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## Four Different Countries Hold Sway



*A new day dawns*

### LIVE VUGRAPH MATCHES

**OPEN                      ROUND 13                      10.00**

**Israel v Norway**

**LADIES                      ROUND 6                      13.45**

**Netherlands v Israel**

**OPEN                      ROUND 15                      17.30**

**Russia v Italy**

In the Open Series **Russia** and **Norway** have swapped places and they are hotly pursued by **Italy** and **Poland**. **Greece** continues to stay among the leaders and is followed by **Austria** and **France**. There is still no sign of a gap developing, and the tremendous struggle we have been expecting appears to be materialising.

In the Womens Series the surprise leaders are Hungary, ahead of four of the favourites, **Italy**, **England**, **Germany** and the **Netherlands**.

The Senior Teams is headed by the notional second teams of three countries, **Germany 2**, **Italy 2** and **France 2**. Then come **France 1** and **England 1**.

In the Transnational Ladies Teams Cup **Italy 4** have a commanding lead from **Italy 1** and **Israel/Scotland**.

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## OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

### ROUND 11

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	SWITZERLAND	64 - 34	21 - 9
2	LEBANON	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
3	POLAND	FRANCE	54 - 51	16 - 14
4	ROMANIA	RUSSIA	51 - 52	15 - 15
5	LIECHTENSTEIN	FINLAND	83 - 12	25 - 2
6	GERMANY	ITALY	29 - 60	9 - 21
7	LATVIA	NETHERLANDS	54 - 32	20 - 10
8	BELGIUM	CROATIA	56 - 31	20 - 10
9	HUNGARY	TURKEY	35 - 69	8 - 22
10	AUSTRIA	UKRAINE	39 - 14	20 - 10
11	ICELAND	SCOTLAND	27 - 45	11 - 19
12	WALES	LUXEMBOURG	50 - 36	18 - 12
13	SPAIN	NORWAY	60 - 11	25 - 5
14	ENGLAND	CZECH REP	69 - 43	20 - 10
15	SWEDEN	SLOVENIA	76 - 62	18 - 12
16	BULGARIA	GREECE	39 - 53	12 - 18
17	SAN MARINO	ISRAEL	41 - 51	13 - 17
18	PORTUGAL	IRELAND	53 - 43	17 - 13

### ROUND 12

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	bye	DENMARK	0 - 0	0 - 18
2	SWITZERLAND	POLAND	8 - 109	0 - 25
3	RUSSIA	LEBANON	46 - 34	17 - 13
4	FRANCE	LIECHTENSTEIN	72 - 31	23 - 7
5	ITALY	ROMANIA	70 - 24	24 - 6
6	FINLAND	LATVIA	37 - 12	20 - 10
7	CROATIA	GERMANY	20 - 101	0 - 25
8	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY	10 - 62	5 - 25
9	BELGIUM	AUSTRIA	31 - 48	11 - 19
10	SCOTLAND	HUNGARY	21 - 44	10 - 20
11	UKRAINE	WALES	36 - 33	16 - 14
12	SPAIN	ICELAND	18 - 56	7 - 23
13	CZECH REP	LUXEMBOURG	73 - 31	24 - 6
14	NORWAY	SWEDEN	37 - 28	17 - 13
15	BULGARIA	ENGLAND	45 - 38	16 - 14
16	ISRAEL	SLOVENIA	54 - 62	14 - 16
17	GREECE	IRELAND	31 - 21	17 - 13
18	SAN MARINO	PORTUGAL	38 - 42	14 - 16



## TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

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:

### Saturday 23rd June

- 9.40 hrs Russia Open
- 9.45 hrs Slovenia Open
- 9.50 hrs France Open

**Aggelos Mallios**  
EBL Photographer

## OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

### ROUND 13

10.00

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

### ROUND 14

13.45

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

### ROUND 15

17.30

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

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 12 rounds

1	<b>RUSSIA</b>	224.50
2	<b>NORWAY</b>	221.00
3	<b>ITALY</b>	220.00
4	<b>POLAND</b>	219.00
5	<b>GREECE</b>	214.00
6	<b>Austria</b>	211.00
7	<b>France</b>	206.00
8	<b>Belgium</b>	203.50
9	<b>Hungary</b>	200.00
10	<b>Denmark</b>	197.00
11	<b>Israel</b>	196.00
12	<b>Bulgaria</b>	194.00
13	<b>Scotland</b>	186.00
14	<b>Turkey</b>	185.00
15	<b>Wales</b>	184.00
16	<b>Sweden</b>	184.00
17	<b>Germany</b>	181.00
18	<b>Netherlands</b>	180.00
19	<b>Lebanon</b>	178.00
20	<b>Romania</b>	178.00
21	<b>Iceland</b>	176.00
22	<b>Spain</b>	172.00
23	<b>Switzerland</b>	171.00
24	<b>England</b>	171.00
25	<b>Ukraine</b>	168.00
26	<b>Portugal</b>	168.00
27	<b>Slovenia</b>	167.00
28	<b>Czech Rep</b>	167.00
29	<b>Croatia</b>	158.00
30	<b>Finland</b>	151.00
31	<b>Latvia</b>	139.00
32	<b>Ireland</b>	136.00
33	<b>Luxembourg</b>	136.00
34	<b>Liechtenstein</b>	124.00
35	<b>San Marino</b>	122.00

## TRANSNATIONAL LADIES TEAMS

### ROUND 3

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Netherlands	Eng_Bel	20 - 27	13 - 17
2	Eng_Ire	Spain_2	32 - 16	20 - 10
3	Israel	Italy_2	26 - 22	16 - 14
4	Spain_1	Italy_4	19 - 31	11 - 19
5	Italy_1	Spa_Ita	31 - 21	18 - 12
6	Italy_3	Spa_Sco_Ger	8 - 48	4 - 25
7	Spain_3	Isr_Sco	24 - 37	11 - 19

### ROUND 4

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Eng_Bel	Spa_Sco_Ger	13 - 24	12 - 18
2	Spa_Ita	Isr_Sco	20 - 45	8 - 22
3	Italy_4	Spain_3	23 - 7	20 - 10
4	Italy_2	Italy_3	25 - 17	17 - 13
5	Spain_2	Italy_1	25 - 40	10 - 20
6	Netherlands	Spain_1	41 - 29	19 - 11
7	Eng_Ire	Israel	24 - 37	11 - 19

### ROUND 5

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Eng_Bel	Italy_4	14 - 37	8 - 22
2	Italy_2	Spa_Ita	64 - 18	25 - 2
3	Spain_2	Spa_Sco_Ger	17 - 43	7 - 23
4	Netherlands	Isr_Sco	20 - 26	13 - 17
5	Eng_Ire	Spain_3	41 - 0	25 - 4
6	Israel	Italy_3	37 - 23	19 - 11
7	Spain_1	Italy_1	3 - 43	4 - 25

### ROUND 6

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Spain_1	Eng_Bel	28 - 19	18 - 12
2	Italy_1	Israel	18 - 25	13 - 17
3	Italy_3	Eng_Ire	33 - 6	23 - 7
4	Spain_3	Netherlands	0 - 55	1 - 25
5	Isr_Sco	Spain_2	4 - 36	6 - 24
6	Spa_Sco_Ger	Italy_2	24 - 22	16 - 14
7	Spa_Ita	Italy_4	6 - 52	2 - 25

