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A Golden Triumvirate



Open Pairs Winners: Peter Fredin & Bjorn Fallenius



Women Pairs Winners: Martine Verbeek & Wietske van Zwol



Senior Pairs Winners: Amadeo Comella & Jacek Romanski



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Senior Servings

by Barry Rigal

Here are a few deals from the Senior final A.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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This deal showed some interesting decisions in the bidding and play; in particular as to whether you should explore for the best contract at the risk of giving information away. When I sat down to watch Tuwanakotta/Borm against Salliere/Adad, Borm as North heard his partner open 1♣ and when he responded 1♠ and caught a raise to 2♠ he simply jumped to 4♠. The reward for taking the direct route to goal was a heart lead and +710. Liz McGowan did even better elsewhere; she relayed with 2NT over the 2♠ call. When David Liggat jumped to 4♠ she preserved the symmetry of the auction by jumping to 6♠. Also receiving a heart lead, she wrapped up 13 tricks and nearly all the matchpoints.

What are declarer's chances like in 4♠ on the next deal? Not good I'd say, because with diamonds 3-3 and split honours it looks hard to avoid two losers in the suit. In fact you get surprisingly close. The auction had seen East open 1♣ and West double 1♠.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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The defenders do best to lead and continue trumps. Declarer needs to take the club ruff at once or he does not get it, and now there is no genuine pressure any more.

In fact, one table did lead a trump but lost their way on defence thereafter. Four other tables made more than nine tricks, one on a diamond lead, three on a 3rd/5th club lead. Best play

for declarer is to lead ace and a second heart. Back comes a low spade and you win in hand and ruff a club in dummy, ruff a heart, and lead a second trump. The defenders win and exit with a spade. As you play the fourth trump, this is the ending:

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At this point, you know diamonds are 3-3 with the honours split. Your best chance is to lead to the ♦10. When the ten loses to East, that player must return a diamond. This breaks up the tension in the ending, whereas a club squeezes West as declarer ruffs. The matchpoint difference is almost half a top between 140 and 170. N/S got 75% for 170, 30% for 140.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ J 5 4 2 ♥ 10 6 3 ♦ K Q 2 ♣ Q 10 4</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ 9 8 6 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 10 8 7 6 3 ♣ K 8 2</p>	<p>♠ A K 10 3 ♥ K J 7 4 ♦ J 9 ♣ J 5 3</p>
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Tuwanakotta earned a decent score here in 4♥, again following the right approach at matchpoints as opposed to teams. A Stayman auction to 4♥ saw him win the diamond lead and draw two trumps using a high trump from each hand. Had they been 4-1, he would have been able to arrange a diamond ruff; when they split 3-2 he carefully left a trump out and led ♠Q and a spade to the ten, his best chance in abstract for the overtrick. Even if the defenders returned diamonds, there would have still been a high trump in dummy as an entry to the spade winners. Yes, on a bad day this might have led to one down, but at pairs one cannot make an omelette without breaking eggs.

Recording 11 tricks was worth 80%, ten tricks was worth 30%.

Quarterfinal Quiz

by John Carruthers

There were many difficult problems in the quarterfinal matches. Here are a couple. In each case, decide what you'd do before reading on.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

♠ K Q 9 7
♥ A
♦ Q 6 5 3
♣ K J 7 5

You hold the above hand as North. The bidding proceeds:

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	?		

There are five possible calls you might make: you might pass – you have three almost certain trump tricks and the ace of hearts and slow values in the minors. You might bid a conservative 1NT or an aggressive 2NT. Finally, you might bid two or three clubs. Choose your poison.

At the table I watched, Stefan Szenberg for Goraco in the Senior Teams chose 2NT, which was surprisingly passed out. This is what he faced on the spade six lead (deal rotated):

♠ 8 4
♥ K 6 5 4 2
♦ K 2
♣ A 10 4 2

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♠ K Q 9 7
♥ A
♦ Q 6 5 3
♣ K J 7 5

Two notrump was relatively easy, but how would you plan the play in 3NT? (In this diagram we've rotated the deal to make South declarer).

Szenberg showed how it should be done. RHO (Krzysztof Lasocki) put in the spade ten and he won the queen to play the club king and a club to the ten. Then the spade eight was ducked all around, LHO (George Bilski) following with the two. A heart to the ace, a diamond to the king (winning), the heart king and ace and another club put Bilski away. Szenberg scored the diamond queen for his ninth trick

The full deal (rotated):

♠ K Q 9 7
♥ A
♦ Q 6 5 3
♣ K J 7 5

♠ A J 10 5 3
♥ Q 10 9 8 3
♦ 8 7
♣ 9

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♠ 6 2
♥ J 7
♦ A J 10 9 4
♣ Q 8 6 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K 6 5 4 2
♦ K 2
♣ A 10 4 2

Board 25. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ 7 4 2
♥ J
♦ K J 9
♣ A 10 9 8 7 6

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 9 7 4 3
♦ 5 4 2
♣ J 3

	N	
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	S	

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	3♠ ¹	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

¹ Limit raise with 3+ trumps

You decide to lead the diamond two against four spades and declarer wins the king in dummy - three from partner (an even number), six from declarer. Declarer leads a spade to his ten and your queen. What do you do now?

Did you fall into declarer's trap? Look at the complete deal...

