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RUSSIA AND DHONDY IN FINAL SHOWDOWN



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An exciting days play saw *Russia*, **Tatiana Ponomareva, Victoria Gromova, Alexander Dubinin & Andrei Gromov** and *Dhondy*, **Heather & Jeremy Dhondy and Matilda & Lilo Poplilov**, an Anglo/Israeli alliance, reach the final of the Mixed Teams Championship.

The defeated semi finalists receive bronze medals, so congratulations to *Ventin*, **Juan Carlos Ventin, Nathalie Frey, Michel Bessis, Daniele Allouche-Gaviard & Julien Gaviard** and *De Botton*, **Janet de Botton, Nevena Senior, Nicklas Sandqvist & Artur Malinowski**.

Today's Schedule

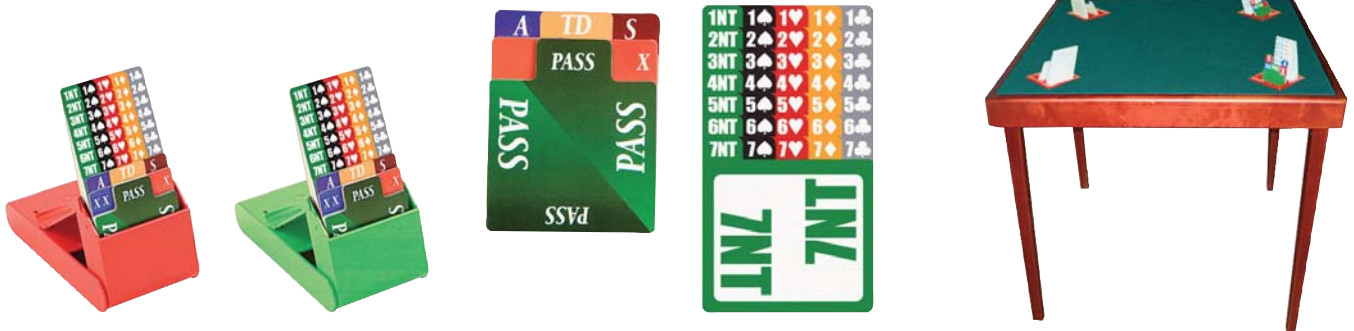
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MIXED TEAMS

ROUND OF 8

		1st	2nd	total
1	RUSSIA	36	23	59
	RIOLO	28	4	32
2	GARP44	33	13	46
	VENTIN	18	39	57
3	NEVE	16	24	40
	DHONDY	53	37	90
4	PAYEN	5	30	35
	DE BOTTON	47	35	82

ROUND OF 4

		1st	2nd	total
1	RUSSIA	27	24	51
	VENTIN	25	16	41
2	DE BOTTON	38	23	61
	DHONDY	39	33	72

Russian Gambit Overcomes French Defence

by Mark Horton

Taking a well earned break from the rigorous task of writing the Championship Diary, I finally got to watch some bridge, the big match of the Round of 16 between Russia & Mouiel – and it turned out to be rather good

You may recall that when Napoleon invaded Russia the strategy of the Russian commander General Kutusov was to withdraw deeper and deeper into Russia – and wait for snow. (Not an obvious route to success in the Mediterranean.) However, after conceding some early ground to their formidable French opponents the Russian team began to counterattack.

The match started quietly and after five boards Mouiel led 4-0.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Levy</i>	North <i>Gromov</i>	East <i>Willard</i>	South <i>Gromova</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	All Pass

You might like to keep this auction in mind, as both sides were faced with a similar problem in the second half of the match. With no club stopper East rebid her hearts but then supported spades.

Against Four Spades North led the five of clubs and declarer won with the ace and played a diamond. North put up the ace and returned a diamond, declarer winning with dummy's king, discarding a club, playing a club to the queen, ruffing a club and playing ace and another spade.

Even supposing North had a holding from which a trump lead looked attractive, the contract can always be made, either by pinning North's ♦10 at some stage, or by squeezing South.

Closed Room

West <i>Dubinin</i>	North <i>Cronier</i>	East <i>Ponomareva</i>	South <i>D'Ovideo</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Here East did not raise spades, which led to a decidedly dodgy final contract.

South led the eight of clubs and declarer elected to put up dummy's ace. A diamond went to the jack and queen and South switched to the queen of hearts. Declarer won, ruffed a diamond and played ace of spades and a spade.

The defenders had plenty of tricks in hand now, and the contract was three down, -300 and 14 IMPs to Mouiel, ahead 18-0.

If declarer had put in the queen of clubs at trick one and then played a diamond North would have to put up the ace of diamonds to be sure of defeating the contract.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Levy</i>	North <i>Gromov</i>	East <i>Willard</i>	South <i>Gromova</i>
			INT
Dble*	Pass*	2♥	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The defence started with three rounds of diamonds, dummy's queen winning trick three as declarer discarded a club. A spade to the queen held and now declarer played a club to the ace, a heart to the ace, a club to the king and ruffed a club. When West discarded declarer cashed the king of hearts and ruffed a heart. A club from dummy ensured ten tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West <i>Dubin</i>	North <i>Cronier</i>	East <i>Ponomareva</i>	South <i>D'Ovide</i>
			INT
2♥*	3♦*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The play to the first three tricks was identical, but at trick four declarer played a spade to the ace and followed it with a low spade to the jack and king. The combination of those two plays was fatal as the 4-1 break doomed declarer to defeat. -100 gave Russia 12 IMPs.

The Russians added a couple of small swings to lead 21-18 going into the last deal of the half:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Levy</i>	North <i>Gromov</i>	East <i>Willard</i>	South <i>Gromova</i>
		1♦	1♥
2♣	3♥*	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Once East showed a heart control West pressed the accelerator and drove to slam.

Declarer won the opening heart lead and took the club finesse. When it held she cashed a top diamond and came to hand with a diamond. The 4-1 break was annoying, but declarer repeated the club finesse and advanced the queen of spades. When North covered she claimed all the tricks, +940.

Closed Room

West <i>Dubin</i>	North <i>Cronier</i>	East <i>Ponomareva</i>	South <i>D'Ovide</i>
		1♣	1♥
2♥	3♥	Pass	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Declarer took all the tricks, but +440 meant a loss of 11 IMPs, leaving Mouiel ahead 29-21.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Dubin</i>	North <i>Cronier</i>	East <i>Ponomareva</i>	South <i>Cronier</i>
			2♥
3♦	All Pass		

Four cards in the other major and a side suit void were no bar to South starting with a weak two. West put his head on the block by bidding Three Diamonds but miraculously escaped unscathed. (As it happens I know that North



Victoria Gromova



Andrei Gromov

was temporarily distracted by a discussion with a Director about a possible missing IMP from the first half and found to his horror that he had passed.)

With support for all three suits I know some players who would reopen with a double (me for one).

