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THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC



There was a fantastic finish to the **48th Prokom Software SA European Bridge Team Championships** as the teams in the Open series battled for the minor medals and a trip to China. At one point they were covered by only 3VP but in the end it was **Ireland**, silver, and **Norway**, bronze, who share the podium with the Champions, **Italy**.

As the coming months unfold, thoughts will turn to Turkey and China. Both offer wonderful opportunities to compete in fantastic locations, for *European & World Titles*, in Open competition and especially in the **World Transnational Open Teams**.

However, before we look forward we must also look back on a fantastic tournament here in Warsaw. Bravo Radoslaw Kielbasinski - bravo the Polish Bridge Union. Everyone will take back special memories of their time in the Polish capital, not least the 18 teams who will carry the standard for Europe next year - all aboard the Shanghai Express!

You are advised to allow plenty of time to pass through the security checks at the airport. A minimum of 2½ hours is our suggestion.



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OPEN TEAMS RANKING FINAL

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1	ITALY	661.00
2	IRELAND	594.00
3	NORWAY	590.00
4	SWEDEN	582.00
5	NETHERLANDS	581.00
6	POLAND	579.00
7	ICELAND	572.00
8	FRANCE	554.50
9	HUNGARY	537.00
10	ENGLAND	534.00
11	GERMANY	533.00
12	BULGARIA	527.00
	TURKEY	527.00
14	ISRAEL	511.50
15	DENMARK	509.00
16	SPAIN	504.00
17	SCOTLAND	492.00
18	RUSSIA	491.00
19	CROATIA	461.00
20	FINLAND	460.00
21	BELGIUM	452.50
22	BELARUS	452.00
23	SERBIA	450.00
24	GREECE	445.50
25	ESTONIA	443.00
26	SWITZERLAND	434.00
27	WALES	433.00
28	PORTUGAL	428.00
29	LATVIA	424.00
30	ROMANIA	396.00
31	LUXEMBURG	390.00
32	LITHUANIA	376.00
33	SAN MARINO	372.00

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 33 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	DENMARK	SPAIN	43 - 19	20 - 10
2	GERMANY	BELGIUM	43 - 33	17 - 13
3	SWEDEN	ICELAND	44 - 45	15 - 15
4	CROATIA	SAN MARINO	37 - 50	12 - 18
5	PORTUGAL	RUSSIA	58 - 52	16 - 14
6	LUXEMBURG	POLAND	35 - 32	16 - 14
7	SERBIA	SWITZERLAND	54 - 10	24 - 6
8	BULGARIA	NETHERLANDS	51 - 29	20 - 10
9	GREECE	LATVIA	34 - 68	8 - 22
10	TURKEY	NORWAY	44 - 35	17 - 13
11	LITHUANIA	BELARUS	53 - 39	18 - 12
12	ENGLAND	ESTONIA	28 - 46	11 - 19
13	ISRAEL	ROMANIA	72 - 33	23 - 7
14	FINLAND	HUNGARY	18 - 67	5 - 25
15	IRELAND	SCOTLAND	64 - 27	23 - 7
16	WALES	FRANCE	11 - 54	6 - 24
	ITALY			18 - 0

Statistics from the Appeals Committee

During these championships, 13 cases were brought before the Appeals Committee. Compared to the total number of boards (36,432), this means the Board Appeal Ratio is 0.36 appeals per 1,000 boards, which is slightly up from Malmo, where the tournament had two tables less, and we had only 12 appeals.

The Women brought 2 appeals, the seniors none.

Only in 3 cases was some change made to the Director's ruling.

The deposit was kept 3 times.

The Appeals Committee heard all cases from within a group of six members, with a visiting member twice to fill up the numbers, in particular when four teams decided to appeal at the same time. An average of 4.23 members served on the Committees. Twice a Committee had to be convened composed of the minimum number of 3 members.

All the Appeals have been written up and will be published on the Web.

