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DAY OF RECKONING



All the latest news from the EBL (see page 22)

After two weeks of play we have arrived at the climax of the European Open Championships when the three Pairs titles will be decided.

In the Open Pairs **Kvangraven & Lie** have a slender lead over **Ginossar & Pachtman** with **Auken & Welland** third.

The clear leaders in the Women Pairs are **D'Ovidio & Seamon-Molson**, followed by **Faivre & Magis** and **Smederevac & Weigkrich**.

Selden & Wenneberg lead the qualifiers in the Senior Pairs, ahead of **Cabaj & Ilnicki** and **Bergheimer & Fouassier**.

Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony and prize giving for the Open, Women and Seniors Pairs will take place

Saturday June 29th at 18:30

in the Old Post Office.

(Hendrik Serruyslaan 18a, see map page 2.)

A cocktail will be served.

Today's Schedule

Open, Women, Seniors Pairs

10:00 - 11:30

11:45 - 13:15

14:15 - 15:45

16:00 - 17:30

Same for the Open MP Pairs
and BAM Teams





The 41st World Teams Championships, which include the World Transnational Open Teams Championship, will be held on the magical island of Bali in September this year. The Transnational Championship starts on Tuesday 24th September.

The Transnational Teams is open to all players who are members in good standing of their National Bridge Organisation, and of course, the event being transnational means that they can play with partners or team mates from other countries.

It's an enjoyable and exciting event – a real challenge too, because many of the teams that participate in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Seniors Trophy but do not get through to the knock-out phase drop into the Transnational Teams. This means that teams entering the event get the opportunity of playing against some of the leading players in the world. There are few – if any – other sports where this can happen, and it makes for a truly great competition.

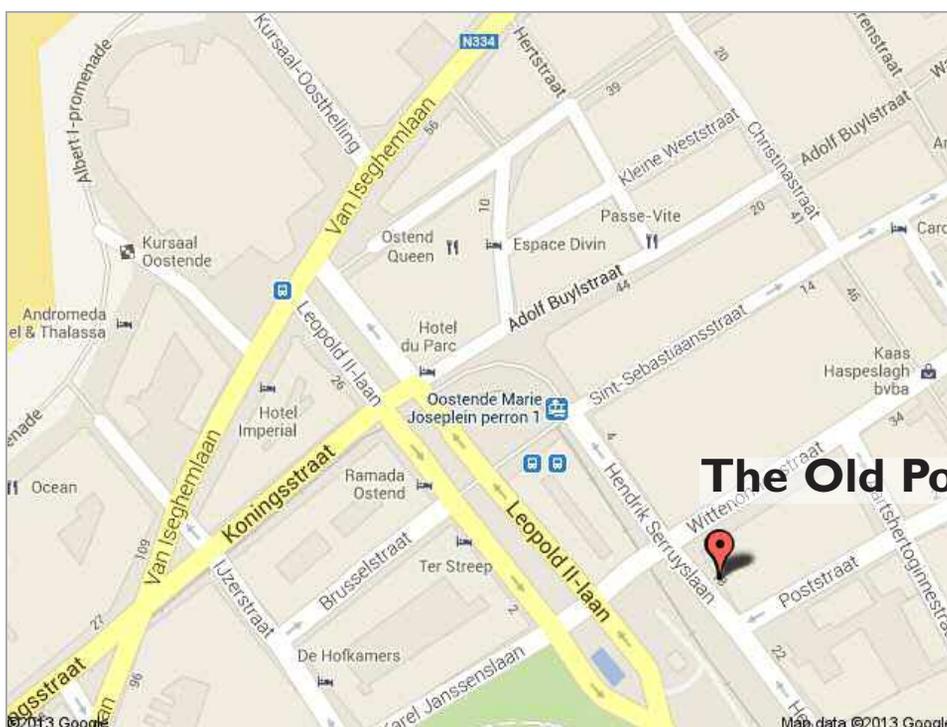
Add to that the atmosphere of the final stages of the main championships – the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Seniors Trophy, with the excellent vu-graph and all the tension of the Finals and it becomes an unforgettable experience.

Bali is an amazing place to visit as well, and the Championships are being held in the spectacular resort of Nusa Dua. Come and play then stay a few extra days to enjoy the wonderful beaches and the great culture to be found on Bali. We feel sure you will have a truly wonderful time!

To find out more and to register for this great Championship, just go to www.worldbridge.org – the World Bridge Federation looks forward to welcoming everyone to Bali in September.

The 16th and last issue of the Daily Bulletin will only be available online!!

Closing Ceremony Tonight 18:30





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GAWRYS Piotr	.125
8 MANNO Andrea	.108
9 ZALESKI Romain	.106
10 INTONTI Riccardo	.100
GAROZZO Benito	.100
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13 VERBEEK Martine	.90
BERTENS Huub	.90
SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	.90

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BRENNER Anne	.20
PILON Dominique	.20
MARILL Philippe	.20
SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	.20
WERNLE Sascha	.20
WILLARD Sylvie	.20
13 SOONTJENS Louis	.15
VAN DE VEN Armand	.15
HAYMAN PIAFSKY Jessica	.15
KALITA Jacek	.15
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BBO Matches

<http://www.bridgebase.com>

La Rubrique.FR

Une jolie consolation

Pour cette onzième et dernière rubrique, j'avais à cœur de vous présenter une donne vraiment jolie. J'avais le choix, bien sûr, tant de tels championnats favorisent les hauts faits de nos champions. J'ai finalement sélectionné un contrat exécuté par Philippe Toffier lors du Patton suisse de consolation qu'il a remporté haut la main avec Dominique Pilon.

Patton Suisse. Match n°5 Donne n°3
Sud donneur – Nord-Sud vulnérables

♠ 43	♠ R1096	♠ ADV875
♥ DV9863	♥ R	♥ 42
♦ D96	♦ AR732	♦ 4
♣ R5	♣ A84	♣ V963

♠ 2	♠ 3	♠ AD
♥ A1075	♥ V98	♥ —
♦ V1085	♦ —	♦ —
♣ D1072	♣ 5	♣ V96

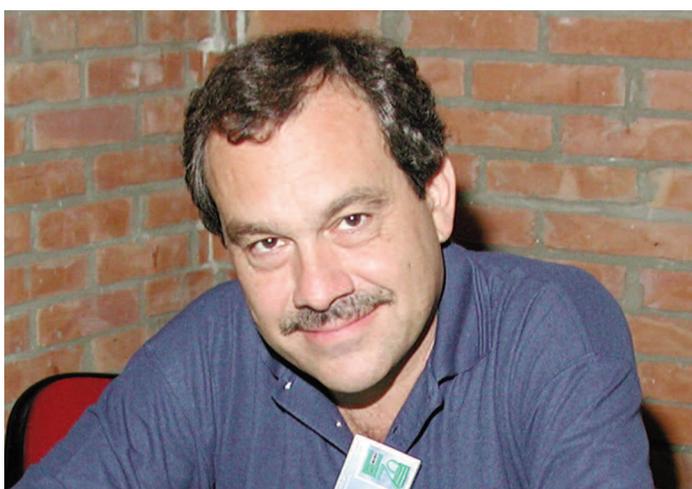


♠ R10
♥ —
♦ 2
♣ 84



♠ —
♥ 107
♦ —
♣ 1072

Sud Toffier	Ouest	Nord Pilon	Est
3SA	2♥ passe Fin	contre 3♥	2♠ passe



Philippe Toffier

L'ouverture était un 2♥ faible classique, l'enchère de 2♠ était naturelle et le contre de Sud était d'appel, pour les mineures. Dominique Pilon jugea sa main trop belle pour se contenter d'une partielle et après le cue-bid à 3♥, le contrat de 3SA fut atteint de la main de Sud.

