

Bulletin 4 Tuesday, 19 June 2007

NEVE ON A MONDAY



There were shocks galore on day three of the Mixed Teams Championship. Perhaps the biggest was the defeat of many peoples favourites, **Emre**, Zia, Auken, Welland, von Arnim, Henner-Welland & Sementa, by the French quartet, **Neve**, Johanna Raczynska, Vanessa Reess, Eric Mauberquez & Jean Francois Allix in the round of 16.

In the round of 32 **Milner**, Milner, Seamon-Molson, Pszczola, Miszewska & Kowalski fell to **Penfold**, Penfold, Senior, Ivanova & Ivanov.

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MIXED TEAMS

ROUND OF 32				
		lst	2nd	total
ı	RUSSIA	43	31	74
	GELIN	17	18	35
2	MOUIEL	39	33	72
	POLANDI	27	35	62
3	MILNER	21	40	61
	PENFOLD	61	32	93
4	RIOLO	22	55	77
	BRUNNER	30	42	72
5	GARP44	31	54	85
	ALERT	58	13	71
6	VRIEND	26	17	43
	LE PIN	11	21	32
7	VENTIN	64	60	124
	LAZY	29	43	72
8	MAHAFFEY	37	77	114
	ERGIL	25	7	32
9	EMRE	48	63	111
	KOVACHEV	17	22	39
10	NEVE	48	37	85
	VARENNE	49	28	77
Ш	HAMMERLI	3	50	53
	DHONDY	59	58	117
12	HERBST	44	36	80
	MATUJONA	18	45	63
13	CLIFFORD	23	23	46
	DE BOTTON	35	34	69
14	POPOVA	31	34	65
	HAUGE	30	57	87
15	ERICHSEN	22	20	42
	PAYEN	7	37	44
16	OZLEN	26	20	46
	VAN HELSING	29	45	74

ROUND OF 16					
		lst	2nd	total	
		•			
I	RUSSIA MOUIEL	21 30	54 31	75 61	
2	RIOLO	36	48	84	
	PENFOLD	45	37	82	
3	GARP44	11	60	71	
3	VRIEND	23	29	52	
4	MAHAFFEY	22	15	37	
	VENTIN	13	53	66	
5	EMRE	15	34	49	
•	NEVE	22	38	60	
6	HERBST DHONDY	10 35	36 52	46 87	
	DHONDI	33	32	07	
7	HAUGE	41	15	56	
	DE BOTTON	16	46	62	
8	VAN HELSING PAYEN	14 18	37 56	51 74	

Missing



Following Friday's Opening Ceremony a grey plastic bag was left in the reception area on the fourth floor.

It contained a number of envelopes like the one shown below, containing letters of welcome and small gifts from the Pres-

ident of the Netherlands Bridge Bond to his country's players. Please help us by trying to locate this bag – it can be returned to one of the EBL offices on the fourth floor.

Homeward Bound



Will you please make sure that you go to the Bentour desk in the lobby to give them details of your return flight. This will ensure that suitable transport to the airport can be arranged.

Please do this during the next few days. Thank you!

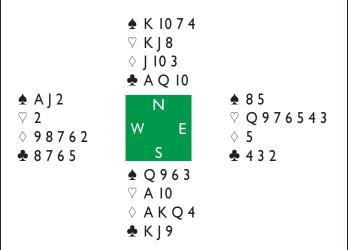
Pretty Poor Defence

We were discussing the comparative merits of bidding well and declaring accurately when a well-known player cut our interesting discussion short with his matter-offact statement: "What you say is of very little importance as most contracts will make with a bad enough defence". Let us test this doctrine.

The best North and South can do is a small slam in spades (or notrumps) if they guess the position of the spade jack.

But what about East-West?

How many tricks can East-West take, with spades as trumps, assuming worst defence?



Pretty poor defence - solution

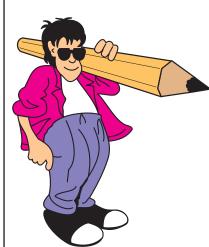
The answer is: surprisingly many. There may be several solutions, but here is one:

- I. The defenders contribute the heart jack to East's queen and South' ten.
- 2. West ruffs a heart with the spade deuce. North follows with the king.
- 3. East wins a diamond trick (two, three, five, four).
- 4-7. High hearts by East. South gets rid of his diamonds and a club. West discards his two diamonds and a club.
- 8. The last heart. Everybody ruffs in, with the nine, jack, and ten.
- 9-10. West plays diamonds. Everybody discards clubs.
- II. A diamond is ruffed with North's four, East's five, and South's three.
- 12.A club is ruffed with the queen, ace, king...and finally
- 13. A diamond to East's spade eight while North and South follow with the trump seven and six.

Thirteen tricks must be more than most of you guessed!

Championship Diary

Patrick Jourdain went to watch a match and report-



ed that he had sat behind Apolinary Kowalski. 'He swam for Poland, ' said Patrick.

'From where?' enquired Tacchi.

After considerable arm-twisting we can reveal the dramatic circumstances surrounding the selection of the winner of PO's inferential problem.

There were three entries, of which two were correct. We placed them both in a hat and asked EBL Executive member Panos Gerontopoulos to draw one of them out. After 53 attempts he drew out the name of Doug Doub. It was only then that we realised that the other correct entrant, Bill Pencharz was in any event disqualified, as Championship officials may not win any prizes offered by the Bulletin. (An obscure clause in the EBL Constitution covers this point.)

When Bill discovered the facts surrounding the case he immediately gave notice of appeal and has lodged the 60 Euro deposit with Herman.

Yesterday BBO started its coverage of the Championships – good news for bridge players everywhere.

Barry Rigal occasionally presents us with a quizzical problem. A recent one required us to guess the number of verses in the Greek National anthem. Fortunately Panos was in the room and immediately informed us it was 158.

'Panos will sing them later' suggested the Editor.

'As long as he's in Greece he can sing them anytime' said Tacchi.

In his quest for notable anniversaries, Herman yesterday forgot to mention no less an event than the battle of Waterloo. For today, he notes the birthday of modern baseball, in 1846 in Hoboken, New Jersey.

If you're wondering what the chances are of the trump suit breaking 4-1, give a thought to Blaise Pascal, who founded the science used to calculate it, and who was born today in 1623.