As you can see Three Diamonds was an uncomfortable spot. North led a club and declarer finessed and then discarded a heart on the ace of clubs. It was all down hill from there, down two, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Gromov	Willard	Gromova
			2♦*
3♦	Dble	3♥	Dble
3♠	Dble	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♦	Dble	All Pass	

When West came in over South's multi North opened fire – it was the charge of the Light Brigade into the Russian guns all over again – or as one French supporter said, 'C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas le bridge.' (Its not that bad, but the line is irresistible.)

Being a level higher meant another trick had to be lost, down three, -500 and 9 IMPs to Russia, giving them the lead by 1 IMP.

Before we leave this deal I cannot resist revealing this auction:

West	North	East	South
			2♦*
Pass	2♥	3♥	Pass
4♦	Dble	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

One of the players at this table is a world champion – I wonder if you can guess which position they occupied?

Or this one:

West	North	East	South
			2♦*
3♦	Dble	4♥	Dble
Pass	6♠!!	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Once again you have to spot the world champion.

Okay, enough of this, back to our featured match.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dubinina	Cronier	Ponomareva	Cronier
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Dbl	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Declarer won the opening lead of the king of spades in dummy and played a club to the nine and king. East returned a club to dummy's ten and declarer played a heart to the king, a diamond to the queen and cashed the ace of diamonds. When a heart to the queen held declarer claimed ten tricks, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Gromov	Willard	Gromova
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Dble	All Pass	

South was happy to defend – and how right she was. Two Spades, a heart, two diamonds and two clubs added up to another 500 point penalty and another 9 IMPs, Russia leading 39-29.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Cronier</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Declarer won the opening lead of the jack of diamonds,



Sylvie Willard

and cashed four rounds of hearts. East's doubleton suggested length elsewhere, so declarer cashed the king of clubs and crossed to the queen of clubs. After cashing her club tricks she cashed the ace of spades (East had covered ten of clubs) and exited with a spade, making eleven tricks, +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Willard</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

The stakes were considerably higher in the replay. West led the jack of diamonds and East won and returned the suit.

Declarer won and cashed the ace of clubs on which East deviously contributed the eight. When declarer continued with the king of clubs the contract was one down, 11 IMPs to Mouiel, ahead 40-39.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Cronier</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Six Clubs is not a great contract, but South had to lead something, and since she could be reasonably confident of taking a spade trick she followed the advice of the great Benito Garozzo by making an attacking lead. She played partner for the least needed to defeat the slam, the queen of diamonds, but a diamond lead was fatal.

Declarer won with dummy's queen and took a losing spade finesse. She won the heart switch with dummy's ace, played a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade with the nine of clubs. The 3-3 break provided a parking place for dummy's losing hearts so that was +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Willard</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the nine of diamonds and South took the king and returned the suit. With the spade finesse wrong declarer could make no more than nine tricks, +600 but a loss of 13 IMPs, leaving Russia ahead 55-42.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dubinina</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Cronier</i>
			Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

This miserable contract required North to hold ♣Kx and for diamonds to be 3-3 – not much of a percentage – and with neither materializing it was two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Willard</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	4NT	All Pass

Declarer made the same ten tricks, +630, recovering the IMPs lost on Board 20 to close to just 2 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dubinina</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Cronier</i>
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

With an awkward lead East went for a trump. That put declarer up to nine tricks and he ran all but one of his tricks before exiting with the queen of clubs. The defenders had made no mistake discarding and East went up with the king and exited with a club to West who returned a heart. One down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Willard</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

There is little doubt that any player who could make the winning lead on every deal would win every honour the game has to offer. East already has a hat full of medals, but with the same awkward problem the ace of hearts presented declarer with a tenth trick, +420 and 10 IMPs, Russia 67-55.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dubinin	Cronier	Ponomareva	Cronier
	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	1♥	Dble	Redble
1♠	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

With no inkling that East/West had a diamond fit North led his singleton. Declarer won in hand, drew trumps ending in hand and played a heart. When North ducked he put up the king for +650.

North thought a club lead might have defeated the contract, but as the cards lie I don't see how declarer can go down, especially as the bidding marks North with the ace of hearts. Declarer can even afford to see the king of diamonds get ruffed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Gromov	Willard	Gromova
	2♥*	Dble	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Dble	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

With East playing a one-note samba spades were never mentioned. The defenders collected two spades, one heart and a diamond for two down, +300, but a loss of 8 IMPs.

That put Russia well ahead and they held on to win this thrilling match, which contained a lot of good bridge from both sides, 75-61.



Bénédicte Cronier

Overall Ranking (presented by BEKO Company)



According to article 31 of the Conditions of Contest, those players who participate in at least three of the four events will feature in a special individual ranking. There will be a separate ranking in each of the three series of the second week. Only points obtained in one series plus the mixed will be taken into account. Players who have played in four events will drop their lowest score. There are 15 prizes for the Open category, 10 for the Women, and 5 for the Seniors, starting at 3500, 2500, and 1500 euro respectively.

The Tournament Committee has now decided upon the tables used to calculate the overall ranking.

All players that compete in a tournament will receive points. The winners of the 8 tournaments will receive the following number of points:

- Open Teams, Women Teams, Senior Teams : 100
- Open Pairs, Women Pairs, Senior Pairs : 90
- Mixed Teams : 72
- Mixed Pairs : 65

The runner-up in a pairs tournament receives 96% of the points of the winner, the third place 96% of the second, and so on.

The runner-up in a teams tournament receives 92% of the points of the winner, and so on. The points for third and fourth place are shared by both losing semi-finalists. The points for fifth to eighth place are shared by the losing quarter-finalists. The losers in lower rounds are ranked according to their place in the preceding qualification event.

The winner of any consolation event receives the same number of points as the last competitor of the third quartile of the final.

Precise tables for each event will be made available when the correct number of competitors in each final become known.

The table for the Mixed Teams is as follows:

1	72	9	37	17	19	25	10
2	66	10	34	18	17	26	9
3	59	11	31	19	16	27	8
4	59	12	29	20	15	28	8
5	46	13	26	21	14	29	7
6	46	14	24	22	12	30	6
7	46	15	22	23	11	31	6
8	46	16	21	24	11	32	5
Swiss A		Swiss B					
28	5	6	5	16	2	26	1
29	5	7	5	17	2	27	1
30	4	8	4	18	2	28	1
31	4	9	4	19	2	29	1
32	4	10	4	20	2	30	1
33	3	11	3	21	1	31	1
34	3	12	3	22	1	32	1
35	3	13	3	23	1	33	1
36	3	14	3	24	1	34	1
		15	2	25	1	35	1

The Power of the Poplilovs

by Jan van Cleeff

Except for an English and a Dutch pair, Dhondy versus Herbst was an Israeli affair in the Round of 16 of the mixed teams. In this article the focus will be on Matilda and Lilo Poplilov from Tel Aviv, playing for Dhondy. Take this one. You have:

♠ 9 3 2 ♥ K 10 9 6 3 ♦ K 9 4 ♣ Q 2

Green against red your partner opens One Spade in first chair. RHO overcalls Three Clubs (diamonds and hearts Ghestem). Your bid please.