Ouest entama de la ♥ Dame et le déclarant commença par tester les Carreaux en débloquent les gros Carreaux de sa main. Ouest prit le troisième tour de la Dame et contre-attaqua Pique pour le 9 du mort et le Valet d'Est. Celui-ci rejeta Cœur pour l'As de Sud qui se trouva à la croisée des chemins. Il connaissait à peu près la distribution 6-3-2-2 d'Ouest et avait besoin de trois levées de Trèfle pour faire son contrat. Ceci nécessitait un honneur second en Ouest. Philippe Toffier trouva la carte qui permettait de préserver ses chances quel que soit l'honneur à Trèfle d'Ouest, il présenta la ♣ Dame, couverte du Roi et prise du ♣ As de Nord. Le déclarant encaissa alors un premier Carreau maître pour se retrouver dans la situation suivante :

♠ 3
♥ V98
♦ —
♣ 5

Sur le dernier, Est fut squeeze d'une étrange façon. Il ne pouvait pas se permettre de défausser un Trèfle sous peine de laisser Sud jouer Trèfle du mort sans aucun risque d'erreur. Il se résolut donc à jeter la ♠ Dame. Philippe Toffier, qui avait jeté un Cœur sur le ♦ 2, rejeta alors le ♠ 10 du mort en défaussant son dernier Cœur. À trois cartes de la fin, il ne restait que du Trèfle à Est, qui prit sa chance du ♣ 7 sec en Ouest en contre-attaquant du ♣ 9. Mais Sud couvrit du 10, rejeta le 2 pour le 8 et finit par scorer le ♣ 7 à la dernière levée, et son contrat par la même occasion. Une bien jolie consolation à emporter dans ses bagages pour celui qui eut hier la malchance de perdre sa place en finale du paires open sur la dernière donne...

— Philippe Cronier

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Facts About Tromsø

- Norway's seventh largest city .
- Surrounded by spectacular mountains and fjords, 350 kilometers north of the Arctic Circle .
- Situated at 69 degrees north, only 2000 km from the North Pole.
- Owing to the warming effect of the Gulf Stream, Tromsø is milder than most other places located on the same latitude.
- Home of 70.000 lively inhabitants (more than 120 different nationalities).
- Hotels with international standard, busy cafés, restaurants with world class seafood, an active cultural life, a very active night life and captivating museums and art galleries.
- Excess of 2200 hotel rooms and a total of more than 4000 beds to offer.
- **12 direct connections to Oslo Airport every day**, and also direct flights twice a week to London, Stockholm (Sweden) and Murmansk (Russia).
- The airport is located only less than 10 minute drive from the city center.
- Center for Arctic knowledge and science.
- The University of Tromsø is the northernmost university of the world.
- Packed with polar history from Nansen and Amundsen, the world's northernmost brewery and architectural masterpieces like the Arctic Cathedral and the public library.
- **Midnight Sun from May 20 to July 15** when the sun doesn't set below the horizon.



EBL Reviewers: Review System Here To Stay

On the second page of the first Daily Bulletin of these championships, there was a notice that caught many players' attention: There would be no appeals committees at this tournament.

"It's a sea change," says David Harris, who is credited with devising the review system now in place to address questions or complaints about tournament directors' rulings.



David Harris

The review, Harris says, is meant to ascertain whether the TD involved followed a reasonable procedure. A player who is dissatisfied with a director's decision may ask for a review of the process that resulted in the ruling.

In cases where judgment is involved, a TD will determine the facts, consulting other TDs and in some instances expert players. "We are trying to get a fair system in place," Harris says.

So far in Ostend, only one review has been done, although Grattan Endicott, one of the reviewers, says he knows of four or five cases that probably would have qualified for the procedure.

"It's early days," says Endicott, an expert on bridge law and secretary of the World Bridge Federation Laws Committee. "Players have not experienced the new concept." In any case, he says, players in European Bridge League championships have seen the last of appeals committees. "We won't go back," he predicts. "I really think there is something to be gained here."

Harris says he has sat on many appeals committees that have upheld TDs' rulings or made only small variations. He says dissatisfaction with the appeals committee process has been brewing for some time, primarily over the way that TDs arrive at decisions and then having them questioned by the committees.

Further, Harris says, "The idea that appeals committees provide justice for all is not a true concept." He notes that the number of players appealing TDs' rulings has always been relatively small. Some players, he says, always appeal adverse rulings and some never do. Others, he says, can't afford to risk the deposit required to go through the process.

As a barrister in Harpenden, north of London, Harris says, "I have an idea of what's fair."

Harris says EBL tournament directors are among the best in the world at what they do and add to their expertise with regular courses and dialogue amongst themselves to keep abreast of developments in tournament bridge.

As the system progresses, he says, it is hoped that regular reports on the process will be published to educate players on how it works. "It's important for the players to understand how a decision is arrived at," he says.

The review system, he adds, is meant to assure that the TDs do "all they are meant to do" in arriving at a decision. It's a safeguard." He says the system won't be in place for the World Championships in Bali, but he expects the WBF to embrace the idea.

There has been some grumbling among players about the change, but Harris agrees with Endicott regarding the review system: "This is the future for rulings at the top levels of bridge."

— Brent Manley



Laws Expert Reflects On Long Career

Grattan Endicott has been involved with the laws of bridge for so long he can't remember exactly when it started. He does recall, however, how he came to be a member of the World Bridge Federation Laws Committee.



Grattan Endicott

Endicott was in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1985 as non-playing captain of England's Venice Cup team. During the tournament, the team lodged an appeal. The late Edgar Kaplan – another venerable expert on the laws – was vice-chairman of the committee.

Endicott had not met Kaplan before that, but he impressed the laws guru with his knowledge. Endicott recalls that there were 17 people involved with appeals at that tournament. "Kaplan told me," Endicott says, "that I knew more about the laws than two-thirds of them."

Before the tournament ended, Kaplan invited Endicott to join the Laws Committee. It was the start of a long association and many discussions. "We used to argue vigorously," Endicott says.

His formative years were spent in Rhyl, in northern Wales. He had ideas of college, but World War II interrupted those plans. Having learned Italian in private lessons, he served as an interpreter for the Royal Navy during the war. He is still fluent in Italian "with fairly good French."

After the war, he went to Liverpool, where he still lives, to find a job, landing a position in the personnel department of a large chemical company. He later went to work for the Littlewoods Football Pools as an expert in the techniques of gambling.

He retired from that job at age 65, but was persuaded to become chief executive of a charity established by Littlewoods. He retired from that job 15 years later. He will be 90 years old in January.

Endicott learned bridge in 1950, rising to the level of Grand Master in England. "I was a pretty fair player," he says, "mainly in team events."

After joining the WBF Laws Committee, Endicott served as vice-chairman for about three years and is still secretary of the committee. He is planning to step down in favour of Laurie Kelso, a tournament director from Australia, in Bali, Indonesia, later this year.

Endicott's knowledge of the laws is so extensive that he knows the differences between the laws as they are applied by the American Contract Bridge League and the rest of the world.

"There is some overlap," he says, "but there are considerable differences."

Endicott was honored by the award of the Order of the British Empire in 1998 and is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

After serving as secretary of the Laws Committee for decades, Endicott is now coordinator for the group. Even with reduced responsibilities, he will still be heavily involved with bridge.

For one thing, he is vice president of the English Bridge Union. He is also helping the European Bridge League develop the new process for reviewing decisions by tournament directors that began at this tournament (see facing page).

Whatever he does, Endicott's love for the laws will not diminish. "For a long time, it was the core of my existence," he says. "I'm still deeply interested and still willing to help wherever I can."

— Brent Manley

Open Pairs Semi-Finals Session 2

By Barry Rigal

After one session Michel and Thomas Bessis were almost exactly in the middle of the field, with 50.23%. I decided to follow the pair 'on the bubble' to see what happened. Would I bring them luck – or would I exhibit the curse of Horton (who lasted just four deals before being turfed out by the pair he was watching)?

