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Tuesday, 19 June 2001

Triple Tie at Top

Dragons invade Tenerife



Belgium and Poland joined Russia at the top of the Open Rankings, Poland having a particularly good day with three good wins. Of the fancied teams, Sweden and England still languish in the bottom third of the table.

Italians, Monica Buratti and Darinka Forti lead the Ladies Pairs after the first final session but favourites, Daniela Von Arnim and Sabine Auken are breathing down their necks in second place and all three pairs from the German Ladies team are in the top eight.

LIVE VUGRAPH MATCHES

Round 6	13.45
Norway v Poland	
Round 7	17.30
Bulgaria v Spain	



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Tuesday 19 June 2001 at 10.00 am
Salón Gran Canarias, Sir Anthony Hotel

The first session of the General Assembly of the European Bridge League will take place today 19 June 2001, 10 am, at the Salón Gran Canarias of Sir Anthony Hotel.

The agenda of the meeting includes the President's report, as well as financial matters (1999-2000 balance sheets, approval of the new membership dues scheme, EBL Budget 2001-02).

The second session of the General Assembly will take place at the same location, on Thursday 21 June 2001, at 10.00 am. Elections for filling four vacant posts on the EBL Executive Committee will take place at this (second) session.

All National Delegates are invited to participate in the General Assembly. Delegates who have not already done so must inform me (c/o EBL Secretariat, Salon Palma de Majorca) of their name and country they represent before the opening of the General Assembly.

Panos Gerontopoulos
EBL Secretary

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OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 6 13.45**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	GERMANY	DENMARK
2	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND
3	ROMANIA	BELGIUM
4	HUNGARY	FRANCE
5	LEBANON	UKRAINE
6	ICELAND	SWITZERLAND
7	YUGOSLAVIA	LUXEMBOURG
8	NORWAY	POLAND
9	ENGLAND	RUSSIA
10	LIECHTENSTEIN	SLOVENIA
11	GREECE	ITALY
12	LATVIA	SAN MARINO
13	CROATIA	PORTUGAL
14	IRELAND	TURKEY
15	AUSTRIA	ISRAEL
16	SCOTLAND	BULGARIA
17	SWEDEN	WALES
18	CZECH REP.	SPAIN

ROUND 7 17.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	DENMARK	FINLAND
2	GERMANY	ROMANIA
3	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS
4	BELGIUM	LEBANON
5	SWITZERLAND	HUNGARY
6	UKRAINE	YUGOSLAVIA
7	POLAND	ICELAND
8	LUXEMBOURG	RUSSIA
9	NORWAY	LIECHTENSTEIN
10	ITALY	ENGLAND
11	SLOVENIA	LATVIA
12	CROATIA	GREECE
13	TURKEY	SAN MARINO
14	PORTUGAL	AUSTRIA
15	SCOTLAND	IRELAND
16	WALES	ISRAEL
17	BULGARIA	SPAIN
18	SWEDEN	CZECH REP.

ONLINE MATCHES**Round 5 Iceland v Switzerland****Round 6 Italy v England**

e-bridge need scorers to help record the play in their selected matches. If you are interested please go to Salon 17 - Santorini. **This is a paid job!**

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 3**

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 DENMARK	HUNGARY	38 - 46	14 - 16
2 UKRAINE	BELGIUM	45 - 34	17 - 13
3 NETHERLANDS	ICELAND	62 - 52	17 - 13
4 LUXEMBOURG	GERMANY	36 - 61	10 - 20
5 FINLAND	NORWAY	4 - 101	0 - 25
6 ENGLAND	ROMANIA	45 - 66	11 - 19
7 FRANCE	SLOVENIA	48 - 44	16 - 14
8 GREECE	LEBANON	50 - 27	20 - 10
9 SAN MARINO	SWITZERLAND	17 - 64	6 - 24
10 bye	PORTUGAL	0 - 0	0 - 18
11 IRELAND	POLAND	27 - 48	11 - 19
12 RUSSIA	ISRAEL	36 - 33	16 - 14
13 LIECHTENSTEIN	BULGARIA	57 - 60	14 - 16
14 SWEDEN	ITALY	43 - 23	19 - 11
15 LATVIA	CZECH REP.	27 - 77	5 - 25
16 CROATIA	SPAIN	63 - 45	19 - 11
17 WALES	TURKEY	36 - 39	14 - 16
18 SCOTLAND	AUSTRIA	42 - 56	12 - 18

ROUND 4

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 BELGIUM	DENMARK	66 - 22	24 - 6
2 HUNGARY	NETHERLANDS	42 - 65	10 - 20
3 GERMANY	UKRAINE	41 - 21	19 - 11
4 ICELAND	FINLAND	69 - 33	22 - 8
5 ROMANIA	LUXEMBOURG	69 - 29	23 - 7
6 NORWAY	FRANCE	39 - 18	19 - 11
7 LEBANON	ENGLAND	25 - 52	9 - 21
8 SLOVENIA	SWITZERLAND	50 - 58	14 - 16
9 GREECE	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
10 POLAND	SAN MARINO	62 - 17	24 - 6
11 PORTUGAL	RUSSIA	14 - 94	0 - 25
12 LIECHTENSTEIN	IRELAND	53 - 58	14 - 16
13 ITALY	ISRAEL	60 - 2	25 - 4
14 BULGARIA	LATVIA	85 - 12	25 - 1
15 CROATIA	SWEDEN	62 - 29	22 - 8
16 TURKEY	CZECH REP.	42 - 34	16 - 14
17 SPAIN	AUSTRIA	63 - 28	22 - 8
18 WALES	SCOTLAND	32 - 50	11 - 19

ROUND 5

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	53 - 58	14 - 16
2 BELGIUM	GERMANY	47 - 36	17 - 13
3 FINLAND	HUNGARY	39 - 54	12 - 18
4 UKRAINE	ROMANIA	54 - 35	19 - 11
5 FRANCE	ICELAND	95 - 41	25 - 4
6 LUXEMBOURG	LEBANON	23 - 56	8 - 22
7 SWITZERLAND	NORWAY	28 - 52	10 - 20
8 ENGLAND	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
9 SLOVENIA	POLAND	21 - 60	7 - 23
10 RUSSIA	GREECE	38 - 54	12 - 18
11 SAN MARINO	LIECHTENSTEIN	55 - 34	19 - 11
12 ITALY	PORTUGAL	36 - 43	14 - 16
13 LATVIA	IRELAND	57 - 22	22 - 8
14 ISRAEL	CROATIA	59 - 38	19 - 11
15 TURKEY	BULGARIA	46 - 39	16 - 14
16 AUSTRIA	SWEDEN	47 - 43	16 - 14
17 CZECH REP.	SCOTLAND	50 - 64	12 - 18
18 SPAIN	WALES	32 - 24	16 - 14

OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 5 rounds

1	Belgium	101.00
2	Poland	101.00
3	Russia	101.00
4	Croatia	98.00
5	Greece	96.00
6	Switzerland	96.00
7	Norway	95.00
8	France	94.00
9	Italy	85.00
10	Romania	85.00
11	Netherlands	85.00
12	Ukraine	81.00
13	Wales	80.00
14	Bulgaria	79.00
15	Hungary	77.00
16	Austria	77.00
17	Czech Rep	75.00
18	Germany	75.00
19	Israel	73.00
20	Lebanon	71.00
21	Turkey	70.00
22	Spain	69.00
23	Scotland	68.00
24	Denmark	67.00
25	Liechtenstein	64.00
26	Sweden	64.00
27	England	64.00
28	Finland	63.00
29	Portugal	61.00
30	Iceland	60.00
31	Slovenia	55.00
32	Ireland	54.00
33	Latvia	45.00
34	Luxembourg	45.00
35	San Marino	45.00



TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

Today and tomorrow morning is the turn of the following teams to have their photographs taken for the EBL database. Would the captains please ensure that **all players** of the team plus the **npc** are present at the LineUp desk as follows:

June 19th

13.15 hrs	Ireland Open	17.00 hrs	Iceland Open
13.20 hrs	Croatia Open	17.05 hrs	Greece Open
13.25 hrs	Bulgaria Open	17.10 hrs	England Open
13:30 hrs	Austria Open	17.15 hrs	Italy Open

June 20th

9:40 hrs	Norway Open
9:45 hrs	Netherlands Open
9:50 hrs	Luxembourg Open

Aggelos Mallios

EBL Photographer

LADIES

2nd Qualifying Session

PAIRS

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Pascaline Delacour from France showed a textbook performance on this hand. She was in 3NT against a spade lead and no opposition bidding.

Dummy's ace won and, trying to reach her hand for the diamond finesse, she led a club to the queen. If East would have the ace, she would probably duck, and with West winning the ace the heart weakness would be protected. West duly won the ♣A but returned a club. Declarer put in the ten, but East won the jack and returned a spade, not unexpectedly.

The rest was plain sailing. The diamond finesse was successfully taken, declarer taking care to unblock the suit. This way, she could cash the last spade as well before getting off play with a low heart to East who had been squeezed in the meantime, having been forced to come down to only one top heart in order to protect her club stopper. However, when the low heart was led off dummy at trick 11, East had to win and to surrender the last two tricks to dummy in clubs again. Well played for a juicy overtrick.

ROUND I
OPEN TEAMS



Italy v Scotland



This proved to be nip and tuck encounter with the lead changing hands several times. Scotland gave a good account of themselves and the match was in the balance until the final deal. Here are some of the highlights.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 8 5 4	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q J 9 7 6
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W E					
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♥ J 6 3	♥ 9 8				
♦ K Q 6 5	♦ J 9 8	♣ J 10 4			
♣ A 2	♣ K 10 3				
	♥ 10 2				
	♦ 10 7 3 2				
	♣ 9 8 7 5				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Whittaker	Bocchi	Steel	Duboin
1♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♣	Dble	1♠	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♣



Willie Whittaker, Scotland

Given the auction, Bocchi was perhaps unlucky to find that his partner's only high card was in spades. East led the queen of spades which was covered by the king and ace. West decided a switch was in order and he selected the three of hearts. Bocchi gave this a long look, clearly considering the winning possibility of playing low and then finding West with ♣Ax. Eventually he rejected it in favour of a possible ♠J10. He had to go one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ferraro	Cuthbertson	De Falco	Matheson
1♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♣	3♥	1♠	Pass
		All Pass	

By stopping a level lower, Scotland ensured a swing. Given how little North needs to find in the South hand to make game I think Bocchi was nearer the mark but it was Scotland who collected the IMPs, six of them in this case.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 8 3	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 9 5 2
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W E					
S					
♥ Q J 10 7 6	♥ 9				
♦ K 8 5	♦ A J 4 2	♣ Q 9 6 5 2			
♣ A 10 8	♣ K J 4				
	♠ J 7				
	♥ A K 8 5 3 2				
	♦ 10 9 7				
	♣ 7 3				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Whittaker	Bocchi	Steel	Duboin
Pass	2NT*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♣*
All Pass		Pass	4♠

It was odds on that North was facing a weak two in hearts but he went in search of game. Some pairs managed to make one, with 3NT by North having fair chances, as the defenders are quite likely to attack with two rounds of clubs, giving nine easy tricks.

Here East also led a club and West took the ace and switched to a trump. That worked well enough here, as although declarer could win, cash the king of clubs and ruff a club, East was able to ruff the second round of hearts to hold declarer to nine tricks, -100.

However, if North's shape had been 6-0-4-3, West's failure to switch to diamonds would have been expensive.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ferraro	Cuthbertson	De Falco	Matheson
		Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Once again Scotland stayed low. West led the eight of spades and declarer won in dummy and cashed his top hearts, getting the bad news. He reverted to spades, pitching a diamond on the third round as West ruffed. he switched to a diamond and the defenders played three rounds, declarer ruffing. When South played a club West put up the ace for one down, -100 and a flat board.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Whittaker	Bocchi	Steel	Duboin
Pass	3NT	Pass	1♥
All Pass			4♥

West led the three of spades and the defence took two rounds of the suit and West exited with a club. Declarer won, drew trumps, cashed two clubs pitching diamonds and played a diamond to dummy's nine. +420

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ferraro	Cuthbertson	De Falco	Matheson
Pass	4♣*	Pass	1♥
All Pass			4♥

Play developed along similar lines, but declarer played a diamond to the king. That would have been the winning play in various situations, but was the wrong one this time. There was a clue in the sense that West did not overcall One Spade, a bid that he might well have made looking at five spades and the ace of diamonds. That game swing to Italy was soon cancelled out.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Whittaker	Bocchi	Steel	Duboin
1♥	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Declarer won the opening diamond lead in dummy and cashed the top clubs, thirteen tricks and +520.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ferraro	Cuthbertson	De Falco	Matheson
1♥	Dble	2♠	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Declarer ducked the opening diamond lead, won the continuation, crossed to hand with a heart and played a club. West put up the queen and declarer won with dummy's ace, returned to hand with a heart and played a second club. When West produced the two declarer was not fooled, going up with the king to score +990.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Whittaker	Bocchi	Steel	Duboin
1♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

When West doubled East decided to stand his ground. He led the queen of hearts and West did not rise to the occasion in every sense of the word by allowing it to hold. In the cold light of day it is easy to say it is obvious to overtake and play a diamond, but the contract was made at several tables. East played a second heart so declarer could claim eleven tricks, +990.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ferraro	Cuthbertson	De Falco	Matheson
1♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

This time East led the jack of hearts - his standard choice from this holding and also from J10 combinations, but with the ten of hearts in his hand West overtook it and returned the two of diamonds. Two ruffs and the ace of clubs later that was one down, +200 and further proof that Italy are a tough team to beat.

