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# Seniors Complete the Picture



*Germany prepares to defend its Senior's title*

In the Seniors Teams the holders, **Germany** start the defence of their title today, following the official opening of the Championships by **EBL President Gianarrigo Rona** at yesterday's Opening Ceremony.

In Group A **Netherlands** look almost certain to finish on top ahead of **Italy** and **Latvia**. However the centre of attention today will be focused lower down the table, with a host of teams being anxious not to finish tenth.

In Group B everything is virtually clear and we can congratulate **Sweden** on topping the group. **Norway** and **Russia** are well placed to take the next two places.

In the Women's series, **England** lead the way from **Germany** and **Italy**.

## Round 19 (O)

5	Finland - Iceland	RAMA
11	France - San Marino	BBO 1
8	Italy - Croatia	BBO 2
15	Ireland - Germany	BBO 3
9	England - Switzerland	BBO 4
19	Norway - Portugal	BBO 5
7	Latvia - Denmark	SWAN

## Round 1 (S) - Round 7 (W)

18	Germany - Netherlands (S)	RAMA
14	France - England (S)	BBO 1
17	Austria - Italy (S)	BBO 2
24	Denmark - Germany (W)	SWAN
Round 2 (S) - Round 8 (W)		
29	Germany - France (W)	RAMA
23	Italy - Russia (W)	BBO 1
14	Norway - France (S)	BBO 2
15	Sweden - Finland (S)	SWAN

## OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

### GROUP A

**ROUND 19** **10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	TURKEY	LITHUANIA
2	GREECE	LUXEMBOURG
3	SERBIA	NETHERLANDS
4	SPAIN	CZECH REP.
5	FINLAND	ICELAND
6	ISRAEL	SCOTLAND
7	LATVIA	DENMARK
8	ITALY	CROATIA
9	ENGLAND	SWITZERLAND
	MONACO	BYE

### GROUP B

**ROUND 19** **10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
11	FRANCE	SAN MARINO
12	AUSTRIA	SLOVAKIA
13	ESTONIA	POLAND
14	HUNGARY	ROMANIA
15	IRELAND	GERMANY
16	BULGARIA	BELGIUM
17	MALTA	RUSSIA
18	SWEDEN	WALES
19	NORWAY	PORTUGAL
	BELARUS	BYE

## WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM

**ROUND 7** **14.15**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	SPAIN	SWEDEN
2	POLAND	IRELAND
3	TURKEY	CROATIA
4	DENMARK	GERMANY
5	ISRAEL	NORWAY
6	HUNGARY	WALES
7	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND
8	FRANCE	BYE
9	RUSSIA	GREECE
10	LEBANON	ITALY
11	PORTUGAL	NETHERLANDS
12	CZECH	REP. AUSTRIA
13	ICELAND	FINLAND

**ROUND 8** **17.35**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	HUNGARY	PORTUGAL
2	NETHERLANDS	LEBANON
3	ITALY	RUSSIA
4	GREECE	ICELAND
5	FINLAND	SCOTLAND
6	ENGLAND	CZECH REP.
7	AUSTRIA	ISRAEL
8	TURKEY	BYE
9	GERMANY	FRANCE
10	CROATIA	POLAND
11	IRELAND	SPAIN
12	NORWAY	DENMARK
13	WALES	SWEDEN

## SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

**ROUND 1** **14.15**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	WALES	POLAND
2	SPAIN	DENMARK
3	SWITZERLAND	TURKEY
4	FRANCE	ENGLAND
5	FINLAND	NORWAY
6	SCOTLAND	SWEDEN
7	AUSTRIA	ITALY
8	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS
9	ISRAEL	IRELAND
10	BELGIUM	ESTONIA

**ROUND 2** **17.35**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	DENMARK	WALES
2	TURKEY	SPAIN
3	ENGLAND	SWITZERLAND
4	NORWAY	FRANCE
5	SWEDEN	FINLAND
6	ITALY	SCOTLAND
7	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRIA
8	IRELAND	GERMANY
9	ESTONIA	ISRAEL
10	POLAND	BELGIUM

## OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

### GROUP A

#### ROUND 16 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SPAIN	TURKEY	25 - 33	14 - 16
2	SERBIA	LITHUANIA	25 - 16	17 - 13
3	LUXEMBOURG	FINLAND	42 - 38	16 - 14
4	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	45 - 18	21 - 9
5	CZECH REP.	LATVIA	30 - 86	4 - 25
6	ICELAND	ITALY	46 - 55	13 - 17
7	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND	61 - 39	20 - 10
8	DENMARK	MONACO	72 - 47	20 - 10
9	SWITZERLAND	CROATIA	54 - 21	22 - 8
	GREECE	BYE		18 - 0

#### ROUND 17 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY	SERBIA	21 - 26	14 - 16
2	LITHUANIA	GREECE	21 - 64	6 - 24
3	SPAIN	LUXEMBOURG	54 - 46	16 - 14
4	FINLAND	NETHERLANDS	18 - 61	6 - 24
5	ISRAEL	CZECH REP.	49 - 45	16 - 14
6	LATVIA	ICELAND	41 - 49	14 - 16
7	ITALY	SCOTLAND	61 - 29	22 - 8
8	ENGLAND	DENMARK	32 - 34	15 - 15
9	MONACO	CROATIA	63 - 57	16 - 14
	SWITZERLAND	BYE		18 - 0

#### ROUND 18 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GREECE	TURKEY	36 - 48	13 - 17
2	LUXEMBOURG	SERBIA	49 - 31	19 - 11
3	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN	104 - 14	25 - 0
4	CZECH REP.	FINLAND	26 - 34	14 - 16
5	ICELAND	ISRAEL	46 - 30	18 - 12
6	SCOTLAND	LATVIA	41 - 61	11 - 19
7	DENMARK	ITALY	78 - 20	25 - 4
8	ENGLAND	CROATIA	50 - 28	20 - 10
9	SWITZERLAND	MONACO	36 - 42	14 - 16
	LITHUANIA	BYE		18 - 0

### GROUP B

#### ROUND 16 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11	HUNGARY	FRANCE	40 - 46	14 - 16
12	ESTONIA	SAN MARINO	51 - 56	14 - 16
13	SLOVAKIA	IRELAND	47 - 48	15 - 15
14	BULGARIA	POLAND	43 - 43	15 - 15
15	ROMANIA	MALTA	71 - 46	20 - 10
16	GERMANY	SWEDEN	28 - 31	14 - 16
17	NORWAY	BELGIUM	23 - 29	14 - 16
18	RUSSIA	BELARUS	67 - 25	24 - 6
19	WALES	PORTUGAL	20 - 18	15 - 15
	AUSTRIA	BYE		18 - 0

#### ROUND 17 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11	FRANCE	ESTONIA	46 - 40	16 - 14
12	SAN MARINO	AUSTRIA	37 - 27	17 - 13
13	HUNGARY	SLOVAKIA	77 - 38	23 - 7
14	IRELAND	POLAND	16 - 42	10 - 20
15	BULGARIA	ROMANIA	48 - 33	18 - 12
16	MALTA	GERMANY	0 - 111	0 - 25
17	SWEDEN	BELGIUM	55 - 28	21 - 9
18	NORWAY	RUSSIA	49 - 35	18 - 12
19	BELARUS	WALES	32 - 77	6 - 24
	PORTUGAL	BYE		18 - 0

#### ROUND 18 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11	AUSTRIA	FRANCE	22 - 60	7 - 23
12	SLOVAKIA	ESTONIA	19 - 43	10 - 20
13	HUNGARY	POLAND	40 - 63	10 - 20
14	ROMANIA	IRELAND	55 - 59	14 - 16
15	GERMANY	BULGARIA	21 - 34	12 - 18
16	MALTA	BELGIUM	45 - 65	11 - 19
17	RUSSIA	SWEDEN	42 - 31	17 - 13
18	WALES	NORWAY	26 - 51	10 - 20
19	PORTUGAL	BELARUS	74 - 26	25 - 5
	SAN MARINO	BYE		18 - 0

## INTERNATIONAL MIND SPORTS GAMES - BEIJING VISAS

This year, due to the Olympic Games, the procedure to obtain the visas (even « Touristic » visas) are more complicated than for Shanghai last year.

