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ONE LAST CHANCE



Tianmen Gate to The Forbidden City

We have completed the U28, U26 and U21 Teams, and the Junior Pairs. That leaves one last chance for a championship or a medal in these 1st World Mind Sports Games, in the Individual Championship, which is completed today with two more sessions.

In the 'A', or Medal group, Norway's Lars Arthur Johansen leads the way from Lobomir Ignatov of Bulgaria and Junje Hu of China.

In Group 'B', the leader is Ivan Volozhenin of Russia, ahead of You Hu of Australia and Cedric Margot of Switzerland.

Rozas Blakevicius of Lithuania leads Group 'C', followed by Tak Lung Yeung of China Hong Kong and Daan Elia Mogot of Indonesia.

The leader in Group 'D' after two sessions is Ching-Fung Calvin Poon of China Hong Kong. At the head of the chasing pack are Anas Mestiri of Tunisia and Niclas Raulund Ege of Denmark.

As we saw in the Pairs Championship, someone can come from a long way back to win, so with 48 boards still to play at least half of each section could still come out on top.

Vugraph

There will be no vugraph presentation today.



Today's Schedule

10.30 Individual, Session 3

15.30 Individual, Session 4

19.30 Prize Giving Ceremony



What are you going to do when you get home again?



Joan Priu, Spain

– First I'm going to sleep then go to work. I'm normally working at the Barcelona bridge club as TD and teacher. So it will be more bridge for sure.

Barbara Nudelman, USA

– I will go and get a nice pedicure and a manicure then it's time to visit my family that I miss. It will for sure be good to be home again. These tournaments always feel too long when they are coming to an end.



Sunisa Chodchoy, Thailand

– I'm going to eat Thai food. I miss it too much; first I will start with a very spicy traditional papaya salad then all the other dishes...

Björn Thalén, Sweden

– I really have to study. I have a lot to read to be able to catch up with the others at the university with my mathematics studies.



Ann-Sofie Houlberg, Denmark

– I'm going to play bridge, smiling... Nooo - not really. I have to get back to work. I'm working as secretary for a doctor this term since I had to come here instead of my normal medical studies.

Invitations For Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony for the 1st World Mind Sports Games will be held at 17.00 on Saturday October 18th.

Captains of the teams are reminded to pick up the invitation letters that they registered for yesterday, on Friday the 17th (11.00 to 19.30), at the desk of the Chinese Organising Committee in No.1 Meeting Hall of the BICC.

Individual Prize Giving



The Individual Prize Giving will be held this evening at 19.30 in the vugraph theatre. It is hoped that all players will attend this prize-giving.

World Championship Book 2008



The official book of these championships will be available around the end of March. On publication the official retail price will be £24 Sterling plus postage. You can pre-order a copy at the championships at the reduced price of US\$35 (240 Rmb) including surface mail, by seeing Brian Senior in the Bulletin Room at the BICC (through the back of the Open playing room).

The 2008 book will consist of 380 large pages, 44 more than normal, and this explains the price increase on previous years, which is also partly to offset the higher postal costs. The increased size is to cater to the fact that we have all the Youth events that have not previously been a factor in the World Championship book. By adding extra pages, we don't need to reduce the coverage of the Open etc.

There will be substantial coverage of all events, including every board of the final and semi-finals of the Open and Women's Teams, with full results listings, Butler rankings, photographs etc. Principle analysts will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal and John Carruthers. This year's guest writers are Mark Horton, Geo Tislevoll and Marc Smith.

If you have a possible hand for inclusion, do feel free to send it to me at bsenior@hotmail.com.

Trick or Treat

by Micke Melander

We are coming close to the yearly Halloween celebrations. Wu/Tuczynski (CHT/POL) were messed up pretty badly when Schaltz/Araszkiewicz (DEN/POL) tricked them on Board 4 in the Youth Individual tournament. Though Wu/Tuczynski were treated quite nicely on Board 3.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tuczynski	Schaltz	Wu	Araszkiewicz
—	—	—	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			



Yen-Hsuen Wu – Chinese Taipei

Two Clubs was strong. Schaltz made life easy and went into a natural auction since he had a positive hand. Four Clubs and 4♦ were cuebids, 4NT asked for aces and, when one of them was missing, Araszkiewicz bid 6♥.

