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### Today's Programme

**BB, VC, OT**

**Round 19**

**11:00 - 13:20**

**Round 20**

**14:30 - 16:50**

**Round 21**

**17:20 - 19:40**



**Patrick Grenthe receives the Gold Medal of the WBF from Gianarrigo Rona**

After six days' play it comes down to a simple equation for the teams hoping to be back tomorrow - finish in the top eight or say goodbye to the chance of winning one of the most coveted prizes in the game for another two years. In the *Bermuda Bowl* eighth place appears to lie between **Egypt, Monaco, Australia, Italy and Brazil**. In the *Venice Cup* the contenders are **Poland, USA 1, France and Italy** while the last chance salooners in the *d'Orsi Trophy* are **Israel, Japan, Austria, Turkey, Argentina and Canada**.

It promises to be a thrilling day for the spectators.



### IBPA Annual General Meeting

There will be a meeting of the International Bridge Press Association on Sunday morning, 20 August, at 10:00, in the VWF Meeting Room (near the Vugraph theatre): room Rhone 3A



**Captains' meeting** for qualified teams of Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Trophy **tonight 20:00 (venue to be announced)**



## Schedule

## 11:00 - 13:20

**| 4:30 - | 6:50**

**17:20 - 19:40**

## Bermuda Bowl

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

## Venice Cup

21	POLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	21	BRAZIL	USA2	21	ISRAEL	ARGENTINA
22	ITALY	JORDAN	22	SWEDEN	USA1	22	AUSTRALIA	RUSSIA
23	INDONESIA	EGYPT	23	MOROCCO	INDONESIA	23	INDIA	CANADA
24	USA1	INDIA	24	ENGLAND	ITALY	24	EGYPT	NEW ZEALAND
25	USA2	AUSTRALIA	25	RUSSIA	INDIA	25	JORDAN	NETHERLANDS
26	BRAZIL	ISRAEL	26	NETHERLANDS	CHINESE TAIPEI	26	USA1	BRAZIL
27	SWEDEN	ARGENTINA	27	NEW ZEALAND	JORDAN	27	POLAND	ENGLAND
28	NETHERLANDS	CHINA	28	CANADA	EGYPT	28	ITALY	MOROCCO
29	ENGLAND	CANADA	29	ISRAEL	CHINA	29	INDONESIA	SWEDEN
30	FRANCE	NEW ZEALAND	30	ARGENTINA	AUSTRALIA	30	CHINA	USA2
31	MOROCCO	RUSSIA	31	FRANCE	POLAND	31	CHINESE TAIPEI	FRANCE

## d'Orsi Trophy

41 ISRAEL	AUSTRIA	41 PAKISTAN	SWEDEN	41 AUSTRALIA	SOUTH AFRICA
42 GUADELOUPE	JAPAN	42 POLAND	USA2	42 CANADA	ARGENTINA
43 CHINA	BRAZIL	43 TURKEY	CHINA	43 FRANCE	NEW ZEALAND
44 USA2	FRANCE	44 INDIA	GUADELOUPE	44 BRAZIL	EGYPT
45 SWEDEN	CANADA	45 CHINA HKG	ISRAEL	45 JAPAN	USA1
46 PAKISTAN	AUSTRALIA	46 USA1	AUSTRIA	46 AUSTRIA	CHINA HKG
47 POLAND	SOUTH AFRICA	47 EGYPT	JAPAN	47 ISRAEL	INDIA
48 USA1	ITALY	48 NEW ZEALAND	BRAZIL	48 GUADELOUPE	TURKEY
49 INDIA	NEW ZEALAND	49 AUSTRALIA	ITALY	49 CHINA	POLAND
50 CHINA HKG	EGYPT	50 SOUTH AFRICA	CANADA	50 ITALY	SWEDEN
51 TURKEY	ARGENTINA	51 ARGENTINA	FRANCE	51 USA2	PAKISTAN

## VuGraph SCHEDULE

The VuGraph Theatre is located in the Auditorium Pasteur

11:00

14:30

17-20

MONACO-BRAZIL (BB)	VG/BBO I	USA2-SWEDEN( BB)	VG/BBO I	TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER	VG/BBO I
AUTRALIA-GERMANY (BB)	BBO 2	FRANCE-NETH. (BB)	BBO 2		BBO 2
SWEDEN-EGYPT (BB)	BBO 3	NEW ZEALAND-ITALY (BB)	BBO 3		BBO 3
FRANCE- NEW ZELAND (VC)	BBO 4	FRANCE-POLAND (VC)	BBO 4		BBO 4
BULGARIA-ITALY (BB)	Funbridge	USA1-EGYPT (BB)	Funbridge		Funbridge
FRANCE- CHINESE TAPEI (BB)	Funbridge	ARGENTINA-FRANCE (OT)	Funbridge		Funbridge
USA2-FRANCE (OT)	Funbridge	SWEDEN-USA1 (VC)	Funbridge		Funbridge
NETHERLANDS-CHINA (VC)	BBO 8/ OG	TURKEY-CHINA (OT)	BBO 8/ OG		CHINA-USA2 (VC)

*courtesy of*



Bermuda Bowl After Round 18		Venice Cup After Round 18		d'Orsi Trophy After Round 18	
TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP
1 FRANCE	240.58	1 SWEDEN	255.86	1 USA2	250.90
2 NETHERLANDS	236.89	2 INDONESIA	233.19	2 FRANCE	234.93
3 SWEDEN	225.31	3 CHINA	229.74	3 ITALY	223.81
4 BULGARIA	214.41	4 RUSSIA	228.04	4 USA1	220.38
5 USA1	213.24	5 NETHERLANDS	221.18	5 AUSTRALIA	213.49
6 USA2	207.85	6 ENGLAND	218.40	6 SWEDEN	208.93
7 CHINA	204.12	7 ISRAEL	216.45	7 ISRAEL	198.05
8 EGYPT	192.77	8 POLAND	211.19	8 JAPAN	197.13
9 MONACO	188.83	9 USA1	193.53	9 AUSTRIA	196.59
10 AUSTRALIA	187.47	10 FRANCE	192.62	10 TURKEY	194.20
11 ITALY	183.79	11 ITALY	186.70	11 ARGENTINA	186.85
12 BRAZIL	180.13	12 USA2	182.49	12 CANADA	186.01
13 INDONESIA	174.22	13 AUSTRALIA	174.72	13 CHINA HONG KONG	184.68
14 NEW ZEALAND	173.22	14 ARGENTINA	172.94	14 CHINA	183.97
15 INDIA	170.42	15 BRAZIL	172.83	15 INDIA	182.11
16 ARGENTINA	163.53	16 EGYPT	165.39	16 POLAND	169.03
17 GERMANY	162.65	17 CHINESE TAIPEI	150.69	17 BRAZIL	148.94
18 CHINESE TAIPEI	162.07	18 MOROCCO	137.96	18 PAKISTAN	144.45
19 SOUTH AFRICA	131.07	19 NEW ZEALAND	129.57	19 NEW ZEALAND	122.06
20 GUADELOUPE	127.47	20 CANADA	104.96	20 EGYPT	120.64
21 BANGLADESH	112.85	21 INDIA	95.06	21 SOUTH AFRICA	119.27
22 MEXICO	100.61	22 JORDAN	82.99	22 GUADELOUPE	71.77

### The format of the Youth Team Championships is the following:

Juniors, Girls and Kids will be playing 8 rounds of Swiss (Qualification), 10 boards each, followed by Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final & Play-Off. Youngsters will play a full Round Robin, 11 rounds of 10 boards each, followed by Semi-Finals and Final & Play-Off.