To obtain the visa you will absolutely need an invitation letter from the Chinese organisers and some countries even require it in Chinese.

Each NBO has then to fill a form listing all the players and accompanying people and send it to Lilian Sun - sunchengmo82@yahoo.com.cn - before July 31st. She will then send you via mail the invitations to be produced to the local embassies to obtain the visas.

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP A

after 18 rounds

*subject to official confirmation*

1	NETHERLANDS	331.00
2	ITALY	319.00
3	LATVIA	309.00
4	ICELAND	304.00
5	DENMARK	299.00
6	CZECH REP.	296.00
7	ISRAEL	294.00
8	TURKEY	291.00
9	FINLAND	290.00
10	ENGLAND	286.00
11	MONACO	265.00
12	GREECE	256.00
13	SWITZERLAND	247.00
14	CROATIA	242.00
15	SPAIN	238.00
16	LUXEMBOURG	237.00
17	SERBIA	225.00
18	SCOTLAND	213.00
19	LITHUANIA	211.00

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP B

after 18 rounds

*subject to official confirmation*

1	SWEDEN	362.00
2	NORWAY	321.30
3	RUSSIA	319.00
4	BULGARIA	311.00
5	GERMANY	309.00
6	FRANCE	299.00
7	PORTUGAL	298.00
8	POLAND	294.00
9	ESTONIA	280.00
10	IRELAND	264.70
11	BELARUS	254.50
12	AUSTRIA	253.00
13	BELGIUM	250.00
14	SLOVAKIA	239.00
	WALES	239.00
16	HUNGARY	236.00
17	ROMANIA	230.00
18	SAN MARINO	229.00
19	MALTA	138.00

### Daily Notices

We are re-running a notice from earlier on in the event, so as to remind the new entrants to the tournament of their rights and obligations.

In our round-by-round check we discovered a mobile phone. That produced a penalty of 2VP and cost the offender a lot of money. I consider this to be a senseless waste of points and euros, although it is a necessary measure on the organizers' part. Please would you avoid trying to put us in this position – we promise you that it hurts you more than it hurts us!

*Ton Kooijman*

### Beijing Bound

Reese Milner, Grant Baze, Billy Eisenberg, Sam Lev, Russ Ekeblad & Matthew Granovetter are the 2008 United States Senior Bridge Champions and will be representing the United States in the World Senior International Cup at the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing, China this October. Runners up were John Onstott, Drew Casen, Dan Morse & Bobby Wolff. Congratulations to them as well.

Onstott led Milner at the half but were outscored 104-17 in the second two sets.

**WOMEN TEAMS RANKING**

after 6 rounds

*subject to official confirmation*

<b>1 ENGLAND</b>	<b>119.00</b>
<b>2 GERMANY</b>	<b>113.00</b>
<b>3 ITALY</b>	<b>112.00</b>
<b>4 NORWAY</b>	<b>109.00</b>
<b>5 SWEDEN</b>	<b>103.00</b>
<b>6 FRANCE</b>	<b>102.00</b>
<b>ICELAND</b>	<b>102.00</b>
<b>ISRAEL</b>	<b>102.00</b>
<b>9 CZECH REP.</b>	<b>100.50</b>
<b>10 POLAND</b>	<b>98.00</b>
<b>11 SPAIN</b>	<b>96.00</b>
<b>12 HUNGARY</b>	<b>93.00</b>
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	<b>93.00</b>
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>93.00</b>
<b>15 CROATIA</b>	<b>90.00</b>
<b>16 DENMARK</b>	<b>85.00</b>
<b>17 TURKEY</b>	<b>84.00</b>
<b>18 FINLAND</b>	<b>81.00</b>
<b>19 LEBANON</b>	<b>77.00</b>
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	<b>77.00</b>
<b>RUSSIA</b>	<b>77.00</b>
<b>22 GREECE</b>	<b>69.00</b>
<b>23 WALES</b>	<b>62.00</b>
<b>24 IRELAND</b>	<b>57.50</b>
<b>25 AUSTRIA</b>	<b>53.00</b>

**WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 4 - subject to official confirmation**

	<b>Home Team</b>	<b>Visiting Team</b>	<b>IMPs</b>	<b>VPs</b>
1	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	32 - 46	12 - 18
2	GREECE	HUNGARY	34 - 55	11 - 19
3	FINLAND	PORTUGAL	62 - 24	23 - 7
4	WALES	POLAND	13 - 95	0 - 25
5	AUSTRIA	RUSSIA	24 - 36	13 - 17
6	NORWAY	ICELAND	36 - 44	14 - 16
7	GERMANY	SCOTLAND	69 - 5	25 - 3
8	CZECH REP.	BYE		18 - 0
9	IRELAND	DENMARK	21 - 34	12 - 18
10	SWEDEN	FRANCE	37 - 37	15 - 15
11	SPAIN	TURKEY	54 - 30	20 - 10
12	ENGLAND	LEBANON	76 - 13	25 - 3
13	CROATIA	ISRAEL	21 - 50	9 - 21

**ROUND 5 - subject to official confirmation**

	<b>Home Team</b>	<b>Visiting Team</b>	<b>IMPs</b>	<b>VPs</b>
1	POLAND	SPAIN	40 - 26	18 - 12
2	TURKEY	SWEDEN	30 - 46	12 - 18
3	FRANCE	IRELAND	50 - 30	19 - 11
4	DENMARK	CROATIA	14 - 84	2 - 25
5	NETHERLANDS	WALES	98 - 19	25 - 1
6	CZECH REP.	GERMANY	42 - 27	18 - 12
7	SCOTLAND	NORWAY	31 - 49	11 - 19
8	ISRAEL	BYE		18 - 0
9	RUSSIA	ENGLAND	45 - 70	10 - 20
10	LEBANON	FINLAND	58 - 53	16 - 14
11	PORTUGAL	GREECE	61 - 22	23 - 7
12	HUNGARY	ITALY	27 - 59	8 - 22
13	ICELAND	AUSTRIA	74 - 28	24 - 6

**ROUND 6 - subject to official confirmation**

	<b>Home Team</b>	<b>Visiting Team</b>	<b>IMPs</b>	<b>VPs</b>
1	NETHERLANDS	HUNGARY	44 - 66	10 - 20
2	ITALY	PORTUGAL	65 - 36	21 - 9
3	GREECE	LEBANON	30 - 41	13 - 17
4	FINLAND	RUSSIA	45 - 34	17 - 13
5	ENGLAND	ICELAND	43 - 40	16 - 14
6	WALES	SPAIN	43 - 31	17 - 13
7	NORWAY	CZECH REP.	57 - 39	19 - 11
8	DENMARK	BYE		18 - 0
9	CROATIA	FRANCE	15 - 37	10 - 20
10	IRELAND	TURKEY	25 - 33	14 - 16
11	SWEDEN	POLAND	52 - 32	19 - 11
12	AUSTRIA	SCOTLAND	23 - 74	5 - 25
13	GERMANY	ISRAEL	59 - 15	24 - 6

**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 15**

**Italy v Czech Republic**

by Jos Jacobs

On Thursday evening, after yet another long day's play, the clash between the Group A leaders was due. This match started off in a good way for the thousands of spectators worldwide, as we had two slams in the first six boards but when we reached board 8, Czech Republic was leading by just 6-0. Then, suddenly, the hands got more spectacular. The auctions at each table began to diverge, and so did the results. Here are a few examples.

Board: 8. Dealer West/None vul.

♠ 7 5  
♥ 9  
♦ K Q J 10 9 8 6 5  
♣ K 9

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



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

♠ A 9 3  
♥ Q 10 4  
♦ 4 3 2  
♣ A 6 5 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Volhejn	Angelini	Kopecky	Sementa
4♥	5♦	Dble	All Pass

After Volhejn's 4♥ opening, Angelini had to go all out immediately. When he did so, the Italians had found a very



Michal Kopecky, Czech Republic

good save. One down, Czech Rep. +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Vozabal	Lauria	Slemr
1♥	4♦	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

When Versace quietly opened 1♥, Vozabal was in a much more difficult position. One can also easily understand, why Slemr chose to defend against 4♥...

