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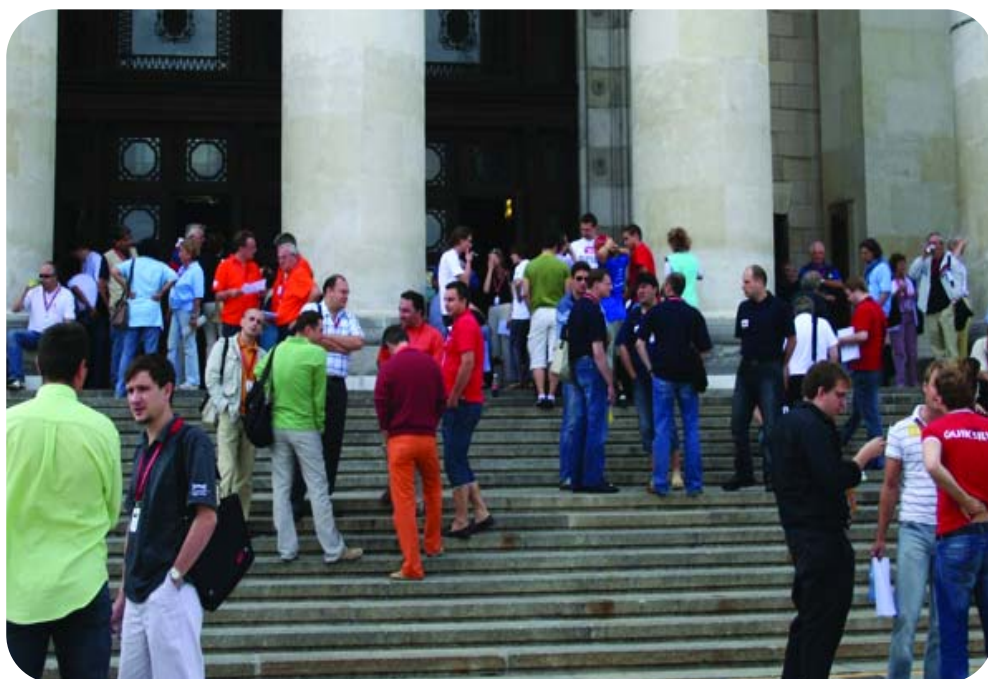
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ACCELERANDO! TIME TO MOVE UP A GEAR



Relaxing between rounds

Italy's lead in the *Open* series is up to 40VP. **Norway** is just ahead of **Ireland**, and these two have a healthy lead over **Iceland**, **Sweden** and **Netherlands**. The gap to seventh placed **Germany** is a significant 15VP - but no one can afford to relax.

Netherlands has taken over at the top of the *Women's* table, ahead of **Germany** and **France**. Overnight leaders **England** had a bad day and dropped to fourth place and they are followed by **Denmark** and **Poland**. Here the gap to the team in seventh place - **Croatia** - is 12 VP.

With one round to go before the Round Robin stage **France** lead the *Seniors* from **Turkey** and **Germany**.

Today's VuGraph Matches Intercontinental Hotel - 2nd Floor

Sweden - Ireland 14.15
Germany - England 17.35

BBO OnLine Transmissions

Turkey - Israel (Seniors) 10.30
Italy - Wales (Seniors) 10.30
England - Sweden (Seniors) 10.30
Netherlands - France (Seniors) 10.30
Israel - Poland 14.15

Hungary - France 14.15
Italy - Finland 14.15
France - Israel (Women) 14.15
Poland - Croatia 17.35
Lithuania - Italy 17.35
Ireland - Bulgaria 17.35
France - to be announced (S) 17.35
Swan Games OnLine
Denmark - Finland (Seniors) 10.30
Denmark - Turkey 14.15
Turkey - Sweden 17.35

URGENT



Will the delegates from Hungary and Portugal please report to the EBL office on the third floor of the Intercontinental Hotel as soon as possible.

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 26 14.15**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	BULGARIA	LUXEMBURG
2	HUNGARY	FRANCE
3	ENGLAND	LITHUANIA
4	RUSSIA	SERBIA
5	ICELAND	ESTONIA
6	BELGIUM	GREECE
7	SCOTLAND	ROMANIA
8	CROATIA	GERMANY
9	NORWAY	LATVIA
10	WALES	PORTUGAL
11	NETHERLANDS	SAN MARINO
12	ISRAEL	POLAND
13	SWEDEN	IRELAND
14	DENMARK	TURKEY
15	BELARUS	SWITZERLAND
16	ITALY	FINLAND
17	BYE	SPAIN

ROUND 27 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	GREECE	BELARUS
2	ROMANIA	NETHERLANDS
3	POLAND	CROATIA
4	GERMANY	ENGLAND
5	ISRAEL	BELGIUM
6	SAN MARINO	ICELAND
7	IRELAND	BULGARIA
8	SPAIN	ESTONIA
9	LATVIA	SCOTLAND
10	LUXEMBURG	FINLAND
11	SERBIA	NORWAY
12	TURKEY	SWEDEN
13	SWITZERLAND	HUNGARY
14	PORTUGAL	DENMARK
15	LITHUANIA	ITALY
16	WALES	RUSSIA
17	FRANCE	BYE



The Polish Bridge Union and the EBL are delighted to welcome José Damiani, President of the World Bridge Federation, to the Championships

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 23 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ESTONIA	NORWAY	58 - 41	18 - 12
2	IRELAND	SERBIA	62 - 28	20 - 10
3	NETHERLANDS	HUNGARY	98 - 36	25 - 3
4	LUXEMBURG	ENGLAND	27 - 69	6 - 24
5	ICELAND	BELARUS	83 - 21	25 - 3
6	ITALY	CROATIA	61 - 28	22 - 8
7	LITHUANIA	GREECE	51 - 86	8 - 22
8	BULGARIA	WALES	49 - 24	20 - 10
9	SPAIN	BELGIUM	40 - 24	18 - 12
10	GERMANY	SWITZERLAND	80 - 41	23 - 7
11	POLAND	FRANCE	42 - 46	14 - 16
12	FINLAND	ISRAEL	62 - 51	17 - 13
13	SAN MARINO	RUSSIA	33 - 86	5 - 25
14	PORTUGAL	ROMANIA	39 - 23	18 - 12
15	TURKEY	LATVIA	78 - 20	25 - 4
16	SWEDEN	DENMARK	89 - 29	25 - 3
	SCOTLAND			18 - 0

ROUND 24 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	NORWAY	SAN MARINO	45 - 13	22 - 8
2	BELARUS	SPAIN	26 - 26	15 - 15
3	ISRAEL	LITHUANIA	41 - 22	19 - 11
4	SCOTLAND	ESTONIA	37 - 15	20 - 10
5	WALES	IRELAND	17 - 31	12 - 18
6	LATVIA	PORTUGAL	52 - 30	20 - 10
7	DENMARK	BULGARIA	37 - 38	15 - 15
8	CROATIA	FINLAND	26 - 103	1 - 25
9	RUSSIA	ROMANIA	79 - 12	25 - 2
10	ENGLAND	ITALY	28 - 40	13 - 17
11	BELGIUM	FRANCE	27 - 69	6 - 24
12	SWITZERLAND	POLAND	16 - 22	14 - 16
13	SERBIA	TURKEY	3 - 85	0 - 25
14	HUNGARY	ICELAND	43 - 40	16 - 14
15	GREECE	GERMANY	19 - 41	10 - 20
16	SWEDEN	LUXEMBURG	21 - 40	11 - 19
	NETHERLANDS			18 - 0

ROUND 25 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	PORTUGAL	SERBIA	54 - 66	13 - 17
2	BULGARIA	SWEDEN	63 - 73	13 - 17
3	LUXEMBOURG	ITALY	28 - 81	5 - 25
4	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	45 - 27	19 - 11
5	SPAIN	HUNGARY	61 - 44	19 - 11
6	FINLAND	ENGLAND	33 - 79	6 - 24
7	POLAND	GREECE	91 - 20	25 - 2
8	LITHUANIA	CROATIA	64 - 63	15 - 15
9	ROMANIA	NORWAY	32 - 50	11 - 19
10	FRANCE	BELARUS	41 - 47	14 - 16
11	SAN MARINO	SCOTLAND	34 - 78	6 - 24
12	ESTONIA	NETHERLANDS	25 - 86	3 - 25
13	LATVIA	RUSSIA	33 - 66	8 - 22
14	TURKEY	WALES	39 - 49	13 - 17
15	IRELAND	DENMARK	84 - 40	24 - 6
16	GERMANY	ISRAEL	69 - 22	24 - 6
	ICELAND			18 - 0

