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The New Kings & Queens of Europe



Rossen Gunev, Gunn Vist, Erik Saelensminde, Anna Malinowski, Rune Hauge, Dessy Popova

The new European Open Mixed Team Champions are **Hauge** (Rossen Gunev, Dessy Popova, Rune Hauge, Gunn Vist, Erik Saelensminde & Anna Malinowski) who defeated **Neve** (Jean Allix, Joanna Neve, Vanessa Reess & Eric Mauberquez) in the 48 board final.

It was a first European Open title for the four Norwegian members of the team, but the Bulgarians, Rossen Gunev and Dessy Popova, added to the Mixed Pairs they won in Antalya.

The bronze medals went to **Badger** (Jeffrey Allerton, Paula Leslie, Frances Hinden and Graham Osborne) and **De Botton** (Janet de Botton, Artur Malinowski, Nicklas Sandqvist and Nevena Senior), the latter also winning bronze two years ago.

Today's - Schedule

- 10.30 Mixed Pairs Final A (1st)
- 15.30 Mixed Pairs Final A (2nd), B & C
- 12.00/20.00 O/W/S Teams Registration
- 20.00 Mixed Championships
- Prize-Giving Ceremony



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YOU HAVE TO HIT THE TRACK RUNNING

by Herman De Wael

For six pairs in the Mixed Pairs Qualifying, the first board they played in Sanremo will be one to remember for the rest of their lives:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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Spare a thought for Dominique Stuyck, who was playing her very first board in an international championship. She sat down and said to herself: "Calm down, girl, it'll be just like any other club tournament." Five seconds later she realised it wasn't: South had opened 2♥ and Guy Van Middelem had overcalled 6♦. Dominique was up to the challenge, though: she passed.

At another table, East was not as quick off the mark: The opening had been 2♦ Multi, West had also overcalled 6♦, but East had thought she still needed to show her heart stopper. 7♦ proved one too many.

The third table at which this was the first board was already mentioned in the bulletin yesterday. The bidding started the same, but then went on a bit longer. A Director call and an appeal on your first board may not be what the doctor ordered.

Sadly, the hand was played by only a minority of the players (hands 27 and 28 are only used in the 3 sections that had 14 tables, not in the other 6). So, for the benefit of the other players, here's what happened around the room:

Irena Chodorowska also opened the South hand 2♥, but West merely doubled. She got to further show her hand with a 3♦ bid, and when West bid only 5♦, North's double did not cost too much, as 12 tricks were now only worth 29% rather than 60%.

Isabelle Dewasme did not open the South hand, so Bernard Dehaye got to overcall West's 2♦ with 3♠. Isabelle showed support with 4♥, and doubled 5♦ on the next round. Bernard took that out to 5♠, and when that was doubled, he was able to score 96% when East could not believe the immense diamond length and gave a ruff and discard.

Walther Caminati gets the prize for the highest leap: when South did not open at his table, he bid 6♦ straight away.

36 tables played the board

+100	1	99%
-300	1	96%
-400	1	93%
-420	3	88%
-500	2	81%
-650	5	71%
-800	1	63%
-920	15	40%
-940	2	16%
-1090	5	7%

MIXED TEAMS

FINAL

		1st	2nd	3rd	total
I	NEVE	26	10	40	76
	HAUGE	31	38	35	104

Mixed Pairs



The Final A is played with 52 pairs. The players coming from the semi-final A will receive a carry-over which is the percentage of their result in semi-final A (with the weight of one session). The winners of the Mixed Teams receive the percentage of the pair ranked 15th in the semi-final A and the players who became second receive the percentage of the pair ranked 23rd.

The six pairs coming from the semi-final B receive the scores of the pairs ranked 36 up to 41 in the semi-final A.

The final B is played over one session in the afternoon, without carry-over.

In order to organise the final B in the smoothest possible way, the participants are kindly requested to register as early as possible. A registration desk will be open on the second floor (lobby) starting at 2.30 pm today for the players to pick up their seating arrangement.

Ton Kooijman

Mixed Teams Quarter-finals

by Barry Rigal

The first half of the match between Badger and Zimmermann had been remarkably quiet. Badger led 19-4.

For the second half,, Zimmermann would field the Croniers against Allerton/Leslie, with Mouiel/Levy against Hinden/Osborne in the other room.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Zimmerman more than doubled their account on the second deal out. Both Paula Leslie and Anne-Frederique Levy opened 1♥ and jumped to 3♥. Allerton passed and collected 170, Mouiel tried 3♠ and happily accepted the conversion to 3NT. 3NT made ten tricks, 3♥ made 140 and the match score was 19-11 to Badger.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Both tables played 4♥ on a diamond to the king and ace, and a club shift. Both declarers finessed, and now on a diamond return declarer had an awkward guess. Philippe Cronier went up with ♦Q and ruffed a diamond, sneaked a heart through to the ♥10 and stripped off the clubs to lead a second heart to endplay North. With the ♠Q onside all along there was no real possibility for a swing, but it was nicely done nonetheless.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

A transfer auction saw Leslie at the helm in 4♥ on a trump lead. She tried a diamond next, and Cronier won to play a spade. Leslie took some while now but won the ♠A, drew a second trump to find the good news, and played a top club to pitch a spade from the board. Benedicte Cronier took the ace and played back a spade but declarer won in dummy, and advanced ♦K. She could now take a ruffing finesse in diamonds for a safe ten tricks when the ♦Q appeared.


It looks like declarer might have lines for 11 tricks; but Mouiel played the hand as North on a diamond lead and continuation. He won the ♦K and ruffed a diamond with ♥9 as Osborne pitched a spade, then embarked on a cross-ruff that should have produced ten tricks had he taken the



Philippe Cronier, France


spade ruff in dummy early enough (two spades, one diamond, two ruffs in dummy three club ruffs in hand and the heart ace-king). As it was, though, he lost his way and ended up with only nine tricks.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Both tables reached 4♠ here after South had overcalled in hearts and North had pushed to the four-level. After two rounds of hearts North producing two honours, what should you do next? The winning and far from double-dummy line is to realize that the spade king and club ace must be with South. To protect against the 4-1 break you must lead a low spade towards dummy; the queen will score, you overtake the ♦K back to hand, and now switch tack yet again – leading a club towards the king. South does best to win her ♣A and play a third heart.

You ruff this in dummy, cash the ♣K and overtake the ♦K to produce this ending:


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

Declarer leads the master diamond, forcing South to ruff; if he ruffs high he can allow a complete cross-ruff by exiting in hearts, or let declarer draw trumps by playing a spade. So South ruffs low and West over-ruffs and plays a spade to the ace to run diamonds.

Of course in real life neither declarer was able to resist the temptation to take the spade finesse and that sank the contract; Badger gained 3 IMPs for an extra undertrick.

Zimmermann gained 2 extremely lucky IMPs for bidding the wrong slam (6NT needed some good views while 6♣ was laydown and 7♣ excellent), then...


Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Cronier stayed silent as West, and defended to 3NT, which made 630 when declarer could set up diamonds easily. Osborne in the other room overcalled 2♥ and when Mouiel bid 3♦, Levy could not bring herself to bid 3NT. Mouiel did well to convert 3♠ to 4♦, but +130 was still 11 IMPs away.

That was the end of the match, to all intents and purposes. However, Zimmerman picked up an undertrick here when the Croniers really put it to Leslie/Allerton.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

3NT is playable for N/S but not great. If you guess clubs you can bring it home once hearts are 4-4. That was not managed in the other room. But where I was watching, Benedicte Cronier as East opened 1♥ in third seat, Philippe bounced to 3♥ over the double, and when Leslie balanced with a second double is there any case at all for North passing? I think not in the context of N/S having had a sensible match thus far and not wanting to register a swing out. Allerton duly pulled the double to 4NT to show both minors, and Leslie drifted two off for 3 IMPs to Zimmerman. Had the club finesse worked, the swing would have been 12 IMPs.

Duplimate Discounts

The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount. Visit the Jannersten Bookshop on the first floor.

Mixed Teams Quarterfinals

Neve v Hansen, second half

by Jos Jacobs

At noon on Tuesday, the Hansen team, the giant killers of the evening before, were facing a small deficit, 24-32, against their quarterfinal opponents, the French team Neve. The latter had reached the knockout stage through the back door of the Swiss B event but since then, they had managed to get rid of the Vytautas and Beaumier teams to proudly find themselves still in the event on Tuesday morning. Hansen, on the other hand, could look back not only on ousting the Lavazza team but they had also won the Swiss A on Sunday. So one would expect Hansen to come back into the match and proceed to the last four. However, three boards, in the middle of the session, all of a sudden caused their undoing. What happened?