Italy +420 as Versace had little trouble in picking up the trump suit. Italy had taken the lead: 8-6.

Two boards later, the availability of a preemptive raise made all the difference:

Board: 10. Dealer East/All vul.

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

♠ K 6 4  
♥ 9 6  
♦ 9 7 6 4 2  
♣ J 9 8



♠ A J 9 3  
♥ K Q 3  
♦ A K Q J 3  
♣ 7

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Volhejn	Angelini	Kopecky	Sementa
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♦	Pass	Dble	Pass
		3♦	All Pass

Kopecky never came into a position to assess his values properly, so game was missed. Czech Rep. +150.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Vozabal	Lauria	Slemr
3♦	3♥	1♦	1♠
Pass	Pass	3♠	4♥
Pass	Dble	5♦	Pass
		All Pass	

Lauria knew what to do once Versace jumped to 3♦... Italy +750 and 12 more IMPs.

They lost these IMPs on the very next board:

Board: 11. Dealer South/None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Volhejn</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Semeta</i>
Pass	2♦	2♥	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Angelini, by rebidding 3♦, clearly tried to show a broken suit but Semeta was not interested, holding a good fit himself. With spades never mentioned, the lack of a solid spade stopper quickly became irrelevant as West led the ♥Q. Italy +600, the official scorecard says. Where's that overtrick gone?

Please note that 5♦ is cold.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Vozabal</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Slemr</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♦	2♠	3♦
3♠	All Pass		

When Vozabal did not open the North hand, Lauria opened 1♥ in 3rd seat and thus spades came into the picture. When Slemr did not believe that game was on for his side, understandable enough as his partner had a passed hand, the Czechs sold out to 3♠. Down two, +100 to them but 11 IMPs more to Italy to lead 31-18 now.

A few boards later, the Czechs hit back severely:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Volhejn</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Semeta</i>
Dble	Redble	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♦	Dble	All Pass	2♣

Semeta's choice of opening bid gave the Czechs some extra bidding space which they used very well. Raising 3♦ to four, thus going beyond 3NT, sounds quite forward-going. Czech Rep. +1090.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Vozabal</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Slemr</i>
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass


As Versace had to introduce his suit at the four-level, the situation was less clear to the Italians. They thus had to be content with +420 and a loss of 12 IMPs. The score had gone up to 20-18 over the last four boards.

More IMPs on the next one:

Board: 12. Dealer West/NS vul.

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

Board: 15. Dealer South/NS vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Volhejn</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Semeta</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	3NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Angelini was no doubt expecting six tricks from his nice suit but Kopecky could see this was not the case. He had an obvious double of 4♣ as well which netted +500 (down two).

Closed Room

West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Vozabal</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Slemr</i>
Pass 2♠	1♥ All Pass	Pass	Pass INT

Slemr might even have doubled 2♠ but when he did not, the Czechs collected two more undertricks for another +100 and 12 IMPs to them. The score now stood at 40-30 to Italy.

On the pre-last board, Italy had the last word:

Board: 19. Dealer South/EW vul.

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

Closed Room

West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Vozabal</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Slemr</i>
4♠	5♣	6♣	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Down four, Italy +800.

Open Room

West <i>Volhejn</i>	North <i>Angelini</i>	East <i>Kopecky</i>	South <i>Sementa</i>
2♠	3♠	Dble	2♣
4♠	Pass	6♣	4♣
			All Pass

Very well judged by Antonio Sementa...

Down one, Italy +100 and 14 IMPs to win the match 57-36 or 19-11 V.P.

# Hungarian Rhapsody

by Mark Horton

France made a sound start to the defence of their title in the women's event, but Hungary managed to steal a little of their thunder on this deal:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Willard</i>	North <i>Zalai</i>	East <i>Cronier</i>	South <i>Hamori</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North cashed the ace of clubs and continued with a club. Declarer won with dummy's king, pitching a diamond, and eventually arrived at twelve tricks by ruffing a diamond, +480.

Closed Room

West <i>Csipka</i>	North <i>D'Ovidio</i>	East <i>Mezei</i>	South <i>Allouche-Gaviard</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

- 3♣ Game Forcing
- 4♣ Cue Bid
- 4♦ Cue Bid
- 4♠ RKCB
- 5♥ 2+♥Q

North led the four of spades and declarer put up dummy's ace, came to hand with a trump and led her club. North took the ace and switched to the three of diamonds. Declarer won in hand, played a spade to the king and ruffed a spade. When the queen appeared declarer could draw trumps and claim. +980 gave Hungary 11 IMPs.



## Bits and pieces from Round 14

by Jos Jacobs

In Thursday afternoon's round, many interesting matches were scheduled. As this week is nearing its end, the matches between teams ranking about 9th are gradually becoming as interesting as the matches between the top teams in each group. With the same hands being played in all matches, contrasting approaches and results easily come to light.

Top-of-the-bill was of course Netherlands v. Italy but with Bulgaria-France, Sweden-Poland and Czech Republic-England also on during this round, the choice which match to follow more closely, was a difficult one.

Board 1 already brought a swing in each of our featured matches. Many pairs reached slam, the favourite being 6♥.

Board: 1. Dealer North/None vul.

<p>♠ A K J 7 3 ♥ A 8 7 6 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 6 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	<p>♠ 6 2 ♥ K J 5 ♦ A Q 9 7 6 ♣ A K J</p>	<p>♠ 9 8 ♥ 4 ♦ J 4 3 ♣ Q 10 9 8 7 5 2</p>
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John Holland, England

So Bulgaria, Netherlands, England and Poland were off to a flying start in their matches against France, Italy, Czech Republic and Sweden when the not unreasonable slam failed on the actual layout.

Not all pairs had their eyes on the ball in board 10:

Board: 10. Dealer East/All vul.

<p>♠ 7 3 ♥ Q 10 8 5 ♦ 9 8 ♣ Q J 6 4 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	<p>♠ Q ♥ K 7 ♦ A K Q 6 4 3 ♣ A K 10 9</p>	<p>♠ A K 10 8 6 5 4 2 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ — ♣ 8 2</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Bakkeren</i>
<i>Kurka</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mraz</i>	<i>Holland</i>
		1♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	4NT	Dble
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The Vugraph commentators were unanimous in saying that, by bidding 5♠, South had told the same story twice. Italy +200.

Exactly the same auction occurred in the England v. Czech Republic match: Czech Rep. +200 as well.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Westra</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
		1♦	1♠
2♦	Pass	3♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

One down so another +200 and 9 IMPs to Italy.

The Czechs did not double 5♦ but duly defeated it by 1 trick for a 7-IMP gain.

In the Sweden v. Poland match, we saw a different kind of swing:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Cullin</i>
		1♦	1♠
3♦	Pass	5♦	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West led the ♥2 to the eight, king and ace...Sweden +850. It did not help the Poles that they defeated 5♦ doubled by one trick in the Closed Room; they had lost 12 IMPs.

No swing in the France v. Bulgaria match, 5♦ down one being a push.

One board later, handling the trump suit was the issue.

Board: 11. Dealer South/None vul.

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



Johan Upmark, Sweden

Believe it or not, this hand was a push for NS +420 in England v. Czech Rep. When the Dutch and Polish declarers went down, it cost their sides 10 IMPs, as both Duboin and Cullin did a good job, too, like quite a lot of the declarers in the other matches. Bulgaria lost an extra undertrick for playing in the hopeless 3NT whereas the French declarer went one down in 4♠.

Board 17 was an interesting challenge:

Board: 17. Dealer North/None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Bakkeren</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

In the England v. Czech Rep. match, both NS pairs ended up in clubs. This brought 11 IMPs to England for stopping in 5♣ and receiving a friendly spade lead from West. When the diamond loser thus disappeared, declarer only lost two trump tricks. The Czechs went down two when Justin Hackett led the ♦A.