OPEN TEAMS RANKING

after 25 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	ITALY	500.00
2	NORWAY	460.00
	IRELAND	460.00
4	ICELAND	441.00
5	SWEDEN	434.00
	NETHERLANDS	434.00
7	GERMANY	419.00
8	POLAND	416.00
9	HUNGARY	415.00
10	RUSSIA	412.00
11	ISRAEL	398.50
12	ENGLAND	397.00
13	FRANCE	394.50
14	FINLAND	390.00
15	DENMARK	389.00
16	TURKEY	387.00
17	BULGARIA	384.00
18	SPAIN	381.00
19	BELARUS	362.00
20	SCOTLAND	359.00
21	BELGIUM	342.50
22	WALES	341.00
23	SERBIA	337.00
24	CROATIA	324.00
	ESTONIA	324.00
26	PORTUGAL	323.00
27	LATVIA	322.00
28	GREECE	318.50
29	ROMANIA	317.00
30	SANMARINO	303.00
31	SWITZERLAND	293.00
32	LITHUANIA	286.00
33	LUXEMBOURG	284.00

JOURNALISTS' PAIRS

The 2006 Journalists' Pairs will be on Thursday, 24th August at 9pm (2100 hrs) In the VuGraph room. Please pre-enter in the Press Room with Jan Swaan.

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 15

14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FRANCE	ISRAEL
2	AUSTRIA	ITALY
3	HUNGARY	SAN MARINO
4	GERMANY	SPAIN
5	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS
6	ICELAND	TURKEY
7	IRELAND	GREECE
8	ENGLAND	SWEDEN
9	POLAND	SCOTLAND
10	DENMARK	RUSSIA
11	FINLAND	CROATIA

ROUND 16

17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	RUSSIA	GERMANY
2	TURKEY	AUSTRIA
3	SCOTLAND	FRANCE
4	ITALY	DENMARK
5	ENGLAND	FINLAND
6	SWEDEN	POLAND
7	ISRAEL	IRELAND
8	SAN MARINO	NETHERLANDS
9	GREECE	NORWAY
10	SPAIN	HUNGARY
11	CROATIA	ICELAND

SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 15

10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ESTONIA	SCOTLAND
2	ENGLAND	SWEDEN
3	POLAND	SWITZERLAND
4	TURKEY	ISRAEL
5	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE
6	ITALY	WALES
7	DENMARK	FINLAND
8	GERMANY	IRELAND

Senior Event

This afternoon (17.35) we start the second Round Robin as Finals A & B, playing seven rounds of 16 boards.

The carry over will be the total number of VP's won against the teams you meet again and 75% of the others. The first six in Final A will qualify for Shanghai and if, which is quite possible, a 7th place becomes available the winner of Final B will go.

The line up has to be made at 17.00 at latest.

Ton Kooijman

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 12 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	HUNGARY	FRANCE	57 - 75	11 - 19
2	ITALY	ENGLAND	39 - 31	16 - 14
3	SAN MARINO	AUSTRIA	28 - 61	8 - 22
4	GREECE	SCOTLAND	39 - 42	14 - 16
5	TURKEY	CROATIA	30 - 44	12 - 18
6	GERMANY	IRELAND	51 - 35	18 - 12
7	NETHERLANDS	POLAND	39 - 69	9 - 21
8	DENMARK	NORWAY	22 - 56	8 - 22
9	SPAIN	ICELAND	60 - 42	19 - 11
10	SWEDEN	ISRAEL	41 - 38	16 - 14
11	RUSSIA	FINLAND	36 - 48	13 - 17

ROUND 13 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ICELAND	RUSSIA	32 - 63	9 - 21
2	IRELAND	HUNGARY	40 - 46	14 - 16
3	FINLAND	ITALY	20 - 23	14 - 16
4	DENMARK	SAN MARINO	66 - 15	25 - 5
5	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	28 - 47	11 - 19
6	AUSTRIA	SPAIN	16 - 61	6 - 24
7	POLAND	GREECE	52 - 32	19 - 11
8	CROATIA	SWEDEN	16 - 34	11 - 19
9	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL	38 - 14	20 - 10
10	NORWAY	GERMANY	27 - 33	14 - 16
11	ENGLAND	TURKEY	14 - 74	3 - 25

ROUND 14 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ITALY	ICELAND	32 - 55	10 - 20
2	CROATIA	ENGLAND	76 - 65	17 - 13
3	ISRAEL	POLAND	53 - 72	11 - 19
4	HUNGARY	NORWAY	26 - 96	2 - 25
5	SAN MARINO	GERMANY	39 - 74	8 - 22
6	RUSSIA	AUSTRIA	37 - 43	14 - 16
7	SPAIN	DENMARK	76 - 64	17 - 13
8	GREECE	FRANCE	14 - 59	6 - 24
9	SWEDEN	SCOTLAND	54 - 45	17 - 13
10	TURKEY	FINLAND	27 - 37	13 - 17
11	NETHERLANDS	IRELAND	92 - 16	25 - 1



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WOMEN TEAMS RANKING
after 14 rounds

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1	NETHERLANDS	262.00
2	GERMANY	257.00
3	FRANCE	251.00
4	ENGLAND	243.00
5	DENMARK	240.00
6	POLAND	234.00
7	CROATIA	225.00
8	SPAIN	220.00
9	AUSTRIA	218.00
10	SWEDEN	209.00
	ITALY	209.00
12	NORWAY	200.00
13	SCOTLAND	196.00
14	TURKEY	193.00
	HUNGARY	193.00
	FINLAND	193.00
17	ISRAEL	191.00
18	SANMARINO	189.00
19	IRELAND	188.00
20	RUSSIA	173.00
21	GREECE	157.00
22	ICELAND	154.00

SENIORS TEAMS RANKING
after 14 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	FRANCE	256.00
2	TURKEY	251.00
3	GERMANY	250.00
4	SWEDEN	248.00
5	DENMARK	247.00
6	ITALY	232.00
7	POLAND	211.00
8	SCOTLAND	206.00
9	NETHERLANDS	199.00
10	ENGLAND	197.00
11	FINLAND	195.00
12	ISRAEL	191.00
13	SWITZERLAND	179.00
14	WALES	171.00
15	IRELAND	170.00
16	ESTONIA	136.00

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 12 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SWITZERLAND	ENGLAND	61 - 42	19 - 11
2	SWEDEN	FRANCE	52 - 33	19 - 11
3	IRELAND	DENMARK	8 - 51	5 - 25
4	WALES	NETHERLANDS	31 - 48	11 - 19
5	SCOTLAND	GERMANY	16 - 95	0 - 25
6	POLAND	ISRAEL	66 - 25	24 - 6
7	ITALY	TURKEY	26 - 47	10 - 20
8	FINLAND	ESTONIA	48 - 31	19 - 11

ROUND 13 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY	POLAND	30 - 10	20 - 10
2	ESTONIA	SWEDEN	31 - 21	17 - 13
3	ITALY	IRELAND	38 - 26	18 - 12
4	DENMARK	SWITZERLAND	18 - 29	13 - 17
5	FRANCE	SCOTLAND	40 - 12	22 - 8
6	ISRAEL	GERMANY	23 - 21	15 - 15
7	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	41 - 23	19 - 11
8	ENGLAND	WALES	56 - 20	23 - 7

ROUND 14 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	IRELAND	POLAND	23 - 40	11 - 19
2	FINLAND	ENGLAND	24 - 33	13 - 17
3	FRANCE	ESTONIA	58 - 14	25 - 5
4	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL	61 - 59	15 - 15
5	GERMANY	TURKEY	61 - 8	25 - 3
6	SWITZERLAND	ITALY	23 - 60	6 - 24
7	WALES	DENMARK	40 - 56	11 - 19
8	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	39 - 36	16 - 14

Seniors Congress

The meeting will be held today, Wednesday 23 August at 14.30 in the EBL meeting room on the third floor of the Intercontinental Hotel.