ROUND 2
OPEN TEAMS



Norway v Netherlands



For many a bridge supporter in either of these countries, since 1993 things have not been as they were before as far as matches against each other are involved. Late in that year, the two national teams played in one of the few all-European finals ever of the Bermuda Bowl. On that big occasion, the Dutch emerged winners, but for the Norwegians there have been many successes against the Dutch since. So with the balance between the two teams about level, a good match could be expected even at this early stage of the championships.

And a good and at times even instructive match it was! On the first board, the Dutch struck a tremendous blow when they bid and made game at both tables, doubled of course.



Terje Aa, Norway

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ramondt	Helness	Maas	Helgemo
	Pass	2♥	2♠
	Pass	Pass	Dble
5♥			
All Pass			

Maas launched the Dutch variation of the Polish two-suited opening style, which requires a minimum of only four cards in the second suit. After the spade overcall, Ramondt could see that a large number of tricks was available in spades for his opponents, so he made a bold jump to 5♥! This effectively ended the proceedings: the only thing Helgemo could do was to double this, but the contract was unbeatable. A good start for the Dutch: +650 with 5♠ only down one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Paulissen	Aa	Kirchhoff
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

In the Closed Room, a Norwegian equivalent of the Dutch opening toy was not available, so Aa passed. Groetheim's light take-out double made it difficult for his partner, who was holding two aces himself in his passed hand, to assess the situation. He doubled 4♠ only to find out that this could not be defeated. So a good start for the Dutch here as well: +590 with 5♥ on for the opponents.

After this 15-IMP initial swing, a few quiet boards followed. Then came:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ramondt	Helness	Maas	Helgemo
		2♥	Dble
3♣	3♠	All Pass	

Well judged by Helgemo-Helness. Just made, Norway +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Paulissen	Aa	Kirchhoff
		1♥	Dble
2♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			



Vincent Ramondt, Netherlands

A little too optimistic, maybe, by Kirchhoff, but...all is well that ends well. The ♠A was led, followed by a diamond. Declarer won, cashed the top trump and the other high diamond, then excited with a heart to the queen and king. At this point, East must have lost the count of the hand, as we have not yet found a good reason for him to continue diamonds. Still, that is what he did, so suddenly the Dutch could register +420 and 7 IMP's more, extending their lead to 21.

On board 7, only 8 out of 34 pairs managed to reach the grand slam. Probably, the fierce intervention was too much for many of the others. So we just give you the two auctions from this match to judge for yourself.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ K 10 8 7 6 3 2 ♦ A ♣ Q 10 7 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 10 9 3 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 9 8 7 5 4 3 ♣ 6
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	S										
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ramondt	Helness	Maas	Helgemo
1♦	1♥	4♦	Dble
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Groethem	Paulissen	Aa	Kirchhoff
1♦	4♥	5♦	1♣
All Pass			6♥

Certainly, both NS pairs missed their chance here in this match.

Time for Norway to come back, and they did it in great style on two innocent enough looking hands.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A Q ♥ Q 7 5 3 2 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ Q 10 8	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 8 7 ♥ 9 ♦ 10 6 4 2 ♣ A K 9 5 4 3	♠ 10 6 4 3 2 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ J 9 7 ♣ J 6
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W		E										
	S											
		♠ K J 9 5 ♥ K J 10 6 ♦ A K 3 ♣ 7 2										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ramondt	Helness	Maas	Helgemo
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

Straightforward bidding to a straightforward contract. Ramondt led a heart, won by Maas who returned the suit. Helgemo went up with the king, a play that could not possibly cost with the hearts well stopped and the ♥Q probably with West, and might induce the defence into relying more on their routine than on anything else.

The effect was that Maas, on lead again when Helgemo ducked a club to him, returned a heart rather than a spade which would have beaten the contract. →

Ladies Delegates Meeting

This Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 20, at 09.45 in the Salon Atenas (the EBL Meeting room in the Hotel Marco Antonio).

The Ladies Committee and the Ladies representatives from each European country will discuss many aspects of Ladies Bridge in Europe and its future development.

If the Ladies delegates from some countries are not present here in Tenerife, we ask the Presidents of the Federations or the Delegates to the Congress or their appointed representatives to participate in this important Meeting.

Anna Maria Torlontano
Chairman of the Ladies Committee

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goetheim	Paulissen	Aa	Kirchhoff
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

Same bidding, same lead and return, but Kirchhoff made the 'routine' play of the ♠J to trick two. In again with a club, Terje Aa had no trouble in finding the spade switch to beat the contract.

And:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ramondt	Helness	Maas	Helgemo
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Helgemo made the defence look very easy. He led the ♠Q and when this held, switched to his heart within a split second. Ace from Helness, spade back, one down. Almost too easy: Norway +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goetheim	Paulissen	Aa	Kirchhoff
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ showed a major one-suiter. Here too, a top spade (the king) was led and ducked, but then South went into a long huddle. He finally emerged with the ♦8. Terje Aa won this and paused to consider the situation before deciding to lead a club and put up the king! When this held he had all the time in the world to revert to hearts and establish nine tricks.

The line he chose is not 100% but stands out by a mile. What was South's problem? Why did he not play a heart or a club? Why did it take so long? South would probably hold one ace, and did not know how to reach partner. Maybe, he only held a singleton heart and refrained from playing the suit for that reason. In that case, one club trick will do. Well deduced and well executed for +400 to Norway and another 10-IMP gain.

The match ended 33-36 or a 14-16 win to the Netherlands, but both sides had kept themselves very much in the running for later.

Hand of the Day

By Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent

The Norsemen were very impressive when they white-washed Finland 25-0 (104-7) in Round 3 in a match with many instructive hands. Board 18 was one of them:

Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Sitting East-West Tor Helness - Geir Helgemo bid to 4♥ which was the usual contract even if some pairs played in partscores - and one West went one short in 2♥! Both major suits presented declarer with problems, and at many tables West went astray.

