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WOW! WORLD OF WONDERS



An opening ceremony orchestrated by **Anna Maria Torlontano** and **Oosghe' Atalay** saw speeches of welcome by the General Manager of WOW Kremlin Palace, **Mr. Fikret Demirtürk**, **Mr. Ata Aydin**, President of the Turkish Bridge Federation and the Deputy Governor of Antalya, **Mr. Fazli Akgün**. Then the President of the European Bridge League, **Gianarrigo Rona** closed his speech by formally opening the 3rd European Open Bridge Championships.

The distinguished speakers drew attention to the natural beauty of Antalya and the surrounding areas of this 'Pearl of the Mediterranean.'

There was a delightful audio-visual presentation of the flags of the participating counties and a dazzling display of dancing by members of the Kremlin palace ensemble.

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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE EBL PRESIDENT

Authorities, distinguished guests, dear EBL NBO Presidents, dear EBL and TBF colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, dear friends,

Good evening and welcome to Antalya.

After Menton 2003 and Arona 2005, we are here in Antalya to celebrate, all together, the European Open Championship.

As per the past two editions we have worked very hard together with the Organizing Committee, the Turkish Bridge Federation and the Bentour Company to enable the participants to enjoy this event both while playing and relaxing.

We have already had the opportunity to experience in Turkey two great bridge events, the Youth Teams Championship here in Antalya in 2000 and the Bridge Olympiad, the main event in our sport, in Istanbul in 2004. Both were an enormous success and we all have still its memory in our minds and in our hearts.

As I have already said the great sport of bridge, returning once more to Turkey, has the chance to enjoy once again its atmosphere, its colours, tastes and smells and enjoy its natural beauties, the art and the culture of this land of extraordinary treasures.

We have adopted the most sophisticated bridge technology for the competitions and are offering outstanding facilities to the participants during their stay.

We can count on an extraordinary international staff to manage and run the championship. The World of Wonders Resort seems to have everything needed to be an optimal venue. It will allow the participants to combine the demands of the competition with relaxing moments, through the many complementary high standard services designed to offer the maximum comfort.

Of course you will be the judges and I hope that at the

end, going back home, you can state that we have been able to fulfill all our propositions.

I wish to thank the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, my colleague and dear friend Sevinç Atay, the Turkish Bridge Federation and particularly its great President, Ata Aydın, under whose guidance the TBF has achieved so much, both with the quality of their players and with the number of members. I also wish to express our gratitude to the Antalya Authorities, led by the Mayor, Mr. Menderes Türel, MNG Company and its CEO Tayfun Turanlıoğlu, and Bentour International, represented by Armagan Dayioğlu and the tireless Oktar Zengin. Without their support this



event would have been impossible to organize. Finally I want to express my special appreciation to all our sponsor friends, who have offered such an important contribution and particularly to my friend Mehmet Akkaşoğlu, the real “deus ex machina” of this event.

Now the curtain goes up and the stage is for you, the players, the true protagonists of the event. There are more than 1500 people representing 60 Countries from everywhere in the world who, I am sure, will heighten once again the true values of our discipline with fair-play, friendship and solidarity, above and against any difference and discrimination.

In this period, one of the most sad in the history of human life, sport in general

and bridge in particular wants to show and is always able to show, that it is possible to stay together, to enjoy everything together in peace and serenity.

Bridge For Peace: this is our motto. This is our message to forward everywhere in the world. We are all proud of it.

Under these auspices, I declare open the 3rd European Open Bridge Championship.

Gianarrigo Rona

Welcome Message from the President of the Turkish Bridge Federation



Mr. Gianarrigo Rona, the president of the European Bridge League, Mr. Fazlı Akgün deputy governor of Antalya, dear participants and guests, I am pleased to welcome you all in Turkey and once again after seven years in Antalya.

First, and foremost of all, I would like to extend our sincere appreciations to president Rona and his colleagues for their tireless efforts in the realization of uniting bridge players around the world in Europe, under the title of this great bridge event.

I wish all participants, players, and our volunteer friends the best of success.

I hope you all enjoy your stay in Antalya and have an exciting championship.

Thank you all

SINS OF OMISSION AND COMMISSION



Thou shalt not smoke..... No smoking is permitted on the fourth floor or in the playing room area. While you may smoke almost anywhere else, the penalties for smoking in the playing room will be severe.