All Senior players, captains and NBO officers are invited to attend.

Agenda:

1. The Seniors Championship format in Warsaw 2006.
2. Senior bridge problem areas.
3. Future plans
4. Any other business

Goran Mattsson- Chairman
Nissan Rand- Hon. Chairman

Climb every Mountain

by Mark Horton

Austria, one of the youngest teams in the Women's tournament, made a slow start, but have improved steadily and will spend the second week fighting for one of the qualifying places. In Round 9 they fought out an exciting draw with the powerful French team. This was one of their gains.

Dealer West. None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grumm	d'Ovidio	Weigkricht	Gaviard
1♥*	1♠	2♥	3♦
All Pass			

West was intending to canape into spades, but North's intervention ruled out that possibility. With South presumably unable to double, the club fit was lost and declarer had to struggle in Three Diamonds.

The defence started with three rounds of hearts and declarer ruffed and played a club to the ace and a diamond to the jack and queen. West switched to the king of spades and declarer ruffed and tried the king of diamonds. West took the ace and forced declarer with a heart. There were still two trump tricks to come, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Smederevac	Cronier	Gogoman
1♠	Pass	INT	2NT*
3♦*	4♣	Pass	Pass
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

North led her diamond and declarer won with the queen, played a heart to the queen and the jack of spades. South ruffed and returned the four of diamonds for North to ruff. She underled her club honours and South won and returned another diamond for a further ruff. Declarer stopped that by ruffing with the king of hearts, but when she played a top spade North could win and exit with a trump. That left declarer with a losing spade, two down -300 and a nice 9 IMP pick up for Austria.

OPEN TEAMS

Round 17

Italy v Iceland, Germany v Norway, Ireland v Hungary

by Jos Jacobs

In the morning round on Saturday no less than three matches between teams among the top eight of the Open Series were scheduled: Italy-Iceland, Germany-Norway and Ireland-Hungary. Below, I will try to report some highlights from all three these matches.

On board 1, looking at the scores in the Ireland-Hungary match, one might think they were not playing the same boards at the two tables:

Board: 1. Dealer: North. None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Szalay</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Macskasy</i>	<i>McGann</i>
1♥	1♣	Pass	1♦ ¹
Pass	Pass	3♥	3♠ ²
All Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦

The ambiguity arose when McGann showed his spades over 3♥, as 1♦ was either 0-7 HCP or a game force without any of the major suits. McGann apparently took 5♦ as a strong one-suiter in the suit so he raised to slam only to discover that this was not quite the case. When the Hungarians were kind enough not to double this he quietly went two down for +100 to Hungary.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Dumbovich</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
All Pass	INT	Pass	2♠

Though a forcing defence in hearts will make it difficult to make 4♠ at the table unless you are allowed to peek a little here and there, making eight tricks in 2♠ was easy going. In fact declarer made two overtricks when the defence

switched to clubs early on. Hungary +170 and 7 IMPs.

In the Germany-Norway match there was more at stake:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Gotard</i>
4♥	1♦	1♥	Dble
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♠
	All Pass		

Declarer ruffed the ♥A and led a spade to the king and ace. A heart came back and a low diamond went to the jack and queen. Another heart was ruffed by declarer and West won the next diamond. East duly got his diamond ruff next but then could not effectively return anything but a trump. This meant down two, +300 for Norway which rated to be a very good result.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Salensminde</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
3♦	1♦	1♥	1♠
All Pass	Pass	3♥	3♠

And so it proved when Brogeland, playing in just 3♠, went after the diamonds first. He ruffed the ♥A and lost a diamond to the queen. He then ruffed the heart return and led another diamond. West won the ace and gave his partner a ruff, but when Brogeland ruffed the third heart and ran the ♠J, the ♠A was the defenders' last trick. Contract made, Norway +140 and 10 IMPs to open their account.

Norway scored another 9 IMPs on the next board and then, two boards later, we saw this:

Board: 4. Dealer: West. All vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Szalay</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Macskasy</i>	<i>McGann</i>
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♥
3♣	Pass	3♦	4♥
All Pass			

Szalay's quiet approach might still have inspired Macskasy to jump to 4♦ but when the latter just gave preference, the Hungarians, leading 18-0 after three boards, sold out to 4♥ and Ireland scored an easy +620.

The classic approach would probably have worked better. Suppose West opens 1♣ (natural) and rebids 2♦. Now, no matter what the opponents do, East is in a position to raise diamonds voluntarily, which clarifies the situation for his partner.

It could have been a double game swing but Dumbovich's Grosvenor Gambit saved a few IMPs for Hungary:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Dumbovich</i>
2♣	Pass	Pass	4♥
4NT	Pass	5♦	All Pass

As trumps are 2-2 making 11 tricks is not so difficult but look at what happened:

Dumbovich led top hearts, Mesbur throwing dummy's losing spade on the second round. He next ruffed the third heart high, crossed to the ♦J and led the ♣K and another, playing for the more likely clubs 3-2 and trumps 3-1. Had Dumbovich simply ruffed the second club the contract would have been beaten, but he elected to discard a heart.

At this point, if trumps really are 3-1 and clubs 4-1, both with North, you have to ruff a club next and then use one of your high trumps as the entry to dummy to ruff out the last club. A spade ruff brings you back in dummy to draw the last trump and enjoy the good clubs. Mesbur played accordingly only to see Dumbovich overruff the third round of clubs...

How could he know that playing off one more top trump would have brought him the contract? Hungary +100 but still 11 IMPs to Ireland.

In the Germany-Norway match we saw another big swing to Norway:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Gotard</i>
1♣	1♠	Pass	2♦*
3♦	Pass	5♦	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

* shows hearts

One off, Norway +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Salensminde</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
2NT	Pass	3♦	4♥
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

It is difficult to understand why Marsal did not retreat to diamonds again after Fritsche's 2NT opening bid had shown both minors. Norway +500 and 12 IMPs where they might have lost the same amount...

This match looked almost over now after just four boards as the score stood at 32-0 to Norway.

More bidding and play problems on the next board:

Board: 5. Dealer: North. N/S vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Szalay</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Macskasy</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	1♥	Dble	Redble(1)
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

On the actual trump break this was not a success. Hungary +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Dumbovich</i>
	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dble	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

On a trump lead by West, ducked to East's jack by declarer and a trump back to dummy's queen - Dumbovich was always in control. He simply cashed his top clubs and ruffed the third round of the suit with dummy's ace. When

they broke, he led a diamond and played trumps to drive out the king and enjoy the clubs. Just made, Hungary +790 and 14 IMPs to lead 32-11 now.

This board earned Germany a swing when Brogeland went down in 4♠ undoubled:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Gotard</i>
	2♥	Dble	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

This went down two for +100 to Germany.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Salensminde</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The defence got off to the best lead: a diamond to the ace and a diamond back. Once Brogeland began by setting up his side suit (a sound principle) he was in trouble when the trumps broke 4-1. Continuous diamond leads fatally shortened his trumps and thus he had to go down two.

A combination of the chances would have worked better. Try the effect of a trump to the queen first. East can win but what can he do? A diamond will be ruffed in dummy fol-



Nicholas Fitzgibbon, Ireland

lowed by the ♠A and a heart to the ace. A trick is given to the ♠K and declarer has the balance.

If East leads a heart declarer wins and proceeds to ruff the third club with the ace. When he next plays a trump from dummy, East can win his king but declarer once again has the rest.

A most peculiar swing occurred on board 11 in the Italy-Iceland match. Meanwhile, Ireland and Hungary were playing safe:

Board: 11. Dealer: South. None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Szalay</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Macskasy</i>	<i>McGann</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Not exciting when the diamonds never came into the picture. Three overtricks, Hungary +490.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Dumbovich</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♣
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

The Strong Club gave the Irish the chance to find the diamond fit and they duly did so. As you can see declarer can make 12 tricks by guessing the hearts in the end to discard his losing spade. Mesbur did not bother about all this and played very safe for 11 tricks. Ireland +400 and 3 more IMPs to Hungary.

In the other match the dazzling heights the world-wide audience (well over 3,000 at a certain moment) was hoping for were reached indeed:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Fantoni	Jonsson	Nunes
			Pass
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Once West made an opening bid it had become impossible for Iceland to stay out of slam. Well bid, but the play's the thing.