♠ 7 4 2
♥ J
♦ K J 9
♣ A 10 9 8 7 6

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 9 7 4 3
♦ 5 4 2
♣ J 3

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♠ J 3
♥ K Q 8 6 5 2
♦ 8 3
♣ K 5 2

♠ A 10 8 6 5
♥ 10
♦ A Q 10 7 6
♣ Q 4

If you fail to cash the heart ace, declarer will win your lead, draw a second round of trumps with the ace and play diamonds, discarding dummy's heart as you follow helplessly to three rounds, ruffing the fourth or not. Then his singleton heart loser gets ruffed in the dummy. You should find this play once declarer plays a trump rather than a heart at trick two. Then you either have a club trick or not; in this case, partner's king is the setting trick.

Back to Reality

As another tournament comes to an end, it is time for the Bulletin staff to go their separate ways.

Jean-Paul Meyer (*Chef d'Equipe*) ensured our ship never ran aground in his usual masterly fashion. Merci mon ami.

Jos Jacobs (*Beachcomber*) produced an endless stream of reports direct from the coast. Even as I type he is analysing a deal from the Pairs Final!

Brent Manley (*Marathon Man*) showed us in no small measure why he is considered America's Number 1 Bulletin Editor with a series of scintillating stories.

Barry Rigal (*Professor Sploofus*) demonstrated that he can write as well as commentate – and his joke involving armpits, deodorant and aerosol has already become part of Bulletin folklore.

Our long suffering Lay-out Editor, **George Hatzidakis** (*Adonis*) now knows that in a 288-pair field, there must be more than 30 pairs over average – which puts him well ahead of the scoring team.

Our photographer, **Ron Tacchi** (*Le nonpareil*) remains the only indispensable member of the team. His computing skills, allied to his ability with a corkscrew, cannot be replicated.

I should also mention **Herman De Wael** (*Waffle*), who assists us in innumerable ways. Easily the most famous person to emerge from Belgium since Hercule Poirot, he uses his little grey cells to count everything – except when playing bridge.

We enjoyed contributions from a huge number of journalists:

Alberto Benetti (*The Man who Never Was*) could not take up his duties and was replaced by the legendary **Franco Broccoli** (*The Don*) who kept our Italian readers fully entertained. Un Abbraccio Franco! **P.O. Sundelin** (*The Invisible Man*) was as productive as ever and posed some entertaining problems.

John Carruthers (*A Toronto Star*) and **Patrick Jourdain** (*Daily Telegraph, London*) kept us up to date with the Senior events while **Maureen Dennison** (*Little Mo*) wrote in her inimitable way about the women's events. **Jan van Cleeff** (*Mischievous IMP*) delivered some terrific deals and **David Stern** (*Cuddly Koala*) made many valuable contributions, some of which did not help the Editor's diet!

With luck, we hope to see you all again in two years' time.

Mark Horton

Statistics from the Appeals Committee

by Herman De Wael

29 cases were brought before the Appeals Committee in Sanremo.

That brings the Board Appeal Ratio to 0.28 appeals per 1,000 boards, which is consistent with recent numbers (0.32 in Menton, 0.26 in Tenerife, 0.22 in Antalya).

9 appeals were from the Teams' tournaments and 18 from the Pairs, which is once again a perfect match for the number of boards played in each.

The Women had 4 cases (BAR: 0.35), the Seniors none. There were 12 appeals in the Mixed (0.36) and 13 in the Open (0.26).

In 17 cases, the Director's ruling was changed. This is significantly more than in previous tournaments; the Committee believes this is because Directors were over-worked, and did not have time to consult a greater number of experts.

Only two deposits were kept.

12 different members served on the Appeals Committee. An average of 4.63 members served on the Committees. No Committee had to be convened composed of the minimum number of 3 members.

All the Appeals have been written up and will be published on the Web (<http://www.eurobridge.org> - follow links to departments - appeals)

Board-Appeal Ratio's (BARs)

In order to compare the rates of appeals, the EBL Appeal Committee have developed the notion of a Board-Appeal Ratio. In essence, this is the number of appeals that are heard in relation to the number of boards played. It is expressed as the number of appeals per 1,000 boards played.

BARs throughout the years:

Team championships:

Malta 1999	0.70
Tenerife 2001	0.81
Salsomaggiore 2002	0.56
Malmö 2004	0.33
Warszawa 2006	0.36
Pau 2008	0.36

Open championships:

Menton 2003	0.32
Tenerife 2005	0.26
Antalya 2007	0.22
Sanremo 2009	0.28

Total number of boards:

103,594 boards have been played during these championships (Menton 123,647; Tenerife 77,393; Antalya 89,882). In order to compare the championships to those in the ACBL, we have also counted the number of "tables", which is the way the Americans usually measure tournaments. This number was 4,481, which makes this event of the same order of size as the largest regionals.

1,756 players attended the championships.

Counting

by Mark Horton

Everyone knows that in order to make any progress at bridge you have to learn to count both points and distribution. It can be quite tricky, as this exchange between Blackadder and his servant Baldrick illustrates:

Black Adder: Right Baldrick, let's try again shall we? This is called counting. If I have two beans, and then I add two more beans, what do I have?

Baldrick: Some beans.

Black Adder: Yes...and no. Let's try again shall we? I have two beans, then I add two more beans. What does that make?

Baldrick: A very small casserole.