## TRANSNATIONAL LADIES TEAMS after 6 rounds

1	Italy_4	136.00
2	Italy_1	114.00
3	Isr_Sco	104.00
4	Israel	103.00
5	Spain_2	99.00
6	Netherlands	96.00
7	Italy_2	96.00
8	Eng_Ire	95.00
9	Spa_Sco_Ger	90.00
10	Italy_3	78.00
11	Eng_Bel	69.00
12	Spa_Ita	62.00
13	Spain_1	56.00
14	Spain_3	41.00

## LADIES TEAMS RANKING after 4 rounds

1	HUNGARY	79.00
2	ITALY	74.00
3	ENGLAND	74.00
4	GERMANY	73.00
5	NETHERLANDS	71.00
6	Sweden	70.00
7	Austria	69.00
8	Spain	68.00
9	Poland	67.00
10	Israel	65.00
11	Croatia	64.00
12	France	62.00
13	Greece	60.00
14	Russia	59.00
15	Czech Rep	56.00
16	Finland	52.00
17	Wales	48.00
18	San Marino	40.00
19	Scotland	39.00
20	Norway	38.00
21	Denmark	37.00

## LADIES TEAMS RESULTS

### ROUND 3

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	GERMANY	FINLAND	41 - 35	16 - 14
22	ENGLAND	DENMARK	79 - 12	25 - 2
23	bye	FRANCE	0 - 0	0 - 18
24	NORWAY	SWEDEN	19 - 83	3 - 25
25	POLAND	WALES	24 - 48	10 - 20
26	CZECH REP	NETHERLANDS	18 - 75	4 - 25
27	HUNGARY	SCOTLAND	84 - 34	25 - 5
28	SPAIN	SAN MARINO	62 - 113	5 - 25
29	CROATIA	ITALY	43 - 34	17 - 13
30	ISRAEL	AUSTRIA	42 - 36	16 - 14
31	RUSSIA	GREECE	46 - 51	14 - 16

### ROUND 4

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	SAN MARINO	GERMANY	47 - 36	17 - 13
22	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	46 - 37	17 - 13
23	ISRAEL	CZECH REP	29 - 24	16 - 14
24	FINLAND	SPAIN	33 - 25	16 - 14
25	CROATIA	FRANCE	59 - 44	18 - 12
26	DENMARK	RUSSIA	41 - 42	15 - 15
27	WALES	HUNGARY	29 - 72	6 - 24
28	AUSTRIA	GREECE	51 - 18	22 - 8
29	SCOTLAND	POLAND	38 - 74	8 - 22
30	SWEDEN	ENGLAND	69 - 47	20 - 10
31	ITALY	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

## LADIES TEAMS PROGRAM

### ROUND 5 10.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	GREECE	GERMANY
22	RUSSIA	FINLAND
23	SWEDEN	DENMARK
24	SAN MARINO	AUSTRIA
25	SCOTLAND	CZECH REP.
26	NORWAY	ITALY
27	FRANCE	WALES
28	ENGLAND	bye
29	HUNGARY	CROATIA
30	SPAIN	NETHERLANDS
31	POLAND	ISRAEL

### ROUND 6 13.45

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	GERMANY	bye
22	ITALY	SAN MARINO
23	SPAIN	NORWAY
24	GREECE	ENGLAND
25	HUNGARY	DENMARK
26	FINLAND	POLAND
27	CZECH REP.	FRANCE
28	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL
29	WALES	SCOTLAND
30	AUSTRIA	RUSSIA
31	CROATIA	SWEDEN

### ROUND 7 17.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	ISRAEL	GERMANY
22	POLAND	GREECE
23	AUSTRIA	FINLAND
24	bye	NETHERLANDS
25	WALES	NORWAY
26	SAN MARINO	CROATIA
27	DENMARK	CZECH REP.
28	RUSSIA	SWEDEN
29	FRANCE	HUNGARY
30	ENGLAND	ITALY
31	SCOTLAND	SPAIN

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## ONLINE MATCHES

OPEN ROUND 13 10.00

**Israel v Norway**

LADIES ROUND 6 13.45

**Netherlands v Israel**

OPEN ROUND 15 17.30

**Russia v Italy**

**SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 1**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	CROATIA	SWEDEN	13 - 80	0 - 25
42	GERMANY 1	GERMANY 2	27 - 44	11 - 19
43	MALTA	IRELAND	31 - 47	11 - 19
44	SCOTLAND	NETHERLDS	2 - 46	4 - 25
45	ISRAEL 1	ISRAEL 2	20 - 30	13 - 17
46	ENGLAND 2	ENGLAND 1	25 - 37	12 - 18
47	FRANCE 2	FRANCE 1	46 - 17	22 - 8
48	WALES 1	WALES 2	49 - 42	16 - 14
49	NORWAY	SWITZERLAND	24 - 25	15 - 15
50	PORTUGAL	LEBANON	51 - 14	24 - 6
51	POLAND 1	POLAND 2	29 - 10	20 - 10
52	CZECH REP.	BELGIUM	48 - 14	23 - 7
53	ITALY 2	ITALY 1	52 - 22	22 - 8
54	bye	SPAIN 1	0 - 0	0 - 18

**ROUND 2**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	CZECH REP.	CROATIA	30 - 35	14 - 16
42	PORTUGAL	ENGLAND 2	14 - 39	9 - 21
43	IRELAND	WALES 1	22 - 20	15 - 15
44	ISRAEL 2	SWEDEN	16 - 40	9 - 21
45	ITALY 1	bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
46	POLAND 2	GERMANY 1	21 - 23	15 - 15
47	LEBANON	SCOTLAND	35 - 26	17 - 13
48	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	32 - 45	12 - 18
49	GERMANY 2	SPAIN 1	44 - 15	22 - 8
50	SWITZERLAND	ITALY 2	28 - 35	14 - 16
51	WALES 2	BELGIUM	40 - 25	19 - 11
52	ENGLAND 1	FRANCE 2	20 - 15	16 - 14
53	FRANCE 1	MALTA	69 - 1	25 - 0
54	ISRAEL 1	POLAND 1	24 - 41	11 - 19

**ROUND 3**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	CROATIA	ENGLAND 1	12 - 46	7 - 23
42	SWITZERLAND	POLAND 2	40 - 27	18 - 12
43	WALES 1	NETHERLANDS	31 - 32	15 - 15
44	bye	CZECH REP.	0 - 0	0 - 18
45	MALTA	ISRAEL 1	22 - 37	11 - 19
46	BELGIUM	PORTUGAL	67 - 27	25 - 5
47	ITALY 2	ISRAEL 2	40 - 13	22 - 8
48	SWEDEN	GERMANY 2	23 - 45	10 - 20
49	ENGLAND 2	POLAND 1	8 - 22	12 - 18
50	SPAIN 1	FRANCE 1	1 - 63	1 - 25
51	NORWAY	FRANCE 2	5 - 36	7 - 23
52	GERMANY 1	LEBANON	52 - 9	25 - 5
53	SCOTLAND	IRELAND	31 - 42	12 - 18
54	ITALY 1	WALES 2	70 - 13	25 - 2

**SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 4****10.00**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	GERMANY 1	CROATIA
42	SPAIN 1	BELGIUM
43	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN
44	ISRAEL 1	ENGLAND 1
45	IRELAND	ITALY 1
46	FRANCE 2	SWITZERLAND
47	FRANCE 1	bye
48	CZECH REP.	ENGLAND 2
49	POLAND 2	WALES 2
50	POLAND 1	SCOTLAND
51	GERMANY 2	LEBANON
52	PORTUGAL	ITALY 2
53	ISRAEL 2	WALES 1
54	MALTA	NORWAY

**ROUND 5****13.45**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	PORTUGAL	CROATIA
42	POLAND 1	FRANCE 2
43	SWEDEN	CZECH REP.
44	ITALY 1	GERMANY 1
45	WALES 1	MALTA
46	LEBANON	SPAIN 1
47	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL 1
48	ENGLAND 1	POLAND 2
49	BELGIUM	NORWAY
50	WALES 2	ISRAEL 2
51	ENGLAND 2	ITALY 2
52	SWITZERLAND	FRANCE 1
53	bye	NETHERLANDS
54	IRELAND	GERMANY 2

**ROUND 6****17.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	CROATIA	SWITZERLAND
42	WALES 2	LEBANON
43	CZECH REP.	ENGLAND 1
44	MALTA	PORTUGAL
45	NETHERLANDS	IRELAND
46	ITALY 2	POLAND 1
47	ISRAEL 2	ITALY 1
48	GERMANY 1	BELGIUM
49	FRANCE 2	GERMANY 2
50	NORWAY	bye
51	POLAND 2	FRANCE 1
52	SPAIN 1	SCOTLAND
53	ISRAEL 1	SWEDEN
54	WALES 1	ENGLAND 2

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## SENIOR TEAMS RANKING after 3 rounds

1	GERMANY 2	61.00
2	ITALY 2	60.00
3	FRANCE 2	59.00
4	France 1	58.00
5	England 1	57.00
6	Sweden	56.00
7	Czech Rep.	55.00
8	Poland 1	54.75
9	Netherlands	52.00
10	Ireland	52.00
11	Italy 1	51.00
12	Germany 1	51.00
13	Switzerland	47.00
14	Wales 1	46.00
15	England 2	45.00
16	Israel 1	44.75
17	Belgium	43.00
18	Norway	40.00
19	Portugal	38.00
20	Poland 2	37.00
21	Wales 2	35.00
22	Israel 2	34.00
23	Scotland	29.00
24	Lebanon	28.00
25	Spain 1	27.00
26	Croatia	23.00
27	Malta	22.00

## CALLING ALL JOURNALISTS

There will be a General Meeting on Monday morning, 25th June, at 09.30 in the Salon Gran Canarias in the Hotel Sir Anthony, adjacent to the swimming pool. It will include the Clippings Draw and an open discussion on points of particular interest to Journalists.

An outing to the volcano will follow the meeting. This will include lunch. Note that the start time of the outing has been brought back from 11.00, the time in the official Programme, to 10.30. This is to ensure that all journalists will be back by 17.00 in good time for the 17.30 match. The bus will leave from the Cleopatra hotel, outside reception on the 1st floor.

Will all those who intend to go put their names on the list in the Press room.

Also remember to register in the Press Room for the Journalist Pairs. This is going to be played on Tuesday evening at 20.30. in the Tenerife room, the Cleopatra hotel. This is where the Senior Championship is being played.

## Hand of the Day

By Svend Novrup, e-bridge correspondent

It required perfect timing and drawing the correct conclusions from the bidding to land 6♥ on Board 15 of Round 9. Yoram Aviram from Israel stood up to this challenge with one of the most brilliant pieces of declarer play we have yet seen in these Championships.

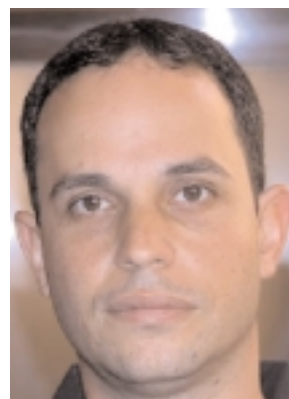
Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nanev	Barel	Mihov	Aviram
			1♥
2♦	3♥	Pass	3NT
4♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

3♥ was pre-emptive while 3NT was a spade cuebid. South's pass of 5♦ was forcing, and when North did not double South boldly bid one for the road and then had to justify his decision in the play.

### Yoram Aviram – a brilliant declarer play



West opened ♦K which was ruffed, followed by an immediate ♣10. West made the slight mistake of covering with the queen but South would have made his contract anyway. He later ruffed a club in dummy, ruffed a diamond and continued with ♣K which West refused to cover. Aviram discarded from dummy, ruffed a third club and took a finesse of the ♥10. The fourth club was covered by ♣A and ruffed with ♥K. Another heart finesse followed by the ♥A, and declarer's hand was high; 1430 to Israel.

In the other room the Israeli pair was doubled in five losing 300; 15 IMPs to Israel.





# INTERVIEW

## *A Direct Line with Eric Kokish*



*Canadian, 54 years old. Married to Beverly Kraft, member of the Canadian Women's team. They have a 13-year old son, Matthew, who is a very good baseball player. His Star sign is Taurus. He made his debut in the Canadian national team in 1974, winning two Bermuda Bowl silver medals, in 1978 and 1995. He started being a trainer/coach in 1985. He is also a journalist and a writer.*

**Q. What is more gratifying for you, being a trainer/coach or a journalist?**

A. Certainly being a trainer/coach, because it opens the way for me to make friends in all parts of the world and to contribute to the improvement of world bridge. What is more, the satisfaction you get when your teams are obtaining good results is immense. Take for example the 1995 Bermuda Bowl, in which all seven or eight teams of which I had been the trainer qualified for the quarterfinals, and also the 1985 Bermuda Bowl, where my team, Brazil, reached the semifinals on my debut as a trainer, after a round-robin without defeat, with Chagas not playing and where I had to make the decision to field the Sampaio brothers two days before the start of the championships. In that semifinal, we were playing a very strong US team and were leading with one board to play. The audience was completely on our side. Yet, we failed to make it into the final, but nevertheless I will never forget these really wonderful moments.

**Q. What would you not do again if you could start all over again?**

A. First of all: being a bridge player. After all, it might have been better for me to dedicate to a so-called normal job and, taking into account that I graduated in Law, it would not at all have been a bad thing had I become a solicitor instead of a bridge pro. The only other thing I regret is having got my son, Matthew, whom I adore, a little bit late.

**Q. Of all your adventures, travelling around the world, which ones have impressed you most?**

A. I am thinking of two occasions, but very different ones. In 1983 I went to India with the Canadian national team to participate in an international tournament. We were staying in a very luxurious hotel, but you only needed to put your nose outside the door to find yourself surrounded by indescribable misery. This unjust and disconcerting contrast I will never forget. It made me feel guilty to a certain extent. A few years ago I was in Indonesia with my whole family. The idea was to stay there for two years but, as it happened, after six months the revolution got underway. My wife had returned to Canada a few days before to help her father who had fallen ill. My son and I, together with some 30 people who were working for me, were forced to stay in the country for another six weeks, under constant military supervision and almost completely broke: the local currency had lost more than three-quarters of its value and as a consequence I could not even pay those who had worked for me.