North led the ♠Q to dummy's king and declarer drew trumps in two rounds. He then took the heart finesse, the jack losing to the king and ruffed his two losing clubs trying to find out more about the distribution. As South had returned the ♠9 to dummy's ace after winning his ♥K he actually had no clue. In the end he guessed to take the heart finesse and thus was down two...Italy a probably unexpected +100. Was this a big swing? Not exactly!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Thorvaldsson	Lauria	Magnusson
			3♣
Dble	4♣	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	7♦	All Pass

The only thing one can say is that Lauria had not anticipated such a weak double...

One down, Iceland +50 but 2 of the strangest IMPs ever won by Italy...

Board: 14. Dealer: East. None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Hanlon	Macskasy	McGann
		Pass	Pass
1♣	2♣	Dble	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		



Matthias Gisli Thorvaldsson, Iceland

The double of 2♣ was a general game force. Macskasy then showed good technique in his declarer play. He won the diamond lead in hand with the ace and ran the ♠Q, getting the bad news. His next move was to simply duck a heart to North. Now, had he withheld the jack on North's club return he would have ensured his contract as South has no good exit left if he decides to ruff the diamond. Declarer would have won the ♣A in dummy, ruffed out the hearts (the suit breaking 3-3) and led a diamond up. If South discards the king scores; if he ruffs he has to present declarer with a trick as he has only black cards left.

At the table, declarer put in the ♣J, covered and won by the ace. Dummy's hearts were ruffed good and a diamond was indeed led. When South did not ruff the king scored and we were back into "Plan A" described above. Just made, Hungary +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fitzgibbon	Winkler	Mesbur	Dumbovich
		1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Once Mesbur decided to win the diamond lead with dummy's king, he could no longer make the contract as North will inevitably get the chance to South ruff away de-

clarer's \diamond A.

Down two, Hungary +100 and 11 IMPs more to lead by 42 now.

In the other match

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
		1 \spadesuit	Pass
2 \clubsuit	2 \diamond	2 \heartsuit	Pass
2 \spadesuit	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 \clubsuit	Pass	3 \diamond	Pass
4 \spadesuit	All Pass		

Jonsson was not put to a severe test when Nunes led the \diamond 2. He won the ace and advanced the \spadesuit Q which was covered by Nunes. Next came a heart off dummy, Fantoni going up with the king to return a diamond. When Nunes ruffed this and returned a club the rest was easy. Iceland +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Thorvaldsson</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>
		1 \spadesuit	Pass
2 \heartsuit	Pass	2 \spadesuit	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
4 \clubsuit	Pass	4 \diamond	Pass
4 \heartsuit	Pass	4 \spadesuit	All Pass

Lauria got a favourable club lead into his KJ but after that, the Icemen gave him a harsh time. He ran the \spadesuit J which held, unblocked the \clubsuit A and led a heart off dummy, North going up with the ten (!) which held. He returned a cunning \diamond J which Lauria won with the king in dummy. Next came another heart on which Magnusson contributed the queen. Upon seeing this Lauria tried to cross to his hand with the \diamond A but when Magnusson could ruff this the contract had gone down one. Iceland +50 and 10 IMPs to lead by 13.

The next board once again was a matter of systems. Strong Clubs certainly were of better use than the natural approach. If South opens 2NT or any strong two preparing to rebid 2NT East has the chance to bid as many spades as he wants and NS will be in trouble.

If on the other hand South opens a Strong Club, North will be able to show a game forcing hand with a club suit, in which case South's next bid should be around 6 \clubsuit .

The Italians ran into trouble on the spade intervention, as you can see:

Board: 15. Dealer: South. N/S vul.

		\spadesuit 7 5
		\heartsuit J 8 7 3
		\diamond A K
		\clubsuit J 9 8 7 2
\spadesuit 9 6		
\heartsuit 10 4 2		
\diamond J 10 6 3 2		
\clubsuit Q 10 6		
		\spadesuit K Q J 10 8 4 3
		\heartsuit 9 5
		\diamond 8 7
		\clubsuit 5 4
		\spadesuit A 2
		\heartsuit A K Q 6
		\diamond Q 9 5 4
		\clubsuit A K 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
			2NT
Pass	3 \clubsuit	4 \spadesuit	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South cashed two top hearts followed by two top clubs and then exited with another heart. A low trump was led by declarer, the nine in dummy winning (!) and the \clubsuit Q thus becoming a parking place for a diamond. Down only three, Italy +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Thorvaldsson</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>
			2NT
Pass	3 \clubsuit	4 \spadesuit	Pass
Pass	5NT	Pass	6 \heartsuit
All Pass			



Claudio Nunes, Italy



Adam Mesbur, Ireland

Thorvaldsson followed a not so sophisticated approach, be it a very practical one. His 5NT was “pick a slam” and South duly obliged. Iceland a fine =1430 and 14 IMPs to lead by 27!

The next board brought a swing for Ireland though it should have been a push:

Board: 16. Dealer: West. E/W vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Szalay</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Macskasy</i>	<i>McGann</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Dble	3NT	All Pass	

3NT was explained as showing both a stopper in spades and in diamonds.

East led a low diamond to West’s ace and West continued not a spade to beat the contract out of hand, but the ♦J. Well, had East let this hold, West would have had a second chance but this was not to be: East overtook with the queen and cleared the suit, as well as declarer’s problem with the clubs. If they are 3-0 you have to maneuver carefully to avoid the blockage and this was probably what Hanlon had been thinking about as he threw the ♣8 on the ♦K to remove the blocking card.

The curious thing with the clubs is that any 3-0 split will cause trouble, no matter what you do. If you lead the ♣K from hand you run into trouble when East discards, if you lead up to the ace first you have a serious problem when (as was the case here) West discards.

Contract made, Ireland +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Dumbovich</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♣	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

Though Dumbovich went one down, he might have considered this a good result as the opponents are cold for 4♠...Ireland +50 and 10 IMPs back to trail by 35.

On this same board, Italy recouped some of the IMPs lost just before:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

This was made when Jonsson led the ♠A. Italy +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Thorvaldsson</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♣	3♠	5♣
All Pass			

On a diamond lead and a spade switch Thorvaldsson had to concede defeat: Italy another +50 and 10 IMPs back.

It should be noted that this defence is necessary to beat 5♣. If West simply returns a diamond, declarer will win the king, play the ♣K, lead a trump to the ten, cash the ♣AK, ruff a heart high, draw the last trump and ruff the last heart. A diamond ruff will provide entry to dummy’s 13th heart on which the spade loser goes away.

Senior Moments Part 2

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

These reports have to concentrate on the more interesting of the triumphs and disasters at my table because there is so little time to pick up stories from elsewhere.

Here is another of our abnormal contracts that produced an interesting play problem I failed to solve, though first the bidding problem that led to the interesting contract.

I held in third seat at game all:

♠ A K Q ♥ A Q 9 8 4 ♦ K J ♣ 6 3 2

After two Passes I opened One Heart, showing four, and partner responded One Spade. We were playing a 14-16 INT and a rebid of 2NT as 17-18 non-forcing. What do you choose?

My first thought was to bash Three Notrumps. On the actual deal the opponents have five clubs to cash, but might not find the lead. One possibility was to downgrade and bid only 2NT, leaving room to investigate the major suit fits if partner does not Pass (he had six points). My actual choice was to invent Three Diamonds to ensure we reached game whilst leaving room to investigate the various possible strains. Needless to say, this eventually led to an interesting Five Diamonds instead of the boring Four Spades that most people selected.

Against Five Diamonds West led the jack of spades and this is what I could see in dummy.

Seniors Round 8 (Open 19) Wales v. Finland Board 13

♠ 9 8 7 4 2
♥ 5
♦ A Q 9 8 7
♣ 10 9



♠ A K Q
♥ A Q 9 8 4
♦ K J
♣ 6 3 2

After thanking partner for his excellent trump support you have to plan the play. What do you choose?

I laid down the king of diamonds from hand but then came the crucial decision. If the lead is a singleton you can still make if the trumps break and the heart finesse provides a discard of a club. If you overtake the second diamond and then the ten does not fall you will know you need both the heart finesse to ditch a club, and the spades breaking. There was a third possibility which I thought of, but did not act upon..... you can cash a second high spade and if the ten falls, you no longer need to overtake the trump. You simply let the jack win, ruff a heart, draw trumps throwing the blocking spade from hand, and claim.

