

# 25th EUROPEAN YOUTH BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



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## WELCOME TO TROMSØ!



Welcome to Tromsø and good luck to all.

These championships have a dual purpose – firstly to decide the European champions and medallists in all four categories, and secondly to decide Europe's representatives at the 2016 World Youth Championships, to be held in August next year in Salsomaggiore, Italy. In the U26s and U21s, the top six teams here in Tromsø will qualify for Salsomaggiore, while in the Ladies series it is the top five. There is no World Championship as yet in the U16s series. However, with the host country automatically getting a place in the World Championships, if Italy finishes in a qualifying spot the next team in the rankings will also qualify. So, in the Ladies we can already congratulate France, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway and Poland – you have all qualified for the 2016 World Youth Championships and can concentrate on winning a European Championship title or medal!



### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**10.00: Round 1**

**14.00: Round 2**

**17.10: Round 3**



## OPENING CEREMONY

by **Yves Aubry, EBL President**

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to welcome all of you to Tromsø, players, officers, journalists, operators and guests to participate in the 25th European Youth Bridge Team Championships.

It is a great pleasure to recognise the degree of participation at this championship with players coming from 23 countries.

I am confident that you will enjoy discovering the beautiful town of Tromsø known for its culture, economy, universities and of course salmon.

I would like to express my gratitude to all authorities who have contributed to the choice and organisation of these Championships in Tromsø, in particular

- Mr Jens Johan Hjort – Mayor of Tromsø

My thanks and congratulations go to the Norwegian Bridge Federation, its President Jostein Sørvoll, and the organising committee led by Allan Livgård and Inger Hjellemarken for the great job they have accomplished.

These 25th European Youth Bridge Team Championships give you the opportunity to compete with players coming from many countries, to renew old friendships and make new ones.

More than ever in Youth Championship, our motto “Bridge for Peace” is reflected in the combination of sporting spirit, fair play and friendship.

Enjoy your play and your stay in Tromsø.

I officially declare open the 25th European Youth Bridge Team Championships.

Yves Aubry (EBL President)



**DRAW TODAY****U26 ROUND 1**

		SWE		HUN		ISR
		GER		TUR		TUR
		ENG		BUL		BUL
		GRE		ISR		ISR
BBO 1		DEN		NOR		NOR
		WAL		ITA		ITA
BBO 2		FIN		FRA		FRA
		POL		AUT		AUT
		NED		POR		POR

TIME: 10.00

**U26 ROUND 2**

BBO 1		ISR		SWE		SWE
		BUL		NOR		NOR
BBO 2		TUR		ITA		ITA
		HUN		FRA		FRA
		GER		AUT		AUT
		ENG		POR		POR
		GRE		NED		NED
		DEN		POL		POL
		WAL		FIN		FIN

TIME: 14.00

**U26 ROUND 3**

		SWE		BUL		BUL
		TUR		ISR		ISR
		HUN		NOR		NOR
		GER		ITA		ITA
BBO 1		ENG		FRA		FRA
		GRE		AUT		AUT
		DEN		POR		POR
BBO 2		WAL		NED		NED
		FIN		POL		POL

TIME: 17.10

**U21 ROUND 1**

BBO 3		SWE		ISR		ISR
		HUN		NOR		NOR
		NED		DEN		DEN
		RUS		POL		POL
		LAT		FRA		FRA
		GER		FIN		FIN
		ENG		ITA		ITA
		SCO		CZE		CZE

TIME: 10.00

**U21 ROUND 2**

BBO 3		ENG		SWE		SWE
		SCO		GER		GER
		CZE		LAT		LAT
		ITA		RUS		RUS
		FIN		NED		NED
		FRA		HUN		HUN
		POL		ISR		ISR
		DEN		NOR		NOR

TIME: 14.00

**U21 ROUND 3**

BBO 3		SWE		ITA		ITA
		FIN		CZE		CZE
		FRA		SCO		SCO
		POL		ENG		ENG
		DEN		GER		GER
		NOR		LAT		LAT
		ISR		RUS		RUS
		HUN		NED		NED