Suppose you double, showing defensive values. It goes on: LHO Three Diamonds, Pass, Pass. What do you do now? Matilda Poplilov decided to double again. There it rested, the full layout being:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 5 4 ♥ 7 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ K 10 9 8 6 5	♠ K Q J 10 6 ♥ Q 8 ♦ 10 2 ♣ A J 4 3	♠ A 7 ♥ A J 5 4 2 ♦ A J 8 7 3 ♣ 7	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>
♠ 9 3 2 ♥ K 10 9 6 3 ♦ K 9 4 ♣ Q 2			

Lilo led a trump. Declarer played low, Matilda took the king, returned the suit and declarer went two light: N/S +500. At the other table N/S went down two in Four Spades.

On Board 12 it was Lilo's turn to shine.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K 3 2 ♥ K 7 6 3 ♦ J 10 6 5 ♣ 9 6	♠ A 9 4 ♥ A 5 ♦ K Q 7 2 ♣ K J 7 2	♠ J 7 6 5 ♥ 10 9 8 2 ♦ 9 8 ♣ A Q 5	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>
	♠ Q 10 8 ♥ Q J 4 ♦ A 4 3 ♣ 10 8 4 3		

But let's first have a look in the open room. East led the

ten of hearts against 3NT played by North, Michael Barel. Declarer, who played low from dummy, won the ace, played a diamond to the ace and ran the ten of clubs. East won the queen, continued with the heart deuce for the king and West continued the suit. Declarer pitched a spade from his hand and played a club to his king, ducked by East. At this point Barel read the position well. He cashed his remaining high diamonds and exited with a club. East won, cashed the fourth heart and now declarer pitched his last diamond. East, who was end-played, had to lead from his spades. Even so, Barel still had to guess that suit. And he did. A well deserved 600. Good, but good enough?

In the closed room once again East led a high heart against 3NT. Everybody covered. Lilo crossed to dummy with a diamond and played a low club to the jack. East won the queen and played a heart back, ducked by declarer. The heart deuce went to the jack, Lilo pitching a spade. Another round of clubs went to the king and ace. East cashed her last heart on which declarer bared his ace of spades. East duly returned a spade for the 8, 3 and ace. This was the five-card ending:

♠ K 2 ♥ - ♦ J 10 6 ♣ -	♠ - ♥ - ♦ K Q 7 ♣ 7 2	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 7 6 ♥ - ♦ 9 ♣ 5
	♠ Q ♥ - ♦ 4 3 ♣ 10 3		

Lilo entered dummy by overtaking the seven of clubs with the ten, West pitching a low spade. On the three of clubs however, West had to surrender. In fact he discarded the king of spades, not that it mattered much. A brilliant push on a rare squeeze.

Mixed Pairs



The semi-final A Mixed Pairs will consist of 112 pairs. They will play two sessions of 24 boards. 40 pairs will qualify for the A final, to be played in two sessions tomorrow. We will add 4-6 pairs coming from the Teams Final, and the 6-8 pairs ranked highest in the

Semi-final B, also played over two sessions today.

If we still need pairs to bring us up to 52 pairs, in total, those will be pairs numbered 41, 42, etc. etc from the semi-final A.

The other pairs will play a one-session pairs event in the afternoon tomorrow.

Mixed Teams Quarterfinal - Match of the Day

by Patrick Jourdain

Some years ago your reporter formed a theory that teams at European and World Championships with a team uniform were more likely to win medals than those without. The uniform did not itself play good bridge, but it indicated a Federation that could prepare its players better and a team that had pride in doing well. (It always seemed odd to me that American teams, so professional in other aspects of the game, dressed as if playing in a Congress rather than representing their country in a world championship.)

Since most teams now have uniform the theory is no longer valid. But in Antalya the only Mixed Team with a uniform is the de Botton team; you can spot them in the purple polo shirts. The theory appeared to take a blow when they missed the first cut, but, thanks to the repechage, they qualified through the back door. The theory again looked in danger when their round-of-16 match against Rune Hauge ended in a tie, but after four extra boards de Botton was through to the quarterfinals. Here she met the French team Payen who, had eliminated the holders in the round of 32, by just 2 IMPs (see yesterday's report).

Board 1 was flat but not Board 2:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Payen</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>de Botton</i>
2♦*	Pass	2♠**	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

* Game force

** ♠A OR ♥A

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Sussel</i>	<i>N. Senior</i>	<i>Lustin</i>
2♣*	Pass	2♦**	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

*balanced 20-21 OR game going

** Relay; only negative if balanced

Both tables reached Four Spades but in the Closed Room the artificial ace-showing response by Veronique Bessis made her the declarer from the East seat. Janet de Botton as South led a club. Bessis rose with the ace, unblocked the hearts and crossed to the queen of spades, learning her fate. The ace of hearts was ruffed by South's nine of trumps and over-ruffed. Declarer exited with a club. Artur Malinowski took two tricks in the suit and then exited with a diamond to the ace. Another diamond put West on play to lose a trump trick. 50 to de Botton.

In the Open Room Nick Sandqvist was declarer as West. The jack of diamonds lead went to the ace and a club was returned. Sandqvist rose with the ace and led a trump at once. When North showed out Sandqvist took stock again. After the queen of spades he led another spade forcing South to split the ten and nine. He won this, cashed the king of hearts, then overtook the queen of hearts with the ace and led a third heart. South discarded and declarer ruffed in hand. Now he simply exited with a club and waited to make all his trumps sitting over South. Well played. 420 to de Botton was worth 10 IMPs.

You hold:

♠ Q 4
♥ J 9 6 2
♦ A J 8
♣ A J 10 8



Christine Lustin

At favourable vulnerability the auction beginning on your left, goes:

1♣-Pass-1♠-Pass-2♠-Pass-Pass to you

Would you protect? I suspect the majority would do as Patrick Sussel did, balancing with a double, though some would say the slow spade value argues for a Pass.

With both sides limited to seven tricks the protection turned +100 into -100 score for Three Diamonds two off. Partner held:

♠ A 10 8 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ Q 10 5 2 ♣ 7 5 3

This was 5 IMPs to de Botton who led 18-0.

This next deal, featuring Nick Sandqvist, must be a candidate for deal of the championship:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Payen</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>de Botton</i>
1♥	3♦	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Sussel</i>	<i>N. Senior</i>	<i>Lustin</i>
1♥	2♦	2♠	3♦
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

In the Closed Room Bernard Payen opened a five-card major One Heart. After the jump overcall Veronique Bessis made a take-out double. West repeated the hearts and now Bessis bid spades. Thinking, maybe, that he had already shown six hearts and that partner might be 5-5 in the blacks, West revealed his three-card club holding. When East passed they were clearly in an inferior contract which duly failed. However this would not be serious unless Sandqvist could bring home Four Hearts.