As the Italians had reached a less ambitious contract of 4♥, Bertens had to show all his skills to bring home this contract. He received a trump lead (first hurdle taken), dummy's eight winning. Next, he led a spade to the ten, intending to use the ♥A as the entry for a diamond discard. When Lauria won the Queen, the hand was quickly over.

What do you think of this fancy line: win the trump in hand and play a diamond up. East has to go up and will return a trump. Now you win, ruff a diamond, draw the last trump and play ♠A and a spade to the jack. A club goes on the ♠K and the ♦Q (!) is led from dummy, scooping the Jack. The ♦10 takes care of the other club loser. Double dummy this winning line is easy enough, I would say...

The penultimate board was a possible slam:

Board: 19. Dealer South/EW vul.

Twelve tricks, Bulgaria +680.

♠ A 8 6 4	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">           N W      E S         </div>	♠ K J 10 7
♥ A 8 4 2		♥ 5
♦ A 9 7 6		♦ J
♣ 6		♣ A K J 10 7 5 3
	♠ Q 9 5	
	♥ J 10 9 6 3	
	♦ K 5 4	
	♣ Q 4	

Six Spades is an excellent contract. It was duly bid at both tables in the Netherlands v. Italy match, as one would expect. Surprisingly enough, it was missed at both tables in the Sweden v Poland match. England earned a late swing when the Czechs missed it as well. In the Bulgaria v France match, the auctions took different turns:

The Bulgarians thus missed the slam, so the home crowd was hoping for another swing to France. They got maybe not quite what they expected but spectacular it was anyway:

## Open Room

West <i>Lévy</i>	North <i>Isporski</i>	East <i>Mouiel</i>	South <i>Kovachev</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Dble	Pass	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

Two clubs, two spades, two red aces and a diamond ruff put this contract down five, France +1100. The swing thus amounted to 9 IMPs.

Final results: Netherlands-Italy 29-61 or 8-22 V.P., Bulgaria-France 24-54 or 9-21 V.P., Czech Republic-England 36-62 or 10-20 V.P. and Sweden-Poland 76-28 or 25-5 V.P.

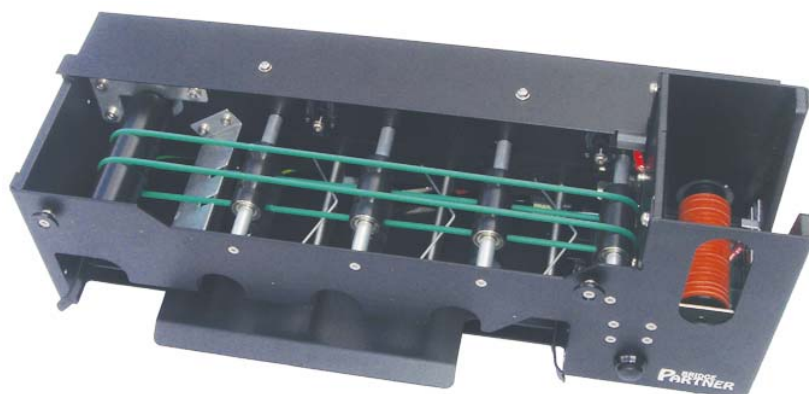
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West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		



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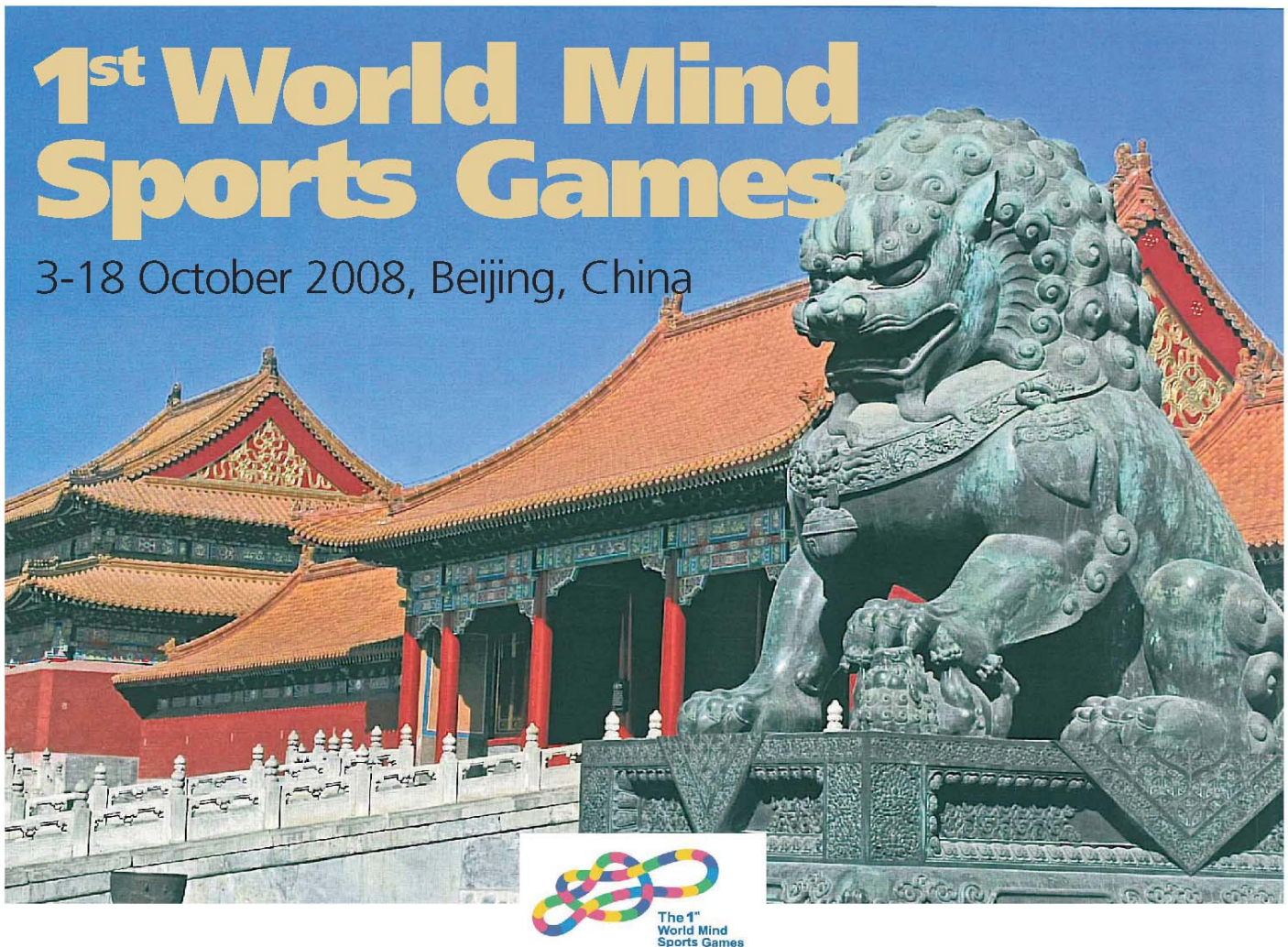
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Beijing, China, 3/18 October 2008

will be the venue for the first World Mind Sports Games (WMSG).

These games will be held under the aegis of  
 IMSA (the International Mind Sports Association)  
 and GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations)  
 and will consist of Bridge, Chess, Go and Draughts  
 (and also Chinese Chess in Beijing).



The Games will be held in the Beijing International Convention Centre, and may also utilize space within the Olympic Complex, with hotels and media village nearby.

The Opening Ceremony will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (probably in the early evening) and the Closing Ceremony will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, afternoon.