### Here is the time schedule for the qualification stage of the Team Championships:

Day 1  
Round 1 14.00 - 15.30  
Round 2 16.00 - 17.30  
Round 3 18.00 - 19.30

Day 2  
Round 4 10.00 - 11.30  
Round 5 12.00 - 13.30  
Round 6 14.30 - 16.00  
Round 7 16.30 - 18.00  
Round 8 18.30 - 20.00

Day 3 (Youngsters only)  
Round 9 10.00 - 11.30  
Round 10 12.00 - 13.30  
Round 11 14.30 - 16.00

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### Senior Age Regulations

The WBF Executive Council has decided to raise the age requirement for Senior players to 65 over the next 8 years in accordance with the following schedule:

Thus from 1st January 2018, a Senior player must be aged 61 in the year of the Championship in which he is going to play

On **1st January 2020** it will be raised to **62 years** of age

On **1st January 2022** it will be raised to **63 years** of age

On **1st January 2024** it will be raised to **64 years** of age

On **1st January 2026** it will be raised to **65 years** of age



## Le (bon) coin francophone

Jean-Paul Meyer



### LE MAESTRO TOUJOURS PRESENT

Benito fit sa première apparition victorieuse à la Bermuda Bowl en 1961, il avait, alors, 34 ans. Après le forfait de la paire **Lauria Versace**, préparant leur mutation pour Monaco, **Garozzo** a été coopté par les membres de l'équipe italienne ainsi que son partenaire **Franco Masoero**. C'est un habitué des lieux puisque son palmarès ne compte pas moins de 12 victoires dans cette épreuve. A 90 ans, il garde toujours le même enthousiasme pour le bridge de compétition et constitue un véritable aiguillon pour ses jeunes coéquipiers **Giovanni Donati** et **Alessandro Gandoglia** - 19 et 27 ans - qui remarquèrent lors du match contre la Suède que la somme des années des quatre joueurs à la table atteignait à peine celle du seul Benito.

### LA SECONDE SEMAINE

La phase éliminatoire des championnats du Monde par équipes se termine ce soir de même que les Internationaux de France ont pris fin hier. La seconde semaine sera, cependant, riche en compétitions. En dehors de la phase par KO en match de 96 donnes de la Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup et D'Orsi Trophy, se disputera le Transnational par équipes proposé par la WBF (inscription aujourd'hui pour les retardataires), il débutera lundi avec trois journées de qualification puis une phase par KO pour les équipes qualifiées. Le grand prix de Lyon sera le BAM de consolation pour les éliminés du Transnational, mais également accessible pour ceux qui souhaiteraient jouer 3 jours à partir de jeudi.

### UNE MINISTRE DES SPORTS PEU LOQUACE

**Laura Flessel**, la toute nouvelle Ministre des Sports, ancienne championne d'escrime a adressé un message de bienvenue publié dans le programme

«Je suis heureuse d'adresser tous mes vœux de succès aux équipes nationales ainsi qu'aux plus jeunes» se contente de déclarer celle qui fut championne olympique. Pas certain qu'elle ait fait mouche, cette fois !

### PROFILS

#### EDITH BENEVOLE A 200 %

Choix délicat que celui du bénévole à vous présenter parmi les 200 qui nous apportent leur aide au cours de cette quinzaine.

Toutefois, nous avons notre préférence, celle grâce à laquelle vous pouvez lire ce Bulletin... Edith, cette toute jeune retraitée est Lyonnaise, classée en deuxième série au bridge. Elle a le bénévolat vissé au corps.

Lorsqu'elle apprit que les Championnats du Monde se dérouleraient à Lyon, la triple passion du bridge, de sa ville et

le souci de se rendre utile lui dictèrent de faire acte de candidature. Elle accepta la première mission qu'on lui proposa la reproduction du Bulletin, lorsqu'elle comprit que les horaires pour les travaux (21 h à minuit) ne seraient pas du goût de tous.



**Edith Maniglier**

Sa récompense fut de voir la qualité des photos lentement s'améliorer grâce à ses réglages et surtout de voir ce bridgeur américain attendre impatiemment, à la réception de son hôtel, l'arrivée de l'exemplaire du lendemain vers minuit 30.

Edith, en effet, fournit un service complet distribuant, dès leur sortie, les bulletins dans 5 hôtels.

Mais cela ne suffisait pas à Edith qui, de son passé professionnel comme cadre commercial du Parc d'exposition lyonnais, gardait le goût des contacts. Elle demanda à occuper également ses matinées ou ses après-midi comme caddie.

Souhait qui fut exaucé.

Dans une semaine, elle ira avec son mari à Lourdes comme bénévole également, pour aider tous ceux qui font un pèlerinage, à la rentrée elle retrouvera un autiste dont elle a la charge et des fonctions dans une maison de retraite. Un sourire qui revient sur un visage malheureux vaut bien plus, dit-elle, que n'importe quelle rémunération.,

### Funbridge

Certains matches sont diffusés sur BBO, auquel les internautes sont habitués. Funbridge est le nouvel intervenant qui retransmet d'autres matches de ces championnats. Mode d'emploi rapide : allez sur [funbridge.com](https://funbridge.com), téléchargez l'application, ouvrez un compte à votre nom ou pseudo, c'est gratuit.

Ouvrez l'application, cliquez sur l'icône du petit téléviseur, en bas à droite vous découvrirez les matches en cours retransmis.



### Diner du président de la WBF

La WBF honore la Fédération Française de Bridge, voir page 25 dans l'édition en ligne sur [worldbridge.org](https://worldbridge.org)

## LA DONNE DU JOUR

Quand cela ne veut pas, ça ne veut pas.

L'équipe de France féminine Funbridge a des résultats bien en dessous de ses espérances et de nos attentes.

On a beaucoup discuté de la donne du cinquième tour et de la ligne de jeu adoptée par Jennifer Mourgues.



**Jennifer Mourgues**

Donne 2. Donneur Est. N/S Vul.

♠ —

♥ 10 7 2

♦ V 9 6 5 4 3 2

♣ A 8 4

♠ 6 5 3

♥ RV 8 5 4

♦ A 8

♣ R 9 5

N  
O E  
S

♠ A D V 10 7

♥ D 9

♦ R D 10

♣ V 3 2

♠ R 9 8 4 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ 7

♣ D 10 7 6

Elle joue 3 SA de la main d'Est après de brèves enchères : 1 SA en Est, 2 Carreaux, en Ouest, 3 SA par Ouest.

Entame de Sud 4 de Pique pour la défausse d'un Carreau en Nord. Est réalise une levée économique du 7 de Pique. Cachez les jeux NS et déterminez votre action à la deuxième levée. La plupart du temps la Dame de Cœur fut jouée pour un succès aisé avec le partage de Cœurs.

Jennifer Mourgues décida de rejouer la Dame de Pique, prise du Roi et le retour Trèfle pour l'As suivi d'un petit Trèfle, une de chute.