The defence began accurately: the king of diamonds was led and overtaken by the ace. Christine Lustin returned a

diamond won by Sussel's jack. The queen of diamonds was ruffed in dummy with the seven and over-ruffed by the eight.

At this point South led a trump. Sandqvist gave it a good look then put up the ace. Next came four more rounds of trumps. This was the six-card ending when the penultimate trump was led:

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

Sandqvist was by now confident the king of spades was offside. Provided North held the spade jack it would not matter who held the clubs. On the penultimate trump North was compelled to throw a spade and the ten of clubs went from dummy. It did not matter what South threw. Sandqvist played a spade to the ace and the queen from dummy. This fetched the king from South and the jack from North. The ten of spades was now good and the ace of clubs was there as entry.

420 to de Botton was worth 12 IMPs.

In a way it is sad that the club honours were both in the same hand. The ending is a double trump squeeze. In practice only North was guarding the clubs, but the squeeze works even when the club honours are divided. The defender who keeps three clubs has to give declarer a chance of picking up the spades.

Even if South switches to a club at trick four declarer can succeed by winning the king, drawing trumps, and transferring the spade menace by playing the ace-queen of spades, covered by South. The remaining trump catches North in a simple squeeze.

The half-time score was 46-5 to de Botton.

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Thank you!

Mixed Teams Quarterfinal - Match of the Day - Second Half

by Barry Rigal

The second half of de Botton-Payen saw the French need to start fast. Instead they put themselves even further behind the eight-ball on the very first deal.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West Sandqvist	North Soulet	East Senior	South Bessis
Pass	1♥	3♠	1♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			5♥

West Sussel	North de Botton	East Lustin	South Malinowski
Pass	4♥	5♦	1♥
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass



Nevena Senior

5♦ got out for down 500 when the defenders did not get their club trick in time. But that was still good enough for a 12 IMP gain when Soulet played his partner for a much better hand than she had, and misguessed trumps to go two down. 58-5 now

After a quiet part-score, the French got on the board when Nevena Senior ducked the setting trick against a no-trump part-score. 59-11 now. Soulet gave it back on the next deal.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

De Botton opened the South hand (wouldn't we all?) and that let Malinowski buy the hand in Two Spades, which proved to be no problem at all. Soulet heard his partner pass and guessed to overcall Three Spades over Sandqvist's One Heart opening. He won the heart lead in dummy and led a trump, and after much thought put in the king. He exited with a trump and the defenders passively returned hearts at every turn. Declarer was essentially reduced to finding the club ace onside, and the defenders made sure not to get endplayed in diamonds (Sandqvist unblocking his diamond queen under the ace to prevent any Crocodile Coups). 63-12 to De Botton.

Both E/W pairs did well to bid a diamond slam in the face of opposition bidding, then the French got back on the score sheet.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

The French stopped in 3♠ as N/S and when Sandqvist led the diamond queen, Senior did not overtake to play a club – which looks the normal defence if such a thing exists. Sandqvist shifted to a club, and the queen held in dummy. Now Bessis played safe, leading out the top trumps to drop the queen, and ended up with 11 tricks on a defence that E/W will probably not want to see in print.

De Botton drove her hand to Four Spades facing the one no-trump response, and the defenders did overtake the diamond queen to shift to clubs. De Botton now quite reasonably rose with the ace and took the heart finesse. No luck – down two, and nine IMPs to the French, down 63-21. It looks as though declarer might have started by cashing the spade ace king before broaching hearts but maybe that is being wise after the event.

The French got their first double-figure swing a couple of boards later:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 8 7 5 4 3 ♥ A 8 ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ 10 9	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 2 ♥ J 10 9 5 4 ♦ K Q 8 2 ♣ Q 3
N					
W E					
S					
	♠ Q J 10 6 ♥ K 2 ♦ J 10 ♣ A J 8 6 4				

Both tables reached 3NT from the wrong hand, North, here. On the lead of the heart jack both declarers rose with the king, covered by the ace, and ducked the heart eight. Both defenders signalled for the lower suit, leaving West to decide what to do now. Sandqvist took a lot of time but eventually played a club, and declarer claimed ten tricks a moment later. Sussel played the more obvious diamond, ducked perforce by North, and Lustin won the queen to clear the hearts. Malinowski ran the clubs, reaching this ending:

♠ A ♥ 7 ♦ A 9 6 ♣ –	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ K ♣ –
N					
W E					
S					
♠ 9 8 7 ♥ – ♦ 7 5 ♣ –	♠ Q J 10 ♥ – ♦ J ♣ 8				

The club eight forced a spade from West, a diamond from North, and now Lustin let go her small heart. Malinowski now guessed to take the diamond finesse; down one and 63-31 to De Botton.

There were only three deals left, and Soulet knew he had to create some action. With

♠ A K 6
♥ K 2
♦ J 8
♣ A J 7 6 3 2

He heard a Multi 2♦ on his left, and a value-showing relay of 2NT on his right. He tried Three No-trumps, and when Senior bid Four Hearts, he doubled in the pass-out seat.

Bessis passed it out, after some thought, and that proved to be the wrong thing to do.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 10 8 7 3 ♥ 10 9 6 3 ♦ A K ♣ Q 8	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 4 ♥ A Q J 8 5 4 ♦ Q 7 6 2 ♣ 10 4
N					
W E					
S					
	♠ Q 9 5 2 ♥ 7 ♦ 10 9 5 4 3 ♣ K 9 5				

With the trump finesse working, de Botton gained five IMPs to lead 68-21 whereas Five Clubs would have escaped for 200.

Soulet knew he needed swings even more desperately and another attempt to generate action produced a penalty of 800, meaning that the match ended 81-22, for a well-earned win for De Botton, and incidentally Malinowski's third consecutive semi-final in this event.



Mixed Teams and Pairs Prize-Giving Ceremony

The prize-Giving Ceremony of the Mixed Teams and Pairs in the 3rd European Open Bridge Championships will take place in the Kremlin Palace (3rd floor – VuGraph area) tomorrow, June 21st at 20.00pm. Cocktails will follow.

Yeni Turnuva Yeni Şans: Karışık İkili

Hazırlayan: Murat Molva

Karışık Takımlar Şampiyonasında Finalist ekipler belli oldu. Dün oynanan 28'er board'luk çeyrek ve yarı final maçları sonucunda Finale kalan ekipler arasına maalesef Türk oyuncu yok.

Bugün 16'şar board'luk 3 devre üzerinden oynanacak Final Maçı, BBO kanalı ile naklen yayınlanacak, ve 2007 Avrupa Karışık Takımlar Şampiyonu belli olacak.

Şampiyona kitapçığına göre yarı final maçlarını kaybeden ekiplerin her ikisi de Avrupa üçüncüsü ünvanı alarak bronz madalya alma hakkını kazanacaklar.

