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# Istanbul hoş geldiniz



Aya Sophia, Istanbul

Istanbul, formerly Byzantium and Constantinople, has been the Capital of powerful empires.

It has already hosted a WBF event in 2004, the 12th World Team Olympiad, which was a very successful event from all points of view.

The wonderful city, situated across two continents, has welcomed the participants with a bright sun. May the results be as bright as the sunshine. As for the rest, the city offers so many attractive aspects that surely everybody will enjoy their stay. See page 3.

## Today's - Schedule

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| 12.00 | <b>Opening ceremony at the Rector's Building</b> |
| 14.00 | <b>KO Teams – Qualification, 1st round</b>       |
| 16.00 | <b>KO Teams – Qualification, 2nd round</b>       |
| 18.00 | <b>KO Teams – Qualification, 3rd round</b>       |

## Ist World Youth Congress

### KO Teams

The qualification stage consists of 13 rounds of 10 boards each, Swiss movement.

The top 8 teams advance to the KO stage. Quarter Finals and Semi Finals will be played over 28 boards, two sets of 14.

The Final will be played over 48 boards, three sessions of 16, whilst the play-off for the bronze medal will be played over 32 boards, two sessions of 16 each.

### Board-A-Match Teams

It will be played in one stage, consisting of six sessions of 14 boards each.

Each session consists of 7 mini-matches of 2 boards each, with 2 VP per board at stake: 2 for winning the board, one for tying, and none for losing.

### MP Pairs

The qualification stage consists of three sessions of 26 boards each, Mitchell movement.

Probably, the top 36 pairs will advance to the Final, to be played over 35 rounds of 3 boards each, barometer Howell movement. The definitive Final's cut will be announced once the exact number of entries is known.

### IMP Pairs

It will be played in one stage. The schedule and the regulation will be published later. Anyway, there will be four sessions, each of between 22 and 27 boards.

## Welcome Message from the WBF Youth Committee



Dear Young Players and Esteemed Guests,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you for the 1st World Youth Bridge Congress at the Yeditepe University in Istanbul.

This is the 1st Edition of this transnational event. I have no doubt it will successfully go on with increasing attendance.

Looking at the list of participants, I recognize many names from the European Youth Championship that we hosted in Antalya/Turkey in the year 2000. Now I am happy to see that those young players are back in Turkey as Team Officials.

Istanbul is a city with breathtaking landscape, a great historical background and a wonderful touristic destination. I have no doubt that this will be a wonderful experience to play bridge in this atmosphere with fellow young players from all over the world.

I wish all of you the best of success at the bridge table and a most enjoyable stay in Istanbul, but above all, I do hope that this event helps you build new and long-lasting friendships into the future to stress our motto: "Bridge for Peace".

**Ata AYDIN**

WBF Youth Committee Chairman

## Reminders

1. Carrying mobile phones, as well as any other electronic device into the playing areas is strictly forbidden.

Before the start of each round, three tables will be randomly drawn, and a search will be conducted at those tables. Players will be asked to empty their pockets and open their bags, if any. In case any forbidden device is found, a penalty of 2 VPs will be automatically awarded for each item for the first offence. A penalty of 4 VPs will otherwise be awarded for the second offence onward.

2. Smoking is strictly forbidden in the playing area, as well as leaving the table to smoke. An automatic penalty of 2 VPs will be awarded for each offence, and repeated violations may result in suspension for a round or more.

3. Carrying any alcohol into the playing area is strictly forbidden, as well as leaving the table to drink it. An automatic penalty of 2 VPs will be awarded for each offence, and repeated violations may result in suspension for a round or more.

4. For the purpose of the System Policy, this is a Third Category event, therefore no HUM System, nor Brown Sticker convention, is allowed.

5. To be on time is not only matter of regulations (see Conditions of Contest), but also matter of courtesy. Therefore the players are kindly requested to be seated no less than five minutes before the scheduled starting time. Being

late at the start, will result in automatic penalties to be awarded, according to a policy of zero tolerance.

6. The official score is the one entered into the bridge-mates, therefore to ask for any change to be made, you need to officially address a Tournament Director, within the correction period (half an hour after the end of the official time, or after the end of the match if the latter happens to be later). The scoring staff is instructed to not hear any complaint about the score if not previously processed by a TD.