Le choix de la déclarante française était-il vraiment mauvais ? Difficile à dire, on pouvait en faire d'autres en dehors de la Dame de Cœur, par exemple jouer un petit Cœur de la main pour le Valet et si cela tient, en revenir aux Piques. Il est possible sans doute de jouer Carreau pour l'As et un petit Cœur vers la Dame, un choix sans doute discutable.

Quoiqu'il en soit un des swings au débit de notre équipe féminine, preuve que la chance ne les sponsorisait pas.

## FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL D'ÉTÉ DE BRIDGE DE BIARRITZ

**PAIRE MIXTE** | 29, 30 juin & 1<sup>er</sup> juillet

**LE TOURNOI BASQUE** (tournoi festif) | 2 juillet

**PATTON** | 3, 4 & 5 juillet

**PAIRE OPEN** | 6, 7 & 8 juillet

**PAIRE IMP** | 9 & 10 juillet

**DU 29 JUIN AU 10 JUILLET 2018**

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## Championship Diary

With Ron Tacchi leaving early on Thursday following the onset of a bout of 'man-flu' the Editor announced 'I'll put some water in this coffee machine so that in the morning' at which point Brian interjected, 'it will turn into wine'.



**It's never too soon to join  
the bridge community**

Michael Cornell has available a room at the Crowne plaza arriving Sunday 20th August departing Sunday 27th August (7 nights) prepared to discount especially to any youth players. Contact him on +6421-464-836 to discuss.



Bermuda Bowl RR - R11



## Brazil v Italy

Jos Jacobs

During this round, the halfway point of the Round Robin would be reached. Though both Brazil and Italy were comfortably placed in the top eight, none of the leading teams could feel really secure at this stage. With only 20VP separating the nos. 1 and 8, one or two big results either way could easily upset the standings. For most of my featured match, it looked as if Brazil were having far the better of things but when Italy started to rally on the closing boards, the South Americans might well have felt some relief when the boards ran out.

A part-score swing on board 2 gave Brazil an early 5-0 lead but two boards later, there was more at stake:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Donati</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Well, both East and West have nice hands and showed them in the auction but nine trumps missing the queen may or may not be enough for a successful slam. One down, Brazil +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Thoma</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Manno</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

By contrast, the Brazilians showed an exemplary auction with a serious 3NT, some cuebids and a useful RKCB in the end. Their reward was +650 and 13 more IMPs.

Two boards later, Di Franco was on the lookout for more but emerged with less.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Donati</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Dble	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	All Pass

As Chagas' take-out double was the only warning sign E/W got during the auction, it was far from easy for them to judge that their club honours were worthless. Down two, +100 to Brazil and "grazie" to Chagas who did not double them in the end.

At the other table, Di Franco sent two warning signs, enough to make his opponents believe them:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Thoma</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Manno</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Dble	2♦	Pass
3NT	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

As you can see, 3NT is three off from the top but Thoma trusted North's double more than his own club stopper. When Di Franco wisely did not double 4♦, Thoma went just one off and gained another 2 IMPs for his team.

Halfway the match, Brazil gained another game swing when Chagas made a practical bid:



Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Chagas	Gandoglia	Villas-Boas
1♦	Dble	1♥	1♠
2♦	3NT	All Pass	

When Gandoglia led his singleton ♦10, Chagas won in hand when West correctly ducked, but the damage for the defence had already been done. Dummy's ♣10 9 proved to be two entries, one to lead a diamond to the nine, finessing the jack and one to lead the ♥10 through West. Nine tricks, Brazil +400.

I wonder what would have happened on a spade lead by East. West wins and if he continues the ♥K, declarer is helpless. If he takes the ace, East can win the ♥Q later and play another spade. If he ducks, West exits with his last heart and declarer does not have enough tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Di Franco	Ravenna	Manno
INT	Dble	2♦	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

In a sense, the Italians were right to stay out of game, even more so because on this auction, West could easily have doubled for a spade lead. Just made, Italy +130 but 7 more IMPs to Brazil.

The board below was by far the most spectacular board I have seen this week. A 4-9-0-0 shape with a very solid nine-card would even surprise most goulash players, I assume. The scoresheets in all three events proved this quite clearly. Only one N/S pair, in the d'Orsi Trophy, registered +1770 in 7♥ doubled by locating the ♠Q correctly. A very popular score was +1310 in 6♥ doubled. There were not many instances of the sacrifice in 7♣ for -300. One E/W pair was allowed to lose their -300 in 5♦ doubled already.

The reason for including this board in my report, though it was a push in the match, is obvious once you see what happened in the other matches. This Brazil-Italy match was the only one of all the 33 matches in progress in which

both tables played in 7♣ doubled, down two, the normal par result on the hand. So very well done, both teams. Here are the two auctions.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Chagas	Gandoglia	Villas-Boas
—	—	—	1♥
2♣	2♥	3♦	4♥
5♦	Dble	6♣	6♥
7♣	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Di Franco	Ravenna	Manno
—	—	—	1♥
2♣	2♥	4♥	6♥
Pass	Pass	7♣	Dble
All Pass			

With the score at 35-2 to Brazil, a slight defensive mistake caused an interesting endplay in which Di Franco showed his skill.



Andrea Manno, Italy

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Donati</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>
–	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

After a classic Stayman, 3♣ was a further relay and 3NT thus showed the 3-3-3-4.

On the normal club lead, the defenders were a tempo ahead which proved fatal for declarer on the 4-1 diamond break. Once the defence persist with clubs, there is no way to establish the diamonds, score a spade trick and set up two heart tricks before the defenders have five tricks. Down two, Italy +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Thoma</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Manno</i>
–	INT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South's 3♣ showed four spades and five diamonds. East did not lead his long suit but chose the ♥Q as his opening shot. Declarer won the ace, though E/W would lead the queen from KQ as well. Ducking the trick might have gained declarer a tempo but so far, so good. Di Franco's next move was a low diamond from dummy. West inserted



Miguel Villas-Boas (Jr), Brazil

the ten which held. Thoma continued the ♥2, having followed with the ♥6 to trick one. Declarer played low and now, East erred by winning his king and returning a club. If East ducks, the defenders have at least two diamond tricks, two hearts and the ♠A (or two spade tricks if declarer goes after the spades instead).

Di Franco now found an elegant endplay. He cashed the ♦A and simply played the ♠Q next. What can West do? If West ducks, declarer cashes two more clubs and his last heart and puts West on play with ♦K and another to lead up to dummy's ♠K. If West wins and returns a spade – the actual play made at the table – declarer can duck, thus establishing another spade trick and keeping East off lead at the same time. Di Franco made two spades, two hearts, two diamonds and three clubs for +600 and 13 much needed IMPs back to Italy.

On the last board, their higher level of aggression brought a part-score swing to the Italians.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Donati</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>
1♥	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Chagas, knowing he was not playing at matchpoints, quietly sold out to 2♥, a contract that was just made. The problem, of course, is that West's clubs can only be ruffed at the cost of a trump trick. Italy +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Thoma</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Manno</i>
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Di Franco's aggressive balancing action struck gold when a good fit was revealed for N/S. Either a spade guess or a diamond finesse would see 3♣ home, not to speak about a little help from our friends, forced or voluntarily. After a few club leads by N/S, Thoma had to concede a normal one down for another +100 to Italy and 5 more IMPs off their deficit.