AND... NO CELLPHONES are allowed in the playing area! If you think the penalties for smoking are unpleasant, you really don't want to find out what are the consequences of being caught with a cell-phone in the playing room.

DAILY ENTRANCE TICKETS



Depending on the hotel you are staying in, you might need to pay a daily amount either of 20 Euros or 60 Euros to enter the venue hotel and the championships. With a blue or green sticker on your badge there is no extra payment needed; with a yellow sticker the amount is 20 Euros, with a red sticker 60 Euros. When you pay you will receive a ticket with a date on it. This ticket needs to be shown on request during that day. Tickets can be bought in advance at the front of the hotel to avoid queuing when entering.

Without a ticket, you are NOT allowed to enter the hotel.

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In Memoriam - Dorothy Shanahan

Patrick Jourdain

The 1969 British team. From the left: Sandra Landy, Dorothy Shanahan, Jane Priday, Alan Hiron (npc), Joan Durran, Fritz Gordon, Rixi Markus.

With the death last Sunday of Dorothy Shanahan, Sandra Landy becomes the only surviving member.

Dorothy Shanahan, who has died aged 91, was, for three decades, part of a golden era for British womens teams.



Mrs Shanahan was in the team that won the 1964 World Olympiad and the European gold medal in 1961, 1963 and 1966. The team took silver in 1957, 1965 and 1969 and bronze in 1955, 1967 and 1973, Shanahan's last appearance for her country.

Miss. Shanahan also partnered bridge author and columnist the late Maurice Harrison-Gray featuring in his stories under the pseudonym The Dormouse. Mrs Shanahan was a civil servant for the National Coal Board. Her quiet personality contrasted strongly with her flam-

boyant team-mates Rixi Markus and Fritz Gordon.

Shanghai Countdown

by Mark Horton

(I am indebted to Tim Bourke for supplying the deal records and Barry Rigal for some explanations of the bidding.)

Although we are just starting out on a great bridge contest, the next one is never far off the horizon. In September the world's finest will assemble in Shanghai for the World Bridge Championships. Just before this tournament the United States Bridge Federation held a trial to determine who would qualify as USA II for the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup.

The two teams vying for the Bermuda Bowl spot were the runners-up in last years Championships, the Ekeblad team: Russ Ekeblad, Ron Rubin, Fred Gitelman & Brad Moss, last year with Geoff Hampson and Eric Greco, this year with Chip Martel and Lew Stansby, and Nickell: Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway. 120 boards, played in 8 sets of 15, to determine the winner.

The match started quietly, but burst into life near the end of the first set:

Board 11; Dealer South; Nil Vul.

♠ 10 7 3 ♥ 6 4 ♦ J 7 4 ♣ J 10 5 4 2	N W E S	♠ — ♥ A K Q J 9 8 5 ♦ K 9 8 5 ♣ A Q	♠ K Q 9 8 6 ♥ 10 7 ♦ 10 6 3 2 ♣ 7 3
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West <i>Stansby</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Martel</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Dble	Rdble	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

South led the three of diamonds and declarer claimed, +1010. Connoisseurs of the psychic double should take a second to admire Rodwell's effort here.

West <i>Nickell</i>	North <i>Gitelman</i>	East <i>Freeman</i>	South <i>Moss</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♥	All Pass

South led the queen of spades and declarer claimed, +1510 and 11 IMPs for Nickell, ahead 23-5.

Board 12; Dealer West; NS Vul.

♠ A J 7 6 5 ♥ A 9 ♦ A K 6 3 2 ♣ 2	N W E S	♠ 9 8 ♥ K Q 6 4 ♦ J 9 ♣ A Q 7 6 3	♠ Q 10 3 2 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ 10 9 8
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West <i>Stansby</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Martel</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	1♣*	Dble*	Pass*
1♦	1♠	2♣	2♠
3♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

East's double showed a two suiter and One Diamond was pass or correct. When East bid voluntarily he showed clubs and hearts with extra values, so West felt justified in taking



Richard Freeman

out insurance against Four Spades.

South led the three of spades and North won with the jack, cashed the ace, took the ace of hearts and exited with a heart. There were still two diamonds to come, three down, +500.

