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THE BEST OF THE MAJORS



The Playing Area

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Today's Programme

BB, VC, OT

Round 4	11:00 - 13:20
Round 5	14:30 - 16:50
Round 6	17:10 - 19:30

Every major Bridge Championship has its own identity, but none is stronger than that associated with the tournament that encompasses the Bermuda Bowl, the Venice Cup and the d'Orsi Trophy (and more recently the Transnational Teams).

For many reasons these contests are the ones that resonate the most and make them stand apart from the other World Championships. Every bridge player would like to have one of these titles on his or her CV and there is nothing quite like the feeling of anticipation as you remove your cards for the first deal.

Such is the intensity of the qualifying process that we are willing to suggest that it will only be on the last day of the round-robins that everything is clear - enjoy the race!

Rules & Regulations/Systems Committees

There will be a meeting of the Rules & Regulations Committee on Wednesday, 16th August at 11:00 in the WBF Executive Room (Rhône 3A on the 1st floor of the venue) to be followed immediately by the Systems Committee in the same room at 12:00.

Seniors' Committee

There will be a meeting of the Seniors' Committee on Wednesday, 16th August at 10:00 in the Press/VIP area above the Hospitality area at the venue.



VuGraph SCHEDULE*courtesy of***BBO, FUNBRIDGE, OURGAME**

The VuGraph Theatre is located in the Salle Pasteur

11:00

MONACO-USA2 (BB)	VG/BBO 1
SWEDEN-ENGLAND (VC)	BBO 2
AUSTRALIA-BRAZIL (BB)	BBO 3
JAPAN-CANADA (SD)	BBO 4
BRAZIL-FRANCE (VC)	BBO 5/Funbridge
USA2-NETHERLANDS (VC)	BBO 6/Funbridge
ITALY-FRANCE (BB)	BBO 7/Funbridge
CHINA-GUADELOUPE (BB)	BBO 8/ OG

14:30

CHINA-FRANCE (BB)	VG/BBO 1
ISRAEL-SWEDEN (SD)	BBO 2
POLAND-USA2 (VC)	BBO 3
INDIA-INDONESIA (BB)	BBO 4
BRAZIL-USA1 (BB)	BBO 5/Funbridge
ITALY-NETHERLANDS (BB)	BBO 6/Funbridge
AUSTRALIA-FRANCE (VC)	BBO 7/Funbridge
CHINA-INDONESIA (VC)	BBO 8/ OG

17:10

SWEDEN-USA1 (BB)	VG/BBO 1
ITALY-MONACO (BB)	BBO 2
NETHERLANDS-BULGARIA (BB)	BBO 3
USA2-ENGLAND (VC)	BBO 4
USA1-FRANCE(VC)	BBO 5/Funbridge
FRANCE-CANADA(SD)	BBO 6/Funbridge
MEXICO-FRANCE(BB)	BBO 7/Funbridge
CHINA-SWEDEN (VC)	BBO 8/ OG

**Dealing machines and cards**

The Duplimates used for the duplication during the championship are sold for EUR 1999. You are advised to order early as the number of machines is limited. Contact Jannerstens at Forum 4 (just outside the playing room), or drop a line to per@jannersten.com.

The (new) cards that you play with (if you participate) will be sold after usage for EUR 180 per 240 decks.

The (new) cards used during the European Championships in Montecatini are available for instant delivery for EUR 165 per 240 decks.

Other quantities on request in the book stall.

**Bermuda Bowl****11:00 - 13:20**

1	CHINA	GUADELOUPE
2	EGYPT	INDIA
3	GERMANY	NEW ZEALAND
4	AUSTRALIA	BRAZIL
5	SWEDEN	CHINESE TAIPEI
6	NETHERLANDS	BANGLADESH
7	ARGENTINA	USA1
8	SOUTH AFRICA	BULGARIA
9	MEXICO	INDONESIA
10	MONACO	USA2
11	ITALY	FRANCE

14:30 - 16:50

1	CHINESE TAIPEI	BANGLADESH
2	BRAZIL	USA1
3	ITALY	NETHERLANDS
4	INDIA	INDONESIA
5	GUADELOUPE	USA2
6	NEW ZEALAND	BULGARIA
7	EGYPT	MONACO
8	GERMANY	MEXICO
9	AUSTRALIA	SOUTH AFRICA
10	SWEDEN	ARGENTINA
11	CHINA	FRANCE

17:10 - 19:30

1	GUADELOUPE	INDIA
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5	AUSTRALIA	BANGLADESH
6	ITALY	MONACO
7	NETHERLANDS	BULGARIA
8	ARGENTINA	INDONESIA
9	SOUTH AFRICA	USA2
10	SWEDEN	USA1
11	MEXICO	FRANCE

Venice Cup

11:00 - 13:20

21	EGYPT	INDIA
22	JORDAN	AUSTRALIA
23	CHINESE TAIPEI	ISRAEL
24	CHINA	MOROCCO
25	ITALY	RUSSIA
26	INDONESIA	CANADA
27	USA I	NEW ZEALAND
28	USA2	NETHERLANDS
29	POLAND	ARGENTINA
30	SWEDEN	ENGLAND
31	BRAZIL	FRANCE