(www.eurobridge.org - follow the link to departments-appeals)

Board-Appeal Ratio's (BARs)

In order to compare the rates of appeals, we have developed the notion of a Board-Appeal Ratio. This is the number of appeals that are heard in relation to the number of boards played. It is expressed as the number of appeals per 1,000 boards played. Over the past decade, the BARs have gone down, but it seems as if the levels have stabilized now

BARs throughout the years:

Malta 1999	0.70
Tenerife 2001	0.81
Salsomaggiore 2002	0.56
Malmo 2004	0.33
Warsaw 2006	0.36

EBL President's Farewell

Mr President of the World Bridge Federation and President Emeritus of the EBL, José Damiani, Mr. Honorary President of the EBL, Bill Pencharz, Mr President of the Polish Bridge Union, Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Authorities, dear colleagues, dear friends,

Following the governing principle that in human events everything which has a beginning, has an end, once again the curtain falls on our championship. 15 days have passed since the start of this event and this was a period of time that saw you as protagonists of these competitions, conducted with loyalty in an extraordinary atmosphere of fair-play and friendship. These are, as you know, the real values of sport, of our sport, bridge.

In such kind of speech, closing or opening an event the speaker very often is used to repeat the same concepts. Forgive me for following this line, repeating what I said in previous occasions. Success in a championship is very important and represents the objective of all competitors, but results can have high and low points, like in any other area of life. What is really important is friendship, serenity, the pleasure of being together, and enjoying ourselves all together. In my opening speech I promised that we would demonstrate our values and we did it. We, or rather, you showed the world that sport and bridge values are stronger than any destabilizing action and can defeat any attempt at division or discrimination.

This year, thanks to the efforts of the Polish Bridge Union, at these Championships we improved the technology in managing and broadcasting. It means that we have been able to give a better service both to the players, journalists and guests and to attract thousand and thousand of spectators, all over the world, who followed online five matches every session thanks the excellent job did by BBO and Swan.

I am sure that you had a pleasant stay in Warsaw and on behalf of all of you I want to express to the Polish Bridge Union and to his President, my dear friend and colleague Radek Kielbasinski, our gratitude for their very warm welcome and for what they have been able to offer us during these 15th days, making this championship an unforgettable event. And we all have to be proud to have enjoyed all together the 50th anniversary of this great Bridge Federation.

I wish to thank also our sponsor friends and the Authorities of Warsaw who allowed us to run this Championship machine successfully. I am pleased to call to the podium Mr. Ryszard Krauze, Mr. Marek Zeleniewski, Mrs. Beata Stelmach, Mr. Artur Pilka and Mrs. Katarzyna Jazdrzyk to award them with the EBL Plaque.

Dear Friends, let me say that a great part of the success of this event goes to the truly amazing work of the fantas-

tic staff of the Championship. I believe that it is superfluous to underline their enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism. It is my pleasure now to introduce to you some extraordinary people, asking them to stand up to receive your applause.

Ton Kooijman, the indefatigable Manager of the European Championships; Gianni Bertotto, the Technical Director; the Appeal Committee chaired by my predecessor and EBL Honorary President Bill Pencharz; the ubiquitous my dear friend Jean-Claude Beineix; the very strong team of Tournament Directors led by Antonio Riccardi and Max Bavin; the IT Services Managers, Jan Romanski and his colleagues; Jacek Berkowski the magician of technology; the BBO and Rama operators led by Marek Wojciechowski; the Line-Up staff led by the Chodorowskis; Grattan Endicott, the Manager of the Convention Cards Desk; Jola Latala and her very kind assistants of the Hospitality desk; the Anti-doping and Medical officers, Yves Aubry and Paolo Walter Gabriele; Jerzy Gres and Ryszard Kielczewski of the Main Office; Jan Swann and his assistants in the Press Room; the eclectic Mark Horton and all the journalists and technicians of the Daily Bulletin and the EBL Internet Services; Patrick Jourdain and the IBPA Officers and journalists, our precious companions on our journey in developing bridge; the VuGraph Commentators, Barry Rigal and Marek Wojcicki; Monica Gorreri and the member of her team, which duplicated million of boards; the Secretariat with Marina, Silvia, Gildana, Livia, Dirk and Andrea; the Scorers and Caddies Services led by Janusz Maliszewski; Tomas Brenning and Laila Leonhardt from Swan; the Venue Facilities Manager Anna Retka; the Lavazza team, who with kindness and charm offered us about one hundred thousands coffees and teas over the past two weeks, thanks to our great friend, the Lavazza Company. Last but not least, the man who accompanied the staff through this fantastic adventure, the On Site Organizer Slawek Latala. I am pleased to invite Slawek to the podium to receive the EBL Plaque.

