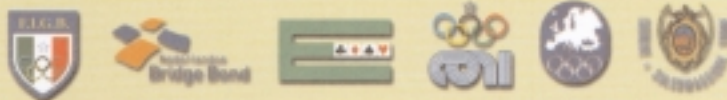




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No Let Up From Italy

Italy shows no signs of letting up their unrelenting pace at the top of the table, although they did allow the pack to get a fraction nearer, second placed **Bulgaria** being a mere 63 VP behind. **Norway** dropped to third ahead of **Spain** and **Poland**. Now is the time to start speculating on how far you can afford to be behind at this stage and still be in with a chance. We suspect that only the teams occupying the places down to number 13 have a chance.

Germany finally lost their unbeaten record when they were defeated by our Italian hosts in Round 12 of the Women's Championship. However, they are still 18 points clear of **England**, who have been joined in second place by **The Netherlands**. **Denmark** have dropped to fourth, and Italy have given their supporters something to cheer about by moving up to fifth.

In the Seniors **France's** total of 235 leaves them just one ahead of **Israel**, with **Denmark** third on 227.

VICTORY BANQUET

The Victory Banquet will be held in the Salone Moresco (Palazzo dei Congressi) immediately after the Prize-Giving Ceremony in the Auditorium.

All Team Captains are kindly requested to collect invitations for their teams from the Hospitality and Information Desk NO LATER THAN 19:00 on WEDNESDAY 26th JUNE.

Players, Captains and Coaches are entitled to receive tickets up to a maximum of 8 tickets per team.

NBO Presidents and their spouses are also invited.

IBPA-registered journalists are entitled to receive tickets and should request these from the Press Room Manager, Mrs. Elly Ducheyne, before the above-mentioned deadline.

Extra tickets for accompanying guests are available at a cost of 45 Euro.

Today's VuGraph Matches

OPEN TEAMS - Round 25

Bulgaria v Sweden 10.30

WOMEN TEAMS - Round 15

Denmark v Italy 14.15

OPEN TEAMS - Round 27

Poland v Italy 17.35

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 22**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	PORTUGAL	LATVIA	57 - 21	22 - 8
2	LEBANON	SLOVENIA	68 - 38	21 - 9
3	CZECH REP	SWITZERLAND	49 - 48	15 - 15
4	ITALY	FRANCE	58 - 29	21 - 9
5	MONACO	ISRAEL	35 - 23	17 - 13
6	SCOTLAND	IRELAND	56 - 37	19 - 11
7	WALES	FINLAND	36 - 28	16 - 14
8	SPAIN	HUNGARY	43 - 62	11 - 19
9	ROMANIA	POLAND	24 - 64	7 - 23
10	AUSTRIA	RUSSIA	41 - 62	11 - 19
11	ICELAND	SAN MARINO	69 - 32	23 - 7
12	BELGIUM	CROATIA	48 - 43	16 - 14
13	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	49 - 45	16 - 14
14	GREECE	GERMANY	51 - 37	18 - 12
15	SWEDEN	YUGOSLAVIA	72 - 32	23 - 7
16	UKRAINE	TURKEY	23 - 48	10 - 20
17	DENMARK	ENGLAND	22 - 48	10 - 20
18	LIECHTENSTEIN	BULGARIA	32 - 99	2 - 25
19	FAROE ISLANDS	CYPRUS	27 - 66	7 - 23

ROUND 23

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	POLAND	SPAIN	42 - 33	17 - 13
2	HUNGARY	WALES	63 - 18	24 - 6
3	FINLAND	SCOTLAND	40 - 35	16 - 14
4	IRELAND	MONACO	59 - 44	18 - 12
5	ISRAEL	ITALY	20 - 43	10 - 20
6	FRANCE	CZECH REP	62 - 35	21 - 9
7	SWITZERLAND	LEBANON	38 - 44	14 - 16
8	SLOVENIA	PORTUGAL	26 - 39	12 - 18
9	CYPRUS	LIECHTENSTEIN	57 - 34	20 - 10
10	BULGARIA	DENMARK	74 - 20	25 - 4
11	ENGLAND	UKRAINE	62 - 25	23 - 7
12	TURKEY	SWEDEN	10 - 54	6 - 24
13	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	73 - 48	20 - 10
14	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	67 - 27	23 - 7
15	NORWAY	BELGIUM	59 - 49	17 - 13
16	CROATIA	ICELAND	44 - 43	15 - 15
17	SAN MARINO	AUSTRIA	22 - 83	3 - 25
18	RUSSIA	ROMANIA	92 - 22	25 - 2
19	LATVIA	FAROE ISLANDS	16 - 66	5 - 25

ROUND 24

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SLOVENIA	LATVIA	86 - 33	25 - 5
2	PORTUGAL	SWITZERLAND	34 - 37	14 - 16
3	LEBANON	FRANCE	22 - 53	9 - 21
4	CZECH REP	ISRAEL	38 - 52	12 - 18
5	ITALY	IRELAND	75 - 46	21 - 9
6	MONACO	FINLAND	34 - 50	12 - 18
7	SCOTLAND	HUNGARY	57 - 37	19 - 11
8	WALES	POLAND	67 - 23	24 - 6
9	SPAIN	RUSSIA	83 - 21	25 - 3
10	ROMANIA	SAN MARINO	45 - 56	13 - 17
11	AUSTRIA	CROATIA	96 - 31	25 - 3
12	ICELAND	NORWAY	25 - 69	6 - 24
13	BELGIUM	GERMANY	30 - 27	16 - 14
14	NETHERLANDS	YUGOSLAVIA	44 - 40	16 - 14
15	GREECE	TURKEY	27 - 70	6 - 24
16	SWEDEN	ENGLAND	35 - 54	11 - 19
17	UKRAINE	BULGARIA	36 - 64	9 - 21
18	DENMARK	CYPRUS	116 - 4	25 - 0
19	LIECHTENSTEIN	FAROE ISLANDS	47 - 47	15 - 15

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 25****10.30**

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

ROUND 26**14.15**

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

ROUND 27**17.35**

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

OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 24 rounds

1	ITALY	524.00
2	BULGARIA	461.00
3	NORWAY	451.00
4	SPAIN	430.50
5	POLAND	423.00
6	TURKEY	419.00
7	SWEDEN	411.00
8	FRANCE	411.00
9	ENGLAND	409.00
10	NETHERLANDS	406.00
11	ISRAEL	405.00
12	ICELAND	402.00
13	RUSSIA	382.00
14	CZECH REP	377.00
15	AUSTRIA	377.00
16	HUNGARY	376.00
17	WALES	367.00
18	GERMANY	363.00
19	FINLAND	361.00
20	DENMARK	359.00
21	ROMANIA	350.00
22	LEBANON	348.00
23	SCOTLAND	343.00
24	IRELAND	343.00
25	GREECE	333.00
26	CROATIA	333.00
27	SLOVENIA	321.00
28	MONACO	321.00
29	PORTUGAL	318.00
30	UKRAINE	317.00
31	SWITZERLAND	304.00
32	BELGIUM	294.00
33	YUGOSLAVIA	289.00
34	FAROE ISLANDS	288.00
35	SAN MARINO	252.00
36	CYPRUS	248.00
37	LIECHTENSTEIN	238.00
38	LATVIA	186.00

CHAMPIONSHIP WATCHES



To mark the 70th Anniversary of these Championships the EBL has produced special commemorative watches in a limited edition. These watches may be purchased from the Bridge Partner and Danish Federation stand in the Scandinavian Pavilion of the Salone Moresco.

CHAMPIONSHIP & ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY VIDEO

Videos of the Championship and Anniversary Ceremony may be purchased by booking at the Hospitality and Information Desk. Videos cost 25 Euro (includes postage and packaging).

The first part of the video filmed so far is being shown on the screen in the lobby of the Palazzo dei Congressi, just outside the entrance to the Salone Moresco.