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bessis T.	Martens	Bessis M.	Filipowicz
Pass	1NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	All Pass	2♣*

2♣ . .15+ or spades and clubs

I am not a diehard conservative and I can see the role of Gazilli, though I think it less clearly useful in a strong club base. But no one should pretend that it is a wholly unmixed blessing. Any time you lose your secondary fit, as here, you have to wonder whether you mightn't be better off



Michel Bessis



Dominik Filipowicz

treating the South hand as a 2♥ rebid (planning 3♦ next) even if your partner will initially assume you have 10-14 HCP?

2♠ was an ugly spot on a club lead to the ten and jack. Declarer eventually emerged with four trump tricks, a ruff in dummy and three red tricks, but that was a 15% score for N/S.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bessis T.		Bessis M.	
		Pass	Pass
1♦	2♣	2♦	2♠
Dbl	Pass	3♦	All Pass

I'm not sure if West is really close to a 3♥ call over his partner's sign-off in 3♦. Thomas decided to give his partner some leeway and passed 3♦, on a hand where 4♥ looks like the preferred contract. Mind you, the heart game could easily run into severe problems against a bad heart or diamond break. But today +130 was worth 48% for E/W while +420 would have been an 81% result.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bessis T.	Frencken	Bessis M.	Vandervort
4♣	1♠	Pass	3♥*
3♥ . .Hearts, invitational with spade fit.	All Pass		

The Bessis combination ran into a disastrous fix when South's jump to 3♥ endedplayed Thomas into a 4♣ call. North brooded for a while but he resisted the temptation to double (had he done so he might have made the defence easier for his partner. 4♣ became the final contract and Frencken led his heart, to the three, queen and two. Vandervort switched to a spade, and North won the queen then played the ♠A. Now Bessis should surely have made his contract. With North having sole guard of spades and diamonds he simply draws trumps and leads the ♥J. Even if South ducks, declarer plays another heart and regains the lead to run his trumps. Neither defender can shift to diamonds to break up the squeeze without surrendering their diamond trick.

In practice Bessis drew trumps and led the ♥J, ducked, but then mistimed the ending and went one down, receiving 7 MP instead of 58 MP out of 98.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bessis T.		Bessis M.	
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♦	Pass

I'm sure all manly men would bid 3NT at their second turn. Wimps like me would bid 2NT and then hear their partner raise to game no doubt...but as you can see, 5♦ is where you need to be and a diamond partscore would still get you average.

When North led a low spade against 3NT it went to the jack and king. Declarer ducked a club and now South (who surely knows declarer's precise distribution) should shift to the ♥J? When a spade came back Thomas had eight tricks, but only a 37% score.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bessis T.	Bilde	Bessis M.	Jepsen
Pass	2♠	Pass	1♠
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	3♠
All Pass			

Emil Jepsen judged well to pass 2♠ then not to make a game-try after his partner's enthusiastic redouble. The play in 3♠ might seem unremarkable after a not-unhelpful trump lead, but consider that on a heart lead declarer's entry position to dummy is somewhat awkward.



Thomas Bessis

Additionally, after a trump lead to the king and ace there is some temptation to play ace and another heart and try for an endplay one way or another. In practice Jepsen may have decided that Thomas Bessis had adopted the mantle of Garozzo, and had led low from ♠J6 to trick one, since he laid down the ♠Q at trick two and was then reduced to playing for the ♦A onside. +140 and 54/98 MP.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Bessis T.	Bilde	Bessis M.	Jepsen
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Sitting behind South I wondered whether he was really supposed to bid game facing a hand that had shown four spades and a minimum. The lead of the ♥8 convinced me that he wasn't! The defence took their hearts and played a third heart, declarer played on clubs, and eventually East was forced to lead diamonds for declarer. But that was still two down when trumps did not behave, and a 60% score for the defenders.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Bessis T.	Ancessy	Bessis M.	Brunet
2NT	All Pass	INT	Pass



Frédéric Brunet

No one could seriously cavil at Michel's choice of a strong no-trump on the East cards...could they? Frédéric Brunet and Arnaud Ancessy defended efficiently here; Brunet led a heart to his partner's queen, and back came the low heart to allow South to win and play a third heart. Michel immediately misguessed clubs and South cashed his long heart and exited in clubs. Declarer had discarded a spade and diamond on the third and fourth heart, and though the run of the clubs persuaded Ancessy to come down to two spades and two diamonds he unblocked the spade king under the ace and declarer had only seven tricks, for a 15% result. Had Michel guessed clubs (not entirely unreasonable if he assumes that when South violates French protocol by leading from ♥A942 he rates to be precisely 4333) he would have managed a 71% result.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Bessis T.	Ancessy	Bessis M.	Brunet
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Cui culpa for the missed game? Probably nobody, since 4♠ pretty much needs a diamond lead to have any chance to make. After the diamond lead Thomas scored 53% for +170. Had Thomas explored with 3♦ over 2♠ he might have done significantly worse.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bessis T.</i>	<i>Berset</i>	<i>Bessis M.</i>	<i>Sveindal</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Dbl*
			All Pass

Dbl .A minor and a four-card major

E/W finished up in 2♠ – where they would have played without the double. Sveindal led a club and the defenders took ♣A, club ruff, ♦A, a club ruffed with the king and ace, ♣K and a diamond ruffed with the ♠10 and ♠J, then another diamond, now Michel settled for two down, discarding his last diamond. How many MPs would you guess that was worth/ answer: 51/98 – since more pairs went three down than one down.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bessis T.</i>	<i>Berset</i>	<i>Bessis M.</i>	<i>Sveindal</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	2♦*
3♦(♥)	3♥	4♥	All Pass
2♦			..One major

I thought Jon Sveindal did well not to save in 4♠ on this deal – I'm not convinced North ought to encourage his partner to act here. As it was, on a diamond lead declarer lost three trumps and an ace for down one, and 45/98 MP. 12 pairs did take the spade save, but there again 12 pairs went for 200 perhaps in 4♥ on a diamond lead. At session end the Bessis combo had dropped back into the pack, just out of the qualifying positions.

The Repeating Squeeze

By Patrick Jourdain

Sabine Auken and Roy Welland are in contention for the Open Pairs and the next deal from the penultimate session of the Qualifier, modestly reported by their opponent, Pat Shields of Wales, assisted their score:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Shields</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Kurbalija</i>
2♦	Pass	INT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	All Pass

Welland's 4♠ was reported as a slam try with a singleton and Auken duly signed off in 4NT.

South led a diamond. Auken cashed three rounds of the suit, unblocked the queen of spades, came to hand with the club queen and cashed the last diamond. South and West threw hearts but North had a problem.

A club discard allows declarer four tricks in the suit, and a heart discard allows declarer to set up an 11th trick in the suit so North decided to rely on his partner for the ten of spades, and threw a small spade.

This proved an error because three rounds of spades later, North had no answer to the ten of spades. Dummy still had three clubs and was down to a singleton heart. Again, North hung onto the clubs and discarded a heart honour.

Auken then cashed the ace and ten of clubs and exited with a heart. If South played low he knew North would have to concede a trick to dummy's king of clubs so he nobly executed the crocodile coup by rising with the ace. And now the 13th trick consisted of South conceding the six of hearts to East's master seven.

Auken had made 12 tricks. After the opening lead the only defence for North to hold her to 11 is to throw a heart or a club on the last diamond.



Roaring Back

By Brent Manley

Sabine Auken and Roy Welland were in fourth place after the qualifying rounds of the Open Pairs, but they had a bad game in the first semi-final set, dropping to 33rd. They moved up to 20th after the second set, then had a huge game in the third set to get right back into contention.

They started off with a good board when Welland made an inspired pass against Alfredo Versace (Italy) and Mustafa Cem Tokay (Turkey).

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Auken	Tokay	Welland
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
	2♥	All Pass	

Auken's bidding showed hearts or a strong balanced hand (20-21 or 25+). Welland thought the bidding was high enough at 2♥, and he was correct. Tokay led the ♣K, ducked by Auken. Tokay switched to a diamond, taken by Versace with the king, to shift to a spade. Auken won the ♠A and played the ♥A, then the ♠J to Tokay's king, he played



Mustafa Cem Tokay



Sabine Auken

a third spade, ruffed by Auken, who then played the ♥Q to Versace. She won the club return with the ace, cashed the ♥J and played the ♦J to Versace's ace. Plus 110 was good for 82.65% of the matchpoints.