**Q. Can you describe for me what the main quality of the good player has to be?**

A. To know that you have to play only one hand at the same time. You should never think about what has happened before, and even less about what might happen later.

**Q. And of the good trainer/coach?**

A. To know that every bridge player has his own characteristics, which should be respected. This means that it is the trainer, and not the player, who has to adapt himself.

**Q. And of the good journalist?**

A. To enter the mind of the player and explain the reasoning behind the choices made. He should not restrict himself to criticism only and, I should add here, he should be able to take himself not too seriously.

**Q. You have three adjectives to define yourself.**

A. Fat, smiling, sympathetic.

**Q. What would you change in the bridge world?**

A. I would rise the age limit for the Seniors to 65 and I would also forbid juniors to play in Junior events once they made their debut in the Open Series. Furthermore, I would sweep away all this complexity of regulations that contributes to making bridge more and more inhuman and illogical.

**Q. Your ideal woman.**

A. She should have brains, she should be physically attractive, share my way of thinking at least as far as the most important things are concerned, and she should always be smiling.

**Q. Bridge and love go well together?**

A. When you are in love it is very difficult to play well: a few times it will happen, but normally it is a disaster. In fact, during important international competitions it is much better that wives and fiancées stay at home.

**Q. When you shave in the morning and look in the mirror, what do you think?**

A. That after all I am not bad inside, but distinctly fat outside.

**Mabel Bocchi**

**SESSION 9**  
**OPEN TEAMS**



**Belgium-Russia**



The early afternoon's match on Rama was between Belgium, who once again made a good start, and Russia, who had an even better start and were among the leaders at that moment. So yet another interesting match could be expected, and so it turned out.

On Board 1, the Russians nearly fell overboard in the Closed Room, but in the end just managed to land in a makeable contract. On Board 2, however, they struck back:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Petrinin	Van Middellem	Gromov	Engel
		1♠	Dble
2♥	3♣	4♠	All Pass

On a club lead, dummy threw a heart. North won the ace and returned a trump, but declarer won, noting the fall of the jack, ruffed a club in dummy, crossed in diamonds and ruffed another club. He thus lost a club, a heart and a diamond and just made ten tricks; Russia +420.

But what happens if South leads a trump? It looks that declarer will be left with four losers, as he can never enjoy the established ♦Q.



Alexander Petrinin, Russia

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Kaplan	Kholomeev	Polet	Zlotov
		1♠	Dble
Pass	INT	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, the play started along the same lines, but declarer played more safely as he only had to make nine tricks; Belgium +140, but 7 IMPs to Russia.

The score stood at 14-3 to Russia when Belgium registered a first swing:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Petrinin	Van Middellem	Gromov	Engel
		1♣	Pass
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
1♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
3♦	Pass		All Pass

The problem for the defence here was to avoid being thrown in. South led the ♠7, won in dummy with the king. Gromov next took the diamond finesse. This lost and a spade came back, won by declarer with his ace. When declarer next cashed his ace of trumps, South has to throw his ♥K to avoid the throw-in. When he did not, it should have been plain sailing for Gromov, but it was not, surprisingly enough. ♦AK throwing a spade, and hearts. South is forced to play a club, on which it suffices to play dummy's ten. When Gromov let the ♣8 run to his queen, he was one down after all; Belgium +100.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Kaplan	Kholomeev	Polet	Zlotov
		2♣	Pass
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
3♦	Pass		All Pass



At this table, South led a diamond, making declarer's life easy, eleven tricks and 13 IMPs to Belgium. The match had a new leader.

At a few tables, they did beat 4♥. One of the successful pairs in finding this defence were Hungary's Laszlo Szilagyi and György Szalay. From the bidding, they knew that declarer had a 21-22 NT type hand. On the ♠7 lead, dummy's king won and Szilagyi dropped the queen, top of his sequence. The diamond finesse followed, losing to the queen and South continued spades to declarer's ace. Two top diamonds followed, dummy discarding a spade, and then came the ♥A. Now it was time for Szalay to count the points in declarer's and partner's hand. From the play so far, it was clear that North, having shown up with the ♠QJ already, could not hold more than an extra queen or so. As declarer had refrained from the heart finesse, this extra queen might well be the ♥Q and not the ♣Q. If this were really the case, it was necessary to unblock the ♥K now to avoid being thrown in with it and forced to lead clubs away from the ♠Aj. Good reasoning, well executed, one down.

It should be noted that declarer cannot afford to ruff his last spade when South does not unblock: South ruffs with the ♥K and North's ♥Q will score separately.

The Belgian lead would not last for long:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Petrinin</i>	<i>Van Middellem</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Engel</i>
1♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Well, the Strong Club with its relays saw the Russians reach the proper contract. When South could not return a heart after being left on play with his ♥K, an overtrick was born; Russia +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Polet</i>	<i>Zlotov</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Dble
6♦	All Pass		



Guy van Middellem, Belgium

Well, the contract is too high, but double-dummy you cannot go down. Kaplan had a problem, however, when the ♥K appeared on the first round of the suit. With nothing to guide him, he let South on play, hoping for the blank ♥K. He was in good company for sure, as a world-famous Polish player at another table followed the same line in the same contract, but he guessed wrong as the cards lay; one down, some justice done and 10 IMPs to Russia.

Did anyone reach game on the next board?

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

On Rama, neither team succeeded:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Petrinin</i>	<i>Van Middellem</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Engel</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	INT	Pass
	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Polet</i>	<i>Zlotov</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♦	Dble	Pass	INT
	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Why then include this hand in the report? Well, as a tribute to Jansma and Verhees from the Netherlands. Playing against Poland's Pszczola/Kwiecien as N/S, the auction started the same as in the Closed Rama Room, but after 3♦ Jansma simply did not pass, but he reraised to 4♦ and Louk Verhees gratefully accepted. Well done by them!

Back to the Rama business.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Petrinin</i>	<i>Van Middellem</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Engel</i>
2NT	3♥	4NT	7♥
All Pass			

Well, this was a quick and efficient auction, worth +2210.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Polet</i>	<i>Zlotov</i>
2♣	2♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Well, this was a slow and inefficient auction, worth only +1460. Once again, some justice done; 13 IMPs back to Belgium.

The fastest way to the grand was shown by the Ukraine N/S pair against Italy. When West did not open, North invented 3♥ and South had an automatic raise to seven. The whole bidding and play of the board took about 30 seconds.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Petrinin</i>	<i>Van Middellem</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Engel</i>
2♦	3♥	Pass	1♥
3NT	4♥	5♦	3♠
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
All Pass			5♥

When Zvi Engel could open One Heart, the Belgians were in a good position to judge what to do right from the start of the auction. As it turned out, they might even have gone all the way to six, but Guy Van Middellem, one of the safest players of the hemisphere (no matter which one), decided to call it a day after Engel had made one more slam try by first passing and then pulling the double.