Bu, oldukça iyi bir uygulama bence. Genellikle Nakavt Turnuvalarda Yarı Final maçını kaybeden ekipler, üçüncülük maçını kazanmaktan ziyade intihar etmeye daha eğilimli durumda oluyorlar. Bu durumdaki oyuncularını "Hepiniz üçüncü oldunuz" diyerek teselli etmek oldukça insancıl bir uygulama.

Türkiye'deki turnuvalarda da benzer uygulamanın yapılmasını dileriz.

TELEFON YASAK

Tüm şampiyona boyunca oyun alanlarına telefon ile girilmesi kesinlikle yasaktır.

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Üzerinde telefon ile yakalanmanın cezası 100 € ve ayrıca turnuvanın türüne göre de VP veya % cezası.

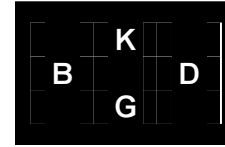
Avrupa Açık İkili Takımlar Şampiyonası'nda ilk 4 seans bitti ve elenenler elendi.

Karışık Takımlar Şampiyonası'nda aradığını bulamayan Türk ekipler şanslarını Karışık İkili turnuvasında deniyorlar. İlk elimiz İkili Turnuvanın ikinci eleme seansından geliyor:

Bord 14; D:Doğu, Zon:Kimse

Batı Köksoy	Kuzey	Doğu Anapa	Güney
		Pas	Pas
1♥	2♣	Kontr	Pas
2♦	Pas	3♦	H.Pas

	♠ K6	
	♥ Q2	
	♦ QJ104	
	♣ KJ942	
♠ 109		♠ A874
♥ A9843		♥ K7
♦ A632		♦ K875
♣ Q7		♣ 853
	♠ QJ532	
	♥ J1065	
	♦ 9	
	♣ A106	



Bildiğiniz gibi, Anadolu'nun bazı yörelerinde, özellikle ikili turnuvalarda zonsuzken üçüncü'den zayıf açmayanlara kız verilmediği şeklinde bir gelenek bulunuyor.

Dolayısı ile Enver'in bu el ile 1 kör açışı zorunlu bir hareket.

Kuzey'in yaratıcı pik rua atağından sonra Enver'in görünürdeki kayıpları: 1 pik, 2 trefl ve 2 koz. Yani 3 karo kontratında sadece 8 löve deklaran için ayrılmış durumda. Ama, sadece hakkınız olan löveleri almakla turnuvada başarılı olunmuyor. Size ait olmayan löveleri de almanız gerekiyor zaman zaman.

Enver pik atağı as ile elip pik ile çıkıyor. Güney bunu vale ile kazanıp (kurnazca?) küçük bir pik dönüyor. Başına geleceği bilen Enver elden kayıp bir trefl atıyor. Kuzey buna alıcı kozu ile çıkıyor.

Kuzey'in küçük trefl devamını alıp Güney (yine kurnazca?) pik valesini oynuyor. Enver buna elden küçük çıkıyor, Kuzey de üste çıkıyor.

Kuzey şimdi koz dam ile çıkınca Enver as ile kazanıyor, kör rua ile yere geçip trefl kupu alıyor.

Şimdi kör as çekilip kör kupu ile yere gidiliyor. Trefl'e elden çakılıyor, köre yerden çakılıp son löve koz rua ile kazanılıyor.

110 skoru Anapa-Köksoy çiftine bu board'dan %98 kazandırıyor.

Bu el, alıcı uzun kozları varken kısa rengini atak edenlere bir ders olsun.

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.

ORTAĞINIZA İYİ DAVRANIN

Karışık İkili Şampiyonasında dün yaşanan bir olay birç oynarken ortağınza iyi davranmanın ne kadar yüce bir davranış şekli olduğunu gözler önüne serdi.

Görgü tanıklarına göre İtalyan karı-koca olduğu söylenen bir çift, kötü bir skor aldıktan sonra tartışmaya başlamışlar.

Ve erkek tarafı sinirli bir şekilde elini önce masaya ve daha sonra da masayı diyagonal şekilde ayıran perde'ye vurmuş. Buraya kadar her şey normal. Karışık İkili oynayan bir koca'nın doğal davranış şekli budur.

Öfkeli koca bakmış ki siniri yatıştırmıyor, kalkıp ortağını tartaklamaya başlamış.

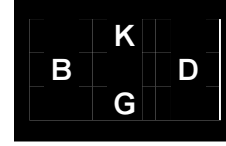
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Çünkü bu çift bu seansta sadece %44,52 tutturabilmiş sadece. Ortak tartaklamakla turnuva kazanılmıyor. Başka yöntemler geliştirmek gerek.

Bord 27; D:Güney, Zon:Kimse

♠ Q87
♥ K10
♦ KQJ
♣ J6543

♠ J43
♥ AQ96
♦ A1074
♣ A2



♠ K96
♥ 842
♦ 632
♣ Q1087

♠ A1052
♥ J753
♦ 985
♣ K9

Enver Köksoy Batı'dan 1 NT açıyor ve herkes pas geçiyor.

Kuzey Karo rua'sını atak edince Enver bunu boşluyor. Kuzey karo Dam ile devam etmekte sakınca görmeyince Enver As'ını alıp trefl As çekiyor ve trefl ile devam ediyor.

Kuzey'in löveyi kazanmaya yönelik pek reaksiyon vermemesine bakan Enver yerden küçük verince, Güney'in trefl Ruası eli kazanıyor

Şimdi Güney karo devam edince Kuzey karo Valesini kazanıp pik 7'li ile çıkıyor. Şu an Kuzey'in 3lü pik ve 5li treflden atak ettiği sayılmış durumda. Bu durumda muhtemelen pikler 3-3 olmalı. Yani Kuzey'in dağılımı 3235 olmalı.

Enver yerden küçük pik verip Güneyin 10'lusunu Vale ile kazanıyor. Şimdi Enver sağlanmış 13. karosunu çekip, Kör as ve küçük kör ile devam edince Kuzey'in kör ruası 2 parçadan düşüyor. Kuzey şimdi tekrar zoraki pik oynayınca yerden pik 9'lu giriliyor ve Güney'in pik ası defansın 5. ve son lövesi oluyor.

Yerde sağlanmış durumdaki Trefl dam ve pik rua'ya ek olarak elde sağlanmış durumdaki kör dam ile yazılan 120, Anapa-Köksoy'a bu bord'dan %90 skorunu getiriyor.