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q J 10 8 ♥ 9 5 ♦ K 6 ♣ K 8 6 5 4</p>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ A Q J 10 2 ♦ 10 9 7 ♣ 10 9 7 2</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"> N W E S </div> <p>♠ K 9 4 2 ♥ K 8 7 4 3 ♦ 8 4 ♣ A Q</p>	<p>♠ A 7 6 3 ♥ 6 ♦ A Q J 5 3 2 ♣ J 3</p>	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kovachev</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Reess</i>
Pass	2♥*	3♦	4♥
All pass			

*Hearts and a minor

When Rimstedt overcalled 3♦, the spades were lost forever. E/W even managed to let through 4♥...East led the ♦A followed by the queen to West's king. West now shifted to the ♠Q on which East played low...Neve +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allix</i>	<i>Wernle</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
1♠	4♥	4♠	All pass

Not that it mattered too much as North did not open in the other room. East thus opened 1♦ and West could just whisper the spade word when South overcalled. That was all Smederevac needed. Her raise to game was fully justified and the contract made easily on friendly defence: ♥A

and a club. If North continues hearts, dummy has to ruff and declarer might then well lose control of the hand if he plays on carelessly. The classic solution is of course to lead a low trump from dummy, away from the ace and then to follow the line detailed on page 4.

Anyway, West was not severely tested and Neve registered another +620 on this board, not a push but a huge swing of 15 IMPs.

On the next board, both teams had a fair chance to score but neither of them came anywhere near the pretty cold 6♣. In fact, few pairs at all bid it. Try for yourself with your favourite partner...

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A K 3 ♥ Q 3 ♦ A J 10 2 ♣ J 10 5 4</p>	<p>♠ 7 5 4 ♥ 9 7 6 2 ♦ K Q 9 4 ♣ 8 3</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"> N W E S </div> <p>♠ Q 10 2 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ 7 6 5 3 ♣ 9 7 2</p>	<p>♠ J 9 8 6 ♥ A K 10 4 ♦ 8 ♣ A K Q 6</p>	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kovachev</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Reess</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	All pass

1♠ showed diamonds but it seemed that East did not want to go any further once she maybe had overbid a little with 2♥, no matter how many positive noises were coming in from the West End. Hansen +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allix</i>	<i>Wernle</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Here, the French could not even establish their club fit (how often have we seen that before?) so once they reached 3NT, it was all over. Neve +460 and no swing but a good chance missed.

Maybe this missed chance had not been fully digested by all players involved, as this is what happened on the next board:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Kovachev</i>	North <i>Mauberquez</i>	East <i>Rimstedt</i>	South <i>Reess</i>
		1♠	Dble
Redbl	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All pass

Well, the heart loser can go on the established diamond but only if there is a side entry left in dummy and, of course, if there has been no heart lead.

This means that the rather obvious lead by South of either rounded king beats the contract without further ado. Reess chose the ♣K but it did not matter. Neve +100. Note that if Rimstedt ducks the ♣A the defence has to be careful. See tomorrow's Bulletin.

The French semi-forcing 2♣ approach made life easy for E/W in the Closed Room:

Closed Room

West <i>Allix</i>	North <i>Wernle</i>	East <i>Neve</i>	South <i>Smederevac</i>
		2♣	3♣
Dble	4♣	4♠	All pass

West knew that two aces and nothing else could not possibly be enough for slam. Neve +650 and 13 IMPs. They led by 61-27 with 6 to go...

They again increased their lead on the next board:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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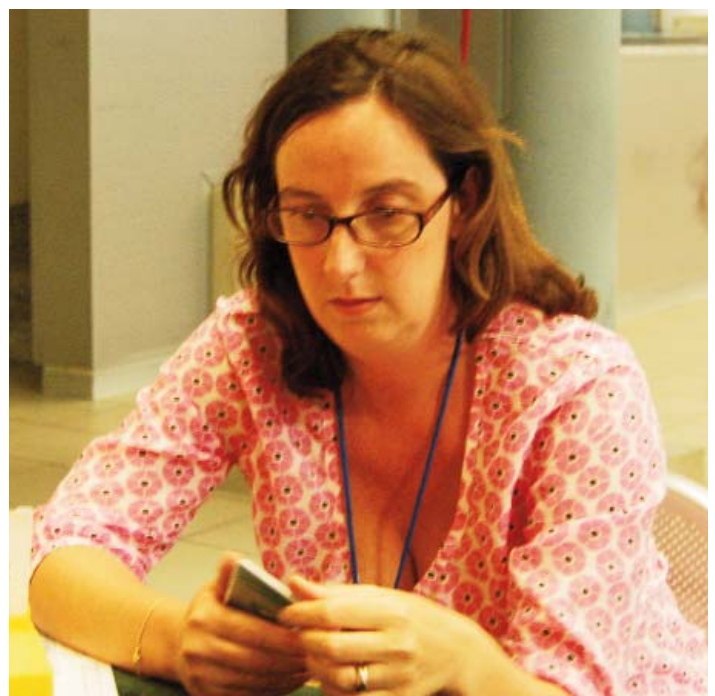
Open Room

West <i>Kovachev</i>	North <i>Mauberquez</i>	East <i>Rimstedt</i>	South <i>Reess</i>
			1♠
2♥	3♦	Pass	3NT
All pass			

What else can you do over partner's 3♦ other than have a go at 3NT? With the hearts 6-1 and East holding the third diamond, Reess found about the only distribution to make her contract. Neve +630. Needless to say, she had won the ♥Q, cashed ♦A, crossed in ♣ and led a diamond up...

Closed Room

West <i>Allix</i>	North <i>Wernle</i>	East <i>Neve</i>	South <i>Smederevac</i>
			1♠
2♥	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All pass			



Vanessa Reess, France

Yes, you can do something else over 3♦ but on this layout, you immediately enter the no-go area by doing so. South might have passed 4♦ for a plus score (if system allows it...) but the damage was done already. One down, Neve another +100 and another juicy 12 IMPs to lead by 46. It was all over.

Hansen struck back with a rather fortunate 3NT on the next board:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 10 7 4 ♥ 4 ♦ A Q 7 2 ♣ Q J 8 3	♠ 8 6 5 ♥ K 10 7 6 3 ♦ 10 4 ♣ A 5 4 <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 2 ♥ Q J 9 5 ♦ K 6 5 3 ♣ K 6 2 ♠ A Q 9 3 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ J 9 8 ♣ 10 9 7
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kovachev</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Reess</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Easy going with all the nice breaks...Hansen +400.



Joanna Neve, France

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allix</i>	<i>Wernle</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
1♦	1♥	INT	2♦
Pass	2♥	3♦	All pass

Opposite a possibly minimum opener, there is probably not much to gain by stretching with the East hand, non vul. Just made, Neve +110 but 7 IMPs back to Hansen.

The next three boards were flat so the gallant effort by Jovanka Smederevac on the last board was for the gallery only:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ J 10 9 6 5 ♥ 10 6 4 2 ♦ J 4 ♣ Q 10	♠ Q 3 ♥ 9 7 5 ♦ K 8 6 2 ♣ K 8 6 3 <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8 2 ♥ A K J 8 ♦ Q 10 5 3 ♣ 7 5 4 ♠ A K 7 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ A 9 7 ♣ A J 9 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kovachev</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Reess</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All pass			

If you take the club finesse, which looks a normal enough line, you will soon be one off. That was Mauberquez' fate: Hansen +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allix</i>	<i>Wernle</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All pass	

Jovanka opened a Strong Club and thus became declarer at no-trumps when she could rebid INT to show 17-19. North raised to game and West led the ♠J. She won the king and led to dummy's ♣K, noting the fall of the ten. If this is a true card (but quite often it is not...), there is something to say for playing for the drop, even more so if intuition/card sense or whatever increases this urge. So back came a club, up went the ace and home was the contract. Hansen +600 and 12 IMPs but Neve had won: 73-46.

Swings and Roundabouts

by Brent Manley

Two teams that did well in the qualifying stages – Vriend and De Botton – faced each other in the quarterfinal of the Mixed Teams, and it didn't take long for the fireworks to start. The first two boards were pushes, then came this deal.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 5 3 ♥ 7 3 ♦ A Q 10 4 3 2 ♣ Q J 9	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 9 6 4 2 ♥ A Q 6 ♦ 5 ♣ A 6 5 4	♠ K Q J ♥ J 10 9 8 ♦ J 9 8 6 ♣ 7 2 ♠ 10 8 7 ♥ K 5 4 2 ♦ K 7 ♣ K 10 8 3
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West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>Sandqvist</i>	East <i>Arnolds</i>	South <i>Senior</i>
			Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	All Pass

The 2♣ bid by Ton Bakkeren could be a weak two-bid in diamonds or very strong, so the 2♠ bid was not forcing in the case of the weak two in diamonds.

Nevena Senior had no clues from the bidding, so she started with a low heart, taken by Carla Arnolds with the queen. The ♥A was cashed and a heart ruffed in dummy. The ♣Q lost to the king and a club came back. The defenders managed to separate two of their high trumps, but Arnolds still took nine tricks with relative ease for plus 140.