### World Bridge Games

(previously Olympiad) the events held in these games and included in the medals roll of the WMSG will be:

## THE NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS AND NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAMS

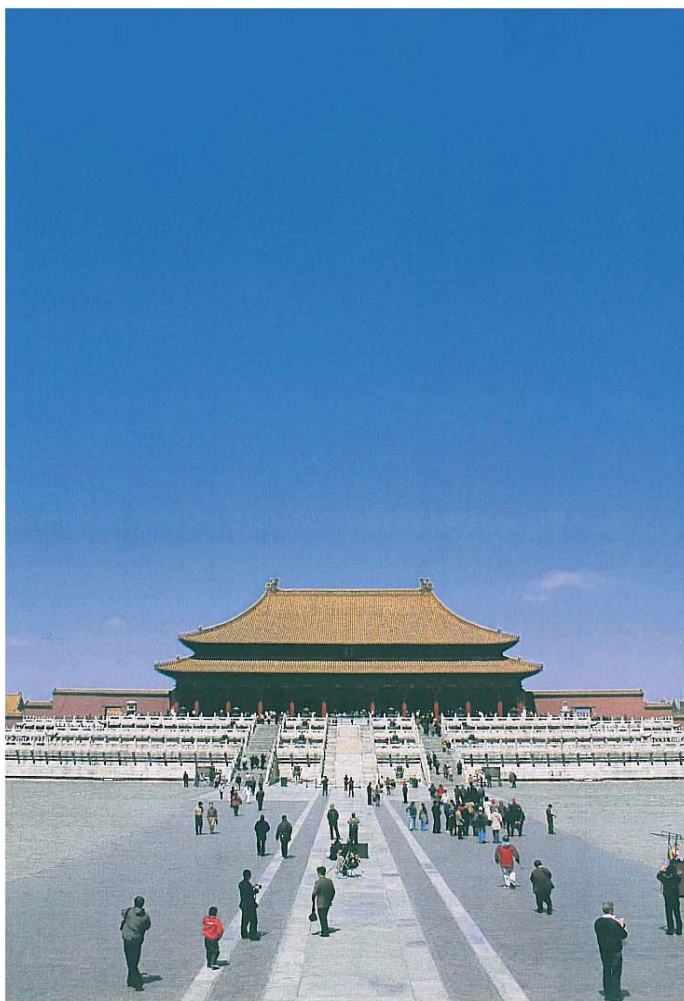
It is expected that play will start on Saturday morning,

**4<sup>th</sup> October.** The qualifying stage will be played during the first week, followed by the Knockout stages during the second week.

Each member country of the World Bridge Federation is entitled to send one Open and one Women's Team to the World Mind Sports Games.

Teams eliminated from the qualifying stage and the Round of 16 (or 8) may re-form to become Mixed Teams and compete in the **World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship**.

All competitors in the Women's Teams will be offered free room and board in the media village apartments to encourage participation, as will some Open teams **provided that their NBO sends at least one Youth Pair to compete in the WMSG in Beijing.**



## THE WMSG NATIONAL YOUTH TEAMS

Each and every member country of the World Bridge Federation is encouraged to enter one national team, consisting of 4, 5 or 6 players aged under 28 (i.e. born in 1980 or later), a non-playing captain and possibly one more team official.

The competition will be played as the former World Bridge Olympiad, i.e. with a qualifying stage, followed by a knockout phase until the winners are determined.

A (national) Pairs competition and an Individual will follow (see below), in which all team members may participate.

## THE WMSG YOUTH PAIRS

The Youth Pairs competition will be played in qualifying, semi-final and final stages. It is intended that pairs eliminated in the qualifying stage have a second chance to qualify to the final, through semi-final B.

Players from the WMSG Youth Teams who fail to qualify for the Knockout stages of that event are encouraged to participate in the Pairs. Note that partnerships must be national-transnational pairings will not be permitted.

However, if an NBO has been unable to send a team to play in the Youth Teams, they are encouraged to send a national pair to compete in the Pairs Championship. NBOs with teams participating in the Youth Teams event may not send additional Pairs to compete in this event.

As for the Youth Teams all players must be under 28 years old (i.e. born in 1980 or later).

## THE WMSG YOUTH INDIVIDUAL

The Youth Individual competition will be played straight through in one stage. The format will be such that groups will be formed in accordance with the Swiss principle, to ensure that competitors meet with / play against players of similar level of ability.

Players from the WMSG Youth Teams who fail to qualify for the later Knockout stages of that event are encouraged to participate in the Individual Championship.

However, if an NBO has been unable to send either teams or pairs to the event, they are strongly encouraged to send an individual to take part in the Individual Championship. NBOs with teams participating in the Youth Teams event or Pairs playing in the Pairs event may not send additional individual players to compete in this event.

As for the other WMSG Youth events, all players must be under 28 years old (i.e. born in 1980 or later)

There are no entry fees for the Youth Teams, Pairs or Individual Championships. In addition, all youth competitors, captains and one other official per NBO will be offered free room and board in the media village apartments to encourage participation.

It is also possible that reduced or even free air fares may be available; more information about this will be published as soon as it is available.

**In addition the World Junior Team Championships will be staged comprising:**

## THE WORLD JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE ORTIZ-PATINO TROPHY

This Championship is for players aged under 26 (born in 1982 or later). The teams for this event will qualify through their own Zonal Championships.

## THE WORLD JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE DAMIANI CUP

This Championship is for players aged under 21 (born in 1987 or later). The teams for this event will also qualify through their own Zonal Championships.

**Players (up to six per team) and the NPC and possibly one other official for each team in these two events will be offered free accommodation and all meals in the Media Village, part of the Olympic Complex.**

It is also possible that reduced or even free air fares may be available; more information about this will be published as soon as it is available. If your NBO wishes to apply for financial assistance with the air fares, please email Christine Francin ([cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com)) with the details.

As teams are knocked out of the Junior Championships, they may join play in the Youth Teams and if they are subsequently eliminated from the WSMBG Youth Teams, they will be eligible to join the World Youth Pairs, then the Individual. Details are still being worked on.

**Participation in these events is expected to be in accordance with the following table:**

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Zone	Ortiz- Patiño Trophy (U-26, born in 1982 or later)	Damiani Cup (U-21, born in 1987 or later)
<b>1</b>	Netherlands Italy Poland Norway Germany Denmark	Poland Bulgaria France England Norway Netherlands
<b>2</b>	USA Canada	USA Canada
<b>3</b>	2	2
<b>4</b>	1	1
<b>5</b>	1	1
<b>6</b>	China Hong Kong Chinese Taipei Indonesia	Singapore Chinese Taipei Indonesia
<b>7</b>	Australia	Australia
<b>8</b>	1	1
<b>Host</b>	China	China
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>

**NBOs with teams qualifying for either or both of these events are also eligible – and indeed, are encouraged, to send a team to the World Youth Teams Championships.**

## SENIORS' INTERNATIONAL CUP

*(not included in the WMSG medals roll but in the WBF World Bridge Games)*

The Seniors' International Cup will be played alongside the Open and Women's Teams, and thus it is expected that play will start on Saturday morning, 4<sup>th</sup> October.

The qualifying stage will be played during the first week, followed by the Knockout stages during the second week.

Senior players eliminated in the quarter final may participate in the World Transnational Mixed Teams.

Each member country of the World Bridge Federation is entitled to send one Senior Team to the World Mind Sports Games.

For the 2008 Senior Cup in Beijing, it has been agreed to make an exception to the regulation regarding Senior ages, and permit a minimum age of 58 for the event; thus Championship players must reach the age of 58 during the calendar year 2008 (i.e. before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008).

The minimum age for a Senior player for 2009 will be 59, and for 2010 it will be 60.

Senior Teams may benefit from special low rates for accommodation and meals in the media apartments.

## WORLD TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS

*(not included in the WMSG medals roll but in the WBF World Bridge Games)*

It is expected that the Mixed Teams will start on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> or Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October (depending on the number of teams entering).

The format will depend on the final number of entries, but is likely to be Swiss type, with a Knockout stage (starting with a



round of 16 or 8) being played in order to determine the Gold, Silver and Bronze medallists. The Bronze Medal will be awarded to the losing semi-finalist higher placed in the Swiss ranking.

Teams must consist of two or three Mixed Pairs playing in partnership.