Black Adder: Baldrick, the ape creatures of the Indus have mastered this. Now try again. One, two, three, four. So how many are there?

Baldrick: Three.

Black Adder: What?

Baldrick: And that one.

Black Adder: Three and that one. So if I add that one to the three what will I have?

Baldrick: Oh! Some beans.

Black Adder: Yes. To you Baldrick, the renaissance was just something that happened to other people wasn't it?

(They are joined by Lord Percy Percy.)

Black Adder to Percy: You're a sad laughable figure aren't you Percy? What do you think of Percy's ruff, Baldrick? (As it happens, not a bridge term - a ruff is an item of clothing worn in Western Europe from the mid-sixteenth century to the mid-seventeenth century.)

Baldrick: Four !

Black Adder: What?

Baldrick: Some beans and some beans is four beans

Black Adder: No, no. We've moved on from advanced mathematics, we're onto elementary dressmaking.

Anyway, as it happens, the first board of the penultimate session of the Open Pairs Final involved a modest amount of counting. It featured the pairs occupying fifth and sixth places:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>von Arnim</i>
	1♣	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

- 1♣ Strong
- 3♦ 7-10, 6+♥
- 3♠ Cue Bid
- 3NT Serious NT

With trumps 2-2, declarer would be able to ruff a diamond in hand. With the suit divided 3-1 there was a little more work to do – indeed, the commentators on BBO were not quite sure where an eleventh trick might materialize from.

East led a trump and declarer won in dummy and played a club to the queen, West playing the jack and East winning with the king.

That upside-down count signal told East that his side almost certainly had only one more trick to come, and he cashed the ace of spades to save some time that might be put to more use later on.

Suppose East had continued with a second heart? Do you see the winning line?

Declarer wins in hand, cashes the ace of clubs and ruffs a club. A diamond to the ace is followed by a winning club. It does not help East to discard, so he ruffs in front of dummy, but now declarer discards dummy's spade to leave this ending:

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		♠ — ♥ K Q 9 ♦ Q 9 5 ♣ —	

As you can see, East has to make declarer a present of her eleventh trick.

Roll of Honour

Mixed Teams

Gold:

team Hauge: Rossen Gunev, Rune Hauge, Anna Malinowska, Dessy Popova, Erik Sælensminde, Gunn Vist (Norway & Bulgaria)

Silver:

team Neve: Jean-François Allix, Eric Mauberquez, Joanna Neve, Vanessa Reess (France)

Bronze:

team Badger: Jeffrey Allerton, Frances Hinden, Paula Leslie, Graham Osborne (England & Scotland)

team De Botton: Janet De Botton, Artur Malinowski, Nicklas Sandqvist, Nevena Senior (England)

Mixed Pairs

Gold: Emine Kondakci Sen & Tezcan Sen (Turkey)

Silver: Rossen Gunev & Dessy Popova (Bulgaria)

Bronze Jean-François Allix & Joanna Neve (France)

Mixed Pairs Consolation

1. Ewa Miszewska & Stanislaw Zakrzewski (Poland)

2. David Liggat & Liz McGowan (Scotland)

3. Jana Jankova & Vit Volhejn (Czech Republic)

Open Teams

Gold:

team Netherlands White: Sjoert Brink, Simon De Wijs, Bas Drijver, Bauke Muller, npc Eric Laurant, coach Anton Maas (Netherlands)

Silver:

team Herbst: Michael Barel, Ilan Herbst, Ophir Herbst, Yaniv Zack (Israel)

Bronze:

team Texan Aces: Honey B Prabhakar, Jyotindra Shah, Padmanabhan Sridharan, S Sunderram, Rajeshwar Tewari, Gopal Venkatesh (India & USA)

team Vito: Victor Aronov, Kalin Karaivanov, Borislav Popov, Tony Rusev, Stefan Skorchev, Julian Stefanov (Bulgaria)

Women Teams:

Gold:

team CBC Milano: Gloria Colombo Brugnoli, Luigina Gentili, Mietta Preve, Annalisa Rosetta, Maddalena Severgnini, Marilina Vanuzzi (Italy)

Silver:

team Dutch Blue: Claudia Van Der Salm, Wietske Van Zwol, Martine Verbeek, Anke Wijma, npc Alex Van Reenen, coach Hans Kelder (Netherlands)

Bronze:

team F.I.G.B. Ladies: Gianna Arrigoni, Caterina Ferlazzo,

Gabriella Manara, Gabriella Olivieri, Simonetta Paoluzi, Ilaria Saccavini, Guido Resta npc, Dano De Falco coach (Italy)

team Joel: Sabine Auken, Geeske Joel, Debbie Rosenberg, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow, Daniela Von Arnim (Germany & Usa)

Senior Teams:

Gold:

team Miroglio: Giulio Bongiovanni, Andrea Buratti, Amedeo Comella, Apolinary Kowalski, Jacek Romanski (Italy & Poland)

Silver:

team Bulgaria Seniors: Hristo Chavdarov, Stoio Darakchiev, Guerggui Gramatikov, Miroljub Markov, Dontcho Petkanov, Tsolo Tsolov (Bulgaria)

Bronze:

team Goraco: Roman Kierznowski, Miroslaw Milaszewski, Stefan Szenberg, Wlodzimierz Wala (Poland)

team Winantalya: Amos Kaminsji, Sam Lev, Yeshayahu Levit, Pinhas Romik, Adrian Schwartz, Rami Sheinman (Israel & USA)