The final, score: 37-20 or 14.39 – 5.91 V.P. to Brazil. Both teams would stay well within the top eight.





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Bermuda Bowl RR - R13

## Italy v USA2



David Bird

The first four boards of this encounter were drab, and we feared that it would not live up to the excellent France-USA1 match from the previous day. A torrent of big boards then arrived, with a massive number of IMPs flying in all directions. Was the general standard of the bridge somewhat wild? You can decide as each swing is described.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grue	Di Franco	Moss	Manno
—	1♥	1♠	2♠*
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Moss led the singleton ♣Q to declarer's ace. Ace and another trump would now see West discarding the ♠K. After winning with the ♥K, East could then underlead the ♠A to receive a club ruff for one down. Declarer's diamond loser would be discarded on the clubs.

Hoping to enter a big number in his plus column, Di Franco ran the ♦J at trick 2. Grue won and delivered a club ruff. No benefit would accrue from underleading the ♠A after this start. East cashed the ♠A and later scored his ♥K for two down +500 to USA2.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Pszczola	Gandoglia	Rosenberg
	1♥	1♠	2♠*
4♥*	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Possibly misled by West's 4♥ bid, Gandoglia bid 'five over five'. Rosenberg led the ♥Q, Pszczola winning with the ace and playing his top two clubs. It looked as if all roads would lead to two down, but a surprise was in store for us. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps and played the ♥K, discarding a diamond from dummy. A heart ruff and a club ruff in his hand completed the elimination preparation and only the diamond suit remained to be played.

Gandoglia led the ♦2, allowing South's ♦10 to win.

Rosenberg continued innocently with the ♦Q and this won too. The ♦A gave him a third diamond trick and that was three down. It was a second +500 to USA2 and a swing of 14 IMPs.

Perhaps the most unexpected opening lead of the championship was made on this board:

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grue	Di Franco	Moss	Manno
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Di Franco's 2♠ was described as a relay, enquiring about shape. The North hand looks borderline even for a game try. The resultant 3NT was a certain two down on a



Jacek Pszczola, USA2

**Giovanni Donati, Italy**

diamond lead and the USA2 N/S had already collected 200 off 3♦ at the other table. It was surely 9 IMPs away and on to the next board but... wait a moment. Grue led ace and another club!

Manno won in the dummy, finessed the ♥J into the safe hand and then had nine tricks for a gain of 9 IMPs instead of a loss of 9. Possible explanations for the club lead were thin on the ground until news filtered through that Grue had explained to his partner: 'Obviously I thought I was defending a different contract.'

Board 8 was a fairly easy 7♠ or 7NT contract for E/W, competently bid at both tables. It was bid at 20 of the 22 Bermuda Bowl tables, the other two contracts being 6♠ and, oh dear, 3♠. I would normally show a grand slam here but there were some meatier boards to come.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grue	Di Franco	Moss	Manno
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♦	2♠	Dble	INT*
Pass	3♠	Pass	Dble
Dble	All Pass		Pass

Manno's INT showed spade support, we were informed. Well, that explained North's 2♠ bid, also perhaps his reluctance to defend 3♦ doubled. I didn't blame West for his double of 3♠ at the time, but the play did not go well for him.

Grue won the diamond lead with the ace and needed to switch to his singleton club, as the cards lay. When he returned another diamond, East won with the king over the 10 and switched to a heart. Di Franco allowed West's king to win and was then solid in the side suits. He just needed to avoid two trump losers.

After a heart return to dummy's 10, he led the ♠7, covered by the 9 and queen with East showing out. A trump to the 6 and 10 saw West return a diamond to declarer's queen. A club to the queen allowed declarer to lead a trump towards his A-K-8 and the contract was made for +730.

'A match-point double,' announced the kibitzers, but I don't recall anyone saying that when the double was made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Pszczola	Gandoglia	Rosenberg
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

One down on a trump lead (it is not my style to give detailed descriptions of the play in such lowly contracts) and that was 12 IMPs to Italy.

Now I will present a claim for the 'biggest discrepancy of contract in the 2017 Bermuda Bowl' award.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

♠ J 8 4		♠ A 7	
♥ J 6 2		♥ A 9 8 5 4	
♦ K 6 5 4 2		♦ 9 8	
♣ K 3		♣ Q 10 9 5	
		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">             N W     E S           </div> </div>	
		♠ K 10 5 3	
		♥ K 10 7 3	
		♦ 10 7 3	
		♣ A 7	
		♠ Q 9 6 2	
		♥ Q	
		♦ A Q J	
		♣ J 8 6 4 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grue	Di Franco	Moss	Manno
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♠
	INT	All Pass	

Yes, yes, it's the first INT contract you have ever seen in an article written by David Bird. You'll have to wait for the action at the other table. Moss led a heart and declarer set up the clubs for +90.



## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Donati</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

If North thought his hand was too strong for a raise to 3♣, he might perhaps have bid a 4th-suit 2♦. It looks strange to bypass 3NT on a relatively flat hand. Rosenberg clearly read 4♣ as a splinter bid for spades. He made two valiant attempts to sign off and ended in 6♣ doubled. Details of the play need not concern us. A diamond was led and the slam was two down for 500 away and a loss of 12 IMPs.

The penultimate board was another display of questionable competitive bidding at a high level. What do you make of this exchange?

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



**Michael Rosenberg, USA2**

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grue</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Manno</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	2NT*
4♠	5♣	5♠	6♥
6♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The spade game would have been only two down for 300, so Di Franco did well to bid on. Whether 5♣ was better than a simple 5♥, facing a passed hand, is open to question. I have some sympathy for Manno's 6♥, after his partner had taken the trouble to bid clubs. I feel I'm on more solid ground when speaking of the 5♠ and 6♠ bids. You may think that East and West were both bidding their hands for a second time. 6♥ would have been one down and 6♠ doubled cost 800. At least some of the 2450 kibitzers at the time must have reckoned they could have done better.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Donati</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	2NT*
4♠	5♥	All Pass	

This looks like the perfect auction to me. Declarer ruffed the second round of spades and was soon claiming +650. So, only 4 IMPs changed hands.

Italy won 51-30, which was 15.38-4.62 in VPs. A rather untidy match, one might say, but plenty of entertainment for all present.

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d'Orsi Trophy RR - R14

## USA1 v USA2



John Carruthers

The co-favourites for the d'Orsi Trophy met after lunch on Thursday. Thirty-four years ago, Alan Sontag and Mike Becker were teammates on the winning Bermuda Bowl team in Stockholm and they are teammates here. However, Marc Jacobus, Eddie Wold and Mike Passell were on the d'Orsi Trophy gold-medal winning team in Bali in 2013, so the match, and the event, rated to be close. Should both teams qualify for the knockout round and win their quarterfinal matches, it is mandated that they meet in the semifinal, to avoid two teams from the same country meeting in the final.

When the teams met in their round-robin match, USA2 was comfortably in first place and USA1 was in fifth, 14 VPs clear of ninth. Both looked set to qualify handily.

The second board presented a case for the unlimited overcall ...