14:30 - 16:50

21	RUSSIA	CANADA
22	ARGENTINA	NEW ZEALAND
23	CHINA	INDONESIA
24	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS
25	INDIA	ENGLAND
26	EGYPT	MOROCCO
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28	ITALY	NEW ZEALAND
29	USA2	ENGLAND
30	BRAZIL	MOROCCO
31	USA I	FRANCE

d'Orsi Trophy

11:00 - 13:20

41	BRAZIL	FRANCE
42	JAPAN	CANADA
43	AUSTRIA	AUSTRALIA
44	ITALY	TURKEY
45	GUADELOUPE	ARGENTINA
46	CHINA	NEW ZEALAND
47	USA2	EGYPT
48	SWEDEN	USA I
49	PAKISTAN	CHINA HONG KONG
50	POLAND	INDIA
51	ISRAEL	SOUTH AFRICA

14:30 - 16:50

41	ARGENTINA	NEW ZEALAND
42	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
43	ITALY	CHINA
44	CANADA	CHINA HONG KONG
45	FRANCE	INDIA
46	BRAZIL	TURKEY
47	JAPAN	POLAND
48	AUSTRIA	PAKISTAN
49	ISRAEL	SWEDEN
50	GUADELOUPE	USA2
51	AUSTRALIA	USA I

17:10 - 19:30

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44	AUSTRIA	ARGENTINA
45	ISRAEL	NEW ZEALAND
46	ITALY	POLAND
47	CHINA	USA I
48	USA2	CHINA HONG KONG
49	SWEDEN	INDIA
50	PAKISTAN	TURKEY
51	GUADELOUPE	EGYPT

Bermuda Bowl After R 3

TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP
1 NETHERLANDS	46.95	12 BRAZIL	30.36
2 GERMANY	40.80	13 MONACO	29.83
3 USA2	40.30	14 SWEDEN	29.23
4 USA1	40.09	15 SOUTH AFRICA	25.69
5 FRANCE	36.36	16 INDIA	24.21
6 BANGLADESH	35.04	17 INDONESIA	22.49
7 AUSTRALIA	34.98	18 MEXICO	22.26
8 ARGENTINA	31.80	19 NEW ZEALAND	21.03
9 BULGARIA	31.33	20 CHINESE TAIPEI	18.72
10 EGYPT	31.08	21 GUADELOUPE	17.77
11 ITALY	30.61	22 CHINA	15.07

Venice Cup

After Round 3

TEAM	VP
1 NETHERLANDS	60.00
2 ENGLAND	49.21
3 CHINA	40.49
4 NEW ZEALAND	39.71
5 POLAND	38.60
6 INDONESIA	35.67
7 BRAZIL	35.48
8 EGYPT	35.42
9 RUSSIA	31.35
10 ISRAEL	30.41
11 SWEDEN	30.37
12 MOROCCO	30.01
13 FRANCE	29.74
14 USA2	25.23
15 USA1	25.21
16 ITALY	24.41
17 CANADA	19.96
18 INDIA	19.32
19 ARGENTINA	17.76
20 AUSTRALIA	16.34
21 JORDAN	14.80
22 CHINESE TAIPEI	10.51

d'Orsi Trophy

After Round 3

TEAM	VP
1 FRANCE	46.59
2 AUSTRALIA	43.35
3 USA2	40.43
4 SWEDEN	39.86
5 USA1	38.68
6 ISRAEL	37.51
7 ITALY	35.20
8 CANADA	33.33
9 INDIA	31.08
10 POLAND	30.89
11 CHINA HONG KONG	29.82
12 TURKEY	29.63
13 AUSTRIA	27.96
14 SOUTH AFRICA	27.71
15 JAPAN	27.55
16 EGYPT	27.53
17 CHINA	27.04
18 ARGENTINA	26.45
19 NEW ZEALAND	26.23
20 BRAZIL	19.38
21 PAKISTAN	9.80
22 GUADELOUPE	3.98

Le (bon) coin francophone



Par Jean-Paul Meyer

COUP D'ENVOI POUR LES TROIS EQUIPES FRANCAISES.

Depuis que la France a été retenue par la **WBF** pour l'organisation de ces 43èmes championnats du Monde, nos représentants rêvent de podiums et médailles. Comme pays organisateur, nous étions certains d'avoir une équipe qualifiée tant dans la Bermuda Bowl, que dans la Venice Cup ou le d'Orsi Trophy. Nos trois équipes ont mis un point d'honneur à gagner leur place, cartes en main, en terminant dans les 6 premiers des championnats d'Europe de Budapest. On sait que notre équipe open avait même terminé à la première place.

En ce dimanche matin, le coup d'envoi a été donné avec 3 matches de 16 donnes à jouer chaque jour entre 11 heures et 19 h 30.