TIME: 17.10

**LADIES ROUND 1**

BBO 4		NED		FRA		FRA
		POL		HUN		HUN
		ITA		NOR		NOR

TIME: 10.00

**LADIES ROUND 2**

BBO 4		HUN		NED		NED
		FRA		NOR		NOR
		POL		ITA		ITA

TIME: 14.00

**LADIES ROUND 3**

		ITA		NED		NED
BBO 4		NOR		POL		POL
		HUN		FRA		FRA

TIME: 17.10

**U16 ROUND 1**

		FRA		NED		NED
		NOR		GER		GER
		POL		CZE		CZE
		IRE		SCO		SCO
		HUN		ISR		ISR
		SWE		ENG		ENG

TIME: 10.00

**U16 ROUND 2**

		SWE		FRA		FRA
		ENG		HUN		HUN
		ISR		IRE		IRE
		SCO		POL		POL
		CZE		NOR		NOR
		GER		NED		NED

TIME: 14.00

**U16 ROUND 3**

		FRA		HUN		HUN
		SWE		IRE		IRE
		ENG		POL		POL
		ISR		NOR		NOR
		SCO		NED		NED
		CZE		GER		GER

TIME: 17.10



## THE EBL YOUTH SEMINAR

by **Patrick Jourdain**

On Friday and Saturday before these Championships began, the EBL Youth committee hosted a seminar for Federations' Youth Delegates. 28 delegates from 15 countries attended. Chairman of the Youth committee and for the Seminar was Micke Melander of Sweden.



Papers for the Seminar can be found at the EBL Youth page on Facebook and from a link on the main EBL website.

The structure of the seminar after the introductions was:

**Session 1:** Preparing to teach young people to play bridge

**Session 2:** The actual bridge course with material depending on the age group

**Session 3:** How to get youngsters to transfer to playing regularly at a club

**Session 4:** Communication with young bridge-players, including Facebook etc.

At the start EBL President Yves Aubry announced the EBL has a budget for assisting youth projects run by Federations and the budget was not fully spent in the first year for lack of projects. Federations are invited to apply for financial assistance for projects presented by their Youth Delegates through the EBL Youth committee.

Mr. Aubry also noted the EBL has 7426 registered members under the age of 16 but 6600 of these are from the French Federation. This is mostly because other Federations do not register the age group. The EBL would like more registered and the numbers reported as it helps in seeking assistance from governments.



*Yves Aubry with members of the EBL Youth Committee and delegates at the Seminar*



# THE EUROPEAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

by **Brian Senior**

The 2015 European Open Championships were held in Tromsø, in the far north of Norway, from June 27th to July 11th. These were the medallists:

## Mixed Teams

Gold: White House (Ton Bakkeren, Jacco Hop, Meike Wortel (Netherlands), Christina Lund Madsen (Denmark))

Silver: A J Diamonds (Cathy Baldysz, Ewa Harasimowicz, Przemyslaw Janiszewski, Andrezej Jaszczak, Anna Sarniak, Jakub Wojcieszek (Poland))

Bronze: Zimmermann (Philippe Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio, Sylvie Willard, Joanna Zochowska (France), Franck Multon, Pierre Zimmermann (Monaco))

## Mixed Pairs

Gold: Sylvie Willard, Philippe Cronier (France)  
Silver: Ase Langland, Geir Helgemo (Norway)  
Bronze: Victoria Gromova, Andrey Gromov (Russia)

## Open Teams

Gold: Orange White (Bob Drijver, Danny Molenaar, Bart Nab, Tim Verbeek, Anton Maas captain, Ton Bakkeren coach (Netherlands))

Silver: Blund (Aksel Homslie, Borre Lund, Olav Arve Hoyem, Jorgen Molberg, Ole Berset (Norway))

Bronze: Noralia (Arild Rasmussen, Jon Sveindal (Norway), Kieran Dyke, Justin Howard (Australia))

Bronze: Khyuppenen (Yury Khyuppenen, Vadim Kholomeev, Georgi Matushko, Alexiei Sterkin (Russia), Bauke Muller, Simon de Wijs (Netherlands))

## Open Pairs

Gold: Thomas Bessis, Frederic Volker (France)  
Silver: Anders Morath, Bengt Erik Efraimsson (Sweden)

Bronze: Dennis Bilde (Denmark), Chris Willenken (USA)



## Women's Teams

Gold: Baker (Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum (USA), Marion Michielsen, Meike Wortel (Netherlands))

Silver: China Orange (Shan Xingxing, Chen Yui, Wang Wei, Liu Jing, Zhao Bing, Wang Nan, Wang Jian-Jian captain)

Bronze: Netherlands Women (Carla Arnolds,

Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Wietske van Zwol, Alex van Reenen captain, Hans Kelder coach)