You have already guessed I overtook the trump whereas the winning line was to cash a second spade dropping the ten. This was the full layout:

♠ 9 8 7 4 2
♥ 5
♦ A Q 9 8 7
♣ 10 9

♠ J 10
♥ K 10 7 2
♦ 10 6 5 3
♣ A 8 4



♠ 6 5 3
♥ J 6 3
♦ 4 2
♣ K Q J 7 5

♠ A K Q
♥ A Q 9 8 4
♦ K J
♣ 6 3 2

In retrospect I believe the second spade is the right as well as the successful play because of a snag in the line where you overtake the trump. Suppose trumps break 3-3. You still have to decide whether to take the heart finesse (needed if the spades are 4-1) to ditch a club, or simply rely on the spades, and you are unable to test the spades without being stuck in the wrong hand to take the heart finesse. If you are then going to rely on the spades breaking you might as well play the second spade before trumps are drawn.

Our match against Sweden began with an excellent slam reached by Sven-Olov Flodqvist and Ake Sjoberg which was bid at only four of the 70 tables.

Seniors Round 9 (Open 20) Board 1 Dealer North; Love all.

♠ A Q
♥ Q J 9 3
♦ J 10 7
♣ A 10 6 5



♠ K J 9 4
♥ A K 6
♦ A 9 6 5 4
♣ J

Their auction, unopposed and completely natural, was:

West	East
<i>Flodqvist</i>	<i>Sjoberg</i>
	1♦
1♥	1♠
3NT	4♥
6♦	Pass

The auction at the other table was identical up to Four Hearts, and then West passed. But Flodqvist knew East's sequence showed extra values (he had not raised hearts to two initially) with slam interest, and that West's ace of clubs was opposite shortage.

Of course, East's nine of diamonds is a big card. North's trump holding was ♦ K Q 8 and there was no problem in the play. But suppose the nine and eight are switched..... Of such small things are big swings made.

Sweden did not do so well on this later deal from the same match where my partner concluded a worrying contract successfully:

Seniors Round 9 (Open 20) Wales v. Sweden

Board 12 Dealer West. North-South Vul.

♠ 7 4 2 ♥ – ♦ K Q 10 9 7 2 ♣ Q J 6 4	♠ K Q 8 5 ♥ A J 9 7 ♦ A ♣ 10 7 5 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 6 3 ♥ K Q 8 4 3 ♣ J 8 6 ♣ K 9
	♠ A J 10 ♥ 10 6 5 2 ♦ 5 4 3 ♣ A 8 3		

West	North	East	South
<i>Flodqvist</i>	<i>Hirst</i>	<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Jourdain</i>
Pass	1♥?	Pass	2♥
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The auction was not a thing of beauty. North had opened the wrong suit (with 4-4-1-4 the only opening is 1♣. If you open 1♥ and partner responds 2♦ you have no rebid). Also, as South's raise is often based on three-card support, the Law says North should only bid Three Hearts with five, leav-

ing South to compete (as I would have done) with a maximum raise and four-card support. North's Three Hearts was not an invitation but if he had five trumps my hand, with no wasted values in diamonds, and excellent controls outside had dramatically improved. Hence I justified the raise. Certainly, looking at the North-South cards Four Hearts is a sound contract and, looking at Deep Finesse, always makeable. But when East doubled it was worrying.

A diamond lead went to declarer's ace and a spade to the ten was followed by a trump from dummy. Flodqvist showed out. Ouch! Hirst put in the nine. Sjoberg won and switched to a second spade. Declarer put up the ace, ruffed a diamond, and played two more spades. East did not ruff the fourth spade, instead discarding a diamond, so a losing club went away. A club came next and East did not unblock, so he was left on play at the next trick with only trumps left. A low trump was won by declarer's jack, the ace of trumps cashed, and then, at trick 12, came a third club. East had ♥K8 left but dummy's ten of trumps made en passant. So Four Hearts doubled made.

Deep Finesse shows that declarer can only guarantee success by not touching trumps until the last possible moment (e.g. ruff a couple of diamonds and play four rounds of spades first). As the play went, after one round of trumps had been ducked, East could have destroyed the timing for the coup en passant by ruffing the fourth spade low. Once East discarded declarer was back on track.

At the other table the contract was also Four Hearts doubled and this failed by one trick for 14 IMPs to Wales. Despite this board Sweden won the match 41-33.

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The Importance of the Lead

by Christer Andersson

On Sunday evening Serbia and Bulgaria had an even battle resulting in a small 16-14 win for Serbia. Here are two deals where the losing side showed that their declarer play is of the highest quality:

Dealer East. All Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Bonev	Parezanin	Batov	Duricic
		1♥	Pass
INT*	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

The INT response was a one round force with 0-13 HCP, and the 2♣ rebid promised no more than two clubs. The rest of the bidding was optimism.

Although the optimism of Vasil Batov in the bidding surprised everyone at the table, it was not a strong enough warning for Branislav Duricic to see the need for a trump lead. He could have inferred that East's happy jump to slam was not based on extra trump length, and, therefore, on distributional values. As it was, he led the ♠7, covered by dummy's jack, partner contributing the five, and declarer winning deceptively with the king. A club followed and Duricic won with the ace to continue the neutral looking spade. When Darko Parezanin contributed the nine, declarer revealed his deception and allowed the queen to win the trick. He cashed the club king, happily noting the queen falling from South. Now it looked like he only needed to draw trumps and ruff one club on route to land his contract. This hope was ruined when Parezanin discarded an encouraging diamond on the trump king. Because of his spot cards in trumps, he could still make his contract. He ruffed a diamond in hand, cashed his two high spades and played the high ten of clubs. Duri?i? had to ruff but was over-ruffed on the table. A diamond ruff allowed Batov to reach his hand to ruff this last club and claim his high trumps.

In case Parezanin had been upset over the unlucky lead, Duricic had the reply ready: "You wouldn't have found the trump lead either". That was not needed as both laughed warmly for the lucky breaks of the suits.

Bulgaria won 13 IMPs on the deal as Serbia had an uneventful sequence in the closed room and just made the contract on a trump lead and trump continuation when in on the club ace:

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Zipovski	Marashev	Vlajnic	Petkov
		1♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Some board later Batov again had a chance to show his declarer skills, whereas Duri?i? had an even tougher lead problem:

Dealer South. North/South Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bonev	Parezanin	Batov	Duricic
			Pass
Pass	1♥	INT*	2♥
2NT*	4♥	5♣	All Pass

The INT intervention showed either 4 cards in the other major and a 5+ minor suit, or a balanced hand with 19-20 HCP. 2NT was forward going promising some type of club support.

What should you lead on this bidding? When Branislav Duricic missed the spade lead and instead chose partner's suit, Batov took full advantage by exploiting the fact that the spades were 4-2 with honours blocked. Batov won the heart ace on the table, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♦K (discarding a spade from hand), led the ten of clubs to the queen on the table (noting both missing trumps falling), cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed the last diamond high in hand. Now a club to the seven on the table allowed Batov to complete the elimination of the red suits and throw in the opponents in spades, for them, either to give declarer a ruff-and-discard, or establish a spade trick.

This time, however, the Serbs were saved by their countrymen Branco Vlajnic and Dimitraki Zipovski in the closed room who found the same contract and play as in the open room:

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Zipovski	Marashev	Vlajnic	Petkov
			Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
Dble	3♥	5♣	All Pass

When a Good Reputation is a Handicap

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

The Wales Open team seems to have a secure place around 20th in every European in which the Principality has competed. One of the high spots this time was beating Sweden 19-11 in Round 22. Here are two boards that helped:

Open Round 22

Board 4 Dealer West; Game All

♠ A Q 9 4
♥ Q 10
♦ K 10 9 5
♣ 10 7 3

♠ J 7 3
♥ K 6 2
♦ A Q 7 2
♣ A 6 2

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♠ K 8 6 2
♥ A J 9 8
♦ 8 6 4
♣ K 4

♠ 10 5
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ J 3
♣ Q J 9 8 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Rees</i>	<i>Bjoernlund</i>	<i>Kurbalija F.</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Tedd</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Salisbury</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both tables reached the standard game of 3NT by West. That North holding in hearts provides a textbook opportunity for the defence (in the match between the Wales Seniors and lowly-placed Estonia when the Welsh declarer began the hearts with a low card from West, the Estonian North promptly contributed the QUEEN. Our declarer knew of the possible falsecard, but still continued by winning with the ace and running the nine to North). Tim Rees, North for Wales in the Open found a novel twist to this old trick.