West <i>Malinowski</i>	North <i>Maas</i>	East <i>De Botton</i>	South <i>Vriend</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Bep Vriend started the defense well with a trump lead to the jack and ace. Janet De Botton went to dummy with the ♦A and played a heart to her queen. Vriend won the ♥K and played a second round of spades. De Botton won the next trick with the ♥A and exited with a low heart to North's 9. He cashed the ♠K and forced declarer to ruff a fourth round of hearts. De Botton played the ♣A and a club to Vriend's king. She put declarer in dummy with the

♣Q and eventually collected another club trick for one off and 6 IMPs to Vriend.

The Dutch team struck for even more IMPs on the next deal.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 4 ♥ K J 4 3 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ 7 6 4 3 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 7 5 3 ♥ A 10 6 ♦ Q 10 5 3 ♣ 10 9 ♠ J 2 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ 9 8 6 ♣ A K Q 8 5 ♠ K Q 10 9 8 6 ♥ Q 5 2 ♦ A K 7 ♣ J	
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West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>Sandqvist</i>	East <i>Arnolds</i>	South <i>Senior</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
1♥	1♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

The 4♣ splinter bid by Senior seems a huge stretch, and though she did back off somewhat by trying to sign off in



Nevena Senior, England

4♠. Sandqvist had the bit firmly between his teeth. The slam had no chance. Arnolds cashed a high club and switched to the ♥9 – one down.

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Maas</i>	<i>DeBotton</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Vriend also took 11 tricks for plus 650 and 13 IMPs. Vriend was ahead 19-0. The margin shrank on the next deal.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakkeren</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Senior</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dble	Redble	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Bakkeren started with a low heart to Arnolds' ace. She returned the suit, won by Senior with the king. Declarer could have gone for an overtrick by cashing the diamonds from her hand, entering dummy with the ♣A and pitching the heart loser on the ♦A, but she took no chances, playing a spade at trick three to dummy's jack. Arnolds won and played a heart to her partner's 10, but that was the last trick for the defense as Senior scored up plus 620.

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Maas</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♣	2♠
All Pass			

With two aces, trump support and a partner bidding freely despite unfavourable vulnerability, the pass by Anton Maas seems remarkably conservative. Indeed, Vriend took the same 10 tricks that Senior did, so De Botton was on the board with a 10-IMP swing. That team took the lead on the next deal.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakkeren</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Senior</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Bakkeren wanted to go on, but after a long think he finally passed. Arnolds was not taxed to come to 11 tricks.

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Maas</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

De Botton took the opening lead of the ♦10 with the ace, the played the ♥A and a heart. Maas could not profit by ruffing in front of declarer, so he discarded. De Botton won



Artur Malinowski, England

the ♠K and played a third round. Vriend won and continued the suit, but De Botton ruffed with the ace, cashed the ♠K and played the ♠10, letting it run when Maas did not cover. Well played.

De Botton could also have succeeded by reversing the dummy: ♠A, diamond ruff, spade to the ace, diamond ruff, club to dummy, diamond ruff, ♠Q, club to dummy, ♠K, losing only a heart trick at the end. This line might even survive a bad trump break.

At any rate, De Botton earned a 13-IMP swing for her team.

The squad was leading 23-21 when Senior and Sandqvist engineered another swing with good judgment in the bidding.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 10 7 ♥ 8 5 ♦ 10 9 5 2 ♣ A K 9 7	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 8 6 5 ♥ Q 4 ♦ K 8 7 ♣ 10 8 5 4	♠ Q 9 ♥ A K J 10 9 7 6 ♦ A 4 ♣ 6 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Bakkeren</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Senior</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Bakkeren started with the top two clubs and a third round. Senior won the ♣Q and played dummy's top two hearts. Voila! Ten tricks and plus 630.

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Maas</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
All Pass			

Maas needed one more trick than Senior, but he took two fewer. De Botton led a club, and Malinowski took his winners in that suit and switched to a diamond. Maas might as well have let this run up to dummy (the ♦K onside was more likely than the ♦K falling singleton), but he went up with the ace, cashed two high hearts and tried the ♠9 from hand. De Botton took her ♠A and cashed the ♦K for one down and 12 more IMPs for her side.

De Botton led 37-24 at the halfway point.

Two boards into the second half, the Dutch gave up a silly swing.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ J 8 6 2 ♥ Q 7 6 ♦ A 6 5 2 ♣ J 6	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 9 7 ♥ K 8 4 3 ♦ 10 7 4 3 ♣ 4 3	♠ Q 10 5 4 3 ♥ — ♦ J 9 ♣ K Q 9 7 5 2
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W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>van Zwol</i>	<i>Senior</i>
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Sandqvist's 2♠ showed spades and a minor. It was not difficult for him to take 11 tricks.

Arnolds also took 11 tricks in clubs, but she was one level higher.

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Bakkeren</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Malinowski started with the ♦A and continued the suit so declarer's only chance, barring an egregious error, was ♥KQ doubleton with one opponent, which would give him five tricks on which to put dummy's spades. There was no luck, so Arnolds was one down for a 10-IMP swing to De Botton.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A K 8 5 4 3 ♥ A K ♦ 4 2 ♣ 8 6 3	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 9 6 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ J 8 6 5 ♣ J 9 7	♠ 7 ♥ Q 10 6 5 4 2 ♦ A K Q 7 ♣ A 4
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W E						
S						

On this deal, Wietske van Zwol had to bid her partner's suit at the four level, vulnerable, to escape a much worse fate than was in store had she passed.

West <i>Bertens</i>	North <i>Sandqvist</i>	East <i>van Zwol</i>	South <i>Senior</i>
			Pass
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Redble	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Huub Bertens had to lose five minor-suit tricks for minus 500, but East/West were booked for minus 880 in 4♥ re-doubled. With 4♥ making at the other table sans doubles, it was only a 2-IMP loss. It would have been 10 had van Zwol not pulled to 4♠.

De Botton picked up another 4 IMPs on the next board for 4♠ down three vulnerable against 170 for 2♥. At that point, De Botton was cruising 53-24.

Vriend pulled closer with good bidding on this deal.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Malinowski</i>	North <i>Bakkeren</i>	East <i>De Botton</i>	South <i>Arnolds</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Bakkeren led the ♦Q, so with the ♥J falling in the third round, declarer had an easy 12 tricks for plus 490.

West <i>Bertens</i>	North <i>Sandqvist</i>	East <i>van Zwol</i>	South <i>Senior</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

South led a diamond, and van Zwol won the ace, ruffed a diamond, cash the ♣A and ♣K, relieved to find trumps 3-2. She then played a spade to the ace and ruffed another diamond, played a heart to dummy's queen, cashed the ♣J and ♠K, then the ♣10 and a heart to the ace. When the ♥J fell under the king, the 10 was trick 12, good for 10 IMPs to Vriend.

Unfortunately for the Dutch, the next five deals produced only one minor swing. They did claim a vulnerable game swing on the final deal, but it was too little, too late. The final score was 54-50 for De Botton.

Press Release



June 16, 2009

The World Bridge Federation is pleased to announce that the next World Bridge Series will be held from October 1 – 16, 2010 at the Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia. This will be the first time this Championship has been held in the United States for 16 years, although of course, everyone will remember other great championships held in the USA, like New Orleans in '78 Miami in '86, Albuquerque '94 and the special IOC Grand Prix staged in Salt Lake City in 2002.

Thousands of the world's best bridge players will compete for world titles, with events for players of varied skill levels. A special Junior programme is being planned and will be specially designed to encourage the participation of young players in the world's greatest card game. It is likely to include the Ortiz Patiño Trophy and José Damiani Cup. In addition a great Regional Championship will be staged throughout the event with ACBL and WBF Master Point Awards.

Up to 100 different nations are expected to participate in this exciting and challenging event. A special invitation is being planned for bridge players from Cuba, with the very real possibility that an official Cuban delegation may visit the US for the first time in 50 years.

José Damiani, WBF President, stated: "Philadelphia will be an ideal location for the 2010 World Bridge Series. We greatly appreciate the welcome that is being provided by local Philadelphia bridge players, the city, convention bureau, and the Mayor's office. This warm welcome was a major factor in our selecting Philadelphia. My warm personal thanks go to the ACBL and the USBF for their support and encouragement."

"We look forward to hosting the 2010 World Bridge Series in Philadelphia," responded Bill Pollack, USBF President, "and providing a magnificent site, good value, and world class competition for thousands of players from all over the world."

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All England

by Mark Horton

The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club plays host once a year to a minor tennis tournament – Wimbledon, where last year’s Gentlemen’s Singles final between Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal is regarded by many as the greatest ever. Every once in a while a bridge match scales similar heights, and I settled down to watch the match between two predominately English teams in the Round of 16 with hopes of seeing a classic.

Well, as the old Russian proverb says, ‘It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive.’

The match started quietly, but then (as they often do) burst into life:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ AK97 ♦ QJ1098 ♣ 653	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J10873 ♥ J10865 ♦ 3 ♣ 102	♠ Q96 ♥ 32 ♦ K75 ♣ AQJ94 ♠ AK54 ♥ Q4 ♦ A642 ♣ K87
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Open Room

West <i>Callaghan</i>	North <i>Sandqvist</i>	East <i>Duckworth</i>	South <i>Senior</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Which major should East lead?