Dear friends, dear players, with all my friends and colleagues of the EBL board we tried to do our best and we hope to have been able to satisfy your expectations, and in any case tonight we celebrate all together the victory of bridge. Congratulations to all of you players, this evening is for you, to thank and honour you. I hope you will have a very pleasant evening tonight, in friendship and serenity, and once home will have happy memories of your friends and this event.

See you, all of you, next year in Antalya, to participate in another great bridge championship and to show, once again, our firm and resolute response to all the negative events taking place in the world.

Thank you for your attention.

Gianarrigo Rona

Appeal No. 11

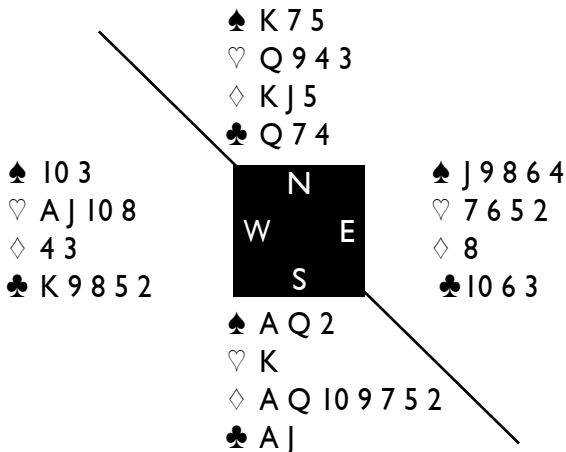
Latvia v Portugal

Appeals Committee:

Bill Pencharz (Chairman, England), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Jean-Claude Beineix (France), Grattan Endicott (England)

Open Teams Round 24

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vulnerable.



Note: This is the same hand as in appeal 9

West	North	East	South
<i>Matos</i>	<i>Romanowska</i>	<i>Cruzeiro</i>	<i>Rubins</i>
Pass	Pass	2♦	Dble
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Comments: 2♦ Multi
Dble T/O of spades OR any good hand
rest see below

Contract: Four Spades, played by South

Result: 8 tricks, NS -100

The Facts:

When the tray came back with 2♦-double-pass, North asked East what the Pass showed. East replied that it showed at least five diamonds. North now bid 3NT, intending this to show stoppers in diamonds and both majors, and a maximum pass. 4♦ was then interpreted by North as some sort of cue-bid, and when South converted 4♥ to 4♠, North thought this was the final contract.

On the other side of the screen, the pass had not been alerted, so South simply intended 4♦ as showing a good diamond suit. To him, 4♥ was a cue-bid, and he intended 4♠ also as a cue-bid. North/South called the Director at the end of the hand.

The Director:

Tried to establish what the true meaning of the contentious pass was. East confirmed that this showed 5 cards in diamonds. There was nothing on the convention card or the supplementary sheets, but East/West would later show system notes to prove this.

Anyway, West told the director that he had forgotten the system and should have alerted his pass.

So the director ruled that South had been misinformed. With correct information, he would not make a call that partner could misunderstand, and they would not end up playing in something that was intended as a cue-bid.

However, the director did not believe that North/South would always bid slam, nor that they would always make it if they did.

Ruling:

Score adjusted to

Both sides receive:

37,5% of 6NT= by North (NS +990)
plus 50% of 4NT+2 by North (NS +490)
plus 12,5% of 6NT-1 by North (NS -50)

Relevant Laws:

Law 75A, 40C

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

East/West appealed.

