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Beautiful Venezia

We say goodbye to the Girls teams today. They have one more match to decide the destination of the European Girls Teams title and the medals. Going into that final match, Poland is the strong favourite to take the title as they play one of the lower-ranked teams, Latvia, in the final round and have a 9.5VP lead over Netherlands, who face England. The leader board reads: Poland 200.5, Netherlands 191, Sweden 186, Israel 177.5, and the medallists will come from these four.

The day off did its work for the rest of the field in the Juniors as runaway leaders Norway were pulled back to the chasing group as they lost 9-21 to Germany and 6-24 to Russia before recovering a little ground with a 20-10 win against England. Norway leads with 177 from Netherlands 171.5, Italy 168, Sweden 163.5, Poland 162, Germany 160 and Russia 158.5. There is a gap of 14VPs to the next team, though it must be remembered that we have still not reached the half-way point of this championship, so all but the bottom few teams still have realistic hopes of a qualifying place if they can put together a strong run of form.

TEAM

PHOTOGRAPHS



Today it is the turn of the following teams to have their photographs taken for the EBL database. Would the captains please ensure that **all players** of the team plus the **npc** are present outside the

front door of the Palace as follows:

Junior Teams

Slovakia	13.00
Sweden	13.00
Turkey	13.00
Poland	13.00
Portugal	13.00
Romania	13.00
Russia	13.00
Hungary	13.00
Italy	13.00
Latvia	13.00

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EBL Photographer



VUGRAPH MATCHES

Germany - Sweden (Girls)	10.00
Poland - Netherlands (Juniors)	20.30



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JUNIOR TEAMS



RESULTS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 7

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	GREECE ROMANIA	47 - 24	20 - 10
2	CZECH REPUBLIC SWEDEN	41 - 60	11 - 19
3	BELGIUM SLOVAKIA	49 - 50	15 - 15
4	ENGLAND CROATIA	41 - 53	13 - 17
5	POLAND TURKEY	78 - 24	25 - 4
6	HUNGARY LATVIA	70 - 55	18 - 12
7	DENMARK SCOTLAND	73 - 28	24 - 6
8	RUSSIA AUSTRIA	35 - 51	12 - 18
9	GERMANY NORWAY	43 - 14	21 - 9
10	ITALY FRANCE	72 - 35	23 - 7
11	PORTUGAL NETHERLANDS	16 - 60	6 - 24

ROUND 10

1	CROATIA	GREECE
2	SLOVAKIA	TURKEY
3	SWEDEN	LATVIA
4	ROMANIA	SCOTLAND
5	CZECH REPUBLIC	AUSTRIA
6	BELGIUM	NORWAY
7	ENGLAND	FRANCE
8	POLAND	NETHERLANDS
9	HUNGARY	PORTUGAL
10	DENMARK	ITALY
11	RUSSIA	GERMANY

ROUND 8

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	PORTUGAL GREECE	30 - 41	13 - 17
2	NETHERLANDS ITALY	30 - 59	9 - 21
3	FRANCE GERMANY	45 - 32	18 - 12
4	NORWAY RUSSIA	45 - 88	6 - 24
5	AUSTRIA DENMARK	21 - 55	8 - 22
6	SCOTLAND HUNGARY	61 - 71	13 - 17
7	LATVIA POLAND	18 - 68	5 - 25
8	TURKEY ENGLAND	45 - 41	16 - 14
9	CROATIA BELGIUM	44 - 45	15 - 15
10	SLOVAKIA CZECH REPUBLIC	28 - 42	12 - 18
11	SWEDEN ROMANIA	49 - 40	17 - 13

ROUND 9

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	GREECE GERMANY	19 - 61	6 - 24
2	ITALY RUSSIA	57 - 42	18 - 12
3	PORTUGAL DENMARK	39 - 91	5 - 25
4	NETHERLANDS HUNGARY	66 - 39	21 - 9
5	FRANCE POLAND	41 - 54	12 - 18
6	NORWAY ENGLAND	56 - 32	20 - 10
7	AUSTRIA BELGIUM	49 - 55	14 - 16
8	SCOTLAND CZECH REPUBLIC	19 - 59	7 - 23
9	LATVIA ROMANIA	80 - 29	25 - 5
10	TURKEY SWEDEN	42 - 70	9 - 21
11	CROATIA SLOVAKIA	57 - 69	13 - 17

RANKING AFTER ROUND 9

1	NORWAY	177
2	NETHERLANDS	171,5
3	ITALY	168
4	SWEDEN	163,5
5	POLAND	162
6	GERMANY	160
7	RUSSIA	158,5
8	DENMARK	144
9	FRANCE	139
	LATVIA	139
11	ENGLAND	135
12	CROATIA	133
13	CZECH REPUBLIC	124,5
14	HUNGARY	124
15	TURKEY	122,5
16	BELGIUM	121
17	SCOTLAND	111
18	SLOVAKIA	107
19	PORTUGAL	103
20	GREECE	99
	ROMANIA	99
22	AUSTRIA	84,5

GIRLS TEAMS



RESULTS



ROUND 8

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	ITALY POLAND	16 - 50	8 - 22
2	TURKEY ENGLAND	37 - 34	16 - 14
3	GERMANY ESTONIA	35 - 48	12 - 18
4	SWEDEN LATVIA	61 - 39	20 - 10
5	DENMARK NORWAY	26 - 71	6 - 24
6	ISRAEL NETHERLANDS	37 - 25	17 - 13