If you go by the sum of the pips the hearts are stronger (39 to 38) – and as Tacchi pointed out partner also has ♥AK97 – another good reason. East led the jack of spades and declarer had ten tricks, +630.

Closed Room

West <i>Malinowski</i>	North <i>Stern</i>	East <i>De Botton</i>	South <i>Fawcett</i>
	INT	2♣*	3NT
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

East’s spectacular entry into the auction made it easy for her side to find the excellent heart contract. The defenders took their four tricks, +100, but that gave De Botton 11 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 10 ♥ AQ102 ♦ QJ43 ♣ QJ107	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K98 ♥ J753 ♦ 62 ♣ AK96	♠ AJ765 ♥ — ♦ AK1085 ♣ 543 ♠ Q432 ♥ K9864 ♦ 97 ♣ 82
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W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West <i>Callaghan</i>	North <i>Sandqvist</i>	East <i>Duckworth</i>	South <i>Senior</i>
	1♦	1♠	Pass
Pass	4♣	Dble	3♠
		Dble	All Pass

East led the king of clubs and West played the queen to indicate possession of the jack. That should have made it easy for East to play a low club, but she continued with the ace of clubs, which was potentially fatal for the defence.

Declarer ruffed, cashed his top diamonds and ruffed a diamond, East discarding a heart. Declarer came to hand with a heart ruff and could now have ensured his contract by ruffing a club. He then ruffs a heart and plays a diamond to leave East helpless.

However, declarer played a diamond, enabling East to dis-



Ton Bakkeren, Netherlands

card her remaining heart. He ruffed and then ruffed a heart with the jack of spades. All East had to do was to overruff and play a club, but inexplicably she discarded and now declarer was home. He ruffed a club, ruffed a heart with the ace of spades and played his diamond to score the queen of spades 'en passant'. That was +790.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Stern</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Fawcett</i>
			Pass
1♥	2♥*	2♠*	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- 2♥ Spades and a minor
- 2♠ Fit

Here East started with the king of clubs, but West did not play the queen, doubtless hoping East would switch to a heart. No, she also cashed the other top club and continued the suit.

Declarer ruffed and played a spade to the jack and king, and after that there was no way the defenders could go wrong.

Should declarer have found the winning line of attacking the side suit first? That I recall was the advice given by one Terence Reese some years ago. -100 added 13 IMPs to De Botton's total.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Duckworth</i>	<i>Senior</i>
Pass	1♥	2♣	3♥
5♣	6♥	All Pass	

Declarer had to lose a spade, but that was all, +980.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Stern</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Fawcett</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Although North's bid of 4♥ might be described as pusillanimous, it was perhaps unlucky to find partner with such a perfect hand. It cost another 11 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 4 ♥ 4 ♦ A K 7 6 5 ♣ K J 10 6 5 4	<table border="1" style="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	♠ 9 5 3 ♥ J 10 9 8 7 2 ♦ J ♣ A Q 3
N					
W E					
S					
♠ K Q 10 8 ♥ A 6 3 ♦ Q 4 3 2 ♣ 9 2	♠ A J 7 6 2 ♥ K Q 5 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ 8 7				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Duckworth</i>	<i>Senior</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

North decide to resort to a canapé style in order to be able to show both his suits. His jump to five clubs was a leap of faith that proved to be unfounded.

East led the jack of hearts and West won and returned the suit. Declarer won in dummy, discarding a club and played a club to the jack and queen. Another heart forced him to ruff, and he could not avoid three down, -150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Stern</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Fawcett</i>
	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Dble	All Pass		



Christine Duckworth, England

Passing with the North hand is a tactic that can work well, but on the next round North had to make a decision and his choice turned out badly.

West started with ace of hearts – not the best lead as it happens – and switched to the king of spades. Declarer won and can ‘escape’ for two down by cashing two heart tricks and then playing on clubs.

However, she ran the ten of diamonds to East’s jack and the spade return forced dummy and put the defenders in complete control, declarer finishing four down, -800 gave De Botton 12 IMPs, their fourth double-digit gain in the last five deals.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West <i>Callaghan</i>	North <i>Sandqvist</i>	East <i>Duckworth</i>	South <i>Senior</i>
Pass	1♥	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	2♥
			All Pass

North led the ace of hearts and continued with the five, West winning with the queen. With little reason to do otherwise West ran the queen of diamonds and South took the king and played a heart for one down, +50.

Closed Room

West <i>Malinowski</i>	North <i>Stern</i>	East <i>De Botton</i>	South <i>Fawcett</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
			All Pass

North led the five of hearts and when dummy’s jack held declarer was able to give himself a small extra chance by laying down the ace of diamonds. Voila! Now declarer ended up making all the tricks (in practice South discarded a club early, but if she keeps all of them she has to discard down to two spades and then West can discard a club and squeeze North in the majors with three rounds of clubs.) +520 delivered 13 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Callaghan</i>	North <i>Sandqvist</i>	East <i>Duckworth</i>	South <i>Senior</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Some years ago I discussed the type of hand that South held here with Geir Helgemo. If you follow the route South took here, as opposed to immediately raising spades then we agreed you should be showing significant extra values. My hand evaluator rates the South hand as being worth 14+ points, so maybe South should bid 2♠ directly. Against that, you have the lure of a vulnerable game against opponents who have been struggling.

East led the three of clubs and when declarer put up dummy’s king West won with the ace and returned the suit. Declarer won in hand and drew trumps in four rounds, cashed the last trump and played the ten of clubs to dummy’s queen. These cards remained:

♠ — ♥ J 7 5 ♦ K 5 ♣ —	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ — ♥ A 10 ♦ A J 9 ♣ — ♠ — ♥ Q ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ 6	♠ — ♥ K 9 8 ♦ 10 3 ♣ —
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Declarer was still a trick short, but when he cashed the last club, discarding a diamond, East, unwilling to release a diamond, produced a disastrous discard, by parting with the ace of hearts! Declarer cashed the queen of hearts and then played a low diamond towards his ten. There was no way the defenders could unravel their diamond tricks so declarer was +620.

In the replay North/South were allowed to play in Two Diamonds and managed to make it, giving De Botton 11 IMPs.

In the space of 7 boards they had outscored their opponents 74-1 – surely an insurmountable lead.

Mixed Teams Semi-Final Hauge v De Botton

by Jos Jacobs

One thing was certain when this match got underway: Malinowski would get to the final. There were two of them, a one in each team...

Which one it would be, however, was by no means as easy to predict. This match looked very open and so it proved, certainly during the first half of it. On board 4, for example, Mr Malinowski was severely handicapped by the existence of a convention called 4th suit forcing:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Gunev</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Popova</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♣	All pass		



Anna Malinowski, Norway

This pitiful contract had to go down three. Hauge +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Senior</i>
2♦	Pass	2♥	3♦
Pass	3NT	All pass	

The solution to the E/W bidding problem obviously is to launch another gadget. That's what Sælensminde did when he opened 2♦ to show majors. After that, N/S got too high but with 2♥ making, this did not matter very much as the swing was there anyway. One down, Hauge another +100 and 9 IMPs.

Two boards later, the bold bidders were rewarded:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Gunev</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Popova</i>
1♠	2♦	1♥	Pass
4♠	All pass	Pass	Pass

After North's simple overcall, E/W had no trouble in reaching game. De Botton +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Senior</i>
1♠	3♦	1♥	Pass
Dble	All pass	Pass	Pass

West might have bid 4♠ here too, but when he quite rea-

sonably doubled instead, East can hardly be blamed for converting it. Down only two, however, Hauge +300 but 8 IMPs back to De Botton.

The next board could have gone either team's way:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Gunev</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Popova</i>
			INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All pass	

As you can see, 3NT comes down to locating the ♥Q. South did not, maybe because of the defence. West led a top diamond, won by declarer, who drove out the ♣A. West continued a top diamond which was allowed to hold and now, West shifted to a spade, East winning two tricks in the suit before exiting with a club. West's failure to continue diamonds might tell declarer the location of the ♠A



Sandqvist N., Senior N., De Botton J., Malinowski A.
Team De Botton

but what about the ♥Q? Anyway, De Botton +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Senior</i>
			INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	All pass	

The same line of play here, so no need to find the ♥Q. De Botton +120 and 6 IMPs to take the lead by 14-11.

An accident on the next board:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Gunev</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Popova</i>
			2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Dble	3♥	Pass	
All pass			

West led a diamond to East's ace and ducked the second round of the suit to dummy's queen. Now, declarer can either take the simple spade finesse or play for an endgame on West – this will work if he holds both the diamonds and the ♠K and if she is able to read his discards.

At this table, South, maybe influenced by the double of 3♦, went for the endgame on West which led to down one. De Botton +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Senior</i>
			Dble
Pass	Pass	1♠	3NT
Pass	INT	Pass	
All pass			

When East opened, North became declarer and got a spade lead. End of the defence. De Botton +400 and another 10 IMPs.