7. Each round, two matches will be played in the BBO boxes situated in the playing areas, and broadcasted through Internet. Playing in BBO is mandatory whenever requested by the organization. The matches to be broadcasted will be usually selected round per round, and therefore with just a short time notice to the players, however, for the first day – first three matches – the tables playing in BBO will always be 1 and 2.

8. The two playing areas are situated below the ground floor: the Open Room is located two floors down, and the Closed Room is located three floors down.

9. Results, Seatings, Ranking and other useful information will be shown on screens situated in three different information points: at the entrance, and in front of each playing room.

## Aya Sophia and the Blue Mosque

*How to get there and how expensive is it?*

Istanbul, the world's fifth largest city (probably) with its 13 million inhabitants, is situated partly in Europe and partly in Asia. The European part is divided into two sections by a sea branch called The Golden Horn. In the Old City (Stanbul) you can find the greatest and best known sights, among them the Aya Sophia, the Topkapi Museum, the Blue Mosque and the Grand Bazaar.

The most comfortable (and probably one of the cheapest) way to get into the Old City is to take a free ride with the Yeditepe Ringservice yellow bus to the entrance gate, followed by a taxi to Kadiköy Ferry Terminal (fare is about 20 Lira, which is just under 10 Euro, and the trip takes about 25 mins). Next, you buy a ticket (jeton) at one of the ticket windows for 1,5 Lira and enter the boat (destination Eminönü) through the little gate which opens when you introduce your jeton.

The trip over the Bosphorus takes 20 mins. and should offer you a most wonderful view of the city, no matter if you are looking towards Asia or towards Europe. The ferry will bring you right at the southern end of the Galata Bridge. This ferry service terminates, however, at about 21.00 hrs. During daytime, there are many more ferry services in operation but they would stop at 18.00 hrs. or so.

From here, a mostly uphill walk of about 1 km would see you to the Aya Sophia. You may as well take the tram in southern direction (if you take it the wrong way, you would start by crossing the Galata Bridge). The same ticket principle applies here: buy a jeton for 1,50 Lira and put it in the slot to open the little gate to the platform.

To the left of the main entrance of Aya Sophia (looking at the building!) you will find the Cistern, an underground water palace, not illuminated very well to create a very special atmosphere. Many fishes are swimming in the water and the strange Medusa sculptures are well worth a visit on their own – you get them for free when entering the Cistern (Fee: 10 Lira).

The Aya Sophia ("Holy Wisdom") in its present form was built in the 6th century AD during the reign of the famous Roman-Byzantine Emperor Justinianus. It took just five years to finish the work because Justinianus adopted a quite useful policy. He split up the 10,000 workers in two

groups and promised a bonus to the group finishing the work first...

When the Turks captured Istanbul, the Aya Sophia was surrounded by minarets and thus became a mosque but by origin, it is a Christian Basilica. There still are a few mosaics left of the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ blessing. At present, the complex is considered a museum; the entrance fee is 20 Lira.

One of its columns is called the "Sweating Column." It always feels humid when you touch it and it is believed that it has a magical force. That's why you might wish yourself something nice while touching it.

Upon leaving the Aya Sophia, you will see the Blue Mosque across the road. This

Mosque across the road. This was constructed as the counterpart of the Aya Sophia and it is the world's only mosque with six minarets. The legend is that the mosque's founder, Sultan Ahmet, wanted a mosque with golden minarets but the architect thought this was far too expensive. When the Sultan came back to see the work in progress, the architect said he had understood six ("altı" in Turkish) and not golden ("altın"). The Sultan accepted the apology and thus the architect's life was saved.



The Blue Mosque can be visited by non-Muslims too, but they have to use the back entrance. You would have to put your shoes into a plastic bag handed over to you when you are entering the interior. The reason is obvious: the whole of the mosque is covered with beautiful Turkish tapestry, many of them with tulip images – as we all know, the tulip originally comes from Turkey! It is called the Blue Mosque mainly because of the more than 21,000 blue tiles used in it.

So much for the mosques and the many other sights in this part of Istanbul. One more kilometre away you will find the Grand Bazaar, an absolute must for any shopaholic. This is a very big building: in its 200,000 square metres you will find more than 5,000 shops. Prices are there for bargaining but only the very experienced will manage to get a really good price from these shopowners...