Present: All players and both Captains

The Players:

East told the committee that when the tray returned with the double and the pass, North had asked about the meaning of the pass. He had said that it meant partner wanted to play 2♦X, but he had not said how many diamonds it promised. The director reiterated that he had seen evidence that it did show 5+ diamonds.

West told the committee that he had decided to pass. He knew he had promised 5 diamonds but he had forgotten to alert.

East asked the committee to consider why South had not simply bid six rather than cue bid 4♠.

North explained that she had asked the meaning of the pass because people quite often forget to alert this. The reply had been "to play". She had asked "with diamonds?", and East had said "yes". North then considered that her partner could have as few as 12 points, so she had to decide what was more important, the diamond stopper or her heart suit; she decided the stopper was more important, so she bid 3NT. In her further opinion then, 4♦ was a cue bid, showing either a strong hand or a 2-suiter, and after her 4♥, 4♠ showed spades and clubs. She was happy to play there.

South explained that to him, 3NT showed a maximum passed hand, balanced. He had bid 4♦ to show them, and understood 4♥ as a cue-bid. He had bid 4♠ as a further cue-bid, because North could have ♥A, ♦K and a black king. If that was the ♠K, a grand slam was lay-down, while if it was the ♣K, a grand slam would not be worse than a finesse.

South was asked how they could show a two-suiter against the Multi. They did not really have an agreed method but against weak twos they played that 4♣/♦ showed that suit plus a major. The double over 2♦ was a take-out with spades or any good hand.

The Committee:

Discussed whether the pass was alertable. The conditions of contest say that any call which "has a special or artificial meaning, or which has a partnership meaning that may not be understood by the opponents" is alertable. It was judged that this particular passed ought to have been alerted.

The committee then addressed the issue if South could have done more to protect himself. After all, East had not alerted either, and still North had asked. But it was pointed out that while North does not know if West shows diamonds, South has a pretty good idea that West is not showing them. It is quite natural not to enquire further if the pass is not alerted.

The committee finally considered the score adjustment, and decided that if anything, the adjustment was not overly generous for North/South. But since North/South had not contested the ruling and any additional adjustment would not make a material difference, the committee decided not to alter the director's ruling.

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

Deposit: Returned

Note: the result at the other table was +490 so the final result on the board was:

37,5% of +990 - +490 = +11 IMPs
 plus 50% of +490 - +490 = 0 IMPs
 plus 12,5% of -50 - +490 = -11 IMPs
 equating to +2.75, rounded to +3 IMPs to the team of North/South

Thank You

On behalf of all the journalists present at the **48th Prokom Software SA European Bridge Team Championships** I would like to thank the EBL and the Polish Bridge Union for the fantastic Press Room with a great view!

Jan Swaan
 Press Room Chief

It was fantastic, our 48th.

Teams championships are easier to run than pair events, but there is still a lot to do normally. Here I had to persist in doing at least a couple of things on a regular basis, otherwise I would have been a tourist. I am used to highlighting the best performances in a championship regarding the home country, which becomes impossible when everything turns out to be 'best'. Then you have to choose, so I forget the Intercontinental and don't mention the hospitality desk there with Jola Latala, nor the staff working for the rama show.

Let me concentrate on the Palace with a line up staff headed by the Chodorowskis that worked incredibly smoothly, also due to the captains who apparently enjoyed being there and gave their information as fast as asked for.

The teams received their copies of the bidding and play records almost before finishing play, thanks to the astonishingly efficient job done by Gianni Bertotto. But to do so he needed the cooperation of many people working on the floor, bringing him the sheets when play finished. That brings me to a super highlight in this championship: the caddies and their chiefs. I do not remember ever having had such a dedicated and professionally working group of people. I told them once what to do, and they started doing it and even a bigger surprise: they kept doing so. Normally after some days interest slows down, and they find better things to do or think that things are better or easier to do in their way. Not in Warsaw; work on the floor with forms and boards, operating data for the matches shown on the internet, supplying water and cups, it kept being done at the highest possible level of quality. The duplication was made by a combined staff from Poland and Italy. Their disadvantage is that things run smoothly for a long time already, so nothing new there. Still I always long for the moment that the last team on the last day picks up the hand records and finds out that both tables played the same boards. Well done.