Bronze: Cameron (Gail Cameron, Vanessa Vos (Zimbabwe), Catherine Seale (England), Marusa Basa (Slovenia))

## Women's Pairs

Gold: Sandra Rimstedt, Emma Sjoberg (Sweden)  
Silver: Justyna Zmuda, Katarzyna Dufurat (Poland)

Bronze: Liu Yan, Lu Yan (China)

## Senior Teams

Gold: Take (Kalle Aldeborg, Gunnar Elmroth, Kent Karlsson, Leif Trapp (Sweden))

Silver: Sagg (Per Aronsen, Olve Gravraak, Petter Goldenheim, Bjorn Sigurd Tomberg Simonsen (Norway))

Bronze: Sorvoll (Erik Bolviken, Tormod Clemetsen, Sverre Koch, Jostein Sorvoll (Norway))

Bronze: Notteroy (Sten Bjertnes, Knut Kjernsrod, Arvid Lorentzen, Per Bryde Sundseth, Tor Walle (Norway))

## Senior Pairs

Gold: Bernhard Strater, Ulrich Kratz (Germany)  
Silver: Helge Maesel, Roald Maesel (Norway)  
Bronze: Nico Doremans, Jaap Trouwborst (Netherlands)

Barry Rigal wrote up in the Bulletin these first two deals from the Open Pairs semi-final.



Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>		<i>Hanlon</i>	
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	1♥	Dble(i)	Pass
1♠	2♥	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	All Pass

(i) Four or more spades

Irish pair, Tom Hanlon and John Carroll got a level too high for comfort when Hanlon took the simple approach of asking for key cards and was disappointed by the one key-card response.

Carroll won the heart lead in hand and led a spade to the king then continued with the queen, again ducked by North. A third spade was won with the ace and back came a club. Carroll won the ace and knew all but one of North's cards – he had to have six hearts, four spades, the ace of diamonds to justify his bidding, and a small club. Carroll therefore drew the last trump to leave this ending:

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

Carroll overtook the queen of clubs with his king and led a low diamond. North had to win his bare ace and had nothing left but hearts. The heart went to declarer's ace and squeezed South in the

minors along the way to provide the eleventh trick. Plus 450 was worth an 80% score.

Had North started with two diamonds and a singleton club, he would have ducked the first diamond and Carroll would have played a low one back to the now bare ace and the remaining diamonds would all have been winners.

We all want to do well, but nobody wants to be upstaged by their partner. Hanlon had to wait for a little while, but then came his opportunity to show his class as declarer.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>		<i>Hanlon</i>	
–	–	1♠	Pass
2♥(i)	Pass	2NT(ii)	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♣(iii)	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

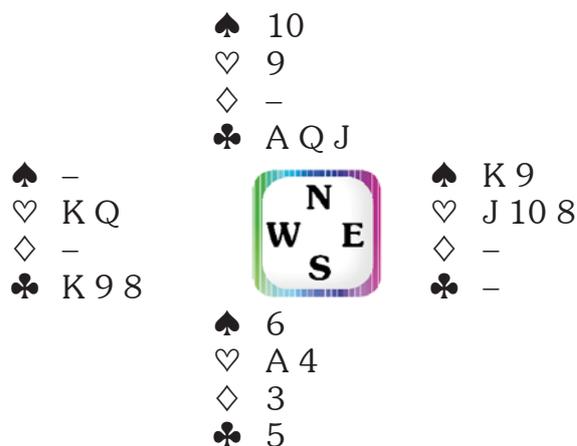
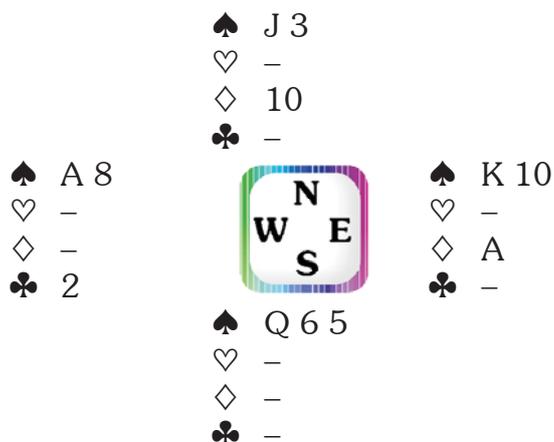
- (i) Either limit or slam interest with spades  
(ii) GF  
(iii) Exclusion Key Card

South led a heart and Hanlon judged that he would never do so from the king on this auction so went up with the ace. He then cashed three rounds of diamonds, pitching a heart from dummy, then continued with the fourth diamond. Had South discarded, the last heart would have gone from the dummy, so South ruffed high, hoping to either promote a trump trick for partner or to leave a subsequent guess in the suit. But Hanlon over-ruffed and ran the eight of spades, picking up the suit without loss and just conceding a heart at the end. Plus 980 was worth 94% of the matchpoints.