Initially he was off to a poor start by leading his fourth-highest spade round to the ten and jack. Peter Fredin continued with a second spade, ducking when North contributed the nine. But when Rees now switched to the QUEEN of hearts Fredin won in dummy and, perhaps not crediting a Welshman with the switch from Q-10, ran the eight, losing to the ten. Now Rees cleared the spades and

later gained the lead to cash the fourth spade. Declarer made only two spades, three hearts, one diamond and two clubs, to go one light.

At the other table Mike Tedd was at the helm for Wales. Bertheau led the ace of spades and continued with a spade to West's jack. On the low heart lead, Bertheau duly played the QUEEN, taken by dummy's ace. The difference here was that declarer WAS ready to credit a Swedish international with the falsecard. So Tedd proceeded to test the other suits first, and then eventually played a heart to the king to land his game. 12 IMPs to Wales.

This is the other deal:

Round 22, Board 13 Dealer North. Game All.

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ K 10 3
♦ Q 3
♣ A 9 3 2

♠ K J 10 8
♥ 9
♦ J 10 7 6 2
♦ 10 5 4

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♠ A 6 2
♥ Q J 7 6 4
♦ A 9 4
♣ 8 6

♠ 7 4
♥ A 8 5 2
♦ K 8 5
♣ K Q J 7

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Rees</i>	<i>Bjoernlund</i>	<i>Kurbalija F.</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	2♦*
All Pass	2NT**	Pass	3NT

*4+ Clubs weak or game forcing

** 11-13 balanced

Against North's 3NT Fredrik Bjoernlund led a low heart and must have been disappointed to see this run to the ten. However, declarer still has only eight tricks, and has a problem generating the ninth. Rees began by crossing to a club in dummy and then boldly playing a spade to the ten, queen and ace. Thinking that declarer was soon setting up the game-going trick in spades, Bjoernlund switched to a low diamond, discovering that that was the play that actually gave the contract.

At the other table Wales had been allowed to play in 2♠-2 for only 200 to Sweden. The swing was a further 9 IMPs to Wales, who won 64-44.

Number 500 for Peter Schaltz

by Roland Wald

Today, Peter Schaltz reaches an amazing landmark when he makes his 500th international appearance for Denmark Open. He had 483 caps prior to the European Championships, so most Danes knew what was going to happen after his 17th match in Warsaw.

Peter Schaltz, 55, has participated in 12 European Championships, 4 Olympiads and 6 Nordic Championships since his international debut at the EC in Brighton in 1975. He won the silver medal in 1979 in Lausanne, Switzerland, and 1993 in Menton, France, was on the Danish team that won the bronze at the Olympiad in 1984 in Seattle, USA, and with his wife Dorte as his partner he won the gold medal in the European Mixed Team Championships in Bellaria, Italy, with Sabine and Jens Auken.

Then add his 30 national titles in all kinds of domestic competitions.

In Peter's infancy, his parents Lizzie and Jørgen-Elith Schaltz, also merited Danish internationalists at the time, feeded him with bridge wisdom rather than luke warm milk. In his early career as a junior and later too, Peter Schaltz's partner was cousin Knud-Aage Boesgaard (now the president of the Danish Bridge Federation), but when Dorte decided to focus on the open series after her gold medal in the Women Teams at the 8th World Team Olympiad in Venice, Italy, in 1988, she has been Peter's regular partner in the open team, and also away from the table.

Their two children, Anne Mette and Martin, are both capable players, especially Martin who, among other achievements, has a silver medal from the 18th World Youth Team Championship in Paris, France, in 2003.

Away from the bridge table, Peter's big passion is wine. He deals with import, wholesale and retail professionally and owns around 40 bridge shops all over Denmark.

One of the deals Peter has the fondest memory of is the following from the European Team Championships in Tenerife, Spain, in 2001.

West	North <i>D Schaltz</i>	East	South <i>P Schaltz</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♥*	2♠*	4♠	5♥
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♥	Dble	All Pass

2♥ was Michaels, and Dorte's 2♠ was a sound heart raise. Peter introduced his almost solid canape suit at the 6-level, and East meant his double of 6♥ as Lightner.

West wasn't on the same wavelength and tried to cash a top spade. Peter was in the tank for about 5 minutes before he ruffed. Even with that lead it looked hopeless. Hearts had to be 3-2, and then West could have no more than one diamond. Therefore, it wouldn't be enough to ruff a single diamond.

It was also likely that East had the guarded♥Q. Accordingly, Peter Schaltz needed to finesse, and then he would be one entry short to manage everything necessary.

However, there was one legitimate chance. If West's singleton diamond was the 9 (also known as the Curse of Scotland), the slam would roll in. So Peter entered dummy with a heart to the ace and advanced the ten of diamonds.

Can you blame East for playing low in tempo? Who would let the singleton 10 ride? He followed small, and so did Peter Schaltz! The contract was now cold. ♥8 to the 10, diamond ruffed with the 9, spade ruffed and ♥K. Only one club loser and +1210 to Denmark.

Not bad considering that the +1210 could be added to the +1210 at the other table for 6♠ doubled making by Lars Blakset - Mathias Bruun. This time it was the ace of clubs that was ruffed at trick 1. ♠A, 3 hearts pitched on ♣KQJ, heart ruff and ♦J so that only South (with no trump) could gain the lead.

West was later able to ruff his other heart loser and had 12 tricks. 20 IMPs to Denmark.

From all bridge players in Denmark, and I am sure that lots elsewhere will join in when I say:

Dear Peter: Not only are you a formidable player, but you are also a most likeable man whether you are an opponent at the table or a friend or customer away from it. Congratulations on your astounding landmark, and may you score many +1210's in the years to come.

(Thanks to Svend Novrup for the helpful statistics from his Danish Bridge Encyclopaedia)

Dealer North. None Vul.

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

by Mark Horton

On Monday evening the President of the Polish Bridge Union, Radoslaw Kielbasinski, hosted the latest edition of this well established event that always features not only some exceptionally talented bridge players, but also invited guests from a wide cross section of the Polish Bridge playing community, which includes famous politicians, film stars and sporting personalities.

Even such a brilliant champion as Krzysztof Martens cannot make bricks without straw!

Dealer North. East/West Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rosochowicz</i>	<i>Jazdrzyk</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Horton</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the two of spades and declarer won in hand with the seven and played a club to the king, followed by two more rounds of the suit, South winning with the ace as North discarded the two of hearts. It was not too difficult to switch to a low diamond, giving the defence five tricks, and 76.19%.



Renata Dancewicz - Sabine Auken

		%
1	Jacek Klimczak-Kazimierz Puczyński	62.05
2	Renata Dancewicz-Sabine Auken	61.90
3	AM Torlontano-Irena Chodorowska	60.95
4	Maciej Kalita-Jacek Kalita	60.33
5	Tomasz Latos-Maciej Guzowski	59.52
6	Tomasz Czekala-Krzysztof Sikorski	59.40
7	Maja Zabierek-Jan Chodorowski	58.21
8	Mark Horton-Katarzyna Jazdrzyk	57.98
9	Andrzej Gelberg-Tadeusz Luzak	57.79
10	Andrzej Osiński-Józef Pochroń	55.95

By tradition only the results of the leading ten pairs are displayed, but by special permission of the authorities I can tell you that Ewa Telega & Rudolf Borusiewicz finished in eleventh place. The remaining 35 pairs tied for twelfth place.

Here are a few of the more interesting deals:

Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J 9 7 6 ♥ K J 10 5 2 ♦ K 10 ♣ 8 5	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		♠ 5 4 ♥ 8 6 3 ♦ Q 9 8 7 ♣ J 10 9 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Jazdrzyk</i>	<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Horton</i>
	3NT	All Pass	1♣

3NT was the popular contract and as West had usually put in an overcall East led the suit. Declarer took West's king with the ace, played a club to dummy and a diamond, capturing West's king with the ace. She crossed back to dummy with another club and played a diamond for the ten and jack, and East cashed his winners in the suit, before exiting with a heart. Provided declarer has retained the nine of hearts, West will find himself squeezed in the majors, but even +600 was worth 69.05%.

Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A K 10 7 6 5 4
♥ 4
♦ J 7 6
♣ A 8

♠ J 9 2
♥ K 5
♦ Q 3
♣ K Q 9 7 4 2



♠ 8 3
♥ J 9 8 7
♦ A K 8 5
♣ 10 5 3

♠ Q
♥ A Q 10 6 3 2
♦ 10 9 4 2
♣ J 6

West	North	East	South
Rosochowicz	Jazdrzyk	Martens	Horton
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♦*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	4♥

Friendly pairs have no time to discuss the niceties of system, so they must fly by the seat of their pants. That can lead to some unscientific auctions as you can see.

East cashed a top diamond and not unreasonably continued with another high diamond, giving West a ruff via a third diamond. Declarer won the club exit with the ace and had to decide on how best to try and exploit the now established ten of diamonds. Should she play for West to have started with two spades or three?

When she decided on the former course of action, crossing to the queen of spades and trying to cash the diamond



Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz and Radoslaw Kielbasinski

she had to go one down, worth only 19.05%.

Did I say have to go one down?

Lets move on to another table (I confess I have been looking for an excuse to get South's picture into the Bulletin!)

West	North	East	South
	Auken		Dancewicz
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦*
3♣	3♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	4♥

After an auction with far more twists and turns than ours the same contract was reached and the defence developed along the same lines, West ruffing the third diamond with the nine of spades. That persuaded Sabine to follow the apparently losing line of crossing to the queen of spades and playing the ten of diamonds. When West ruffed she over-ruffed and played some trumps. On one of these East discarded the ten of clubs, so now West became the victim of a squeeze in hearts and clubs.

Dealer South. North/South Vul.

♠ K Q 10 3
♥ A K J 9 7 2
♦ K Q
♣ 4

♠ 9 8
♥ 6 3
♦ J 10 9 8 6 5
♣ J 6 3



♠ 7 2
♥ Q 8
♦ A
♣ A K Q 10 9 8 5 2

♠ A J 6 5 4
♥ 10 5 4
♦ 7 4 3 2
♣ 7

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	Jazdrzyk	Wojcicki	Horton
Pass	1♣	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♥	5♣	Pass
All Pass			5♥

Who can say what the best action on the East hand might be? The choices made at other tables included such diverse efforts as INT - you certainly have the suit stopped! - and 5♣.

Here East tried a combination, but did not save as he had a lot of defence.

He cashed the ace of diamonds, getting the jack from West, and - remember this is a friendly event - showed his hand to South, pointing out that it was possible to under-lead in club suit, hoping for a diamond ruff. However he decided to cash the ace and then switch. Nothing wrong with that, except he chose to exit with the eight of hearts! That gave up any hope of declarer failing to find the lady and +650 was a healthy 90.48%.

Also, no pair found the killing defence - maybe at the sixth edition!

TOUGH GAME

Marek Wójcicki

When watching the VuGraph show we can observe that most frequently what we can see is the Computer era of bridge has ushered in super-light openings, and high level preempts, which tend to create as much chaos at the table as possible. This style dominates now. Maybe the reason are the computer generated hands, where, in my opinion, more force than subtle technique is preferred. But sitting in a VuGraph we can also find technical pearls as was the case many years ago, in the stone-age of bridge. Here are two boards from the Israel — Italy match, showing how tough the battle between the declarer and the defenders can be:

Board. 4. Dealer West; both sides vulnerable.

♠ J 7 3 ♥ K 6 2 ♦ A Q 7 2 ♣ A 6 2	♠ A Q 9 4 ♥ Q 10 ♦ K 10 9 5 ♣ 10 7 3	<div style="text-align: center;"> <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 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> </div>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 8 6 2 ♥ A J 9 8 ♦ 8 6 4 ♣ K 4
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Lorenzo Lauria, Italy

Open room

West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Birman</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Fohrer</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Birman decided on passivity, and hit on the lead of the ♣7. Small from dummy, the jack from South and Versace ducked. South continued with the ♦3. Small from the hand, nine from North and again a small club. King from the table and declarer plays a diamond (of course the eight — to unblock for a possible eventual further finesse) — jack, queen and king. Birman now found a good exit card — the ♥Q, keeping the ♣10 for hard times. But Versace took the trick in dummy with the ace, and crossed to hand with the heart king. This is the ending:

♠ J 7 3 ♥ 6 ♦ A 7 ♣ A	♠ A Q 9 4 ♥ — ♦ 10 5 ♣ 10	<div style="text-align: center;"> <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 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> </div>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 8 6 2 ♥ J 9 ♦ 8 ♣ —
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	♠ 10 5 ♥ 7 5 ♦ — ♣ Q 9 8											

Versace, playing double dummy, cashed the club ace and played a small spade. Birman ducked, and the king won the trick. Now declarer cashed two heart tricks. North tried his last chance to beat the contract — the ♠J in partner's hand — so discarded the spade ace and queen. But Versace had the key card, and so took the ninth trick.

The next hand features brilliant declarer play by Birman:

Board 5. Dealer N; NS vulnerable.

♠ 4 ♥ A 9 4 3 ♦ 9 8 6 2 ♣ J 10 9 3	♠ K J 7 3 ♥ K J 8 ♦ Q 4 ♣ A K 8 4	<div style="text-align: center;"> <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 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> </div>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 9 8 2 ♥ Q 10 7 6 2 ♦ J 7 ♣ Q 6
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West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Birman</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Fohjrer</i>
	INT	Pass	2♣ ¹
Pass	2♦ ²	Pass	3♥ ³
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

¹ puppet Stayman

² automatic

³ strong hand with four spades

East led ♠2. Declarer had a chance to take the cheapest trick in the world, but not unnaturally put up the ace. Now the heart was played — Versace ducked, declarer mis-guessed, putting in the jack and Lauria took the queen of hearts to play another round of trumps. The queen from the dummy won, and now declarer crossed to the hand with the club, ruffed a heart and repeated the operation.

Than he came to hand with the ♦Q. In the ending:

♠ —	♠ K J	♠ 9 8
♥ —	♥ —	♥ 10 7
♦ 9 8 6	♦ 4	♦ J
♣ J 10	♣ 8 4	♣ —

N
W E
S

♠ —	♦ A K 10 5	♠ 9 8
♥ —	♦ 7	♥ 10 7
♦ A K 10 5		♦ J
♣ 7		♣ —

Two spades were cashed (from the dummy—a club and a diamond were discarded). Now the diamonds ran, but declarer claimed he was unlucky. If the jack of diamonds had been with West he would have been squeezed...

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Championship Diary

Here's one for all our Swedish readers:

Fredin hemma i Sverige igen

Jag har idag, mandag 21/8, tvingats skicka hem Peter Fredin pga disciplinara skal.

Peter har bett om ursakt for sitt olampliga upptradande mot partnern och laget, men ursakten kan inte laka den skada som skett.

Gunnar Andersson **NPC Sweden**

Roughly translated that comes out to:

Swedish star Peter Fredin has been sent home from the European Championships in Poland, for bad behaviour towards his new partner Fredrik Bjornlund.

One captain remarked that if he operated on the same basis then at least one of his players would have been sent home before the event started!

Relaxing after the friendly pairs Margaret Parnis-England told me about this deal:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ 10 9 4 ♥ J 4 3 ♦ K Q 6 5 ♣ K 9 6</p>	<p>♠ 7 5 3 ♥ A Q 10 2 ♦ A J 3 ♣ 5 3 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: black; position: relative;"> N S W E </div> </div>	<p>♠ Q J 8 6 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 10 4 ♣ J 10 8 7</p>	<p>♠ A K ♥ K 8 7 6 ♦ 9 8 7 2 ♣ A Q 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
Dix		Parnis-England	
Pass	Pass	Pass	?

South, uncertain as to how to proceed, asked if he should now pass. Mario Dix offered advice, suggesting that if South's total of points plus his two longest suits was at least 16 (a conservative figure) he should open. South placed 1♣ on the table and North responded 1♥. This gave South an easy way to avoid any further confusion and he passed.