ROUND 9

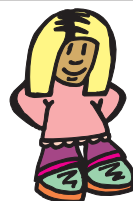
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	POLAND NETHERLANDS	43 - 45	15 - 15
2	NORWAY ISRAEL	22 - 36	12 - 18
3	LATVIA DENMARK	45 - 63	11 - 19
4	ESTONIA SWEDEN	51 - 60	13 - 17
5	ENGLAND GERMANY	47 - 38	17 - 13
6	ITALY TURKEY	29 - 45	12 - 18

ROUND 10

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	GERMANY POLAND	49 - 59	13 - 17
2	SWEDEN TURKEY	94 - 42	25 - 5
3	DENMARK ITALY	66 - 32	22 - 8
4	ISRAEL ENGLAND	63 - 27	22 - 8
5	NETHERLANDS ESTONIA	87 - 30	25 - 4
6	NORWAY LATVIA	70 - 54	18 - 12

Today's Schedule

- 10.00 Girls Teams, Round 11
- 16.00 Captains' Meeting
- 18.30 Schools Opening Ceremony
- 18.30 Girls Closing Ceremony
- 20.30 Junior Teams, Round 10
- 20.30 Schools Teams, Round 1



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 11

1	POLAND	LATVIA
2	ESTONIA	NORWAY
3	ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS
4	ITALY	ISRAEL
5	TURKEY	DENMARK
6	GERMANY	SWEDEN

RANKING AFTER ROUND 10

1	POLAND	200,5
2	NETHERLANDS	191
3	SWEDEN	186
4	ISRAEL	177,5
5	GERMANY	162
6	ITALY	144
7	ENGLAND	141
8	NORWAY	138
9	ESTONIA	133,5
10	LATVIA	106,5
11	DENMARK	101,5
12	TURKEY	91,5

SCHOOLS TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 1

1	LATVIA	POLAND
2	WALES	ITALY
3	GERMANY	ENGLAND
4	BULGARIA	TURKEY
5	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS
6	ISRAEL	DENMARK
7	FRANCE	SWEDEN
8	CZECH REPUBLIC	HUNGARY

Juniors Round 5 Greece v England

There were a couple of interesting deals in the English Juniors' 24-6 win over Greece in Round 5, one in the bidding, one in the play.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A Q ♥ – ♦ K Q 10 9 8 3 ♣ J 8 6 3 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 9 5 ♥ J 10 6 4 ♦ 2 ♣ A Q 10 5 4	♠ K J 8 7 4 ♥ K Q 8 7 5 3 ♦ 7 ♣ 9
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W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Kontomitros</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Doxiadis</i>	<i>Cropper</i>
2NT	Dble	4♣	1♥
5♣	5♥	All Pass	4♦
West	North	East	South
<i>Happer</i>	<i>Sofios</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Vatsolaki</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

David Cropper opened the South hand and Konstantinos Kontomitros showed the minors. When Susan Stockdale showed values and Konstantinos Doxiadis jumped in clubs, Cropper cue-



Konstantinos Kontomitros

bid to get his spade suit into the picture. Kontomitros went on to 5♣ and Stockdale judged well to bid 5♥, which ended the auction. Cropper went two down for -100.

In the other room, Eleni Vatsolaki passed as South, judging that the hand might be easier to show via a later cuebid to show the two-suiter. While this approach didn't work out very well this time, I have a lot of sympathy with it. I would happily open 1♠ with six spades and five hearts and only 9 HCP, but the actual hand will be almost impossible to describe accurately if it is opened. Of course, when Ben Green bid hearts on her right, Vatsolaki judged to pass and was shut out of the auction – did she have the systemic option to overcall a natural 2♥ now, inferentially showing at least four spades to explain the lack of a 2♥ opening? The English pair bid up to 5♣ and, with the aid of the club finesse and ruffing diamond finesse, Duncan Happer made an overtrick for +420 and 8 IMPs to England.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 7 4 ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ A K 10 9 8 2 ♣ 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 8 6 2 ♥ J 8 3 2 ♦ Q J ♣ Q 6 2	♠ A J ♥ A 9 6 5 ♦ 6 4 ♣ A J 8 5 4
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W E						
S						

The Greek E/W played in 2♣, making exactly for +90. England were more ambitious. Green opened a 14-16 no trump with the East cards and Happer checked for five-card majors then settled for 3NT.

Vatsolaki led the ♣7 for the queen and ace and Green led a diamond to the eight. Michalis Sofios returned a club to the eight and nine and now Vatsolaki had to find a switch. She chose a low spade to the king and ace and Green rattled off the diamond winners. For his last four cards he came down to ♥A9 and ♣J5, while South kept ♠Q, ♥K10 and therefore had to come down to the bare king of clubs. After a low spade exit, South could win and cash the club winner, but was then endplayed to lead away from the king of hearts to give the ninth trick; +400 and 7 IMPs to England.

The defence could have beaten the contract once declarer had conceded a diamond trick. It looks normal for North to return a club after winning the diamond, but a low spade switch would have been good enough to leave the defence in control. After the club return, South could have beaten the contract by switching to the queen of spades instead of a low one. That way North wins any late spade exit and can play a heart or a club through, depending on what cards East and South have come down to. If South works the whole hand out, perhaps it is possible to see the endplay coming should declarer hold the ♠A, and the winning defence can be found – when North holds the ♠A anything works as he can win the spade switch and return a third club. It is not, however, an easy play to find.

JUNIOR TEAMS

ROUND 7



SWEDEN

v

DENMARK



The Friday evening match between Sweden and Denmark in the Junior Series was a very quiet affair. After 15 deals, the score had reached only 6-5 in favour of Sweden. The Swedes added a couple of partscore swings to extend their lead to 15-5, then won two big swings at the end.