Which brings us at the real master of this event, in the Palace I mean, technically speaking. Janek Romanski gets undoubtedly the biggest star. His work for this event was incredible. And you all have noticed it. The information produced and shown was perfect, complete, easy to find and available in an instant. Most of us don't realise how tough the job is to programme this, to integrate the different elements. Once again the bridgemate has shown to be a device that has given our sport a big leap forward. But then you need the programmers to bring the data to life. And Janek did. He set a formidable standard, which can't be ignored anymore.

It was fantastic, your 2nd

Ton Kooijman

Poland are the best of the best

By Gianni Bertoto

If we list only the results from the matches against the other Bermuda Bowl qualifiers, then Poland are the European favourites for Shanghai:

	ITA	NOR	NET	IRE	SWE	POL	tot.
Poland	20	14	16	17	23	X	90
Ireland	19	17	21	X	14	13	84
Italy	X	17	19	11	16	10	73
Sweden	14	19	17	16	X	7	73
Netherlands	11	24	X	9	13	14	71
Norway	13	X	6	13	11	16	59

PRAWIE JAK ZA DAWNYCH LAT

Marek Wójcicki

Nasi seniorzy przyzwyczaili nas ostatnio do sukcesów. Tutaj, w Warszawie, szło im jak po grudzie. W ostatniej chwili zakwalifikowali się do górnej ósemki, rzutem na taśmę zapewnili sobie awans do Mistrzostw Świata... Popatrzmy na kilka rozdań z ich dwóch ostatnich meczów, które o tym decydowały:

POLSKA – SZKOCJA

Rozd. 4. Rozdawał W; obie po partii.

♠ A 8 5	♠ D W 3	♠ K 9 7 6 4 2
♥ A W 10 6 3	♥ 2	♥ K 9
♦ 9 7	♦ A W 4 2	♦ D 10 8 3
♣ A W 7	♣ K D 9 6 3	♣ 4

♠ 10	♠ K 9 7 6 4 2
♥ D 8 7 5 4	♥ K 9
♦ K 6 5	♦ D 10 8 3
♣ 10 8 5 2	♣ 4

N		
W	E	
	S	

W tym rozdaniu wiele par utknęło w częściówce. Tak też zrobiła para szkocka. Nasi wykazali się lepszą oceną karty:



Jens Auken, Denmark

West	North	East	South
<i>Jezioro</i>		<i>Klukowski</i>	
1♥	pas	1♠	pas
1BA	pas	3♠!	pas
4♠	pas...		

10 lew było bezproblemowe i 10 imp dla Polski. W meczu open także nasza para doszła do końcówki po otwarciu przez Kowalskiego (W) 1BA, a Niemcy, o ile tak można powiedzieć o parze Gotard – Piekarek, stanęli w 2♠.

W rozdaniu 10 Klukowski – Jezioro zatrzymali się w 3BA, co nie udało się wielu innym parom:

Rozd. 10. Rozdawał E; obie po partii.

♠ D W 7 2	♠ D W 7 2	♠ K 6
♥ A K 5	♥ A K 5	♥ D W 2
♦ 9 7 6 3	♦ 9 7 6 3	♦ 10
♣ 5 2	♣ 5 2	♣ A D W 10 9 4 3

♠ 10 9 8 3	♠ K 6
♥ 9 8	♥ D W 2
♦ A K D 8 5	♦ 10
♣ K 6	♣ A D W 10 9 4 3

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W	E	
	S	

♠ A 5 4	♠ A 5 4
♥ 10 7 6 4 3	♥ 10 7 6 4 3
♦ W 4 2	♦ W 4 2
♣ 8 7	♣ 8 7

West	North	East	South
<i>Jezioro</i>		<i>Klukowski</i>	
2♦	pas	1♣	pas
3♠	pas	3♣	pas
		3BA	pas...