The usual lead was ♦Q, and after winning West usually cashed a top trump. At many tables South remembered that ♥8 is a compulsory false card and was rewarded when West continued with ♥Q. South did not do it against Helgemo who continued a heart to ♥A, finessed for the knave, drew South's last trump and "just" had to play the spades with no loser. No problem. ♠Q from the hand finessed the king and scooped the knave. 11 tricks in a contract which failed in the other room. 11 IMPs to Norway.

On VuGraph Swedish Johan Sylvan like Helgemo cashed a top heart in trick two. Here, too, there was no false card, and when he played ♠Q immediately, he got all the news he could ask for, winning his contract. In the other room Duboin got the trumps right, too, cashing ♥K and ♥A but then he played a spade to J, Q and K and was lost. 11 IMPs to Sweden.



Executive Meeting

Wednesday 20 June 12.40

Meeting Room to be advised at the Press Room

Little Anna

Poland have a completely new Women's team at these championships, including a pair who won the Polish Junior Championship, 'Big' Anna Grunt and 'Little' Anna Sarniak. Little Anna showed showed some of the style that has led to their success on these two deals from the third session of the Ladies Pairs qualifying.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West Sarniak	North	East Grunt	South
	Pass	Pass	I♥
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

On a spade lead, 3NT would make exactly, with declarer breathing a very big sigh of relief on discovering that the suit is blocked. However, North led her singleton heart and South won the ace to switch to the queen of spades. Little Anna had little option but to put up the king and when it held she cashed five rounds of clubs and three hearts. That brought South down to the ace of spades and king doubleton diamond. Everything pointed to

the actual position and Anna exited with her remaining spade to endplay South, forcing a lead into the diamond tenace at trick twelve; eleven tricks for +460 and an excellent matchpoint score.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West Sarniak	North	East Grunt	South
I♠	Dble	I♣	I♥
		2♣	All Pass

Again a different opening lead would have made things much better for the defence, with a diamond being the winning choice. However, North tried a low heart and Little Anna rose with the ace and played a spade to the ace then ducked a spade to South's king. South exited with a low heart and declarer ruffed and continued with the king of clubs, a club to the ace and the ten of clubs, pitching a diamond when North played small. A club ruff, a second heart ruff, and the queen of spades meant nine tricks for +140 and another bundle of matchpoints.

The two Annas qualified for the final in a comfortable thirteenth place.

Ladies Transnational Teams Cup

This event will start on Wednesday 20 June at 3.00 p.m. in the Salon Cibeles at the Hotel Marco Antonio, and will end on Saturday 23rd.

The entry fee is just SF 240 for teams of up to 6 players.

This event is new and especially organised to give the lady players who want to play more bridge after the Pairs has finished, the opportunity to remain for the rest of the week enjoying the atmosphere and sunshine as well as extra bridge.

It is Transnational because this means that you can meet with players from other countries while you are here, and arrange to make up a team and play.

The times of play have been carefully arranged to give you plenty of free time to enjoy the sunshine during the day, and a relaxed dinner after play in the evening... play will be from:

10.00 - 12.30 and from 17.30 - 20.00 each day

Ladies, please, you are still in time to form a Transnational Team. We are ready to help you find partners or team-mates – please tell the Director that you are interested in playing and he will try and help you.

The Captains Meeting will be on Wednesday just before the start of play in the Salon Cibeles.

ROUND 3
OPEN TEAMS



Sweden v Italy



The Rama match on Monday morning was Sweden v. Italy. Both teams are considered to belong to the stronger European sides, so a good match was in sight. The initial boards turned out to be rather quiet however, and it took a long time before the first substantial swing could be registered, though rumours are that on Board 1 a big swing would have occurred had the declarer involved not missed a few spade pips...

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♥	All Pass	2♦

For systemic reasons, the well-fitting nature of the N/S hands did not fully come into the picture, so a thin but not unreasonable game was missed. Declarer played very carefully for 8 tricks, 110 to Sweden.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Versace</i>
Pass	3♣	Pass	1♥
All Pass			4♥

A good heart fit was all Versace needed, so he could jump straight to game after the Bergen-type raise. On a spade lead to the ten and queen he immediately took the heart finesse. When this held, a club went to the king and ace. The only other outside loser was a diamond so ten tricks were there on cross-ruff lines. Italy +620 and 11 IMPs.

Transfers to Airport

ALL players leaving from Wednesday, June 20 till Sunday, June 24, needing a transfer to Reina Sofia Airport (Tenerife South) or to Los Rodeos Airport (Tenerife North) MUST fill in their flight details on the schedules near every Hotel Reception Desk.

A few boards later, the Swedes struck back.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A simple weak NT auction and a blind lead for Bocchi. He selected a low heart so Andersson had an easy ride to nine tricks. Sweden +600. Even on a club lead declarer can get home by first attacking the hearts the right way and later knocking out the ♦A, but this looks a distinctly less obvious line.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Versace</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Here the Italians duly reached their 4-4 fit, but were quickly down on a diamond ruff as there was no way to dispose of the eventual spade loser. Another +100 and 12 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Andersson	Bocchi	Gullberg
Pass	1♠	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		Pass

Lead: ♠10. Tricks: 11 with the help of a repeated spade finesse after the ♣Q drops. Italy +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Lauria	Sundelin	Versace
Pass	1♦	1♠	All Pass

Ten tricks, Sweden +170, but 7 IMPs to Italy. At this point, the teams were level at 20-20, but then came two big swings to Sweden:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Andersson	Bocchi	Gullberg
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

For once, the Italians failed to exploit the full trick-taking potential of a hand. 2♦ showed a heart suit and 2NT was a strong relay. 3♦ was transfer again, and 4♥ showed a six-card suit without an outside control.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Lauria	Sundelin	Versace
	Pass	1♣	1♦
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6NT	All Pass

The Swedes had no problem. In the strong variation of the 1♣-opening both the spade and heart suits were duly shown, after which Sundelin took control of the bidding and placed the contract in the right denomination and from the right side of the table.

Sweden +1020 and 11 IMPs when both tables failed to make a trick with the ♦A.

And, next board:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Andersson	Bocchi	Gullberg
		2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♣ showed both majors and 2♦ was a relay. 3♦ showed a maximum with longer spades. The final contract is quite normal, but on the actual layout needs an inspired line of play to be made. It certainly was not Duboin's day as he, on a diamond lead and a trump to dummy, tried to establish the spades by playing low away from the ace to the jack, queen and king, thus incurring two ruffs for a swift down two. Sweden +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Lauria	Sundelin	Versace
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Here, the Swedes reached the same contract in more orthodox fashion, and Sylvan received the same diamond lead. He had other views on the desired line, however. He won the ♦K, cashed the ♥K and then produced the ♠Q, which held the trick and, more important, pinned the jack. From then on, it was all over. Heart to the ace, ♥9 covered by the jack (if Versace does not cover declarer can draw all the trumps and then quietly run the spades) and won by the queen, and another spade. Versace can ruff whenever he wants and take two club tricks, but Sylvan would always be in control thereafter.