This early board was flat but offered scope for a major swing in either direction:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 6 ♥ A K 8 5 4 3 2 ♦ 3 ♣ 7 6 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 2 ♥ Q 10 ♦ Q J 9 8 6 ♣ 10 5 4 3	♠ A J 4 ♥ J 9 7 6 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ Q J 9
			♠ Q 9 8 7 5 3 ♥ – ♦ A K 5 4 ♣ A K 8

West	North	East	South
<i>Houmoller</i>	<i>Sivelind</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
<i>Thalen</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Asplund</i>	<i>Broendum</i>
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

I am sure that if we asked a panel of experts we would get a split decision but my personal preference is for a 3♣ overcall on the South hand – precisely because for me it is routine to pass with the North hand. Yes, 3♣ will work out very badly if North has ♥QJxx and a singleton spade, for example, but I pass these doubles out far more often than I once did and therefore double less often. Whether you agree with the decision itself, it is important that the styles of the two players in the partnership fit together in this situation.

Anyway, both our Souths doubled and both Norths passed. It was not too demanding for our two declarers to finesse the ten of hearts, so both escaped for down one and –200 when N/S were cold for game.

In the Juniors, 3♥ doubled was played five times, twice two down and three times down one; 3NT made once, 4NT failed once, 6♠ failed once, and 4♠ made 14 times. In the Girls, 3♥ undoubled went one down once, 3♥ doubled was down one twice, 3♠ was played twice, 3NT once, 6♠ failed once, and 4♠ made five times.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 8 7 6 4 ♥ Q 8 4 ♦ A 8 4 ♣ Q 10	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A Q 9 ♥ A 10 9 6 5 2 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 6 4	♠ K J 5 3 ♥ K ♦ Q 10 9 7 ♣ K 8 7 3
		♠ 2 ♥ J 7 3 ♦ K J 6 5 ♣ A J 9 5 2	

West	North	East	South
<i>Houmoller</i>	<i>Sivelind</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			



Sara Sivelind

We do not have the auction from the other table but the Swedish E/W pair played 3♠-2 for 100 to Denmark.

In the Swedish auction, Sara Sivelind opened with a multi and 2♠ showed interest opposite hearts but not opposite spades. Precisely what 3♣ showed is not given on their convention card, but it promised hearts and that was sufficient for Cecilia Rimstedt to jump to game in that suit.

Jonas Houmoller led a spade. Rimstedt won the ace and played a diamond to the jack and ace. She ruffed the spade continuation, played a heart to the ace and ruffed the last spade. Now king of diamonds and a diamond ruff put her in dummy to lead the ♠10 to West's queen. There was just a club to lose from here; +620 and 11 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A K ♥ K 8 ♦ K 9 8 3 ♣ 8 7 6 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">S</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> </table>	N			W	S	E	♠ Q J 8 7 4 ♥ J 9 4 3 2 ♦ A J ♣ 9	♠ 10 3 ♥ A 6 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ A K Q J 5 4
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W	S	E							

West <i>Houmoller</i>	North <i>Sivelind</i>	East <i>Nielsen</i>	South <i>Rimstedt</i>
INT	2♦	2♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	3♥
			All Pass

West <i>Thalen</i>	North <i>Schaltz</i>	East <i>Asplund</i>	South <i>Broendum</i>
1♣	2♣	2♠	Pass
Dble	4♥	5♣	4♣
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Houmoller opened INT and Sivelind's overall showed the majors. The Danes bid comfortably to 5♣ without giving serious thought to slam; +620.

Bjorn Thalen opened 1♣ and Martin Schaltz also showed the majors, though he guaranteed a little more distribution than Sivelind – at least five-five. Karl Asplund showed clubs and Kristian Broendum showed his club splinter on the way to four of a major. Asplund seems to have followed a very strange auction now (perhaps there is something in their system of which I am unaware which would at least partially explain it). He bid 5♣ over 4♥, clearly non-forcing,



Lars Kirkegaard Nielsen

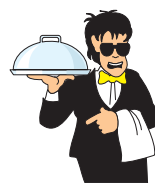
and Thalen passed it. Now Schaltz, taking his partner's 4♣ seriously, went on to 5♥ – a very dubious decision even at favourable vulnerability – and Asplund made a forcing pass. When Thalen doubled, he went on to 6♣, which seems like a double-cross.

Anyway, whatever may have been going on in the auction, Thalen had little option but to play Schaltz for the ace of diamonds in a short holding and, when that duly materialised, the slam was home for +1370 and 13 IMPs to Sweden – the perfect way to teach people not to sacrifice against your game contract.

Sweden won the match by 39-5 IMPs, 22-8 VPs.

On the board above, one Junior East played 2♥ down one, N/S played 4♥ doubled down two once, and 4♣ doubled down three once, while E/W played 3NT and 6NT successfully once each, 5♣ seven times and 6♣ nine times – always making. In the Girls, 3NT, 5♦ and 6NT all made once each, 5♣ five times and 6♣ three times. Seven Clubs was doubled for one down at one table.

Schools Opening/Girls Closing Ceremonies



The Closing Ceremony and Prize-giving for the Girls Championship and the Opening Ceremony of the Schools Championship will be held jointly at 18.30 (6-30 pm) today in the theatre across the road (where the opening ceremony was held last week). Cocktails will be available after the ceremony.

Juniors Round 5 Italy v Croatia... and much more

by Peter Ventura

This report will cover the match between Italy and Croatia in the Juniors, with some additional interesting stuff from a few other matches in Round 5.