Le premier menu était le suivant :

Open : Bulgarie, Egypte, Guadeloupe

Dames : Angleterre, Inde, Israël, chauds les hors d'œuvre !

Seniors : Israël, Hong Kong, Turquie.

On trouvera par ailleurs les résultats détaillés.

Notre commentaire global sur cette première journée se gardera bien d'être péremptoire. On n'a joué qu'un septième des matches. Notre équipe senior a pris la meilleure départ, occupant le poste de leader, notre équipe open a une des huit places qualificatives, la formation féminine est, certes, à la peine mais on savait que sa tâche serait rude, des jours meilleurs l'attendent.

Thomas Bessis prête serment au nom des joueurs

C'est le champion français **Thomas Bessis** qui avait été choisi pour prêter serment au nom des participants. A ce titre il s'est engagé à jouer le jeu « loyalement », dans un

esprit sportif. De son côté le Canadien **Matt Smith** a prêté serment au nom du corps arbitral.

Balade à travers le Palais des Congrès

Les espaces sur 4 niveaux sont gigantesques, les participants ont parfois un peu de mal à s'y retrouver et un plan d'ensemble du bâtiment n'eût pas été inutile.

Faisons ensemble le tour des trésors plus ou moins cachés.

L'accès se fait après un sérieux filtre par les vigiles de service, sécurité oblige.

En entrant à gauche, inscription et badges pour les joueurs participants aux épreuves organisées par la **FFB**.

A droite un service identique pour ceux qui représentent leur pays dans les compétitions **WBF**.

Toujours au rez-de-chaussée, un peu plus loin sur la gauche on trouve le stand de vente de la **FFB** avec notamment un choix très varié de Tee-shirts et de souvenirs de Lyon

Descendez un étage et vous trouverez le grand stand du **Bridgeur** qui vous présente toute la littérature française de bridge avec en face un point de restauration **Flam's**. Descendez quelques marches sur votre droite pour trouver le stand de **Bridge Diffusion**, une partie des salles de jeu **FFB** ainsi qu'un autre point de restauration. Si vous avez tourné à gauche, vous trouverez le stand de **Funbridge** et après avoir emprunté un autre escalator vous avez trouvé toute la littérature anglo-saxonne au stand **Jannersten**, puis découvert les multiples écrans de résultats à la sortie des salles de jeu ainsi que le troisième bar.

Poursuivez votre chemin, reprenez un autre escalator, vous êtes en route vers la **salle de presse** et celle où s'écrit ce bulletin.

Retour vers l'accueil, Montez deux étages et vous trouverez le vaste et confortable auditorium **Pasteur** pour découvrir le **Vu-Graph** pour suivre les matches avec des commentaires en anglais et en français. Si vous nous avez



accompagnés, vous avez parcouru entre un et deux kilomètres et méritez de reprendre votre souffle.

Retransmissions sur Internet

A chaque tour, ce sont pas moins de 8 matches qui sont diffusés par **BBO**, dont 3 sont également disponibles sur **Funbridge** et un sur le réseau de **Our Game**, le spécialiste chinois.

Du bon et du moins satisfaisant

Nous avons retenu deux donnes du premier tour contre la Bulgarie

La donne 2, N/S seuls vulnérables

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♥ R D		♥ 8 7									
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♦ R 9	♦ A D V 2										
♣ —	♣ 10 5 4										

Est donneur, dans une salle Sud, Mihov, ouvrit d'un Carreau, Lorenzini, Ouest, intervint à 2 Carreaux, bicolore majeur Nord déclara 3 SA. Entame à Pique, trois levées de chute 300 pour la France, un très bon résultat mais voire.

En salle fermée, Rombaut/Combescure se retrouvèrent en défense contre 4 Piques, joués par Ouest. Rombaut encaissa Roi et Dame de Cœur et rejoua Trèfle dans l'espoir sans doute de donner une coupe à son partenaire, si celui-ci avait un singleton : disparition des deux Carreaux perdants 420 pour la Bulgarie.

A qui la faute ? Pas forcément à Nord, on vit Sud (Levin), dans le match Monaco USA 2, prendre la Dame de Cœur de l'As et tirer l'As de Carreau évitant toute erreur de Nord.

En revanche donne 12 N/S vulnérables

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♥ A D V 6 4 3		♥ 7 2									
♦ A V 6 2		♦ 9 5 4									
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♦ 8 3	♦ R D 10 7										
♣ R 10 8 2	♣ D 4 3										

Après un départ identique 1 Cœur en Nord, 1 Pique en

Sud, 2SA par Nord, les Bulgares ne dépassèrent pas 4 Cœurs, tandis que Rombaut/Combescure atteignaient le bon contrat de 6 Carreaux, 13 levées avec le placement favorable du Roi de Cœur.

Au final le score resta finalement en faveur des Bulgares.

Revue de presse

Diffusion sur RTL lundi dans la matinale d'une interview de Thomas Bessis et de Cédric Lorenzini.