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	J. Clerkin	Sontag	D. Clerkin
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	2NT*	Pass
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

2NT Limit raise in spades

Jerry Clerkin was trapped by his original double. Having not adequately expressed his hand, he felt constrained to bid his suit at his second turn. Sontag was charmed to double and collect plus 500 on routine defence.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Becker	Jacobus	Graves
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
2♦	4♥	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, Jacobus, not being particularly afraid of hearts, or any other suit for that matter, decided to

redouble. That allowed Mike Becker to define his hand appropriately and provoked Allan Graves into doubling Four Spades.

Becker led the ace of hearts. Mike Passell made a terrific play on that: he discarded a club. That left Becker with a nasty guess at trick two. Becker had only two cards in his hand that would defeat the contract: either of his diamonds. When he continued with the king of hearts, declarer was soon home. He ruffed the heart, played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing the third in dummy, and led the queen of spades. When that held, with North showing out, Passell played the queen of hearts. Graves had to ruff that and was overruffed by declarer. Passell ruffed another diamond with the jack of spades, took another spade finesse and claimed plus 590. That won just 3 IMPs for USA1, when it might (should?) have been 12 to USA2.

A couple of boards later, Sonny Moyse was grinning delightedly from the grave.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 9 8 4 2	♠ K J 5	♠ A 7
♥ K Q 4	♥ 9 8 2	♥ A J 10 7
♦ A Q 7 3	♦ J 2	♦ K 9 8 5
♣ Q 3	♣ K J 10 9 2	♣ 6 5 4
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>N</p> <p>W      E</p> <p>S</p> </div> </div>		
	♠ Q 10 6 3	
	♥ 6 5 3	
	♦ 10 6 4	
	♣ A 8 7	

Berkowitz and Sontag had a delicate (some would say tortuous) auction to game ...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	J. Clerkin	Sontag	D. Clerkin
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass
1♦	2+ diamonds, 11-15		
2♦	XYZ: FG relay		
2♥	3-card heart support; minimum		

Denny led a spade to the two, the discovery jack and the seven from Sontag. Jerry continued with spades, leading the king to Sontag's ace. Sontag led a club, planning to ruff a club in dummy if allowed by the defence to do so, or to ruff two spades in hand if not. South tapped declarer with

another spade and Sontag led a second club. North won and led a third club, tapping the dummy. Sontag drew trumps and claimed when hearts and diamonds both broke deliciously for him.

Only an initial trump lead beats four hearts. Declarer wins and plays the ace and another spade; the defence plays a second trump. Declarer wins, ruffs a spade, leads a diamond to dummy and ruffs dummy's last spade. However, on this trick, North, starting with only three spades, discards his second diamond, and declarer has no re-entry to the dummy to draw trumps. If, instead, declarer plays on clubs, further trump leads leave him a trick short.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Becker	Jacobus	Graves
1♦*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♦ 2+ diamonds, 10-15  
2♦ Inverted: limit raise+ in diamonds  
2♥ Stopper  
2♠ Stopper

That was a fast one off on the jack-of-clubs lead from North. Plus 100 to USA2 and 12 IMPs.

## Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	J. Clerkin	Sontag	D. Clerkin
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Jerry led the king of clubs. Berkowitz won and led a spade. North won and, without cashing the queen of clubs, led the ten of hearts. Berkowitz won with his ace and led his remaining club. North won that and led another heart. This convinced declarer that the heart queen was offside so he rose with dummy's king, going one off.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Becker	Jacobus	Graves
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

In this room, Becker led the king of clubs. Passell won and led another club; North won that, cashed the ace of spades and led another spade. Passell played for what he needed, trumps 3-2 with the queen onside and so made game and acquired 11 IMPs in the process. That made the score 19-12 in favour of USA1.

Board 26 might be called the "Tale of the Red Jacks".

## Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	J. Clerkin	Sontag	D. Clerkin
2♥	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Sontag found the killing lead at this table, his heart, after which Berkowitz had to play three rounds of the suit, making it impossible for declarer to set up diamonds without giving Berkowitz the lead. Instead, Berkowitz won trick one with the king of hearts, cashed the ace of hearts and led the jack of diamonds. That presented declarer with ten tricks instead of the eight to which he was entitled.

*It looks to me as if West's ♦J was played in the hope of finding declarer with ♦AQx. Even after three rounds of hearts East would have to defend carefully. Editor*

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Becker	Jacobus	Graves
2♥	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Jacobus led a low club, essentially giving Becker the contract. Declarer won with his queen and led four rounds of diamonds. Passell won and led the jack of hearts. Becker played the queen, cashed his diamond winner and set up his ninth trick by playing the king of clubs. Even if Passell had exited passively with a spade, declarer can survive by setting up a club trick, then leading hearts twice from the dummy, or by stripping West of exit cards, then leading a heart toward the queen, depending on the defence.

That single IMP made the score 20-12 in favour of USA1. With a few partscore swings in the last six deals, they managed to hang on for a 27-26 IMP win.





Jos Jacobs

Bermuda Bowl RR - R14

France v Monaco

Egypt v New Zealand



After round 13, France, the reigning European team champions, were still proudly leading the field after their big win in the morning match. For the afternoon, they were scheduled to meet Monaco. So far, Monaco had not been doing as well as might be expected from them but after their narrow win (thanks to two double-figure swings in the last three boards) against 6th placed Bulgaria they had managed to enter the qualifying spots in the morning.

So the question was: would France continue their fine run or were Monaco getting back into form?

Just below the qualification line, there were many contenders hoping to get over this line. Two of them, Egypt and New Zealand, also had to meet in this round. So once again, it looked OK to me to try to report on two matches simultaneously.

The deals in this round were quite helpful for my plans. The five deals I selected for you were of interest in both matches.

The tone was set on the first board.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A K 9 3	♠ 10	♠ J 8 7 6 5
♥ K 9 4 3	♥ Q 10 8 7 6	♥ 2
♦ A 6	♦ K Q J 4	♦ 8 5 3
♣ K Q 7	♣ J 8 2	♣ 10 9 4 3
	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           N W     E S         </div>	
	♠ Q 4 2	
	♥ A J 5	
	♦ 10 9 7 2	
	♣ A 6 5	



Jerome Rombaut, France

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Combescure</i>
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♥	Pass	2♣
Dble	2♦	2♠	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

On the actual layout there seem to be only three losers but the entry position is such that there is no way to get to hand (East) often enough. When Zimmermann played trumps from the top, the contract stood no chance any longer and went three off. France +150.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Playing in only 3♠, Bessis could afford to bide his time. He won the second round of diamonds and led a heart. North hopped up with the queen and played a diamond for dummy to ruff. The ♠A was cashed, Bessis noting the fall of North's ♠10, and a heart ruffed in hand. A club went to the king and yet another heart ruff brought down the ace. Low spade to dummy's nine and the ♠K drew the outstanding trumps. Declarer just lost two clubs in the end. Just made, France another +140 and the first 7 IMPs of the match to them.

In our other match, there also was a 7-IMP swing but in quite a different fashion.

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sadek</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>El Ahmady</i>	<i>Ware</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
Pass	2♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Once South found a light opening bid, the New Zealanders were well placed, as it would be West to lead against a diamond contract. Please note the disciplined Passes by West after his two Doubles.