Well done, and a fully deserved 420 or 11 IMPs to Sweden. The final result: 43-23 or 19-11 VPs to Sweden.

LADIES

3rd Qualifying Session

PAIRS

The Russians Volina-Romanovska reached the end of the first stage of the championship easily winning the qualification. They are certainly playing well, but they had a fair share of good fortune as well. As so often, luck goes with those who are doing well... Will it be true? Let's have a look, that's why we are here...

The pair is playing Polish Club.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Volina</i>		<i>Romanovska</i>	
1♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The normal contract. The play, however, had a few surprises in store for us. South made the automatic lead of her fourth best heart, the five. Declarer won the jack with her queen and continued carefully with the ♦8 to dummy's ace (please note the subtle preserving of the three which might become an extra entry to dummy later on) and went on to take the diamond finesse of the jack, receiving good news and bad news: ♣3 by South. After 30 seconds of adjusting the line of play, declarer put a cunning, innocent-looking ♠10 on the table, which was run and left undisturbed. (question: did not South have two entries, one to clear the hearts and one to enjoy them later? The next generation will give the hard verdict on that), When the ♠10 held, Romanovska continued with a spade which South had to duck, as a second spade trick would already bring declarer's tally to nine tricks. When dummy's ♠K won the trick, repeating the club hook would have been sufficient to get home safely, but Romanovska

wanted to play on a little more, so she led a diamond to the king, South discarding a heart, a heart to the ace and then the ♣Q (oops) to the ace and a club to South. After winning the ♣K and a couple of hearts and the ♠A, South had to bring the ♠Q home to Russia.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Volina</i>	<i>Corral</i>	<i>Romanovska</i>	<i>Carmona</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
3♣	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Believe me, there are people who put the alarm clock at 3 a.m. to be able to wake up, run to the table and open the South hand. Clearly, this South player did not bother at all to start bidding early, or even to put the alarm clock at an early hour. Yet, everything went as it ought to have gone, because N/S ended up in 4♠ and E/W in 5♦. Carmona cashed the ♠A and then, knowing she had to switch to clubs, continued the ♣7. This created a conscience problem for North, who did not dare to play her king when dummy stayed low. 5♦ made in one breath.

On the other board at this table the Russians put up a defence that made the opponents understand immediately how tough this contest was:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

2001 Zonal Championships Book

Brian Senior is producing a book with news, results and action from all of this year's Zonal Championships, including a full list of the qualifiers for Bali.

Available in early August, the book will be approximately 120 A4 pages.

See Brian in the Daily Bulletin Office to order your copy. The price here in Tenerife is Ten Pounds Sterling or the equivalent in any major currency, post free.

West	North	East	South
Volina	Corral	Romanovska	Carmona
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ forcing

⁽²⁾ relay

We don't argue any more, everybody can play the systems he likes best. The important thing to reach a worthy enough contract, and 3♣ did not at all look bad. But if...

East led a low spade and North, attracted by the illusion of discarding dummy's heart immediately, played three rounds of the suit. Volina ruffed the third round and returned a low heart without a flicker. Declarer put up the nine and Romanovska's jack was ruffed in dummy. When a diamond was led to the king, East won the ace and led another spade. Dummy threw a diamond and Volina ruffed again only to continue with the ♣AJ to lock declarer in dummy. A diamond thus had to be lost in the end: down one.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Volina	Barlund	Romanovska	Niemisto
1♥	2♣	Dble	Pass
4♣ ⁽¹⁾	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ autosplinter

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The redouble in clubs, showing first-round control of the suit, certainly was a setback to Volina's aspirations. A moment before, she did not exclude the possibility of playing a grand.

So now, ladies and gentlemen, the spotlights are on North who might reach immortality (or am I exaggerating a bit here?) by leading a low diamond. Barlund, from Finland, as North caressed the ♣K, a diamond, a spade, to be honest she caressed nearly all her cards before leading the...♠10. Curtains.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Volina	De Ianni	Romanovska	Orioli
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣ ⁽¹⁾	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Drury

Do you remember we were talking just now about waking up at 3 a.m.? Here we have a case where there are North players who would put the alarm clock at 2 a.m. to be able to open this hand. In third position, Romanovska obstructed the auction by opening 1♠. Partner enquires about the type of opening but the intervention and the radio silence from opposite bring her to better ideas. The contract is not the best we have ever seen and, after the club lead from East, races one down at great speed. Probably it could have gone down even more, but this scarcely mattered as 100 was one of very few entries in the right hand column of the score sheet anyway.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West Volina	North Beccuti	East Romanovska	South Tamburelli
2♦	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Do we want to talk about it? Let's talk. Against the Multi, the Italians play a defence in which Double shows a good opening hand stressing the hearts, whereas a first-round pass followed by a double would show the same type but stressing the spades. So, 2NT looks more or less worthy. After the first six tricks were taken by the opponents it suddenly looked much less worthy. Yes, Romanovska did not lead the fourth best card of her longest suit, but the first...

Board 24. Dealer West. None.

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

West Volina	North Beccuti	East Romanovska	South Tamburelli
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

A nice hand by Romanovska who knows by experience that, against an auction like this, opponents will lead a major suit 90 times out of a hundred. In fact, because this unwritten law is in existence, it might have been a good idea to lead a club with the South hand. Apart from that, partner can hold a stopper or the suit may be divided in such a way that the defenders cannot take sufficient tricks.

When South put the ♥Q on the table, Romanovska did not relax, but started to cash the whole battery of diamonds. The defenders discarded too many spades, so even a third overtrick was made. 3NT+3. Really too much...

Ladies Pairs Prize Giving

The Ladies Pairs Prize Giving will be held on Tuesday 19 June at 19.45 hours in the poolside area of the Mediterranean Palace Hotel.

All the participants in the **Ladies Championships - Ladies Pairs, Ladies Teams and Ladies Cup**, together with the **Delegates to the Congress, the EBL Officials and Executives** and the **Local Authorities** and the **Press** are kindly invited to participate in the Prize Giving and at the cocktail immediately afterwards.

Championship Diary

The Editor reports on the daily events at and around the Championship venue.