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 12**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	HUNGARY	DENMARK	24 - 55	9 - 21
22	RUSSIA	SWEDEN	61 - 49	17 - 13
23	AUSTRIA	CROATIA	28 - 78	5 - 25
24	ITALY	GERMANY	40 - 31	17 - 13
25	CZECH REP.	SCOTLAND	56 - 46	17 - 13
26	ENGLAND	ICELAND	108 - 6	25 - 0
27	Bye	FRANCE	0 - 0	0 - 18
28	NETHERLANDS	IRELAND	53 - 21	22 - 8
29	FINLAND	SPAIN	34 - 53	11 - 19
30	POLAND	FAROE ISLANDS	89 - 38	25 - 5
31	NORWAY	TURKEY	55 - 32	20 - 10
32	ISRAEL	SAN MARINO	48 - 27	19 - 11

ROUND 13

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	DENMARK	RUSSIA	29 - 54	10 - 20
22	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA	46 - 55	13 - 17
23	CROATIA	ITALY	5 - 57	5 - 25
24	GERMANY	CZECH REP.	53 - 34	19 - 11
25	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND	51 - 26	20 - 10
26	ICELAND	FRANCE	53 - 33	19 - 11
27	HUNGARY	NETHERLANDS	55 - 66	13 - 17
28	IRELAND	FINLAND	42 - 60	11 - 19
29	SPAIN	POLAND	61 - 55	16 - 14
30	FAROE ISLANDS	NORWAY	57 - 75	11 - 19
31	TURKEY	ISRAEL	42 - 61	11 - 19
32	SAN MARINO	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 14 10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	AUSTRIA	DENMARK
22	ITALY	SWEDEN
23	CZECH REP.	CROATIA
24	ENGLAND	GERMANY
25	FRANCE	SCOTLAND
26	Bye	ICELAND
27	NETHERLANDS	RUSSIA
28	FINLAND	HUNGARY
29	POLAND	IRELAND
30	NORWAY	SPAIN
31	ISRAEL	FAROE ISLANDS
32	SAN MARINO	TURKEY

ROUND 15 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	DENMARK	ITALY
22	SWEDEN	CZECH REP.
23	CROATIA	ENGLAND
24	GERMANY	FRANCE
25	SCOTLAND	ICELAND
26	AUSTRIA	NETHERLANDS
27	RUSSIA	FINLAND
28	HUNGARY	POLAND
29	IRELAND	NORWAY
30	SPAIN	ISRAEL
31	FAROE ISLANDS	SAN MARINO
32	TURKEY	Bye

**WOMEN TEAMS RANKING
after 13 rounds**

1	GERMANY	258.00
2	ENGLAND	240.00
3	NETHERLANDS	240.00
4	DENMARK	237.00
5	ITALY	231.00
6	SWEDEN	226.00
7	RUSSIA	222.00
8	FINLAND	214.00
9	NORWAY	213.50
10	CROATIA	208.00
11	SCOTLAND	208.00
12	FRANCE	195.00
13	SPAIN	194.00
14	CZECH REP	192.00
15	POLAND	185.00
16	AUSTRIA	179.00
17	ISRAEL	179.00
18	HUNGARY	176.00
19	IRELAND	165.00
20	ICELAND	157.00
21	TURKEY	156.50
22	SAN MARINO	101.00
23	FAROE ISLANDS	93.00

ROUND 16 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	CZECH REP.	DENMARK
22	ENGLAND	SWEDEN
23	FRANCE	CROATIA
24	ICELAND	GERMANY
25	Bye	SCOTLAND
26	NETHERLANDS	ITALY
27	FINLAND	AUSTRIA
28	POLAND	RUSSIA
29	NORWAY	HUNGARY
30	ISRAEL	IRELAND
31	SAN MARINO	SPAIN
32	TURKEY	FAROE ISLANDS

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 11**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	SCOTLAND	GERMANY	51 - 32	19 - 11
42	DENMARK	ITALY	59 - 15	24 - 6
43	FRANCE	WALES	80 - 41	23 - 7
44	SWEDEN	TURKEY	21 - 77	4 - 25
45	ENGLAND	SPAIN	68 - 38	21 - 9
46	SWITZERLAND	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
47	POLAND	CZECH REP.	59 - 37	20 - 10
48	PORTUGAL	CROATIA	22 - 103	0 - 25
49	AUSTRIA	IRELAND	85 - 46	23 - 7
50	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	16 - 71	4 - 25

ROUND 12

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	ITALY	SCOTLAND	34 - 35	15 - 15
42	WALES	DENMARK	34 - 65	9 - 21
43	TURKEY	FRANCE	33 - 64	9 - 21
44	SPAIN	SWEDEN	48 - 61	12 - 18
45	ISRAEL	ENGLAND	57 - 36	19 - 11
46	Bye	GERMANY	0 - 0	0 - 18
47	CZECH REP.	SWITZERLAND	68 - 14	25 - 4
48	CROATIA	POLAND	53 - 34	19 - 11
49	IRELAND	PORTUGAL	34 - 71	7 - 23
50	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRIA	57 - 13	24 - 6

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 13 14.15**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	SCOTLAND	WALES
42	DENMARK	TURKEY
43	FRANCE	SPAIN
44	SWEDEN	ENGLAND
45	ITALY	Bye
46	GERMANY	CZECH REP.
47	SWITZERLAND	CROATIA
48	POLAND	IRELAND
49	PORTUGAL	NETHERLANDS
50	AUSTRIA	ISRAEL

ROUND 14 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	TURKEY	SCOTLAND
42	SPAIN	DENMARK
43	ENGLAND	FRANCE
44	ISRAEL	SWEDEN
45	Bye	WALES
46	CZECH REP.	ITALY
47	CROATIA	GERMANY
48	IRELAND	SWITZERLAND
49	NETHERLANDS	POLAND
50	AUSTRIA	PORTUGAL

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**SENIOR TEAMS RANKING
after 12 rounds**

1	FRANCE	235.00
2	ISRAEL	232.00
3	DENMARK	227.00
4	POLAND	210.00
5	CROATIA	206.50
6	NETHERLANDS	205.00
7	SCOTLAND	188.00
8	TURKEY	187.00
9	CZECH REP	184.50
10	GERMANY	184.00
11	ENGLAND	182.00
12	ITALY	171.00
13	SWEDEN	170.00
14	AUSTRIA	167.00
15	WALES	159.00
16	SPAIN	143.00
17	PORTUGAL	137.00
18	SWITZERLAND	134.00
19	IRELAND	111.00

Championship Diary

There are long range forecasts of heavy rain tomorrow. We hope they are right as even though the air conditioning is finally working in the Bulletin room it is not yet up to 100% efficiency.

At last night's dinner at the Castelo Soragna a number of people were overcome by the oppressive heat and needed to get back to Salso before the buses were ready to leave. Searching for a taxi, they stopped a passing motorist and explained their predicament. His reply was a trifle unexpected: 'I'm the Prince, I own the castle'. Like all Prince Charmings he put his car and driver at their disposal.

If you want to hear a funny, but slightly risqué story, ask Jill Arthur to tell you about Mr. Kiplings cakes.

An Italian player was fined 1 VP and 100 Euro for a smoking offence. If the two were to be reversed then we would still back Italy to win.

During one of yesterday's matches Guido Ferraro described Lorenzo Lauria as the Christopher Lee of the Italian team.

Watch out for a suitable spoof in the bulletins.

OPEN TEAMS
Round 20
Sweden v Norway

When this match was due on Sunday morning, Norway were enjoying a rather comfortable top spot in the rankings, whereas Sweden badly needed any V.P.'s they could get in order to bridge the 20-point gap that separated them from the top five. By tradition, the Nordic derbies are tightly fought matches, and this one proved no exception. In fact, not a single double-figure swing was recorded in this match, most of the swings coming from partscore decisions. Here are a few examples.