The Editors are pleased to receive pictures of the Old City and of your good buys in the Bazaar for publication in our daily issues.

## Junior Highlights From The Past

As this is the first WBF Junior World Championship with this format, there is no history. This means there are no hands from previous editions of these Championships. To bring you at least some bridge, we have compiled a number of good hands already published in past Bulletins, most of them played in recent Junior Championships by contestants who are present here or from countries represented here.

The match Poland v. Czech Republic, played a few weeks ago in the European Junior Teams Championships in Poiana Brasov, Romania, certainly qualifies for inclusion in this review. Poland had been doing well in Junior events with great consistency before these Europeans got underway. On the other hand, the Czechs Kopecky-Macura are here but they already represented their country last year in the Open Teams in Pau.

Poland led by 10-5 after six deals but then the Czechs moved into the lead on this board:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Macura	Krawczyk	Kopecky	Wasiak

1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	Jankova	Zatorski	Hoderova

1♣	2♣	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Six Clubs is cold if played by East but, as West will open with a club bid in almost any system, that is not really achievable. In our featured match, both Wests opened with

1♣, Polish for Wiankowski, natural, 18-20 balanced or any 21+ for Macura. For Czech Republic, Jana Jankova overcalled 2♣, both majors, and Piotr Zatorski doubled. Pavia Hoderova redoubled to ask her partner to pick a trump suit, and Jankova duly bid 2♠. When that came around to Piotr Wiankowski, he cuebid 3♠ and passed the 3NT response.

Zatorski won the spade lead and immediately led a heart to the king. When that held he had twelve tricks for +690.

Joanna Krawczyk did not come in on the North cards at the other table so Michal Kopecky could respond 1♥. Milan Macura made a natural jump rebid and drove to slam over Kopecky's splinter. Krawczyk cashed the ace of hearts and there was nothing to the play; +1370 and 12 IMPs to Czech Republic.

Three boards later:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Macura	Krawczyk	Kopecky	Wasiak

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	Jankova	Zatorski	Hoderova

1♣	I♥	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Dble
3NT	All Pass		

Again, both Wests opened 1♣. Both Norths overcalled but the two Easts took different approaches to their hand. Zatorski passed as East and Wiankowski jumped to 2NT. Zatorski transferred to spades now but, after a discouraging double from South, Wiankowski chose to go back to 3NT, where he played. Jankova led the queen of hearts, which Wiankowski won with the ace. He cashed the ace of

spades then tried a low diamond, Jankova going in with the queen and returning the suit to dummy's jack. Wiankowski played the queen of spades, throwing a club from hand. Jankova won the ♠K and exited with a diamond. Declarer won and cashed the fourth diamond, throwing a club and a spade from dummy, then tried a low club to the queen, jack and king. Hoderova returned the ♣10. Wiankowski won

the ace and cashed the king of hearts then exited with the ♣8. Hoderova had to give the last trick to dummy's ♠J but that was still down one for —100.

Kopecky bid 2♦, a limited transfer, and Macura jumped to the spade game. The opening lead was the queen of hearts to declarer's king. Macura could see two potential losers in the side-suits and two in trumps if the latter were not three-three. He found the excellent line of swapping those two side-suit losers for one loser in the one side-suit in which he did not actually have a loser, namely diamonds. At trick two he led a low diamond towards the jack-ten. Krawczyk went in with the queen and switched to the two of clubs to the jack, king and ace. Macura led a diamond to the jack, a spade back to his ace, and threw dummy's club loser on the ace of diamonds. Now he ruffed a club and played the queen of spades to Krawczyk's king. She returned the ♦J and Wasiak pitched a club, seeing no profit in ruffing a loser with his trump trick. Macura won the ♦K and threw dummy's remaining heart on the king of diamonds. Wasiak could ruff but that was all for the defence; +620 and 12 IMPs to Czech Republic.

Had North been able to ruff the ♦K, dummy would have overruffed and, while there would have been no discard for the heart loser, neither would there have been a second trump loser, so the contract would still have been secure.

At the midpoint in the match, the Czech Republic led by 34-16.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Macura	Krawczyk	Kopecky	Wasiak
1♣	1♥	Dble	Pass
1♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	Jankova	Zatorski	Hoderova
1♣	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

It seemed that Macura/Kopecky had a misunderstanding regarding the forcing nature of East's 3♣ bid after his previous cuebid. Macura made ten tricks for +130, losing a spade, a heart and a club. There would be a swing, but in which direction would be decided at the other table.