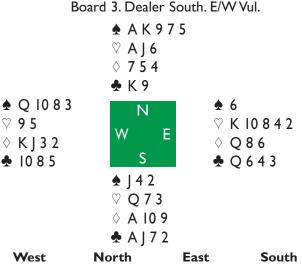


Swiss Round 4

by Barry Rigal

I sat down to watch the match between the defenders (Erichsen) and Ventin, a largely French squad. Appearances are often deceptive, because when the match was over the squad that had won heavily were hardly speaking to one another while the losers were not unhappy with their card. Since both Norwegian partnerships are married couples (The Helnesses and Erichsens) we shall refer to them by their first names throughout.

After overtrick IMPs had given Erichsen a 2-1 lead, the third deal provided more weighty material.



West	North	East	South
Bessis	Tor H	Frey	Gunn H
			♣
Pass	I♠	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
West Espen E	North Gaviard		South Allouche-Gaviard
			Allouche-Gaviard
Espen E	Gaviard	Helen E	Allouche-Gaviard ♣

You can see the logic in both Norths' approaches, can't you? Bessis led a diamond and declarer ducked twice and won the third. Now what? Gunn led a heart to the jack and king. After considerable thought Frey returned the heart eight, and Gunn put up the queen felling the nine. Since it appears that West has the fourth diamond, leading a spade to the nine makes excellent sense now. In fact Gunn cashed the spade ace and came back to hand with the club ace to advance the spade jack. Bessis covered and claimed down two.

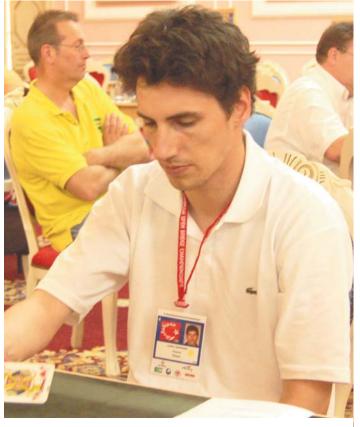
Since Gaviard had gone down in Four Spades by cashing the spade ace-king prematurely this was just two IMPs to Ventin but an opportunity missed.

Let's move on to the action from other tables. Where North declared Three No-trumps it was easy for him to

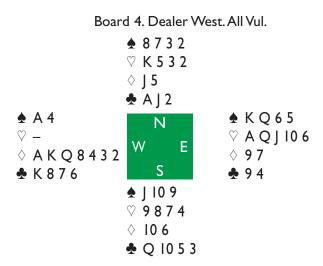
win the heart lead cheaply in hand and cash the spade ace then lead low to the jack. Now all that was at stake was overtricks. But where South was declarer in Three Notrumps on a heart lead the fate of the contract was still up in the air. Liz McGowan (South) was allowed to score the heart queen at trick one, so could safety-play the spades to ensure the contract. By contrast, at her table Sandra Penfold as East hopped up with the king of hearts and shifted to a dramatic queen of diamonds. Now declarer took the third diamond but did not know who had the jack. So here it was logical to cash the ace and king of spades, trying to keep East off lead; down one.

How about the fate of those in Four Spades? Gromov won the heart lead and led a spade to the jack and queen. On a diamond return his entries to dummy were reduced, but when the bad trump break came to light he could take a club finesse, cash the clubs, then take the marked spade finesse to bring home the game. Well done, up to a point, but this line might have lost out to a singleton spade queen offside (and also if the spade queen falls and the club finesse loses you might be embarrassed).

Ilan Herbst and Fulvio Fantoni played Four Spades on a heart lead. They followed what seems to me the best technical approach, playing the spade ace and then taking the club finesse. When it held they could safety play the spades, the only issue being whether to cash all the clubs before playing on spades (Fantoni did and Herbst did not). 3-2 to Ventin.

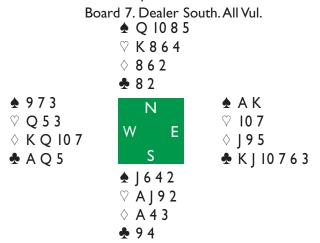


Julien Gaviard



Both tables played Six Diamonds by West here, but whereas Gaviard found the heart lead to put pressure on declarer (nice try but no cigar!) Tor Helness led the diamond jack; nicely done. Michel Bessis ran only six diamonds, on which Helness (who knew from the auction and the early play that Bessis was 2-0-7-4) pitched two hearts then two clubs, baring his club ace, while Gunn threw the spade jack and then three hearts. Now Bessis, instead of playing the last diamond, which would really have put the screws on North, cashed the top spades and the heart ace; no joy there. In the three-card ending with North retaining three clubs and South holding the master spade, heart and club, he led a club and guessed to play his king, so went down a trick. 19-3 to Erichsen.

Although we can all see that the triple squeeze bites, the defenders are not without some deceptive resources. Best is for South to pitch down to the bare heart king early with North simulating possession of that card, or for South to pitch spades and North to pretend he has spade length. Now dummy has to discard on the last diamond, and may well discard wrongly from the majors. Dummy can't keep the heart menace, the spade menace and a club.



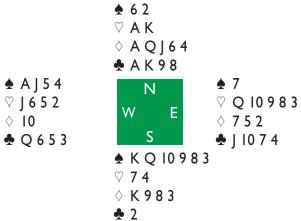
Both tables bid to Three No-trumps by East, giving Tor Helness the chance to be very kind to his wife. A winning defender leads a heart (the view of the press room was that a spade is right but who listens to us?).

A good husband such as Tor leads a spade, giving his partner the chance to make no less than two good plays. When Bessis won the spade king and led the diamond jack, Gunn

Helness rose smoothly with the ace of diamonds, and equally smoothly deposited the heart jack on the table. Nicely done, and down one. In the other room Espen Erichsen won the spade lead and sneaked the diamond nine past South (he told me that the nine was better than the jack because South might cover the jack from Ax for the wrong reasons). Nine tricks made; Erichsen led 31-4.

Time for one more deal:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Both tables reached slam here, but each of them played Six Spades. While this is not the worst slam you've ever seen, the lie of the trumps is of course fatal to your slam, and Six Diamonds is of course appreciably better. Can the defenders find the ruff now? Each defender MIGHT find the spade lead but they could be forgiven for missing it. Jeremy Dhondy as West heard his opponents reach Six Diamonds by North after that player had shown a balanced hand. To help his partner, he found the Lightner double, and was a little disconcerted to see North award it a blue card. It was too late to do anything about it so he passed, and collected the ruff for +200.