Scoring +680 proved more than enough, for this is what happened in the Closed Room:

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Polet</i>	<i>Zlotov</i>
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♣
3♣	4♣	4♦	2♥
5♦	Dble	All Pass	4♥

Probably, North should have realised that his trumps were too meagre to double 5♦ and that his four trumps to the king might well be just what partner was looking for. From the bidding, South will be short in diamonds anyway.

One down, 100 to Russia but another 11 IMPs to Belgium who had taken the lead, 40-33.

On the very next board, the outcome hinged on the lead.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Petrinin</i>	<i>Van Middellem</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Engel</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South could not possibly find the lethal diamond lead and led a heart. Thus, declarer gained a vital tempo. He won the queen and first played ♠AQ (North having to duck the queen) before ducking a club. When the clubs behaved, he had nine tricks; Russia +600.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Kaplan	Kholomeev	Polet	Zlotov
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

For North, finding the diamond lead was much easier: he could stick to the golden rule of fourth best (or, in this case, the ten) from his longest suit, diamonds. A tempo behind, declarer cannot come to nine tricks before the defenders get five; Russia +100 here and 12 IMPs back. The lead had changed hands again: 45-40 to Russia.

Two boards later, both teams missed a good chance, but full credit to Russia for making life difficult for their opponents.

**Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.**

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

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Petrudin	Van Middelme	Gromov	Engel
		Pass	1♣
2♦	Dble	3♥	3NT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

2♦ was Multi, but we will never know what would have happened if Engel had doubled 3♥. There were just ten tricks as a diamond can be given to East after ducking spades twice.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Kaplan	Kholomeev	Polet	Zlotov
		Pass	1♣
2♠	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When Zlotov gave preference to the general nature of his hand over the four-card major, the slam possibilities were effectively gone. No score on the board.

The match ended 55-40 or 18-12 VPs to Russia.

**SPORTS NEWS****Football**

Olympique Marseille have avoided relegation from the French First Division. The French Football Association (LNF) had earlier ruled that the club would have to drop down a division because of their £25m debts. But Marseille appealed against the decision and the LNF have changed their mind after the club's main shareholder, Robert Louis-Dreyfus, gave financial assurances. Roy Hodgson has quit FC Copenhagen to take over the managerial reigns at Serie A side Udinese. He replaces Luciano Spalletti, who was appointed in March following the departure of Luigi De Canio.

**CONCACAF World Cup Qualifying Group**

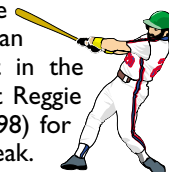
Costa Rica	2-1	Jamaica
USA	2-0	Trinidad & Tobago
Honduras	3-1	Mexico

<b>FINAL ROUND</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Pts</b>
USA	5	13
Costa Rica	5	10
Honduras	5	8
Jamaica	5	5
Mexico	5	4
Trinidad & Tobago	5	1

(Top three qualify for World Cup Finals)

**Baseball**

Barry Bonds has broken two major league records with his 38th homer, including one set by Babe Ruth in 1928, as the Giants overcame San Diego 8-6. Bonds hit a two-run shot in the eighth inning off Rodney Myers to beat Reggie Jackson (1969) and Mark McGwire (1998) for the most homers before the All-Star break.

**Cycling**

Erik Zabel has sprinted to victory in the first stage of the Tour de Suisse.



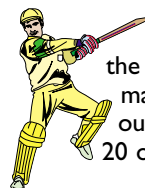
The German, part of team Deutsche Telekom, finished ahead of Italy's, Paolo Bettini. American Lance Armstrong who won Tuesday's time-trial, holds on to the yellow jersey after finishing in the main pack.

**Horse Racing**

The Ascot Gold Cup



- 1 Royal Rebel (J Murtagh) 8-1
  - 2 Persian Punch (T Quinn) 10-1
  - 3 Jardines Lookout (J Fortune) 25-1
  - 12 ran
- Also: 3-1 Fav San Sebastian 4th

**Cricket**

England suffered another crushing defeat at the hands of Australia in their final one-day match of the current series. England were all out for 176 and Australia reached 177-2 with 20 overs to spare.

# Legal Problems

Every newspaper, be it a magazine, a bulletin or just a piece of paper, worthy of its name will incur some number of problems with the Law. A good journalist can never maintain he does his job well if there are no arguments from time to time. We could not escape this rule either. We received and feel obliged to publish the letter below, sent to us by Mr Alfredo Versace's legal representative.



Alfredo Versace, Italy

On behalf of and under responsibility of Alfredo Versace, represented by the undersigned, I am inviting you to publish the following. Following the publication of an article dealing with a play by a certain Mr Lorenzo Lauria with regard to a difficult contract of 3NT, I hereby inform you that, due to an agreement by the parties involved, to any difficult contract of 3NT made by Lauria and published afterwards, there shall be a publication of an identical contract, made by Versace. At this occasion, I have the following material at your disposition:

Round 10. Italy v Belgium. Closed Room.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Carcassonne	Lauria	Labaere
2♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	2♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

<sup>(1)</sup> 18/20 balanced

<sup>(2)</sup> spades (who would have thought that?)

"Mrs. Valérie Carcassonne, North, unfortunately chose the only suit for her lead that might make declarer's life easy, when she put the ♦2 on the table. This card was covered a little all round, until it reached the queen played by my client. After the time needed to make up his mind, my client then crossed to a heart in dummy and led the ♣J, as he did not have the advantage of seeing the opponents' cards. Had he led the ♣2, he would have shortened the play of this hand considerably, but also have robbed us of a story. The above-mentioned card was immediately covered by all, though it would have been better had North left declarer on play with the ♣K. North continued a heart and Versace took all his winners in that suit, causing serious discarding problems to the opponent in the North seat. She found herself squeezed in three suits and, with the writing already on the wall, decided to let go the ♠6 and the ♦7. On the subsequent spade North played the ♠10, Versace put up the king in dummy and Labaere won the trick with the ace. His return of a low diamond was not covered by the declarer and North, left on play with the ♦8, only delayed the end of the play a little by exiting with a low club which ran round to Versace's ♣5. The subsequent ♦A then received the ♦K in his arms with pleasure and the ♦J was the ninth trick."

So much in defence of my client.

Yours truly,

**M. Rosentrance**  
 Bridge&Bridge Solicitors

## The Quiz Show

Book prizes are being offered by Bridge Magazine and Bridge Plus. The winner will be drawn from the correct answers delivered to the office of the Daily Bulletin by 12.00 today. You can also enter by e-mail, using the same address [tenlim@hotmail.com](mailto:tenlim@hotmail.com) that is available for entries to the Limerick competition.

### Today's question

Which team in the Senior Championship might be excused for thinking they had God on their side?

We published this question in Bulletin 2.

Which member of the French delegation might be mistaken for a watchmaker?

The answer of course is the Captain of the French Open Team, **Gerard Tissot**.

The winner of the prize is Germany's **Pony Nehmert**.