Wiankowski/Zatorski had the normal auction to the normal no trump game. On a heart lead, declarer would have to get clubs right, but Jankova led the queen of diamonds, not wishing to give declarer a cheap heart trick. Wiankowski won the diamond and led a club to his jack, losing to the queen. Again, a heart switch defeats the contract but Jankova continued with the jack of diamonds in response to her partner's encouraging two at trick one. Needing a second spade trick as well as a heart to bring his total to nine, Wiankowski could not afford to win this trick so ducked. But now Jankova had one last chance to find the heart switch. No, she returned a passive club, and now Wiankowski could win in hand and run the queen of spades. Though that lost a heart came back, he had his nine tricks for +400 and 7 IMPs to Poland.

The end of the match came with the score at 36-43, which gave a 16-14 V.P. win to the Czech Republic.

One of the best matches of this dame event was played a few days later between France, the eventual winners, and the Netherlands. Here is again how Brian Senior saw it:

The match between two teams towards the top of the table did not disappoint. The deals were especially interesting and the standard of bridge the highest I have seen on Vugraph this tournament.

However, the first deal was a missed opportunity at both tables:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Both Wests ended up in 3♠, having reached that somewhat under their own steam. Both Norths led a heart. Verbeek started well when he took the trump finesse, the jack being covered al round. The winning solution is easy now;

draw only one more trump then give up two diamonds and now you can take two club ruffs in dummy or establish diamonds at your leisure. In fact, declarer played for overtricks by drawing the third trump then ducking a club. When he took two diamond finesses, a third club locked him in dummy with the diamonds blocked. He had to lose the fourth club for down one.

Bessis won the heart lead and ran the diamond jack as South gave true count. Back came a club and South cashed both high clubs then led a second diamond. Declarer now guessed correctly to go up with the ace and rely on the spade finesse, but fell from grace when he exited with a third diamond instead of crossing to the remaining top heart to take the trump finesse. Retribution was swift!

North won the diamond king as Michielsen pitched her last club, to take an overruff of dummy on the third club for the setting trick.

France picked up a partscore on the next deal when Drijver doubled a 3NT contract and persuaded Bessis to run to a making partscore (mind you, 3NT might conceivably

have made without the double — what would you lead with:

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

If you jump to 3♠ over 1♦ and the auction continues double on your left, 3NT on your right? You had better lead a black card; a heart lead lets it through in embarrassing fashion, while partner has ♠Q and ♣AJ2 and your side is cold for 4♣!

The next deal saw the Dutch exploit the vagaries of the difference in no-trump ranges to the maximum.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Drijver	Volcker	Michielsen
			INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Verbeek	Lhuissier	Molenaar	Robert
		1♣	
Pass	1♦	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

You could argue (and I would not disagree) that Lhuissier did too little when he jumped to 5♦, while Drijver did too much when he jumped to slam — Michielsen would have bid 6♦ over 5♦ and if she did not bid slam it could hardly be good.

In 6♦, Drijver won the club lead in hand and correctly went to dummy with ♦K for the spade finesse. Had it lost he would have needed diamonds 2-2. When it held, he could play to ruff two spades in dummy and survive even a 3-1 trump break.

Netherlands led 11-5 now, but France were gifted some IMPs when Verbeek and Bessis both played 4♥ on the lead of ♠A with:

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

South had opened a minor in third seat. Both declarers ducked the opening lead and South won the ♠K and shifted to ♣Q. Convinced that North would not have passed at his first turn to speak with two kings, Verbeek advanced the ♥Q and went up with ♥A when North played low. This was a bad idea for two reasons; first the ♣Q might have been a false-card — though it was not. Secondly, North had ♥Kxx and ♣Kxxxx and had no reason to enter the auction when South had opened 1♦.

Bessis was not trying to get his name in the newspapers; his North had raised 1♣ to 2♣ and thus shown values. He took a mundane heart finesse and stolidly collected his 10 IMPs.

