had problems analysing the hands!)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Philippe	Andersson	Hamdy
		1♦*	Dble
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

This time East led the queen of clubs and declarer won, cashed another club and ruffed a club. She played the queen of spades and when that held she played the jack of diamonds to the queen and ace. She won the heart switch in dummy and played a diamond to the nine. Now the winning line is to ruff the last club with the nine of spades, cash the master diamond and then play the jack of spades. However, declarer ruffed the club with the jack of spades and the 4-1 trump break spelled defeat. When she played the nine of spades East took the ten and played a diamond. Declarer could win and but East had to take two more tricks, +100 and 12 IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



East led the three of hearts and declarer won in hand and cashed her other top heart on which West discarded a seemingly innocuous nine of clubs. Declarer now tried a low club and when East went in with the jack the defence was in a precarious position. East exited with her spade and declarer won with the queen. She can hardly be blamed for ignoring the possibility that she was being made a present of the contract so she continued with the queen of clubs and a relieved West won with the king and switched to a diamond leaving declarer with only eight tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Philippe</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>
	2NT	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Play started in an identical fashion, but this time West discarded the six of spades on the second round of hearts. When declarer played a club East went in with the jack and now had to find a switch to a spade or a low diamond. When she played a second club declarer won in hand with the queen, cashed the ace and the thirteenth club.

With five tricks in the bag declarer needs four more. She exited with the three of diamonds and West won with the king and returned the suit, East winning with the ten. This was the position:

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

When East exited with the seven of diamonds declarer has an elegant way to get home. She must win with the ace of diamonds (!) and play the king of spades. West has to duck and now declarer can exit with a diamond forcing East to give the last two tricks to dummy. The winning defence is for East to exit with a spectacular queen of diamonds or a more mundane spade, subsequently unblocking the queen of diamonds under the ace.

Declarer can prevent this by exiting with the nine of diamonds rather than the three. Then she covers West's diamond return with the jack and East cannot avoid the end-play after West has been forced to duck the king of spades.

However, declarer won the diamond exit with the jack, cashed the ace and had to lose two spade tricks for a flat board.

Board 30. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lily</i>	<i>Midskog</i>	<i>Maud</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
		1♠	3♠*
4♣	4NT*	5♣	Pass
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

South's intervention, promising a solid minor and looking for 3NT led to an exciting auction. Six Clubs rated to go three down, but East led the ace of diamonds and then continued the suit. Luckily for the defence declarer still had only eleven tricks, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Philippe</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>
		1♠	2♣
3♣	3♥	4♥*	Pass
4♣	5♣	Dble	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

South started with two rounds of clubs and declarer ruffed, drew trumps and played a diamond to the ace and a diamond, +450 delivering 8 IMPs.

Sweden had won 41-15 IMPs, 21-9 VP, but with time running out both teams were still a long way from a qualifying spot.



Seniors Committee

There will be a meeting of the Seniors' Committee on Sunday, Sept. 6, at 10 a.m. in the WBF meeting room.

The Most Surprising Flat Board

by Phillip Alder

There have been a lot of flat boards in this tournament, but probably none stranger than this one from the Bermuda Bowl match between Argentina and China Long Zhu.

Board 9. Dealer North. East-West vul.

♠ Q 7 5 ♥ Q J 8 7 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ J 6 5	♠ K 10 9 4 ♥ 5 ♦ J 10 9 7 ♣ A K 9 7	♠ A 6 2 ♥ K ♦ K Q 8 6 ♣ Q 8 4 3 2	♠ J 8 3 ♥ A 10 9 6 4 3 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ 10
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West <i>Lambardi</i>	North <i>Fu</i>	East <i>Ventin</i>	South <i>Zhao</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♥
All Pass	Pass	Dble	Redble

West <i>Wang</i>	North <i>Pellegrini</i>	East <i>Zhuang</i>	South <i>Ravenna</i>
Redble	1♣	1♦	Dble (a)
All Pass	1♠	INT	2♥

(a) Four-plus hearts

In the Closed Room, where Wang Weimin (West) failed to double two hearts, he led the diamond ace, then shifted to a club. Declarer Pablo Ravenna won with dummy's ace, cashed

the club king for a diamond discard, played a trump to the king and ace, and continued with a low heart. West won cheaply and returned a club, South ruffing. Now came a spade to the king. Zhuang Zejun (East) took his ace and led a club, ruffed low. This permitted West to overruff, draw trumps and play a diamond, East claiming the last three tricks with the king-queen of diamonds and a club. That was down four, 200 to China.

Against two hearts redoubled, Pablo Lambardi (West) led the spade five, East winning with his ace. Now shifted to the diamond king, blocking the suit. East continued with a low diamond to his partner's ace, and West switched to a club.