Les champions d'Europe ont répondu aux questions d'Arnaud Grange sur la préparation, le statut et le parcours des professionnels de bridge. A écouter en replay sur RTL.fr



Le chiffre du jour

728

Jouer dans le cadre d'un Mondial. Le rêve devenu réalité ce matin pour les 728 joueurs qui participent aux 1ers Internationaux de France. La compétition mixte ouvre la semaine et dure 3 jours. L'open débute mercredi et se termine vendredi.

LYON CAPITALE AIME LE BRIDGE

Le périodique mensuel lyonnais «Lyon capitale», partenaire du championnat, consacre un long article au bridge et au championnat du Monde. Nous en avons extrait une partie.

James Bond, Bill Gates, Martina Navratilova, le groupe de rock Radiohead et l'office du tourisme de Lyon ont un point en commun, celui d'être des inconditionnels du bridge.

Lyon et l'Australie étaient en compétition pour l'organisation. La France l'a emporté grâce à ses facilités d'accès et aux efforts tarifaires, la location du centre de congrès pour la quinzaine est malgré tout facturée près de 500.000 euros.

Si la Métropole, la Ville et la Région ont accordé une subvention de 250.000 euros mais espèrent que les bridgeurs dépensent environ 6.000.000 euros pendant les quinze jours.

Le bridge un pari gagnant pour Lyon conclue «Lyon capitale».

BIFiLeaks

Simon Cochemé thought you might enjoy this article which combines some April Fools published in English Bridge and an article in the ACBL Bulletin

The world was shocked last month when disgruntled employee Jon Dough quit the World Bridge Federation, taking with him the details of proposals formulated by the highly confidential Bridge Innovation Forum (BIF), which had been tasked with defining and developing enhancements to the game. Dough has since started releasing the information on the internet and to the press.

Dough says he left the WBF because they refused to license his RUDE (Reverse Upside Down Everything) signalling system. A WBF spokesman said that the organisation was proud of its very high proportion of grunted employees. He refused to confirm the existence of BIF, saying that it was a top secret project.

There are rumours that Dough is hiding out in the Ruritanian Embassy in Rome, and is seeking asylum. The WBF have instigated proceedings to extradite him, and have complied with the Italian regulations say that such take-out bids need to be alerted.

The first leak was posted on the BIFiLeaks website. Starting in 2018, World and European Championships, and ACBL Regionals, will run handicapped side-events to encourage lesser players to try their luck against experts. Life Masters will have only one Double card in their bidding box. On each deal they will have to decide whether to use it to double for take-out early in the auction, or save it for a penalty double later on. In addition, WBF Grand Masters will have no 3NT card, obliging them to bid to the four level to try and make game in no-trumps, and thereby run the risk of finding out how many key-cards their partner holds.

The second report appeared on BIFiLeaks a week later. The New York Times, which in early 2015 decided its readers had no interest in bridge, ran the story the following day. It revealed the BIF plan to increase the number of couples playing bridge, an area where the personal ads column in *Le Bridgeur*, *Australian Bridge*, and other national bridge magazines, have had limited success. The plan capitalises on the similarities between an Individual Bridge Tournament and Speed Dating. A player sits down opposite a stranger and shares the things he or she likes (Thai food, Gerber, *The Shawshank Redemption*) and the things he or she doesn't like (rap music, the Multi 2♦, brown-paper-packages-tied-up-with-string) and they see how compatible they are. After ten minutes a bell rings

and everyone moves on to a new table. The advantages this scheme has over Speed Dating, says BIF, is that you get to hold hands and play a round. The event could be divided into sections by age, Master Points, and whether you would psych on a first date.

The third revelation was about a breakthrough in bidding box usage for clubs. Instead of each player having their own bidding box, there will be one box per table. After the dealer has bid, the box is passed to the left for the next player to use. When the bidding is finished, the lead has been made and the dummy has gone down, it will be dummy's job to put all the cards back in the box. The BIF report lists the benefits of the new scheme. Firstly, it will be impossible to make an insufficient bid, because all the insufficient cards will already have been removed from the box. Secondly, anyone making a skip bid will be able to hold on to the box for 10 seconds, so there will be no need for Stop cards. And, thirdly, because only one box is needed per table, there will be a financial benefit to bridge clubs over time. Controversially, since Tournament Directors will now be called less frequently, the WBF will be recommending that national organisations reduce the rates at which the TDs are paid.

The minutes of the May 2017 BIF meeting appeared on BIFiLeaks last week. In the document we are asked: "Why should bridge players have to remember a six or seven digit number when they should be thinking about the odds of a 4-2 break?" In a trial starting early next April, members of the ACBL and the English Bridge Union will be able to purchase their own membership numbers, in the same way as they can acquire a personalised number plate for their car. Available numbers will sell for \$75 or £60. The minutes go on to say that it is expected that dates of birth will be

particularly popular (Sam Stayman would have been 052809). There will be a 50% surcharge for anyone – male or female – who selects a birth date that shows them to be younger than they really are. The numbers will be sold on the ACBL and EBU websites, via the link 'We've got your number'. As well as leaking the BIF proposals, Dough has said he will publish the formula for the elixir responsible for Mark Horton's eternal youth. Most shocking of all, Dough is threatening to disclose the secret super-hero identity of Brent Manley, whom we know merely as a mild-mannered reporter for a great metropolitan bulletin.