Boye Brogeland, Norway

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Lindkvist	Sælensminde	Fredin
		1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	All Pass

This looks pretty straightforward. The contract was made with an overtrick when North ducked his ♥A twice. Norway +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gustawsson	Grotheim	Morath	Aa
		1♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	1♠
All Pass			

From the bidding in the Closed Room you can see that even on the most straightforward-looking boards swings can be created. This time, West passed his partner's opening bid. Taking into account that EW play limited openings from 11-16 hcp. This may be technically correct, but the other side of the coin was that it was easy for NS now to enter the auction and discover their spade fit. It did not matter any more if EW competed in clubs as 2♣ can always be made. Norway thus scored another +110 and collected 6 precious IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Lindkvist	Sælensminde	Fredin
		1♠	Pass
Dble	Redble	All Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦		Pass

This time, the Swedish system of light opening bids worked well. North could show both his strength and his diamonds without having to stretch, so the Swedes reached a very good contract which was made with an overtrick. Sweden +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gustawsson	Grotheim	Morath	Aa
			Pass
1♣	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When South did not open, Grotheim had to guess at which level he should intervene. After the light jump to 3♦ Aa understandably went on to game, but this was not a success. Down two, +100 to Sweden and 5 useful IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dble
2♣	2♠	3♥	All Pass

When the red suits broke friendly, declarer could make 9 tricks for +140 to Norway.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gustawsson</i>	<i>Grotheim</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Aa</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♥	3♠
All Pass			

Here South competed once more at his second turn, as his counterpart in the Open Room might have done too. For NS, the layout of the trumps was very friendly, though the contract might still go down if EW find the club ruff. On a trump lead to the king and a heart continuation it was made when West played his ♦A on his partner's return of a diamond after winning the ♠A. Norway another +140 and 7 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q J 9 3 ♥ 4 3 ♦ J 8 5 ♣ Q 10 4 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; 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		♠ A 10 7 6 ♥ K 10 ♦ 10 6 4 2 ♣ A K 5	♠ K 5 4 ♥ Q 9 7 6 5 2 ♦ Q 3 ♣ J 9 ♠ 8 2 ♥ A J 8 ♦ A K 9 7 ♣ 8 7 6 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Though N/S can make 3♥ neither of them was in a good position to take any action. Norway +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gustawsson</i>	<i>Grotheim</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Aa</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
3♠	Pass	Dble	Redble
	All Pass		

East's opening bid of INT gave NS the chance to enter the auction. East did well to reopen and West understandably jumped to 3♠. Going one down was the par result on the hand as 3♥ makes, but as the Norwegians had already beaten par at the other table, they chalked up another 5 IMPs to lead 27-12 at this point.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
Pass	1♦	2♣	1♣
4♠	All Pass		Pass

When East showed his major twosuit, West just took a shot at game, holding two very useful honours. Well done, Norway +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gustawsson</i>	<i>Grotheim</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Aa</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣	INT
Pass	3♣	Pass	Dble
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
			All Pass

As the range of 2♣ was wider in view of the auction here, West decided to adopt slower tactics. As a result, the reasonable game was not bid and Norway had scored another 6 IMPs.

The biggest swing of the match occurred on the very last hand.



Peter Fredin, Sweden

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Lindkvist	Sælensminde	Fredin
Pass	1♠	INT	3♠
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This was just asking too much: on a spade lead, the contract would make only if North held the ♥KJ bare. When North happened to hold a small heart as well, three down was the outcome when declarer led a club to the king and ace near the end, and Sweden had collected +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gustawsson	Grotheim	Morath	Aa
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Morath apparently did not judge his hand worth a vulnerable INT-overcall, so the Norwegians were allowed to go one down undoubled in 3♠ for the loss of a further 100 and 9 IMPs. The final score: 41-21 or 19-11 V.P. to Norway. This would not do the Swedish chances to qualify any good, but at the same time meant another step towards qualification for Norway.

Laws of Bridge (6B)

Ton's idea of doing away with Appeal Committees would not solve a basic problem.

It is not difficult to understand that decisions of Appeal Committees are disputable. At least one of the teams feels hard done by. Many of the negative reactions that are heard about decisions come from corners that are not unbiased to the cases they talk about. And while this is not really good for the game, it is a quite inevitable and understandable part of human nature.

But the cause of that problem is not the Appeal Committee. It is the decision which is criticized, and by extension the body that handed it out. If there were no Appeal Committee, and the Director would have the final say, then he would be just as open to criticism as is the Appeal Committee today. As it stands, the Director has it easy: "if you don't like my decision, you may appeal"

Surely Ton is not suggesting that Tournament Directors, as opposed to Appeal Committee members, are infallible? Let's not forget that in one of the two decisions that Ton cites as examples, the Committee actually followed the Tournament Director.

One should also remember that Bridge is a complicated game. A footballer might like to argue that he had no intention of tripping an opponent, but that is certainly not in the same league as a bridge player trying to explain why he would have returned clubs instead of hearts if he had known that the opponent had spades instead of diamonds. It is not fair on the player to ask him to do this between two hands, and we really should not take away his basic right to a defence. Maybe some sort of hearing, after the play is over, can be arranged for him to have his say. This hearing could be presided by the Chief Tournament Director, or by some other person, specifically appointed for that function. Expert players need to be present in order to base the final decision on sound bridge knowledge.

Might I suggest a name for this novel idea of a hearing? Let's call it an Appeal.

Herman De Wael

Laws of bridge (6A)

The ideas about appeals that Ton Kooijman puts forward in his latest contribution to the Bulletin have been well rehearsed over the last year or two in various places, and especially in North America. As he would agree, the present laws already provide scope for their introduction by any regulating body that wishes to adopt them. It is typically in accord with my general inclination to set parameters in laws within which regulating bodies may operate their zonal/national preferences that Law 93 allows no appeals committee need be appointed, the Chief Director handling appeals in this case, whilst Law 80 simply requires that the regulations include 'suitable arrangements' for appeals to be heard. It is open to debate whether arrangements of the kind suggested fully reflect concepts of natural justice.

Meanwhile, I am sure we all recognize this week the perfection of the method in the World Cup where a single referee, with the help of two expert assistants, makes decisions against which there is no appeal.

Grattan Endicott

Møller Shows How

by Mathias Bruun Denmark

My former partner, Steen Møller, still knows a thing or two about bridge. On the following two deals he won his contracts in the seniors where I failed in the open teams.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 10 ♥ K 10 6 3 ♦ A 7 5 ♣ Q J 10 6 4</p>	<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		<p>♠ A J 4 3 ♥ A Q 9 4 ♦ K 8 ♣ A K 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 7 5 2 ♥ J 8 7 5 2 ♦ Q 9 3 ♣ 2</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
<p>♠ K 9 8 6 ♥ - ♦ J 10 6 4 2 ♣ 9 8 7 5</p>												
West	North	East	South									
<i>Rapf</i>	<i>Lund</i>	<i>Graf</i>	<i>Møller</i>									
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*									
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*									
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠									
Pass	4♠	All Pass										

In Bulletin 6 we saw Lauria making Four Spades on this layout, mainly by guessing the diamonds and endplaying East.

In the Seniors match between Denmark and Austria Steen Møller proved that there was quite a different road to the goal, even though he did not solve the diamond problem.

The Danes had a Baron sequence to 4♠ played by South. West led the ♣Q to dummy's ace and South ruffed a heart and ran the ♦J. East took the queen and played back a diamond to his partners ace. Now the ♣K was ruffed away and East returned his remaining diamond not to help South in the major suits. South discarded the club loser from dummy and took the right view in spades, playing low to the ace and finessing the queen on the way

back. The two winning diamonds took care of the heart losers.

As the Austrian declarer in the same contract at the table started trump with a small to the king and another the hand collapsed and he finished three down.

A little later another gem popped up in the same match.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ A K 9 8 5 2 ♥ Q 10 ♦ 6 4 ♣ Q 4 2</p>	<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		<p>♠ 4 3 ♥ J 8 6 2 ♦ A 10 5 3 ♣ A K 6</p>	<p>♠ 10 ♥ 9 7 5 3 ♦ K J 9 8 ♣ J 8 7 5</p>
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	S											
<p>♠ Q J 7 6 ♥ A K 4 ♦ Q 7 2 ♣ 10 9 3</p>												
West	North	East	South									
<i>Rapf</i>	<i>Lund</i>	<i>Graf</i>	<i>Møller</i>									
2♠	2NT*	Pass	INT									
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3♣*									
All Pass		Pass	3NT									

North showed four hearts without a spade stopper.