Zhao Jie (South) took dummy's top clubs, discarding his last diamond, ruffed a club in his hand, played a spade to dummy's nine, and ruffed a club low, which West overruffed. The spade queen was taken by dummy's king to give this position:

♠ — ♥ Q J 8 2 ♦ — ♣ —	♠ 10 ♥ 5 ♦ J 10 ♣ —	♠ — ♥ K ♦ Q 8 ♣ 8	♠ — ♥ A 10 9 4 ♦ — ♣ —
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South played a heart to the king and ace, then led his heart ten to guarantee one more trick. The result? Down one, 200 to Argentina – a boring flat board!

Championship Diary



BBO is packing them in. With the most popular time for viewing being around 19.30 GMT a new record of 20,286 was established during the week. One pair stands head and shoulders above the rest so far as audience figures are concerned. When Round 15 started on Thursday more than 3800 spectators were waiting for the bidding to start, more than all the other rooms combined, at the table occupied by Jeff Meckstroth & Eric Rodwell.

A Championship shirt was found in the Open Room. If you can identify the size and colour please claim it from the

Daily Bulletin office.

We are informed that Thursday's IPBA outing to the beach was greatly enjoyed by those who were able to attend and a picture of the group is reproduced here.

For those of us who had to remain at our posts in order to bring you Friday's Bulletin we can only say that it was a pity that the tremendous thunderstorms of yesterday did not arrive one day earlier.

One of the commentators on BBO remarked that North/South might be suffering from Lebensohl Confusion. Does anyone know the antidote?



BERMUDA BOWL Round 16



Bulgaria

v

Argentina



El primer match del sexto día de la competencia enfrentó a Bulgaria- 3° en la clasificatoria - con Argentina - 7° en la clasificatoria – Argentina sentó a Pellegrini-Ravenna en E/O en el abierto y a Bianchedi-Muzzio en N/S del cerrado. El match prometía un excelente nivel de juego y ninguno de los dos equipos decepcionó a su audiencia.

Las primeras 6 manos dieron a Argentina 6 IMPs por sobrebazas, cuando apareció el primer swing de la mañana:

Mano 23: Dador Sur, Todos Vulnerables

♠ 4 ♥ K J 9 7 ♦ K Q J 10 7 ♣ Q 10 3	♠ K Q J 8 6 3 ♥ 10 3 ♦ 5 3 ♣ A 7 6	<div style="text-align: center;"> N O E S </div>	♠ A 5 2 ♥ Q 4 2 ♦ 8 6 4 2 ♣ 9 8 4
	♠ 10 9 7 ♥ A 8 6 5 ♦ A 9 ♣ K J 5 2		

Muzzio ganó la salida con el ♣A de su mano, y jugó ♠Q que fue baza y ♠ al ♠A de Este... Oeste descartó su ♦K. Trendafile volvió corazón, Karaivanov hizo su ♥K y volvió su ♦Q... Muzzio ganó con el ♦A del muerto y terminó de destriunfar quedando en su mano con el ♠J. Dió dos vueltas de triunfo y Oeste estaba en problemas...en el primero descartó un diamante y en el segundo un corazón...para llegar al siguiente final de 5 cartas:

♠ — ♥ J 9 ♦ 10 ♣ Q 3	♠ 6 ♥ 10 ♦ 5 ♣ 7 6	<div style="text-align: center;"> N O E S </div>	♠ — ♥ Q 2 ♦ 8 ♣ 9 4
	♠ — ♥ A 8 ♦ 9 ♣ K J		

Sala Abierta

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Ravenna	Karakolev	Pellegrini	Danailov
1♥	2♠	3♥	1♦
Fin			4♠

Salida: ♥2

El declarante ganó con el ♥A de la mesa, jugó el 10♠ que fue baza y cambió a corazón. Ravenna hizo la baza con su ♥K y jugó su ♦K que Sur tomó con su ♦A, el declarante siguió fallando un corazón con el ♠K de su mano y otro ♠ al ♠A de Pellegrini que volvió diamante al ♦J de su compañero...baza. Ravenna salió de su mano con el ♥J que el declarante falló con la ♠Q y jugó pequeño ♠ al ♠9 de la mesa, terminando de destriunfar. Ahora trébol al ♣A y trébol finesse...sin éxito... para una abajo.