Women Teams RR - R1

France v England



By Ron Tacchi

The first round of the Venice Cup threw up a match that involved two teams who would be on most pundits' lists of teams that would qualify for the quarter-finals after the Round Robin. When the Editor saw this match was on BBO and FunBridge he immediately summoned your humble scribe to report on this contest, since he claimed I was uniquely qualified to report without bias on this match as I am an Englishman who resides in France.

The English ladies had not radically altered the makeup of their team but the music had gone round and round and when it stopped the partnerships had moved round also.

It did not bode well for your reporter when on the first hand the deals were not available on BBO for this match. Thus no detail was available as to the auction, contract or play. However fortune favoured us, as it was a boring simple flat Four Spades so no point of interest had been missed.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K 6		♠ J 9 8						
♥ K Q		♥ 8 7						
♦ 7 4 3		♦ 10 8 6 5						
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Sally Brock, England

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Draper	Reess	Smith	Zochowska
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dble
4♠	All Pass		

Here West remembered Meckstroth's Law (*if partner freely raises your six-card major, bid game*). Dummy had more points than might be expected but alas they were not the right ones. Bringing home the game required that the king of spades be onside together with the ace of diamonds, and as you can all see the English lady was not that lucky. Thus declarer lost the obvious four tricks after the lead of the king of hearts.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huberschwiller	Brown	Mourgues	Brock
		Pass	1♣
2♦*	2♥	2♠	3♦*
4♠	5♣	Dble	All Pass
2♦	Majors		

The Brock-Brown partnership tend to open all eleven point hands and this was no exception. The English ladies' convention card did not shed a lot of light on the Two Hearts or Three Diamonds calls. One assumes that somewhere it became apparent that there was a club fit. I will leave it to you, dear reader, to decide if North was a little forward taking into account the adverse vulnerability.



Jennifer Mourgues, France

Whatever the answer the result was a phantom sacrifice and a loss of 500 points and 11 IMPs to the French.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Draper</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

South's conventional bid of Two Clubs is unexplained in the convention card but one assumes it was seeking further description of North's hand. The defence started with the ♠7 ducked to declarer's nine and she continued with the ♦10 taken by West's queen. West now switched to the ten of hearts covered by the queen and taken by the king. Smith now continued with the queen of spades to take out dummy's entry to the long diamonds. A club from dummy to declarer's queen lost to the ace. East exited with her final diamond and dummy took the ace and king



Catherine Draper, England

discovering the 4-2 split. The eight of hearts was covered by the nine and East overtook with her jack to lead a spade to West's king who now cashed her winning diamond and club king. A careful defence netted seven tricks and 200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Huberschwiler</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>	<i>Brock</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

At this table Sally Brock chose merely to give a simple three-card support to partner's response of One Heart. The contract of Two Hearts did not prove too taxing for declarer on the opening lead of a small trump. So the English ladies were rewarded with 7 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ Q 8 2 ♥ K Q 10 8 5 ♦ 10 9 4 2 ♣ 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white;">S</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> </table>	N			W	S	E	♠ A J 6 3 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ A 3 ♣ A Q 9 5	♠ K 10 7 4 ♥ A J ♦ K 7 5 ♣ J 8 6 3
N									
W	S	E							
		♠ 9 5 ♥ 9 3 2 ♦ Q J 8 6 ♣ K 10 4 2							

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Draper</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>
Pass	INT	All Pass	Pass

Another scintillating bidding sequence - I am sure one of my co-writers, a certain Mr David Bird will not be finding too much to write about, as he abhors the idea of reporting on a part-score. Nicola Smith commenced hostilities with the ♠4 to partner's queen and declarer's ace. That player continued with the ♣Q and then a small one to dummy's king, discovering the bad news in the club suit. The queen of diamonds was led from dummy and lost to the king. After a moment's reflection East made the fine play of placing the ace of hearts on the table and followed it with the jack allowing the defence to take five hearts tricks and eventually the contract failed by two vulnerable undertricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Huberschwiler</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>	<i>Brock</i>
Pass	INT	All Pass	Pass

The BBO play record suggests the contract failed by one trick though the official scorecard has the contract making.



Open Teams RR - R1



Off with a Bang: USA I v Monaco

By David Bird

Those kibitzers who tend to rise early on a Sunday morning were rewarded with a clash of two giants. The USA-I would face Monaco in the first round of the Bermuda Bowl round-robin. Would the Great Dealer provide some boards worthy of the occasion? Let's see.