West led a high spade and switched to a low club won by dummy who played a diamond. The queen won (East must go up with the king on a return a club) and a diamond was ducked (Better to take the ace of diamonds at once and set up a spade). East played another diamond to the ace and South set up a spade trick. West returned a spade (If East discards a low club on the second spade, then a low club from West at this point will allow the defence to prevail) and due to the fortunate heart position South strip squeezed East who at the end was endplayed in diamonds to lead into the heart tenace.

Laws of bridge (7)

Though the bulletin is not the medium for Grattan and me to debate laws, since we both are in the drafting committee and will have plenty of time to cross our weapons, I would like to elaborate on one of his remarks. He likes Zones and even NBO's: 'to operate their own policies within the general framework of the laws' (quoted). An interesting remark, but rather confusing too. What will the general framework be? Is this just the choices zones and NBO's have now or should there be more? Do NBO's want more influence on the application of laws, being described in less detail than they are now? To be honest, I do not see this as a preferable development. Being a worldwide sport, having fought for recognition and almost having reached the status of being in the Olympic Games, the laws in my opinion should be as uniform as possible. When we accept differences it should not be between zones and NBO's but between levels of play, being more strict on the top level than in clubs for example. But even that is not an obvious choice. Edgar Kaplan told me once that he offered to the ACBL to make a set of laws for clubs being easier to apply and less punitive. But the clubs reacted astonished and even upset: were they supposed to play some degenerated form of the real game?

In the laws as we have them now there are some places where the level of play has influence on the ruling. If player A gets 14 cards dealt, another player counting to 12, and we decide to let the board be played, mister A has unauthorised information. This probably is not of any influence in a friendly club game when it is the diamond four that has been transferred. But it is questionable whether the option to play the board should be considered at all in top level bridge. Those kind of differences seem reasonable and are in the laws already. But do you, NBO's, players, want to go further?

Ton Kooijman

OPEN TEAMS
Round 20
Germany v Hungary

It's no secret that your Editor is a big fan of the German Women's team. (By the way Sebastian, where is my shirt?) The recent birth of Daniela von Arnim's daughter plus a pair making their debut made some people think that the team might not be so effective this time. Indeed, they have generally tended to be slow starters, getting stronger as the event goes into the second week. However, this time they have come out with all guns blazing, winning their first ten matches at an average of 21VP. Of course, their encounters with England, France and Denmark will feature in these pages in due course, but here is your first opportunity to look at the form of the Venice Cup Champions.

Before the match the German coach, Michael Yuen, told me his team were 'hungary' for points.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Welker	Auken	Topolyi	Von Arnim
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1♦*	Pass	2♥	2NT
All Pass			

One Diamond promised hearts or the black suits. West led the five of hearts for the jack and king and declarer played ace and another diamond. East now played the nine of hearts covered by the queen and ace. When West now made the mistake of switching to a low club, declarer could win, cash the diamonds and take the spade finesse, +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Hegedus	Nehmert	Tichy
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1♥	Pass	3♥	3NT
All Pass			

In the News

GAZZETTA DI PARMA

The GAZZETTA DI PARMA - a snip at Euro 0.88 - will be carrying a daily report on the Championships.

The early play was identical, but South did not cover the nine of hearts, not that it would have helped, and the defenders simply cashed out for two down, +200 and 8 IMPs for Germany.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Welker	Auken	Topolyi	Von Arnim
		1♣*	Dble*
2♣*	2♠	4♣*	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Double promised diamonds or the majors and the Hungarians overreached to the hopeless slam. Germany +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Hegedus	Nehmert	Tichy
		1♣	2♥
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The German pair had a natural auction, and was never in any danger of getting too high. South tried the effect of leading the three of spades and declarer took the third round of the suit, discarding a diamond from dummy. Two top clubs were followed by a heart to dummy and the marked club finesse. That was nine tricks, +600 and 12 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Welker	Auken	Topolyi	Von Arnim
1♦*	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	2♣	All Pass	

Sabine wisely passed on the first round of the auction and balanced later. East led the four of diamonds to West's ace, won the diamond return with the king and switched to a heart. Declarer won with dummy's queen and played the queen of spades for the king and ace. A spade to the ten was followed by a diamond ruff, the king of hearts and the jack of spades. When declarer now played a spade East ruffed with the six of clubs and played a club to West's ace. Declarer simply covered West's exit and East was endplayed, +90.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Hegedus	Nehmert	Tichy
1♦	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

This time North unwisely overcalled at the first opportunity, but the lie of the cards mean that you simply can't go down in Two Clubs. The defence played three rounds of diamonds, so declarer ruffed, cashed two hearts and played the queen of spades, eventually arriving at a similar ending to the one at the other table, +180 and 3 IMPs for Hungary.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Welker	Auken	Topolyi	Von Arnim
			Pass
1♣*	Pass	INT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

INT promised a balanced hand, either 8-13 or 16+ and Two Clubs was a relay. When East showed four spades and the lower range West had heard all she needed to know. There was nothing to the play, Hungary +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Hegedus	Nehmert	Tichy
			Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Declarer made eleven tricks for +200 but that was 9 IMPs for Hungary.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Welker	Auken	Topolyi	Von Arnim
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Two Clubs was an artificial game force and after a series of relays the pushy spade game was reached. West led the four of clubs and East won with the queen and switched to a heart. Declarer won with the ace and ran the queen of diamonds. When that lost to the king the contract had to go two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Hegedus	Nehmert	Tichy
		1♥	1♠
Dble	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Pony Nehmert's light opening bid meant her side were always going to be able to inflict serious damage on a notrump contract. West led the queen of hearts and continued with the ten when declarer ducked. A spade to the king was followed by a second spade, East's jack being allowed to hold. The hearts were cleared and it was all downhill for declarer from here and she finished three down, -300.

Germany had secured their ninth win on the trot, 36-1 IMPs or 19-11 VP.

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OPEN TEAMS
Round 21
Russia v Iceland

Iceland scored a 68-25 win over Russia, 24-6 in VP, to stay in the hunt for a ticket for Bali. Here are two swing boards from that match played on Sunday afternoon.



Maxim Khven, Russia

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Johannsson	Gromov	Jonsson	Petrinin
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass	Dble	INT	Dble

Playing INT doubled vulnerable with a long, running suit and a couple of side aces is any bridge player's dream. This time the lucky declarer turned out to be Stein Jonsson in the Open Room. When the smoke had cleared the Iceman, after a spade lead, had ended up with six clubs, two spades and a diamond for the uncommon score of +580. By the way, note the ultra-aggressive doubles by the Russians.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Matushko	Ingimarsson	Khven	Einarsson
Dble	INT	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	2♦
4♥	Pass	3NT	Dble
	Dble	All Pass	

Proceedings in the Closed Room were of interest as well, in fact they turned out to be a dream for the Icemen again (and a nightmare for the Russians). They doubled 3NT which can be defeated of course, but has to be defended with care. But it got even better for Iceland, when EW thought that they should run to 4♥. This contract was fun, especially for NS: +800. Iceland thus got 16 IMPs.

Board 16 was another big one for Iceland.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Matushko	Ingimarsson	Khven	Einarsson
1♦	4♠	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, after the 1♦ opening bid of his partner, East thought he had no particular reason to bid over the 4♠ interference. This led to a quiet 420 for Ingimarsson.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Johannsson	Gromov	Jonsson	Petrinin
INT	4♠	5♣	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	6♠	Dble	All Pass

Open E/W were much more busy. It had everything to do with the opening bid by West: INT. So after 4♠ 5♣ was much more obvious than it was in the Closed Room. When the tray came back to East he gave it another shot with 6♣. With good defensive values South might have doubled this instead of leaving the decision to his partner. Probably, South thought that 6♠ still could be a make. Down two, +300 more for Iceland and another 12 IMPs.

Relative number of bridge players in Europe

By Herman De Wael

Both the captains of Wales and the Faroe Islands asked me to check whether or not their countries had the highest proportion of bridge players in Europe. Neither of them has that distinction:

The first figure is the population (in thousands, 2000), the second is the number of registered bridge players (WBF figures, 1999), the third can be read as number of bridge players per 1,000 inhabitants.