## The New Guard

The retirement from international bridge of Pat Davies broke the 20-year partnership of her and Nicola Smith and the devolution of the former GB teams forced apart Heather Dhondy of England and Liz McGowan, a Scot. It seemed sensible for Nicola and Heather to pair up, and they are both in line for a genuine hat trick of three consecutive wins, along with English Ladies team Captain, Jimmie Arthur, a Scot. (As is Liz McGowan)

Two boards from their opening matches showed Nicola and Heather to be in fine form.

### England v Finland

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Savolainen</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Kulmala</i>
1♥	Dble	Pass	INT
All Pass			

First, Heather, an obvious aficionado of Dad's Army, took Corporal Jones catchphrase 'Don't Panic' to heart. That's where the resemblance ended, for whereas Jones always did, Heather,



*Nicola Smith, England*



*Heather Dhondy, England*

on finding an unfortunate continuation, kept her cool.

♥K was followed by ♠4, to the 2, 8 and king. Declarer ducked a diamond to East's ten, and ♥9 went to ♥10 and ♥J. Now Heather continued with ♠7, and as it would have been consistent with the bidding for East to hold ♠Q, declarer ducked in dummy. Three spades, three hearts and a diamond were good enough to defeat the contract.

### England v France

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fishpool</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Hugon</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT			

A low club lead from Nicola Smith was won by Catherine Fishpool with the nine, and she continued with ♣K, then a third to Nicola's ace. Smith found the killing switch of ♠Q to ♠K and, on winning with ♠A, Heather Dhondy switched to a diamond. On taking ♦Q with ♦K, Nicola cashed ♠10, and a third spade to Dhondy's ♠J spelt defeat.





# Appeals No.4 & 5



## Appeal 4

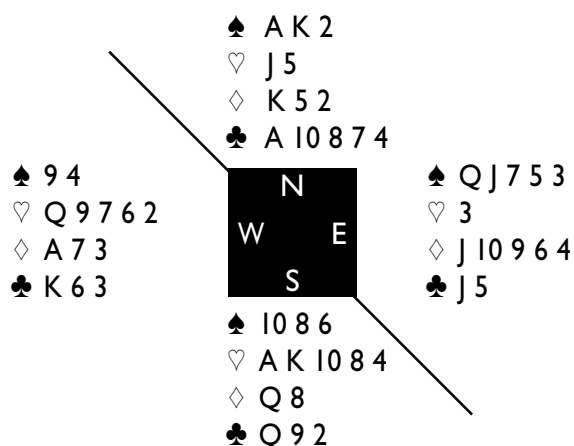
### Appeals Committee:

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### Croatia v Poland

Ladies Pairs Final 1st session

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Sendacka	Sver	Neronowicz	Pilipovic
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥
All Pass			3NT

**Contract:** Three No Trump, played by North.

**Lead:** Jack of Diamonds.

**Play:** North took the third round of diamonds, and then took the double club finesse from the table.

**Result:** 8 tricks, N/S -100.

### The Facts:

West took the first trick and returned the seven of diamonds. After the play to trick three, declarer consulted the Convention Card and asked about the meaning of the seven followed by the three. The reply was "odd number". Since North believed the odd number referred to the remaining number of cards, she thought diamonds were 4-4. Now she thought she could afford to finesse the clubs towards East. North explained to the Director that she would have made her contract by playing differently if she had known that diamonds were 5-3.

**The Director:** Ruled that North had been misinformed and adjusted the score.

**Ruling:** Score adjusted to 3NT making, N/S +600.

**Relevant Laws:** Law 75A, 40C, 12C2.

**North/South appealed.**

**Present:** All players.

### The Players:

East/West explained that it was their system to return the seven from three cards to the Ace. The explanation "odd" refers to the original number and they could not imagine that anyone could misunderstand that explanation.

North told the Committee that she had asked what the seven-three meant and that she had received a reply "odd number of cards".

### The Committee:

Understood that there was a problem of misunderstanding. In some countries it is common to show the number of cards originally held, while in others the remaining number is shown. An experienced declarer should realize that problem and should never arrive in this situation. She should always protect herself. One way of doing that is to write down "A73" and "Ax73" and to make her opponent circle the relevant order of play.

The Committee felt that North had not done enough to protect herself.

**The Committee's decision:** Original table result restored.

**Deposit:** Returned.

## Appeal 5

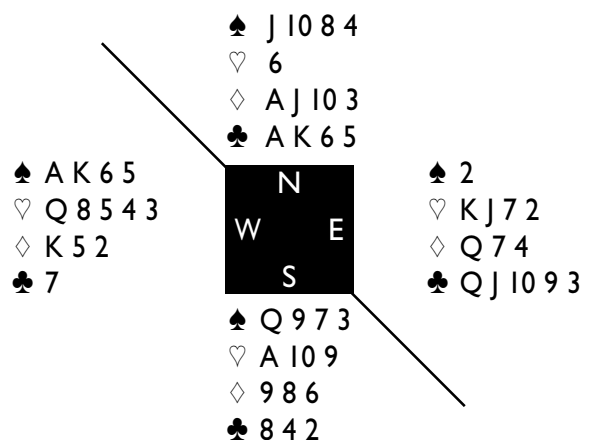
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### Israel v Austria

Open Teams Round 6

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
T. Terraneo	Barel	Simon	Aviram
1♥	Dble	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

**Contract:** Four Hearts, played by West.

**Lead:** Ace of Clubs.

**Play:** Ace of Diamonds, King of Clubs, intending to give partner a ruff thereafter.

**Result:** 10 tricks, N/S -620

### The Facts:

East had explained the bid of Three Clubs as "Trial bid with at least three clubs".

North called the Director because he had based his plan on that explanation, intending to cash the first four tricks. With a different explanation, he would have played differently and defeated the contract.

### The Director:

Discovered that East/West could not demonstrate that the explanation which North had received was the correct one and adjusted the score. The Directors believed the defence to be difficult and checked around the room, finding that 20 out of 27 declarers made Four Hearts.

**Ruling:** Score adjusted to

Both sides receive: 25% of 4♥-1 by West (N/S +100) plus  
75% of 4♥ made (N/S -620)

### Relevant Laws:

Law 75A, 40C

Law 12C3, Code of Practice enabling Tournament Director to award Adjusted Scores under Law 12C3.

### North/South appealed.

**Present:** All players and both Captains

### The Players:

East/West explained that they had recently changed their system and that East's explanation had been the correct one. West had bid as if there had been no double in North. However, they agreed that they could not produce any evidence to support this. East told the Committee that North had asked the same question twice and that the second time he had added that partner might well have forgotten the recent change in system.

North/South explained that the defence actually taken at the table was consistent with the explanation that had been received. With an explanation that better corresponded to Declarer's actual hand, finding a successful line of defence is not difficult. North/South believed they should get more benefit of the doubt than had been given to them.

### The Committee:

Believed that the Director had made a correct decision when ruling that there had been misinformation and damage. The Director should, however, not only have followed the frequency of similar results around the room, but considered the deal on its merits. Given that this defender can picture declarer with a singleton club, a successful line of defence is much more easily found than the awarded weight of 25% would suggest.

The Committee decided the defence would be found more than half of the time and settled on 60%.