My favourite board of the whole event so far follows here. Alas, not one declarer in the field got it right when confronted with the problem.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West Bessis	North Drijver	East Volcker	South Michelsen
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♦(i)	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

(i) GF

In the Closed Room, Verbeek had relayed over the 1♣ (balanced 11-13 or strong) opening and settled wisely for 3NT. The key to reaching slam in the Open Room was Volcker's decision to bypass 3NT — he had a crisp honour structure, admittedly, but 4♦ still seems a big bid. How should you play 6♦ on a club lead?

The answer is to win the ace or jack in dummy and lead a trump to the ace (South must drop the eight or nine to start the process of misleading declarer). Now take the heart finesse and when it holds you have a choice of approaches. Clearly, you can claim if trumps are 3-2; just draw trumps and ruff a heart then pitch a heart on the clubs. It seems like you have to draw a second round of trumps to avoid accidents when diamonds are splitting, so you lead a trump to your jack and find the bad news. But you can play a heart to the ace and ruff a heart as South follows. Now draw the rest of the trumps and knock out the spade ace, hoping that the defenders will not have a heart to cash. If trumps are 4-1 with North being x-2-4-x you must ruff a heart before drawing trumps but that seems to be vastly against the odds.



Marion Michelsen, Netherlands

At the table, Volcker won the club lead in dummy but led the ♦K at trick two and could not unscramble the trumps now after ruffing a heart. When he led a spade to the ♠Q the defenders had a club ruff to beat the slam. That brought the score to 29-24 for France, and when an underbid by Robert led to a missed vulnerable game it meant that Netherlands had retaken the lead 34-29. But that was the end of the good news for them as this was board 18:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West Bessis	North Drijver	East Volcker	South Michelsen
		1♥	2♣
Pass	3♣	Dble	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Dble
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

West Verbeek	North Lhuissier	East Molenaar	South Robert
		1♥	2♣
Pass	3♣	Dble	Rdbl
3♦	4♣	4♦	5♣
Dble	Pass	5♦	All Pass

The auction from the Closed Room (if correct) shows Molenaar doing a lot of bidding. But right he was: 5♦ proved easy to play with trumps 2-2 and Verbeek ended up with 420.

By contrast, 4♠ was very challenging. Drijver found the best lead of a club; declarer ruffed and missed the simplest of lines for the hand, which is to play the ♠Q at once. Whether North wins or ducks, declarer can arrange easily enough just to lose two trumps and a heart. Instead, he played a top heart, ruffed the next club, and was now reduced to a simple and a complex option. The simple line is to play for diamonds 2-2 or spades 3-2. Overtake the diamond king and finesse in spades, cash the ♠A, then run diamonds.

The complex line — which Bessis followed — produced a charming ending. He cashed dummy's top heart and ad-

vanced the ♠10, covered and ruffed, on which Drijver correctly pitched a diamond rather than over-ruff. Now a spade finesse followed, and Bassis cashed a winning diamond from dummy, reaching this ending.

♠ K 9 7	
♥ —	
♦ —	
♣ 8 7 6	
<b>♠ J 5</b>	♠ A
♥ —	♥ 9 7 3
♦ A 9 8 6	♦ K 7
♣ —	♣ —
<b>♠ —</b>	
♥ 4	
♦ 3	
♣ K Q J 9	

Declarer has won six tricks so far and lost one, with the lead in dummy.

Bassis led out ♥9 and Drijver ruffed and returned a club, ruffed in hand; Bassis now had one trump in each hand and Drijver two. A second diamond was ruffed by Drijver, who had to lead another club for a second ruff and discard. Bassis pitched dummy's last diamond, leaving a master heart and the trump ace, and advanced a winning diamond, drawing Drijver's last trump indirectly and leaving dummy good.

That was +590 and 5 IMPs.

The penultimate board proved decisive:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Verbeek/Molenaar followed everybody's route to 4♠ — a contract that was attempted unsuccessfully at more than three-quarters of the tables. Bassis/Volcker bid 1♠ — 2NT — 3NT, with 2NT showing a balanced limit raise. Well bid — and not so easy to get there the 'right' way up. On a low diamond lead, declarer had the luxury of a heart finesse for overtricks and 13 IMPs whether or not it succeeded.



Thomas Bassis, France

It could have been worse for the Dutch; on the last deal Michielsen/Drijver had to stay out of an apparently decent slam that boils down to needing 2-2 trumps (they do not break) just to flatten the deal. France had won the match by 53-34 IMPs, 19-11 VPs and, with the exception of a couple of slam deals where they might almost as easily have picked up a swing instead of losing one, played very well indeed.