The Italian home team was outside the World Championships places before their clash with Croatia. Would they come any closer after these 20 boards?

Croatia kicked-off faster. On the first board Irene Baroni/Alberto Sangiorgio were on their way to a spade slam but stopped in five. That was 10 IMPs to Croatia, since there were only ten tricks to take and their counterparts stopped in 4♠. Italy equalized immediately as Baroni/Sangiorgio on Board 2 defended nicely and defeated 3NT, which was allowed to make in the other room. We had the score 11-10 to Italy when this came along.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martinovic</i>	<i>Sangiorgio</i>	<i>Stanicic</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣
4♠	5♣	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boldrini</i>	<i>Gracin</i>	<i>Manno</i>	<i>Dondivic</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣
4♠	5♣	5♠	Dble*
All Pass			

The auctions were identical in both rooms, except as to who doubled 5♠. In the Closed Room, 1♠ showed five spades, so Andra Boldrini put some pressure on North by pre-empting 4♠ over South's 2♣. Gracin tried 5♣ but Manno bid what he believed he could make.

The defence has three red tricks to take, which Baroni/Sangiorgio indeed did in the Open Room, but in the other room the defence slipped. South led the club ace, which was ruffed in hand. Andrea Manno played one round of spades and then a low heart towards dummy. South fol-

lowed low and now Manno hesitated for a few seconds, as he considered if he could gain anything by playing the seven. It would have been more wise to do that before playing the suit perhaps, but eventually he played the ten and North won the queen. Gracin found the crucial diamond shift and declarer again hesitated then played low and Dondivic's king took the trick. South now erred by playing another diamond, which let declarer discard a losing heart in dummy. South claimed that he was misled by the hesitation when declarer played a heart towards dummy. South called the Director, who felt there was a reason for thinking, thus no adjustment was appropriate; N/S -850. Italy had increased their lead, and was now in front by 25 to 10 IMPs.

On the same board Martin Rehder of Germany was declarer in 5♣ in the match against Slovakia. This was the auction:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Katerbau</i>		<i>Rehder</i>
Pass	3♣	1♠	2♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	3♠*
		All Pass	

You could say that East/West deserve each other, since one can wonder why West didn't take any action



Erik Berg

over 2♣ holding a six-card suit – or the reason for East’s silence over 3♣ – but that’s another story. However, the ten of hearts was led to the ace. Declarer drew the trumps and then eliminated hearts before he exited with a spade. East came in and put declarer to the test by advancing the deceptive two of diamonds. Rehder was not fooled, as he hopped up with the king. Another diamond endplayed E/W, since East cannot overtake the diamond queen and West has to play a spade for ruff and discard.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 10 7 6 ♥ 10 ♦ 10 6 2 ♣ K J 7 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 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 5 3 ♥ 8 ♦ A K 9 3 ♣ A Q 9 5 4	♠ 9 2 ♥ A J 9 5 ♦ Q 7 5 4 ♣ 8 3 2
N						
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	♠ J 8 4 ♥ K Q 7 6 4 3 2 ♦ J 8 ♣ 10					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martinovic</i>	<i>Sangiorgio</i>	<i>Stanivic</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
1♠	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boldrini</i>	<i>Gracin</i>	<i>Manno</i>	<i>Dondivic</i>
	1♣*	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

In the Closed Room 2♠ asked for a spade stopper. Dondivic won the opening lead of the spade king in dummy and then cashed the two top diamond. He ruffed a diamond, finessed the queen of clubs and pitched a spade on the club ace. A heart to the king held the trick and Manno won the heart continuation with the nine. From here on the defence could cash a spade trick and East had to have two trump tricks with A-J over South’s Q-6-4-3; one down and N/S –100.

In the Open Room 1♣ showed an unbalanced hand or 15-17 balanced and 1♦ was a transfer to hearts. West led a deceptive club and Baroni rose with the ace, then played a heart to the king and ran the jack of diamonds. From here on she couldn’t succeed; one down, N/S –100, but no swing.

Was there a way of making 4♥? Yes, but declarer must

reduce his trump length, so he doesn’t end up in the same position as Dondivic did. In the match against Latvia, Merijn Groenenboom of the Netherlands made 4♥ after this auction:

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

West led the king of spades, which was won with dummy’s ace. Next came the singleton heart and the queen held the trick. Declarer finessed in clubs, discarded a spade on the club ace and then ruffed a club in hand. Now declarer crossed to dummy with the diamond ace and took another club ruff, then crossed to the diamond king and ruffed a diamond. At this point declarer had taken all nine tricks and when the heart king had to come the game was made. Note though that East can set the contract by rising with the heart ace at trick two. In any case, well done by Groenenboom, and a helpful board for the Netherlands on their way to a 20-10 victory.

In the match where Norway defeated Austria by 25-5, Erik Berg showed his skills on the very same board.

West	North	East	South
	<i>Lindqvist</i>		<i>Berg</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Here West led the ten of hearts, East played low and Berg won the trick in hand with the queen. When declarer continued with the ten of clubs West played the king, so after winning the ace Berg ruffed a club with the trump king, in case West held a singleton club and 10-9 in trumps. When West followed Berg crossed to dummy with the king of diamonds and then played the club queen, on which he pitched a losing spade, and then played a club from dummy in this position:

♠ K Q 10 7 6 ♥ – ♦ 10 6 ♣ J	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 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 5 3 ♥ – ♦ A 9 3 ♣ 9 5	♠ 9 2 ♥ A J 9 ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ –
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W E						
S						
	♠ J 8 ♥ 7 6 4 3 2 ♦ J ♣ –					

East cannot gain anything by ruffing the club, since South would then discard another losing spade. But if he discards something, declarer will ruff, then cross to dummy and play his established club. The brilliant play might have produced a be(r)guiling smile on the Norwegian declarer.