Open Pairs

Gold: Björn Fallenius & Peter Fredin (Sweden)

Silver: Krzysztof Martens & Krzysztof Jassem (Poland)

Bronze: Sjoert Brink & Bas Drijver (Netherlands)

Open Pairs Consolation

1. Jurii Andreev & Sergei Ershov (Russia)

2. Mads & Niels Kroejgaard (Denmark)

3. Ahmed Hussein & Tarek Sadek (Egypt)

Women Pairs

Gold: Wietske van Zwol & Martine Verbeek (Netherlands)

Silver: Cristina Golin & Marilina Vanuzzi (Italy)

Bronze: Véronique Bessis & Babette Hugon (France)

Women Pairs Consolation

1. Borianna Pancheva & Valya Yaneva (Bulgaria)

2. Marta Maj & Kamila Szczepanska (Poland)

3. Sevil Akin & Ayse Sniha Tekeli (Turkey)

Senior Pairs

Gold: Amedeo Comella & Jacek Romanski (Italy-Poland)

Silver: Patrick Grenthe & Philippe Vanhoutte (France)

Bronze: Krzysztof Lasocki & Jerzy Russyan (Poland)

Senior Pairs Consolation

1. Franco Baroni & Marco Ricciarelli (Italy)

2. Danielle Avon & Sophie Waksman (France)

3. Giampiero Bettinetti & Leonardo Marino (Italy)

EBL President's Farewell

Dear friends,



Another dramatic bridge event has taken place. We have gone through emotions, commotions, highs and lows. Also, we have had the opportunity to reinforce old friendships and to establish new ones. All this – once again – has shown us that within bridge any form of discrimination is forbidden.

Now the 4th European Open Bridge Championship has come to a happy end.

I am really proud to say that in my opinion the Championship has recorded a great success of participation and the hospitality of the city of Sanremo was heart warming.

I wish that everyone of you agree with me and can share my feelings.

I want to apologize for the inconveniences during the championship and I ask you to forgive me for any discomfort of you may have encountered.

This championship was born out of the idea that came to life 6 years ago in Menton and I am really proud – with all my colleagues of the EBL to observe that it has been a winning idea that confirms itself. 1756 players have been registered, 307 Mixed, 305 Open, 89 Women and 72 Senior Pairs, 91 Mixed, 129 Open, 23 Women and 27 Senior Teams. And the 57 participating countries represented confirm my impression.

Above all I want to thank you all players for your participation that has guaranteed the success of this event. Also thanks for your education and for your sporting spirit. You have contributed to two intense and happy weeks that everyone of us will remember with great pleasure. Your appreciation of the enormous amount of work for this championship means a lot to us. Thank you!

I also want to thank the city of Sanremo, all the workers and businessmen, the Region of Liguria, the Province of Imperia that from the very start have made their contribution. Without them the Championship could not have been organized and therefore they have welcomed us with extreme warmth and friendship, offering us moreover two weeks of wonderful weather which united play, relaxation and amusement.

To conclude, please allow me to say a few words about our wonderful staff, who would deserve many pages of compliments for all they have done with enthusiasm, dedication, competence, working very hard for 15 and 16 hours a day relentlessly. I want to thank them all without distinction, from the chairman, to the general manager, to the cad-

dies. We must not only be thankful to them, but also proud that they are part of our big family. They deserve your unconditional applause.

Dear friends, the curtain falls. Personally I hope I have done my best.

Thank you again to all of you, you're fantastic!

I officially declare closed the 4th European Open Bridge Championships.

Un forte abbraccio

Gianarrigo Rona

Thank you

On behalf of the journalists, I would like to thank the EBL for the facilities offered in the Press Room during the 4th European Open Bridge Championships in Sanremo.

Jan Swaan, Press Room manager

DATES TO REMEMBER

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“GRAZIE DEI FIORI”

by Franco Broccoli

“Grazie dei fior fra tutti gli altri li ho riconosciuti...”. Con questa canzone Nilla Pizzi ha vinto il Festival qui, a Sanremo, nel 1951, giusto l'altroieri. Siamo nella terra dei fiori, nel Palafiori, abbiamo licitato, giocato e parlato di fiori (e degli altri semi) mille e una volta. E' giunto il momento di ringraziare. Tutti, così non si sbaglia. Sanremo, l'organizzazione, l'EBL, “La Cuvèa” (trenette al pesto e sarde ripiene alla ligure). Si farebbe molto prima a cercare qualcuno da non ringraziare, ma non mi viene in mente. Mi sforzerò di trovarlo. Lasciatemi i vostri indirizzi, vi farò sapere. E' stato un gran bell'evento, sotto tutti i punti di vista. Un ringraziamento particolare a chi ha letto (vogliamo dire subito?) le quattro amenità quotidiane della pagina italiana del bollettino. Abbiate pazienza, questo passa il convento. “Ad impossibilia nemo tenetur”. Non si può cavare sangue dalle rape. Figuriamoci dai Broccoli...



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The razor's edge

by Brent Manley

In pairs, there is often a fine line between triumph and disaster, and the winners are usually the players who don't cross the line to tragedy too often.

The following deal from the penultimate session of the Open Pairs final shows how important judgment can be when the bidding heats up.