6NT from South would have been a better contract, but playing an Individual with new partners all the time it isn't so easy to know what's going on. But Araszkiewicz should have trusted that partner held some nice cards for him with that kind of bidding.

Wu found the diamond lead to save a trick for the defence, longest and strongest worked fine again...

But Wu was soon facing new problems on the next deal. He got the queen of clubs lead that ran to the king.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tuczynski	Schaltz	Wu	Araszkiewicz
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Wu started to attack trumps and played the ace of spades (the defenders contributed the two and three) and exited with a low spade. He saw the seven of spades, diamond discard from dummy and the ten from Schaltz. North now returned the queen of hearts. How should he play?

That queen tricked Wu pretty badly. He ducked the trick and Schaltz immediately continued with a low heart that ran to South's jack. A heart came back to Schaltz's ace and, as if this wasn't enough, Schaltz now gave Araszkiewicz a club ruff. Araszkiewicz returned the last heart, which Schaltz could ruff high with the queen of spades, allowing the defence to score their remaining high trumps separately. The defence also had to score the ace of diamonds. Adding all up, it was the defence that made eight tricks. Wu for sure felt tricked after that brilliant defence!

Individual – Session I

by Brian Senior

Four sections, three of 13 tables, one of 16, with Section 'A' playing for the championship and the medals. An Individual is a unique form of the game, requiring a very different approach to that followed when playing with a regular partner with all your preferred bidding and carding methods at your fingertips.

Some people's approach to playing with strange partners is to make a lot of decisions themselves, as we shall see.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Lin Jing	Wang	Johansen
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

When Zhang raised the 1♥ response, Chang Wang jumped to 3NT to offer a choice of games. I confess, I would have bid a simple 4♥, but Wang should surely have ended up in that contract anyway as it seems normal for West to go back to 4♥ when looking at a small doubleton in a side-suit.

The combination of actions should have earned the two Chinese players a well-deserved bad score but, as they say, the play's the thing. Lars Johansen led the ace of clubs and Lin Jing signalled with the jack. Wang falsecarded with the eight and Johansen fell for it, continuing with the king and a third club. Wang could now play hearts for five tricks and take the diamond finesse into the safe hand for his overtrick; +630 when +620 was the normal result.

The defence could afford to let declarer have a club trick, say if South plays a low club at trick two, but not the combination of both a club trick and the defensive communications being cut. I would vote for a switch at trick two, perhaps to a spade. It is true that the club plays at trick one were consistent with declarer's holding queen-eight doubleton, but the falsecard was a pretty standard effort, and perhaps it was unwise to play declarer to have jumped

to 3NT with a guaranteed major-suit fit available if he had only a doubleton club.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
O'Shea	Bilde	Houlberg	Fellus
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♦	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♥	4♠	All Pass	

Facing a passed partner and at favourable vulnerability, Australia's William O'Shea decided that it was the perfect time to try a little diversion. The combination of his 1♦ overcall and Anne-Sofie Houlberg's (DEN) competitive double convinced Dennis Bilde (DEN) to just jump to 4♠ at his second turn. A little lazy perhaps.

Houlberg led a low diamond, of course, and Bilde won the eight and cashed three rounds of trumps then led his low heart towards the queen. When Houlberg played low the heart loser went away on the top clubs and that was +710, salvaging quite a few matchpoints after missing the good spade slam.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Hu</i>	<i>Jiang</i>	<i>Nistor</i>	<i>Sakirler</i>
—	—	—	2NT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

You need a strong stomach to watch bridge sometimes – I find Mehmet Sakirler's (TUR) 2NT opening truly revolting. China's Yujie Jiang might have used Stayman and found the spade fit, but then a failing slam might well have been reached. Still, when Sakirler passed the invitational 4NT raise and Junjie Hu led the ten of hearts, Sakirler was in a poor contract.

Things improved when Romania's Radu Nistor made the normal play of an encouraging seven and Sakirler's bare queen won the first trick. Declarer cashed four diamonds then four clubs. He could have attempted to beat everyone in the spade game by taking the spade finesse now, making all 13 tricks if it was successful, but East had thrown a spade away and Sakirler judged it wise therefore to cash the ace and settle for ten tricks unless the king fell; +430.