They did not score well on the second deal, taking only 33.67% for letting Tokay make an overtrick in 3NT, but it was one of only two poor results for them in the 10-board set.

Auken and Welland were back in form on the next round, scoring 175.9 out of 196 matchpoints against the Polish duo of Jacek Grzelczak and Ryszard Jaskiewicz.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jaskiewicz	Auken	Grzelczak	Welland
3♥	3♠	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	5NT

Grzelczak, East, had reason to regret his failure to double Auken's 4♥. Instead of starting with the ♥K, Jaskiewicz led his singleton spade. With only 14 of the 100 pairs bidding the cold slam, East-West were always getting a bad board, but a heart lead would at least have saved a few matchpoints. Minus 1390 earned them just 4.10 MPs for 93.90% to North-South.

The next board was an improvement for the Poles, but it was still a bad board.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Auken		Welland
1♠	Dbl	Pass	INT
2♣	2♠	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

Even holding this contract to eight tricks would have left East-West with only 22 of 98 matchpoints, but they allowed two overtricks and scored just 16 MPs.

West started with the ♠K, ducked all around. Apparently not reading his partner's signal, West continued the suit. Welland won with the jack, and ran the ♥J to East's king.



Roy Welland

The ♣J was returned to the queen and king, followed, reasonably enough, by a low club to Welland's 10. Welland took two spades, one club, two hearts and five diamonds for 10 tricks and plus 180, good for 83.67%.

On the next round, Auken and Welland scored a couple of plus 200s against Folliero de Luna and Benoit Ribault of France for 89% of the matchpoints.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ribault	Auken	Folliero de Luna	Welland
Pass	1♣*	1♦	2♥*
Pass	3♠	4♥	Pass
5♦	All Pass	Pass	Pass

- 1♣ Balanced hand, 2+ clubs, possibly five cards in another suit.
- 2♥ Five spades, four clubs, 5-10 high-card points or a game-forcing hand.

Had East or West simply doubled 4♠, they would have scored at least plus 100 for 75.59%. Ribault's 5♦ was ill-advised with his weak, flat hand, even with his partner bidding so strongly. De Luna could not avoid losing four tricks and most of the matchpoints.

On the next deal, it looked as though he was trying to make up for the first board.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West <i>Ribault</i>	North <i>Auken</i>	East <i>Folliero de Luna</i>	South <i>Welland</i>
2♦	Db1	2♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	2♠	3♥
		6♠	All Pass

West's 4♠ must have shown a hand with spade support but no controls, making the leap to slam a poor gamble.

Auken's double of 2♦ showed hearts or spades. Had dummy's queen been in clubs instead of diamonds, de Luna might have had a shot. As it was, there was no chance for even 11 tricks. Another plus 200 helped North-South to 175 out of 196 matchpoints.

On the last round, Auken and Welland faced Benito Garozzo and Romain Zaleski, who had dropped into the game from the Open Teams.

Auken-Welland earned 61.22% on the first board of the round for 4♠ making, but they did not score well on the last board of the session.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West <i>Zaleski</i>	North <i>Auken</i>	East <i>Garozzo</i>	South <i>Welland</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♠*
Db1	2♣	Pass	3♣
3♦	Db1	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

1♠ . . No Major.

Garozzo, East, would have made 3♦ doubled for nearly all the matchpoints, so Welland's pull to 4♣ was necessary to avoid disaster.

Garozzo led the ♠7 to the 6, ace and queen, Zaleski exiting with the ♦7. Garozzo won the ♦Q and got out with a spade. Auken inserted the 10, covered by Zaleski and ruffed by Auken. There was no way to avoid losing a trick in each suit, so the contract was one off. Minus 50 was worth only 27.55%, one of two blemishes on an otherwise sparkling game.



Trump Happy

By Brent Manley

This deal was played in the Thursday Side Pairs, where Waseem Naqvi (England) and Lee Rosenthal (Israel), showed how to maximize their trump holdings.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Rosenthal</i>	North <i>Naqvi</i>	East <i>Naqvi</i>	South <i>Naqvi</i>
Pass	3♣	Db1	Pass
3♠	All Pass		Pass

Rosenthal started with the ♦A, continuing with a diamond to Naqvi's jack. Naqvi switched to his singleton club, then took a club ruff to play back a diamond. West ruffed with the ♠8, overruffed by Rosenthal with the 9. A third round of clubs was ruffed with the ♠K and overruffed by Naqvi with the ace.

Naqvi played another diamond, ruffed by the ♠10, which was overruffed by the jack. Now a fourth round of clubs promoted Naqvi's ♠7. The defense was finally out of ammunition, but they had made all five of their trumps for plus 400 and all the matchpoints.



Card Play Technique (Or The Art Of Being Lucky)

By Mark Horton

Once you have the basic hang of the game, then to get better, you have to learn technique. In bridge, as in photography or rock climbing, there are basic techniques, and you will never get anywhere unless you know them and can apply them. The technique also gives you the framework and vocabulary to enable you to understand what the experts are talking about. Learning means work, but only geniuses can work all these things out for themselves without the benefit of teaching material.

Some years ago a survey of experts in the now defunct *European Bridge* magazine made it clear that the way to improve is to play against the best possible opponents and to read as much as possible.

By complete coincidence my title corresponds to that of one of the classic books on card play, recently re issued as a new edition by Master Point Press.

Having a few spare moments yesterday I went to watch a few boards in the final of the Women's Pairs. I was left wondering which books the player's might have studied?

(I have refrained from mentioning any names, for reasons which may become clear.)

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ J 8 6 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ J 8 7 3 ♣ A 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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		♠ 7 4 ♥ K 9 7 3 2 ♦ Q 4 ♣ Q 8 7 3	♠ A K 10 9 5 ♥ J ♦ K 10 5 ♣ K 10 9 4
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	1♠	1♦*
2♠	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♠	3♥
			All Pass

1♦ . . Polish Club

South led the ace of hearts and continued with the queen. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ace of spades and played the ten of clubs. South was kind enough to cover that, and declarer won with dummy's ace.

At this point, one option for declarer is to play a diamond to the ten. If South wins (ducking is better) and forces declarer with a heart it is easy enough to make ten tricks by exploiting the favourable position in both minors.

Perhaps best is to play a club to the nine. When that holds declarer cashes the king of spades then plays the king of

clubs. It does not help South to ruff, so declarer continues with the fourth club, ruffing in dummy, and plays a diamond to the ten. South can win and cash the queen of spades, but declarer will ruff the heart exit and lay down the king of diamonds for +170.

However, declarer decided to run the jack of spades and South won with the queen and made the strange return of a club. (A heart is obvious and a spade is also good enough.)

Declarer took North's queen with the king, and played the nine. South ruffed and played a heart and declarer ruffed, ruffed a club and played a diamond.

I can promise you that she knew the South hand was 3-4-4-2, so the only chance to make the contract was to play the ten, hoping to find North with ♦Q4.

However, she played the king, and was two down, -200 and a dreadful result.

The deal that followed has become one of the most discussed of the Championships:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 9 6 4 ♥ A K 4 2 ♦ 5 ♣ 10 8 7 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 ♥ 6 ♦ Q J 9 8 7 6 4 3 ♣ Q J 2	♠ A 5 2 ♥ Q J 8 ♦ A K ♣ A 9 6 5 4
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	1♠
INT	3♦*	5♦	All Pass

1♣ . . Polish
 1♦ . . Negative
 3♦ . . Splinter

Defending against a strong club it can be useful to have some sort of defensive methods. The simplest is to use double to show the majors and INT the minors, but you can be more complicated if you wish. Where the club is multi meaning you have to decide if you wish to treat it as strong.