You might think that the contract must be doomed if declarer takes the heart finesse at trick one. However, this is not so, as a very rare coup brings home the contract. Say that North wins the

heart king then returns a heart. Not touching the trump suit, declarer comes down to this ending, after ruffing three clubs in hand and one diamond in dummy:

declarer, Stian Elvestad drew trumps, taking a club finesse along the way, to come down to this ending:

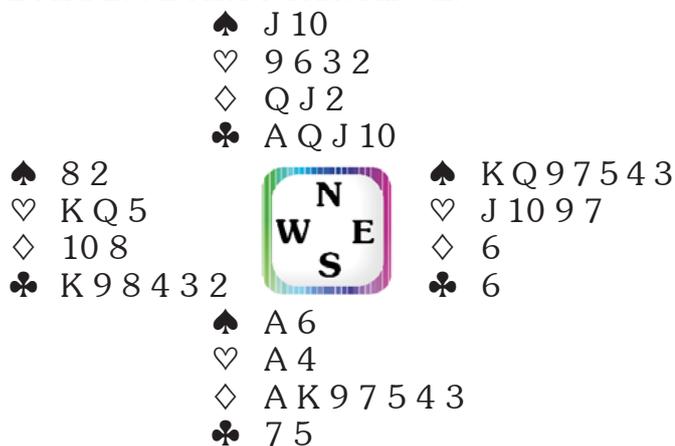


Now see what happens when declarer leads the ace of diamonds from hand. If South ruffs high dummy over-ruffs and declarer finesses against the jack on the way back, while if he ruffs the diamond low dummy ruffs low, leaving a high crossruff for the last two tricks. This play is known as the Devil's Coup, on the basis that only the devil could make the sure defensive trump trick disappear.

Cashing the final diamond forced West down to a singleton heart and now away went dummy's spade, East also pitching a spade. Elvestad continued with a club to the jack, East throwing a heart, but now the club ace squeezed East too down to a singleton heart. Away went declarer's spade and the last two tricks were won by the ace and four of hearts for a beautiful +2210.

The Open Teams featured this nice squeeze to bring home a slightly optimistic grand slam.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Dubinín	Larsen	Gromov	Elvestad
-	1♣	2♠	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

Five No Trump asked for key cards and 6♣ showed one. The opening lead was, of course, a spade to the ten, queen and ace. The Norwegian



**John Carroll & Tom Hanlon**



Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q 3 2  
♥ A K 9 6 2  
♦ A K 10 7  
♣ -



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

West	North <i>Sontag</i>	East	South <i>Berkowitz</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

One Club was Precision, 16+, 2♣ a natural positive, and 2♦ a transfer to hearts. Five Clubs was Exclusion Key Card and 5♦ showed one key card outside clubs. West led a small club – how would you play?

Thirteen tricks will need some good fortune. Say that trumps are three-two and hearts four-three. You could ruff the opening lead, play ace of hearts and ruff one, play a diamond to dummy and ruff another heart then draw trumps and cash the heart winners. That gets you up to twelve tricks and you will then need either diamonds to come in for four tricks or a minor-suit squeeze to provide the thirteenth trick.

Or you could play as did David Berkowitz. He thought the club lead, into declarer's known side suit, to be unusual, and paid Lukasz Brede a compliment by discarding a diamond from dummy and playing for the lead to be away from the ace through the known void in dummy. When his eight won the first trick, he could follow the line previously described to find the



other twelve winners required. This was the full deal:

♠ A Q 3 2  
♥ A K 9 6 2  
♦ A K 10 7  
♣ -

♠ J 5  
♥ 10 7 5 4  
♦ 5 4  
♣ A Q 9 5 3



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

♠ 8 7 6  
♥ Q 8 3  
♦ J 9 8 6  
♣ 7 6 4

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

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



♠ 10 7 2  
♥ 10 5 3 2  
♦ Q 8 4 2  
♣ 10 8

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

West <i>Zimmermann</i>	North	East <i>Multon</i>	South
1♣	1♠	Dble	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Monaco's Pierre Zimmermann reached a horrible club slam on this deal from the Open Teams qualifying Swiss. North led the five of diamonds to the jack, queen and ace. He ruffed a diamond and led the queen of clubs, South playing low, then stopped to think.