Netherlands	15896	93566	5.89
Iceland	280	1470	5.25
Denmark	5339	21961	4.11
Monaco	32	110	3.44
Faroe Islands	46	150	3.26
Liechtenstein	33	105	3.18
Norway	4487	11942	2.66
San Marino	27	65	2.41
Sweden	8864	15275	1.72
Scotland	5164	8200	1.59
France	58835	87825	1.49
Belgium	10249	8482	0.83
Israel	6107	5054	0.83
Wales	2959	1938	0.65
England	49914	28370	0.57
Ireland	5460	3092	0.57
Italy	57723	30986	0.54
Switzerland	7177	3849	0.54
Cyprus	865	342	0.40
Finland	5178	1850	0.36
Estonia	1435	472	0.33
Germany	82207	26997	0.33
Malta	382	108	0.28
Austria	8091	2170	0.27
Luxembourg	439	114	0.26
Poland	38655	6733	0.17
Greece	10562	1777	0.17
Portugal	10005	942	0.09
Hungary	10022	927	0.09
Croatia	4282	352	0.08
Spain	40128	3214	0.08
Lebanon	3578	235	0.07
Czech Republic	10273	600	0.06
Latvia	2415	130	0.05
Romania	22435	1019	0.05
Slovenia	1963	75	0.04
Yugoslavia	10662	298	0.03
Lithuania	3697	100	0.03
Turkey	65667	1747	0.03
Bulgaria	8172	122	0.01
Belarus	9989	91	0.01
Russia	146001	970	0.01
Ukraine	49242	113	0.00
Armenia	3810	0	0.00
Andorra	67		0.00
Macedonia	2041		0.00
Albania	3490		0.00
Bosnia & Herz'a	3836		0.00
Moldova	4298		0.00
Georgia	5020		0.00
Slovakia	5403		0.00
Azerbaijan	8051		0.00

Only 8 countries on our continent are not yet members of the EBL.

On average, 0.46 Europeans per 1,000 are registered as bridge players.

I can't tell you... but

by Marco Catelloni

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

You are playing 4♠ after this bidding sequence:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♣
1♦	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

I can't tell you why partner bid INT without a stop in diamonds, why he bid 3♣ without support, and why he bid 4♠. However, something very intelligent has apparently been done, because you are "near" the best contract. Diamonds are started and continued, and you ruff. You rapidly see a possible winning line: three hearts ending in dummy, diamond ruff, ace-king of clubs and diamonds. You win with split honours, or if West has both. But I can't tell you this happy ending, because West ruffed the third heart, continuing diamonds.

Spades must be 3-3, so you know West to be 3-2-5-3, and after ruffing, accordingly, you play the jack of clubs (small, small, small). Now you are at the crossroads:

- line 1: ace of spades, clubs to the king, and diamond. You win with ace-jack of spades in either hand;

- line 2: ace and king of clubs, east ruffing. You win with ace-jack of spades in the East hand, or ace-jack divided.

Obviously, one of the two lines is best... but I can tell you:

Line 1 gains with QJ in West or QJ in East - that's 2 cases out of 4. Line 2 gains with QJ in East or Q and J divided - that's 3 cases out of 4.

Line 1 fails on split honours for an uppercut.

Line 2 fails because declarer cannot see the back of the cards, and so suffers a "trump promotion" which is, in effect, illusory - but line 2 was best. I can tell you.

Malmö 2004



Don't miss your chance to visit the Scandinavian room to find out what a wonderful experience you are going to have in Sweden in two years time. As well as an audio

visual presentation you can enjoy some Swedish hospitality.

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Today at 12.30-13.30

Greece	Ukraine
Liechtenstein	Russia
	Latvia

OPEN TEAMS

Round 22

Italy v France

Italy against France on VuGraph, what a great start of the second week of the European Championships!



Michel Bessis, France

After a couple of small swings board 7 displayed something which rarely occurs in modern championships: Giorgio Duboin going down in the same contract that has been made at the other table.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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Against Philippe Toffier's 3NT North led a diamond to the queen, king and ace. Declarer, relying on a favourable heart split, easily made ten tricks. Against his 3NT Giorgio Duboin got a diamond lead as well. He won the ten in hand and next made the interesting enough play of a spade to the six! South won the nine and returned the ♦K. Declarer took the ace, crossed to dummy with a third round of diamonds and -rather unfortunately (for his side)- continued with a low spade, discarding a heart from hand.

Now the contract couldn't be made any more since the defenders were able to unblock in hearts and therefore could cash three spade tricks, a heart and the 13th diamond.

Did Duboin take his best chance? Clearly he didn't want to rely on the hearts 3-3, so spades was a logical alternative (where did we hear that phrase before?). In the VuGraph auditorium Guido Ferraro explained that a spade to the jack is the best line of play in order to avoid losing more than three spade tricks, which in fact is the maximum number of spades which declarer can afford to lose. After the jack loses to the queen, declarer later should play the ♠K to pin a possible nine or ten. Anyway, 12 IMPs to France.

On the next board Italy won back most of those IMPs:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ K Q 9 ♥ J 9 7 5 4 ♦ A 10 8 ♣ Q 7</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ J 8 4 ♥ 6 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ A K J 9 5 2</p>	<p>♠ 7 5 3 2 ♥ A Q 10 3 ♦ 9 7 6 ♣ 8 3</p>
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In the Closed room North led the ♠5 against 3NT. South won the ace and returned the suit: ten tricks.

In the Open room Lauria led the same card against the same contract. On VuGraph we could see how Versace won the trick and in a split second returned the ♥2, where after the defenders took their four heart tricks: down one. 10 IMPs to Italy.

And on the very next board the Italians increased their margin again when on first hand Versace decided to open a thin weak two in spades, which was passed at the other table. Knowing about a six card spade suit was important for the opposite hand, a balanced 26 HCP count, to reach 7NT. The French bid 6NT only.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

On Board 13 East had a difficult decision to make:

♠ Q 6 5
 ♥ K Q 8 6 5
 ♦ A
 ♣ A 10 9 2

All vulnerable you open 1♥, partner responds 2♦, you rebid 2♥ and partner rebids 3♦. Of course it's a matter of agreements and style what you should bid now. In real life Norberto Bocchi bid 3NT, where Michel Duguet passed. West had:

♠ A 9 8
 ♥ 7
 ♦ K Q 9 8 7 5 3
 ♣ 8 5

the diamonds behaved and 3NT was on. Another 10 IMP's to Italy.

On Board 18 we saw another great Italian player going down in a vulnerable game contract which was made at the other table:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

In 4♠ Michel Bessis got a heart lead. East inserted the jack, ducked by declarer. Bessis won the next heart, drew the trumps, ruffed the third heart and played a diamond from dummy. East rose with the ace and fired back a diamond. This was the position:

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	♠ Q				
	♥ -				
	♦ -				
	♣ A 9 6				



Michel Duguet, France

In view of the bidding, Bessis was pretty sure that the ♣K was behind the queen. Bessis, who needed three more tricks for his contract, played the ♣6, intending to run it to East's eight. West however inserted the ten and Bessis countered by calling for dummy's queen. At this point Bocchi could win his king, but then had to lead from his ♠J8 into declarer's ♠A9 tenace. France plus 420. Well played, Michel!

Lauria reached the same ending in the same contract. He cashed the ♣A and played a club to the queen. When the king was not doubleton, East was not endplayed and Lauria was down one. Lauria had some indication that East had six diamonds, since West never bid the suit.

On the very last board West had a tough decision with:

♠ A J 10 5
 ♥ Q J 7 3
 ♦ Q 4
 ♣ J 3 2

All vulnerable. You pass, LHO opens 1♣, partner overcalls 1NT (balanced, 15-18 HCP). Would you bid 3NT straight away with all those soft values or would you prefer Stayman? Both West players went for the latter option and ended up in 4♥. Wrong, since partner had:

♠ 9 2
 ♥ A K 10 2
 ♦ A K 6 2
 ♣ Q 9 4

On both tables 4♥ went down on the club ruff while 3NT is an obvious make.