At half time in our match the score had moved on to 44-14 in Italy's favour.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A Q ♥ - ♦ K Q 10 9 8 3 ♣ J 8 6 3 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div>	♠ 10 9 5 ♥ J 10 6 4 ♦ 2 ♣ A Q 10 5 4	♠ K J 8 7 4 ♥ K Q 8 7 5 3 ♦ 7 ♣ 9
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martinovic</i>	<i>Sangiorgio</i>	<i>Stanicic</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
2♦	3♦*	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	4♥

When Martinovic chose to show only one of her minor-suits, Stanicic couldn't visualize how valuable his hand was. Therefore the Italians were allowed to buy the final contract in 4♠ when Martinovic refused to reopen. Declarer lost three spades and a club trick, so that was N/S -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boldrini</i>	<i>Gracin</i>	<i>Manno</i>	<i>Dondivic</i>
2NT*	3♣*	5♣	1♥
All Pass			5♥

2NT was for the minors and 3♣ was invitational with heart support. This is the kind of board where you wonder who is taking insurance against whom. However, declarer went three off, losing three spades, one club and a trump trick; N/S -150 and two more IMPs to Italy.

At only one table in the Juniors E/W reached 6♣. That happened in the match Denmark versus Romania, where Jonas Houmuller and Lars Nielsen-Kirkegaard recorded 1090 in the following way.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Houmoller</i>	<i>Dobrescu Nielsen-Kirkegaard</i>		<i>Agica</i>
2♦	3♦*	Pass	1♥
4♣	4♥	5♣	3♠
6♣	Dble	All Pass	5♥

3♦ was a good raise in hearts. North led the diamond ace and exited with a spade, so Jonas Houmoller had twelve easy tricks from here on, when the king of clubs was onside.

In the Girls, Dekker/Barendregt and Macdougall/Brown, for the Netherlands and England respectively, also bid and made the small slam.

Sometimes even 1♣ can be too high...

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ J 4 ♥ 10 6 5 ♦ K 4 3 2 ♣ K Q 8 6	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div>	♠ K 9 5 2 ♥ A Q J 7 ♦ A 9 5 ♣ A 4	♠ 10 7 6 3 ♥ 8 3 ♦ Q J 8 7 6 ♣ J 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martinovic</i>	<i>Sangiorgio</i>	<i>Stanicic</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
	Pass	1♣*	All Pass

Ognjen Stanicic opened 1♣, promising two or more clubs, and was left to play there. He managed to take four tricks, so N/S recorded +300. This could have been copied in the Closed Room, but Boldrini produced a bid, which helped the Italians out of the 'marvelous' 2-2 trump fit.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boldrini</i>	<i>Gracin</i>	<i>Manno</i>	<i>Dondivic</i>
	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦	Pass	2NT	All Pass

South led a heart to the ten and queen. Declarer played a diamond to the ten, queen and king. North didn't see any reason not to continue playing on hearts and when the smoke had cleared declarer was quite satisfied with nine tricks in his basket for N/S -150, and that was 9 IMPs to Italy.

With seven boards left to play Italy was leading by 56 to 14 and nothing much changed in the final stages of the match, so the final match score was 61-20 IMPs, 23-7 in VPs.

Sports News



Football

Under 20 World Cup
Austria defeated USA 2-1 after extra time in their Under 20 World Cup quarter-final. The score had been 1-1 after 90 minutes. The quarter-final between Spain and Czech Republic ended 0-0 after 90 minutes and 1-1 after extra time. The Czechs won 4-3 on penalties.



Rugby Union

New Zealand scored three tries in the last eleven minutes to defeat South Africa 33-6 in their Tri-nations match on Saturday. The win takes New Zealand level on points with Australia. The two sides meet in the decider next weekend.



Cycling

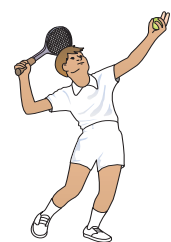
German Linus Gerdemann took the yellow jersey of the Tour de France from Fabian Cancellara by winning the first mountain stage of this year's race, Saturday's Stage Seven. The Tour novice was in a 15-man break for much of the 197.5km stage from Bourg-en-Bresse to Le Grand-Bornand, but the T-Mobile man went it alone over the Col de la Colombiere, finishing 40 seconds clear of Inigo Landaluze.

For the second day in a row, the winner of Stage Eight also claimed the yellow jersey. Michael Rasmussen (RAB) leads Linus Gerdemann in the general classification by 43" after eight stages. Rasmussen has won his third stage of the Tour de France. He ends the day with the polka-dot jersey and also the overall lead after finishing 2'47" ahead of Iban Mayo (ESP) SDV.



Moto Grand Prix

Spain's Dani Pedrosa won the German Moto Grand Prix on his Honda from Italy's Loris Capirossi, with Nicky Hayden in third. World Championship leader Casey Stoner finished fifth, while Valentino Rossi fell and did not finish the race.



Tennis

French fifth seed Paul-Henri Mathieu recovered from losing the first set to beat Italy's Andreas Seppi and clinch the Swiss Open in Gstaad. World number 28 Mathieu found the blistering heat as tough an opponent as Seppi before winning 6-7 6-4 7-5.