It seemed that North should hold six spades as South would have made a pre-emptive raise if he held four-card support. But, if North had six spades, why did she not make a weak jump overcall? Presumably the answer was that she was too strong for a weak jump. Accordingly, Zimmermann rose with the ace of clubs and dropped the bare king. After drawing trumps, Zimmermann took the spade finesse, ruffed the fourth diamond and, having eliminated all the



other suits, led a heart up and found one of the lucky layouts which would allow him to play the suit for only one loser.

Plus 920 was worth 10 rather fortunate IMPs, but not everyone would have been able to take advantage of the favourable layout. Zimmermann's logic in playing for the bare king offside was impeccable.

And finally, my own team had a rather amusing board during the Open Teams qualifying Swiss.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Senior		Penfold
–	–	1♣	Pass
1NT	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	2♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

My thin take-out double walked straight into trouble as East had an easy redouble to show his strong hand and there was no way to avoid a penalty. The defence to 2♠ doubled kicked off with three rounds of trumps but the heart queen was onside and that meant that Sandra Penfold could get out for two down; –500.

Played by West, 3NT cannot be beaten, so we could hope for only a small loss on the board. But how did we get a 1-IMP swing in our favour?



**Sandra Penfold**

This was the auction in the other room:

West	North	East	South
Karaivanov		Trendafilov	
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♠	Dble	Rdbl	All Pass

One Club was Precision, 16+ and the 1♠ response showed a balanced positive. North doubled to show spades, a questionable action with that moderate spade holding, and now Rumén Trendafilov's redouble showed a balanced 19+. Kalin Karaivanov decided that there should be seven tricks even if the opposition had the majority of the trumps so settled for 1♠ redoubled, and there were exactly seven tricks for the unusual score of +520 – at least, unusual in this manner.



### EBL SOCIAL ACCOUNTS



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# THE YOUTH ARE TAKING OVER

by **Micke Melander**

In the middle of the 90's one of the most successful beginner courses for juniors that has ever been held happened during the Swedish Bridge Festival in Skövde, Sweden. At that particular course there were two pairs of sisters, Sandra and Cecilia Rimstedt together with Jenny and Sofia Ryman. As you may know, Jenny has moved to the USA and has won several tournaments and international medals for her new country.

The latest victory coming from students on that particular bridge course occurred some 10 days ago in Tromsø, Norway, when Sandra Rimstedt won the European Open Women Pairs together with Emma Övelius. Both of the girls have been representing Sweden in all the junior categories for a very long time, however they are now "too old" and are considered "seniors" being 25 and 29.

Women's Final – Session 5.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Svendsen</i>	<i>Övelius</i>
Pass	1♥(ii)	Pass	1♣(i)
Pass	2NT(iv)	Pass	2♠(iii)
Pass	5♦(vi)	Pass	4NT(v)
Pass	6NT	All Pass	6♦

- (i) 17+
- (ii) GF relay, No 5+M or 6+m.
- (iii) 6+♠
- (iv) 0-2♠
- (v) Quantitative raise with extras
- (vi) Accept and length in diamonds

Here the Swedish pair was in serious trouble. Sandra Rimstedt was very worried that her partner's 4NT was asking for aces, even though that she was pretty sure it shouldn't be so with the methods they had in their agreements.

So her Five Diamonds should be "safe" regardless as to whether it was asking for aces or not. When partner raised to Six Diamonds they had reached a really good contract, but Sandra who wanted more, took a chance on 6NT in case Emma intended asking for aces anyway with that previous 4NT bid.

"That 6NT was really a bad bid", Sandra confessed when the tournament was over, but you have to play better and have some luck simply!

A club was led from East, so Sandra placed West with queen-jack in clubs. And it looked from her point of view that she should play on a double squeeze or a simple squeeze in three suits on West.

So to be able to set this up, she immediately rose with the ace from dummy to keep the communication to her hand and she then played on diamonds to force the defense to win with the ace. West, who got in, returned the queen of clubs confirming her earlier thoughts that West was probably the one also holding the jack.