North/South would lose out to all those in the spade game, but could expect to pick up a reasonable number of matchpoints from those pairs going off in slam.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Hu</i>	<i>Jiang</i>	<i>Nistor</i>	<i>Sakirler</i>
1♥	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Though the result was wild, one can sort of understand every action taken by the players. Hu's 1♥ opening and the 2♣ overcall were both normal enough, and Sakirler can hardly be blamed for introducing his spades. Perhaps Jiang's 3NT bid was a gamble, but he hoped to find just enough club length in dummy to have a chance to run the suit, and nobody had bid diamonds.

The most understandable action, however, was Hu's closing double. With all that high-card strength and the spade suit completely sewn up, all he needed was for his partner to be able to prevent the run of the clubs.

The play was a bloody affair after Nistor's heart lead and Jiang was down four for –100.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sikora</i>	<i>Siderov</i>	<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>Araszkiewicz</i>
—	1NT	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

When Bulgaria's Zhivko Siderov opened a 15-17 no trump, Poland's Konrad Araszkiewicz invited game and Siderov said, 'No thanks'. The popular style of leading second from four small might have proved expensive here, as declarer can certainly get home easily enough after the lead of the ♦7, which gives him an easy second trick in the suit. But Stefan Skorchev (BUL) led the ♦4 to the jack, queen and ace.

Siderov crossed to a top heart to take the club finesse. Now he could succeed by playing a diamond to the eight before cashing both top clubs, establishing his eighth trick before the defence's sixth. But he actually cashed the ace and king of clubs, hoping to split the suit. Siderov continued with a fourth club but Skorchev had made things very clear to his partner, discarding a suit-reference ♥10 then the ♦5. Jan Sikora won the club and switched to the queen of spades followed by the ♠9. Skorchev cashed the spades and led a diamond; down one for –100.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Granstrom</i>	<i>Kizilok</i>	<i>Manno</i>	<i>Sinclair</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Italy's Andrea Manno made a strong jump shift then, on getting heart support from Finland's Juho Granstrom, simply asked for key cards then bid the slam. That looks too much to me after making the strong jump shift in the first place, but with the spade finesse working it was an easy +1430, and perhaps one should not quarrel with taking a simple route to success in an Individual event.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 5 4
 ♥ 9 8 6 5 3
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ J 9 8 4

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

♠ J 8 7 6 3 2
 ♥ 10
 ♦ A 9 6 2
 ♣ A 10

♠ A K Q 10 9
 ♥ K Q J
 ♦ 10 4
 ♣ K 3 2

N
 W E
 S

West	North	East	South
<i>Granstrom</i>	<i>Kizilok</i>	<i>Manno</i>	<i>Sinclair</i>
Pass	1♦	2♠	3♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Manno made a mildly off-centre weak jump overall with a weak suit and two aces outside, and that must have surprised Scotland's Andrew Sinclair more than a little, considering his spade holding. Had he passed and Turkey's Omer Kizilok reopened with a double, there would have been plenty of Italian blood on the table. But Sinclair was afraid that there would be no double. He manufactured a club suit, not imagining that this would cause too many problems, but Kizilok's splinter response left him in a horrible situation with no obvious get-out.

Sinclair tried asking for key cards but the 5NT response, confirming the void, was not what he was looking for. How many key cards did 5NT show? In a regular partnership, one would like to think that one would know the answer to that question, but in an Individual? Partner had bid strongly by jumping to 4♠, so Sinclair finally guessed to raise himself to 6NT, which Manno doubled. Of course, 5NT would have been a comfortable make, but there was no escape in slam and Manno grabbed his aces at the first opportunity; down one for –100. Not quite the perfect way to end the session for North/South, whose enjoyment of their lunch would not have been improved.

A Massive Moysian

by Jan van Cleeff

Co-editor Micke Melander spotted a nice bidding sequence by Olivier Bessis and Jerome Grenthe from France. It came in the A-final of the Youth Pairs, second session.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

W N E S

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Grenthe</i>		<i>Bessis</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦(i)
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥(i)	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

(i) Not knowing what to bid

A diamond was led and 11 tricks were quickly made. That was a massive result in the Moysian fit since 3NT goes down.