Nathalie Frey

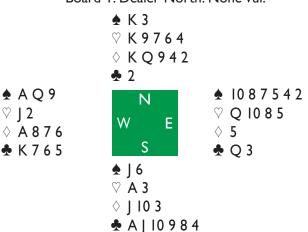
Mixed Teams Round of 32: Match of the Day

by Patrick Jourdain

The defending gold medallists in the Mixed Teams, three married couples, are principally Norwegian but Espen Erichsen left his home country ten years ago for England where he formed a partnership for life and for mixed events with Helen Nott. When they met Helen was a bridge beginner; three years later she was a European champion in Tenerife.

In the Round of 32 (two halves of 14 boards each) Erichsen met the French team Payen containing two former world champions in Philippe Soulet and Veronique Bessis. There was plenty of copy for your reporter in the first half:

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.





Gunn Helness

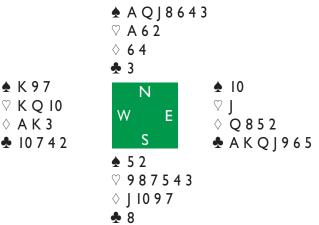
Closed Rooi	n			
West	North	East	South	
Espen E.	Soulet	Helen E	Bessis	
	ΙΫ́	Pass	2♣	_
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣	
All Pass				

Veronique Bessis was declarer in Three Clubs as South. Double dummy this can be beaten by two diamond ruffs. Espen Erichsen, normally enough, chose to lead a spade, but an interesting card, the queen. Declarer naturally covered, then led a club to the jack and king. When Erichsen switched to a heart and the ace of trumps dropped the queen declarer could claim ten tricks.

At the other table Tor Helness did not wish to reveal the auction to Four Hearts. On a very good day this might succeed but here it had four sure losers. The French team was off to a 5 IMP start.

On the second deal the swing came in the auction:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



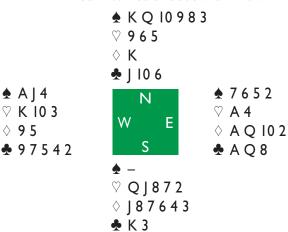
Closed Room

Closed Room	•			
West	North	East	South	
Espen E.	Soulet	Helen E.	Bessis	
		♣	Pass	
3NT	4♠	5♣	All Pass	
Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Sussel	Tor H.	Lustin	Gunn H.	
		♣	Pass	
I ♦	3♠	5♣	Pass	
6NT	All Pass			

Five Clubs and Six No-trumps both just lost two aces but this was worth 10 IMPs to Erichsen. Helness gave his reason for not doubling Six No-trumps. If the opponents ran to Seven Clubs a double would ask for a diamond lead where they might have 13 winners (I recall a lady holding an ace on lead against my SEVEN no-trumps giving her reason for not doubling as "You're such a good player". Against John Crawford the excuse for not doubling Six No-trumps

with two aces was that "He always redoubles!") Next came a fascinating play hand:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Espen E.	Soulet	Helen E.	Bessis	
			Pass	
Pass	3♠	Dble	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			
Open Room				
West	North	East	South	

West North **East** Tor H. Gunn H. Sussel Lustin

Pass 2♠ All Pass

East has a difficult bid over both Two Spades and Three Spades. Pass might well be the popular choice. Two Spades actually went three off for 150 to France. In the Closed

Pass



Philippe Soulet

Room Helen Erichsen's off-shape take-out double led to a thin Three No-trumps for Espen.

Soulet led the spade king and when South threw a diamond Espen, fearful of a heart switch, won at once to tackle clubs. When North played low he faced his first decision. With only one entry back to hand he had to guess now. When he put in the queen and it lost to the king, matters looked bad. However, Bessis now switched to a low heart. Espen put in the ten and, needing this trick, let it win, even though this apparently blocked his route back to hand.

A winning line now is to play a diamond, followed by the ace of hearts and two rounds of clubs. North, on lead, has to concede an entry to the West hand. However, Espen chose another successful route. He led a second club to the ace, then the ace of hearts and the third club.

At this point Bessis discarded a second diamond. North won and switched to the king of diamonds. Had South kept the extra diamond declarer would have needed to duck the king to endplay North. He surely would have done this as he had a count on the hand, but with only three missing diamonds Espen could safely win the ace, cash the queen, and exit with a diamond. Bessis could cash two tricks in the suit but had to concede the rest to West. This was nail-biting 600 and 10 IMPs to Erichsen. The Norwegians lead 20-5.

There were very few swings for the remainder of the half, but still plenty of interest. What would you lead against Three No-trumps holding:

> ♠ 8632 ♥ **152** ♦ A K 8 **♣** 754

The auction has gone INT-2♣-2♡-3NT-Pass.

Both Christine Lustin and Helen Erichsen led a top diamond and received an encouraging QUEEN from partner. Five rounds of the suit sank the contract. The lead of any other suit gives declarer 12 tricks. But a flat board.

There was a technical point of interest on this next deal. Look at the East-West cards only:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Espen E.	Soulet	Helen E.	Bessis	
		♣	♠	
INT	2♠	2NT	All Pass	

North leads a third highest ♠4 to South's king and back comes the ten of spades. What do you play?

Espen, perhaps a little naively given he was playing against a multi-world champion, ducked "to block the suit". Bessis

calmly cashed her spades having started with AKQ109! Ouch.

Dummy was down to three hearts and five clubs. Bessis gave some thought to switching to a low heart from A 10 4 3 (which would have led to four down as partner held K J 5) but in the end just settled for two off by playing ace and another heart. This was 200 to France but a flat board when their teammates over-reached to Five Clubs.

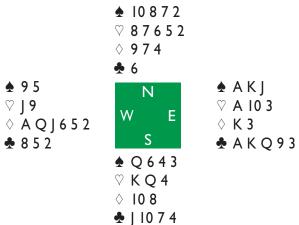
Board 7 was a Four Heart contract at both tables with three top losers and a trump holding of:

♥ 10 9 3 2♥ A K | 8 7

Gunn Helness, with no opposition bidding, laid down the ace and king.