Good judgement saw Hauge recover most part of the deficit on this board:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Gunev</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Popova</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	All pass	

If you open rubbish hands like this one, you should have a mechanism to find out about that in time. Well done by N/S, two overtricks when the defence never played spades, Hauge +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Senior</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	All pass	



Rossen Georgiev Gunev, Bulgaria

The problem with 4♥ is that, even if the ♠A is right, the defenders can probably arrange a diamond ruff.

West led the ♦A and another so when the ♠A proved wrong for declarer, the defenders duly got their ruff for down two. Hauge another +200 and 9 IMPs back to trail by just 1 IMP, 23-24.

One more IMP to Hauge saw the teams go into the second half with the scores level. Good for the match, for sure...

Once again the second half of the match produced a lot a difficult and thus swingy hands. Here are a few:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Popova</i>	<i>Senior</i>
1♠	4♥	5♠	Pass
6♠	All pass		

As, South was not sure if, the E/W auction had got out of control, she decided not to take the save at 7♥. Therefore N/S conceded -1430 instead of -800. After a successful diamond finesse, the 13th diamond was the parking place for the unexpected (?) club loser.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
4♥	4NT	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All pass		

When West did not open, E/W were in a much more difficult position to judge what was going on here. Understandably, West sold out to 6♥, collecting just +500. Hauge +14 IMPs.

On the next board, De Botton struck back and again it was a matter of opening style:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A 9 2 ♥ A 10 ♦ A 7 4 2 ♣ Q J 6 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid white; width: 100%;"/> W E <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid white; width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ 10 4 ♥ J 8 5 4 ♦ K ♣ K 10 9 8 7 2	♠ K 8 7 6 5 ♥ K Q 9 6 3 ♦ 8 6 ♣ 5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Popova</i>	<i>Senior</i>
	3♦	All pass	

West might take the possibility of bidding 3NT into consideration, as this bid, in 4th position against a preempt, in practice shows 14-20 hcp with or without a diamond stopper. When he did not, it was painful to find out a few moments later that 3♦ could not even be defeated. De Botton +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
INT	2♦	3NT	All pass

When North opened 1♦, West could insert a natural INT overcall which was duly raised to game by partner and easily made on a diamond lead, De Botton +400 and 11 IMPs back. A spade lead would not have helped the defence either...

Two boards later, one N/S pair got too enthusiastic:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ J ♥ 8 5 2 ♦ A K 8 4 ♣ 9 6 4 3 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid white; width: 100%;"/> W E <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid white; width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ 9 8 3 ♥ A Q 9 3 ♦ J 5 3 2 ♣ Q 5	♠ K Q 5 4 2 ♥ K 10 6 4 ♦ — ♣ A K J 10
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Popova</i>	<i>Senior</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
All pass			

3♣ was a Bergen-style raise and 4♦ a clear splinter over which South quickly signed off. When East led a trump to dummy's ace, felling the jack, North could have made his contract easily on a double-dummy basis. But when he led a heart to the ten and queen, East returned a trump. Next, declarer drew the last outstanding trump and played a club to the jack and queen...

Fair enough, with West likely to hold many more clubs than East, but +50 to Hauge.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	

Very simple bidding led to an easy contract. Hauge +420 and 10 IMPs to them, to lead by 9 now.

Hauge extended their lead by a bidding triumph on this board:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ J 3 ♥ 10 6 5 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ J 10 7 6 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid white; width: 100%;"/> W E <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid white; width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ Q 9 6 5 ♥ 9 4 2 ♦ J 6 ♣ A K 9 2	♠ A 10 4 2 ♥ Q J 8 7 3 ♦ 7 4 ♣ Q 4
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Popova</i>	<i>Senior</i>
	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Once South opened INT, reaching 3NT was almost un-

avoidable. So was the club lead. Hauge +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>
	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All pass			

The 2♦ opening to show the majors gadget worked very well here. 3♥ over the 3♣ enquiry showed longer hearts so Mrs Malinowski, not believing in a solid enough club stopper, tried 4♥. Well done as the diamonds could be set up easily enough. Hauge +620 and 12 IMPs more to lead by 21. Things had started to look gloomy for De Botton.

However, a misdefence by their opponents against a vulnerable game, allowing the contract to be made, brought De Botton 12 IMPs on board 23 to trail by just 9 with 5 boards to go.

On the next board, Hauge then dealt the decisive blow:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Popova</i>	<i>Senior</i>
1♥	Dble	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♦	All pass	

Of course, Sandqvist knew from the bidding that partner's 3♠ was a three-card suit. Still, if you desperately want to be in slam, why not try 6♠ on this layout? Ruff a diamond with the ♠10, take a club finesse or two, don't forget to draw trumps and that's it...

As the diamonds were not kind enough to break 3-3 as well, declarer had to go down one in his slam...Hauge +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>
1♥	Dble	Pass	1NT
2♥	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All pass			

North managed not to get carried away, in spite of his tremendous hand, When South did not make any forward movement, 3NT was the logical end of it all. Eleven tricks, Hauge +460 and 11 IMPs to lead by 20 with 4 to go.

Over-optimistic bidding by both De Botton pairs led to a major adverse swing on an innocent-looking board:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Popova</i>	<i>Senior</i>
		1♦	1♥
2♣	2NT	All pass	

This got what it deserved: down three, Hauge +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Sælensminde</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>
		1♦	1♥
1NT	All pass		

Why not pass first and introduce clubs later? 1NT was hopeless from the start, even though EW held a heart stopper...Down two, another +200 to Hauge and 11 more IMPs to them. They led by 33 now which would certainly be more than enough to get through to the final.

And so it proved, even though De Botton, on the last board, recorded a non vulnerable game swing after an unlucky lead by the Hauge team against 3NT. The final score thus became 89-61 to Hauge. They would play in the final on Wednesday.

Some Pairs Musings

by David Stern

On Tuesday evening I took the opportunity to drive to Menton with some friends for a delightful meal. Of course after the social chatter the conversation turned to the bridge 'du jour.' Here are a few hands that came under discussion.

Mixed Pairs Qualifying Session 4 Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North <i>Beauchamp</i>	East <i>Boardman</i>	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Methods count for a lot in bridge especially when you remember them and utilise them correctly. Kathy Boardman's 3♦ was minor suit Stayman and with a scarcity of points in the majors North, David Beauchamp correctly assessed that 3NT was likely to be a poor contract. After some sniffing around at the edges of a slam they rested in the optimal contract of 5♦. In a case of winning the battle and losing the war this resulted in a poor score against those N/S's who received a fortunate low spade lead and made 12 tricks.

N/S of 119 scores	720	2	99.57%
	690	78	65.68%
	660	4	30.93%
	620	2	28.39%
	600	21	18.65%

Perhaps this is why I generally don't play pairs. You bid to the optimal and par spot and score 28.4% for your efforts.



Mixed Teams and Pairs Prize-Giving

Medals will be presented to the Mixed Teams and Pairs today immediately after the end of the last round, on the terrace of the "Palafiori" (3rd floor, near the Cafeteria)

Mixed Pairs Qualifying Session 4 Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

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

The auction above would have been typical at many tables but the question is how do you play for the maximum number of tricks on a low club lead? Clearly you try the ♠K, which the opponents will duck. A diamond to the nine seems attractive as, if it loses to the ace, you will have the extra entry to dummy that you need to establish and enjoy the spades for a total of 12 tricks.

If, however, it loses to the jack, you can change tack and make nine tricks by abandoning spades and establishing diamonds making one spade, two hearts, three diamonds and three clubs. When the nine fetches the ace you will emerge with 11 tricks, +460 and a very nice score indeed.

N/S of 119 scores	490	1	100.00%
	480	1	99.15%
	460	18	91.10%
	450	35	68.64%
	430	2	52.97%
	420	2	51.27%
	400	23	40.68%

Mixed Pairs Qualifying Session 4 Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

This is another hand which is well suited to methods known, understood and properly implemented. The dinner conversation consensus, which in fairness did not include South, was that 4♦ showing six diamonds with a source of tricks as well as four spades would perfectly describe the hand and be a much better bid than 4♣. After 4♦, North has an easy path to the cold grand slam.

N/S of 119 scores	2210	32	86.86%
	1700	1	72.88%
	1460	56	48.73%
	1430	6	22.46%
	1400	1	19.49%
	710	15	12.71%
	690	1	5.94%
	680	4	3.82%

And now a quick quiz for you:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A J 10 9 8 3
 ♥ Q 9 2
 ♦ K
 ♣ J 6 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Dble	4♣
5♥	Pass	Pass	??

This is pairs, so getting it right is perhaps more critical than in teams. My thinking is that in defence I can deliver perhaps one heart trick and one diamond trick and very optimistically one spade trick so going plus seems quite possible. In terms of offensively we should have no spade losers, one heart loser, maybe a diamond loser and the club suit is a little unknown. Your call before reading on?