**The Committee's decision:** Director's ruling modified

Both sides receive: 60% of 4♥-1 by West (N/S +100) plus  
40% of 4♥ made (N/S -620)

**Deposit:** Returned.

## Miss (almost) no Mistake

by Ib Lundby

**D**orthe Schaltz was the Danish player in 2000-2001 who won the most national master points. Most of them she earned together with her husband Peter, but I guess that the gold points she won in Open Pairs are the ones she appreciated most, because in that event she was runner up together with her 17 years old son, Martin.

In Denmark's match against France in Round 9 (20-10) I kibitzed Dorthe in the Open Room. In my opinion she didn't even touch a wrong bid or a wrong card, but hand 14 was the exception:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ 10 8 3 ♥ Q J 8 5 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ 8 4 2</p>	<p>♠ A J 4 2 ♥ 6 2 ♦ 8 3 ♣ A J 9 5 3</p>	<p>♠ K 7 6 ♥ A K 9 3 ♦ A K Q 5 ♣ 10 6</p>							
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>						
<i>Soulet</i>	<i>Dorthe</i>	<i>Abecassis</i>	<i>Peter</i>						
		1♦	Pass						
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠						
All Pass									

The defence was perfect: ♦A, ♦K, ♥A (♥Q) and a low heart to ♥J. A diamond from West forced North to ruff. What now? This was Dorthe's mistake: She cashed the ♠A and played a spade towards dummy. Abecassis ducked and ♠Q won the trick but left Dorthe with no chance at all, though Abecassis on his side of the screen twice showed an attitude as the hand was made (he didn't expect his partner to have one more trump); one down.

The winning line: Instead of the ♠A Dorthe should have played the ♠J and (when East ducked) continue with a low spade towards the ♠Q. This simple (sorry, Dorthe) play will succeed with the spades 3-3 and the ♠K with East.

In the Closed Room the defence was less accurate against the same contract. East/West cashed only three red-suit winners before shifting to a club, and declarer had an easy task.

## Message from the Appeal Committee

All the appeals that are heard are written up, and numbered consecutively. After the Championships, the complete set will be published on the Web and in a booklet. However, the Bulletin only publishes a selection of Appeals, on the basis of interest and space.

**SESSION 3**  
**LADIES TEAMS**



**Greece v Russia**



Greece had made a useful start to the Ladies Championship and were lying fifth at the end of the first day. In Round 3 they met mid-table Russia in a match full of lively deals.



Elena Khonicheva, Russia

When Victoria Gromova made a pre-emptive raise of her Precision 2♣ opening, Elena Khonicheva made the winning decision by passing and chalking up +110. In the other room, Anna Kaliakmani and Lina Mamidaki bid up to 3NT after a natural 1♣ opening. A heart lead from Victoria Volina meant that the contract hinged on the club finesse. When that failed the contract was down three for -300 and 9 IMPs to Russia.

On another day, of course, with the clubs coming in, the swing would have been 11 IMPs to Greece.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Khonicheva</i>	<i>Ekonomou</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Kanellopoulou</i>
Dble	5♦	Pass	3♦
6♣	All Pass	Dble	Pass

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Kaliakmani</i>	<i>Romanowska</i>	<i>Mamidaki</i>	<i>Volina</i>
Dble	Pass	4♠	4♦
Pass	5♦	5♠	All Pass

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Khonicheva</i>	<i>Ekonomou</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Kanellopoulou</i>
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
			All Pass

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Kaliakmani</i>	<i>Romanowska</i>	<i>Mamidaki</i>	<i>Volina</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Where Liana Ekonomou was willing to raise the 3♦ opening to game, Maia Romanowska preferred to go quietly when her partner opened a level higher - or at least at her first turn. Romanowska waited for her opponents to choose their game then saved in 5♦. Mamidaki took the push to 5♠, which she made exactly for +650.

Ekonomou's immediate jump to 5♦ put extra momentum into the auction and when Gromova made a responsive double Khonicheva judged to bid the club slam. Looking at the ace of clubs, there must have been some temptation for Ekonomou to lead a heart, hoping to give her partner a ruff either now or when in with the trump. However, she preferred to lead a diamond. Khonicheva won the ace of diamonds, throwing a heart from hand, then led a low club for the jack and ace. A heart looks right now but, after much thought, Ekonomou played a second diamond and declarer was home; +1370 and 12 IMPs to Russia.

In Ekonomou's defence, Kanellopoulou had played an unhelpful five of diamonds at trick one, when the two might have suggested interest in hearts.



Liana, Ekonomou Greece

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A ♥ 10 6 ♦ A K Q 10 7 6 ♣ 6 5 4 3	<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		♠ K 9 7 2 ♥ Q J ♦ 5 3 ♣ A 10 9 8 7	
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<i>Khonicheva</i>	<i>Ekonomou</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Kanellopoulou</i>									
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥									
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦									
Pass	5♦	All Pass										

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Kaliakmani</i>	<i>Romanowska</i>	<i>Mamidaki</i>	<i>Volina</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
All Pass	4♠	Pass	6♦

After two identical auctions as far as 4♦, Romanowska judged to show her spade control while Ekonomou did not. That allowed Romanowska, who was looking at controls in both clubs and hearts as well as four-card diamond support, to jump to slam, whereas Kanellopoulou could do no more and the slam was missed; 11 IMPs to Russia. At this point in the match Russia led by 44-6 IMPs and seemed to be heading for a substantial win, however, they were to score only one more IMP, while Greece

picked up a series of swings, including:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 6 ♥ A K Q 9 ♦ Q 6 ♣ Q J 10 8 5 4	<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		♠ K 10 7 ♥ 8 7 5 4 3 ♦ 4 2 ♣ A 3 2	
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<i>Khonicheva</i>	<i>Ekonomou</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Kanellopoulou</i>									
2♣	2♠	Pass	1♦									
3♥	3♠	3♣	Pass									
Pass	Pass	4♥	4♠									
		Dble	All Pass									

Doubling on potential double-fit auctions is a dangerous action as Gromova found out to her cost on this deal. Against 4♣ doubled she led a heart and must have been a little concerned when this got ruffed. Declarer led a club and Gromova won and switched to a trump, which ran to the eight. Ekonomou ruffed a club, ruffed a heart back to hand and cashed the ace of trumps. When West turned up with a singleton spade, there was no reason to take the diamond finesse, playing her to hold eleven cards in hearts and clubs. When Ekonomou dropped the queen she had ten tricks for +790.

Hearts were never mentioned in the other room and Romanowska's more confident jump to game dissuaded Mamidaki from doubling 4♣. Kaliakmani saved in 5♣ and managed to get out for two down; -500 but 7 IMPs to Greece.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Khonicheva	Ekonomou	Gromova	Kanellopoulou
1♥	3♣	Pass	3♥
4♥	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Kaliakmani	Romanowska	Mamidaki	Volina
1♥	1♠	Pass	1NT
2♥	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Ekonomou made an exclusion two-suited overcall then bid her spades at the game level in response to her partner's cuebid. Looking at an ace and Q10xx trumps, Gromova did not choose to double this time - some might think that this was a better opportunity than the previous one, but she perhaps feared that the ♠J would be on her left. She led her singleton heart and Khonicheva won and returned a low heart for her partner to ruff. Unfortunately for the defence, that allowed declarer to pitch her club loser, telescoping two of the defensive tricks into one. There was still a diamond and a spade to come so the contract was still defeated, but only for -100.