Second seed David Ferrer crushed fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro 6-1 6-2 in 68 minutes to win the Swedish Open final.



Golf

On a low-scoring final day, the Scottish Open was won by Frenchman, Gregory Havret, who defeated Phil Mickelson at the first play-off hole.

- 14 G Havret (FRA), P Mickelson (USA)
- 13 E Els (RSA)
- 11 L Donald (ENG), P Edberg (SWE), L Oosthuizen (RSA), R Sterne (RSA)

Correction



Did anyone spot yesterday's deliberate mistake? In the article about the Round 4 match between Sweden and the Netherlands in the Girls event, the Open Room auction on Board 3 ends with North's 4♥ bid and the text later comments that it was surprising that neither East took any action after

West had doubled the 2♥ opening. Yet the final result was given as +590 to N/S.

We have to confess that we made a not quite deliberate mistake. Astrid Dekker (East) of the Netherlands did actually double 4♥, so the result was correct, the auction and text wrong.

Not Many People Know That



As we are fortunate enough to be in Italy for these championships, may I take this opportunity to share with you an obscure and completely useless fact. This month marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Giuseppe Garibaldi, the general who was hugely instrumental in the formation of a united Italy in 1861, which is not a trivial matter at all, of course.

But did you know that Garibaldi made a very popular tour of Britain in 1864 and was so inspirational that, when Nottingham Forest football club (European Cup winners in 1979 and 1980) was formed the following year, they chose red as their club colour as a link to Garibaldi and his red shirts. And that, I respectfully suggest, does qualify as being a completely useless piece of knowledge.

JUNIOR TEAMS BUTLER

Name	Butl	Brd	Country	32 TOMCANI Jan	LUKOTKA Robert	-0,08	179	Slovakia	
1 EIDE Petter	LIVGARD Allan	1,76	119	Norway	33 DOXIADIS K.	KONTOMITROS K.	-0,09	180	Greece
2 WUERMSEER Maria	GOTTANKA Daniel	1,20	100	Germany	34 VANPARIJS Jef	GUIOT Benoit	-0,12	120	Belgium
3 WORTEL Meike	MICHELSEN Marion	1,04	120	Netherlands	35 CHAUVELOT Nicolas	ROBERT Quentin	-0,15	120	France
4 SANGIORGIO A.	BARONI Irene	0,84	140	Italy	36 MORGAN Frazer	MORRISON Philip	-0,17	120	Scotland
5 NOWOSADZKI M.	WIANKOWSKI Piotr	0,79	140	Poland	37 SCHALTZ Martin	BROENDUM Kristian	-0,17	120	Denmark
6 PAGTER Vincent de	HOP Jacco	0,78	120	Netherlands	38 MARTINOVIC Slavica	STANICIC Ognjen	-0,20	100	Croatia
7 THALEN Bjorn	ASPLUND Karl	0,74	140	Sweden	39 IVANCIC Matej	ZEPIC Vjekoslav	-0,21	160	Croatia
8 OSIPOV Anton	VOLOZHENIN Ivan	0,73	80	Russia	40 BRAGA Rafael	BRAGA Ricardo	-0,21	100	Portugal
9 SIVELIND Sara	RIMSTEDT Cecilia	0,66	140	Sweden	41 ARVIDSSON Eric	BECH Simon	-0,23	80	Sweden
10 KATERBAU Janko	REHDER Martin	0,63	139	Germany	42 MINARIK Gabor	HONYEK Andras	-0,26	140	Hungary
11 VINAY Adrien	SEGUINEAU Paul	0,60	120	France	43 VAN MECHELEN R.	DE VISSCHERE W.	-0,28	140	Belgium
12 STOCKDALE Susan	CROPPER David	0,59	100	England	44 DAMASO Nuno	PRATAS Pedro	-0,32	100	Portugal
13 LINDQVIST Espen	BERG Erik	0,48	119	Norway	45 DOBBELS Tine	DE HERTOOG Dirk	-0,32	100	Belgium
14 MOLLER PEDERSEN	SORENSEN L. Moller	0,46	100	Denmark	46 KISS Gabor	TORMA Robert	-0,37	100	Hungary
15 BOLDRINI Andrea	MANNO Andrea	0,45	120	Italy	47 NISTOR Radu	STAFIE Diana Mihaela	-0,41	160	Romania
16 GULA Artur	TACZEWSKI Mikolaj	0,42	79	Poland	48 VLACHOVA Karolina	BERAN Vladimir	-0,43	100	Czech Rep.
17 KEPEKCI M.	CEREK Muharrem	0,38	120	Turkey	49 ELLISON Myles	ELLISON Gyles	-0,44	120	Scotland
18 BERG Ivar	REISTAD Tor Ove	0,38	120	Norway	50 NEKRASOVA Ksenia	VOLOZHENIN Ivan	-0,47	100	Russia
19 MOCHALOVA Julia	DOBRIN Denis	0,28	140	Russia	51 HODEROVA Pavla	JANKOVA Jana	-0,53	100	Czech Rep.
20 NIELSEN Lars K.	HOUMOLLER Jonas	0,27	140	Denmark	52 DARKADAKIS A.	LATOUSAKIS M.	-0,53	120	Greece
21 BETHERS Janis	LORENCS Martins	0,18	180	Latvia	53 HARING Stuart	COPE Simon	-0,54	120	England
22 MACURA Milan	KOPECKY Michal	0,18	160	Czech Rep.	54 BARBOSA Joao	PALMA Antonio	-0,58	160	Portugal
23 BESSIS Olivier	BESSIS Thomas	0,16	120	France	55 KIANICA Lubos	SIDOR Lukas	-0,63	180	Slovakia
24 IMAMOGLU L.	GUNDOGDU M.	0,14	100	Turkey	56 SINCLAIR Andrew	WILKINSON A.	-0,65	120	Scotland
25 DRIJVER Bob	GROENENBOOM M.	0,13	119	Netherlands	57 EGLSEER Werner	GOGOMAN Adele	-0,66	160	Austria
26 DONDIVIC Luka	GRACIN Tomislav	0,12	100	Croatia	58 ISLAM Jefri	STIGLEITNER Philipp	-0,68	100	Austria
27 SIKORA Jan	NAWROCKI Piotr	0,11	139	Poland	59 SMIRNOV Alexander	GOTARD Thomas	-0,72	120	Germany
28 MARJAI Gabor	RETTEGHY Orsolya	0,10	120	Hungary	60 SAKIRLER M.	AKAY Veysi	-0,74	140	Turkey
29 KULDKEPP Meelis	BALASOVŠ Jurijš	0,03	140	Latvia	61 AGICA Marius	DOBRESCU Raluca	-0,79	160	Romania
30 HAPPER Duncan	GREEN Ben	0,03	140	England	62 SCHULZ Dieter	BINA Richard	-0,92	100	Austria
31 MONTANARI Matteo	FRANCHI Arrigo	0,01	99	Italy	63 SOFIOS Michalis	VATSOLAKI Eleni	-2,12	60	Greece