Jerome Grenthe – France

The Last Two Boards

by Jan van Cleeff

In the Juniors Pairs Final 'A' it all came down to the last two boards, numbers 23 and 24. Realistically speaking, only two pairs could win the world championship: Fisher and Schwarz from Israel and Sen and Sakirler from Turkey. I was watching the table where the Israelis were playing. Their opponents were from France.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Fisher	l'Huissier	Schwarz	Lebatteux
1♣	1♠(!?)	2♥	Dble(i)
Rdbl	2♠	4♥	Pass
4NT(ii)	Pass	5♦(iii)	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- (i) Diamonds
- (ii) Key card
- (iii) 0 or 3

Nicolas l'Huissier launched a sporting overcall on zero HCP. Not that it mattered much. East/West would have bid slam anyway. Aymeric Lebatteux led ♦K and eventually the slam went down one. This was just what Sen and Sakirler were waiting for. At another table they made twelve tricks in 3NT as East/West after a spade lead; Sen simply developed clubs. With one board to go the young Turks clearly were on top.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 10 6	♠ 8 7 3	♠ J 9 2
♥ A K Q J 10 9 5 4	♥ 7 2	♥ 3
♦ K	♦ Q 10 9 7 3	♦ A 8 2
♣ 10	♣ J 7 6	♣ A Q 8 5 3 2
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ K Q 5 4	
	♥ 8 6	
	♦ J 6 5 4	
	♣ K 9 4	

West	North	East	South
Fisher	l'Huissier	Schwarz	Lebatteux
2♣(i)	Pass(ii)	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣(iii)	Pass
4♦(iii)	Pass	4NT(iv)	Pass
5♦(v)	Pass	5NT(vi)	Pass
6♦(vii)	Pass	6NT	All Pass

- (i) Strong
- (ii) Too strong to bid
- (iii) Cuebid
- (iv) Key card
- (v) 0 or 3
- (vi) Kings?
- (vii) ♦K

So another slam and again an easy lead for South: a spade honour. This time declarer had twelve tricks right from the beginning. South, not sure of the situation, bared his ♣K and kept an extra diamond, hoping for a club finesse. At trick twelve Ron Schwarz cashed ♣A, dropping the king, and scored the queen as the over-trick. That looked to be an excellent result and probably enough for the world title. The Israelis high fived but, all of a sudden, they stopped partying when the news spread that their Turkish competitors had bid grand slam on the same deal. This is what happened:

West	North	East	South
Sen		Sakirler	
2♣(i)	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT(ii)	Pass
5♦(iii)	Pass	5♠(iv)	Pass
6♦(v)	Pass	7NT	All Pass

- (i) Strong
- (ii) Key card
- (iii) 0 or 3
- (iv) Kings?
- (v) ♦K or both black kings

East's hopes were put on both black kings with his partner or something useful. So he was a little disappointed when dummy came down. He even got more disappointed when South led a spade honour, breaking up a possible squeeze against somebody with all the outstanding key cards. On the run of his heart suit the defenders prematurely discarded too many clubs and on the penultimate trick declarer guessed the suit right, when South erred by baring his king. So, Melih Osman Sen and Mehmet Remzi Sakirler are the new World Junior Pairs champions.

Devious Jacks

by Micke Melander

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North Bilde	East	South Schaltz
—	—	—	1♦
Dble	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Schaltz led the ace of clubs and realised that declarer probably was going to make his contract. He finally decided to continue with the four of hearts. Declarer, who had seen North bid INT naturally, thought that he should have

the king or queen, or even both of them, and therefore made the only reasonable play of a small card, so North's ten won the trick.

Bilde now returned the jack of diamonds and that was won by the king. Declarer played a spade to the king, ducked, and exited with the queen of clubs to South's king leaving the following position:

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

Schaltz, in the South seat, now played the eight of spades and declarer didn't know what to believe any more. More importantly, who held the jack of spades? South had opened the bidding and only shown seven HCP.

Declarer asked for the queen of spades from dummy – curtains when North won with the ace. Bilde now returned his last diamond, won by dummy's ace. Declarer was now afraid that the defence was going to ruff and decided to play the ace of trumps followed by a low trump.

The defence had already managed to get five tricks.

♠ 7		
♥ —		
♦ —		
♣ 8 7 6		
♠ 10 4		♠ 9
♥ J		♥ —
♦ 7		♦ Q 8
♣ —		♣ 10
	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	
	♠ J	
	♥ —	
	♦ 10 4	
	♣ J	

Schaltz exited with the jack of clubs and declarer ruffed in dummy. He could have thrown Schaltz in with the jack of spades for an escape of one down, but played on the hope that diamonds were breaking instead. A diamond from dummy to declarer's queen followed and South could now claim the last two tricks with the ten of diamonds and that devious jack of spades.