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

In the 'real world' East will fail in 5♥ – why you may ask. If I were sitting East I would ask myself why the defence with 12 spades have not taken the sacrifice which would lead me to conclude that neither has a singleton, play for the 2-2 break and go one down. If you sacrificed in 5♠ you will also fail by one trick so a very delicate assessment yet again at the five level.

N/S of 119 scores	930	1	100.00%	
	790	2	98.73%	
	620	34	83.47%	
	500	1	68.64%	
	300	4	66.53%	Possible 6♥X-2
	100	11	60.17%	Possible 5♥X -1
	50	5	53.39%	Likely 5♥ -1
	-100	40	34.32%	Likely 5♠ -1
	-200	16	10.60%	Likely 5♠X -1

Championship Diary



In Round 4 of Swiss A, Bulgaria's Georgi Karakolev reached a somewhat dubious 3NT contract, which could have been defeated by several tricks. As the play drew to a close it appeared that nine tricks had been made and the result was duly entered. A few minutes later the declarer suggested to his opponents that in fact he had actually gone one down.

That is how to win friends and influence people at this game – a classic piece of sportsmanship. Bravo Georgi!

BBO is providing excellent coverage of the Championships. Yesterday the following exchange took place between three of the commentators:

'I am not saying that Smolen is God's gift to bridge players, but its definitely playable and the Americans love it.'

'But they also loved Bush once.'

'I'll never play Bush.'

If your partner is called Maas then you should not be too critical.

We are pleased to announce that the renowned professor Sploofus has advanced to the bronze medal position on the all time point list that measures excellence on the web site from which he derives his name. That is roughly the equivalent of winning 50,000 ACBL master-points.

You may be aware that there were some problems producing the results for the Mixed Pairs. On being told that the problem involved some codes we immediately set to work.

I learnt the Morse Code, Tacchi the Highway Code, Barry the Green Cross Code, Brent the Code Napoleon while Herman is studying Semaphore.

A Curious Incident

by Mark Horton

In her team's match against Hauge Nevena Senior had to turn into a bridge detective, and on this occasion it was the mantle of Sherlock Holmes that she adopted.

One of the most popular of the Holmes stories, "Silver Blaze", focuses on the disappearance of the eponymous race horse named Silver Blaze, a famous winner, on the eve of an important race and on the apparent murder of its trainer, John Straker. The tale is distinguished by its atmospheric Dartmoor setting, and late Victorian sporting milieu. It also features some of Conan Doyle's most effective plotting, hinging on the famed curious incident of the dog in the night-time:

Gregory (Scotland Yard detective): 'Is there any other point to which you would wish to draw my attention?'

Holmes: 'To the curious incident of the dog in the night-time.'


Gregory: 'The dog did nothing in the night-time.'

Holmes: 'That was the curious incident.'

In her team's match against Hauge Nevena Senior had to turn into a bridge detective, and on this occasion it was the mantle of Sherlock Holmes that she adopted.

This was the deal in question:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul

♠ 7 6 ♥ J 9 4 ♦ K J 5 4 ♣ 7 6 5 4		♠ A K J 10 9 4 2 ♥ A K 3 ♦ 8 ♣ Q 9	♠ 8 3 ♥ Q 10 5 ♦ A Q 9 7 2 ♣ A K J
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West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>
<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Popova</i>	<i>Senior</i>
			INT
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The auction was identical at both tables.

In the Closed Room South cashed the ace of clubs for the four, eight and nine. She then switched to the three of spades for the queen and ace. Now declarer could have run her trumps to squeeze South down to: ♥Q105 ♦A ♣K. Then a minor suit exit forces an eventual lead away from the queen of hearts.

However, after drawing trumps, declarer played a dia-


mond and South took the ace, North following with the three. When South decided to exit with a heart declarer put up dummy's jack, +620.

Could Nevena 'Holmes' Senior do better?

She cashed the king of clubs at trick one, partner playing the two, reverse count. After cashing the ace of clubs she played the ace of diamonds, four, six eight. As an aside, North should almost certainly play the ten of diamonds, following the principle of always giving the clearest signal possible.

Why is that important?

Imagine the full deal looked like this:

♠ Q 5 ♥ K 8 7 6 2 ♦ 10 6 ♣ 10 8 3 2		♠ A K J 10 9 4 2 ♥ A 3 ♦ 8 3 ♣ Q 9	♠ 8 3 ♥ Q 10 5 ♦ A Q 9 7 2 ♣ A K J
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Having cashed three minor suit winners, the only winning defence for South is to play another diamond immediately. Declarer can put in the jack, but when she tries to cash the king North is able to ruff, leaving declarer a trick short.)

After some thought, Nevena exited with the jack of clubs, and in due course she took the setting trick with the queen of hearts. How did she work it out?

Assuming declarer started with seven spades, she held three unknown cards in the red suits.

Meanwhile partner was known to have four clubs and by inference two spades. That left seven cards unaccounted for. How to decide if partner held two or three diamonds?

The answer could not be found with certainty from partner's play in the diamond suit, but there was another clue arising from something partner had not done, exactly like the dog in Silver Blaze.

He had not bid 2♦!

If North had held five hearts, he would have transferred over INT. Therefore he had only four hearts and hence three diamonds.

Nevena promises that her next piece of detection will involve Miss Marple!

MIXED PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL A

(standings after 2 sessions - provisional)