Monday 18 June 2001

Belgium were off to flying start in yesterday's opening match in the Open Series, gaining a measure of revenge for their quarter final defeat in Maastricht by thumping England 25-2. Ron Tacchi promptly announces that he expects England to move up the table.

Bill Pencharz is the first to risk getting egg on his face by being brave enough to make his predictions as to who will qualify.

Justin Hackett is here to Captain England I in the Senior Team event. His salary can be judged by the fact that he is spotted scoring one of the e-bridge VuGraph matches.

The Press Room is always busy but so far there is only one phone, no fax and not enough computers. The minimum bribe level to use one of the Daily Bulletins machines is currently set at one bottle of Torres - but keep in mind these are inflationary times.

Staff members either love or hate the piped music. We particularly enjoy the William Tell Overture at 08.40 and the first movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony at 13.50. We will let you know if we are still enjoying them in two weeks time.

Please let us know if you are planning to visit the Adam & Eve swimming pool because we would like Ron Tacchi to be on hand to take pictures for the bulletin. We leave you to work out why the pool is so named.

Youngest Reader



Our youngest reader, the child of Hnatova Daniela of the Czech Republic Ladies Team and the npc Franz Milan

LADIES	FINAL	PAIRS
1st Session		

1	BURATTI MONICA	FORTI DARINKA	ITA	58.45
2	AUKEN SABINE	VON ARNIM DANIE	GER	56.93
3	HOOGWEG FEMKE	VAN ZWOL WIETSK	NET	55.47
4	TOMASZEWSKA W	WOJTYRA ANNA	POL	55.42
5	CAPODANNO LUCIA	BONORI MARISA	ITA	55.40
6	NEHMERT P	RAUSCHEID A	GER	54.60
7	DUBUS MONIQUE	BESSIS VERONIQUE	FRA	54.40
8	STAWOWY BARBARA	FARWIG KATRIN	GER	54.35
9	ERDEOVA' JANA	HNA'TOVA DANIEL	CZE	54.10
10	LACROIX F	POULAIN C	FRA	53.22
11	ROSI TIZIANA	BACOCOLI ANTON	ITA	53.14
12	SARNIAK ANNA	GRUNT ANNA	POL	52.94
13	POPLILOU MATILD	NOSACKS MICHAL	ISR	52.78
14	SVER NIKICA	PILIPOVIC MARIN	CRO	52.58
15	GROMOVA VICTORI	KONICHEVA ELENA	RUS	52.38
16	PASMAN J	SIMONS A	NET	52.36
17	VARENNE MYRIAM	HUGON ELISABETH	FRA	52.11
18	SENDACKA	NERONOWICZ	POL	51.80
19	PISCITELLI FRAN	PAOLUZI SIMONET	ITA	51.45
20	BIRMAN DANIELA	LIBERMAN RUTH	ISR	50.84
21	ROMANOVSKA MARI	VOLINA VICTORIA	RUS	50.42
22	CROCI GIOVANNA	FERE' MARIALUIS	ITA	50.38
23	DUMON SYLVIE	CLEMENT MURIEL	FRA	50.07
24	BACKSTROM S	KOISTINEN R	FIN	49.87
25	CIVIDIN SARA DE	COLONNA ORNELLA	ITA	49.62
26	MORETTI RENATA	SAUTAUX MONIKA	SWI	49.44
27	HELLEMANN ANNE-	MALINOWSKI ANNA	NOR	49.40
28	RAIM BAULT SIMO	MOUTTET MANUELA	FRA	48.26

LADIES	CONSOLATION	PAIRS
1st Session		

1	GONZALEZ HONTOR	LEON PILAR	SPA	65.14
2	MEEHAN PATSY	O'NEILL PETRA	IRE	63.89
3	AYSEGUL GATTENI	MEHUES PISAK	TUR	60.29
4	PANTLE-RIECHERT	VON MALCHUS PET	GER	59.80
5	PENFOLD S	SENIOR N	ENG	59.16
6	SACCAVINI ILARI	FRANSOS MARINA	ITA	58.52
7	BAK CLAARTYE	BUHET WIL	NET	58.42
8	KERR BERYL	CURTIS CATHERIN	ENG	58.26
9	CARMONA IRENE	CORRAL MARI CAR	SPA	55.85
10	FARHOLT STENSE	RAHELT MARIA	DEN	55.79
11	HIRCHENAUT TONY	CRONIER BENEDIC	FRA	55.55
12	DELACOUR PASCAL	BATTIN BRIGITTE	FRA	55.03
13	SPELMAN BETTY	DEBETS MARJOLEI	NET	54.78
14	BENHAMON LILIAN	MAITRE ELISABET	FRA	54.76
15	FISHPOOL CATHER	GIRARDIN S	FRA	54.41
16	CANESI MARINELL	D'ANDREA MARISA	ITA	54.40
17	RENOUX MARIE	MENIL RACHEL	FRA	53.88
18	MACIESZCZAK MAR	SINEK MIRA	POL	53.48
19	SERF MARIANNE	KITABGI ANNEMAR	FRA	53.13
20	SKOPINSKA E	WYCROTKOWSKA G	POL	52.83
21	GROMOLLER HELMI	FELLA GUDRUN	GER	52.67
22	PEDERZOLI GIULI	FUSARI EMANUELA	ITA	51.94
23	GIANNINI SILVIA	AZZIMONTI ANNAR	ITA	51.57
24	BETTIOL FABRIZI	BRUCCULERI ANNA	ITA	51.32
25	ZANINOTTI DANIE	AZZONI PATRIZIA	ITA	51.10
26	KIRK FAY	FORD JANINE	ENG	50.76
27	POKORNA' JANA	SVOBODOVA' PAUL	CZE	50.64
28	PEIRCE ROBERTA	CAGGESE ANTONEL	ITA	50.50
29	ROVERA LAURA	GIANARDI CARLA	ITA	49.35
30	AASAND TONJE	HELNESS GUNN	NOR	49.31
31	VANUZZI MARILIN	TORIELLI VANESS	ITA	49.10
32	GIACOMA M.PAOLA	BENEDETTI ROBER	ITA	48.95
33	ANCHISI PAOLA M	COLOSIMO CARMEL	ITA	48.32
34	MCCREADY ANGELA	BENTLEY DETTA	ENG	48.31
35	PANADERO MARIA	CARVAJAL MARIAN	SPA	48.07
36	PANELLA ANA	FRANCO MARTA	SPA	48.03
37	GALMOZZI FRANCA	BRAMBILLA ROSAL	ITA	47.76
38	FARINA ZAMPATTI	FARINA ANNAMARI	ITA	47.75
39	DE IANNI TANIA	ORIOLE ALESSAND	ITA	47.42
40	NARCZONA	KA'SA	HUN	47.18
41	NAPOLI VITTORIA	GUARIGLIA MARIA	ITA	46.63
42	RUSSO ESTER BEC	TAMBURELLI ROSA	ITA	46.48
43	SAMY BRIGITTE	LASSALLETTE ISA	FRA	46.02
44	CATZEFLIS GENEV	BARRAS LYA	SWI	46.00
45	SAXON NETTA	DAN ORA	ISR	44.99
46	CORBEEL DENISE	MINTIENS DIANA	BEL	44.42
47	FARKAS RUTH	KIRSCH ANALIA	ISR	44.41
48	BARLUND B	NIEMISTO R	FIN	44.40
49	HABBARD	BROCHARD	FRA	43.27
50	BALDI ELMA	LEVONI MARINA	ITA	43.26
51	MOEN VIGDIS	FOSSAN BODIL	NOR	43.19
52	PERLIA INGRID	ZIMMERMANN MARI	GER	42.97
53	MARIOTTI ORIANA	BIANCHI VALERIA	ITA	41.95
54	MARTIN PALOMA	NICOLIAS-CORREA	SPA	41.80
55	FLEISCHMANN URS	GABLER NORA	AUS	41.42
56	MOSCATELLI GABR	BASILICO PIERA	ITA	39.96
57	DE RESCHKO GALA	SUAREZ MARGARA	SPA	33.62