Krzysztof Martens and Krzysztof Jassem, East/West, opposed Nicholas Fitzgibbon and Adam Mesbur in the eighth round and had this adventure.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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West <i>Jassem</i>	North <i>Fitzgibbon</i>	East <i>Martens</i>	South <i>Mesbur</i>
Pass	5♣	6♣	3♥
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
7♣	Dble	All Pass	

The heart slam is a maker, but declarer must play very carefully (translation: double dummy). On a club lead, if declarer ruffs and takes a finesse in hearts, West can win and switch to a spade, killing the contract by removing the late entry to dummy after declarer has established the diamond suit. Playing along double-dummy lines, declarer ruffs the club lead, plays a heart to the ace, then two top diamonds and a diamond ruff.

Declarer has no further problems if West overruffs with the ♥K. If he does not, declarer must now take the spade finesse, take a club pitch on the ♠A and continue playing good diamonds from dummy, overruffing if East ruffs in, discarding a club if East does not ruff. The defenders get only the trump king and declarer has plus 1430.

Of course, it was not clear to Jassem, after Martens entered the auction at the six level, that the heart slam would be so complicated to play, so he took out some insurance by bidding 7♣. Fitzgibbon judged well not to press on to 7♥.

The defense was accurate: spade lead to the queen, heart to South's ace, diamond to the king, spade ruff, diamond to the ace. Five down meant minus 1100 for East/West, an improvement at 14.58 matchpoints (52 top) over the 6.27 they would have received for minus 1430 but still a poor result.

The next-to-best result of the day for East/West on the

deal was achieved by Vassilis Vroustis and Michel Eidi, who defended 6♥ against John Holland and Michelle Brunner.

West <i>Vroustis</i>	North <i>Holland</i>	East <i>Eidi</i>	South <i>Brunner</i>
Pass	2NT*	3♣	2♦*
4♠	6♥	All Pass	4♥

2♦ Weak two-bid in a major.

Vroustis led a low club, ruffed in dummy. Declarer followed with a heart to the queen, which held! Now Brunner played a diamond to dummy and took a second finesse in hearts. Curtains! Vroustis won, and the defenders took three more club tricks from there for plus 300 and 48.85 matchpoints, losing out on a top only to the East/West pair who somehow achieved plus 600 (don't ask, don't tell is the best policy in this case).

Championship Diary XI

Herman is sad to announce that he failed to notice for two weeks that Sanremo was the hometown of Dorando Pietri. Sports fans will know this person for his finishing first at the London Olympic Marathon of 1908. That was the race which was lengthened by 385 yards so the start could be under the Queen's balcony at Windsor Castle. Those yards would prove fatal to Pietri, as he needed 10 minutes to complete the last round in the White Stadium, falling four times. He still finished half a minute before the second runner, but was disqualified because judges had helped him get up. Nevertheless, he became World famous and received a giant silver cup from the King and Queen. Irving Berlin even composed a song for him: "Dorando."



I'll leave you with a final thought from *Black Adder*, one that often springs to mind when I am trying to compose something for the Bulletin:

The eyes are open, the mouth moves, but Mr. Brain has long since departed, hasn't he?

OPEN PAIRS - FINAL A (FINAL RANKING)

1	FALLENIIUS Bjorn	FREDIN Peter	56.18	28	BAUSBACK Nikolas	LOEFGREN Martin	50.93
2	JASSEM Krzysztof	MARTENS Krzysztof	55.64	29	BOMPIS Marc	QUANTIN J.	50.78
3	BRINK Sjoert	DRIJVER Bas	55.37	30	HARDING Marianne	HOYLAND Sven Olai	50.63
4	BOCCHI Norberto	MADALA Agustin	55.27	31	KRZEMINSKI Cesa	WALINSKI Boguslaw	50.37
5	KOPECKY Michal	VOLHEJN Vit	55.17	32	GUSTAWSSON Marten	SYLVAN Johan	50.36
6	GUR Okay	YILMAZ M.Gokhan	55.13	33	BERG Jan Tore	SVENDSEN Odin	50.25
7	FURUNES Jon-Egil	HALLBERG Gunnar	55.07	34	MOLENAAR Danny	VERBEEK Tim	50.25
8	ARNIM Daniela von	AUKEN Sabine	54.55	35	BESSIS Michel	BESSIS Thomas	50.24
9	JANSMA Jan	PAULISSEN Gert Jan	53.72	36	PALAU Jean-Jacques	GUILLAUMIN P.	50.19
10	RAMONDT Vincent	WESTRA Berry	53.71	37	FRANZEL Robert	KRIFTNER Georg	50.14
11	JANISZEWSKI P.	SZTYRAK Leszek	53.70	38	STANICIC Ognjen	TESLA Miro	49.37
12	MULTON Franck	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	53.53	39	EIDI Michel	VROUSTIS Vassilis	49.35
13	ELINESCU Michael	WLADOW Entsch	52.77	40	HOMONNAY Geza	WINKLER Gabor	49.11
14	GROMOELLER Michael	KIRMSE Andreas	52.57	41	IVANOV Atanas	IVANOV Antoni	48.92
15	BACH Ashley	CORNELL Michael	52.39	42	KANE Martin	SHIELDS Patrick	48.75
16	ASKGAARD Michael	BJARNARSON Gregers	52.34	43	CERNAT Ovidiu	FEBER Alexandru	48.68
17	MULLER Bauke	WIJS Simon de	52.27	44	GUNEV Rossen G.	POPOVA Desislava B.	48.64
18	OHRYSKO Lech	RATYNSKI Adam	52.19	45	HOLLMAN Robert	FERGUSON Bruce	48.54
19	PIETRASZEK Mare	UKRAINSKI -	52.01	46	BARANTIEV Nikola	PEICHEV Ivan	48.03
20	BRUNNER Michelle	HOLLAND John	51.96	47	STARKOWSKI W.	TUSZYNSKI Piotr	47.69
21	CAPONI Claudio	PIEDRA Fernando	51.90	48	FLEURY Herve	GIROLLET Marc	47.58
22	FITZGIBBON Nicholas	MESBUR Adam	51.61	49	DRIJVER Bob	GROENENBOOM M.	47.46
23	BAREKET Ilan	LENGY Assaf	51.60	50	LUNGU Veronel	MICESCU Viorel	47.31
24	BREKKA Geir	HOILAND Tom	51.56	51	SAPORTA Pierre	VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel	46.88
25	BAKKEREN Ton	BERTENS Huub	51.35	52	HARANGOZO Laszlo	HONTI Laszlo	46.39
26	SUWIK -	RADZIAK -	51.29	53	MARINA Bogdan	TACIUC Lucian	46.28
27	NEDKOV Stanislav	TENEV Tenyu	50.95				