Here N/S had no special agreements in place so South simply bid her stronger suit.

Defending 5♦ South led the king of spades and declarer won, cashed dummy's top diamonds and played a low heart. North went in with the king and switched to the three of clubs. After some thought declarer played the queen and took South's king with the ace.

She had to lose a club at the end, for +600.

Declarer might have played the low heart from dummy at trick two. Then there would have been time to establish a heart via the ruffing finesse (and the entries to use it).

As the play went North did well to switch to a club, but declarer's play makes no sense - the only hope of avoiding a club loser is to play South for the singleton king.

Notice that N/S have a cheap save in 5♠, but that probably requires knowledge of the double fit.

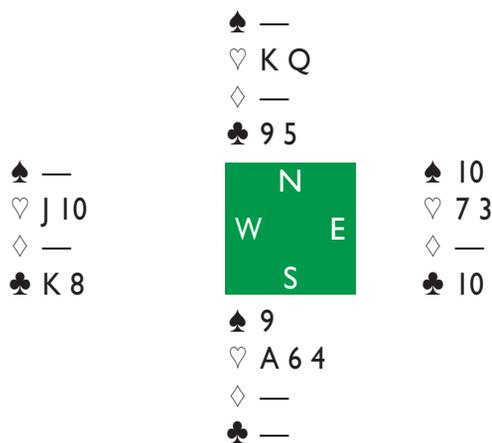
Suppose the bidding takes a different course, say 1♣*-Pass-1♦*-1♠-Dbl*-3♠-4♦-4♠-Dbl-Pass, where the first double promises a strong hand.

Should East pass or bid 5♦?

Would it matter if there had been a break in tempo?

Personally it would not occur to me to pass with this hand, but I do know the deal was subject to at least one review.

After cashing three diamonds, the club ace, and spade queen, Sabine came to hand with the club queen, dropping South's jack, then took the diamond ace. In an effort to hold declarer to ten tricks, North discarded a spade, playing his partner for the spade ten. That was a mistake; declarer now took her three spade winners to produce this ending as the spade ten was led:

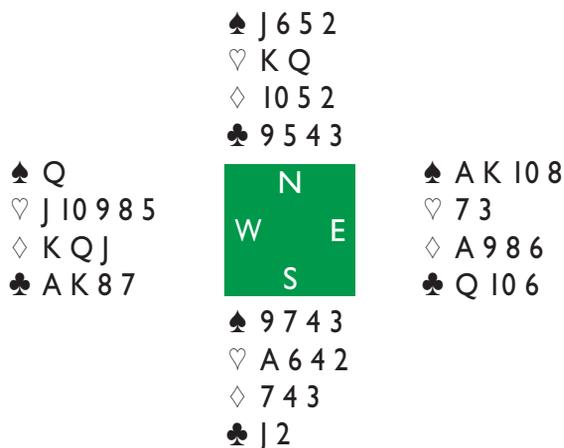


Winkle, Winkle, Little Star

By Jozef Harsanyi

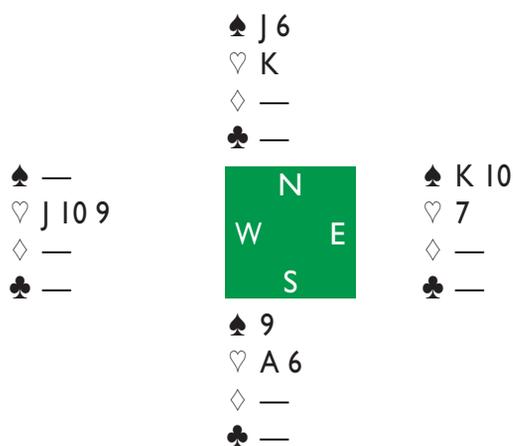
Sabine Auken (playing with Roy Welland) declared 3NT here in round nine of the Open Pairs qualification.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



South followed suit, dummy discarded a heart, and North was forced to pitch a heart honor. Now Auken took her club winner and exited with a low heart. If North won his heart king he would be forced to act as a stepping-stone and give dummy trick 13. If South crashed his partner's heart winner he would have to give declarer trick 13 with the heart seven!

Just for the record; after the diamond lead declarer can play legitimately for 12 tricks (relying on the ♦10 to fall). She takes the club ace and queen, then unblocks the ♣10, crosses to the ♠Q and takes the club winner, discarding a heart from hand. Now she runs the diamonds, overtaking the third round and forcing the discard of a heart honour from North. This is the new position:



The effect of the play of the heart seven is to produce a new and different winkle!



Open Pairs Semifinal Session 5

By Jos Jacobs

For the final session of the semis, I sat down at the tables where the current leaders, Slemr and Vozabal from the Czech Republic, were playing.

Board 13 was the first board that drew my attention:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Slemr	Pachtman	Vozabal	Ginossar
Pass	3♦	1♣	2♦
4♥	All Pass	Dbl	Pass

North led the ♦K, won by dummy's ace. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps, finessing the king successfully and then took the losing spade finesse. Ginossar won the king, cashed the ♦Q and exited with the ♣J. Dummy's ace won and now, declarer cashed two more rounds of spades, ending in hand. By now, he has seen three spades, two hearts and at least six diamonds in South, so there would be room for one or two clubs.



Jakub Slemr

But wait a moment! North raised to 3♦ so wouldn't he, in spite of his lead of the ♦K, hold three diamonds? In that case, South would hold exactly two clubs which have to be the QJ bare if the return of the ♣J was to make any sense at all. South had a safe spade exit at his disposal when he returned the ♣J.

So there is much to be said for not taking the club finesse but playing for the drop instead.

It was a close call as 17 pairs, among them our East-West pair, scored +620 and 21% whereas 21 pairs managed to make the overtrick for a 61% score. Well done by Ginossar to at least give declarer a plausible losing option.

On the next board, the Czechs posed their opponents a difficult problem:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

♠ 7 5 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ 9 7 5 2 ♣ K Q 6 3	♠ 7 5 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ 9 7 5 2 ♣ K Q 6 3	♠ 7 5 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ 9 7 5 2 ♣ K Q 6 3	♠ 7 5 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ 9 7 5 2 ♣ K Q 6 3
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West	North	East	South
Slemr	Pachtman	Vozabal	Ginossar
4♠	Dbl	1♠	Pass
		All Pass	



Eldad Ginossar

What should South do over partner's double? On a heart lead, you make a slam when the diamonds behave but you would go down in game when they don't. With both minors breaking 3-1, 4♠ would actually be a make. All of this argues strongly for bidding – doesn't it? Sitting the double, as Ginossar did, was worth only 27% to the Israelis. Bidding game would have brought them 75%.

On the next two boards, we saw some red cards and, it has to be admitted, some blood as well.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Slemr</i>	<i>Oursel</i>	<i>Vozabal</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>
Pass	2♣	DbI	2♦ All Pass

A short auction and also a popular one – from the E/W perspective, if not from that of N/S. The contract went down the obvious four tricks (a club, two hearts, two diamonds, a ruff and three trump tricks) but going for -1100 still brought the 17 North-South pairs involved (!) 31% each. After a heart lead I suppose East might find the diamond shift, which lets the defenders untangle their diamond winners then take the heart ruff and the club ace with three trump winners still to come, for down 1400 and a 91% score. Those E/W pairs who bid to a slam in the face of discreet preempters in the South seat thus had to be content with an average score only.

On the next boards, the French got their revenge:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Slemr</i>	<i>Oursel</i>	<i>Vozabal</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	Pass	DbI
All Pass			

When West ventured a light overcall with his chunky intermediates and nice 5-4-3-1 shape, the French were quick to pull the trigger. Down two, but +500 was going to beat all the non-vulnerable games. This time, the overcall was less popular (only eight times) so the French could register a 85% score on this one.