Dennis Bilde – Denmark

Individual Session Two

by Brian Senior

Piotr Tuczynski and Martin Rehder sailed into slam on this deal from the second session of the Individual Championship.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A K 9 3		
♥ 9		
♦ K 10 8 6 3 2		
♣ A Q		
♠ 8 5		♠ Q 10 7 6
♥ Q 6 5 4		♥ A 8 7 3 2
♦ Q J		♦ 4
♣ 9 7 6 4 3		♣ J 8 2
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ J 4 2	
	♥ K J 10	
	♦ A 9 7 5	
	♣ K 10 5	

West	North Rehder	East	South Tuczynski
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Rehder showed that you can get by without complex checkback methods by making a clearcut diamond slam try over the 12-14 INT rebid. Tuczynski had a flat minimum but felt that a courtesy cuebid of 4♥ committed his side to nothing more than to what they were already committed. This sign of co-operation was all that Rehder needed to hear. He checked on key cards then raised to the small slam.

Six Diamonds can never be defeated, and played by South declarer cannot even be put to a heart guess as, if the defence does not take the heart trick immediately, it goes away on the third club. And, indeed, that is exactly what happened. West led a club so Tuczynski won the queen, cashed the king of diamonds then the ♣A before playing a second trump to hand. Now the heart went away and he was looking for a spade position that would offer an overtrick. Of course, that did not materialise, but +1370 was just fine.

Even played by North, only a low heart lead and an understandable misguess will defeat the contract (if the defence takes the ♥A there are two spade discards on the ♥K and ♣K).

Is that the last word on this deal? Well, in the real world, yes. But let's imagine that you played 6♦ by North and misguessed on a low heart lead. There is no way home by straightforward play as the entries do not appear to exist for a squeeze. However, you could still make the contract if you

suddenly got to see all the remaining cards. Win the return and run all six trumps, throwing a heart and a spade from dummy. East has to come down to six cards. That must include three spades and the ♥A, so only two clubs. Now you can continue by playing ace of clubs and overtaking the club queen, the jack falling. When you now cash the ♣10, East is squeezed in the majors.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West Stuurman	North Johansen	East Kizilok	South Verbeek
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Dble
Rdbl	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Tim Verbeek did not come in over Omer Kizilok's 1♠ opening but, when Kizilok next bid Verbeek's singleton, he felt that he had sufficient strength to make a take-out double. Dennis Stuurman suggested that this might have been an error; then doubled Lars Johansen's run-out to 2♥, ending the auction.

Kizilok led his singleton diamond. Johansen won the ace and tried the king, looking a little disappointed when Kizilok ruffed. Kizilok switched to the four of spades and declarer called for the ten then led the club off the dummy. Stuurman went in with the king to cash the queen of diamonds, spade from East, then continued with the ♦J, on which declarer pitched a spade, as did Kizilok. The fifth diamond saw a club pitch from declarer and a spade from East as dummy ruffed.

Johansen played dummy's ace of spades, ruffed with the eight and over-ruffed with the nine. Now a club was ruffed with the seven. Johansen next threw a club on the queen of spades and Kizilok could ruff. There were still two top hearts to come for down two; -500.

If that looked bad, see what happened to the then leader, Poland's Jan Sikora. He overcalled INT as South then ran to 2♦ when he was doubled. That cost a cool 1100 and there was a new leader at the end of the round.

Michal Knew Better

by Jan van Cleeff

Youth Individual. Session 2. I better polish up my Polish. This thought struck my mind when I was out there looking for top spots and great hands. First I kibitzed a friendly Polish chap called Jan Sikora, by then the leader in Group A. Some boards and a couple of undertricks later I decided to leave the poor fellow since he had dropped like Wall Street. Then I saw a new victim, Michal Nowosadzki, also from Poland of course. Michal by the way, four years ago won the World Individual Junior Pairs in New York. And here in Beijing, as an U26 Polish team member, he already has silver in the bank. So my expectations were fairly high.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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



Michal Nowosadzki – Poland

Sitting South, Nowosadzki led a natural ♦J for the ace. Declarer drew one round of trumps, cashed three clubs and pitched a heart from dummy. Declarer now played a heart to the queen. North won, cashed a second heart and gave his partner the ruff in the suit. With trumps 2-2, not exactly a terrible result for Michal. And then:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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



West	North	East	South Michal
–	–	1♠	2♦
2♠	2NT	Pass	?