WOMEN PAIRS - FINAL A (FINAL RANKING)

1	VERBEEK Martine	ZWOL Wietske van	54.75	17	PENFOLD Sandra	SENIOR Nevena	50.93
2	GOLIN Cristina	VANUZZI Marilina	54.55	18	CIVIDIN DE SARIO Sara	COLONNA Ornella	50.85
3	BESSIS Veronique	HUGON Elisabeth	53.95	19	BROCK Sally	SMITH Nicola	50.52
4	CRONIER Benedicte	WILLARD Sylvie	53.91	20	CARBONNEAUX Jessie	PUILLET Carole	50.12
5	GLADIATOR Anne	WEBER Elke	53.52	21	PAOLUZI Simonetta	CAMPAGNANO D.	49.87
6	VARENNE Miriam	ZUR-CAMPANILE-ALBU	53.35	22	AGHEMO Monica	TAGLIAFERI Vera	49.83
7	BAKER Lynn	McCALLUM Karen	53.33	23	BRKLJACIC Tihana	MARTINOVIC Slavica	49.41
8	GROMOVA Victoria	PONOMAREVA Tatiana	53.27	24	ARNOLDS Carla	VRIEND Bep	49.32
9	SPANGENBERG Jamilla	SPANGENBERG Sigrid	52.87	25	RIMSTEDT Sandra	SJOBORG Emma	48.83
10	DELESTRE Blandine	BOURDIN Dominique	52.70	26	CHUBAROVA Svetlana	VOROBAYCHIKOVA O.	48.24
11	KHONICHEVA Elena	NIKITINA Alexandra	52.57	27	PASMAN Jet	SIMONS Anneke	48.04
12	MICHIENSEN Marion	WORTEL Meike	52.54	28	GENTILI Luigina	SEVERGNINI Maddalena	47.70
13	GIAMPIETRO Cristina	NEHMERT Pony Beate	52.52	29	COSIGNANI FALA V.	PALANCA RELLA A.	47.37
14	ATALAY Belis	ZAIM Mey	52.45	30	CSIBY Eva	MEZEI Katalin	46.73
15	HANSEN Renate	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	51.88	31	GERSTEL Madelaine	WAECHLI Elisabeth	46.30
16	HARASIMOWICZ Ewa	SAWICKA Malgorzata	51.36	32	SALM Claudia van der	WIJMA Anke	45.30

SENIOR PAIRS - FINAL A (FINAL RANKING)

1	COMELLA Amedeo	ROMANSKI Jacek	56.82	15	MILASZEWSKI Miroslaw	SZENBERG Stefan	50.26
2	GRENTHÉ Patrick	VANHOUTTE Philippe	56.50	16	FORNACIARI Ezio	MARIANI Carlo	50.25
3	LASOCKI Krzysztof	RUSSYAN Jerzy	54.64	17	JEZIORO Aleksander	KLUKOWSKI Julian	49.63
4	BONGIOVANNI Giulio	KOWALSKI Apolinary	53.94	18	CEDOLIN Franco	DALLACASAPICCOLA	49.49
5	MEJANE Gaston	PEREZ Moise	53.72	19	LEW Jacek	POCHRON Jozef	49.42
6	FERRARA Michele	MAGLIETTA Stefano	53.63	20	SERGEANT Denis	THABAULT Jean-Roger	49.04
7	BUER Bjorn	MUNKVOLD Svein Arne	52.20	21	LUCKO Andrzej	ZADROGA Jan	48.89
8	HASSETT John	HIRST Bill	52.05	22	BOESIGER Hanspeter	SPENGLER Walter	48.81
9	MARI Christian	WALTER Stanley	52.03	23	KRATZ Ulrich	STRATER Bernhard	48.73
10	BORM Frans	TUWANAKOTTA Tjali	51.41	24	LUND Erik	TOBIASEN Niels Joergen	48.03
11	BAKKE Tor	TROLLVIK Jan	51.23	25	LUCENO Salvatore	SCHWARZ Daniele	47.38
12	MELMAN Victor	RAMER Roald	50.95	26	ADAD Pierre	SALLIERE Gerard	47.05
13	KIERZNOWSKI Roman	WALA Wlodzimierz	50.58	27	LIGGAT David	McGOWAN Elizabeth	46.19
14	CARZANIGA Bruno	GIULIANO Giacomo	50.48				