KONVANSİYON KARTLARI

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



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Monday 9 th	h. 11,00 – 14,00	Registration for the Mixed Pairs
	h. 14,15 – 16,45	Mixed Pairs – 1 st Round (Qualification – 18 boards)
	h. 17,00 – 19,30	Mixed Pairs – 2 nd Round (Qualification – 18 boards)
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	h. 14,15 – 16,45	Mixed Pairs – Final A and Consolation (18 boards)
	h. 17,30 – 20,00	Individual – 1 st Round (18 boards)
Wednesday 11 th	h. 14,15 – 16,45	Individual – 2 nd Round (18 boards)
	h. 17,15 – 19,45	Individual – 3 rd Round (18 boards)
Thursday 12 th	h. 11,00 – 14,00	Registration for the Open and Ladies Pairs
	h. 14,15 – 16,45	Open & Ladies Pairs – 1 st Round (Qualification – 18 boards)
	h. 17,00 – 19,30	Open & Ladies Pairs – 2 nd Round (Qualification – 18 boards)
Friday 13 th	h. 14,15 – 20,00	Open & Ladies Pairs (Final A, Barometer – 30 boards)
	h. 14,15 – 16,45	Open & Ladies Pairs (Consolation – 18 boards) – first round
	h. 17,00 – 19,30	Open & Ladies Pairs (Consolation – 18 boards) – second round
Saturday 14 th	h. 11,00 – 14,00	Registration for the Open Teams
	h. 14,15 – 16,45	Open Teams – 1 st Round (4 matches – 16 board)
	h. 17,00 – 20,00	Open Teams – 2 nd round (5 matches – 20 board)
Sunday 15 th	h. 10,00 – 12,45	Open Teams – Final A and Consolation (5 matches – 20 boards)
	h. 13,00	Buffet and Prize Giving Ceremony

Entry Fee: 25 € per player for each event or 70 € per player for all four events

Awards:

EBL Trophies will be awarded to the leading male and female player achieving the best results across all the events.

EBL Plaques will be awarded to players in first, second and third position in each event. In the Open Teams, there will be separate categories for Mixed and Women's teams, and the leading team in each category will be awarded the title of Winning Team in that category.

FIGB Cups will be awarded to the winners of each consolation events.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Lavazza coffee packages will be awarded to the winning players in the Pairs and Individual events.

Fornaciari packages will be awarded to the winning Teams.

Costa Hotels will give each of the EBL Trophy Winners a voucher for a three night stay in any one of the Costa Hotels. The voucher will be for twin room accommodation on a halfboard basis in any of the group hotels and will be subject to availability of rooms.

EBL Master Points will be awarded.

Chief Tournament Director: Maurizio Di Sacco



Almost all the hotels are within walking distance of the playing venue. Relevant information will be published on the EBL and FIGB websites (www.eurobridge.org and www.federbridge.it)

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Mixed pairs

The Mixed Pairs will be played over three sessions of 18 boards each. After the first two qualification sessions, the top 10 pairs will play the Final A, consisting in a Barometer Movement, boards predealt, preduplicated, and played simultaneously all over the field. The other pairs will play a consolation, to be divided in B, C and so on, depending on the number of entries.

The carry over for both Final A and Consolation will be equal to the average of the sessions of qualification.

Individual

The Individual will be played in a straightforward way, over three sessions of 18 boards each, with the final ranking determined by the final average.

Open Pairs

The Open Pairs will be played over three sessions of 18 boards each (however, the Final A will play a further 12 boards session). After the first two qualification sessions, the top 16 pairs will play the Final A, consisting in a Barometer Movement (30 boards), boards predealt, preduplicated, and played simultaneously all over the field. The other pairs will play a Consolation, to be divided in B, C and so on depending on the number of entries.

The carry over for Final A will be equal to the average of the sessions of qualification, that will weight for 18/48 board.

The carry over for the Consolation will be equal to the average of the sessions of qualification.

Ladies Pairs

Whenever possible, the Ladies will play with the same format of the Open, however, if the field will not be big enough, they will play with the same format of the Mixed Pairs.

Open Teams

The Open teams will be played according to the French Patton scoring. In each match there will be at stake 16 VPs: 8 accordingly to the IMPs balance, and 8 accordingly to a Board-A-Match criteria (2VPs for winning the board, 1VPs for tying it, 0VPs for losing it).

The movement is to be decided according to the number of entries, however, after the first two qualification sessions, the top 6 teams will play the Final A, Round Robin, while the remaining ones will play a Consolation. The boards will be preduplicated all over the field.

For further information, you can contact on site Mr. Guido Resta, Chairman of the FIGB Senior Committee, Mrs. Marina Madina, EBL's Secretariat, and Mr. Maurizio Di Sacco, Chief Tournament Director.

MIXED PAIRS - QUALIFYING

(standings after 4 sessions - provisional)