Mario reflected that a reopening double might only serve to confuse the issue so 1♥ was the final contract.

Shortly afterwards we were joined by Mario, who, charitable to a fault offered me a wager at odds of 100-1 on which I could stake any amount between 1-15 Euros.

Having been a generous donor to the Mario Dix drinks cabinet over the years I enquired as to the nature of the wager.

'That you will never be able to guess the auction we had on Board 20.'

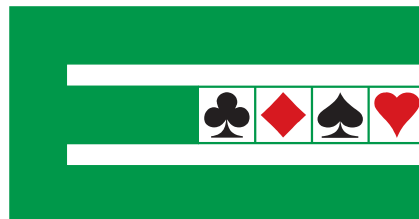
(Are you reading this Tacchi?) Alas, before I could land the fish Margaret had given the game away!

We have so many visitors to the room that when some members of staff arrive they find they have no machine to work on. Barry Rigal has christened this 'The Invasion of the Computer Snatchers.'

By the same token you often find that in the time it takes you to make a coffee everyone will have moved from one machine to another - a game of Musical Computers.

We have two more Restaurant recommendations from our Italian connections: **Bar Below**, ul.marszalkowska 64, and **Papu**, Al. Niepodleglosei 132/136.

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NORWESKI WALEC

Marek Wójcicki

W meczu XXI rundy Węgry – Norwegia w brydżamie mogliśmy widzieć w akcji jedną z najlepszych par świata – Helgemo – Helness przeciwko dobrze do tej pory spisującym się Węgom. Myślę, że warto popatrzeć na ich grę. Mecz zakończył się zwycięstwem Norwegii 67–14, a wiele obrotów miało miejsce właśnie na ich stole. Węgrzy grali bardzo agresywnie, ale taki styl, który przynosił dobre rezultaty przeciwko słabszym drużynom, tutaj nie skutkowało... Już pierwsze rozdanie wróżyło spore emocje:

Rozd. I. Rozdawał N; obie przed partią.

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Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Szalay</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Macskasy</i>
	pas	pas	1♣ ¹
pas	1♦ ²	1♥?	1♠
4♥	4♠	pas	pas
ktr.	pas...		

¹ Precision – 16*PC, układ dowolny² negat

Helgemo wyszedł ♥6! Ze stołu blotka, a Helness bez chwili wahania położył króla! Teraz odwrócił w trefla i kontrakt został obłożony bez jednej. Musze przyznać, że siedząc w brydżamie byłem pod wrażeniem – wist był błyskawiczny, a decyzja o położeniu króla, a nie blotki zajęła Helnessowi ułamek sekundy. Widocznie grając długo z Helgemo wistów spod asa widział już sporo...

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Salensminde</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
	pas	pas	1♠
2♣	pas...		

Tutaj licytacja była spokojniejsza – może S mógł powiedzieć 2♠? Mając cztery gęste atuty zdecydował się spasować. Kontrakt Węgrów zakończył się także wpadką bez jednej, 4 imp dla Norwegów.

W następnym rozdaniu Węgrów zgubiła hiperaktywność w licytacji:

Rozd. 9. Rozdawał N; strona WE po partii.

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

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Szalay</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Macskasy</i>
	2♠ ¹ ?	ktr.	3♠
3BA	4♠??	pas ²	pas
6♣	pas...		

¹ (bardzo) słabe dwa² forsujący

Blokująca licytacja pary NS bardzo ułatwiła dojście do szlemika, który nie był wylicytowany na zbyt wielu stołach.

Helgemo rozegrał bardzo dokładnie: po ataku damą pik, S zabił asem i odwrócił siódmką. Rozgrywający przebił w stole i po długim namyśle zagrał dziesiątkę trefl, puszczając w ręce. Przeszedł teraz waletem trefl do ręki i przebił ostatnią blotkę pik asem atu, zabezpieczając się przed podziałem pików 6-2. 1370 dla Norwegii.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Salensminde</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
	2♦ ¹	pas	3♥ ²
pas	3♠	ktr.	pas
3BA	pas...		

¹ 3-7 PC, starszy kolor 5-6-kartowy² blokujące z fitami w obu starszych kolorach

Norwegowie mieli tutaj gadzecik systemowy, ale nie zdecydowali się na szukanie przygód na wysokości czterech i licytacja wygasła na 3BA. W wyszedł damą pik kontrakt został zrealizowany z nadróbką. 12 imp dla Norwegii.

Kolejne rozdanie to przykład lepszego wistu Norwegów:



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Rozd. 13. Rozdawał N; obie po partii.

♠ K D 9 8 3 2		♠ 6									
♥ D W 9 4		♥ 6 5 3									
♦ 7		♦ A D 8 5 3									
♣ A 9		♣ D 6 5 4									
♠ 10 7 5 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; text-align: center; 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 W
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ K 10	♥ A 8 7 2										
♦ K 10 4	♦ W 9 6 2										
♣ K W 10 8	♣ 7 3 2										

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Szalay</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Macskasy</i>
	1♠	pas	1BA
pas	2♥	pas	3♥
pas	4♥	pas...	

Helness wyszedł ♣5 (trzecia – piąta) i rozgrywający był bez szans. Kontrakt zakończył się wpadką bez dwóch.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Salensminde</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
	1♠	pas	1BA
pas	2♥	pas	3♣ ¹
pas	4♥	pas...	

¹ góra z fitem kierowym

Tutaj E zdecydował się na wist w atu. Z singletonem pik próba chronienia „zacinki” pikowej będącej pod impasem wydaje się dyskusyjna. Co prawda W po lewie na króla otworzył trefle, ale to już było za późno... 13 imp dla Norwegii. I znów przykład rozdania, w którym Norwegowie zysk zawdzięczają licytacji:

Rozd. 17. Rozdawał N; obie przed partią.

♠ 10 9 5		♠ A 7 6 4 2									
♥ 8		♥ K 10 5 4									
♦ A W 6 5 3		♦ 8 4									
♣ A D 9 4		♣ W 6									
♠ W 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; text-align: center; 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 D 8
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ D W 9 7 6 2	♥ A 3										
♦ K D 10	♦ 9 7 2										
♣ 5 3	♣ K 10 8 7 2										

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Szalay</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Macskasy</i>
	1♦	1♠	3BA
pas...			

Macskasy zaprezentował „kółkowe” podejście do licytacji, ale „firmowe” 3BA nie było w tym rozdaniu sukcesem pary NS. Helgemo wyszedł w kiery. Co prawda Helness przepuścił pierwszego pika zagranego ze stołu, ale to tylko zmniejszyło rozmiar wpadki do bez jednej.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Salensminde</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
	1♦	ktr.	rctr.
4♥	pas	pas	ktr.
pas...			

Tutaj po raz kolejny para węgierska poszła wysoko. Saensminde zaatakował a w atu i Norwegowie zapisali 300 za bez dwóch. Wydawało się, że może to przynieść zysk, gdyż na linii NS wychodzi 5♣, ale zanotowaliśmy 8 imp dla Norwegii.

Agresywny styl Węgrów przyniósł im jeden jedyny większy zysk w rozdaniu poniższym:

Rozd. 16. Rozdawał W; strona WE po partii.

♠ 10 9 5 3 2		♠ 6									
♥ D		♥ A 10 7 2									
♦ 10 6 2		♦ A 9 5 4									
♣ K 7 4 2		♣ A D W 5									
♠ D 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; text-align: center; 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 W 8 4
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ W 8 6 3	♥ K 9 5 4										
♦ D 7 3	♦ K W 8										
♣ 10 9 8 3	♣ 6										

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Szalay</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Macskasy</i>
Pas	2♠ ¹	ktr.	4♠
Pas	pas	ktr.	pas...

¹ (bardzo) słabe dwa

Helness zaatakował ♣A, a po wzięciu lewy spróbował blotki karo. Rozgrywający wyciągnął właściwe wnioski z pierwszego wistu – położył z dziadka króla i zrealizował kontrakt. 590 dla Węgrów.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Salensminde</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
Pas	pas	1♦	1♠
Pas	3♠	pas	4♠
Pas	pas	ktr.	pas...

W zaatakował ♣10, a po wzięciu lewy zagrał blotką karo. E pobił asem i odwrócił w karo, obkładając kontrakt bez jednej. 11 imp dla Węgrów.

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