GIRLS TEAMS BUTLER

Name	Butl	Brd	Country	17 SPANGENBERG J.	SPANGENBERG S.	-0,22	99	Netherlands	
1 SJOBORG Emma	RIMSTEDT Sandra	1,57	199	Sweden	18 APRILE Manuela	TANI Giorgia	-0,23	140	Italy
2 GELDER Marleen van	SPANGENBERG Sigrid	1,38	60	Netherlands	19 GRUDE Liv Marit	HANSEN R.	-0,27	200	Norway
3 WESOLOWSKA K.	ZMUDA Justyna	1,32	120	Poland	20 VIILUP Triinu	LIIVAK Jane	-0,28	200	Estonia
4 LEVY Hila	ASOLIN Adi	1,14	200	Israel	21 RUSCALLA Elena	SACCOMANNO S.	-0,29	139	Italy
5 SZCZEPANSKA K.	MAJ Marta	1,05	140	Poland	22 EGE Anna Christa	BILDE Majka C.	-0,42	60	Denmark
6 DEKKER Astrid	BARENDREGT R.	0,90	198	Netherlands	23 GOLDBERG Niva	SKAGIN Elizabeth	-0,46	199	Israel
7 EGGELING Marie	GIAMPIETRO Cristina	0,58	200	Germany	24 EGE Anna Christa	KOCH-PALMUND A.	-0,47	60	Denmark
8 KOCH-PALMUND A.	BUUS THOMSEN S.	0,43	60	Denmark	25 ERGIN Ekin	ENGİN Gizem	-0,47	179	Turkey
9 CHAVARRIA M.	LANZANO Chiara	0,31	120	Italy	26 ANDERSONE Ilze	CIMOKA Dace	-0,48	200	Latvia
10 BROWN Fiona	MACDOUGALL N.	0,22	160	England	27 ROBERTS Elizabeth	MARVIN Jennifer	-0,75	120	England
11 CHEDIAK Virginia	GRAN Katrine	0,17	200	Norway	28 KOCH-PALMUND A.	BILDE Majka C.	-0,80	80	Denmark
12 MACDOUGALL L.	KAYE Alice	0,00	120	England	29 EGE Anna Christa	BUUS THOMSEN S.	-0,80	80	Denmark
13 ROWOLD A.	HEIM Anne	-0,04	200	Germany	30 ERKENA Ildze	VALESKALNE Ilze	-0,83	199	Latvia
14 KRAWCZYK Joanna	SAKOWSKA Natalia	-0,04	140	Poland	31 SEYHAN Burcu	SARIOZ Pinar	-1,22	180	Turkey
15 NEDLICH Kristin	ANDERSSON Freja	-0,15	200	Sweden	32 BUUS THOMSEN S.	BILDE Majka C.	-2,20	60	Denmark
16 SARV Pihel	ORAS Maarja	-0,19	200	Estonia					

GIRLS TEAMS

ROUND 8



ITALIA

V

POLONIA



DONNE DI CASA NOSTRA

by Furio Meneghini

La formazione femminile se la sta cavando, avendo già affrontato con risultati alterni ma con danni tutto sommato limitati tre delle quattro squadre che al momento battagliano per il podio. Di buon mattino e dopo il giorno di riposo le attende però la prova del fuoco, quella Polonia che non sembra avere alcuna voglia di abbandonare lo scettro del comando. Coach Vandoni decide di non bruciare la coppia delle giovanissime ("avranno tempo, queste in prospettiva possono diventare molto forti e Margherita deve solo stare attenta a non guastarsi, ha le potenzialità per costituire il faro del bridge femminile nel prossimo ventennio") e schiera Ruscalla-Saccomanno in aperta e Aprile-Tani in chiusa.

Pronti-via e siamo già a -10. Le ♠ sono messe a fagiolo, e in aperta la manche nel seme viene portata a casa senza spreco di energie sull'attacco ♦3; le ♥ rimangono divise così anche in chiusa, e questo dovrebbe consentire di realizzare anche il 3NT al cui timone in chiusa sta E, che però ha il torto di pensare negativo (gli impasse invece vanno tutti bene), si attorciglia intorno alle proprie sofferenze e

finisce un down.