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Gitelman	Freeman	Moss
Pass	1♠	2♣	2♠
3♣	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the king of hearts and declarer won and needed something good to happen in spades or diamonds. Neither suit provided any joy, so he was one down, -100 and 12 IMPs to Nickell, now leading 35-5.

Board 15; Dealer South; NS Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Stansby	Rodwell	Martel	Meckstroth
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT*
*14-16			

Notice that with his balanced hand Rodwell did not look for a possible heart fit.

West led the five of spades for the ten, jack and queen and declarer simply played a spade back to the king. When that held he claimed, +600.

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Gitelman	Freeman	Moss
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT*
*14-16			

The same strategy in the bidding, but this time West led the eight of clubs. Declarer won in dummy with the queen and played a spade to the queen and ace. West played a second club and declarer won in hand and played a spade to the ten and jack. East played another club and with spades 4-2 there was no way to take more than eight tricks, -100 and 12 IMPs to Nickell, ahead 47-12 at the end of the first set.

Little happened in the second set, Ekeblad winning it 22-20 to trail 34-67.



Nick Nickell

Board 32; Dealer West; EW Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Rubin	Hamman	Ekeblad	Soloway
1♦*	Pass	INT	3♣
3♠	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

One Diamond was part of the canapé method being employed by East/West. When South decided his hand merited further action, North was delighted to pass.

Declarer won the club lead with dummy's ace and played a spade, getting the bad news, South discarding the seven of diamonds. He ducked a diamond to North who switched to the jack of hearts, covered by the king and ace. South played the king of clubs, declarer and North discarding hearts and continued with the jack of clubs, ruffed by declarer as North discarded another heart. There was still a diamond and a trump to lose, two down, -500.

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Moss</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Gitelman</i>
1♣	Pass	2♦*	4♣
4♣	All Pass		

The defence started in similar fashion, North leading a club, declarer winning and playing a spade. He then ducked a diamond and North switched to a trump. Declarer won and cleared the diamonds and North exited with another trump allowing declarer to record nine tricks, -100 but 9 IMPs for Nickell, leading 82-34.

Board 36; Dealer West; Both Vul.

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

West <i>Rubin</i>	North <i>Hamman</i>	East <i>Ekeblad</i>	South <i>Soloway</i>
1♠*	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♣	2♦	3♣	3♦
Pass	3♠*	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

East led the king of clubs and when that held he switched to the eight of spades. Declarer took West's jack with the ace, drew trumps and played a spade, claiming his contract and +600.

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Moss</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Gitelman</i>
1♦*	2♦*	2♥*	2♠
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

East led the eight of spades and declarer won in hand, drew trumps and claimed 11 tricks, +150 but another 10 IMPs to Nickell, racing away at 102-36.

Board 39; Dealer South; Both Vul.

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

West <i>Rubin</i>	North <i>Hamman</i>	East <i>Ekeblad</i>	South <i>Soloway</i>
2♠*	Pass	4♥	1♠
			All Pass

South cashed two spades and switched to a trump. Declarer won in hand, played a diamond to the ace and ruffed a diamond, cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. The cross ruff was good for ten tricks, +620.

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Moss</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Gitelman</i>
2♠	3♠	4♦*	1♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	4♣
			All Pass

North's raise gave South every reason to bid on and East took the push. The play was identical, but that meant declarer was one down, -100 and 12 badly needed IMPs for Ekeblad, now behind 50-106 at the end of the third set.

Board 46; Dealer East; Nil Vul.

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

West <i>Stansby</i>	North <i>Hamman</i>	East <i>Martel</i>	South <i>Soloway</i>
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

Four Hearts made an overtrick, +450.

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Moss</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Gitelman</i>
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Dble	4NT	Pass	4♣*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	5♠

* splinter

Six Hearts made an undertrick, -50 and 11 IMPs for Nickell, well in control at 130-52.

Board 50; Dealer East; NS Vul.

♠ A K 10 5 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A K Q 10 9 8 ♣ A	♠ 7 3 ♥ J 10 3 2 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ J 7 6 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 8 2 ♥ A Q 6 5 ♦ J 6 3 ♣ Q 10 9	♠ Q 9 6 4 ♥ K 7 4 ♦ 4 ♣ K 8 5 4 3
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West <i>Stansby</i>	North <i>Hamman</i>	East <i>Martel</i>	South <i>Soloway</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

North led the two of clubs and declarer won in hand with the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds and took the heart finesse. South won and played back a heart and although the spade finesse was right declarer could not arrive at more than eleven tricks, -50.