Players must be members in good standing of their National Bridge Organisation which must, in turn, be a paid-up member of the World Bridge Federation. Teams should contact their NBO or NBOs and request nomination to play in the Mixed Teams Championship.

There is no quota restriction for this exciting and challenging Championship and NBOs may nominate as many teams as they wish.

## REGISTRATION

### ENTRY FEES

Event	US \$
• WSMG Youth Teams, Pairs and Individual	Free of Charge
• World Junior Team Championship (under 26)	1,500
• World Junior Team Championship (under 21)	1,000
• Open, Women's and Senior Teams	4,000
• Transnational Mixed Teams (for a team of four, five or six)	1,500

Players eliminated from the Open, Women's or Senior Teams may form new Mixed teams and will receive free entry provided no players who have not participated in these events are added.

In the event that a team is made up from players who have not participated in the three main events, with players from these events added to the team, the charges will be as follows:

	US \$
• A team with four new players & one or two eliminated players:	1,500
• A team with three new players & up to three eliminated players :	1,200
• A team with 2 new players & up to four eliminated players :	800
• A team with 1 new player & up to five eliminated players :	400

### REGISTRATION OF TEAMS

1<sup>st</sup> of May

(But at least intentions before 15<sup>th</sup> of March)

### REGISTRATION OF NAMES

1<sup>st</sup> of July

### REGISTRATION OF SYSTEMS

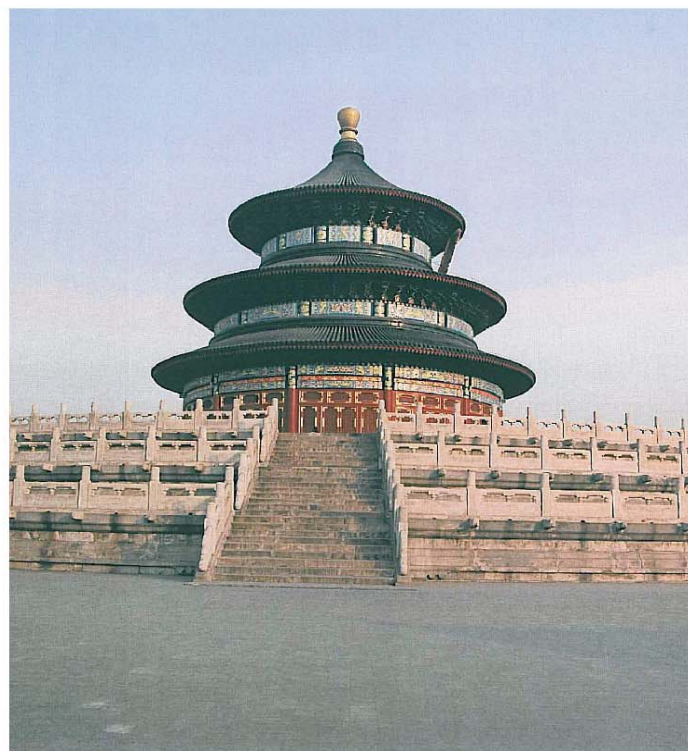
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### PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES

1<sup>st</sup> of July

### ENTRIES must be sent to:

The World Bridge Federation  
40, rue François 1<sup>er</sup>  
75008 Paris - France  
[cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com)



## SYSTEMS

Full systems regulations will be published in due course, but players should note that for the Open & Women's Teams, the Seniors and the World Junior Championship Teams it will be a requirement that systems are registered in advance, by email, for publication to the other teams.

Please note that neither Brown Sticker nor HUM Systems will be permitted at any stage of any of the events.

## ACCOMMODATION

Free accommodation and meals will be provided for all youth teams and women's teams. The accommodation will be in nearby fully furnished and fully equipped apartments.

Hotels will be available for approximately 1080 RMB (currently approximately \$145) per room per night for a 5-star hotel or 810 RMB (currently approximately US\$ 110) per room per night for a 4-star hotel all inclusive breakfast taxes and service. Full details of the hotels and the booking agency will be sent out in due course.

## MORE INFORMATION

Information will be published on the WBF Website at [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org), and on the ECatsBridge website at [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com) as soon as it is available.

## INFORMATION BY E-MAIL

E-mails with additional information will also be sent out to everyone who asked for them. If you are interested in receiving such e-mails, then please contact [anna@ecats.co.uk](mailto:anna@ecats.co.uk) and ask to be included in future mailings.

**WOMEN TEAMS**

**Round 2**

**France v Poland**

by Mark Horton

After recording a comfortable win in their opening match, France met Poland in Round 2 of the Women's series. Poland's players have been working hard in the run up to the Championships and have high hopes. As an aside, the newest member of the French team, Joanna Neve, was born in Poland.

There was a dramatic start:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allouche-Gaviard</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♥	All Pass

North led her singleton club and declarer put up dummy's ace. She crossed to hand with a spade and played a heart to the jack. When South discarded on the king of hearts declarer went back to spades, but there was no way to cope with the bad breaks and she had to go one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

This time East rejected West's invitation and stopped at what appeared to be a safe level.

South led the ten of clubs and declarer won with the jack. One possible line is to cross to dummy with a spade and play a heart to the jack. Slightly better is to cross to the ace of hearts and play a heart, as if North shows out on the

second round you can go up with the king and play on spades. As the cards lie either approach will lead to an easy ten tricks. Declarer preferred to play a spade to the jack and North won with the queen and switched to the five of diamonds. Declarer put in the nine and South won with the jack and played a spade. Declarer took dummy's ace and played a heart to the jack. When she cashed the king of hearts South discarded a club.

Mysteriously declarer now simply took dummy's two major suit aces, cashed the top clubs and played ace of diamonds and a diamond. That gave North the last two tricks for one down and flat board.

Once declarer sees the 4-1 heart split the winning line is to cash the top clubs which will be more than North can stand.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Anna "Panasonic" Sarniak, Poland



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allouche-Gaviard</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	3♦

Three Spades proved to be a simple affair when West started with the ace of spades, reducing the risk of a potential misguess. Declarer won the next spade and lost a trick in each of the other suits for a painless +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
Pass	1♣	INT	Pass
2♣*	Dble	2♥	Pass
3♥	All Pass		Pass

South led the six of clubs and declarer took the jack with the ace, and probably sensing no danger, crossed to dummy with a spade and ran the queen of hearts. South won and played a club to North's queen. It was not obvious that before switching to her singleton diamond she should cash the king of spades, but when she failed to do so declarer won with the ace, and cashed the ace and jack of hearts.

Now it is easy enough to ensure the contract by playing the nine of clubs, discarding dummy's nine of spades, a neat loser-on-loser play.

However, declarer played the jack of diamonds and South won and played a spade. North won and had only to play another spade to ensure the contract would go down. Inexplicably she played the king of clubs and a grateful declarer claimed +140 and 7 IMPs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allouche-Gaviard</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
1♦	1♠	Pass	INT
All Pass			

North must have been tempted to rebid her spades, but it's hardly a crime to pass INT.

West led the two of hearts and when dummy's jack held, Anna 'Panasonic' Sarniak played a spade to the ten. West took the jack and played another heart to dummy's ace. The fate of the contract depended on the spade guess, and when declarer played low to her queen West was able to duck. Trying to make something out of nothing declarer dropped an extra undertrick to be -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
1♣	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

East led the queen of clubs and declarer won in hand and played a spade to the ten. West won and cashed the ace of diamonds. Rather than look for a possible third round club ruff, she played another diamond and in due course declarer claimed +140 and 8 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allouche-Gaviard</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the eight of spades and declarer was allowed to win with the ten. She played the king of diamonds and when that held she took the club finesse. She ducked a heart to South and must have been hopeful when South continued with the ace of spades and a spade, but with hearts 4-2 the contract was hopeless. A discarding error allowed declarer to escape with 8 tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

With little to go on South led the seven of diamonds.

North took the ace and returned a diamond, so declarer won and cashed three more tricks in the suit, discarding two clubs and a heart, South parting with two spades and North with a club and a spade. Declarer ducked a heart to North, won the heart return and cashed another heart. With the jack of spade and the king of clubs well placed nine tricks could not be prevented, +400 giving 10 IMPs to Poland.