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Helness	Meckstroth	Helgemo
2♥	1♦	1♥	Dble
All Pass	Dble	3♥	4♠



Franck Multon, Monaco

North's Support Double showed three spades and 4♠ was reached, Rodwell leading the ♥2 to the queen. When Meckstroth switched to the ♣J, Helgemo found the essential play of ducking in the dummy. He won the next club and drew two rounds of trumps with the king and queen. Ace and another diamond to the queen and king set up the suit and East had no club to play. Helgemo ruffed the ♥A return, crossed to the ♠A and discarded two clubs on the diamonds. +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Levin	Zimmermann	Weinstein
Pass	INT	3♥	Dble
All Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

If Levin had rebid 3NT, the same first-round duck would have been needed after a lead of the ♣Q. He preferred 3♠ and ended in 4♠, making +420. He ducked the club, won the next, drew trumps and played ♦A and another diamond. Now swing.

The first real firework was unleashed here:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Helness	Meckstroth	Helgemo
1♦	1♠	Dble	Rdbl
INT	Pass	3NT	Dble
All Pass			

If Helgemo's double of 3NT requested a particular lead, it is unclear to me which suit he had in mind. Helness led the ♥10, covered by the king and ace, and South switched to the ♠10. This was allowed to win and the contract can now be beaten only by a double-dummy switch to a low club! (If declarer wins the ♣9 with the ♣Q, takes five diamond tricks and plays a spade to the ace, North can lead the ♣J to pin the ♣10.)

Helgemo gave us some hope that he would find this brilliancy by thinking for a while, but eventually switched back to hearts. Meckwell had landed yet another 22-point 3NT and had +750 to prove it..

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Levin	Zimmermann	Weinstein
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠*	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

At the other table the 22-point 3♦ contact was given no chance. West's 1♠ showed diamonds and Levin led the ♥10 against 3♦. Multon won with the ♥Q and played a club to the king, allowed to win. He ran the ♦J, played a diamond to the queen and led a second club, won by North's jack. Levin did well to switch to a low spade, declarer winning South's 10 with the queen. A spade to the ace, followed by the ♠J, put the contract one down. That was 13 IMPs to USA-1.

With some 2200 BBO kibitzers now watching, there was interest at both tables on this board:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Helness	Meckstroth	Helgemo
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

I was surprised when Meckstroth neither broke the transfer, nor cue-bid 4♦ over 3NT. I was informed that their partnership never breaks the transfer.

I was even more surprised when Helness ventured a double of 4♥. Partner might have a stack of trumps, yes, but the auction was not particularly limited. N/S knew what they were doing. South would be welcome to pass on a stack of trumps. Otherwise, he should consider a sacrifice somewhere. Helgemo chose 5♦ and was doubled there.

A heart lead would force the dummy and collect an

eventual 500. After the ♦10 lead, Helgemo was able to set up the spades and reduce the damage to 300. Would this be a good board? It depended on whether 4♥ could be made. Against this contract South was surely more likely to lead a spade than a killing diamond.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Levin	Zimmermann	Weinstein
		1♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Levin played low on the ♠8 lead and declarer won with the ♠9. Weinstein rose with the ace when a trump was played and switched to the ♦6, North's queen forcing the ace. Zimmermann drew one more round of trumps, continued with his two remaining spade winners, and then threw North on lead with a diamond. Levin would now have to open the club suit or give a ruff-and-sluff, so it seemed that the contract would be made. However, when Levin exited with the ♣10 declarer quite reasonably misread the position. He covered with the queen and then had to lose two club tricks for one down. It was 9 IMPs lost instead 8 IMPs gained.

It's time for a bidding board. What do you make of these two auctions? (Both N/S pairs were playing two-over-one.)

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



Eric Rodwell, USA 1

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Helness	Meckstroth	Helgemo
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

North's 3♦ was a transfer, showing a normal 3♥ rebid. Although his partner was still seemingly unlimited, Helgemo bid 4♥ at his third turn. Helness saw no need to advance further and a good 6♦ (or a reasonable 6♥) had been missed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Levin	Zimmermann	Weinstein
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The Americans did slightly better and I like Weinstein's 4♦ bid. You can decide if Levin should then have done more on the North cards.

It seemed a difficult slam to reach, but at the 22 tables in the Bermuda Bowl, six pairs bid 6♦ and five pairs 6♥. In the Venice Cup three pairs bid 6♦ and none 6♥. In the D'Orsi Seniors, five pairs bid 6♦ and three 6♥. If slam bidding is your 'thing', you can check on the various auctions in the Bridge Base archive.

We will end on the final board, which was again interesting at both tables:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Helness	Meckstroth	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Dble
2♥	Dble	All Pass	

E/W did nothing wrong, during their stroll in the jungle, but two tigers pounced on them and the damage was 500

in the minus column. Helness led his singleton club and the defenders scored two club ruffs, a further trump trick and two ace-king combinations.

Roland Wald and I noted that 4♠ was a possible make. Perhaps this could be reached after a 1♣ opening from East?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Levin	Zimmermann	Weinstein
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
Dble*	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Well, they managed to bid it. Could they make it?