GLI INCONTRI DEGLI AZZURRI

BOARD PER BOARD

21° INCONTRO OPEN: SVIZZERA - ITALIA

Aperta: NORD Sasselli / SUD Abouchanab SVI
EST Bocchi / OVEST Duboin ITA

Chiusa: NORD Lauria / SUD Versace ITA
EST Duong / OVEST Yalcin SVI

BOARD 1

In EO 2 cuori +1 per Duboin nel fit 5-3; in chiusa 2 picche -1 per gli svizzeri nel "fit" 5-2 (resti 5-1). 5 I.M.P. Italia.

BOARD 2

Controgio grandifirme in aperta, dove i due Sud giocano 3 senza.

Board 2 - dich. Est - NS in zona

<p>♠ J 7 6 4 ♥ 10 8 ♦ 10 9 4 2 ♣ A 3 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 8 ♥ K Q 6 5 3 ♦ K ♣ K J 6 5</p>	<p>♠ 2 ♥ A J 9 ♦ A Q J 8 5 3 ♣ Q 8 7</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		O	E		S
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A carte viste, l'attacco di piccola picche condannerebbe il contratto in battuta. Entrambi gli Ovest aprono le danze con il Re di picche; in chiusa il ritorno cuori per il Re viene lisciato da Versace; la prosecuzione picche non gli fa male: 3 senza fatte.

In aperta Duboin continua invece a picche per il 9 di Bocchi, su cui Sud scarta una fiori; il terzo giro di picche mette pressione

al dichiarante, che vincerebbe scartando una cuori. In questo caso, sul probabile ritorno Re di cuori il dichiarante vincerebbe prendendo, incassando l'Asso (cade il Re secco) e tutte le quadri e mettendo in finale in presa un Est che si fosse tenuto la Dama secca di cuori ed il Re secondo di fiori; più semplice ancora il finale se invece Est si fosse seccato il Re di fiori.

Nella realtà Abouchanab sul terzo giro di picche scarta una seconda fiori. Ora supernorberto sfrutta la chance concessagli dal dichiarante e gioca l'unica carta che batte: il Re di fiori da RFxx: 3 senza -1. 12 I.M.P. Italia. 17-0.

BOARD 3

Si giocano 3 senza in EO nelle due sale; mentre Lauria mantiene velocemente il contratto, in aperta il nostro avversario cade giocando una linea assai discutibile. 10 I.M.P. Italia. 27-0.

BOARD 4

Pari a 3 fiori fatte dai due Sud.

BOARD 5

Pari a 4 picche fatte in Ovest.

BOARD 6

Pari a 3 senza +1 in NS.

BOARD 7

2 picche fatte Versace in chiusa; volitivo 4 picche (con 21 punti in linea e due bilanciate) degli omologhi svizzeri: 2 down. 7 I.M.P. Italia. 34-0.

BOARD 8

4 picche -1 in N/S. Pari.

BOARD 9

3 fiori +1 Italia in aperta; 3 quadri -2 (resti 5-0) Italia in chiusa. 1 I.M.P. Italia. 35-0.

BOARD 10

4 cuori +1 in Sud nelle due sale. Pari.

BOARD 11

Pari a 4 picche fatte in NS.

BOARD 12

6 picche fatte in Ovest. Pari.

BOARD 13

I due Nord giocano 5 quadri nella 4-4 (resti 5-1) con uguale attacco e risultato: 2 down. Pari.

BOARD 14

Nel parziale a picche in EO facciamo una presa in più. 1 I.M.P. Italia. 36-0.

BOARD 15

Lauria in chiusa fa 5 quadri (resti in atout 5-0), mentre in aperta gli svizzeri ne chiamano 6 e vanno 1 down. 12 I.M.P. Italia. 48-0.

BOARD 16

In chiusa incassiamo 100 a 5 fiori lisce (difesa sul nostro 4 pic-



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che) in Est; in aperta, sull'altra linea, dichiarano fino a 5 picche, prendendo il contro e finendo 1 down. 5 I.M.P. Italia. 53-0.

BOARD 17

1 I.M.P. Svizzera per una surlevée. 53-1.

BOARD 18

Board 18 - dich. Est - NS in zona

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4 picche degli svizzeri in chiusa battute immediatamente da Lauria-Versace che incassano sull'attacco le due teste e il taglio a cuori; il dichiarante sbaglia anche la quadri e finisce 2 down. Bocchi e Duboin, in chiusa, giocano 3 senza, scegliendo ancora una volta l'unica manche che può essere mantenuta anche a fronte del miglior controgioco.

Bocchi prende l'attacco piccola cuori e incassa cinque giri di picche, Sud scartando tre fiori e una quadri, Nord due fiori. Ora Supernorberto gioca quadri per il Re e Fante di quadri a girare, mantenendo il contratto. 11 I.M.P. Italia. 64-1.

BOARD 19

L'anticipo dichiarativo di Lauria-Versace crea problemi agli avversari, che stoppano a 3 picche +2 con 25 punti in linea; 4 picche +1 Bocchi-Duboin in aperta. 10 I.M.P. Italia. 74-1.

BOARD 20

1 I.M.P. Svizzera per 3 senza +3 Svizzera in chiusa, 4 picche +2 Italia in aperta. 74-2.

FINALE

Italia - Svizzera 25 - 2 (74 - 2)

Decimo cappotto azzurro; nella ottava giornata di gioco abbiamo schierato al completo la nostra formazione e totalizzato 50 V.P. su 50 disponibili, bottino pieno come alla prima giornata. Quello contro la Svizzera è stato a mio parere l'incontro in cui i ragazzi hanno più impressionato, ricavando match points in qualunque occasione con scelte eccezionali, controgiochi spettacolari, decisioni sempre tutte giuste e una regolarità impressionante, che consentirebbe di per sé di vincere bene gli incontri.

La media degli azzurri dopo 21 incontri? 22.04 V.P. a incontro, pari all' 88.19%.

Il distacco sui secondi? Un abisso: 67 victory sulla attuale seconda, la Norvegia, e 73 sulla terza, la Bulgaria; poi la Spagna a -81, la Polonia a -86 e la Turchia, sesta, a -94, seguita a ruota da un groppone di squadre raccolte in pochi V.P., in un quadro, che si va via via delineando, che vede ai primissimi posti della classifica provvisoria gran parte delle papabili per la qualificazione alla Bermuda Bowl.

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Senior Teams			
Austria	9.30	Netherlands	12.30
Czech Rep.	9.45	Poland	13.15
England	10.00	Portugal	16.55
France	10.15	Scotland	17.05
Israel	12.00	Sweden	17.15
Italy	12.15	Switzerland	17.30
		Turkey	17.40

Marco Marin
EBL Photographer

Transfers

On Wednesday forms for transfers to the airports will be put in the Captain's pigeon holes. Please fill them in carefully and return to the Hospitality Desk as soon as possible. Remember to include any guests/visitors who will be travelling.

GLI INCONTRI DEGLI AZZURRI BOARD PER BOARD

22° INCONTRO OPEN: ITALIA - FRANCIA

Aperta: NORD Lauria / SUD Versace ITA
EST Duguet / OVEST Toffier FRA

Chiusa: NORD Rombaut / SUD Bessis FRA
EST Bocchi / OVEST Duboin ITA



BOARD 1

Pari a 3 fiori fatte dai due Sud, in un board in cui gran parte dei NS del Campionato si sono spinti, con i loro 24 punti e fit nono (5-4) a fiori, a 3 senza, finendo 1 o 2 down.

BOARD 2

Parziale in EO; Bocchi-Duboin 2 picche fatte nella 5-2; Duguet-Toffier 2 senza -1. 4 I.M.P. Italia. 4-0.

BOARD 3

In Sud: in chiusa Francia 1 cuori fatto (fit 4-3); in aperta Lauria - Versace 2 quadri +1. 1 I.M.P. Italia.

BOARD 4

2 cuori in Sud il contratto nelle due sale. Un attacco più favorevole ed una migliore linea di gioco consentono a Versace di fare 9 prese, mentre gli avversari finiscono addirittura 2 down. 8 I.M.P. Italia. 13-0.

BOARD 5

I nostri vanno 1 down a 1 senza in chiusa, ma Versace fa 1

senza sull'altra linea in aperta. 1 I.M.P. Italia. 14-0.

BOARD 6

Il controgioco di Lauria-Versace manda 2 down il contratto di 1 senza avversario, in cui Duboin, nell'altra sala, cade di una sola presa. 3 I.M.P. Italia. 17-0.