Rank	Names	Percentage		Percentage	
1	Nicole Van POPERINGHE - Philippe TOFFIER	57,67	58	Dilek YAVAS - Yusuf KAHYAOGLOU	53,63
2	Dana TAL - Michael BAREL	57,47	59	Tiziana BASILE - Giuseppe BASILE	53,62
3	Linda LEWIS - Doug DOUB	57,31	60	Filiz Uygan ERDOGAN - Omer ERDOGAN	53,62
4	Marion MICHELSEN - Jan JANSMA	56,72	61	Cinzia CHECCHI - Pasquale COLETTA	53,57
5	Maria LEBEDEVA - Igor KHAZANOV	56,27	62	Christina MORTENSEN - Michael ASKGAARD	53,53
6	Raffaella MICHELOTTI - Giovanni LUCCHESI	56,26	63	Stense FARHOLT - Henrik CASPERSEN	53,46
7	Nikica SVER - Pavo MARINKOVIC	56,19	64	Dietlind ANGEBRANDT-KELLNER - B. UTNER	53,35
8	Gila EMODY - Doron YADLIN	56,03	65	Nur CINAR - Nafiz ZORLU	53,23
9	Anna SARNIAK - Leszek SZTYRAK	56,03	66	Janice SEAMON-MOLSON - Reese MILNER	53,23
10	Billur ARAZ - Murat KILERCIOGLU	55,95	67	Marianne HOMME - Egil HOMME	53,23
11	Rozalia RONEN - Ron PACHTMAN	55,62	68	Paola MANCHISI - Stefano BONO	53,20
12	Connie GOLDBERG - Bill EISENBERG	55,52	69	Siv THORESEN - Jim HOYLAND	53,11
13	Deniz ANAPA - Enver KOKSOY	55,52	70	Eva CAPLAN - Salvador ASSAEL	53,04
14	Efrat OREN - Yaniv ZACK	55,43	71	Elke WEBER - Martin LOFGREN	52,94
15	Jacqueline JARIGESE - Ross RAINWATER	55,39	72	Daniela BIRMAN - David BIRMAN	52,94
16	Pony Beate NEHMERT - Nedju BUCHLEV	55,32	73	Arlette GERST - Fabien FREY	52,93
17	Perla SULTAN - Alejandro BIANCHEDI	55,30	74	Grazyna BUSSE - Piotr BUSSE	52,83
18	Mine BABAC - Aydin UYSAL	55,30	75	Pascalline DELACOUR - Felix COVO	52,75
19	Elena KHONICHEVA - Jouri KHOKHLOV	55,29	76	Judi RADIN - Jim MAHAFFEY	52,70
20	D. Borissova POPOVA - R. Geourgiev GUNEV	55,26	77	Funda OZBEY - Tayfun OZBEY	52,69
21	Sue BACKSTROM - Kauko KOISTINEN	55,23	78	Guler VAHABOGLU - Haldun VAHABOGLU	52,64
22	Yasemin HAYFAVI - Erhan YAMUT	55,17	79	Aysegul ERK - Ahmet KAHRAMAN	52,59
23	Michelle BRUNNER - John HOLLAND	55,15	80	Grazyna BREWIAK - Rafal JAGNIEWSKI	52,49
24	Malgorzata PASTERNAK - Bartosz CHMURSKI	55,09	81	Miriam VARENNE - Chris WILLENKEN	52,47
25	Gianna ARRIGONI - Guido RESTA	55,04	82	Gul TERCAN - Ergun CUHADAR	52,42
26	Benedicte CRONIER - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	54,95	83	Margarida ZIETMAN - Brian ZIETMAN	52,39
27	Maria Pia TOTARO - Carlo TOTARO	54,94	84	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	52,36
28	Belis ATALAY - Sedat ALUF	54,83	85	Costanza FORNI - Roberto POLLEDRO	52,36
29	Sukriye MERZE - Ilkay OZGE	54,79	86	Ronnie BARR - Ilan HERBST	52,33
30	Aase LANGELAND - Ole BERSET	54,71	87	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD - E. SAELENSMINDE	52,23
31	Helen ERICHSEN - Espen ERICHSEN	54,71	88	Burcak SENCER - Semih SAGOCAK	52,16
32	Rhona GOLDENFIELD - B. GOLDENFIELD	54,68	89	Gulum KOCAK - Guray SUNAMAK	52,11
33	Agata PIDAL - Joao PASSARINHO	54,61	90	Wil BUKET - Andre MULDER	52,09
34	V. CARCASSONNE-LABAERE - Herve HUNTZ	54,41	91	Aliye UGUR - Kutluhan UNAL	52,07
35	Faith MAYER - Finn BRANDSNES	54,41	92	Barbara CESARI - Francesco NATALE	52,03
36	Blanka MEDLINOVA - Zbynek LAUER	54,34	93	Paula McLEISH - David McLEISH	52,03
37	Ursula HARPER - Martin HOFFMAN	54,34	94	Neta SAXON - Uri MADPIS	52,02
38	Gunn HELNESS - Tor HELNESS	54,30	95	M. JELENIEWSKA - Marek JELENIEWSKI	51,95
39	Meike WORTEL - Louk VERHEES Jr	54,28	96	Izim TINAS TUNCER - Recai SAYLIK	51,91
40	Nukhet AYKUT - Yalcin ATABEY	54,28	97	Nese DIRIM - Yusuf SOHTORIK	51,89
41	Bep VRIEND - Anton MAAS	54,23	98	Ewa SOBOLEWSKA - Vytautas VAINIKONIS	51,84
42	Ewa MISZEWSKA - Apolinary KOWALSKI	54,22	99	Cvetanka NALBATSKA - Todor KOSTADINOV	51,76
43	T. BROGELAND-AASAND - B. BROGELAND	54,15	100	Marianne HARDING - Rune HAUGE	51,75
44	Gunn Tove VIST - Nils Kare KVANGRAVEN	54,13	101	Anna ONISHUK - Karl De RAEYMAEKER	51,73
45	Tuna ALUF - Namik KOKTEN	54,12	102	Carla ARNOLDS - Huub BERTENS	51,71
46	Katalin HORVATH - Hong DONG DUONG	54,10	103	Vera MALTONI - Marco MORELLI	51,65
47	Anne Lene JOHNSEN - Geir BREKKA	54,09	104	Grasia YALMAN - Ali YALMAN	51,63
48	Asli KASIRGA - Erhan EVCIMEN	54,04	105	Marilyn NATHAN - Peter CZERNIEWSKI	51,57
49	Suzan KARAVIL - Bedir SELAHADDIN	54,03	106	Renate HANSEN - Andreas BABSCH	51,55
50	Zeynep SOHTORIK - Orhan EKINCI	54,03	107	Catherine CURTIS - Paul FEGARTY	51,55
51	Merih TOKCAN - Faik FALAY	54,02	108	Netsy SAYER - Zahari ZAHARIEV	51,43
52	Elizabeth (Liz) MCGOWAN - Mike ALEXANDER	53,93	109	Claudia VECHIATTO - Berthold ENGEL	51,41
53	Vera ADUT - A. Orhan AKER	53,88	110	Hatice OZGUR - Hakan BAHCECI	51,40
54	Ahu ZOBU - Victor ARONOV	53,67	111	Brigitte BATTIN - Frederic LACROIX	51,39
55	Anna LEKOVA-KOVACHEVA - Trajan HRISTOV	53,67	112	Kath NELSON - Alan NELSON	51,32
56	Anja ALBERTI - Nikolas BAUSBACK	53,66	113	Francoise VANHOUTTE - Philippe VANHOUTTE	51,31
57	Hanna KOWALSKA - Andrzej MAJCHER	53,65	114	Maggie SHENKIN - Barnet J SHENKIN	51,29
			115	Kitty TELTSCHER - Ross HARPER	51,26