Multon led the ♥J, covered by the queen and ace and ruffed by declarer. Weinstein led the ♣J, conceding a club trick, and Zimmermann returned another heart. To make the contract, declarer needs to win with the ♥Q and (after one top trump, if he likes) set up the diamonds. He can then ruff the club return, cross to his remaining top trump and play good diamonds.

Weinstein gave the defenders a chance by ruffing the second round of hearts. He then played the ♠A-K and led a diamond to the 9 and jack. A low club return from Zimmermann would have been lethal. It would force dummy's penultimate trump, leaving East free to ruff the fourth round of diamonds. Zimmermann preferred to play the ♠J before the low club. Declarer was then in control and could enjoy the rest of the diamond suit. A 420-sized bite was taken out of the 500 penalty from the other room and the IMP loss was minimal.

USA-I won the match by 35-15 (14.50-4.50 in VPs), making a great start in their quest towards yet another Bermuda Bowl trophy.



Steve Weinstein, USA I

The Unhappy Dinosaur

By Mark Horton

At Saturday's opening ceremony I encountered my old friend Eric Rodwell, who asked me if I had heard of a recently discovered dinosaur. It made its first appearance in the Round of 16 at the 2017 US Bridge Trials.

One of my grandsons, Luca (who will be celebrating his sixth birthday later this month) is a big dinosaur fan. A year ago he was asking me questions about paleontologists (which I find difficult to spell let alone pronounce). His dinosaur collection is already past the century mark, and he will be keen to acquire a replica of this recently discovered species.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ A J 4 2 ♥ K J 8 6 4 ♦ 5 4 ♣ 7 6</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ A Q 10 7 ♦ A K Q J 9 6 ♣ J 10 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> <p>♠ K Q 9 6 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 10 8 7 3 2 ♣ Q 3</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 7 5 3 ♥ 3 2 ♦ — ♣ A K 9 8 5 4</p>	
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Sontag</i>	<i>Rubin</i>
Pass	1♣*	2♣	Dble*
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

1♣ Strong
Dble Scattered values

East started with three rounds of clubs, but declarer ruffed with dummy's ten of diamonds, ruffed a spade, drew trumps ending in dummy and played a heart to the queen, claiming when it held, +150. With 5♦ and 3NT making that looked like a promising result for Rosenthal.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Woolsey</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
Pass	1♦	2♣	Dble*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠*	All Pass	

Although North's decision to rebid 3♣ might not be a universal choice, it should have been clear to South that 4♠ could not possibly be natural, given that South had turned down two chances to bid spades at an economical level. This unhappy spot cost -600 and 13 IMPs. What is more it introduced (according to Eric) a new dinosaur to the world, the Ginossauruswrecks!



RESULTS

Venice Cup

Round 1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	JORDAN CHINA	18	39	4.81	15.19
22	NETHERLANDS MOROCCO	72	7	20.00	0.00
23	NEW ZEALAND SWEDEN	45	41	11.20	8.80
24	CANADA BRAZIL	26	45	5.20	14.80
25	RUSSIA USA2	72	46	16.09	3.91
26	ARGENTINA USA1	27	26	10.31	9.69
27	ISRAEL INDONESIA	32	22	12.80	7.20
28	AUSTRALIA ITALY	35	15	15.00	5.00
29	INDIA POLAND	24	42	5.40	14.60
30	EGYPT CHINESE TAIPEI	57	30	16.26	3.74
31	FRANCE ENGLAND	17	32	6.03	13.97

Round 2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	USA1 INDONESIA	21	33	6.72	13.28
22	RUSSIA CHINA	34	26	12.29	7.71
23	BRAZIL POLAND	32	42	7.20	12.80
24	SWEDEN CHINESE TAIPEI	54	20	17.31	2.69
25	MOROCCO JORDAN	44	14	16.73	3.27
26	ENGLAND EGYPT	47	18	16.58	3.42
27	USA2 ITALY	9	27	5.40	14.60
28	NETHERLANDS AUSTRALIA	76	13	20.00	0.00
29	NEW ZEALAND ISRAEL	41	36	11.48	8.52
30	CANADA ARGENTINA	34	25	12.55	7.45
31	FRANCE INDIA	36	26	12.80	7.20

Round 3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	INDONESIA ITALY	55	34	15.19	4.81
22	USA1 POLAND	15	19	8.80	11.20
23	USA2 CHINESE TAIPEI	43	18	15.92	4.08
24	CANADA CHINA	18	54	2.41	17.59
25	SWEDEN EGYPT	9	33	4.26	15.74
26	MOROCCO INDIA	49	37	13.28	6.72
27	ENGLAND AUSTRALIA	66	21	18.66	1.34
28	BRAZIL JORDAN	36	24	13.28	6.72
29	NETHERLANDS ARGENTINA	73	5	20.00	0.00
30	NEW ZEALAND RUSSIA	47	15	17.03	2.97
31	FRANCE ISRAEL	32	29	10.91	9.09