What would you bid now as South? 2NT or 3♦? Playing Pairs, I probably would pass. Michal, of course, knew better. He raised to 3NT. West counted his points and doubled. There it rested; NS +650 (declarer scored the ♠K as a bonus).



INDIVIDUAL SECTION A

	Name	CNT	%
1	JOHANSEN Lars Arthur	NOR	57,90%
2	IGNATOV Lubomir	BUL	57,12%
3	HU Junjie	CHN	56,42%
4	ANTER Salih Murat	TUR	56,08%
5	VERBEEK Tim	NED	55,73%
6	NISTOR Radu	ROM	55,64%
7	WASIAK Artur Lucasz	POL	55,38%
8	MACHNO Artur Marek	POL	55,30%
9	SIKORA Jan	POL	55,21%
10	KRAWCZYK Joanna	POL	54,95%
11	STUURMAN Dennis	NED	54,34%
12	BURAS Krzysztof	POL	53,73%
13	O'SHEA William	AUS	53,21%
14	SEN Melih Osman	TUR	52,52%
15	SCHALTZ Martin	DEN	52,26%
16	ARASZKIEWICZ Konrad	POL	52,17%
17	FELLUS Simon	ITA	52,17%
18	HOULBERG Anne-Sofie	DEN	52,00%
19	JIANG Yujie	CHN	51,56%
20	EIDE Erik A	NOR	51,48%
21	VULCAN Bogdan	ROM	50,78%
22	WANG Chang	CHN	50,61%
23	TUCZYNSKI Piotr	POL	50,35%
24	SINCLAIR Andrew James A.	SCO	49,91%
25	REHDER Martin	GER	49,91%
26	BOGEN Haakon	NOR	49,91%
27	VESELOV Ivan	RUS	49,22%
28	KIZILOK Omer	TUR	48,78%
29	GOTARD Thomas	GER	48,35%
30	CHEN Yichao	CHN	48,35%
31	SKORCHEV Stefan	BUL	48,18%
32	WILKINSON Alexander William	SCO	48,09%
33	ZHANG Yizhuo	CHN	48,09%
34	PIOTROWSKI Przemyslaw	POL	47,92%
35	SOLOVYEV Aleksandr	RUS	47,83%
36	IGLA Bartlomiej	POL	47,48%
37	NOWOSADZKI Michal	POL	47,48%
38	GJALDBAEK Kare	DEN	47,40%
39	SPASOV Dean	BUL	47,14%
40	WIANKOWSKI Piotr	POL	46,88%
41	NAWROCKI Piotr	POL	46,70%
42	SIDEROV Zhivko	BUL	46,70%
43	VISSER Frank	NED	46,27%
44	FELLUS Robin	ITA	46,18%
45	GREENBERG (Jr) Ari	USA	45,57%
46	WU Yen-Hsuan	TPE	45,31%
47	ZHANG Zhizheng	CHN	45,31%
48	BILDE Dennis	DEN	45,14%
49	GRANSTROM Juho	FIN	44,79%
50	YILMAZBAYHAN Can	TUR	44,18%
51	SAKIRLER Mehmet Remzi	TUR	43,58%
52	LIU Jing	CHN	42,45%