The contract can be made, but there was nothing wrong with declarer's line of play.

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Moss</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Gitelman</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Here East was declarer but South also led a club. Declarer took the same line, but when South won with the king of hearts he switched to the five of spades and that was essentially that, as it ran to declarer's eight. He went through the motions and at trick eleven South discarded the king of clubs, +920.

Once South fails to play back a heart declarer can always get home via a black suit squeeze on South, so full marks to Soloway for his defence in the other room.

At half way Nickell led 153-89.

The next set offered Ekeblad little succour, but they showed they were not going to give up without a fight.

Board 65; Dealer North; Nil Vul.

♠ Q 7 3 ♥ A K Q 5 4 ♦ A 5 3 2 ♣ 8	♠ A K 6 ♥ 8 6 2 ♦ Q 4 ♣ 10 9 7 6 5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 4 2 ♥ J 10 7 3 ♦ K J 10 7 6 ♣ K	♠ 10 9 8 5 ♥ 9 ♦ 9 8 ♣ A Q J 4 3 2
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West <i>Stansby</i>	North <i>Freeman</i>	East <i>Martel</i>	South <i>Nickell</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣*	Dble
4♥	All Pass		

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This was all about the diamond suit. The defenders cashed their tricks and after drawing trumps declarer played a diamond to the king and the jack of diamonds. He eventually put up the ace for +420.

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Moss</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Gitelman</i>
	Pass	Pass	3♣
3♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Gitelman's preempt worked to perfection, especially when North felt he had enough to double the final contract. Declarer was down before he started and when he got the diamonds wrong he was -300, losing 12 IMPs, Nickell up 157-101.

Board 70; Dealer East; EW Vul.

♠ Q 4 ♥ 9 8 7 5 ♦ 6 ♣ Q J 9 8 7 6	♠ 10 7 2 ♥ A Q 10 ♦ J 10 9 3 2 ♣ A K <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 5 ♥ J 4 3 2 ♦ A K 5 4 ♣ 10 4 3	♠ K J 9 8 6 3 ♥ K 6 ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ 5 2
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West <i>Stansby</i>	North <i>Freeman</i>	East <i>Martel</i>	South <i>Nickell</i>
		INT	2♣*
2NT*	Dble	3♣	Pass
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led his diamond and the defenders played three rounds, West ruffing. Declarer got the spades right for one down, -50.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Moss	Meckstroth	Gitelman
Pass	2NT	1♦*	1♠
All Pass		Pass	3NT!

How about that for a brilliant attempt to create a swing in the bidding? East cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to the two of hearts. Declarer won in hand with the ten and played a spade to the king. When the next spade saw East/West's honours crash declarer, had eleven tricks, +430 and 10 IMPs to Ekeblad now trailing 111-164.

The trouble with playing catch-up is that every adverse swing is like a dagger to the heart.



Low Stansby

Don't you just love that Three Spade bid?

West led his heart and declarer won and played a club to the ace and the queen of clubs – one down, -100 and 12 IMPs to Nickell, clear at 176-111.

Nickell tacked on a few more points to end the fifth set ahead 189-111.

(To be concluded tomorrow.)

Board 71; Dealer South; Both Vul.

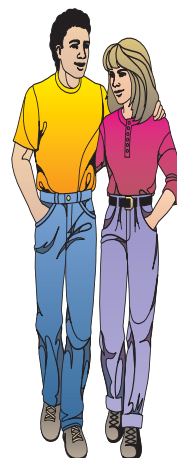
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West	North	East	South
Stansby	Freeman	Martel	Nickell
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3NT

Four Hearts was easy enough, declarer losing two trumps (one via a spade ruff) and the ace of diamonds, +620.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Moss	Meckstroth	Gitelman
3♠	4♥	Pass	1♣
All Pass			6♣

MIXED TEAMS



With the registration as it looked yesterday evening, the players will all play in groups of five or six teams, of which the first three teams qualify for the Swiss A and the other teams for the Swiss B. there will be a carry-over based on the ranking within the group (see Regulations). Further information will appear in tomorrow's bulletin. Play is on the fourth floor, and your positions will be shown on the screens and notice boards in the lobby and the fourth floor.