Rimstedt won the club return with the king, cashed all her diamonds, played a heart to the ace before cashing the ace and king of spades, pitching her clubs when the defense pitched hearts.

When she then called for a heart from dummy, West was down to queen-third in the suit since she had to hang on to the jack of clubs and when the finesse held in hearts she had her twelve tricks.

6NT with twelve tricks gave the new Women Pair Champions 11-1 in matchpoints.



Women's Final – Session 4.  
Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



**Sandra Rimstedt**

low on the club to the ace and being playing upside down, count and attitude. The defense how shifted to clubs and she could ruff that trick.

Here the Swedish pair came to stop in Three Hearts and North got a spade led from East who probably was very happy defending with five trumps in her hand.

Sandra who was very well aware of the fact that they were playing pairs, and not teams, immediately thought that she had to try to make ten tricks, if possible, so it felt natural for her to try the finesse in hearts.

Therefore, when she was allowed to win the first trick with the jack in hand, a club to dummy's ace followed, whereupon she called for the queen of hearts from dummy, intending to finesse West for the king. Declarer was now down, if the defense would have played correct with that evil trump break.

Bad news arrived for declarer when West discarded and East ducked. Another round of trumps followed this time to the jack and East who wasn't aware of the danger won with the king and continued with more spades. (To defeat the contract the defense had to play clubs to make declarer lose control over the trump suit.) West won with the ace and played a third round whereupon declarer pitched her last club in hand hoping that she had read the hand right when she believed clubs to be 6-2 since they both had followed

These were the remaining cards:

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

Rimstedt now played a diamond toward dummy, East went up with the queen, but it was all over. Declarer had read the situation correctly. She won with the ace to continue with high diamonds forcing East to ruff and then be end-played.

East could only return a spade for a ruff and discard allowing dummy's seven of hearts to win, or play a trump whereupon declarer could pull trumps to get the remaining tricks.

140 gave the Rimstedt-Övelius 10-2 of the match points and a little later our ex-juniors were crowned as the new European Open Women Pairs champions.

Note also: The silver medal went to Justyna Zmuda, 34, and Katarzyna Dufurat, 27, of Poland. The age of the Open Pairs champions was also younger than usual. Both Thomas Bessis and Frederic Volcker of France are 31. And the bronze medal went to Dennis Bilde of Denmark, still a junior at 25, and Chris Willenken of the USA, 39.

Just to show there are some "golden oldies", Anders Morath, 70, of Sweden won the silver medal partnering Bengt-Erik Ephraimsson.



**Sandra Rimstedt at 9 years old**



# ANOTHER BEER CARD STORY

by **Brian Senior**

We all know by now about the Beer Card – win the last trick with the seven of diamonds (except when diamonds are trumps) and partner owes you a beer, while allowing an opponent to win the last trick with the Beer Card when you could have prevented it costs you a beer, as does failure to win the last trick with it when you could have done so. Many a dull declarer play hand can become more interesting for declarer if he holds the Beer Card and can find a way to attempt to make it at trick thirteen whilst still making the maximum number of tricks available.

I played a congress in Scotland last weekend and this was one of the most interesting play hands.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul. IMPs.

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

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

West led the five of hearts to the nine, queen and king. As you can see, the winning line is to overtake the king of spades with the ace and continue with the jack. With spades dividing evenly, this produces five spade tricks to go with three hearts and a diamond. However, this is a very committal line and it seemed that there were other chances which might bring home the contract when spades were not behaving as required, while playing for spades to be three-three could actually cost the contract on some lay-outs where they did not divide evenly.

I therefore cashed the king of spades then led the club jack to East's king. He returned a heart to the ace and I played ace then jack of spades, discarding a heart and a diamond. Back came a heart to the jack so I tried a club to the ten and ace. No luck there but East could not do anything immediately damaging and exited passively with a club. I won and cashed the thirteenth club and West made a fatal error. Possibly not having noticed my heart discard, or just hating to discard a winner, he threw a diamond to keep the eight of hearts.

A diamond to the eight, nine and jack saw East return the king of diamonds to pin dummy's queen. I won the ace and, as you can see, the seven of diamonds won the game-going trick. Yes, it needed a defensive error, but an intra-finesse was quite a nice ending in which to win the Beer Card. And, of course, if East was in on the Beer Card idea he should have returned his low diamond at trick twelve rather than the king. True, this would not have beaten the contract, but it would have meant that the last trick would have been won with dummy's spade winner rather than the Beer Card.