Veronique Bessis, after opening One Heart at game all, had heard a take-out double on her left from Espen. Before she faced the key decision she learned that Espen held at most ten points outside hearts. Bessis played for him to have \heartsuit Qx rather than a singleton. Wrong. But a flat board. Few pairs found the grand slam on this deal:

Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Espen E.	Soulet	Helen E.	Bessis	
			Pass	
3♦	Pass	4♣*	Pass	
5◊**	Pass	6◊	All Pass	

^{*}Slam try agreeing diamonds

Open Room

		=			
	West	North	East	South	
_	Sussel	Tor H.	Lustin	Gunn H.	
				Pass	
	Pass	Pass	2◊*	Pass	
	3◊**	Pass	3NT	Pass	
	6◊	All Pass			

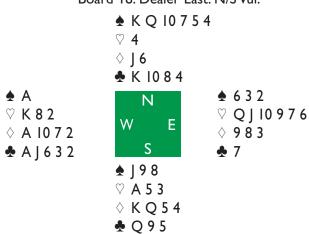
^{*}Artificial game force

The modern fashion in the USA is to use 4. as Keycard Blackwood here, which would have worked well.

There was no problem in the play. +940 was another flat board

At the halfway point Erichsen led 22-6. The second half started with a bang for Payen when a revoke by the Norwegians turned a significant pick-up into a 13 IMP loss. Then both E/W pairs had a splendid result:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Both E/W pairs climbed rapidly to Four Hearts but whereas Soulet for Payen bought the hand in Four Spades, doubled and down 500, the Brogelands competed to Five Spades over Five Hearts, doubled and down 800. The 7 IMPs to France gave Payen a lead of 27-22.

Back came the Norwegians, being doubled in a game on a finesse, and bringing it home, then going +200 in a partscore at both tables. That gave them the lead 36-28.



Espen Erichsen

^{**}Minimum

^{**}Showing the ace of diamonds

What would you lead against Four Spades on the auction

One Diamond – One Spade – Four Spades, holding:

♠ 10 6 2

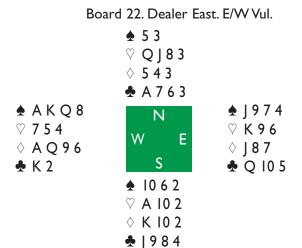
♡ A 10 2

◇ K 10 2

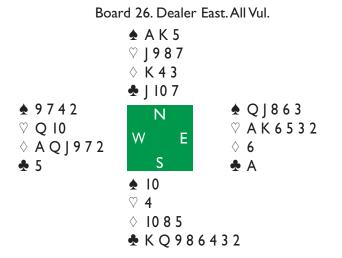
♣ 1984

Bessis led a club, Tonje Brogeland a low heart – which certainly seems like a good moment for that lead.

Alas for her, this was the full story.



Even after the heart lead declarer needed the double diamond finesse. But on the club lead and heart shift declarer was doomed from the start. I3 IMPs to Payen, up 41-36. A partscore swing gave Erichsen the lead – but only by an IMP, with four deals to go.

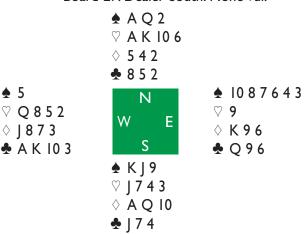


Gunn Helness opened One Heart, Christine Lustin opened One Spade. One would have thought that getting spades in so quickly would be helpful, but in fact after active club pre-emption, both E/W pairs found the deal too hard. Each of them bid to a slam off the ace and king of trumps, meanly doubled by the defender with both those cards. No swing; still Erichsen by an IMP. The last swing was decisive:



Veronique Bessis

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.



Soulet as North sniffed out that his opponents wanted to bid, so with an excess of imagination he responded One Diamond to his partner's opening bid of One Club! Then he refused to raise hearts and let Bessis play Three Notrumps. On a top club lead and diamond shift Bessis won and led a heart to the ten and cashed the heart ace....oops. Down one.

Where the Norwegians were N/S the defenders cashed three top clubs against Four Hearts, then shifted to diamonds. South put in the ten, losing to the jack, and won the diamond return. Now how to hold the heart losers to one? Tonje Brogeland led a heart to the ten, crossed to hand and led a low trump, and that was down two. The two undertrick IMPs meant Payen had squeaked through by 44-42.

Torpedo Sandwich

by Mark Horton



As many of you will know, the Laws of Bridge have been under review for some time. A reliable source reveals that in an effort to liven up the bidding serious consideration is being given to making third in hand opening bids compulsory!

Barry Rigal alluded to this hand in one of his reports:

Dealer East, N/S Vul

♠ 9532

♥ 942

♦ | 9 3 2

9 4

Under the proposed new Law if East and South pass you as West will be required to open this modest collection.

What would the best approach be?

Here are the thoughts of some of the people in the Bulletin room.

Tacchi: Two Hearts. Hearts and another suit – I'll decide which one later.

Herman: One Heart. I predict a unanimous Panel.

Patrick: One Heart. Hoping to pick off their suit.

Mark: Two Clubs. Planning to pass a response of Two Diamonds. (Patrick: Two Clubs is illegal. Mark: Not if it's Precision!)

Panos: One Diamond. In a Mixed event the best chance to play the hand.

Peter: One Diamond. I have an easy rebid.

Barry: One Heart. I'm still thinking why.

However, it transpires we are way behind the times!

A bidding system exists that requires you to open this hand Two Diamonds! This delightful method is part of the Bacon Torpedo System. Just in case you are wondering about the motivation for this particular bid it is that any hand that contains four cards of the same denomination must be opened Two Diamonds.

Another requirement of the system is that a player is re-

quired to open Two Spades on any hand that contains the singleton $\lozenge 7$.

Brian Senior is clearly an aficionado of the methods as he opened our featured hand Two Diamonds, as reported by Barry Rigal.

If you would like to learn more about Bacon Torpedo here is the web link and some further information:

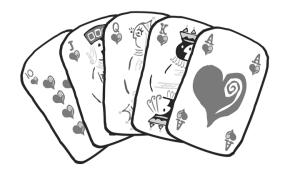
http://www.dur.ac.uk/bridge.club/BACON/

Bacon Torpedo is a Bridge bidding system, developed at Durham University. It is easy to learn and works well with your existing system - you merely add the vital 'bacon' bids. They tend to play ACOL-flavoured bacon, featuring a weak NT, four-card majors and 3 weak twos, but the system works equally well with Standard American and many other systems, including forcing pass systems, MOSCITO and the Polish Club.

This unholy alliance of the pig and the Torpedo is the perfect representation of the new, radical approach to bidding that has been developed at the University of Durham, UK. The methods my seem a little unclean and underhand but if you take the time to learn them you'll certainly see big differences in you own view of the game and the kinds of score you get.