S wyszedł ♥4, a N ściągnął króla i asa kier (Klukowski do asa dołożył damę) i kontynuował kiera... 11 lew i 13 imp, bo na drugim stole 5♣ bez dwóch

Rozd. 13. Rozdawał N; obie po partii.

♠ D 9 6 2	♠ D 9 6 2	♠ A 7 5 4 3
♥ D W 5	♥ D W 5	♥ 9 6
♦ 8 5	♦ 8 5	♦ A W 10
♣ D 7 3 2	♣ D 7 3 2	♣ A 9 4

♠ K 8	♠ K 8
♥ A K 8 4 2	♥ A K 8 4 2
♦ K 7 4 3 2	♦ K 7 4 3 2
♣ W	♣ W

N		
W	E	
	S	

♠ W 10	♠ W 10
♥ 10 7 3	♥ 10 7 3
♦ D 9 6	♦ D 9 6
♣ K 10 8 6 5	♣ K 10 8 6 5

Tutaj z kolei nasi seniorzy pokazali, jak dojść do najlepszej końcówki – kontraktu 4♥:

West	North	East	South
<i>Jezioro</i>		<i>Klukowski</i>	
		1♠	pas
2♥	pas	2♠	pas
3♦	pas	3♥	pas
4♥	pas		

Jezioro rozegrał nienagannie – po ataku treflowym zabił asem, ściągnął asa i króla kier, po czym wykonał nieudany impas karo i oddał jeszcze dwa kiery, nie ryzykując gry na nadróbkę przy podziale kierów 3-3.

I jeszcze trzy rozdania z meczu seniorów z przedostatniej rundy z silną drużyną Danii:

Rozd. 8. Rozdawał W; obie przed partią.

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	♥ A K 4										
	♦ W 5										
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♣ W 9 6 5 4	♣ K 2										
	♠ D										
	♥ D 7 5 2										
	♦ A K 10 7 3 2										
	♣ D 3										

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
<i>J. Auken</i>	<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Moller</i>	<i>Russyan</i>
pas	1♣	1♠	ktr
pas	1BA	pas	3BA
pas...			

Krzysztof Lasocki rozgrywał 3BA z ręki N. E wyszedł blotką pik i dama ze stołu wzięła lewą. Teraz as karo, przejście do ręki asem kier, po czym walet karo na impas. W, widząc, że po zabiciu sytuacja jest beznadziejna, przepuścił. Rozgrywający zagrał teraz trefla do damy. E wskoczył królem, ściągnął króla pik i odszedł w trefla. Nadróbka.

Na drugim stole, po takim samym wiście S zagrał dwa razy kara z góry, a potem trzy razy kiery i wpuścił E do ręki czwartym kierem. Klukowski (E) ściągnął króla pik i odszedł królem trefl... Bez jednej i 10 imp dla Polski.

I jeszcze najbardziej chyba efektowne rozdanie naszych seniorów z tego meczu:

Rozd. 13. Rozdawał N; obie po partii.

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	♠ 9 3										
	♥ K D W 10 2										
	♦ W 9 7										
	♣ K 4 3										

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
<i>Jezioro</i>	<i>Dahl</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Norris</i>
	pas	1♦	1♥
pas !	pas	ktr.	pas
pas	1♠	pas	pas
ktr.	pas...		

Wist był bezbłędny:

Klukowski wyszedł asem karo, a po wzięciu lewy zagrał waletem trefl. Król, as, i małe od rozgrywającego. Teraz Jezioro zagrał czwórkę kier – N w tej lewie wyrzucił karo. E wziął na asa i ściągnął króla karo, po czym zagrał w karo do przebitki. W, po przebicciu, zagrał damę trefl i trefla. Rozgrywający wziął w ręce na dziesiątkę. W końcówce:

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rozgrywający zagrał w pika. Jezioro wziął na króla i trefl... Rozgrywający wyrzucił z ręki karo, a Klukowski kiera... W ten sposób dziewiątka atu w stole wzięła niespodziewanie lewą. Ale w stole zostały same kiery i obrona musiała jeszcze wziąć dwie lewy – bez trzech za 800 dla Polski.