After the friendly defence of a top spade, followed by  $\diamond A$  and another, declarer could draw the last trump in peace and set up the hearts for club discards, thus scoring nine tricks for +110 to New Zealand. It is unlikely, however, that the defence would have fared any better on, say, a heart lead and a heart ruff later on, not to speak of a top club lead.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M Brown	Dagher	Whibley	El Geddawy
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	All Pass

For New Zealand, Brown as West was as disciplined as his Egyptian counterpart but the difference was that at this table, it was the E/W pair who bought the contract. When South led the  $\heartsuit A$ , ten tricks were easy enough with the help of a second-round spade finesse. New Zealand another +170 and the first 7 IMPs to them as well.

The next board was a matter of judgement, with the same type of swing occurring in both our matches.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ —		♠ —	
♥ A K J 9 8 6 2		♥ —	
♦ Q 8		♦ K 9 7 4 2	
♣ A Q J 10		♣ K 8 7	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>W</span><span>E</span> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">S</div> </div> </div>		♠ Q J 8 6	
♠ K 7 3 2		♥ Q 7 5 3	
♥ 10 4		♦ A 6	
♦ J 10 5 3		♣ 6 3 2	
♣ 9 5 4			



Frédéric Volcker, France



Geir Helgemo, Monaco

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Rombaut	Zimmermann	Combescure
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♠	Dble	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

Combescure for France did well to double, as 4♠ cannot make and 5♥ is far away. One down, France +100.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Helness	Bessis	Helgemo
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	3♥*	Pass
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

The French auction at this table made it very difficult for N/S to assess the situation. When Volcker bid an immediate 4♠ over partner's 7-9 HCP raise, Helness had no good way to show both his fine suit and his defensive strength. With dummy out of reach, the contract had to go down two for another +500 and another 12 IMPs to France.

In the other match, the France-Monaco auctions were almost exactly copied, again the difference being the choice of opening bid.

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Tislevoll	El Ahmady	Ware
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♠	4♥	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

One down, New Zealand +100.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M Brown	Dagher	Whibley	El Geddawy
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	2NT	Pass
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Two down, New Zealand another +500 and 12 more IMPs to them.

Two boards later, the choice of opening bid again made the difference, or did it?

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

	♠ Q 10 6 3	
	♥ 6 5 3	
	♦ 10 6 4	
	♣ A 8 7	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Rombaut	Zimmermann	Combesure
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

On this auction, Rombaut had an automatic club lead for a quick one down. France +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Helness	Bessis	Helgemo
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Dble	4♥	All Pass

As 3♣ showed an uncertainty about the club situation for no-trumps, South led a low club. This cost a vital tempo as an initial diamond lead will beat the contract easily since declarer will incur a diamond ruff after losing the lead twice in clubs – the necessary play for his 10th trick being to score a club ruff in dummy.

After the actual lead, North won his nine and cashed the ♣K before switching to a spade. Now declarer could win the ace, ruff a club high, draw trumps and enjoy the diamonds. France another +620 and 12 IMPs.

In our other match, El Ahmady, East for Egypt, got a spade lead against his 4♥. He won the ace and gave up a club. When the defence continued spades, he ruffed and had no option but to play a diamond to dummy and ruff the last spade, hoping for a 3-3 break in trumps. Egypt +620.

At the other table, West could not open 1♦ and thus chose 1♣. This led to a final contract of 3NT played by East. When South did not find the now unlikely club lead but led a spade instead, declarer ran home for +600 and just 1 IMP to Egypt.

Halfway the round, there was a slam in the air but, more importantly, a fine sacrifice.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Rombaut	Zimmermann	Combesure
—	2♠	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

After his 4♦ transfer, Multon saw no reason whatsoever to make any further move when the opponents remained silent. Monaco +680 on a spade lead from South.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Helness	Bessis	Helgemo
—	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	3♣	Pass	4♣
6♥	All Pass		

Opposite East's (most likely) balanced 20-22, West took as good a shot as any but found a not too suitable dummy. North led the ♣Q. As the ♦A could not run away, one down was the outcome now. Monaco another +100 and 13 IMPs back to them.

In the other match, RKCB proved a useful convention.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Tislevoll	El Ahmady	Ware
—	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Egypt +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M Brown	Dagher	Whibley	El Geddawy
—	2♠	3NT	4♠
4NT	5♠	Dble	All Pass

Even though the New Zealanders were not tempted into a slam, North's 5♠ bid worked quite well as it went only down two. The score of -300 was an excellent sacrifice against the vulnerable game and brought Egypt a well-deserved 8 more IMPs.



The penultimate board of the match reminded me of the second board. Again it was about letting the opponents struggle in spades or trying to make 10 or even 11 tricks in hearts yourself. Once again, defending in spades was the winning option.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Rombaut	Zimmermann	Combesure
—	—	—	1♣
2♣*	2♦	Dble	Pass
2♠	Dble	3♠	All Pass

Multon's 2♣ showed majors so N/S were no longer seriously interested in a heart contract. North led a diamond to South's ace. Three rounds of clubs followed, North ruffing with his singleton trump and exiting with the ♦Q. Declarer ruffed and went on to cash the ♠A. As he could no longer get rid of his 4th heart (South would either overruff or ruff dummy's ♦K if declarer would try to cash it) Multon had to concede one down. France +50.



Pierre Zimmermann, Monaco

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Helness	Bessis	Helgemo
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	2♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Dble	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

When Volcker overcalled just 1♠, as many of us would have done, North was not to be talked out of it. When Helness took a club finesse through East, already knowing that trumps were 4-1, he lost an extra undertrick. France another +500 11 more IMPs to them to win by 52-22 or 16.73 – 3.27 V.P. So the French stayed firmly at the top, but Monaco would have some work to do to make it into next week's K.O. matches.

In our other match, we saw identical auctions at both tables until just before the last moment.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M Brown	Dagher	Whibley	El Geddawy
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	2♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Well judged by El Geddawy. North led the ♦Q which held and three rounds of clubs followed, North ruffing and returning a heart. Declarer won, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond felling the ace and ruffed another heart, South following with the ♥Q. The rest was easy as South could be counted as 3-3-2-5 now. ♦K ruffed and overruffed, Last heart ruffed with the ace and ♠10 for a marked finesse. One down, Egypt +100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Tislevoll	El Ahmady	Ware
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	2♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

Two rounds of spades, declarer ruffing. Then ♦Q covered by king and ace and a diamond back from dummy. West ruffed in front of declarer's jack and returned another spade, declarer ruffing again. Next came a trump to dummy's ten which held the trick and a club back to the jack. ♣A and a diamond ruffed with dummy's jack, West discarding his last club. West could ruff dummy's ♣K with the eight but declarer overruffed with his king and ruffed his last losing diamond with dummy's ♥Q. The ♥A was all the defence could get. One down, Egypt +100 and 5 IMPs more to them to win the match 32-24 or 12.29 – 7.71 V.P. This victory was enough to see them rise to 8th place.

If West does not ruff the second diamond but discards a club instead, declarer is in trouble. West might overruff the second diamond ruff with the ace and return a trump, which will leave declarer with an extra diamond loser for a possible down two if he does not play very carefully. If, on the other hand, declarer leads trumps at trick three, he will soon lose control when they turn out to be breaking 4-1.