That was one of only two double figure swings and the other one also went to the Poles.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allouche-Gaviard</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
Pass	2NT*	Pass	1♠
All Pass			4♠

West led the three of clubs and East took the ace and switched to the five of hearts for the queen and king. West returned a heart to East's ace and she exited with a heart. Declarer ruffed with the nine of spades, advanced the jack of spades.....and ran it. Make that Panasonic Supersonic! +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
Pass	2NT*	Pass	1♠
All Pass			4♠

Here West led the four of clubs and East took the ace, cashed the ace of hearts and played another heart. West won and played the jack of hearts and declarer ruffed, advanced the jack of spades....and put up dummy's ace. When the spade finesse lost the contract was one down and Poland had 10 IMPs on the way to a 43-29 IMP, 18-12 VP defeat of the holders.

## Municipal Hospitality

On Thursday evening the **deputy Mayor of Pau**, Martine Lignières-Cassou, hosted a reception at the Hôtel de Ville.

The town hall contains magnificent portraits of two former sons of Pau.

**Henri IV** (13 December 1553 – 14 May 1610), ruled as King of France from 1589 to 1610 and, as Henri III, King of Navarre from 1572 to 1610.

As a Huguenot, Henry was involved in the Wars of Religion before ascending to the throne in 1589. In 1598 he enacted the Edict of Nantes which guaranteed religious liberties to the Protestants and thereby effectively ended the civil war. Once crowned, he changed his faith from Calvinism to Catholicism to better serve the country. One of the most popular French kings, both during and after his reign, Henry showed great care for the welfare of his subjects and displayed an unusual religious tolerance for the time. He was murdered by a fanatical Catholic, François Ravallac.

He is famously associated with this phrase:

*Si Dieu me prête vie, je ferai qu'il n'y aura point de laboureur en mon royaume qui n'ait les moyens d'avoir le dimanche une poule dans son pot!*

*God willing, every working man in my kingdom will have a chicken in the pot every Sunday, at the least!*

**Jean-Baptiste Bernadotte** served a long career in the French Army. He was created a Marshal of France by Napoleon I, though the two had a turbulent relationship. (As depicted in the film *Désirée*.) His service to France ended in 1810, when he was elected heir to the Swedish throne, reigning as Charles XIV from 1818 until his death.



## The 18-12 Overture

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

This year is the most difficult in the four-year cycle for the smaller Federations to decide which teams to field. The EBL invited them to field three teams in Pau, and the WBF invites them to field four in Beijing (Open, Women, Senior and Under 28). And there are other events to consider such as the EBL Youth Pairs in Wroclaw.

The problem is not only one of finance, but also the availability of players.

It was touch and go whether Wales would field a Womens team in Pau. Two leading pairs were not available and the selectors would not field a team-of-four. Eventually the debate ended with fielding a team despite the inexperience at this level of some of the team members.

So it was a cause for great delight that on its first day the Welsh Ladies defeated both Germany and Italy. The main quality the Welsh players have is no fear of bidding.

Here is an example from Wales' opening match against Germany:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ 10 9 6 ♥ J 10 8 4 ♦ J 10 2 ♣ K 9 5</p>	<table style="border: 2px solid green; 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 4 3 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ K 9 8 ♣ Q J 7 3</p>
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S					
<p>♠ Q J 7 5 ♥ 6 5 2 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ 8 6 4</p>		<p>♠ A 8 2 ♥ K Q 3 ♦ A Q 5 4 ♣ A 10 2</p>			

Open Room

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Alberti</i>	<i>Shea</i>	<i>Schaverus-Meuer</i>	<i>Commins</i>
		Pass	1♣	DbI
	Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
	Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Woodruff</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Clench</i>	<i>v. Arnim</i>
		Pass	INT	DbI
	2♣*	Pass	Pass	DbI
	Pass	2♥	All Pass	

The key call in the Open Room was Sheila Shea's upgrading of her hand for three tens. On a club lead there was no problem in the play with declarer collecting ten tricks.

In the Closed Room the weak notrump made it tougher for North-South to judge their values and so the game was missed. The heart partscore made 11 tricks but Wales had

gained 10 IMPs.

The Principality won the match 56-40 or 18-12 VPs and had something to celebrate.

### Championship Diary

You will recall our story about Lukas Podolsky who famously said "Football is like chess, only without the dice". We have been reliably informed that is completely wrong! What he actually said was "Football is like chess, but without the jokers."

At dinner last night two members of the journalist's cadre were discussing the Dutch ladies, and established to their surprise that Meike Wortel's surname means 'carrot'. The journalists noted the coincidence that also present at the tournament (in the seniors) was Anders Morath – whose name also translates to carrot.

The conversation then turned to vegetables: were there any other players present or past whose name equated to a vegetable? One journalist referred to the team from XXXX and suggested that there were at least five vegetables on the team. Jan Swaan came through with the journalist Franco Broccoli....but can you find others?

(We believe that a bridge player from Denmark called Schou almost translates to 'cabbage' but nearly isn't good enough!)

Journalists are easily amused; when the subject of the curiously-named Greek Bozemberg came up, we were reassured to discover that his first name was a rather more patriotic 'Kostas'. 'Ooh, close relative of that other famous Greek player, Kostas D Kontrax!' remarked a paronomastically inclined spectator.

Congratulations to Russia's Alexander Dubinin, who is now a proud father! Mother and daughter are doing well.

With (the admittedly less exciting) Euro 2008 taking place elsewhere, we find ourselves inevitably drawn into making the odd reference to the 'beautiful game'.

Here is a brief extract of a sketch we are working on, based on one created by comic genius Peter Cook.

**Editor** Patrick! (An anonymous Welsh player leaves the table). Sorry to drag you away from the fun, old boy. Match not going very well, you know.

**Patrick** Oh my God!

**Editor** Bridge is a psychological thing, Patrick, rather like a game of football. You know how in a game of football ten men often play better than eleven?

**Patrick** Yes, sir.

**Editor** Patrick, I am asking you to be that one man. We need a futile gesture at this stage. It will raise the morale of the rest of the team. Patrick, go over the Pyrenees, don't come back.

Goodbye, Patrick. God, I wish I was going too.

**Patrick** Goodbye, sir – or is it – au revoir?;

**Editor** No, Patrick. It's goodbye



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## Bareket on a roll!

Ilan Bareket faced a declarer play problem as West here, in 4♠.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A J 9 8 7 ♥ A Q 7 6 ♦ 3 ♣ A Q 7	<table style="border: 2px solid green; 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	♠ 10 ♥ 10 8 5 4 ♦ K 10 8 5 4 ♣ K 10 5	♠ K 5 3 2 ♥ 9 3 2 ♦ 7 6 ♣ J 8 6 3
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Yossi Roll raised 1♠ to 3♠ preemptively, and Ilan duly bid the game. On a diamond lead to the ♦A and a diamond continuation he played ♠A and a spade to the king. It looks all over now, with a club and heart to lose, but Bareket had not read the script. He took a club finesse next, and North won and returned a club. Bareket won in dummy and took the heart finesse, cashed the ♥A, then the ♣A, and this was the ending:

♠ J 9 ♥ 7 6 ♦ None ♣ None	<table style="border: 2px solid green; 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	♠ None ♥ 10 8 ♦ K 10 ♣ None	♠ 5 3 ♥ 9 ♦ None ♣ 8
N						
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Ilan crossed his fingers and exited with a trump; South won his ♠Q and with only diamonds left had to concede the ruff and discard that would let declarer pitch the heart from dummy and claim ten tricks.

## Zugwang Solution

(See Bulletin 5, Page 19)

All four players will make 3NT if they are declarer

## Limerick Competition



As yet this editor has not been swamped with Class A limericks, in fact no one present in Pau has found the time to compose an odd ode. All the entries received so far have been via the Internet. There have been one or two interesting entries including one in Russian which causes

me two problems, firstly I don't know if it is fit to print and secondly I suspect our layout editor might struggle with Cyrillic text.