116	Ellen VIGMOSTAD - Harald NORDBY	51,25	178	Meltem OZUMERZIFON - Toros YUKSEL	47,57
117	Montserrat MESTRES - Ibrahim DEMIR	51,23	179	Anne GROMOELLER - Michael GROMOELLER	47,13
118	Caroline VANDEN BOSSCHE - Guy POLET	51,22	180	Clara HETZ - Inon LIRAN	47,05
119	Gitte HECHT-JOHANSEN - Jerry STAMATOV	51,14	181	Jorunn FENESS - Kjell Otto KOPSTAD	47,04
120	Emine AKGUL - Basar Doga SEKER	51,13	182	Sato DIVRIK - Tezcan SEN	46,97
121	Chantal HAMMERLI - Alfredo VERSACE	51,11	183	Fuensanta Perez RUBIDO - Unal TUREYEN	46,95
122	Sevil NUHOGLU - Ismail KANDEMIR	51,09	184	T. BINDERKRANTZ - Morten Lund MADSEN	46,94
123	Zeynep ALP - Suleyman KOLATA	51,03	185	Leyla ATALIK - Selcuk ATALIK	46,88
124	Azize ATAC - Yildirim MERAL	51,00	186	Eija MULTIMAKI - Jari BACKSTROM	46,77
125	Madeleine GUICHEUX - Patrick GRENTHE	50,96	187	Nursel AKSOY - Erdem OZTURK	46,70
126	Roz WOLFARTH - V. I.D. KOVACHEV AL-SHATI	50,93	188	Elena VALENTI - Agatino Sergio CORSARO	46,69
127	Alexandra NIKITINA - Georgi MATUSHKO	50,90	189	Maureen HANNAH - Jimmy LEDGER	46,68
128	Randi NYHEIM - Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL	50,90	190	Umrans SEMERCI - Mehmet SIRIKLIOGLU	46,67
129	Diana KRASOVA - Ondrej KRASA	50,82	191	Nawal FENWICK - John HARRISON	46,59
130	Marina STEGAROIU - Marian RADULESCU	50,75	192	Carol Ann CLIFFORD - Baxter CLIFFORD	46,53
131	Elvan EDIS - Timur EDIS	50,74	193	Inci YILDIRIM - Akif KONEN	46,45
132	Tetyana DANYLYUK - Volodymyr DANYLYUK	50,66	194	Judith ROUPEC - Hans ROUPEC	46,41
133	Mine PARDO - Levent DURAK	50,60	195	Eva DITETOVA - Tomas FORT	46,40
134	Rosanna PISANI - Leonardo MARINO	50,58	196	Larisa KUZNETSOVA - Aleh TIMAKHOVICH	46,38
135	Lelia BANKOGLU - Ergun BANKOGLU	50,36	197	Nicole JOST - Patrick JOST	46,31
136	Manuela GEMIGNANI - Leonardo CIMA	50,35	198	Lena AZIZ - Mehmet BARIS	46,31
137	Andrea MULIAR - Sascha WERNLE	50,33	199	Sharon WINTER - John MARSHALL	46,24
138	Huylar DARILMAZ - Ceyhan ALTUNDAG	50,31	200	Antonella BACOCOLI - Claudio LILLI	46,22
139	Lee ATKINSON - Mark YAEGER	50,23	201	Giuseppina GIUFFREDI - Giuseppe LACETERA	46,19
140	Louise SOLOMON - Warner SOLOMON	50,15	202	Cela BICACO - Okay GUR	46,16
141	Ewa BANASZKIEWICZ - R. SZCZEPANSKI	50,14	203	Patsy MEEHAN - Husnu UYGUN	46,05
142	Nadide GURCAN - Nedim TURSAN	50,12	204	Serap ELLIALTI - Mehmet KURANOGLU	45,94
143	Ayşe TANSI - Dogan UZUM	50,06	205	Muberra ANAK - Fevzi ANAK	45,86
144	Marita MAI - Enrico LONGINOTTI	50,02	206	Michele LEROSEY - Halit BIGAT	45,82
145	Tina OVENSTAD - Roger OLAFSEN	50,00	207	Ana PRADOS - Filippo PALMA	45,79
146	Natalia RYSKINA - Alexander RYSKIN	49,65	208	Ipek YILMAZ - Giorgio HELMSDORFF	45,65
147	Federica SANI - Ruggero FILIPPINI	49,55	209	Fethiye TAGA - Sinan TAGA	45,49
148	Ruth NIKITINE - Roger KUTNER	49,55	210	Emine Fusun UZER - Naci DEMIRBAS	45,35
149	Giovanna PICCIONI - Berardino MANCINI	49,54	211	Ulgen BOYBEK - Merter Kapulu BOYBEK	45,02
150	Darina LANGER - Hans-Herman GWINNER	49,47	212	Liliana BOZZETTI - Massimo BRUNI	44,78
151	Karen McCALLUM - Cengiz ARIGUN	49,44	213	Rita PAPADOPOULOU - Ziya Onder ERBEK	44,29
152	Dorota FURDZIK - Andrzej DUDZIK	49,32	214	Semra OZCELIK - Sami SARGIN	44,23
153	Tulay ULUG - Turgut ULUG	49,24	215	Pavlina MINEVA - Lubomir IGNATOV	44,23
154	Sandra PENFOLD - Brian SENIOR	49,17	216	Juste ROTOMSKYTE - Erikas VAINIKONIS	44,21
155	Ilse-Betina ARTMER - Josef SIMON	49,17	217	Meltem SERDAROGLU - Yuce UYANIK	44,16
156	Rita MUCHA - Alexandru PANA	49,14	218	Nurten TEZESEN - Ibrahim AKSOY	44,10
157	Hakah DANACIOGLU - Fusun OZLER	49,12	219	Moyna MACKENZIE - Greer MACKENZIE	44,09
158	Martine ROSSARD - Georges ROMANOWSKI	49,11	220	Necla ERKEL - Yalcin AYDAR	44,06
159	Eren OZAN - Salim YILANKIRAN	48,91	221	Figen UNER - Dundar CIFTCIOGLU	43,84
160	Maureen HIRON - Kare KRISTIANSEN	48,90	222	Z. SUNGUR CELENOGLU - Avni Tunc BAYKAL	43,63
161	Eli SOLHEIM - Jan Petter SVENDSEN	48,86	223	Fiona HUTCHISON - Justin HACKETT	43,49
162	Sabine BERG - Guillaume GRENTHE	48,85	224	Ayşe KANTARCI - Muammer KANTARCI	43,44
163	Larissa KURSAKOVA - Vladmir TATARKIN	48,51	225	Sue LANE - Mike THEELKE	43,32
164	Aden TOLAY - M. Gokhan YILMAZ	48,50	226	Lea HESS - Olivier AUDOUARD	43,21
165	Nuray AKGUL - Esat ERGIL	48,43	227	Claartje BAK - Peter SISSELAAR	43,12
166	Margaret PARNIS-ENGLAND - Mario DIX	48,25	228	Seyda YAGCI - Engin COLPAN	42,46
167	Guler UYANIK - Ozcan PEHLIVAN	48,14	229	Mucella DIPCIN - Mehmet YILMAZCAN	41,74
168	Shelley HOUSLEY - Donald HOUSLEY	48,01	230	Ayşe KILICIOGLU - Mehmet Rifat ONAL	41,38
169	Irene SAESSELI - Richard BOWDERY	47,94	231	Vjollca XHULI - Kostandin KAPO	41,37
170	Heidi LILLIS - Michael McGLOUGHLIN	47,91	232	Gul SELVILI - Hurdogan SARP KAYA	41,23
171	Marilina VANUZZI - Enrico DUBINI	47,90	233	Nira TALOVA - Dan TAL	41,15
172	C. PAGNINI-ARSLAN - L. COLONNA PRETI	47,90	234	Jane JENSEN - David JENSEN	41,12
173	Olga HERTMAN - Eldad GINOSSAR	47,88	235	Sandra HAVLICEK - Igor TOMLJANOVIC	40,97
174	Nuray KAMGOZEN - Emin KAMGOZEN	47,84	236	Aysegul YILMAZ - Berk BASARAN	39,90
175	Naran DAGSEVEN - Zafer SENGULER	47,74	237	Susanne HOCHULI - Peter GEBAUER	39,47
176	Ana Maria De ALONSO - Serge de MULLER	47,66	238	Ayşe TEMEL - Osman UYAR	38,11
177	Clara HOLCZER - Ramazan YAGLI	47,61			

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
2. 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