The last board of the set was funny. How often did it occur to you, dear reader, that you are looking at ♥AKQ7643 and hear your partner open 1♥? At our 50 tables in play, slam was bid only 31 times and no less than 13 tables stayed out of it.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Actually, those who resisted the temptation to bid the slam were basically right in theory, as it depends mainly on the diamond finesse. The small outside chance of an initial ruff then means it is less than 50%.

Somewhat to my surprise, no E/W pair saved in 6♠, against which the defenders can take 1700 by way of the club and diamond ruffs (though I'm informed of at least one table in the women's event where after a diamond lead from South, North thought it might be a good idea to cash her side's heart trick next...)

If anyone can beat my personal record of trump support, when I held ♣KQ9xxxxxx and heard partner open 1♣ (3+), please refer to the Bulletin Office on the 3rd floor.

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Open Pairs Finals Session I

By Barry Rigal

For session one it seemed better to spread the coverage to the maximum, rather than focusing on one pair. To start with we would look at Zia-Jansma against Fredin-Fallenius:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Fallenius	Jansma	Fredin	Zia
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

With the field likely to play 4♠ and make 420 (or 450 on some good guesswork) Jansma needed to make 430. If he made fewer than ten tricks he rated to get a zero whether he made his contract precisely or went down in 3NT.

Fredin led a club intermediate, and Jansma overcame the first critical hurdle when the club queen held. Now he advanced the ♦Q and Fredin let it hold. Jansma played a second diamond, and Fallenius covered it so Fredin took his ace, played the club king, ducked all round. Now Jansma received a heart switch, and Fallenius ducked dummy's



Per-Ola Cullin



Peter Fredin

eight. So Jansma knew to cash off his diamond club and heart winners and lead a spade to the ten for +430 and 40/44 MP.

The Swedes got their revenge on the second deal — but this time their opponents had some control over their destiny.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Fallenius	Jansma	Fredin	Zia
	Pass	1♣	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦(♥)	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

What would be your choice of opening salvo as North? I'm sure you could make a good case for a passive club, but 'Real men don't lead passive'. Jansma led a small diamond and declarer captured the queen with his king and ran the ♥J, covered all round. Now when Fallenius led the ♠Q from dummy Jansma ducked after some thought, and also ducked the ♦A — his last chance to win and play a second

heart to set up his partner's ♠9. Fallenius now reverted to spades, leading to his ten, and had two tricks in each side-suit and five clubs for +460 and 41/44 MP. Declarer had done his best but the defenders had certainly had a decent chance to hold declarer to 430 and gain an extra 17 MP in the process.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Our esteemed editor believes that matchpoints and bridge should not be used in the same sentence, and deals like this perhaps support this assessment.

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Cima	Cullin	Giubilo
Pass	INT	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dbf
All Pass			Dbf

Giubilo had to protect his side's equity since he could reasonably assume that N/S could make 2NT or some other partscore. He steered clear of the fatal trump lead, selecting his club sequence, and continuing the suit as Cullin discarded spades on the second and third rounds of the suit. Cima shifted to spades now. Cullin won his ♠A, led a heart to the ten, ruffed the next spade and crossed to the ♥K, observing the fall of the ♥9. Now he still had slim chances if the diamond finesse succeeded. When it lost, the defenders could tap him out with another spade, and he was down 500, for all the MP to N/S.

Yet again, the pair who had scored the matchpoints on the first deal gave it back on the second when Giubilo in fourth chair heard 1♣ on his right and passed holding:

♠ A J 10 2
♥ K Q 5
♦ Q 5 2
♣ 10 7 4

I thought they called them Italian take-out doubles for a reason — and it might well have worked to push E/W up a level. 1♣ made +70 while N/S can make 1♦ or INT.



Andrei Gromov

On to our next pair: Medvedev-Cherny did extremely well here, I think, after the opening lead:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dubinina	Medvedev	Gromov	Cherny
2♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♦	Pass

A spade lead might have left declarer struggling for entries to dummy. But Medvedev led the ♥8; second from a bad suit. Cherny ducked and declarer won the queen and tried a diamond to the ten and queen. Cherny now found the thoughtful shift to a low club. Dubinin was in hand for the last time, and elected to cash off his clubs then run the diamonds via the repeated finesse. That got him to nine tricks, but the defenders had a spade heart and club for the last three tricks, and 27/44 MP.

On the next round Mustafa Cem Tokay earned his good result; playing with Alfredo Versace he heard his partner open 2NT and holding:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

He used Stayman and over the 3♠ response jumped to 5♦. For some (most?) of us that would be a splinter in support of spades but for him it was natural. He bought a hand with all the side aces and the rounded-suit kings but only ♦Qx. Not to worry, diamonds were 2-2 and 3NT no play on West's natural club lead. +600 was worth 39/44 MP, and Versace added a second good board on the next hand, where he and his partner were one of the six pairs in the field to go plus, in their 6-2 minor fit, splitting 3-2, while avoiding the 6-1 major-suit splitting 6-0. That helped move them up the table to fourth place after the first session.

Press Conference

Yesterday's Press Conference was hosted by **Yves Aubry** the President of the EBL, **Marc De Pauw**, President of the Royal Belgium Bridge Federation, **David Harris**, EBL Treasurer and **Geert Magerman**, Public Relations Officer.

Geert Magerman reported that there had been excellent coverage of the Championships in both the National press and on the radio.

The EBL President reported a 6% increase in the number of teams from 2011 and although entries from some of the larger countries had been smaller than anticipated, the overall numbers had been very good.

He commented on the abolition of the Appeals procedure and reported on the current developments with regard to upcoming Championships. Madrid has until 1 July to sign a contract for the 2014 Championships, otherwise Poland or Croatia are possible venues.

The EBL Treasurer confirmed that from a financial point of view the Championships had achieved a positive result.

There were a number of questions from the floor, concerning such issues as the length of the team competitions, the composition of the Women Pairs Final and the number of people downloading the Daily Bulletin. All these issues will be addressed after the Championships, but the number of visitors to the web site is known to be in the hundreds of thousands.

Living On The Edge

By Barry Rigal

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Doron Yadlin		Israel Yadlin	
Pass	2♣	1♣*	INT*
2♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	Dbf



The Yadlin brothers won the MP Pairs on Thursday.

Israel Yadlin's decision to reopen with a double fooled his partner into thinking he would be facing more defence than he was. Doron led out the two top diamonds, and shifted to a club. Declarer tried the ♣A then optimistically played ♥A to get the bad news. Now declarer played a second trump and Doron won to shift to clubs for the ruff.

At this point the defenders had taken five tricks and declarer's spade loser was inevitable. Down one for all the matchpoints instead of a round zero!

If declarer had simply ducked the club at trick three and permitted the defence to take a diamond ruff, South can arrange to take a club ruff to hand and play trumps for no loser. No defence looks to be any better: if East wins the club and returns a diamond, West may do better to discard a club, preventing declarer from coming back to hand with a club ruff since West can now overruff. But declarer can simply draw trumps and hold East to one trump trick.