# A COMMON PROBLEM

by **Brian Senior**

What do these three deals from the recent European Open Championships in Tromsø have in common?

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul. BAM.

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

West	North	East	South
–	Pass	Pass	1NT(i)
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
(i)	14-16		

West led the six of spades, fourth-best from an honour (second-highest from three or more small cards), to the three, ten and jack, and declarer played ace, king and a third heart to West's queen, East following four, three, ten (E/W were playing upside down count and attitude but no Smith).

West chose to return the queen of spades. This would succeed if declarer ducked, playing to block the suit if East held the ace, and some of the time if East had three spades and a diamond stopper.

However, declarer put up the king and cashed ten tricks when the contract could have been defeated with a club switch.



Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul. Pairs.

	♠ 4 3		
	♥ J 9 8 5 3 2		
	♦ K		
	♣ 9 6 5 3		
♠ 5		♠ AK109762	
♥ Q 6 4		♥ A K	
♦ A 10 9 7 5 4		♦ 6 3	
♣ 8 7 4		♣ A Q	
	♠ Q J 8		
	♥ 10 7		
	♦ Q J 8 2		
	♣ K J 10 2		

West	North	East	South
–	2♥	Dble	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Two Hearts was a weak two bid and 2NT Lebensohl. The defenders were using the same methods as on the previous deal.

South led the ten of hearts to the four, two and ace. Declarer cashed the ace and king of spades, North following three, four, then the heart king, North playing the three. Now declarer played a third spade to South's queen, North discarding the six of clubs, and South returned a club into the ace-queen, giving the second overtrick.



Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul. IMPs.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♣	3♠	5♣	All Pass

South led the ace of spades to the nine, two and queen, then switched passively to a trump. Declarer drew a second round of trumps then led the three of hearts to his seven. That created two discards for dummy's diamond losers and the contract made.

The answer to the opening question – what do these three deals have in common? – is that all three defensive problems could have been solved by the use of Suit Preference signals.

On the first deal, East just woodenly made the normal count signal to show an odd number of hearts. What use was this information to West, when it was perfectly obvious what declarer was doing? East denied good clubs by failing to play hearts upwards – three, four, ten. Perhaps West

might have got it right anyway, but if he trusted his partner's carding then the actual club position could not exist.

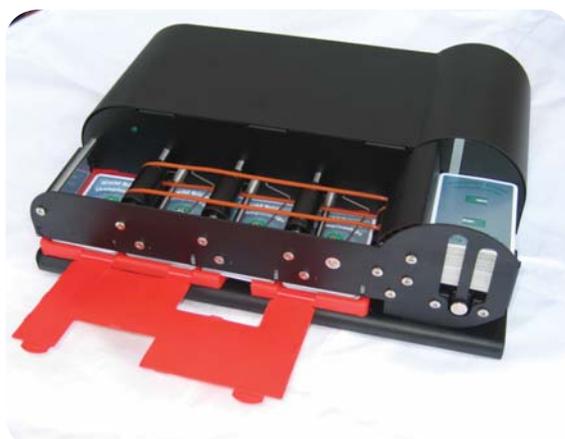
On the second board, South was guessing. North argued that the six of clubs was a discouraging discard, but could it not have been encouraging, from ♣A-9-6? Prior to discarding the ♣6, North had played his lowest card to every trick, which suggested interest in clubs. In reality, he was just following suit without giving any thought to partner's potential problems. Had he instead played higher cards at each opportunity, South would have known not to play him for a club card.

And the third deal is more of the same. From South's point of view, North followed at trick one with the normal card – the spade two from king-to-four. North's bidding had shown four-card spade support so South should know the spade position after trick one, whatever card North plays. Therefore, North's spade play should be suit preference, showing whether he has a heart card or a diamond card, with the middle spade spot card being neutral. Here the spade two should show interest in diamonds and South should switch to that suit, ideally the ten to surround the jack if declarer holds the nine. This would, of course, have defeated the contract.

Had North followed to trick one with the spade eight, he could then have been trusted to have a heart card, and now the passive defence would be correct – imagine a hand where declarer has the same distribution with the queen of diamonds but slightly weaker hearts, and now a diamond switch could give the contract.

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