EBL Seniors Congress

Mr Nissan Rand announces that the EBL Seniors Congress will take place at 17.30 on Wednesday June 20th in the Appeals Committee Room in the Congress Centre (adjacent to the registration area). The President of the WBF and all EBL Executive Members, members of the EBL Seniors Committee, Captains of the Seniors Teams, Presidents and Senior Officials of all NBOs, Senior Players, those interested in EBL Seniors affairs and the press are all invited.

Agenda

Roll Call

Facts on the 4th European Seniors teams Championship: number of boards per session, etc.

Future EBL Senior events:

Brighton, England, August 13-17, 2001.

Warsaw, Poland, August 25-31, 2001.

Prague, Czech Republic, November 16-20.

The Senior event in Bali, October - November 2001.

Senior events in 2002: Israel, Malta, Italy, England, Poland, France and the Czech Republic.

Selection of members for the EBL Seniors Committee 2001-2003.

Any Other Business

Appeal No. 1

Netherlands v Finland

Appeals Committee:

Jens Auken (Chairman, Denmark), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Naki Bruni (Italy), Grattan Endicott (England).

Ladies Pairs Qualifying 1st session
Board 15. Dealer South. North/South Vulnerable.

♠ 9 8 5 4 ♥ 9 7 ♦ 10 6 ♣ K 7 6 5 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q J 10 7 ♥ 3 ♦ K J 9 3 2 ♣ Q 10 8	♠ 6 2 ♥ K Q J 10 2 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ A J 9
West Van Zwol	North Bäkström	East Hoogweg	South Koistinen
Pass Pass 3♣	1♠ Pass All Pass	Pass Dble	1♥ 2♠ Pass

Comments: 1♥ is 8-1 IHCP, unbalanced.

Contract: Three Clubs, played by West.

Lead: ♥3.

Play:

♥A, ♠K, Heart ruff, ♠A, Heart, on which West discarded a Spade.

Result: 8 tricks, N/S +50.

The Facts:

Before deciding what to do on the third round of Hearts, West consulted the Convention Card and read that the opening of 1♥ was explained as being "unbalanced". Since she could not imagine that South might hold 2 Clubs, she discarded a Spade. She told the Director that she would have ruffed with the King if she had known that South could be 5332.

The Director: Found that there was no damage.

Ruling: Result Stands.

Relevant Laws: Law 40C.

East/West appealed.

Present: All players.

The Players:

North/South explained that with a 5332 in a Major they can open either 1NT or 1 of the Major, and they realize that this is not "unbalanced".

West explained that she realized North held all the remaining points, and that the only distribution that was possibly unbalanced in South was with singleton or void in clubs. That meant that the contract was doomed, and she discarded a spade to guard against trumps being 5-0. She had thought about this play for a long while and was quite surprised to find a 5332 distribution in South. She had not asked any further questions, solely relying on the mention UNBAL on the Convention Card.

The Committee:

Confirmed that a 5332 distribution is not unbalanced. West had therefore been misinformed. However, West should have realized that the first ruff had been with the 8, which meant that North had made a very strange false card if she had more than three clubs. If declarer had realized this, she would have asked again and discovered that North/South did indeed consider a 5332 worthy of a 1♥ opening.

Furthermore if the clubs are 5-0 the contract will always go two down because North can lock declarer in dummy by a spade. If clubs are 4-1 she will always go one down, so West was not damaged.

The Committee's decision:

Director's ruling upheld.

North/South receive the standard penalty of 10% of a top and are asked to correct their Convention Card.

Deposit:

Returned.

Appeals Committee notice to players

- (1) In one of the early appeals heard in Tenerife a defender had ruffed with the 8 of trumps when two lower cards were missing in the trump suit. This should have made declarer suspect the information she had been given about the distribution of the hand. It was a typical case where a player is expected to protect herself by asking a question. Neglecting to protect herself (when she can reasonably be expected to do so) can affect her case with the Director and the Appeals Committee.
- (2) Playing with screens it should also be noted that a defender does not convey unauthorized information to partner by asking a question of her screenmate with the aperture closed.
- (3) During the play period the required procedure is to close the screen aperture while the question is asked of the player's screenmate. A player only receives explanations and information from his/her screenmate. No information is to be asked of, or given by, a player on the other side of the screen concerning explanations given or received.

LADIES

Final First Session

PAIRS

Twenty-eight pairs qualified for the three-session all-play-all final of the European Ladies Pairs Championships. We start with a look at the defending champions, Elisabeth Lacroix and Catherine Poulain of France. They were up against Germany's Andrea Rauscheid and Pony Nehmert.