Rank	Names	Percentage					
1	QUANTIN Jean-Christophe	WILLARD Sylvie	60.25	66	CANONNE Marion	SUSSEL Patrick	50.27
2	KONDAKCI SEN Emine	SEN Tezcan	59.82	67	DHONDY Jeremy	DHONDY Heather	50.11
3	FREDIN Peter	ZUR-CAMPANILE-ALBU M.	59.79	68	BEAUCHAMP David	BOARDMAN Kathrin	50.08
4	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	CRONIER Benedicte	59.44	69	CAMPAGNANO Debora	MORITSCH Massimo	50.05
5	BERTENS Huub	ZWOL Wietske van	58.85	70	BAREL Michael	TAL Dana	49.96
6	HINDEN Frances	OSBORNE Graham	58.13	71	DE BOTTON Janet	MALINOWSKI Artur	49.89
7	GIERULSKI Boguslaw	SAWICKA Malgorzata	58.12	72	BERTHEAU Kathrine	UPMARK Johan	49.60
8	BAHNIK Petr	BAHNIKOVA Eva	57.59	73	ANFENSEN Ivar M.	SOLHEIM Eli	48.96
9	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	WERNLE Sascha	56.95	74	PIGANEAU Elizabeth	PIGANEAU Patrice	48.94
10	PENFOLD Sandra	SENIOR Brian	56.73	75	MARINA Bogdan	STEGAROIU Marina	48.89
11	ONISHUK Anna	DE RAEYMAEKER Karel	56.65	76	JACOB Stephanie	JACOB Tom	48.77
12	DUBININ Alexander	PONOMAREVA Tatiana	56.42	77	MIHAI Geta	MIHAI Radu	48.63
13	NIEMEIJER Christoffer	PASMAN Jet	56.15	78	GALAKTIONOVA Olga	STOLBOWSKIJ -	48.61
14	KOVACHEV AL-SHATI V.	RIMSTEDT Cecilia	56.00	79	BIRMAN Daniela	BIRMAN David	48.29
15	ELSINEN Antti	ELSINEN Tiina	55.50	80	STANICIC Ognjen	ZJACA Dina	48.24
16	HELNESS Gunn	HELNESS Tor	55.15	81	WEBER Elke	WEBER Fried	48.23
17	PACE Luisa	TARANTINO Marco	54.66	82	ANGELERI Ricardo	ALONSO Ana Maria De	48.21
18	BARONI Franco	FRATI Angiolisa	54.62	83	AUKEN Sabine	BOCCHI Norberto	48.14
19	BREKKA Geir	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin	54.54	84	HARDING Marianne	HOILAND Tom	48.01
20	BRKLJACIC Tihana	IVANCIC Matej	54.41	85	CAPUCHO Maria Joao Lara	OREY CAPUCHO M.	47.99
21	FIASCHI Andrea	ROMANO Annalisa	54.36	86	ERICHSEN Espen	ERICHSEN Helen	47.73
22	FREY Nathalie	PRIMAVERA Federico	54.17	87	POPLILOV Lilo	POPLILOV Matilda	47.63
23	RINGSETH Jorn Arild	THORESEN Siv	54.14	88	MARINO Leonardo	PISANI Rosanna	47.51
24	EIJCK Inez van	EIJCK Willem van	54.09	89	CAPORALI Christiane	MULTON Franck	47.51
25	ENGEL Berthold	GLADIATOR Anne	53.79	90	FAYAD Mireille	HARFOUCHE Gabriel	47.45
26	KRAVCHENKO Igor	SHOKHAN Elena	53.60	91	LONGINOTTI Enrico	MAI Marita	47.34
27	GOLIN Cristina	LANZAROTTI Massimo	53.52	92	ARTMER Ilse-Betina	SIMON Josef	47.10
28	KHAZANOV Igor	LEBEDEVA Maria	53.44	93	SIRIKLIOGLU Mehmet	TUNALI Mine Nurdan	47.05
29	CALDARELLI Verino	CASTIGNANI Claudia	53.30	94	KARAKOLEV Georgi	MITOVSKA Miriana	47.01
30	D'OVIDIO Catherine	GRENTHE Jerome	53.30	95	DAVIES Catherine	GILL Peter	46.90
31	BROGELAND Boye	BROGELAND Tonje Aasand	53.18	96	CALLAGHAN Brian	DUCKWORTH Christine	46.86
32	BRUNNER Michelle	HOLLAND John	53.18	97	DUGUET Marlene	DUGUET Michel	46.86
33	GWINNER Hans-Herman	LANGER Darina	53.07	98	HARPER Ross	SMITH Nicola	46.70
34	BUTRYN Piotr	SAKOWSKA Natalia	53.00	99	SANDQVIST Nicklas	SENIOR Nevena	46.63
35	ALBAMONTE Giovanni	SANI Federica	52.89	100	BUDD Maria	HARRIS Malcolm	46.59
36	GROMOV Andrey	GROMOVA Victoria	52.88	101	BOHNSACK Henning	BOHNSACK Susanne	46.35
37	CORNELL Michael	CORNELL Vivien	52.83	102	TESSARO Tina	WILLS Fred	46.14
38	MAGNUSSON Thomas	ROMANOVSKA Maija	52.81	103	GROMOELLER Michael	SCHRECKENBERGER U.	46.11
39	BEAUMIER Annie	BEAUMIER Dominique	52.75	104	VANHOUTTE Francoise	VANHOUTTE Philippe	46.04
40	ROTH Marion	STRETZ Francois	52.59	105	PAPYRAKI Maria	PROKOPIY Ioannis	45.86
41	CORIAT Martine	CORIAT Alain	52.58	106	MUCHA Rita	PANA Alexandru	45.82
42	MACI Giovanni	PASQUARE Rita	52.58	107	DRIJVER Bob	HAYMAN PIAFSKY Jessica	45.75
43	CARAFI Francesca	MONTANARI Matteo	52.55	108	SOBOLEWSKA Ewa	VAINIKONIS Vytautas	45.62
44	GAVELLI Gabriele	BONORI Marisa	52.50	109	FREY Fabien	GERST Ariette	45.55
45	ALLERTON Jeffrey	LESLIE Paula	52.49	110	ERBIL Erdinc	NIKITINA Alexandra	45.48
46	ALUF Tuna	KOKTEN Namik	52.43	111	ARNOLDS Carla	BAKKEREN Ton	45.41
47	HARASIMOWICZ Ewa	LESNIEWSKI Marcin	52.28	112	CRONIER Philippe	MAAREK Claire	45.17
48	ARONOV Victor	ZOBU Ahu	51.98	113	MANDELLI Massimo	MARIANI Angelica	45.10
49	MAAS Anton	VRIEND Bep	51.96	114	ANIDJAR Nina	BRENNER Diego	45.07
50	DAUVERGNE Sophie	ROMBAUT Jerome	51.87	115	GRENZ Caren	ROHLK Kai	44.95
51	DEHAYE Bernard	DEWASME Isabelle	51.85	116	BABSCH Andreas	HANSEN Renate	44.64
52	SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER	STIENEN Rene	51.68	117	EFRAIMSSON Bengt-Erik	SVEDLUND Helena	44.51
53	FISCHER Doris	SAURER Bernd	51.51	118	BLAKEY Irving	BLAKEY Joy	44.36
54	VERHEES Jr Louk	MICHELSEN Marion	51.45	119	CALANDRA Emanuela	FERRARO Guido	44.36
55	MISZEWSKA Ewa	ZAKRZEWSKI Stanislaw	51.21	120	BIANCHERI Eralda	SIMEOLI Carlo	44.11
56	AASAN Baard Olav	REMEN Solvi	51.15	121	PHELAN John	PHELAN Lucy	44.03
57	CARNESECCHI Lorenzo	GASPARINI Elisabetta	50.91	122	NATHAN Cathy	NATHAN Marc	43.96
58	FOUASSIER Jean-Claude	SERF Marianne	50.85	123	SOULET Patricia	SOULET Philippe	43.91
59	CHIEN Steven	LIN Phoebe	50.77	124	LESKELA Vesa	VIRTANEN Kirsi	43.69
60	KHONICHEVA Elena	KHVEN Max	50.77	125	ERDEOVA Jana	MASEK Jiri	43.42
61	BERG Sabine	GRENTHE Guillaume	50.67	126	BLAAGESTAD Lise	SAETERDAL Atle	42.65
62	STRAUME Ildze	TIHANE Aivar	50.55	127	FOSSI Niccolo	TEMPESTINI Marc	42.46
63	ROSSANO Enza	VIVALDI Antonio	50.44	128	COLOMBARO Anne-Marie	DANIC Jean-Yves	40.29
64	RUBINS Karlis	VOROBYCHIKOVA Olga	50.34	129	NELSON Alan	NELSON Kath	40.22
65	BARENDREGT Rosaline	GOTARD Thomas	50.31	130	HOMME Egil	HOMME Marianne	40.10
				131	HALLBERG Gunnar	HARPER Ursula	40.08