BOARD 7

Stavolta cadiamo a 3 senza cercando di affrancare le picche, che sono mal divise, mentre i francesi, alle prese con lo stesso contratto nell'altra sala, si affidano alla buona divisione delle cuori, e realizzano il contratto. 12 I.M.P. Francia. 17-12.

BOARD 8

Board 8 - dich. Ovest - tutti in prima

♠ 7 5 3 2		♠ J 8 4				
♥ A Q 10 3		♥ 6				
♦ 9 7 6		♦ K 5 4				
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In aperta Lauria-Versace non sbagliano attacco (picche per l'Asso) e controgioco (quattro giri di cuori) contro il 3 senza avversario, che va 1 down. In aperta stesso attacco ma prosecuzione a picche: 3 senza +1. 10 I.M.P. Italia. 27-12.

BOARD 9

13 Assi per NS a picche o a senza: Lauria-Versace chiamano 7 senza in poche battute dichiarative; i francesi mancano il grande giocando 6 picche +1. 11 I.M.P. Italia. 38-12.

BOARD 10

3 I.M.P. alla Francia per un nostro down di più nella manche a picche. 38-15.

BOARD 11

I francesi giocano in EO in aperta 4 picche in attacco (23 pt in linea e due bilanciate) finendo 1 down; in chiusa 3 fiori sull'altra linea, su cui i nostri non rialzano: 2 down. 4 I.M.P. per noi. 42-15.

BOARD 12

Pessima divisione degli atout nel contratto a picche in NS; una presa in più Italia ma board pari; 4 picche -



**FINALE**

Italia - Francia 21 - 9 (58 - 29). Altra convincente vittoria azzurra, che solo per un paio di decisioni sbagliate non ha assunto le solite vistosissime proporzioni.

Il match Italia-Francia è da anni una classica del bridge continentale. Il metodo di selezione adottato dai francesi non sempre consente di mettere al tavolo tutti i migliori giocatori di cui che la Francia dispone, ma la formazione transalpina è comunque un ostacolo storicamente difficile. L'Italia mette in evidenza, a più riprese, una migliore tecnica dichiarativa (emersa, in particolare, al board 9 con i francesi che stoppano stranamente a 6 picche, mentre Lauria-Versace arrivano a 7 senza) e un più efficace gioco della carta che costringe i francesi nel-

2 noi in aperta; 3 picche -2 loro in chiusa.

BOARD 13

Su un'identica sequenza dichiarativa (1 cuori, 2 quadri, 2 cuori, 3 quadri, avversari sempre passando) Bocchi, con la 3-5-1-4 di 15 punti con l'Asso secco di quadri, decide per la manche a senza, che mantiene, mentre il suo omologo passa sul 3 quadri del compagno, che vengono realizzate con *surlevée*. 10 I.M.P. Italia. 52-15.

BOARD 14

Mentre Bocchi fa 3 picche in chiusa (fit 6-1, 22 punti in linea; misfit negli altri semi), gli EO francesi, in aperta, si spingono a 3 senza e vanno 2 down. 6 I.M.P. Italia. 58-15.

BOARD 15

Pari a 3 senza +1 in NS.

BOARD 16

Pari a 1 senza -1 in Ovest.

BOARD 17

Un down di più a nostro carico a manche. 2 I.M.P. alla Francia. 58-17.

BOARD 18

Cadiamo a 4 picche fatte invece dai nostri avversari omologhi di linea. 12 I.M.P. Francia. 58-29.

BOARD 19

Pari a 3 senza +1 in Sud.

BOARD 20

Stesso attacco vincente nelle due sale a 4 picche; 1 down in aperta e chiusa. Pari.

l'angolo.

"In questi anni - commenta il grande campione francese Hervé Mouiel, qui a Salso capitano del Monaco - ho visto Bocchi-Duboin e Lauria-Versace acquistare una grandissima sicurezza nella dichiarazione e nel gioco della carta. In questo campionato, poi, stanno giocando come se fossero di un'altra categoria, come se Lenox Lewis affrontasse dei pesi medi."

Chiediamo a Norberto Bocchi come ha vissuto l'incontro. "E' andata abbastanza bene, contro una formazione dove però mancano tutti i grandi, da Chemla, a Mouiel, a Levi, a Peron ecc.. Sarebbe stato un altro pieno se Giorgino ed io non avessimo fatto due scemate verso la fine del match".



Appeal No. 8

Spain v Portugal

Appeals Committee:

Jean-Paul Meyer (Chairman, France), Grattan Endicott (England), Anton Maas (the Netherlands)

Open Teams Round 15

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Lopes	Frances	Sa	Torres
	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	INT ⁽²⁾	Dble ⁽³⁾
2♠ ⁽⁴⁾	Dble ⁽⁵⁾	Pass ⁽⁶⁾	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT ⁽⁷⁾
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
Pass	6♠	Pass	6NT
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

Comments:

- (1) Strong
 (2) Majors or Minors
 (3) positive, tends to be balanced
 (4) Pass or Correct, but see below
 (5) and (6) not alerted
 (7) general slam try

Contract: Seven No trumps, played by North.

Result: 11 tricks, N/S -100.

The Facts: Concerning the bid of 2♠, West made a gesture to South which could be misunderstood. South claims that West also said "spades", and the Spanish scorer confirms this, but West denies it. North's double indicates 19+ HCP.

The Director: Considered that any confusion resulting from the explanation of the 2♠ bid did not affect the choice of the level of contract.

Ruling: Result Stands.

Relevant Laws: Law 40C.

North/South appealed.

Present: All players and both Captains.

The Players: South complained that the difficulty in understanding the explanation of West's bid had deprived him of the opportunity of making his correct bid. He thought it possible that West's bid showed only spades and was not 'Pass or correct'. Had he understood that it selected spades if East had majors but wished East to remove the bid if he had minors, he would have been able to cue bid Hearts showing a flat hand with values. As it was his 3♦ bid suggested to North (who knew his LHO had majors) a diamond suit of at least five cards.

The Committee: Reminded the players that it is especially important to ask for, and to give, a written explanation when there is a communication difficulty or any uncertainty about the meaning of a call. Written explanations are called for because of language difficulties and at times a language difficulty is unsuspected and does not come to light until later. Considered that if the situation had been clear to South and he had bid 3♥, his judgement of his own hand opposite North's action would not have altered and he would still have raised 3NT to 4NT, following which the same path to 6NT appears inevitable. As for North's lift of 6NT to 7NT, this kind of misjudgement in the bidding has no connection with explanations received and calls for no redress.

The Committee's decision: Director's ruling upheld.

Deposit: Returned.

Power to the People Internet live VuGraph to all NBOs

The players who follow the European Teams Championships on the Internet enjoy the opportunity to view live Internet VuGraph of many of the top matches. e-bridge produces two VuGraph matches every round; the match that is being shown on the live VuGraph in Salsomaggiore, and every match of the Italian Open team (or Italian women when the Italian team is playing on the live VuGraph). This production is an implementation of the agreement of the EBL and the Italian Bridge Federation made with e-bridge. The access to these live VuGraphs is free to all. After the match the live VuGraph is converted to offline VuGraph, so the people, who were not able to watch the match live, can watch it later at their convenience.

In the first week of the Championship over 6,000 different people attended the live Internet VuGraph, with typically 200-300 kibitzers per match.

Pinhas Romik, the CEO of e-bridge, said: "Internet live VuGraph technology has matured enough so that e-bridge is ready to open it to all the NBOs. With a little support from e-bridge, every NBO can produce live VuGraph of its important National (or international) events. This will enable local players who are not attending live events to observe their prestigious National events. e-bridge will provide the Internet facility to run the VuGraph, and train NBO's scorers."

Interested NBOs should contact Pinhas Romik (playing seniors teams), or Yaniv at the live VuGraph auditorium.