Un'altra dozzina di IMP partono in due parziali:

Board n. 3 – Dealer S – Vuln. E/W

♠ 8 3						
♥ T 6 5 4 3						
♦ 9 4 3						
♣ J 7						
♠ QT 9		♠ J 6 5 4 2				
♥ K Q J 8		♥ A 2				
♦ T 8 2		♦ J 4				
♣ K 6 5		♣ A 8 7 4				
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N						
O						
S						
E						
♠ A K 7						
♥ 9 7						
♦ A Q 9 6 3						
♣ Q 9 2						

Sala chiusa:

O	N	E	S
pass	2♦	pass	INT
fine			2♥

Sala aperta:

O	N	E	S
pass	2♦	pass	INT
pass	pass	2♠	2♥
			fine

Contro 2♥ W attacca da tre cartine di ♦, Wesolowska prende in mano e muove ♥ per un onore di W che insiste ♦, presa al morto. Ancora ♥ per E che rinvia ♠. Adesso la dichiarante potrebbe accontentarsi di 1 down sfilando le ♦ (la mano è già buona, gli orizzontali incasano 9 prese con atout ♠, come puntualmente avvenuto in aperta dopo l'aggressiva riapertura di E), invece taglia la terza ♠ e prova la divisione delle atout, che non c'è: sarebbero tutte della difesa, ma O non vuol saperne di muovere ♣ e concede gentilmente altre tre prese di ♦, 2♥ m.i..



Kamila Wesolowska

Board n. 7 – Dich. S – Vuln. All

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

3♠ si battono se non si consente al dichiarante di incassare il K di ♥, quattro ♣ e quattro atout. In chiusa la dichiarante, spaventata dalla 5-1, muove lei stessa ♦ e non ha più chance, in aperta misteriosamente N finisce per realizzare solo una presa con A-9-8-3-2 perchè la difesa si ferma dopo il primo giro di ♦. E pensare che la riapertura di E avrebbe consentito ai verticali di “difendere” all’imperdibile 4♥!

Alla 13 la Maj fornisce ancora una prova eccelsa della propria aggressività, e non esita a riaprire (2♣ bicolore nobile!) in zona sulla apertura di INT della Saccomanno, trovando alla compagna un provvidenziale doppio fit che le consente di segnare 140 (2♥+1) da sommare al 90 dell’altra sala. Ancora 6 IMP per le biancorosse.



Justyna Zmuda

Il colpo di grazia arriva dopo due smazzate:

Board n. 15 – Dealer S – Vuln. N/S

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

La manche a ♥ è giocata da N per le italiane e da S per le polacche, ma la sostanza non dovrebbe cambiare, visto che solo il disumano attacco ♣ da K-J-7 potrebbe regalare il contratto. Comunque sia, tanto sull’attacco in atout che su quello di ♦A seguito da una ♣, le due dichiaranti non vedono niente di meglio che battere per poi affidarsi al doppio impasse. La differenza la fa Ovest in presa con il primo onore, perchè Szczepanska rinvia passivamente ♦, e attende il down con la sua seconda presa, mentre Giorgia opta per un aggressivo J di Picche sul quale Manuela va in tilt. Non se la sente di filare (perchè?), ma dopo aver preso potrebbe ancora battere tornando ♣, perchè la dichiarante ha le ♠ bloccate e nessun altro ingresso in mano: invece dopo l’Asso di ♦ muove ancora ♠ e le due perdenti di ♣ scompaiono sul marriage del nobile a cotè.

Prendono il volo altri 12 IMP, si materializza un pesante 22-8, si volatilizzano salvo terremoti le speranze di podio, il coach non fa una piega: “l’obiettivo di questa squadra era arrivare nella metà alta della classifica, siamo ancora in corsa per questo e per mostrare ancora sprazzi di buon bridge, come abbiamo dimostrato di saper fare: il resto verrà più avanti”.





FÉDÉRATION MONÉGASQUE DE BRIDGE



1st BRIDGE GAMES OF SMALL NBOs

Location: Monaco

Date: Wednesday 7th November to Friday 9th November 2007

Who may take part? One Open Team of 4 to 6 players, for each NBO of less than 500 members. As it is the first edition, and as we want it to be a friendly meeting between players, if “just bigger” NBOs wish to take part, we’ll welcome them with pleasure.

Format : It will depend from the number of teams, but probably a round-robin of one or two groups on Wednesday and Thursday, with Semi-Finals and Final on Friday.

Entry fees: No entry fee will be required

Travel & Accomodation: Travel remains at the charge of each NBO, and accommodation too. We’ll propose to the teams three kinds of accommodation : flats for 4-6 persons, hotel 2** or 3***, hotel 4****.

What else? Opening cocktail on Wednesday 7th at 12.00. Prize giving cocktail on Friday 9th around 19.00. Visits of Monaco and the area on Thursday and Friday morning. Dinners free or together on Wednesday and Friday evening.

And ??? Each team which will stay in Monaco to play the International Teams Tournament (from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th) will pay an Entry fee of 150 Euro instead of 250.

Registration & Information: It’s important for us that NBOs confirm their will to come as soon as possible. Send a mail to Jean-Charles Allavena (jcaconseil@libello.com). Use the same address for any information you may need.

Conclusion: This is the first edition, and any suggestion concerning any point herein is welcome. The bridge competition will be serious, but the target is to spend three nice days together, have good time and know each other better....

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