## Tips to Survive at Yeditepe

**Breakfast:** 08:00 hrs – 09:30 hrs Monday to Saturday  
08:30 hrs – 10:00 hrs Sunday

**Lunch:** 12:00 hrs – 14:00 hrs  
**Dinner:** 19:30 hrs – 21:00 hrs

The meal tickets can be used starting with 14th August Friday Dinner, until 23rd August Sunday Lunch.

### Shuttle Bus

Every day, a shuttle bus will start at the front door of the playing area to go downtown (Erenköy). The departure times are:

21:00 hrs Yeditepe - Erenköy  
24:00 hrs Erenköy - Yeditepe

### Istanbul Nights

Anybody wishing to jump into the Shuttle Bus to see the Istanbul night life, is well-advised to consult the Hospitality Desk first to get some useful tips and recommendations.

### Electricity Cut-off

On 15 August Monday there will be a power cut-off between 15th August 23:50 hrs – 16th August 03:00 hrs at the main building playing area due to regular weekly maintenance. Who goes to the playing area at that time, you may ask?

## Magical Mystery Tour

by Kakasi (Japan junior)

Tadashi Teramoto is one of the best players in Japan. He is a professional who not only plays bridge but also trains juniors. He has worked as the captain of the Japanese junior team and looked after many juniors for a decade and today's Japan juniors would not exist without him.

Here I would like to introduce Tadashi's regular work as a player in the Transnational Mixed Teams. He held the North cards on the following deal.

Board 21. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ –  
♥ A 9 8 4 3  
♦ Q 8 7 5 3  
♣ 8 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ –  
♥ A 9 8 4 3  
♦ Q 8 7 5 3  
♣ 8 3 2

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

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

Over now to the Junior Pairs Final in Beijing 2008, the 1st World Mind Sports Games. Here is how Jan van Cleeff saw the decisive boards.

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.

West	North	East	South
<i>Teramoto</i>			
3♠	2♥(i)	Pass	2NT(ii)
	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

- (i) 4-10, five hearts and a five-card or longer minor.  
(ii) Asking.

The opening lead is the ace of diamonds and two more rounds of diamonds are continued. How would you play?

I would give up and consider how to cut my losses, but not Teramoto, and he found a way to succeed. He won the third diamond in hand and led a club to the ten. Then he cashed the ♠A for a heart discard and continued with the ♠Q to king and ruff, the nine dropping. A club to dummy was followed by the ♠10, covered with the jack and ruffed.

Another club to dummy allowed Teramoto to cash the ♠8 and that squeezed East between his fourth club and his hearts — contract made.

Teramoto combined three techniques: double finesse, ruffing finesse to pin a missing card, and the squeeze, all of it adding up to a wonderful +750 for his team. How would you like to have him in your team?

The full deal:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 10 7 6 5 2  
♥ 9 8  
♦ 6 2  
♣ 10 6 5 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
Fisher	Lhuissier	Schwarz	Lebatteux
			Pass
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 Lhuissier 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 established clubs.

With one board to go the young Turks clearly were on top.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Fisher	Lhuissier	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 ♣A 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 overtrick.

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 rivals had bid a 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 from Turkey became the new World Junior Pairs champions.

To end this review, here is a very well-played hand from last year's European Junior Pairs' Championships, played in Wrocław, Poland:

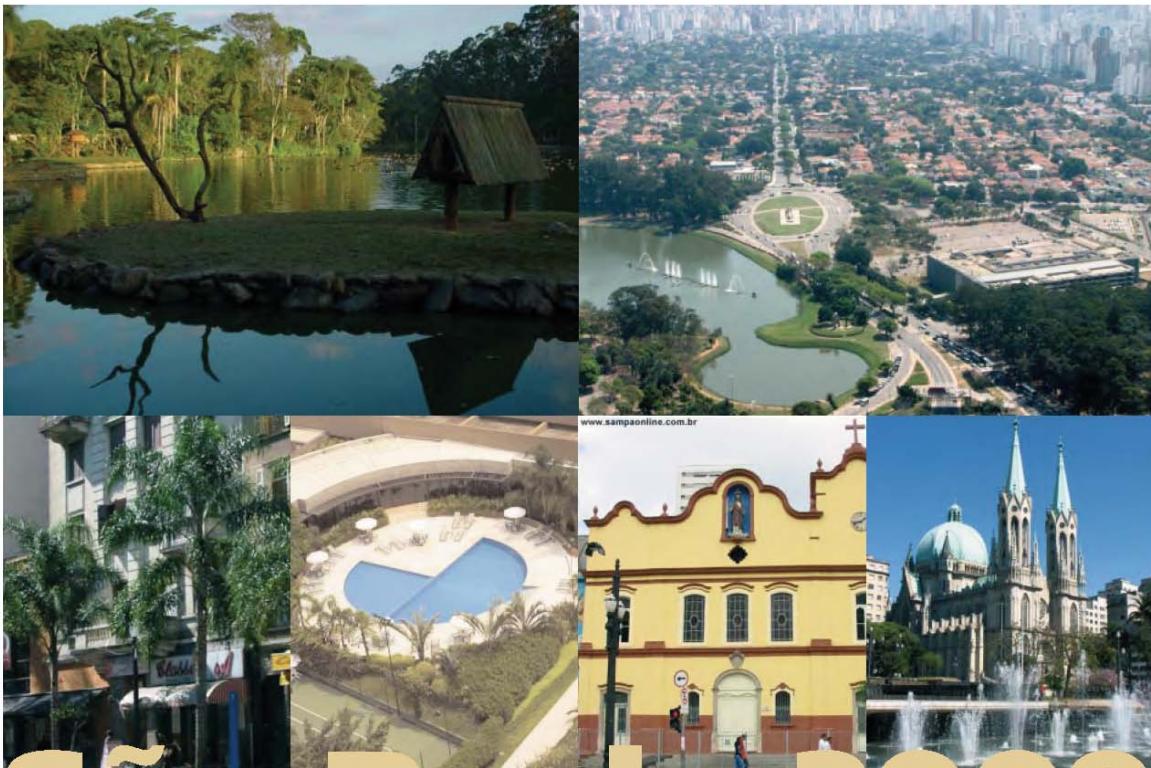
Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorencs	Guła	Berthers	Stefanów
2♦	Pass	2♥	Dble
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

West led the ♥Q and now, Artur Guła had to show his skill. If you throw two diamonds on the top hearts and manage to eliminate the red suits, drawing trumps in order to get the necessary entries to dummy, you can then finish off your good work by playing ♣A and another. Whoever defender holds Hx originally, will be endplayed; there is no (unblocking) defence.

However, if trumps prove 3-0 declarer has to adjust his plan. He had started off by throwing his two diamonds on the ♥AK, cashing the ♦A and ruff the last diamond. A trump now went to dummy's king and the 3-0 break came to light. This saw Plan B come into action: heart ruff with the ace, two more spades and a low club away from the ace. If West hops up with the queen, the ♣K will be finessable. When West ducked, East won the king and returned the suit. After considerable thought, and with the TD's calling the change, Guła went up with the ace to drop the queen and land his slam. This was good for +980, all the matchpoints and an obvious nomination for the best played hand of the tournament. Very well done indeed.



# São Paulo 2009

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#### **Opening ceremony**

August 29<sup>th</sup> - to be held at the "teatro alfa" (connected to the hotel); the ceremony will be followed by a musical show at the theatre and by a cocktail/dinner at the hotel.

#### **The Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl**

The Round Robin for all three Championships will start on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August and finish on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, with the knock-out stages starting on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Quarter Finals for each of these events will end before the start of the Transnational Open Teams, thus enabling players eliminated from the main Championships to participate Transnational Championship.

#### **The World Transnational Open Teams Championship**

The 7<sup>th</sup> **World Transnational Open Teams Championship** is a prestigious and most enjoyable event. Being Transnational, it

is open to teams composed of players coming from different countries, nominated by their National Bridge Organisation and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee.

It is a great opportunity for players to participate in a wonderful Bridge tournament while at the same time enjoying a unique opportunity to experience the atmosphere and excitement of the final stages of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and watch some of the greatest players in the world on the first class vugraph presentation. Players wishing to compete in this Championship should contact their NBO and request nomination by the end of July 2009. There is no quota, and NBOs may nominate as many teams as they wish to compete in this special tournament.

Players eliminated from the Round Robin of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Seniors Bowl will be able to enter the World Transnational Open Teams Championship free of charge if they enter as a complete team.