OPEN PAIRS

FINAL, DAY 1/2

Pair	Country	%
1 KVANGRAVEN Nils Kare - LIE Terje	NOR - NOR	57.32
2 GINOSSAR Eldad - PACHTMAN Ron	ISR - ISR	56.73
3 AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	GER - USA	55.43
4 JANSMA Jan - MAHMOOD Zia	NED - USA	55.32
5 CARROLL John - HANLON Tom	IRL - IRL	54.60
6 BERG Erik - SIMONSEN Steffen Fredrik	NOR - NOR	54.28
7 BAKKEREN Frank - BAKKEREN Ton	NED - NED	54.18
8 DUBININ Alexander - GROMOV Andrey	RUS - RUS	53.95
9 KALITA Jacek - NOWOSADZKI Michal	POL - POL	53.94
10 OURSEL Christophe - SCHMIDT Pierre	FRA - FRA	53.78
11 NABIL Karim - SADEK Tarek	EGY - EGY	53.73
12 HOMONNAY Geza - WINKLER Gabor	HUN - HUN	53.27
13 BOCKEN Patrick - NEVE Olivier	BEL - BEL	53.14
14 KLUKOWSKI Michal - ZATORSKI Piotr	POL - POL	53.11
15 BAKKE Tor - HOYLAND Sven Olai	NOR - NOR	53.08
16 SLEMR Jakub - VOZABAL David	CZE - CZE	52.86
17 LANZAROTTI Massimo - MANNO Andrea	ITA - ITA	52.75
18 FRIEDLANDER Ehud - LIRAN Inon	ISR - ISR	51.49
19 RIEHM Franck - DUGUET Michel	FRA - FRA	51.39
20 CIMA Leonardo - GIUBILO Valerio	ITA - ITA	51.32
21 PIEKAREK Josef - SMIRNOV Alexander	GER - GER	51.19
22 MARINOVSKI Kiril - ZORIC Vedran	BUL - CRO	50.46
23 AUSTBERG Per Erik - BERG Jan Tore	NOR - NOR	50.23
24 GAWEL Wojciech - JAGNIEWSKI Rafal	POL - POL	50.12
25 MULTON Franck - ZIMMERMANN Pierre	MON - MON	49.87
26 FALLENIUS Bjorn - FREDIN Peter	SWE - SWE	49.54
27 ERCAN Sehmus - PEYRET Hakan	TUR - TUR	49.28
28 KARLBERG S. G. - THOMASSEN K.-O.	NOR - NOR	49.16
29 NIKOLCHEV K. - TRENDAFILOV Roumen	BUL - BUL	49.15
30 KANDEMIR Ismail - KOLATA Suleyman	TUR - TUR	48.89
31 SAPORTA Pierre - VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel	FRA - FRA	48.04
32 MIHAI Geta - MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	47.69
33 JASSEM Krzysztof - MAZURKIEWICZ Jan	POL - POL	46.86
34 WACKWITZ Ernst - WESTERBEEK Chris	NED - NED	46.80
35 CHERNY Mikjail - MEDVEDEV Oleg	ISR - ISR	46.33
36 CULLIN Per-Ola - HALLBERG Gunnar	SWE - ENG	46.26
37 MELMAN Victor - ZELIGMAN Shalom	USA - ISR	46.16
38 SVENDSEN Odin - TONDEL Petter	NOR - NOR	46.06
39 TOKAY Mustafa Cem - VERSACE Alfredo	TUR - ITA	45.95
40 JASKIEWICZ Ryszard - GRZELCZAK Jacek	POL - POL	45.45
41 BURN David - SANDQVIST Nicklas	ENG - ENG	44.71
42 DEBUS Eric - VAN MIDDELEM Guy	BEL - BEL	44.34
43 BAUMANN Karl Christian - BREKKA Geir	NOR - NOR	43.86
44 MILASZEWSKI Mirosław - SZENBERG Stefan	POL - POL	43.79
45 CLEEFF Jan van - VAN DER HORST J. Petrus	NED - ARU	41.92
46 DE MENDEZ T. - MICHAUD-LARIVIERE X.	SUI - MON	41.62

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2 FAIVRE Corinne - MAGIS Isabelle	FRA - FRA	56.32
3 SMEDEREVAC Jovanka - WEIGKRICHT Terry	AUT - AUT	55.81
4 MICHIELSEN Marion - WORTEL Meike	NED - NED	55.00
5 MADSEN Christina Lund - YAVAS Dilek	DEN - TUR	54.85
6 NEVE Joanna - ROSSARD Martine	FRA - FRA	54.40
7 BESSIS Veronique - PUILLET Carole	FRA - FRA	53.93
8 CRONIER Benedicte - WILLARD Sylvie	FRA - FRA	53.44
9 ARNOLDS Carla - VRIEND Bep	NED - NED	53.12
10 PASKALEVA Stefka - RIBARSKA Mariana	BUL - BUL	53.10
11 LUESSMANN Claudia - SMYKALLA Gisela	GER - GER	52.85
12 KAZMUCHA Danuta - ZMUDA Justyna	POL - POL	52.55
13 SEALE Catherine - SENIOR Nevena	ENG - ENG	52.46
14 LIU Yan - YAN Ru	CHN - CHN	51.84
15 BROCK Sally - SINCLAIR Anita	ENG - ENG	51.82
16 CHEDIAK Virginia - OIGARDEN Bodil N.	NOR - NOR	51.42
17 PECCOUD Janine Elise - SAPORTA Renata	FRA - FRA	51.18
18 FENG Xuefeng - ZHANG Yu	CHN - CHN	51.03
19 GU Ling - SHEN (2) Qi	CHN - CHN	50.95
20 MALKOVA Marina - SOSHNIKOVA Maria	RUS - RUS	50.57
21 CZAJKA Iwona - SARNIAK Anna	POL - POL	50.36
22 BANASZKIEWICZ Ewa - BREWIAK Grazyna	POL - POL	50.11
23 BROGELAND Tonje Aasand - GLAERUM L.	NOR - NOR	50.05
24 BAKER Lynn - McCALLUM Karen	USA - USA	50.04
25 LANGER Darina - NIKITINE Ruth	SUI - SUI	49.82
26 GLADIATOR Anne - WEBER Elke	GER - GER	49.73
27 HENGEVELD Rosalind - Vliegenthart M.	NED - NED	49.64
28 ENCONTRO Mylene - VIKSTROM Ann-Katrin	PHI - SWE	49.52
29 PICUS Sue - RUSSO Stephannie	USA - USA	49.45
30 DAUVERGNE Sophie - HUGON Elisabeth	FRA - FRA	48.98
31 DOBBELS Tine - TOUTENEL Els	BEL - BEL	48.88
32 COOPER Jenny - McGREGOR Moira	SCO - SCO	48.82
33 AGRILLO Cinzia - MOFAHKAMI Shalh	ITA - ITA	48.57
34 GILLILAND Dolores - WHELAN Maria	IRL - IRL	47.76
35 ADIGUZEL Canan - UYANIK Guler	TUR - TUR	47.22
36 BABAC Mine - GUMRUKCUOGLU Lale	TUR - TUR	47.05
37 KENNY Joan - KIRBY Brid	IRL - IRL	47.05
38 PATTINSON Maureen - RIGNEY Teresa	IRL - IRL	46.72
39 BEARPARK Catherine - KEMPLE Brid	IRL - IRL	45.58
40 BARBE Elisabeth - THOMPSON-VINCENT K.	SUI - SUI	45.45
41 ELBRO Helle Simon - RISOM Karin Strande	DEN - DEN	45.18
42 HELNESS Gunn - MIRKOVIC Ann-Mari	NOR - NOR	44.87
43 CHAPELLE Ann - DAENEN Marleem	BEL - BEL	44.83
44 BIRD Sinead - O'CONNOR Sarah	ENG - ENG	44.05
45 GAMBERUCCI Maria C. - SORRENTINO M.	ITA - ITA	43.67
46 DELESENNE Sophie - KUNKERA Nathalie R.	BEL - BEL	42.86