OPEN PAIRS - FINAL B (FINAL RANKING)

1	ANDREEV Jurii	ERSHOV Sergei	58.94	34	INGIELEWICZ Zdzislaw	NARKIEWICZ G.	51.04
2	KROEJGAARD Mads	KROEJGAARD Niels	58.72	35	FOSSI Niccolo	PAUNCZ Peter	50.84
3	HUSSEIN Ahmed	SADEK Tarek	58.51	36	SAUVAGE Valerie	BOGACKI Patrick	50.82
4	MAKARUK Janusz	NIEDZIELSKI Pawel	58.05	37	GRZELCZAK Jacek	STASIOLEK Tomasz	50.25
5	FERRAMOSCA F.	SALVADORI Francesco	57.62	38	HENC Marian	LOHAY Karol	50.23
6	ASTORE Giancarlo	UGGERI Paolo	56.91	39	MICHELIN Marjorie	FEIGENBAUM Ellis	49.91
7	DELIMPALTADAKIS N.	DIONYSOPOULOS D.	56.65	40	McGUIRE Brian	RAILING Philip	49.83
8	ZAK Piotr	ZAREMBA Jerzy	54.94	41	BOGEN Haakon	HOLAND Jack	49.65
9	NILSSON Ulf	OLOFSSON B.	54.71	42	MARMONTI Dario	MASSA Gaetano	49.64
10	AVCIOGLU Huseyin K.	OZTURK Bircan	54.54	43	FRIEDLANDER Ehu	YADLIN Doron	49.23
11	McINTOSH Andrew	SANDQVIST Nicklas	54.42	44	AGGELOPOULOS P.	OIKONOMOPOULOS G.	49.05
12	CATA Stefano	MARINI Giancarlo	54.32	45	BREWIAK Mariusz	STASIAK Arkadiusz	49.00
13	JANKAUSKAS Arunas	POSKA Gediminas	54.26	46	BURAS Krzysztof	LASZCZAK Tadeusz	48.82
14	GOTARD Tomasz	LESNICZAK Jacek	54.08	47	PETERS Han	TOP Jeroen	48.32
15	BETHERS Janis	RUBINS Karlis	54.07	48	KOUKOUSELIS Tassos	ZOZIS Sotiris	48.30
16	CLAIR Paolo	TOTARO Carlo	53.77	49	KRAVCHENKO Igor	SHOKHAN Elena	48.19
17	GOTTHARD Laszlo	DUMBOVICH Miklos	53.60	50	CHERNYAK Leonid	DOBRIN Denis	48.13
18	FAIGENBAUM Albert	ZALESKI Romain	53.48	51	MODRZEJEWSKI M.	TOMASZEK Witold	47.25
19	DEBUS Eric	VAN MECHELEN Rutger	53.48	52	FILIP Anatol	VELECKY Eduard	47.24
20	CSATLOS Arpad	HITTMANN Laszlo	53.44	53	GOLEBIEWSKI S.	SIELICKI Tomasz	46.73
21	ROTARU Iulian	STIRBU Calin	53.23	54	KRYSZTOFCZYK W.	KRYSZTOFIAK Tomasz	46.67
22	UYSAL Aydin	SIRIKLIOGLU Mehmet	52.67	55	KARBANOVICH A.	ZHURAVEL Valentin	46.44
23	JELENIIEWSKI Andrzej	WACHNOWSKI J.	52.63	56	KALISH Avi	PODGUR Leonid	46.31
24	GIERULSKI Boguslaw	SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy	52.58	57	HAPONAVA Ulyana	ZLOBICH Sergej	45.69
25	GODED Federico	VINCENT Herve	52.51	58	CIESLAK Jaroslaw	FILIPOWICZ Dominik	45.43
26	JOKISCH Peter	KASIMIR Udo	52.44	59	KALITA Jacek	RUSSO Biancastella	45.40
27	BALASOVs Jurij	MAURINS Janis	52.22	60	SHUDNEV Andrey	SMILGAJS Andris	44.66
28	SHANURIN Evgeni	TATARKIN Vladimir	52.04	61	PAPADOPOULOS T.	THEOTOKIS Nikos	43.83
29	GROSSET Christophe	LORENZINI Cedric	52.02	62	MULLER Serge de	FRONTAURA Frankie	43.74
30	BELING Zdzislaw	LEWACIAK Gregor	51.88	63	PIGARELLI Dario	ZAMPERETTI Roberto	42.15
31	ANCESSY Arnaud	BRUNET Frederic	51.60	64	FRENCKEN Alain	VANDERVORST Mike	41.97
32	TIMAKHOVICH Aleh	ZHUKOV Alexander	51.40	65	CIECHOMSKI Jacek	CZUBAK Edmund	41.51
33	CLEEFF Jan van	KENDRICK David	51.05				

WOMEN & SENIOR PAIRS - FINAL B (FINAL RANKING)