Romanowska went more slowly, overcalling 1♠ then showing her diamonds on the next round. She insisted on playing in one of her suits in the face of repeated no trump bids from her partner, and here it was clear to Mamidaki that there would not be an embarrassing spade holding on her left. She doubled and cashed the ace of clubs, ensuring that the contract would be down two for -500 and 9 IMPs to Greece.

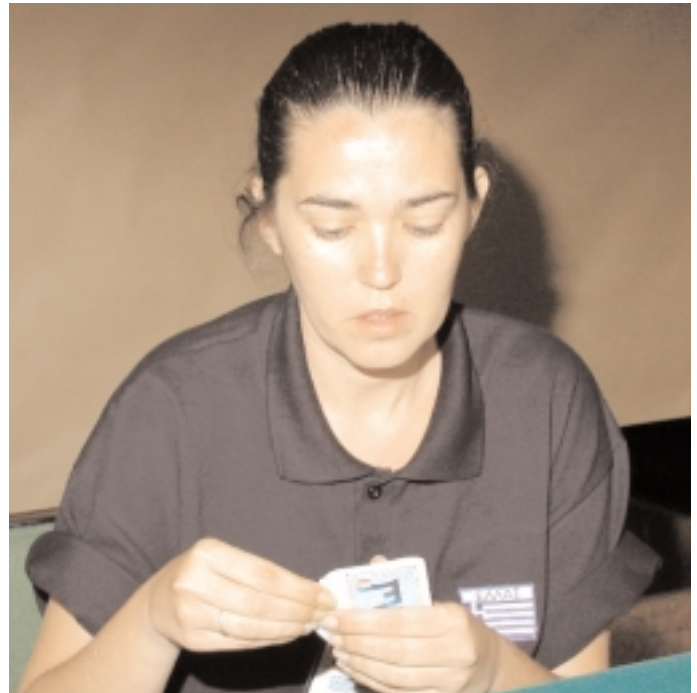
Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Khonicheva	Ekonomou	Gromova	Kanellopoulou
Pass	1♠	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Kaliakmani	Romanowska	Mamidaki	Volina
Pass	1♠	3♥	1♦
5♥	5♠	Pass	4♦
All Pass			6♠

Kanellopoulou showed restraint in not repeating her diamonds until hearing Ekonomou's competitive double. That



Anna Kaliakmani, Greece

worked very well, as 5♦ was unbeatable. Khonicheva cashed the ace of hearts and switched hopefully to ace and another club. The clubs were going away on the spades anyway so that was the best that Khonicheva could do; +600.

Volina could not resist bidding 4♦ on her own, and one has to have sympathy with her. Looking at two top diamonds. Romanowska strongly suspected that her partner would have a spade fit and competed to 5♠ over 5♥. She was quite correct, as 5♥ is only on a winning trump view. The Russians were fated to go minus now and Volina's pushy raise to six cost only 1 IMP. After a heart lead to the ace, Kalikmani cashed the ace of clubs then switched to a diamond; two down for -200 and 13 IMPs to Greece.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Khonicheva	Ekonomou	Gromova	Kanellopoulou
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6NT
All Pass			



West	North	East	South
Kaliakmani	Romanowska	Mamidaki	Volina
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Both teams missed a chance when they could not get to the excellent grand slam. In both auctions, it seems that South still had room for further exploration at the point where she jumped to the small slam; 2 IMPs to Greece for +990 against +940.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Khonicheva	Ekonomou	Gromova	Kanellopoulou
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Kaliakmani	Romanowska	Mamidaki	Volina
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

What is the best way forward after the raise to 4♠? Ekonomou decided to ask for good trumps by raising to 5♠ and that convinced Gromova that it would be worth making a speculative double on the basis of a possible bad trump break. Well, I suppose 1-0 is as bad as it gets, but not quite what Victoria had in mind; +1660 after a club lead.

Romanowska preferred to check on key cards - which would keep her out of slam off two aces. When she found that her partner held one key card, she took the slightly cautious view to ask for the queen of trumps and only bid slam on hearing that it was present. There was no reason to consider a double here; +1430 but 6 IMPs to Greece.

And that last deal decided the match, Greece coming through to snatch a 51-46 IMP victory, 16-14 VPs.

## 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.

## 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.

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## Transnational Ladies Teams Cup

The EBL Executive Committee's idea of staging this event to give the women who wanted to remain in Tenerife for at least a week the opportunity to play more bridge has seen fifteen teams comprising well over sixty players enter the fray.

This is particularly important when you remember that within the Olympic movement all sports are divided into separate events for men and women and it is very important that we encourage the women to develop in their own field.

The prize giving will be held in the playing room on Saturday immediately after the end of the tournament.





## New Blood in EBL Executive



At the second session of the EBL General Assembly held yesterday elections took place for filling out four vacancies on the EBL Executive Committee.

**Radoslaw Kielbasinski** of Poland, **Marijke Blanken Burgers** of The Netherlands, **José Oliveira** of Portugal and **Micke Melander** of Sweden were elected.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held immediately afterwards José Oliveira was unanimously elected Second Vice-President filling the position held by Laurens Hoedemaker.

Before the election, WBF President José Damiani showed the delegates the presentation he and president Rona had made to the European Olympic Committee (EOC) General Assembly last November in Warsaw, Poland. The presentation aimed at explaining to the European Olympic family why Bridge is a true sport rather than a lucky game. The presentation was well received here as it was in Warsaw.

## Championship Diary

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

### Thursday 21 June 2001

One of the Welsh contingent celebrated a birthday yesterday and perhaps that explains why the breakfast room is empty.

You can always rely on someone to report a typing mistake in the Bulletin. Today's informant suggests that we change the heading of this section to Championship Dairy and include references to milk, cheese, eggs etc. We thank him gravely and move on.

So far no one has presented a profile of their team. Come on guys and gals we can make you famous!

It is possible to take a trip in the large globe like balloon outside the hotel complex. Of course when it is in the air you will only see it from the ground by looking up. One Captain was told to meet someone by walking down the road to the globe. Five kilometers later he gave up looking.

A case of you take the high road and I'll take the low road?

## José Oliveira: the new EBL 2nd Vice President



**José Oliveira** served as President of the Portuguese Bridge Federation for many years and he was the organiser of the successful European Championships in Villamoura in 1995 where he was elected member of the EBL Executive Committee. He was re-elected in 1997 for a four year term. While on the Committee **Oliveira** negotiated successfully the dissolution of the European Union Bridge League and its integration into the EBL. Two years ago he became Chairman of the NBO Liaison Committee that takes care of NBO relations and their contact with the EBL. Last year he organised together with the President the NBO administrator's seminar in Viserbella, Italy which was highly successful and appreciated by all.

## Quote of Yesteryear

One of the greatest players I have ever faced across the table was Rixi Markus.

Her confidence was typified by a reply she made to me at a European Championship when I asked her what she had scored on a certain board.

After consulting her score-card she replied, 'I made game in both rooms.'

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