INDIVIDUAL SECTION B

	Name	CNT	%
1	VOLOZHENIN Ivan	RUS	61,62%
2	WU You	AUS	59,13%
3	MARGOT Cedric	SUI	58,81%
4	SCHULZ Dieter	AUT	58,61%
5	SYUSYUKIN Ivan	BUL	57,63%
6	EGGELING Marie	GER	57,59%
7	DE DONDER Steven	BEL	56,68%
8	BOYD Richard	IRL	56,60%
9	HORNIBROOK John	AUS	55,57%
10	GRUDE Tor Eivind	NOR	55,43%
11	GOMEZ HIERRO Ramon	ESP	55,30%
12	KOPECKY Michal	CZE	54,81%
13	DESAI Sapan	IND	54,62%
14	SORENSEN Lars Moller	DEN	53,51%
15	HELMICH Aarnout	NED	53,36%
16	VAN MECHELEN Rutger	BEL	53,06%
17	LEBATTEUX Aymeric	FRA	52,49%
18	AKSUEYEK Efe	SUI	52,23%
19	VASILEV Nikolai	BUL	52,17%
20	ELLISON Myles	SCO	51,71%
21	BRAGA Ricardo	POR	51,53%
22	PEDERSEN Lea Troels Moller	DEN	51,49%
23	BREDE Lukasz	POL	51,24%
24	GODED MERINO Gonzalo	ESP	51,11%
25	JANKOVA Jana	CZE	50,67%
26	BALASOVJS Jurij	LAT	50,57%
27	MACURA Milan	CZE	50,27%
28	GRUENKE Paul	GER	50,26%
29	BRAGA Rafael	POR	49,81%
30	DAVIS Emmett	IRL	49,69%
31	KULL Miriam	SUI	48,83%
32	HOWARD Justin	AUS	48,73%
33	HOP Gerbrand	NED	48,60%
34	WUITSCHIK Georg	SUI	48,34%
35	ZYLKA Kamil	CZE	48,14%
36	MOHOTA Anurag	IND	47,89%
37	SONG Qi	CHN	47,08%
38	MATTHIAS Lisa	GER	47,00%
39	EIDE Harald	NOR	46,67%
40	MAFA Letsogile	BOT	46,33%
41	WARE Griffith	AUS	46,02%
42	EWALD Jennifer Christina	SUI	45,79%
43	HANTOS Jonathan	VEN	44,57%
44	ORTEGA Luz	VEN	44,14%
45	LHUISSIER Nicolas	FRA	43,83%
46	DONG Chunhui	CHN	43,72%
47	WUERMSEER Maria	GER	43,64%
48	ELLISON Gyles	SCO	41,82%
49	RAMASINDRAIBE Girard	MAD	40,97%
50	AMIGUET Jerome	SUI	40,50%
51	OWEN Christopher	WAL	38,07%
52	DAS Soumya	IND	36,78%

INDIVIDUAL SECTION C

	Name	CNT	%
1	BLAZEVICIUS Rokas	LTU	60,24%
2	YEUNG Tak Lung	HKG	58,44%
3	MOGOT Daan Elia	INA	58,20%
4	BETHERS Peteris	LAT	57,71%
5	STEPHENS Philip	SCO	56,00%
6	ETCHEPAREBORDA Juan Cruz	ARG	55,63%
7	FAGERLUND Vesa	FIN	54,92%
8	VAN DER HORST Marianske Netteke	ARU	54,85%
9	HOLLOWAY Peter John	RSA	54,59%
10	PRIU TOUS Joan	ESP	54,58%
11	DARKADAKIS Athanasios	GRE	54,55%
12	ENCONTRO Mylene	PHI	54,50%
13	KUNKONGMEE Wongsapol	THA	54,37%
14	Il Yasuaki	JPN	54,29%
15	DWYER Kevin	USA	54,18%
16	LORENCIS Martins	LAT	53,71%
17	KATZ Sam	USA	53,69%
18	SINLOYMA Rujipong	THA	53,39%
19	KORKEVICIUS Marius	LTU	53,31%
20	GRIJALVA Rolando	ECU	53,19%
21	DEMARTIN Candela	ARG	52,60%
22	IMAI Satoshi	JPN	52,26%
23	TAGUCHI Hiroyuki	JPN	51,84%
24	NAKAYAMA Naozumi	JPN	51,67%
25	GAFFIN Ronald	SCO	51,59%
26	BARZDA Saulius	LTU	51,40%
27	GISLASON Gabriel	ISL	51,25%
28	STEPHENS Robert	RSA	51,01%
29	HELGASON Gunnar Bjorn	ISL	50,62%
30	RUMBEA Mauricio	ECU	50,61%
31	SUNOL TORRES Llorenc	ESP	50,52%
32	MINDRUTA Cosmin	ROM	50,31%
33	TARRE Patricia	VEN	49,95%
34	STAFIE Diana Mihaela	ROM	49,84%
35	DORAS Catalin	ROM	49,83%
36	YOKOI Hiroki	JPN	49,45%
37	KGOSIDIALWA Meshack	BOT	49,44%
38	NICO Mirjan	ALB	49,32%
39	NAGEL Tymen Ryk	RSA	49,13%
40	MORTENSEN Maria Dam	DEN	48,92%
41	FAGERLUND Juuso	FIN	48,86%
42	BIELSKIS Andrius	LTU	48,79%
43	MAGUIRE John	CAN	48,70%
44	SIGURDARSON Johann	ISL	48,16%
45	COLLURA Angela	USA	47,72%
46	KALOCI Marjola	ALB	47,71%
47	GRYZAGORIDIS Alexander	RSA	47,71%
48	CHODCHOY Sunisa	THA	47,59%
49	CORY Matthew	USA	47,54%
50	DE CASO Luis Maria	ARG	47,49%
51	WORTEL Marten	NED	47,22%
52	DE GUZMAN Mary Cristy Ann	PHI	46,98%
53	BALTAZAR Anthony	PHI	46,88%
54	CUCHIAN Cristian Matias	ARG	46,56%
55	SERRA Nicolle	CHI	46,42%
56	NLEBGWA Thabo	BOT	45,98%
57	BARONAITE Monika	LTU	45,66%
58	CULVERWELL Christopher	RSA	45,48%
59	PERSIVALE DENEGRİ Francesco Jose	PER	44,76%
60	SORENSEN Anne Juhl	DEN	43,62%
61	KASHEKAR Pravin	IND	40,54%
62	BOONMARK Nares	THA	39,89%
63	OCHOA Sebastian	URU	37,71%
64	KAPO Sara	ALB	25,29%