MIXED PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL B

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Rank	Names	Percentage					
1	BREWIAK Grazyna	JAGNIEWSKI Rafal	63.22	76	YILMAZ M.Gokhan	GULTEKINGIL Fusun	49.97
2	FEDERICO Rita	MINA Aldo	61.75	77	FORNI Costanza	POLLEDRO Roberto	49.80
3	MEGLIO Ferdinan	PISCITELLI Francesca	61.29	78	KOTRONAROU Anastasia	SIDIROPOULOS Stefanos	49.69
4	DE BRONAC Christian	DE BRONAC Priscilla	61.08	79	PARNIS-ENGLAND M.	DIX Mario	49.59
5	PSZCZOLA Jacek	SIMPSON Gigi	60.76	80	HIRTZ Dominique	GLANDY Martine	49.58
6	GENTILI Carlo Maria	GENTILI Luigina	59.84	81	DANYLYUK Tetyana	DANYLYUK Volodymyr	49.42
7	GRAMBERG Angela	SCHILHART Norbert	59.11	82	TOKAROVA Ljubov	ZLACKY Alojz	49.36
8	ALP Zeynep	GUR Okay	58.79	83	BETTARELLI Letizia	COSIMI Luciano	49.28
9	BASARAN Berk	KANSAK Fugen	58.78	84	ROTOMSKYTE Juste	VAINIKONIS Erikas	49.27
10	AVON Danielle	VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel	58.42	85	BEGAS Han	GROSMANN Lucia	49.17
11	CEDOLIN Franco	JACONA Ida	58.26	86	FINN Mary	O'LUBAIGH Sean	49.04
12	MARIANI Carlo	BURATTI Monica	57.99	87	SEN Melih Osman	SUT Inci	49.02
13	GOLD David	SEALE Catherine	57.63	88	CESARI Barbara	NATALE Francesco	49.00
14	BOEDDEKER Robert	ZARKESCH Flora	57.07	89	CASSAI Giovanna	ROSTI Roberto	48.98
15	BESSIS Veronique	ZALESKI Romain	56.87	90	FAEHR Birgit	STAHL Wolf	48.90
16	BARONI Irene	FORNACIARI Ezio	56.80	91	CLAIR Paolo	PAGNINI-ARSLAN Carla	48.69
17	SCHNEIDER Michael	SMYKALLA Gisela	56.77	92	BUSI Elda	RICCI Sergio	48.66
18	ENGBRETSSEN Geir	SALDZIEVA Aida	56.45	93	KUZNIATSOVA Larysa	TIMAKHOVICH Aleh	48.31
19	DE GOETZEN Maria	PORCINO Demetrio	56.25	94	FERRAMOSCA Francesco	LANZOTTI Lodovica	48.19
20	PIEDRA Fernando	SAESSELI Irene	56.07	95	KUTNER Roger	NIKITINE Ruth	48.11
21	GODFREY E	PAGAN Ian	55.90	96	BRANDOLINI Marinella	RIVANO Fulvio	48.05
22	COYLE Willie	TELSCHER Kitty	55.60	97	AZERRAF Hortensia	BENYES Eli	48.03
23	KURKA Josef	POKORNA Jana	55.60	98	JOST Nicole	JOST Patrick	47.79
24	CRESTEY Gilles	CYPRES Suzanne	55.54	99	SKELTON Joyce	THEELKE Mike	47.72
25	BARR Ronnie	HERBST Ilan	55.42	100	LEGGIO Donatella	SORO Fabio	47.64
26	ARLOVICH Andrei	BADRANKOVA Sviatlana	55.12	101	HODEROVA Pavla	KOPECKY Michal	47.55
27	KANDEMIR Ismail	NUHOGLU Sevil	55.05	102	BELIANKINA Zoya	SHPAK Pavel	47.50
28	SVOBODA Otakar	SVOBODOVA Pavla	55.05	103	PISAK Mehves	GATTENIO Sam	47.44
29	BROWN Fiona	McGANN Hugh	54.88	104	MUNTEANU Alex	MUNTEANU Aurelia	47.39
30	PEDERZOLI Giuliana	MINALDO Claudio	54.51	105	BEVILACQUA Sergio	VIOLA Giuliana	47.36
31	AMBROZ Bojan	AMBROZ Milojka	54.50	106	BANKOGLU Ergun	BANKOGLU Lelia	47.02
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34	JELENIEWSKA Malgorzata	LUTOSTANSKI Piotr	54.25	109	FEIGENBAUM Ellis	MICHELIN Marjorie	46.81
35	MOFAHKAMI Shalh	ODELLO Giorgio	54.21	110	SIROLA Annamaria	SIROLA Luciano	46.65
36	ALLGOWER Mats	OLSSON Ella	54.09	111	FENESS Jorunn	KOPSTAD Kjell Otto	46.60
37	JANKOVA Jana	VOLHEJN Vit	53.81	112	KENT Ali	KENT Yasemin	46.56
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43	DITETOVA Eva	FORT Tomas	52.97	118	ANDREASSON Pernilla	HOLMGREN Kjell	46.10
44	BARLA Angela	NATTA Giampiero	52.88	119	JAKOBY Rein	JONSSON Gudrun	45.82
45	CARPENTIERI Carlo	DIAMANTI Enrica	52.67	120	VESTH-HANSEN Kirsten	VESTH-HANSEN Ole	45.77
46	BIANCHI Valeria	CATELLANI Marco	52.61	121	HAPONAVA Ulyana	ZLOBICH Sergej	45.72
47	AUBONNET Brigitte	CARDE Christophe	52.27	122	MITCHELL Louise	REDDAN Diarmuid	45.54
48	FARSTAD Susann	STOKKVIK Dag-Jorgen	52.20	123	MARINONI Pier Andrea	ROMANO Elisa	45.20
49	BALDI Elma	BALDI Matteo	52.17	124	BABAC Mine	UYSAL Aydin	45.20
50	MAYER Faith	TISLEVOLL Geir-Olav	51.97	125	CAMINATI Walther	TRALLO Fiammetta	45.05
51	KOZYRA Ewa	OHRYSKO Lech	51.96	126	PATTINSON Bob	PATTINSON Maureen	44.74
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65	TITOW Joanne	TITOW Kenneth	50.83	140	MORAWSKI Dariusz	SALONEN Irmeli	41.69
66	JONES Colleen	JONES SYDNEY Peter	50.82	141	CASTRO RUZ DE LOMELI	FRONTAURA Frankie	41.45
67	PETERKIN Stephen	PUNCH Sam	50.82	142	PROIA Marco Luigi	CERRI Cinzia	40.88
68	GOTARD Barbara	GOTARD Tomasz	50.44	143	RONIN Michal	RONINOVA Renata	40.87
69	KARLSSON-UISK Ylva	UISK Ahto	50.36	144	CLIFFORD Baxter	CLIFFORD Carol Ann	40.61
70	EMODY Gila	SCHWARTZ Ron	50.30	145	PIATERRA Matteo	SALA Cristina	40.26
71	LANE Sue	TAPSTER Paul	50.25	146	ANGELINI Marisa	CAPITANI Primo	39.90
72	CARFAGNA Eleonora	FRANCHI Arrigo	50.19	147	PALMIERI (2) Maurizio	SCIUBBA Elisabetta	39.81
73	DE RUSSE Aude	MORIN Luc	50.18	148	BRINK Klaas	BRINK-BAKENS Veri	38.36
74	WARENDORF Ernst	WITTEVEEN Els	50.18	149	SEQUI Elios	LEONARDI Luisa	38.17
75	GOODMAN Peter	MACHALE Aoife	50.13	150	HANNAH Maureen	LEDGER Jimmy	36.85

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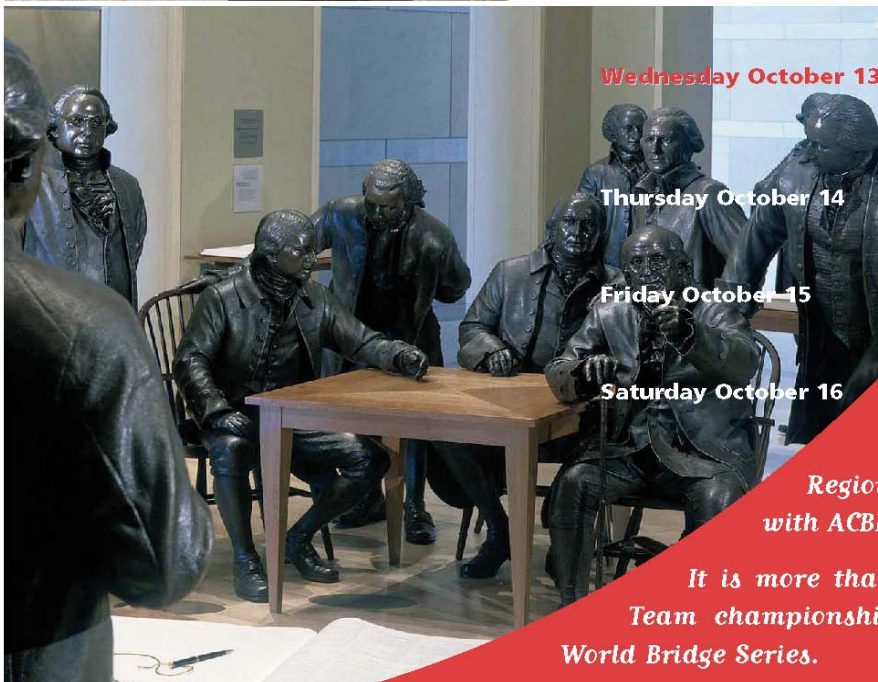
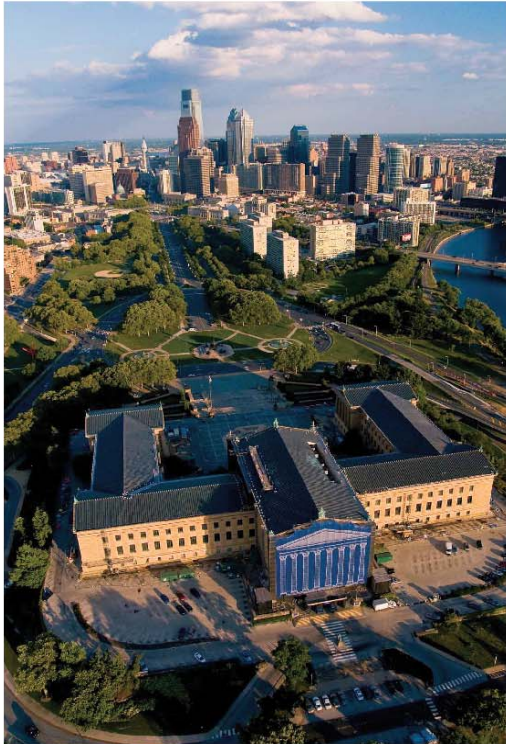
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Friday October 1	Opening Ceremony – 18h30
Saturday October 2	Mixed pairs – qualifying 1 & 2
Sunday October 3	Mixed pairs – qualifying 3 & 1 st final session
Monday October 4	Mixed Pairs 2 & 3 final session Mixed Pairs plate
Tuesday October 5	Rosenblum/McConnell
Wednesday October 6	Rosenblum/McConnell
Thursday October 7	Rosenblum/McConnell
Friday October 8	Rosenblum (64)/McConnell (32) Swiss Plate Seniors Teams
Saturday October 9	Rosenblum (32)/McConnell (16) Open and Ladies Pairs qualifying Seniors Teams
Sunday October 10	Rosenblum (16)/McConnell (8) Open and Ladies Pairs qualifying Seniors Teams
Monday October 11	Rosenblum (8)/McConnell (4) Open and Ladies Pairs qualifying / semi Final Seniors Teams
Tuesday October 12	Rosenblum (4)/McConnell (2) Open and Ladies Pairs Semi Final/ IMP Pairs Seniors Pairs
Wednesday October 13	Rosenblum Final Open and Ladies Pairs Semi Final/ IMP Pairs Seniors Pairs
Thursday October 14	Open and Ladies Pairs Final/ IMP Pairs Seniors Pairs
Friday October 15	Open and Ladies Pairs Final/ IMP Pairs Seniors Pairs
Saturday October 16	Open and Ladies Pairs Semi / IMP Pairs Closing Ceremony – 17h

Regionals will be held throughout the event with ACBL and WBF Master Points.

It is more than likely that the World Youth Bridge Team championships will also take place during the World Bridge Series.