The **World Transnational Open Teams** will take place during the second week, starting in the late afternoon on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The format will be Swiss Teams. It is normally played as 10-board matches (3, 4 or 5 per day) for 15 qualifying rounds (150 boards). The Quarter Final will start on Thursday late afternoon, the Semi Final will be played on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September and the Final will end on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

## REGISTRATION

### REGISTRATION OF TEAMS

- Bermuda Bowl / Venice Cup 15<sup>th</sup> May
- D'Orsi Seniors Bowl 15<sup>th</sup> May
- World Transnational Open Teams 1<sup>st</sup> July

### REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS NAMES

- Bermuda Bowl / Venice Cup 1<sup>st</sup> June
- D'Orsi Seniors Bowl 1<sup>st</sup> June
- World Transnational Open Teams 1<sup>st</sup> August

### PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES

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|----------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| • Bermuda Bowl / Venice Cup      | US\$ 4,000 | 1 <sup>st</sup> July   |
| • D'Orsi Seniors Bowl            | US\$ 4,000 | 1 <sup>st</sup> July   |
| • World Transnational Open Teams | US\$ 1,500 | 1 <sup>st</sup> August |

Players eliminated from the Open, Women's or Senior Teams may form new Open 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:

- A team with 4 new players & 1 or 2 eliminated players: \$1,500
- A team with 3 new players & up to 3 eliminated players : \$1,200
- A team with 2 new players & up to 4 eliminated players : \$800
- A team with 1 new player & up to 5 eliminated players : \$400

### REGISTRATION OF SYSTEMS

- Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & D'Orsi Seniors Bowl 7<sup>th</sup> 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

For **Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl**, the conditions of contest will give full details of systems regulations and registration, but players should note that it will be a requirement that all systems are registered in advance via e-mail to Anna Gudge: [anna@ecats.co.uk](mailto:anna@ecats.co.uk)

HUM systems or Brown Sticker conventions are not permitted in the Round Robin stage of the Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup, or at any stage of the Senior Bowl.

Pairs wishing to register HUM systems or Brown Sticker conventions for use in the Knockout phase of the Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup must register these, together with the relevant HUM or BS forms no later than 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009. No extension to this deadline will be accepted. Teams using HUM systems or BS conventions lose their seeding rights when they play against teams that do not use such methods.

has free internet access (wifi and intranet) and offers very comfortable, well equipped rooms, two restaurants, a bar, tennis courts, soccer field, three-hole golf course, jogging lane, fitness center, heated pool, dry sauna and steam rooms, pool tables, etc.

## HOTEL INFORMATION

### HOTEL TRANSAMERICA

**Double-room (single or double occupancy): US\$180.00**

(tax included) per night, breakfast-buffet included. 3 nights payment in advance is required for reservations, refundable for cancellations only until June 30. A 5% discount is offered if reservations are made for 12 or more nights, paid totally in advance, with no reimbursements in the event of an early checkout. Suites can be reserved at prices to be arranged with the hotel.

Reservations can be made directly with the hotel:

- Group Sales Department by e-mail: [grupos@transamerica.com.br](mailto:grupos@transamerica.com.br)
  - or phone (+55 11) 5693-4092/5693-4098/5693-4972
- Hotel web-site: [www.transamerica.com.br](http://www.transamerica.com.br)

### Economic alternative Hotel:

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**Double-room (single or double occupancy): US\$110**

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Reservations can be made directly with the hotel

- by e-mail: [rsnunidas@transamericaflats.com.br](mailto:rsnunidas@transamericaflats.com.br)
- or phone (+55 11) 5187-2955/5693-4952

Hotel web-site: [www.transamericaflats.com.br](http://www.transamericaflats.com.br)

Alternatively, reservations can be made directly with the organization by e-mail: [contact@brazilbridge2009.com.br](mailto:contact@brazilbridge2009.com.br)

Championship Official Site: [www.brazilbridge2009.com.br](http://www.brazilbridge2009.com.br)

### Zonal Qualified teams for BB, VC and E. D'Orsi SB

Zone 1	6	Zone 5	1
Zone 2	3	Zone 6	3
Zone 3	3	Zone 7	2
Zone 4	2	Zone 8	2

If any Zone does not fill its quota the first berth will be offered to Zone 1, the second one to Zone 6