SENIORS PAIRS**QUALIFICATION DAY 2/2**

Pair	Country	%
1 SELLDEN Goran - WENNEBERG Bjorn	SWE - SWE	59.25
2 CABAJ Stephan - ILNICKI Wlodzimierz	SUI - POL	58.45
3 BERGHEIMER Serge - FOUASSIER Jean-Claude	FRA - FRA	57.14
4 ELINESCU Michael - WLADOW Entschö	GER - GER	56.10
5 MACIOR Zbigniew - MICHALEK Jerzy	POL - POL	55.82
6 FITZGIBBON Nicholas - MESBUR Adam	IRL - IRL	55.06
7 GREENTHE Patrick - VANHOUTTE Philippe	FRA - FRA	54.65
8 CZYZOWICZ Jurek - KOWALSKI Apolinary	CAN - POL	53.98
9 LEENHARDT Francois - PIGANEAU Patrice	FRA - FRA	53.61
10 BIGDELI Faramarz - WOJEWODA Edward	BEL - USA	53.58
11 HACKETT Paul D - HOLLAND John	ENG - ENG	53.54
12 JEZIORO Aleksander - RUSSYAN Jerzy	POL - POL	53.27
13 MARI Christian - WALTER Stanley	FRA - SUI	53.26
14 BARONI Franco - CESATI Alberto	ITA - ITA	53.20
15 KRATZ Ulrich - STRATER Bernhard	GER - GER	52.46
16 LIGGAT David - McGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz)	SCO - SCO	52.22
17 COUPERE Alexandre - LUMBROSO Claude	FRA - FRA	51.69
18 MARILL Philippe - STOPPA Jean-Louis	FRA - FRA	51.63
19 CHAUDHURI Amit - MANGSET Dag	ESP - NOR	51.59
20 PENFOLD Sandra - SENIOR Brian	ENG - ENG	51.24
21 GERGOV Georgi - RADEV Radi	BUL - BUL	51.11
22 CHIF Alain - ASHLEY Raymond	BEL - ENG	51.11
23 DRIVER Gordon - DRIVER Kathleen	RSA - RSA	51.02
24 CHIZZOLI Paolo - DE GIACOMI Fran	ITA - ITA	50.99
25 KLUKOWSKI Julian - MARKOWICZ Victor	POL - POL	50.90
26 TROUWBORST Jaap - DOREMANS Nico	NED - NED	50.61
27 ENGEL Joseph - FRYDRICH Julian	ISR - ISR	50.50
28 GOODMAN Alan - SHORT Brian	SCO - SCO	50.46
29 COPUR Mehmet Emin - FALAY Faik	TUR - TUR	49.96
30 STASICA Jacek - WALA Wlodzimierz	POL - POL	49.51
31 PARISIS Hubert - THABAULT Jean-Roger	FRA - FRA	49.49
32 COYLE Willie - TELTSCHER Kitty	SCO - ENG	48.95
33 AUDENAERT Armand - HENDRICKX Jules	BEL - BEL	48.86
34 MALTESE Jacky - SECHERESSE Jean-Claude	FRA - FRA	48.73
35 BOREWICZ Marek - KUTNER Roger	POL - SUI	48.64
36 KOWALCZYK Stefan - SUCHARKIEWICZ Jan	POL - POL	48.47
37 CHARLIER Guy - TIFOUS Nourredine	BEL - BEL	48.35
38 JOHNSON David - STAS Jacques	BEL - BEL	48.08
39 LASOCKI Krzysztof - WIELEMANS Eric	POL - BEL	47.85
40 BANKOGLU Ergun - TOLUN Reha	TUR - TUR	47.81
41 FRANCESCONI Andrea - VANDONI Riccardo	ITA - ITA	46.79
42 CASTELLI Antonio - DI MARTINO Francesco	ITA - ITA	46.67
43 CHARLES Darrell - CHARLES Irmgard	GER - GER	46.26
44 CASTIGLIONI Gianantonio - UGGERI Paolo	ITA - ITA	45.60
45 DENNISON Maureen - JOURDAIN Patrick	ENG - WAL	45.33
46 HOULIHAN Desmond - PATTINSON Bob	IRL - IRL	45.08
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48 BEARPARK Steve - CURRAN Brendan	IRL - IRL	44.99
49 BUIJS Pieter - DE HULLU Henk	NED - NED	43.40
50 JONGE Govert de - O'SHEA Kitty	NED - IRL	40.13
51 DE DUVE Alain - MIRAVET Solange	BEL - BEL	38.03
52 LARSEN Helge - RYNNING Erik	NOR - NOR	31.96

SIDE EVENTS

MP PAIRS

Pair	Country	%
1 HUTYRA Maciej - WOLANSKI Rafal	POL - POL	58.45
2 DOLIA Mauro - SPANU Carlo	ITA - ITA	57.67
3 SHIELDS Patrick - KURBALIJA Diane	WAL - WAL	57.07
4 PAVLIN Milan - ROJKO Silvana	SLO - SLO	56.89
5 CHELU Eugen - DUMITRASIUC Gabriel	ROM - ROM	55.68
6 FREJACQUES Guillaume - LILAMAND Martin	FRA - FRA	55.67
7 FELMY Matthias - GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	54.67
8 COLINET Eric - MEYER Jean	BEL - BEL	54.59
9 ADAD Pierre - RINGUET Pascal	FRA - FRA	54.45
10 JOHNSTUEN Frode B. - SORENSEN B. O.	NOR - NOR	53.94
11 CHIPAIL Gheorghe - NEGULESCU Sorina	ROM - USA	51.67
12 MAAT Roeland - MEER Mark de	NED - NED	51.52
13 DI FRANCO M. - MARGIOTTA Saverio	ITA - ITA	51.06
14 VAN HOOIJDONK Marcel - WINKEL Marcel	NED - NED	50.94
15 DAUVERGNE Bernard - DESMOULINS J. P.	FRA - FRA	50.58
16 BAHBOUT Sam - BLOCK Frank	BEL - BEL	50.18
17 LIOSSIS Georgios - SIRAKOPOULOU C.	GRE - GRE	50.07
18 DE SAINT PASTOU Alain - LESAGE Francois	FRA - FRA	47.92
19 ANCESSY Arnaud - BRUNET Frederic	FRA - FRA	47.80
20 CARNICELLI Francesca - PRAMOTTON E.	ITA - ITA	46.88
22 CODRIN Marcu - DUMITRASCU Florin	ROM - ROM	46.74
23 ALEKSANDRZAK Andrzej - PILECKI Maciej	POL - POL	45.99
25 SAINTE MARIE- SAINTE MARIE Thierry De	FRA - FRA	42.87
26 FOSSI Niccolo - PAUNCZ Peter	ITA - ITA	42.48
27 SOLHEIM Eli - ANFINSEN Ivar M.	NOR - NOR	42.30
28 LUPSAN Corina - LUPSAN Octavian	ROM - ROM	41.05
29 KHOLOMEEV Vadim - VASILYEV Petr	RUS - RUS	38.89

BAM TEAMS DAY 1/2

TEAM	VP
1 YADLIN	58.00
2 ALLFREY	56.00
3 TROMSO	55.00
YAMATA	55.00
5 BRENO	54.30
6 RADKOV	53.00
TOP ONE	53.00
8 ROSENTHAL	51.00
9 AAA	50.00
10 MOSSOP	49.00
DAUGAVA 2	49.00
12 FAMILY	47.00
PEARBALL	47.00
MORAN	47.00
15 FC BENNY	46.00
16 BETONG	45.70
17 ITALY 3	44.00

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GAMES

Anyone can participate in the 8th 'Greek Islands' Bridge Festival.

Random generated computer hands will be used throughout the festival and top pairs will be seeded. Hand records will be provided at the completion of each session and top tables play in the teams event will be broadcast over the internet.

Entry fees per person are:

♣ 100€ for OPEN PAIRS

♦ 60€ for MIXED PAIRS

♠ 75€ for TEAMS

♥ Participation in the

daily friendly tournaments is free.



Special offers for juniors!



BRIDGE LECTURES

Free bridge lectures will be offered by World Champion Krzysztof Martens on a daily basis.

PROGRAMME

Sunday 1.9.2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Arrival of delegates, registration, accommodation, provision of complimentary and informative material2 Welcome cocktail3 Open Pairs 1st session	
Tuesday 3.9.2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Open Pairs 3rd session2 Friendly tournament	Monday 2.9.2013 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Open Pairs 2nd session2 Friendly tournament
Thursday 5.9.2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Half-day excursion2 Mixed Pairs 2nd session3 Friendly tournament	Wednesday 4.9.2013 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Mixed Pairs 1st session2 Friendly tournament
Saturday 7.9.2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Swiss Teams 2nd session2 Gala dinner – Awards Ceremony	Friday 6.9.2013 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Swiss Teams 1st session2 Friendly tournament
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Departure day / check-out time by 12.00 noon	Sunday 8.9.2013

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