Bacon Torpedo is not licensed for tournaments in the UK, however this is no great problem: it is not the kind of system - and not for the kind of player - who believes that bridge is a game of comparing scores; a game that starts a 7pm and ends 24 boards later. But we, the enlightened, realize that bridge is a life-long endeavour and, indeed, a way of life. It must be played beyond the score sheet and translate, as the Hog once observed, into the 5th dimension.

By way of further explanation: there are bridge players who believe that the pleasure of the game revolves around getting good scores and winning matches. Rubbish! The pleasure of the game is in outwitting your opponent and leaving him wondering just how you got the better of him.

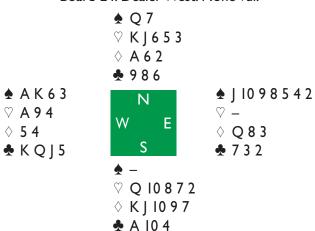


A Major Swing

by Peter Ventura

From the third round of the Round Robin we can report a winning board from team Clifford, who are mainly from Miami, Florida, but also include a Canadian, when they faced team Fenwick.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
	Clifford		Clifford
♣	I♡	Pass (!)	4 ◊*
Pass	4♡	4♠	5♣*
Dble	5◊*	Pass	6♡
Dble	All Pass		

Four Diamonds promised five hearts and defensive values. With a diamond control South drove to slam.

West might have doubled one too many times, as East didn't find the killing club lead. The message would have been clear for East without the last double, but it's hard to blame West with his seventeen-counter. East might have found the club lead anyway, but a helpful spade lead gave declarer the chance to make his contract. As West proved to have the trump length Baxter Clifford played East for the queen of diamonds – and was richly rewarded, as he now could discard two losing clubs; NS +1210.

This was the auction at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Yaeger			Atkinson
INT	Pass	2♡*	Dble
3♠	4♡	4♠	All Pass

One Notrump was 15-17 and Three Spades promised four spades and a maximum. When partner voluntarily bid Four Hearts I certainly would have bid once more on South's cards. It is hard to see what South feared when she passed Four Spades. There was not much to the play; EW 420.

This major swing was worth 17 impressive IMPs for Clifford's team, which qualified easily from Group H.

Feeling stupid

by Jan van Cleeff

Mixed Teams Swiss-A, round 3

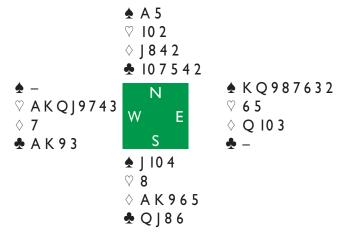
Love all, you have:

♠A5 ♥ 102 ♦ | 842 ♣ 107542

LHO opens Four Spades, partner passes, RHO jumps to Six Hearts and there it rests. Your lead please.

I led a club and when dummy went down, I immediately felt stupid:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



A trump lead or a diamond lead and a trump switch would leave declarer without a chance. Hard to find? Well, since quite a few players found the right lead, I felt even more stupid.

I discussed the hand with Chris Willenken who in fact found the trump lead: 'Actually I was considering tabling the A first and then switching to a trump. That way I could kill a dummy with no entries in case declarer had a stiff spade and finesses in the minors. A little bit too far fetched though.'



Chris Willenken

Karışık Takımlarda Türk Ekip Kalmadı

Hazırlayan: Murat Molva

Karışık Takımlar Şampiyonasında Eleme Turlarının tamamlanmasından sonra nakavt aşamasına başlandı. 32 takmın başladığı 28 board'luk sabah seansından sonra Türk ekiplerin hepsi elendiler.

16 takım arasına giren tek Türk ekip, Van Helsing takımında oynayan Ömer Erdoğan – Filiz Uygan Erdoğan çifti idi.

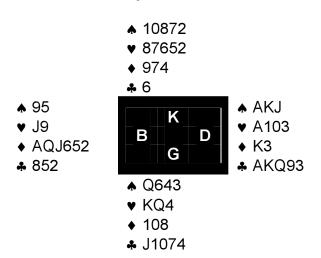
Esasen bu konunun biraz daha ilginç bir başlangıcı var.

Swiss turlarından sonra nakavt aşamasına kalan 32 takımın eşleşmeleri, genel klasmanda yukarıdaki takımların aşağıdaki ekipler arasından rakip seçmeleri şeklinde yapılıyordu.

Genellikle Türk oyunculardan oluşan Özlen takımı, Swiss aşamasını genel 2nci olarak bitirince, olası rakipleri arasından Van Helsing takımı ile oynamayı tercih ettiler.

Böylece 28 Bord'luk nakavt maçı başladı:

Bord 11; D:Güney, Zon:Kimse



Batı'da oturan Ömer Erdoğan'ın zayıf natürel karolar gösteren deklare ile başlamasından sonra, ortağı Filiz Uygan Erdoğan karo rengi üzerinden keycard'ları ve koz damını sorup hepsinin tamam olduğunu öğrendi.

Şimdi Filiz kapalı elde (karoların partaj dağıldığı varsayıldığı takdirde sadece) 12 kesin löve sayabiliyor.

Fakat 13. löveyi almak için pik empası veya olası bir trefl partajı oldukça yüksek şans vaadettiği için Filiz 7NT diyerek deklarasyonu bitirdi.

Güney'in kör atağından sonra dört ele bakınca deklaranın beklentilerinin hiç birisinin gerçekleşmediğini görüyorsunuz. Pik empası tutmuyor ve trefl rengi de kesilir durumda.

Fakat Filiz, yerdeki kör Vale'sinin değerini biliyor ve önce 2 tur büyük piklerini çektikten sonra (belki pik dam düşer diye de düşünerek) karolarını çekmeye başlıyor.

Güneyde oturan Karen McCallum, 3 rengi de masada durduran tek kişi olduğu için daha son karo çekilmeden squeeze oluyor ve bu güzel grandşlem tam oluyor.

Diğer masada Özlen takımı sadece 6 Karo deklare edebilince Van Helsing takımı 11 IMP kazanıyor. Daha sonra da Maçı kazanıyor.

Bir Hint atasözü: Nakavt Turnuvada rakip seçmek, pazar'da karpuz seçmeye benzemez.

TELEFON YASAK

Tüm şampiyona boyunca oyun alanlarına telefon ile girilmesi kesinlikle yasaktır.

Turnuva Direktörleri, seanslar esnasında kura çekilerek belirlenecek masalardaki oyuncularda "telefon araması" yapacaklar ve üzerinde telefon bulunan oyunculara ceza uygulanacak.