INDIVIDUAL SECTION D

	Name	CNT	%
1	POON Ching Fung Calvin	HKG	59,31%
2	MESTIRI Anas	TUN	58,05%
3	EGE Niclas Raulund	DEN	57,89%
4	KOROMPIS Fernando Fanly	INA	57,82%
5	SOEBROTO Anthony	INA	57,34%
6	REW Fraser	NZL	57,16%
7	BARENDREGT Erwin	NED	56,56%
8	TRIGEORGIS George	CYP	56,56%
9	MINUTI Guillermo	URU	56,09%
10	SUMARAUW Youbert Jeffry	INA	55,47%
11	JACOB Nick	NZL	55,01%
12	KYRANIDES Marios	CYP	54,50%
13	MILANO Eryck	VEN	53,96%
14	LIN Yi-Li	TPE	53,09%
15	KCHAOU Ahmed	TUN	53,01%
16	MUNRO Angus	AUS	52,95%
17	MARTIN Jaime	IRL	52,82%
18	FUNG Lik Hang Nick	HKG	52,20%
19	SYNNOTT David	IRL	52,19%
20	HOLLANDS Peter	AUS	52,14%
21	COOPER Rhys	AUS	52,08%
22	VAN DER HORST Johannes Petrus	ARU	51,67%
23	BJORNSDOTTIR Inda Hronn	ISL	51,10%
24	HUTAHAEAN David Parningotan	INA	51,05%
25	DAS Prasenjit	IND	50,46%
26	SAR-SHALOM Nathalie	VEN	50,07%
27	LIEN Owen	USA	49,82%
28	ANDHANI Rury	INA	49,49%
29	LEANES Luis	VEN	49,31%
30	VINUEZA Juan Francisco	ECU	49,06%
31	MO Yee Sum	HKG	48,56%
32	ROHRBERG Matias	DEN	48,05%
33	BELLAZREG Wissem	TUN	47,81%
34	MANURUNG Usber Fransiskus	INA	47,76%
35	CHEDIAK Virginia	NOR	47,47%
36	RAMPEN Albert Jerry	INA	47,23%
37	TEICHMANN Lukas	CZE	46,72%
38	SAFTA Florin	ROM	46,17%
39	GARCIA DA ROSA Rodrigo	URU	46,10%
40	YARHAM Suhaili	INA	46,01%
41	LAU Chun Ting Arthur	HKG	45,76%
42	MAKNI Chahir	TUN	45,64%
43	HAZRA Arijit	IND	45,44%
44	SHARKEY Brian	IRL	44,04%
45	ENKHAMGALAN Enkh-Erdene	MGL	43,94%
46	RALIVOLOLONA Hanitriniana A.	MAD	43,66%
47	FEEHAN Owen	IRL	43,61%
48	DASHJAMTS Gankhuyag	MGL	43,52%
49	SKJETNE Erlend	NOR	43,04%
50	ARIYANI Fransisca	INA	42,70%
51	GRIGORAITIS Ramunas	LTU	41,33%
52	RAMARIBANA Tshephiso	BOT	39,29%