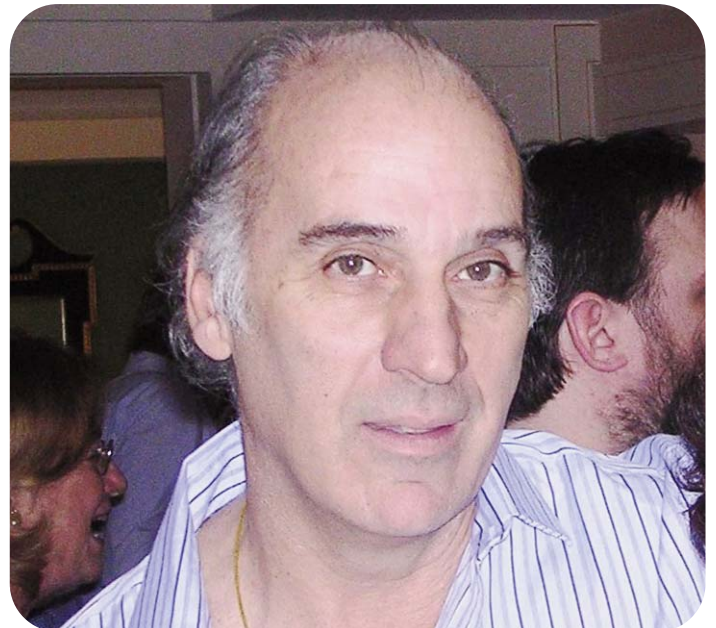
Sala Cerrada

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Karaivanov	Muzzio	Trendafile	Bianchedi
1♦	1♠	2♦	1♣
Paso	4♠	Fin	doblo

Salida: ♣8

Ahora el declarante jugó ♥ al ♥A del muerto, y corazón que falló en su mano...para jugar diamante, poner en mano a Oeste y ganar la mano!!! Este excelente carteo le dio 12 IMPs a su equipo.

En la mano 24, los búlgaros descontaron 11 IMPs...gracias a la subasta, al contratar 4♥ hechos en vez de 3NT con multas... Argentina los recuperó en la mano siguiente:



Ernesto Muzzio, Italy

Mano 25: Dador Norte, E/O Vulnerable

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

Mano 30: Dador Este, Nadie Vulnerable

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

Sala Abierta

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Ravenna	Karakolev	Pellegrini	Danailov
	1♦	Paso	3♥
3NT	Fin		
Salida: ♦4			

Ravenna ganó la baza con el ♦J de la mesa, jugó el ♥J... baza... Norte descartó el ♠6. Siguió con el ♠10... baza... y ♠Q que sobretomó con el ♠A... y ♠J..Karakolev ganó con su ♠K , adelantó el ♣A y ♣8 que Ravenna ganó con su ♣K, adelantó el ♠ firme, el ♥A y jugó su ♦K, Norte tomó con su ♦A... pero N/S solo pudieron hacer una baza mas... Ravenna se tendió...

Sala Cerrada

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Karaivanov	Muzzio	Trendafilov	Bianchedi
	1♦	Paso	1♥
Doblo	1♠	Paso	2♥
2NT	Paso	3NT	Fin
Salida: ♣8			

Muzzio eligió la salida matadora, y cuando el carteador ganó en su mano con el ♣K su destino quedó sellado... sin duda el ♣J lo debía tener Bianchedi... así que Muzzio se sentó a esperar...

El carteador jugó el ♥K... baza... y diamante al ♦J del muerto que fue baza... siguió con ♥J, Sur cubrió con su ♥Q y Oeste ganó con su ♥A. Karaivanov adelantó su ♠A y ♠, ahora Muzzio entró en acción, tomó con su ♠K, jugó chico trébol al ♣J de su compañero que volvió trébol... los dos tréboles restantes y el A♦ sellaron la multa y 12 IMPs para Argentina... bien hecho escribían los que comentan en BBO!!!

En la siguientes manos fueron y vinieron algunos IMPs pero la mano 30 generó un nuevo swing cuando un desentendimiento en la subasta entre Ravenna y Pellegrini los llevó a un contrato de 4♠ que con un buen carteo y viento a favor Ravenna logró cumplir. En el cerrado Bulgaria jugó 3♣ con una multa... en el abierto:

Sala Abierta

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Ravenna	Karakolev	Pellegrini	Danailov
		Paso	Paso
1♠	Paso	3♣	Paso
3♠	Paso	4♦	Paso
4♠	Fin		
Salida: ♣Q			

Ravenna ganó la baza con su ♣K y jugó chico diamante que Karakolev ganó con su ♦A... para volver el ♥A... que entregó el contrato... baza y corazón. El declarante ganó con su ♥K, jugó ♦Q que sobretomó con el ♦K del muerto, y descartó sus dos corazones perdedores en el ♣A y ♦J, siguió con ♠ a su ♠Q, ♠A y ♠ para tenderse y sumar otros 10 IMPs para su equipo.

No hay mal... que por bien no venga... El match finalizó 46 para Argentina y 20 para Bulgaria... ambos equipos dieron un gran espectáculo para los más de 1500 espectadores que los estaban mirando

Reír... El Mejor de los Remedios...

Anécdota G. Chagas II

El Sr. Gabriel Chagas es muy conocido y cuando juega un torneo internacional muchas personas lo saludan y le hablan. Un día su mujer le recriminó:

- Gabriel deberías presentarme cuando la gente que se te acerca...
- Es que no puedo... porque no los conozco...

Una recién casada llama a su madre desde Hawai, en su noche de bodas...

- Hija: Mamá... abandoné a mi marido...
- Madre: Porqué... Que pasó?
- Hija: Se pasó toda la noche de bodas contándome las manos del último Nacional que jugó contigo... cuando llegó a la 22 no di más y lo dejé...
- Madre: Que pena, hija... esa era la mano mas interesante del torneo...