1	PANCHEVA Boriana	YANEVA Valya	56.86	14	HOLCZER Clara	LEVANON Ayelet	50.06
2	BARONI Franco	RICCIARELLI Marco	56.65	15	LEIGHTON Cecil	DENNISON Maureen	49.71
3	MAJ Marta	SZCZEPANSKA Kamila	54.62	16	JOEL Geeske	SOKOLOW Tobi	49.58
4	AVON Danielle	WAKSMAN Sophie	53.96	17	FOCARDI Gabriella	GAMBERUCCI Maria	49.49
5	AKIN Sevil	TEKELI Ayse Sniha	53.22	18	BEIJDORFF Leeuw	RYAN Dennis	48.83
6	BETTINETTI Giampiero	MARINO Leonardo	53.15	19	KNOLL Gabrielle	SZIMANSKI Sabine	48.64
7	PECCOUD Janine Elise	SAPORTA-TWORZYDLO	53.09	20	JAROSZ Aleksandra	KAZMUCHA Danuta	48.34
8	CESARI Barbara	MASINI Nicoletta	52.80	21	BENNETT Roy	SMITH Harry	47.32
9	FOSSAN Bodil	MOEN Vigdis	52.24	22	NORDBJORK A.	TORSTENSSON Carina	47.27
10	DAN Ora	FARKAS Ruth	51.80	23	BIGAT Halit	YALMAN Ali	47.09
11	BALDI Elma	GARRONE Lucia	51.42	24	BONANNO Filippo	FERNANDEZ Giuseppe	46.33
12	HODEROVA Pavla	JANKOVA Jana	50.69	25	CECCONI Patrizia	PARELLI Mirella Maria	46.30
13	DIAMANTI Enrica	GIANNINI Silvia	50.45	26	CLIFFORD Carol Ann	LOGUE Kathy	45.27

CASH PRIZES WINNERS OPEN

Name	Firstname	count	MT	MP	OT	OP	total	prize
FREDIN	Peter	SWE		2068	1998	4500	8566	3.500 €
BERTENS	Huub	NED	2373	2536	3295	1689	8204	2.500 €
GUNEV	Rossen	BUL	3600	3110	51	778	7488	1.500 €
POPOVA	Dessy	BUL	3600	3110	51	778	7488	1.500 €
BAKKEREN	Ton	NED	2373	0	3295	1689	7357	1.000 €
CORNELL	Michael	NZL	2008	633	2172	2541	6721	750 €
SAELENMINDE	Erik	NOR	3600	2867	16	0	6483	750 €
ZIMMERMANN	Pierre	FRA	2183	1267	1317	2872	6372	750 €
ALLIX	Jean Francois	FRA	3312	2986	6	0	6304	750 €
NEVE	Joanna	FRA	3312	2986	6		6304	750 €
MAUBERQUEZ	Eric	FRA	3312	2154	6	0	5472	500 €
REESS	Vanessa	FRA	3312	2154	6		5472	500 €
BOCCHI	Norberto	ITA	1218	0	43	3981	5242	500 €
MADALA	Agustin	ARG	803		43	3981	4827	500 €
GROMOELLER	Michael	GER	1848	0	294	2647	4789	500 €
BAREL	Michael	ISR	179	0	4600		4779	
HERBST	Ilan	ISR	179	0	4600		4779	
JACOB	Tom	NZL	2008	583	2172	0	4763	
VOLHEJN	Vit	CZE	250	633	108	3822	4705	
AUKEN	Sabine	GER	1218	0		3382	4600	

WOMEN

Name	Firstname	count	MT	MP	WT	WP	total	prize
VAN ZWOL	Wietske	NED	2373	2536	4600	4500	11636	2.500 €
MALINOWSKI	Anna	NOR	3600	2867	2911	0	9378	1.500 €
AUKEN	Sabine	GER	1218	0	4232	3382	8832	1.250 €
CRONIER	Benedicte	FRA	2183	1267	2566	3981	8730	1.000 €
WILLARD	Sylvie	FRA	1120	1985	2566	3981	8532	750 €
SENIOR	Nevena	ENG	2803	6	2911	2342	8056	500 €
SMEDEREVAC	Jovanka	AUT	2579	538	2911	2541	8031	500 €
HANSEN	Renate	AUT	2579	304	2911	2541	8031	500 €
PENFOLD	Sandra	ENG	1564	2642	2911	2342	7895	500 €
GROMOVA	Victoria	RUS	61	2244	2172	3382	7798	500 €
SAWICKA	Malgorzata	POL	321	1432	3582	2439	7453	
VIST	Gunn tove	NOR	3600	715	2911	0	7226	
GENTILI	Luigina	ITA		608	5000	1495	7103	
RIMSTEDT	Cecilia	SWE	2579	1168	3295		7042	

SENIORS

Name	Firstname	count	MT	MP	ST	SP	total	prize
COMELLA	Amedeo	ITA	349	0	5000	4500	9849	1.500 €
VANHOUTTE	Philippe	FRA	1439	0	2172	4320	7931	1.000 €
MARIANI	Carlo	ITA	165	0	3295	2439	5899	625 €
FORNACIARI	Ezio	ITA	165	3	3295	2439	5899	625 €
BARONI	Franco	ITA	128	495	3295	1989	5779	500 €
MARINO	Leonardo	ITA		516	3295	1833	5644	
AVON	Danielle	FRA	738	238	2361	1909	5008	
LIGGAT	David	SCO	151	659	1556	1557	3772	