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Poulain	Nehmert	Lacroix
2♣	3♥	1♦	1♥
All Pass		4♠	5♥

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Poulain	Nehmert	Lacroix
	1♦	Pass	2♣
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

Nehmert cannot be certain of defeating 5♣ but is looking at an 11-count and her partner has made a two-level overcall. She doubles but the defence then has to discard carefully to beat the game after a heart lead and continuation, ruffed by Lacroix. Declarer continues by leading to dummy's ♣9 to ruff another heart, just in case they are 5-3 and this is necessary to isolate the menace. On the third heart, Nehmert pitches a diamond, aware of the danger of dummy's fourth spade being established. Now Lacroix runs all but one of her trumps. Rauscheid throws two hearts, then a diamond and then the two of spades. Declarer pitches dummy's last heart and plays three rounds of spades, ruffing. When Nehmert still has a spade control, the contract has to go one down; -100.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Poulain	Nehmert	Lacroix
			1♠
Pass	2NT	3♣	4♠
All Pass			

As the cards lie, eleven tricks are possible by throwing a diamond on the king of clubs and relying on the ♥Q to be onside. However, that looks a risky line to Lacroix and she prefers to win the club lead, draw two rounds of trumps and throw a heart on the ♣K. Now she plays a diamond to the queen and ace and returns a second diamond for the ten and king. Nehmert returns a diamond so Rauscheid ruffs and cashes her partner's ace of hearts; +420.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tomaszewska	Stawowy	Wojtyra	Farwig
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When Wieslawa Tomaszewska of Poland's 1♠ opening comes round to her, Germany's Katrin Farwig shows a limited (12-15) take-out hand with her 2♣ overcall. When Barabara Stawowy jumps in hearts, Farwig decides that she has enough to spare to try for game. Anna Wojtyra leads a spade to her partner's ace and Tomaszewska returns a second spade. Stawowy wins and plays a club to the ace then a second club, establishing eleven tricks for an excellent +660.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tomaszewska	Stawowy	Wojtyra	Farwig
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	1♥	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	5♦	All Pass

One Club is Polish, showing various handtypes, and the 1♦ response will often but not always be a negative. Three Clubs is natural and shows a strong club type. When Tomaszewska bids diamonds, Wojtyra sees that her hand has great potential and cue-bids before jumping to game in the suit. I am not sufficiently familiar with their style to be sure, but it looks as though Tomaszewska undercooks it a bit by passing 5♦ and the good slam is missed. When clubs divide evenly, declarer claims all thirteen tricks for +440.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tomaszewska	Stawowy	Wojtyra	Farwig
1♠	2♦	1♣	Pass
4♣	All Pass	3♦	4♦

Another Polish Club auction reached another game contract. Tomaszewska won the diamond lead, cashed the blocking king of spades and ruffed a diamond. She cashed the ace of spades then played the queen of hearts to the king and ace. Coming back to the ten of hearts, Tomaszewska was still unwilling to try for the even spade break, fearing that she could get forced if the suit did not split as required. She led a club to the king and ace and Farwig returned a club for Stawowy to ruff; +620.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Romanovska	Grunt	Volina	Sarniak
	1♠	INT	1♦
1♥			2♠
All Pass			

Another Polish pair, Anna Grunt and Anna Sarniak, faced the leading qualifiers, Victoria Volina and Maia Romanovska of Russia. The young Poles stopped safely in 2♠ where Volina cashed the ace of hearts before switching to the ♣J. That went to the queen and ace and Romanovska cashed the king of hearts before returning a club to Grunt's king. Declarer ruffed a heart then led a low spade to her nine and Volina's king. The low spade lead looks like a slight error but with West's queen coming up on the next round it didn't matter; nine tricks for +140.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Romanovska	Grunt	Volina	Sarniak
INT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Romanovska opened a strong no trump then denied interest in diamonds when Volina transferred to the suit. The lead of either major removes declarer's loser in the majors and Grunt's actual choice of a low heart gave the possibility of a tenth trick. Romanovska won the ♥Q and played ace of spades and ruffed a spade the a club to her king and a second spade ruff. When she now came off dummy with a low club, Grunt had to win the trick and she switched to a trump. Two rounds of trumps were won by the defence but declarer had the remainder, dummy's clubs going one on the ♠ and one on a ruff; +130.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Romanovska	Grunt	Volina	Sarniak
5♣	1♣	2NT	Pass
	All Pass		

One Club was the weak no trump version of the Polish Club and 2NT showed the minors. Romanovska just jumped to game, considering a slam hunt to be too difficult to handle with confidence. Grunt led the ace of hearts, hoping to cash quick tricks before dummy's diamonds came into their own but declarer ruffed in dummy then ruffed a diamond. She continued with a spade to the queen and a second diamond ruff, then ruffed a heart and led another diamond off the dummy. Given that clubs are not 4-0, ruffing high and drawing trumps appears to give twelve tricks whenever the ♦A ruffs out or the spades are 3-3, so looks the best play. Romanovska actually ruffed low and down came the ace. She cashed a top spade then ruffed a heart in dummy and the jack of diamonds in hand. The next spade was ruffed by Sarniak who gave her partner a diamond ruff to hold the contract to eleven tricks; +600.

Press Room

The Press Room will open at 09.00 every day and close approximately one and a half hours after the last match of each day has finished. Please note the room is for the use of accredited members of the IBPA only.

SPORTS NEWS

Tennis



Defending men's champion Pete Sampras and women's world number one Martina Hingis are the top seeds for the Wimbledon singles. British number one Tim Henman has been named as the sixth seed for the Championships.

Cricket



An unbeaten 62 from Stuart Carlisle guided Zimbabwe to a thrilling four wicket defeat of India in the second Test in Harare.

Football



Barcelona took the final Champions League place in Spain's Primera Liga by defeating Valencia 3-2 at the Nou Camp on Sunday. Needing a win to snatch fourth place from their opponents, Barcelona were indebted to Brazilian star Rivaldo, who scored a hat-trick, including a spectacular 90th minute winner. Champions Real Madrid, Deportivo and Mallorca take the other Champions League places.

Norwegian international John Arne Riise has joined Liverpool on a five-year contract, but the fee for the £4m-rated midfielder has still to be agreed.

Manchester United target Lilian Thuram has joined Juventus in a five-year deal said to be worth £22m. Parma's French international turned down a move to Old Trafford and Italian rivals Lazio.

Golf



The US Open went to an 18-hole play-off between Retief Goosen of South Africa and Mark Brooks of USA. Brooks bogeyed the final hole of the fourth round and set the target of four under par. Going to the final hole, both Goosen and Stuart Cink were on five under par but, first Cink double-bogeyed the hole to drop out of contention, then Goosen three-putted from twelve feet for a bogey to finish level with Brooks.

Goosen went on to win the play-off, carding dsfgksjd-hdsdff to Brooks'.

Ladies Finals

The Ladies play the last two sessions of the final today in the Imperial Room, the starting times are 10.00 and 15.30. The second and last session of the Consolation Final starts at 10.00 in the Tenerife Room.

Ton Kooijman