Na drugim stole para duńska „trafnie” zatrzymała się w IBA, bo nic więcej nie wychodziło (chyba, że w licytowane przez S kiery):

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
<i>J. Auken</i>	<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Moller</i>	<i>Russyan</i>
	pas	1♦	1♥
ktr. ??	pas	1BA	pas
pas !	pas		

TOUGH GAME

Marek Wójcicki

During the only ladies match shown in VuGraph we could see one more example of a tough battle between the defenders and the declarer:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Von Arnim	Smith	S. Auken	Dhondy
	pass	1♣ ¹	2♦ ²
dbl.	3♦	3♠	pass
4♠	pass	4NT	pass
5♣	pass	5♠	pass...

¹ strong club

² preemptive



Nicola Smith, England

The German pair, after a slam try, was in a contract that was in danger when the trump split 4-1. Heather Dhondy led ♦2. Small from the dummy, ace from North and king from the declarer. N now returned the nine of diamonds. Declarer could discard from the hand, but had she a chance to guess it? She ruffed and cashed ace of trumps. Jack from South... Could it be a falsecard? Rather not, as North could have something like Qxx in trumps. Sabine Auken decided to play for the 4-1 trump split. For this, North had to have at least three clubs. Declarer now played three rounds of clubs, ending in dummy. When South discarded a diamond, the contract was safe. In this ending:

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

Declarer played double dummy - heart to the king and ace. Now a diamond, ruffed in hand. Queen of hearts and a heart ruff with the trump seven and a club... Just made.

Warsaw Octet

We have hopefully provided you with a Bulletin that has offered a brief insight into these fantastic Championships. In no small measure that is due to the outstanding support of a host of people from the EBL and the Polish Bridge Union, and it would be impossible to name them all. However, I can mention those who were directly involved in the production process.

Jos Jacobs wrote prodigiously in his inimitable style, **Barry Rigal** found time from his VuGraph duties to deliver some key deals, **Patrick Jourdain** gave us his senior moments and **Marek Wojcicki** kept our Polish readers entertained. **Ela Wojciechowska** produced fabulous photographs - and we all know how difficult bridge players can be to portray!

George Hadzidakis was our outstanding Layout Editor and those of you reading from the Internet have to thank our terrific Web Editor **Akis Kanaris**. Had it not been for the skills of our Polish coordinator **Karol Pazola** breakfast would have been a dull affair.

Mark Horton
Editor

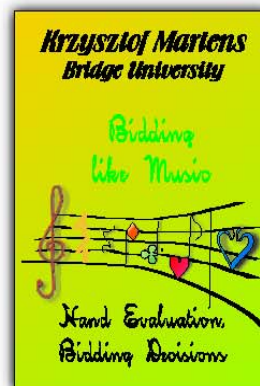
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HAND EVALUATION BIDDING DECISIONS

FACTORS IN HAND EVALUATION

The ability to evaluate your hand accurately is essential for successful auctions. Can you learn how to do it? You not only can, you have to. And the book is dedicated to this end.



Factors in hand evaluation include: High Card Points (A=4, K=3, Q=2, J=1); shape – from 4333 to 7600; possession of 10s, 9s and 8s; the quality of honours: in suit contracts aces and kings are more desirable, in notrumps lower honours become valuable. Evaluation of the distribution of honours will change as more information from the bidding becomes available. Suit quality: the trump suit in suit contracts, the main source of tricks in notrump

BIDDING DECISIONS

The process of hand evaluation leads to making bidding decisions. Good decisions are partly a function of previous experience. But can the art of decision making simply be learned? Yes, it can. Moreover, it must be learned. First of all, you have to know your partner's style and temperament, as well as the style and the level of aggressiveness of your opponents. In order to make a decision you must use your imagination. If you manage to visualize three possible hands for partner (based on the bidding so far):

- a favourable one,
- an average one,
- an unfavourable one,

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We now turn to a bidding test consisting of a hundred problems, mainly from the area of competitive bidding. As you decide what to bid on each of these, and then read my suggested action, your ability to make successful bidding decisions will improve.

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**The 2007 World Championships
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