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International Bridge Baltic Congress



Sopot 11th-21st July 2002

including:

- International Senior Championship of Poland
- Open Teams for The Baltic Bowl
- International Team Championship of Poland (Patton score)

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Sopot, Goyki/Haffnera str



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Time Table:

Thursday, 11th 07.2002

13.30 International Senior Pairs Championship of Poland - 1st session
1st Pre-Congress Pairs Tournament

19.00 International Senior Pairs Championship of Poland - 2nd session
2nd Pre-Congress Pairs Tournament

Friday, 12th 07.2002

10.00 International Senior Teams Championship of Poland - 1st session
3rd Pre-Congress Pairs Tournament

15.30 International Senior Teams Championship of Poland - 2nd session

17.00 4th Pre-Congress Pairs Tournament

20.00 International Senior Teams Championship of Poland - 3rd session

Saturday, 13th 07.2002

11.00 1st Congress Pairs Tournament Prokom Software GRAND PRIX 2002 - 1st session

17.00 Opening Ceremony

17.30 1st Congress Pairs Tournament Prokom Software GRAND PRIX 2002 - 2nd session

Sunday, 14th 07.2002

11.00 2nd Congress Pairs Tournament

17.00 3rd Congress Pairs Tournament

Monday, 15th 07.2002

10.00 1st Congress Teams Tournament for the Baltic Bowl Round Robin - 1st session

15.00 1st Congress Teams Tournament for the Baltic Bowl Round Robin - 2nd session

20.30 1st Congress Teams Tournament for the Baltic Bowl Finals

10.30 1st Open Pairs Tournament

15.30 2nd Open Pairs Tournament

20.30 3rd Open Pairs Tournament

Tuesday, 16th 07.2002

10.00 Congress Individual Tournament

17.00 4th Congress Pairs Tournament (average score)

Wednesday, 17th 07.2002

10.00 Masters Pairs Tournament

10.30 4th Open Pairs Tournament

17.00 5th Congress Pairs Tournament

22.00 Tournament of „Hearts”

Thursday, 18th 07.2002

10.00 5th Open Pairs Tournament "Cavendish"

17.00 Congress Mixed Pairs Tournament

17.00 6th Open Pairs Tournament

Friday, 19th 07.2002

10.00 7th Open Pairs Tournament "Barometer"

16.30 International Teams Championship of Poland (Patton score) - 1st session

Saturday, 20th 07.2002

10.00 Main Pairs Tournament (6th Congress Pairs Tournament) - 1st session

16.00 Main Pairs Tournament (6th Congress Pairs Tournament) - 2nd session

Sunday, 21st 07.2002

9.00 International Teams Championship of Poland (Patton score) - 2nd session

15.00 Closing Ceremony

Program of Events:

1. International Senior Championship of Poland for the players over 55.
2. The Congress competition consists of ten tournaments:
 - six open pairs,
 - mixed pairs,
 - individual,
 - Open Teams for The Baltic Bowl,
 - International Team Championship of Poland.

All above mentioned tournaments will be taken under account in the total individual Congress classification.

Only 8 best results (when 9 or 10 tournaments were played) will be encountered.

3. For players not participating in the Congress Mixed Pairs tournament, a Consolation Pairs Tournament will be held.

Prizes:

According to the Polish Bridge Union regulations, in all tournaments leading players (10% of the total number of competitors) gain prizes in cash, additionally the winners will be awarded by cups.

A number of 40 attractive prizes will be assigned to leading players in the total individual classification of the Congress.

There will be also a Cup for the best foreign player.

Entry Fees (per player):

- One-session Congress Tournaments	35 zł	(1 USD = aprox. 4,15 zł)
- 1 st Congress Pairs Tournament	50 zł	(1 EUR = aprox. 3,65 zł)
- Congress Individual Tournament	35 zł	
- Open Teams for the Baltic Bowl	55 zł	
- International Teams Chamiponship of Poland	50 zł	
- Main Congress Pairs Tournament	55 zł	
- International Senior Teams Championship	50 zł	
- International Senior Pairs Championship	50 zł	
- Additional Pairs Tournaments	25 zł	
- Consolation Pairs "Cavendish"	30 zł	
- Additional Pairs Tournament "Barometer"	65 zł	
- 1 st - 3 rd Pre-Congress Tournament	20 zł	
- 4 th Pre-Congress Tournament	25 zł	
- Masters Pairs	125 zł	

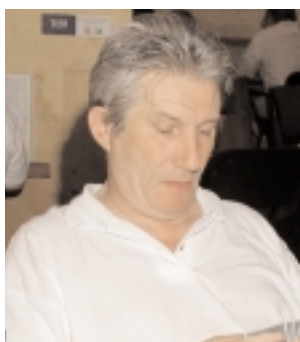
Regulations:

1. Convention Cards are obligatory.
2. The HUM systems are not allowed in all tournaments except the Championship of Poland.
3. Open Teams for the Baltic Bowl - for teams of up to 6 players.
4. The Championship of Poland - for teams of 4 players.

Panorama de l'équipe de France Senior

Faites connaissance avec les Tricolores version 2002. Habités des podiums, cette équipe de France senior est aujourd'hui recomposée après la disparition de l'un de ses piliers, Jean-Marc Roudinesco. Rajeunie par l'arrivée de deux "débutants" l'international Philippe Poizat et le basque Guy Lasserre, cette équipe fait, depuis le début de l'épreuve, l'ascenseur " entre la première et la deuxième place.

Christian Mari



Né en 1945, installé dans le Vercors, cet amoureux de la nature est l'un des bridgeurs les plus talentueux de la planète. Deux fois vainqueur des Olympiades, champion du monde et champion d'Europe, il collectionne les médailles dans différentes épreuves internationales.

Il partage son temps entre ses recherches sur le bridge, plus particulièrement sur les enchères, et de longues balades avec ses chiens dans les contreforts des Alpes. Brillant et perfectionniste, c'est le cerveau de l'équipe.

François Leenhardt



Né en 1940, ce polytechnicien épouse la profession de banquier et s'installe à Marseille. Champion d'Europe en 1974, 3ème de la Bermuda Bowl en 1975, il devient membre de l'équipe de France Open en 1988 et 1991 avec Philippe Poizat.

Passionné des voyages, c'est un homme intègre qu'une grande rigueur caractérise.

Pierre Adad



Né en 1938, Pierre est également polytechnicien. Ingénieur général de l'armée française, aujourd'hui retraité, il fut médaillé d'or aux Olympiades en 1992 à Salsomaggiore. Champion d'Europe Senior en 1997 à Montecatini et en 1999 à Malte, il forme avec Maurice Aujaleu un des *partnership* les plus anciens.

Adeptes des jeux de lettres et plus particulièrement de Scrabble, ce militaire d'une grande droiture (surnommé le général) à un petit faible : la cueillette des champignons.

Maurice Aujaleu



Né en 1935, ce lyonnais a fait sa carrière chez IBM en tant qu'ingénieur. Médaillé d'or aux Olympiades de Salsomaggiore en 1992 avec Pierre Adad, champion d'Europe Senior en 1997 à Montecatini et en 1999 à Malte encore avec Pierre Adad, il a acquis ses premiers titres au championnat du marché commun en 1975 puis aux championnats d'Europe mixte en 1976. Enthousiaste et passionné, il est surnommé le "junior" de l'équipe.

Philippe Poizat



Né en 1946, Philippe vit à Montpellier. Après des études de lettres, il s'oriente vers le bridge qu'il enseigne aujourd'hui. Membre de l'équipe de France Open en 1988 et en 1991 avec François Leenhardt, il a gagné deux fois le tournoi de Juan-les-Pins avec Alain Hertz et Christian Desrousseaux. Passionné de cinéma américain et de lecture, ce littéraire, d'un pessimisme redoutable, est aussi intelligent que paresseux.

Guy Lasserre



Né en 1947, il vit à Biarritz où il enseigne le sport et le bridge. C'est sa première sélection en équipe de France. Grand sportif, golfeur et tennisman accompli, ce basque bondissant est doté d'un sens de l'humour impénétrable.

Yves Aubry (npc)



Né en 1951, ce breton, médecin des hôpitaux (Physical Medecine and rehabilitation) est également 1er vice-président de la fédération française de bridge. Capitaine de l'équipe en 2001 à Tenerife et à Paris, il a l'habitude d'amener ses équipes aux meilleures places... et dans les meilleurs restaurants.