Venice Cup RR - R15

## Israel v Poland



Brian Senior

Fifth met eighth in the Venice Cup when Poland played Israel in the last match on Thursday. Both teams were in the qualifying positions but with seven rounds to go including this one both knew they still had plenty of work to do to ensure their place in the knockouts.

The E/W pairs were sisters for Israel, Dana and Noga Tal, and a mother and daughter for Poland, Cathy and Zofia Baldysz. Both reached the top spot on the first board.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Asulin	Z. Baldysz	Levi
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♠	3♠
5♦	All Pass		



Cathy Baldysz, Poland

West	North	East	South
N. Tal	Zmuda	D. Tal	Dufrat
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Adi Asulin's 1♠ overcall gave Zofia an easy game-force via a 2♠ cuebid and when Hila Levi now raised the spades Cathy could jump to the cold diamond game. Levi led her singleton heart but there were 11 top tricks and two unavoidable losers; +400.

In the other room, Justyna Zmuda did not overcall so Dana had to jump to 3♣ to force. I was surprised to see Noga rebid her hearts rather than give diamond preference but perhaps there was some systemic agreement that I don't know about to explain the bid. Obviously the sisters knew what they were doing as they too settled in 5♦ for +400 to flatten the board.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Asulin	Z. Baldysz	Levi
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♦	3♣	4♦
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
N. Tal	Zmuda	D. Tal	Dufrat
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♣	2NT
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Asulin opened with a multi which, in their methods, could go up to 11 HCP, and Zofia overcalled. Four Diamonds asked partner to bid her major directly (in common style, 4♣ would have asked her to transfer to the major but note that in this auction 4♣ would have given Cathy a less

committal option of doubling with the West cards). Looking at four good clubs and spade shortage, Cathy bid 5♣ and Levi doubled. Levi led ace and another diamond, ruffed. Zofia ruffed, drew trumps and led a heart towards the queen. Asulin rose with the king and returned the ♥10 so the contract was down two for -500.

In the other room, Zmuda opened at the one level and there was less momentum in the auction. Dana overcalled 2♣ and Katarzyna Dufrat showed a constructive spade raise. Noga, not wishing to do anything to encourage her opponents to bid game as she feared it would be making, passed with the West hand. Zmuda had a minimum full of soft values so signed off in 3♠ and played there. After a club and heart switch there were just two trumps to be lost; +170 but 8 IMPs to Israel, who led by 8-1.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

		♠ Q 3		
		♥ K 9 6 5		
		♦ K 8 5		
		♣ K 10 6 5		
♠ K 9 2	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 60px;">             N W     E S           </div>	♠ J 10 7 4		
♥ Q J 10 3		♥ 8 7 4 2		
♦ A J 7 6 3 2		♦ Q 10		
♣ —		♣ J 9 4		
		♠ A 8 6 5		
		♥ A		
		♦ 9 4		
		♣ A Q 8 7 3 2		

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Asulin	Z. Baldysz	Levi
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♦	Dble	All Pass	



Adi Asulin, Israel

West	North	East	South
N. Tal	Zmuda	D. Tal	Dufrat
—	Pass	Pass	2♣
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Cathy overcalled 1♦ then bid again at her next turn and Asulin could double to show her extras, left in by Levi. Asulin led the ten of clubs to the jack, ace and ruff, and Cathy played the ♥Q from hand, won by Levi's ace. Cathy ruffed the club return and played the ♥10, Asulin winning the king and returning the nine, suit preference for spades, for Levi to ruff. Levi duly did as requested, returning a low spade, and declarer got that wrong, playing low. Asulin won the queen and gave Levi a second heart ruff. Ace and another spade gave Asulin her own ruff and there was still the king of diamonds to come for down three and -500.

In the other room, Dufrat opened with 2♣, Polish Club, and Noga doubled. Zmuda redoubled to show her values but when Noga ran to 2♦ N/S had no interest in a penalty and soon reached 3NT, against which Dana led the queen of diamonds. That was ducked to the king and now the run of the clubs put a lot of pressure on the West hand. Zmuda came to 11 tricks for +660 and 4 IMPs to Poland; 6-8.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

		♠ 9 7 4 3		
		♥ 7 3 2		
		♦ A J 9 2		
		♣ A 10		
♠ A 10 8 6	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 60px;">             N W     E S           </div>	♠ K Q J 5 2		
♥ J 8 6 5 4		♥ K Q 9		
♦ Q 4		♦ 3		
♣ Q 4		♣ 8 7 6 3		
		♠ —		
		♥ A 10		
		♦ K 10 8 7 6 5		
		♣ K J 9 5 2		

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Asulin	Z. Baldysz	Levi
West	North	East	South
N. Tal	Zmuda	D. Tal	Dufrat
—	—	1♠	2NT
3♠	5♦	All Pass	

Identical auctions saw the two South players overcall with an unusual 2NT to show the minors and North jump to 5♦ over West's spade support.

Zofia led the king of spades, ruffed in dummy, and Asulin drew trumps then played ace of clubs then played the ♠10 to dummy's jack, losing to the queen. She had the rest for +420.

Dana led the king of hearts to dummy's ace. Zmuda drew trumps and played clubs from the top so had all 13 tricks for +440 and an IMP to Poland; 7-8.



Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Asulin	Z. Baldysz	Levi
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
N. Tal	Zmuda	D. Tal	Dufrat
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Levi opened a better minor 1♣, cuebid to force to game, then bid her diamonds twice to show the six-five distribution. Though Asulin could cuebid spades then confirm first-round control by redoubling, Levi was not sufficiently confident of the diamond situation to bid a slam



Noga Tal, Israel

so signed off in 5♣. Dufrat opened a Polish Club then followed up by showing the clubs then the diamonds. However, the weak jump overcall had taken space away and the six-five shape was less clearly defined than in the other room. Zmuda made no co-operative move towards slam and Dufrat also settled for the club game.

North's ♦Q was gold dust for South. There was just a heart to be lost so both declarers had 12 tricks for +420 and no swing.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Asulin	Z. Baldysz	Levi
—	—	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
N. Tal	Zmuda	D. Tal	Dufrat
—	—	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Both Wests made pre-emptive heart raises and when 3♥ came round to South both Levi and Dufrat found an important reopening double.

Zmuda responded 3NT to the double and played there. Dana led ace and another heart to the nine and king. Zmuda cashed the spades then ran the queen of diamonds and there were three more hearts to be lost for down one and -100.

Asulin found what proved to be a great bid of 4♠ on her good three-card holding. The lead was again the ace of hearts but now Zofia switched to a trump. Asulin won in hand and led a low diamond away from the ace. Zofia won the king and led a second spade but now Asulin could win, draw trumps and cash out for ten tricks and +620. Israel gained 12 IMPs to lead by 20-7.

Four Spades would have been slightly more challenging on a heart continuation at trick two, but only slightly. Declarer could again have ducked a diamond, ruffed a third heart in hand and cashed the ♠KJ then crossed to a diamond to cash the remaining spades. A non-heart lead, however, would have made life very difficult indeed – where is declarer to find a tenth trick if not the king of hearts?

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Asulin	Z. Baldysz	Levi
N. Tal	Zmuda	D. Tal	Dufrat
—	—	—	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both Wests opened 2♠, weak with spades and a minor, then showed a maximum with diamonds in response to the 2NT inquiry, and East closed proceedings with 3NT.