Daha önceki bültenimizde de belirtildiği gibi, üzerinde telefon ile yakalanmanın cezası 2 VP ve ayrıca 100 €. Sudan ucuz... Karışık takımlarda nakavt aşaması ile birlikte, takım turnuvasından elenen tüm ekiplerin de katılabileceği Avrupa Karışık İkili Şampiyonası başladı.

İkili Şampiyona toplam 191 çift ile başladı. Fakat Karışık Takımlar'dan elenen ekiplerin de katılımı ile asıl nihai katılımın 240 çift civarında olması bekleniyor. En azından ben öyle bekliyorum. Ama takdir edersiniz ki "bekleniyor" dediğim zaman daha inandırıcı ve bilimsel duruyor.

İkili şampiyonaya 2. seanstan başlayan ekiplere ilk seanstan otomatikman %52,5 skoru veriliyor. 3. seanstan başlayan ekiplere ise ilk 2 seanstan otomatikman %53 skoru veriliyor.

4. KAT SİGARASIZ

4. katın her hangi bir yerinde (tuvaletler, ve özellikle 3. kata inen merdivenler dahil) sigara içilmesi kesinlikle yasaktır.

Ama tabii bu uyarımız, "Sözüm Parama Geçer" diyen oyuncular için pek birşey ifade etmeyebilir. Çünkü sigara içme cezasının sadece 100 € olduğu söyleniyor. Bilin bakalım ne'den ucuz?

Bord 26; D:Doğu, Zon:Herkes

Batı Mahmood	Kuzey	Doğu Auken	Güney
Kontr	Pas	1 ∀ 5 ∧	4 . Pas
6♠	Kontr	H.Pas	
♦ 9742♥ Q10♦ AQJ972♣ 5	В		▲ QJ863✔ AK6532◆ 6♣ A

Emre Takımı oyuncusu Zia Mahmood bu elde 6 pik deklare etmeden yaklaşık 5 dakika kadar düşündü. Önce tavana, daha sonra da uzun bir süre halıya bakan Zia Mahmood tabii ki ortağı Sabine Auken'in 5 pik deklaresinin tam olarak ne anlam ifade ettiğini çözmeye çalışıyordu.

Acaba Sabine Auken (ki kendisi dünyanın en iyi bayan briççilerinden birisi olarak tanınıyor), 5 pik deklare ederken "piklerin iyi ise şlem ilan et" mi demek istemişti? Sabine'in eline göre muhtemelen düşündüğü bu idi.

Fakat Zia Mahmood'un açısından durum farklı görünüyor. Acaba ortak "Trefl'den 2 kaybımız yoksa şlem ilan et" mi demek istiyor?

"Sabine kağıdın hakkını vermek için 5 pik dedi" diye düşünen okurlarımızı bir kenara bırakacak olursak gerçekten zor bir karar.

Maçın BBO da vugraf gösterisi şeklinde canlı olarak yayınlanmakta olması nedeni ile bu el hakkında çeşitli görüşler belirten uzmanlara göre 5 pik deklaresi oldukça güzel ve yaratıcı bir deklare.

Sonuç olarak Zia 6 pik dedi ve Kuzey hemen (utanmadan?) kontr diyerek oyunu batırdı.

Diğer masada Kovachev ekibi 4 kör kontratında kalınca Emre Takımı bu borddan 13 IMP kaybetmesine rağmen maçı 111-39 kazanarak son 16 takım arasına kaldı.

Bu takımının adı nasıl oluyor da Emre oluyor diye merak eden, özellikle bu bülteni Antalya dışından okuyanlar için açıklama yapalım...

Bu aralar aktif olarak turnuvalara katılmayan Emre Paksoy, bu takımın NPC'si durumunda ve takımdaki tek Türk. Takım kadrosu ise adeta bir rüya takım: Zia Mahmood, Sabine Zenkel-Auken, Roy Welland, Daniela Von Arnim, Antonio Sementa, Christal-Henner Welland.

KONVANSİYON KARTLARI

Masada oyuncuların yanlarında en az 2 konvansiyon kartı bulundurmaları, ve sorulmadan rakiplerine vermeleri gerekiyor.

MIXED PAIRS - QUARTEFINAL (standings after 2 sessions - provisional)