However I have two entries worthy of mention and I reproduce these below, one is from a former president of the EBL and the other is not unconnected with the Lederer tournament.

More limericks are desperately required so we ask you to start composing.

Il y avait un president, Yves  
 Who issued instructions in sheaves  
 "On doit aller a Pau  
 It's the best place to go  
 Les Francais peuvent gagner, yes please"

In a mixed pairs at Pau just last week,  
 I had a game with a dame called Monique.  
 I bid a heart (cri de coeur),  
 Then one spade from her,  
 Raised to four in a great fit of pique

## Today's Schedule

- 10.30** Open Teams, Round 19
- 14.15** Women Teams, Round 7  
Senior Teams, Round 1
- 17.35** Women Teams, Round 8  
Senior Teams, Round 2

## A VOUS REVOIR

L'heure est venue de prendre congé de ceux qui ne seront pas des nôtres en seconde semaine. A commencer par les Belges, finalement victorieux face aux champions du monde, les Luxembourgeois qui comptent autant de victoires (peut-être un peu moins nettes) que de défaites, les Monégasques au parcours plus qu'honorable, et enfin les Suisses.

## LE COEUR EST SUISSE

A l'indice de performance, l'équipe suisse d'open, qui termine - comme l'on dit sur l'hippodrome - en tête des battus, représente avantagement une fédération de 4 000 licenciés, dont pratiquement aucun professionnel. Même s'ils n'en ont pas forcément la nationalité, tous se proclament Suisses de cœur. Venus en Suisse, en ce qui concerne certains, pour leurs études voilà quelques lustres, ils sont désormais physiciens, ingénieurs, mathématiciens, voire diplomates, ces personnes chez qui « Oui » signifie « Peut-être », « Peut-être » voulant dire « Non », mais qui ne disent jamais « Non » car, alors, ils ne seraient pas diplomates.

## TRAGEDIE EVITEE

Gérard Tissot, l'aimable capitaine de la formation française open, fut en son temps, lauréat du concours du Conservatoire (classe de Jean Marchat). Souhaitons à Gérard, stagiaire durant trois ans à la Comédie Française, d'être bientôt récompensé à Pau par un prix, voire un accessit, qui ne soit pas, comme en 1966... de tragédie.

## LES POULAINS SONT SOUS LES ORDRES

C'est sur l'hippodrome du Pont Long qu'aujourd'hui et demain, parallèlement aux Championnats d'Europe, se disputera le Trophée de l'Euro. S'agissant d'un tournoi par paires, ouvert à tous, il est déconseillé de rester dans les élastiques.

## TROIS QUARTS DE SIECLE

Soixante quinze ans, c'est beaucoup, mais, n'en déplaise aux matheux, il nous semble que trois quarts de siècle, c'est bien davantage. C'est, en tout cas, l'âge de la Fédération française de bridge (FFB) qui reçoit aujourd'hui tous ses amis au domaine de Cinquau.

La carte n°3 de la FFB, établie en 1933, donc, l'avait été au profit de Jean Herrmann, que nous avons connu 35 ans plus tard, quand ce gentilhomme recevait avec faste ses adversaires d'interclubs en son appartement parisien.

Cette carte n° 3 était, pour dire le vrai, le principal titre bridgesque de Jean Herrmann, parvenu en 2ème série après bien des efforts. Il mourut, un jour, pendant le Festival de Juan, ce qui lui valut l'oraison funèbre suivante de la part de l'un de nos tout meilleurs joueurs : « Ce pauvre Jean, c'étaient deux tops assurés à Juan les Pins. »

## LA VALEUR N'ATTEND PAS



Il convient de s'attarder sur la plus jeune de nos équipes féminines. La formation d'Israël, qui aligne déjà Liri Porat (21 ans) en face de maman, présente deux grands espoirs, âgées de 15 ans, remarquées l'an passé déjà à Jesolo. Nous avons nommé Adi Asulin et Hila Lévy. Adi Asulin et Hila Lévy, cadettes en Gascogne.

## TRADUCTION LIBRE

Il ressort d'une semaine de collaboration avec nos confrères anglo-saxons que la traduction anglaise de « bridge de salon » serait « kitchen bridge ».

## Delegates to the General Assembly



The delegates of every NBO are requested to confirm their attendance at the General Assembly which will take place on Sunday 22 June 2008.

## Swedish midsummer

by Peter Ventura

Today is the Midsummer's Day in Sweden – and “the day after”.

As with every other Swedish feast they start to celebrate the day before the big day. Take Christmas for example. All around the world people celebrate Christ's birth on December 25, but not Swedes – they start the party on the 24th of December (and will of course be more or less comatose on the real day).

Midsummer is an occasion of large gatherings – and to be honest, many Swedes take advantage of it to fulfil their social obligations so that they can enjoy the rest of their holiday in peace. In many cases, whole families gather to celebrate this traditional high-point of the summer.

Swedes like the world to be well-ordered, so Midsummer Eve is always a Friday. People often begin the day by picking flowers and making wreaths to place on the maypole, which is a key component in the celebrations.

The maypole is raised in an open spot and traditional ring-dances ensue, to the delight of the children and some of the adults. Teenagers tend to stay out of it and wait for the evening's more riotous entertainment.

A typical Midsummer menu features different kinds of pickled herring, boiled new potatoes with fresh dill, sour cream and raw red onion. This is often followed by a grilled dish of some kind, such as spare rib or salmon, and for dessert the first strawberries of summer, with cream.

The traditional accompaniment is a cold beer and schnapps, preferably spiced. Every time the glasses are refilled, singing breaks out anew. Swedes like drinking songs, and the racier the better.

Midsummer is an occasion invested with a certain nostalgia. Deep inside, Swedes are all agreed on what it should look like and how it should proceed. So after dinner, many people still want to go out dancing, just like in the old days. Preferably on an outdoor dance floor beside a lake as the evening mist settles and the sound of the orchestra echoes back from the rocky hills on the opposite shore.

On their way home, girls and young women are supposed to pick seven different species of flowers and lay them under their pillows. At night, their future husbands appear to them in a dream.

Legend has it that the night before Midsummer's Day is a magical time for love. It still is, in a way. During this night many a relationship is put to the test. Under the influence of alcohol, the truth will out – which can lead both to marriage and to divorce.

## Sitout 5 – Solution

Your task was to find a lie of the cards that allows Six Spades to make after North's normal lead of the club queen from QJx. No defender has more than four cards in any suit.

	♠ 4 3 2				
	♥ 10 8 6				
	♦ 10 9 8 7				
	♣ Q J 8				
♠ A K Q J 10 9 8	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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	♠ —
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♦ A J		♦ 5 4 3 2			
♣ —		♣ 10 9 7 5 4 3 2			
	♠ 7 6 5				
	♥ J 9 7 5				
	♦ K Q 6				
	♣ A K 6				

It would have been easy if South had four hearts and KQxxx in diamonds. In the six-card ending South would have to hold on to all his hearts and the diamond honours. Dummy keeps three diamonds whereupon two rounds of diamonds establish a diamond trick. But five-card suits were not allowed. Instead try the above layout. Ruff the lead and proceed with all the trumps. South must throw his club honours in order to keep his hearts and KQ of diamonds.

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	♥ 10				
	♦ 10 9 8				
	♣ J 8				
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♦ A J		♦ 5 4			
♣ None		♣ 10 9			
	♠ None				
	♥ J 9 7 5				
	♦ K Q				
	♣ None				

Enter dummy and play the club ten. South must give up one of the red suits. Declarer discards the other.

## Sitout exercise 6

Perhaps ridiculously easy for most readers. John had a vague feeling that his wife Lisa wasn't quite reliable when it came to her marital vows. So far he had not been able to prove any foul play the many times she had come home late, but...

When Lisa returned home after midnight again one night John asked how her evening had been, and she proudly reported that she had been very successful at the rubber bridge with Janet, Dorothy, and Anne. Look here, she said, and showed the score summary.

Lisa	+4550,	Dorothy	-2050
Janet	-3000,	Anne	+500

John filed for divorce the following day. Why?