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	JAPAN ITALY	21	47	3.91	16.09
42	USA1 TURKEY	21	17	11.20	8.80
43	EGYPT POLAND	43	36	12.03	7.97
44	NEW ZEALAND PAKISTAN	30	24	11.76	8.24
45	ARGENTINA SWEDEN	13	18	8.52	11.48
46	SOUTH AFRICA USA2	26	56	3.27	16.73
47	AUSTRALIA CHINA	35	16	14.80	5.20
48	CANADA GUADELOUPE	91	30	20.00	0.00
49	FRANCE ISRAEL	45	14	16.88	3.12
50	BRAZIL AUSTRIA	18	57	2.03	17.97
51	CHINA HKG INDIA	45	7	17.85	2.15

Round 2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	USA2 CHINA	60	20	18.09	1.91
42	ARGENTINA ITALY	22	23	9.69	10.31
43	PAKISTAN ISRAEL	2	64	0.00	20.00
44	POLAND AUSTRIA	53	16	17.72	2.28
45	TURKEY JAPAN	40	21	14.80	5.20
46	INDIA BRAZIL	55	20	17.45	2.55
47	CHINA HKG FRANCE	21	45	4.26	15.74
48	USA1 CANADA	27	6	15.19	4.81
49	EGYPT AUSTRALIA	19	46	3.74	16.26
50	NEW ZEALAND SOUTH AFRICA	20	50	3.27	16.73
51	SWEDEN GUADELOUPE	47	21	16.09	3.91

Round 3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	CHINA GUADELOUPE	68	9	19.93	0.07
42	USA2 ISRAEL	16	33	5.61	14.39
43	SWEDEN AUSTRIA	38	30	12.29	7.71
44	NEW ZEALAND ITALY	34	30	11.20	8.80
45	POLAND BRAZIL	23	42	5.20	14.80
46	TURKEY FRANCE	11	26	6.03	13.97
47	INDIA CANADA	21	16	11.48	8.52
48	CHINA HKG AUSTRALIA	22	30	7.71	12.29
49	USA1 SOUTH AFRICA	36	28	12.29	7.71
50	EGYPT ARGENTINA	28	22	11.76	8.24
51	PAKISTAN JAPAN	8	51	1.56	18.44

Bermuda Bowl

Round 1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	EGYPT ITALY	64	33	16.48	1.52
2	INDONESIA USA2	8	47	2.03	17.97
3	USA1 MONACO	35	15	14.50	4.50
4	BANGLADESH MEXICO	45	12	17.17	2.83
5	CHINESE TAIPEI SOUTH AFRICA	28	22	11.76	8.24
6	BRAZIL ARGENTINA	31	39	7.71	12.29
7	NEW ZEALAND NETHERLANDS	11	43	2.97	17.03
8	INDIA SWEDEN	13	47	2.69	17.31
9	GUADELOUPE AUSTRALIA	14	57	1.56	18.44
10	CHINA GERMANY	8	60	0.66	19.34
11	BULGARIA FRANCE	35	26	12.55	7.45

Round 2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	ARGENTINA NETHERLANDS	23	34	6.96	13.04
2	CHINESE TAIPEI ITALY	3	66	0.00	20.00
3	MEXICO AUSTRALIA	19	16	10.91	9.09
4	MONACO GERMANY	31	23	12.29	7.71
5	SOUTH AFRICA SWEDEN	29	25	11.2	8.8
6	USA2 CHINA	33	24	12.55	7.45
7	INDONESIA GUADELOUPE	27	21	11.76	8.24
8	BULGARIA INDIA	8	10	9.39	10.61
9	USA1 NEW ZEALAND	39	30	12.55	7.45
10	BANGLADESH BRAZIL	19	30	6.96	13.04
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Round 3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
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2	ARGENTINA AUSTRALIA	25	16	12.55	7.45
3	SOUTH AFRICA GERMANY	24	38	6.25	13.75
4	BANGLADESH ITALY	23	20	10.91	9.09
5	MONACO CHINA	30	19	13.04	6.96
6	MEXICO EGYPT	23	28	8.52	11.48
7	USA2 INDIA	12	15	9.09	10.91
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Championship Diary

A few weeks ago the *Daily Telegraph* announced that they had introduced a Bulletin Board on which the staff were invited to write their comments. They had to start with the words: *Some days...*

One of the early comments was - *we manage to publish the newspaper.*

I thought we could introduce a similar board in the Bulletin Room.

Last month the staff working at the ACBL's Summer Nationals in Toronto were unfortunate enough to lose an entire copy of the Daily Bulletin. So, the first person to contribute to the Bulletin's Board wrote: *Some days we publish the Bulletin.*

There are rumours that one member of staff has engaged the services of J.K.Rowling to assist him with the preparation of his expenses claim.

The Opening Ceremony at the Hotel de Ville had to be staged outdoors as it was considered that the number of people attending would exceed the capacity of the magnificent Salon Justin Godart.



No smoking or drinking policy

Please be reminded that smoking and drinking are prohibited at any time and in any place during sessions.