		entage	46 47	Dorota FURDZIK - Andrzej DUDZIK	53,78
1	Deniz ANAPA - Enver KOKSOY	62,18	47	Perla SULTAN - Alejandro BIANCHEDI	53,71
2	Ursula HARPER - Martin HOFFMAN	61,71	48	Lelia BANKOGLU - Ergun BANKOGLU	53,66
3	Pony Beate NEHMERT - Nedju BUCHLEV	60,98	49	Margarida ZIETMAN - Brian ZIETMAN	53,56
4	Billur ARAZ - Murat KILERCIOGLU	59,91	50	Anne Lene JOHNSEN - Geir BREKKA	53,53
5	Linda LEWIS - Doug DOUB	59,82	51	Malgorzata JELENIEWSKA - M. JELENIEWSKI	53,49
6	Zeynep SOHTORIK - Orhan EKINCI	59,67	52	Vera ADUT - A. Orhan AKER	53,20
7	Christina MORTENSEN - Michael ASKGAARD	59,66	52	Maria Pia TOTARO - Carlo TOTARO	53,20
8	Maria LEBEDEVA - Igor KHAZANOV	59,64	54	Wil BUKET - Andre MULDER	53,18
9	Gianna ARRIGONI - Guido RESTA	59,36	55	Nese DIRIM - Yusuf SOHTORIK	53,14
10	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	59,15	56	Fusun OZLER - Hakah DANACIOGLU	53,1
11	Anna SARNIAK - Leszek SZTYRAK	58,74	57	Francoise VANHOUTTE - P. VANHOUTTE	53,0
12	Nikica SVER - Pavo MARINKOVIC	57,90	58	Sato DIVRIK - Tezcan SEN	53,04
13	Yasemin HAYFAVI - Erhan YAMUT	57,57	59	Naran DAGSEVEN - Zafer SENGULER	52,91
14	Mine BABAC - Aydin UYSAL	57,25	60	Aase LANGELAND - Ole BERSET	52,77
15	Nicole Van POPERINGHE - Philippe TOFFIER	57,14	61	Vera MALTONI - Marco MORELLI	52,76
16	Marianne HOMME - Egil HOMME	56,94	62	Aliye UGUR - Kutluhan UNAL	52,66
17	Burcak SENCER - Semih SAGOCAK	56,93	63	Maureen HIRON - Kare KRISTIANSEN	52,57
18	Sukriye MERZE - Ilkay OZGE	56,85	64	Marina STEGAROIU - Marian RADULESCU	52,50
19	Suzan KARAVIL - Bedir SELAHADDIN	56,55	65	Madeleine GUICHEUX - Patrick GRENTHE	52,39
20	Malgorzata PASTERNAK - Bartosz CHMURSKI	56, 4 3	66	Cinzia CHECCHI - Pasquale COLETTA	52,36
21	Raffaella MICHELOTTI - Giovanni LUCCHESI	56, 4 0	67	Tiziana BASILE - Giuseppe BASILE	52,30
22	Grasia YALMAN - Ali YALMAN	56,36	68	Serap ELLIALTI - Mehmet KURANOGLU	52,29
23	Gunn Tove VIST - Nils Kare KVANGRAVEN	56,30	69	Claudia VECHIATTO - Berthold ENGEL	52,25
24	Gitte HECHT-JOHANSEN - Jerry STAMATOV	56,21	70	Asli KASIRGA - Erhan EVCIMEN	52, I ²
25	Stense FARHOLT - Henrik CASPERSEN	56,03	71	Lena AZIZ - Mehmet BARIS	52,04
26	Paula McLEISH - David McLEISH	55,92	72	Tina OVENSTAD - Roger OLAFSEN	51,9
27	Faith MAYER - Finn BRANDSNES	55,86	73	Martine ROSSARD - Georges ROMANOWSKI	51,86
28	Jacqueline JARIGESE - Ross RAINWATER	55,80	74	Sevil NUHOGLU - Ismail KANDEMIR	51,83
29	Gila EMODY - Doron YADLIN	55,76	75	Darina LANGER - Hans-Herman GWINNER	51,82
30	Arlette GERST - Fabien FREY	55,72	76	Cvetanka NALBATSKA - Todor KOSTADINOV	51,79
31	Elizabeth (Liz) McGOWAN - Mike ALEXANDER	55,63	77	Ellen VIGMOSTAD - Harald NORDBY	51,52
32	Rozalia RONEN - Ron PACHTMAN	55,61	78	Larissa KURSAKOVA - Vladmir TATARKIN	51,39
33	Ewa SOBOLEWSKA - Vytautas VAINIKONIS	55,59	79	Marilyn NATHAN - Peter CZERNIEWSKI	51,33
34	Brigitte BATTIN - Frederic LACROIX	55,48	80	Katalin HORVATH - Hong DONG DUONG	51,33
35	Pascalline DELACOUR - Felix COVO	55,27	81	Eija MULTIMAKI - Jari BACKSTROM	51,22
36	Natalia RYSKINA - Alexander RYSKIN	55,06	82	Aysegul ERK - Ahmet KAHRAMAN	51,08
37	Mine PARDO - Levent DURAK	54,98	83	Hanna KOWALSKA - Andrzej MAJCHER	50,98
38	Dietlind ANGEBRANDT-KELLNER - B. UTNER	54,77	84	Blanka MEDLINOVA - Zbynek LAUER	50,97
39	Dilek YAVAS - Yusuf KAHYAOGLOU	54,70	85	Anne GROMOELLER - Michael GROMOELLER	50,96
40	Kath NELSON - Alan NELSON	54,60	86	Eva CAPLAN - Salvador ASSAEL	50,96
41	Nukhet AYKUT - Yalcin ATABEY	54,41	87	Hatice OZGUR - Hakan BAHCECI	50,89
	Rita MUCHA - Alexandru PANA	54,28	88	Randi NYHEIM - Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL	50,88
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42 43	Sue BACKSTROM - Kauko KOISTINEN	54,15	89	Eren OZAN - Salim YILANKIRAN	50,86
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92	Neta SAXON - Uri MADPIS	50,60	142	Maureen HANNAH - Jimmy LEDGER	46,54
93	Costanza FORNI - Roberto POLLEDRO	50,57	143	Kitty TELTSCHER - Ross HARPER	46,50
94	Tetyana DANYLYUK - Volodymyr DANYLYUK	50,49	144	Olga HERTMAN - Eldad GINOSSAR	46,40
95	Elena VALENTI - Agatino Sergio CORSARO	50,45	145	Larisa KUZNETSOVA - Aleh TIMAKHOVICH	46,39
96	Ewa BANASZKIEWICZ - R. SZCZEPANSKI	50,43	146	Nicole JOST - Patrick JOST	46,33
97	Basar Doga SEKER - Emine AKGUL	50,26	147	Semra OZCELIK - Sami SARGIN	46,31
98	Montserrat MESTRES - Ibrahim DEMIR	50,21	148	C. PAGNINI-ARSLAN - L. COLONNA PRETI	46,27
99	Federica SANI - Ruggero FILIPPINI	50,15	149	Eva DITETOVA - Tomas FORT	46,15
100	Siv THORESEN - Jim HOYLAND	50,04	150	Ruth NIKITINE - Roger KUTNER	46,03
101	Manuela GEMIGNANI - Leonardo CIMA	49,94	151	Claartje BAK - Peter SISSELAAR	45,71
102	Catherine CURTIS - Paul FEGARTY	49,92	152	Nadide GURCAN - Nedim TURSAN	45,67
103	Daniela BIRMAN - David BIRMAN	49,89	153	Inci YILDIRIM - Akif KONEN	45,64
104	Funda OZBEY - Tayfun OZBEY	49,77	154	Michele LEROSEY - Halit BIGAT	45,53
105	Paola MANCHISI - Stefano BONO	49,74	155	Patsy MEEHAN - Husnu UYGUN	45,39
106	Anna ONISHUK - Karl De RAEYMAEKER	49,52	156	Antonella BACOCCOLI - Claudio LILLI	45,27
107	Barbara CESARI - Francesco NATALE	49,49	157	Ana PRADOS - Filippo PALMA	45,02
108	Ana Maria De ALONSO - Serge de MULLER	49,32	158	Pavlina MINEVA - Lubomir IGNATOV	44,97
109	Liliana BOZZETTI - Massimo BRUNI	49,23	159	Fuensanta Perez RUBIDO - Unal TUREYEN	44,97
110	Trine BINDERKRANTZ - Morten Lund MADSE	•	160	Meltem SERDAROGLU - Yuce UYANIK	44,86
Ш	Nuray KAMGOZEN - Emin KAMGOZEN	48,92	161	Nurten TEZESEN - Ibrahim AKSOY	44,72
112	Heidi LILLIS - Michael McGLOUGHLIN	48,91	162	Muberra ANAK - Fevzi ANAK	44,32
113	Azize ATAC - Yildirim MERAL	48,90	163	Irene PICKETT - Hakan GOKSU	44,22
114	Ilse-Betina ARTMER - Josef SIMON	48,86	164	Aysegul YILMAZ - Berk BASARAN	43,95
115	Netsy SAYER - Zahari ZAHARIEV	48,81	165	Cela BICACO - Okay GUR	43,91
116	Zeynep ALP - Suleyman KOLATA	48,79	166	Clara HETZ - Inon LIRAN	43,73
117	Nur CINAR - Nafiz ZORLU	48,62	167	Rita PAPADOPOULOU - Ziya Onder ERBEK	43,40
118	Nawal FENWICK - John HARRISON	48,45	168	Lea HESS - Olivier AUDOUARD	43,29
119	Sabine BERG - Guillaume GRENTHE	48,38	169	Umran SEMERCI - Mehmet SIRIKLIOGLU	42,99
120	Giovanna PICCIONI - Berardino MANCINI	48,25	170	Ayse KANTARCI - Muammer KANTARCI	42,70
121	Fethiye TAGA - Sinan TAGA	48,23	171	Necla ERKEL - Yalcin AYDAR	42,55
122	Louise SOLOMON - Warner SOLOMON	48,16	172	Sue LANE - Mike THEELKE	42,44
123	Gul TERCAN - Ergun CUHADAR	48,13	173	Seyda YAGCI - Engin COLPAN	42,40
124	Aden TOLAY - M. Gokhan YILMAZ	48,09	174	Ipek YILMAZ - Giorgio HELMSDORFF	42,07
125	Leyla ATALIK - Selcuk ATALIK	48,06	175	Fiona HUTCHISON - Justin HACKETT	41,91
125	Nursel AKSOY - Erdem OZTURK	48,06	176	Clara HOLCZER - Ramazan YAGLI	41,55
127	Izim TINAS TUNCER - Recai SAYLIK	47,90	177	Marilina VANUZZI - Enrico DUBINI	41,41
128	Giuseppina GIUFFREDI - Giuseppe LACETERA	47,86	178	Z. SUNGUR CELENOGLU - Avni Tunc BAYKAL	41,14
129	Meltem OZUMERZIFON - Toros YUKSEL	47,75	179	Shelley HOUSLEY - Donald HOUSLEY	41,05
130	Gulum KOCAK - Guray SUNAMAK	47,70	180	Nira TALOVA - Dan TAL	40,98
131	Rosanna PISANI - Leonardo MARINO	47,63	181	Sandra HAVLICEK - Igor TOMLJANOVIC	40,95
132	Irene SAESSELI - Richard BOWDERY	47,41	182	Juste ROTOMSKYTE - Erikas VAINIKONIS	40,82
133	Huyla DARILMAZ - Ceyhun ALTUNDAG	47,33	183	Ulgen BOYBEK - Merter Kapulu BOYBEK	40,81
134	Moyna MACKENZIE - Greer MACKENZIE	47,30	184	Mucella DIPCIN - Mehmet YILMAZCAN	40,41
135	Sharon WINTER - John MARSHALL	47,26	185	Jane JENSEN - David JENSEN	39,29
136	Emine Fusun UZER - Naci DEMIRBAS	47,21	186	Ayse TEMEL - Osman UYAR	39,16
137	Elvan EDIS - Timur EDIS	47,18	187	Gul SELVILI - Hurdogan SARPKAYA	38,93
138	Figen UNER - Dundar CIFTCIOGLU	47,11	188	Susanne HOCHULI - Peter GEBAUER	37,98
139	Judith ROUPEC - Hans ROUPEC	47,08	189	Vjollca XHULI - Kostandin KAPO	37,91
140	Margaret PARNIS-ENGLAND - Mario DIX	46,91	190	Ayse KILICOGLU - Mehmet Rifat ONAL	37,62
141	Jorunn FENESS - Kjell Otto KOPSTAD	46,86	191	Arzu ARINEL - Ercan ERCIS	35,54
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EBL General Assembly

Ballroom, Topkapi Palace Hotel Thursday 21 June 2007, 9.45 hrs

Two sessions of the General Assembly of the European Bridge League will be held in Antalya. They are scheduled for Thursday 21 June 2007, at 9.45 hrs, at the Ballroom of Topkapi Palace Hotel.

The General Assembly will start with ordinary business, which includes the election of the new President of the League and the entire Executive Committee, consisting of 12 people, for the next term. Some important changes in the EBL Statutes will be considered at the Extraordinary part of the General Assembly.

In accordance with EBL Statutes, all member countries may take part in the General Assembly. Voting power is vested in the member countries in accordance with their membership; participation in EBL events, or lack thereof, also affects the number of votes or the right to vote altogether.

The EBL member countries eligible to vote and their number of votes are:

1.	Austria	2
2.	Belgium	3
3.	Bulgaria	1
4.	Czech Republic	2
5.	Denmark	5
6.	England	6
7.	Estonia	1
8.	France	7
9.	Germany	6
10.	Greece	4
11.	Iceland	2
12.	Ireland	3
13.	Israel	4
14.	Italy	6
15.	Latvia	1
16.	Lithuania	1
17.	Netherlands	7
18.	Norway	5

19.	Poland	4
20.	Portugal	2
21.	Romania	2
22.	San Marino	1
23.	Scotland	4
24.	Serbia	1
25.	Spain	4
26.	Sweden	5
27.	Switzerland	3
28.	Turkey	4
29.	Wales	2

Delegates from the following countries must see the EBL Treasurer before the General Assembly:

- 1. Croatia
- Finland
- 3. Hungary
- 4. Russia

Countries are entitled to be represented to the General Assembly by one delegate who can be the NBO President or one NBO Officer confirmed in writing by the NBO. In case a NBO is unable to be represented as above, it may give a proxy to another NBO with voting rights. The names of the delegates and any proxies carried must be given to the EBL Secretary before the opening of the General Assembly.

NBOs in arrears with the EBL, must settle with the EBL Treasurer before the General Assembly.

For any further information or clarification, delegates are invited to visit the EBL Office, on the 3rd floor of the Kremlin Palace Hotel.

All NBOs are urged to ensure their presence at the EBL General Assembly on Thursday.

Panos Gerontopoulos EBL Secretary