Dufrat led the six of clubs to Zmuda's ace and back came the ♣9, Dana throwing a heart from dummy and winning the king then playing the ♥K. Dufrat won the ace and played the ten of clubs so Dana had four club tricks. She continued with queen and another heart to establish two extra tricks in that suit and when Dufrat won the ♥J and returned yet another club there were ten tricks for +430.

Levi too led the six of clubs to the queen and ace and Asulin continued with the ♣9 to declarer's king. Zofia, who threw a spade on the second club, now played the ♥Q, ducked, followed by the ♥K to Levi's ace. The spade discard had made it clear that declarer did not hold the ♠A, so Levi now led a spade to her partner's ace and the third club play was therefore through declarer's holding. Zofia had only one chance now. She rose with the ♣J and cashed the top diamonds, hoping for the doubleton queen which would provide her with both a third diamond trick and an entry to the spades. It was not to be and she had to fail by a trick for -50 and 10 IMPs to Israel; 30-7.

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Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Asulin	Z. Baldysz	Levi
—	1♣	Pass	1♠
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
N. Tal	Zmuda	D. Tal	Dufrat
—	1♣	1♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Both Norths opened 1♣. Zofia passed as East and Cathy made a natural INT overcall of the 1♠ response. Zofia now transferred to hearts then passed the completion. Asulin led the five of hearts round to declarer's seven and Cathy played the ♥Q to the king and ace followed by the queen of diamonds. Asulin won the ace and led a heart to dummy and when Levi won the next diamond she played a club through, declarer finessing and losing to the queen but had eight tricks for a solid +110.

At the other table, Dana overcalled on the East cards and Noga jumped to 3NT in response. That looks hopeless, does it not? However, Zmuda led the five of hearts. One of my colleagues says he likes this lead, while I'm not convinced that opening up dummy's suit is a wise idea. Anyway, as at the other table the opening lead ran round to declarer's seven and Noga returned the ♥Q. It may look obvious to cover but then declarer can clear the suit and has a spade entry to the long card. If, however, declarer began with only queen-doubleton, ducking stops her from setting up a fourth heart trick due to the shortage of dummy entries. So Zmuda ducked the ♥Q and now declarer had five heart winners. When the ♥Q held the trick, Noga switched her attention to spades, leading the king from hand. Zmuda won the ace and led a club round to the ace-queen and suddenly there were nine tricks for +600 and 10 IMPs to Israel.

South might have discarded on the hearts to show her diamond entry, but if North plays a diamond to the king and a club is led through declarer needs only to go up with the ace and knock out the ♦A to set up a ninth trick. The damage was done at tricks one and two.

Israel won the match by 44-8 IMPs, 17.59-2.41 VPs, and had taken a big step towards the quarter-finals.

## When Magie Muddies The Waters

Jan van Cleeff

Venice Cup RR 10:  
England v The Netherlands

After three days of play The Netherlands were still top of the field in the round robin of the Venice Cup. At the start of the fourth day England was waiting. But again the Low Countries had the better part of the game in spite of the fact that the Dutch declarer went down in a slam with AJ1098xx opposite xx of trumps with KQ-third on side as the only losers. A few boards later, for instance, Carla Arnolds made up for her partner's minor faux pas, brilliantly underleading an ace to get her ruff, where at the other table this defensive play was missed.

When the last board had to be played, Holland led by a comfortable margin of 13 IMPs. So nothing to worry about from a Dutch perspective. Was there?

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	Arnolds	Brock	Verbeek
1♠	Pass	INT	2♠*
4♠	All Pass		

\*Hearts and a minor

EW +710. The other table proved to be less peaceful.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tichá	Draper	Van Zwol	Smith
1♠	Pass	3♦*	3♥
?			

\* natural, invitational, 8-11 HCP

Magie Tichá jumped all the way to 6♠. Later Magie told me that she had, instead, considered 6♦ and then would rebid 6♠ after the expected (and cheap) 6♥. However she deliberately muddied the waters by not revealing the huge diamond fit. The bidding continued:

1♠	Pass	3♦*	3♥
6♠ (!)	7♥	?	

Wietske van Zwol now correctly valued her two Aces:

1♠	Pass	3♦*	3♥
6♠	7♥	7♠ (!)	Dble

All Pass

After the Lightner double it was not that obvious which suit to lead. England survived though, when Catherine Draper tabled a diamond. The swing of 14 IMPs resulted in a 1-IMP victory for the Islanders.



## RESULTS

### Bermuda Bowl

#### Round 16

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	BANGLADESH USA1	38	10	16.42	3.58
2	CHINESE TAIPEI BULGARIA	28	56	3.58	16.42
3	BRAZIL INDONESIA	28	23	11.48	8.52
4	NEW ZEALAND USA2	30	14	14.18	5.82
5	ITALY SWEDEN	3	11	7.71	12.29
6	GUADELOUPE MONACO	4	56	0.66	19.34
7	CHINA MEXICO	77	5	20.00	0.00
8	EGYPT SOUTH AFRICA	60	2	19.85	0.15
9	GERMANY ARGENTINA	32	46	6.25	13.75
10	AUSTRALIA NETHERLANDS	15	41	3.91	16.09
11	INDIA FRANCE	27	53	3.91	16.09

#### Round 17

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	SWEDEN AUSTRALIA	39	33	11.76	8.24
2	NETHERLANDS GERMANY	86	7	20.00	0.00
3	ARGENTINA EGYPT	26	29	9.09	10.91
4	SOUTH AFRICA CHINA	24	56	2.97	17.03
5	MEXICO GUADELOUPE	6	55	0.93	19.07
6	USA1 ITALY	33	9	15.74	4.26
7	MONACO INDIA	35	38	9.09	10.91
8	USA2 BRAZIL	59	35	15.74	4.26
9	INDONESIA CHINESE TAIPEI	45	3	18.33	1.67
10	BULGARIA BANGLADESH	76	11	20.00	0.00
11	FRANCE NEW ZEALAND	60	14	18.77	1.23

#### Round 18

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	USA1 BULGARIA	37	19	14.60	5.40
2	BANGLADESH INDONESIA	28	38	7.20	12.80
3	CHINESE TAIPEI USA2	59	22	17.72	2.28
4	GUADELOUPE SOUTH AFRICA	41	33	12.29	7.71
5	NEW ZEALAND MONACO	26	29	9.09	10.91
6	INDIA MEXICO	33	28	11.48	8.52
7	ITALY AUSTRALIA	21	36	6.03	13.97
8	CHINA ARGENTINA	29	19	12.80	7.20
9	EGYPT NETHERLANDS	13	47	2.69	17.31
10	GERMANY SWEDEN	21	23	9.39	10.61
11	BRAZIL FRANCE	34	20	13.75	6.25



## Venice Cup

### Round 16

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	CANADA NEW ZEALAND	12	39	3.74	16.26
22	RUSSIA NETHERLANDS	60	9	19.25	0.75
23	AUSTRALIA MOROCCO	29	64	2.55	17.45
24	ISRAEL ENGLAND	28	7	15.19	4.81
25	CHINA ITALY	19	24	8.52	11.48
26	INDIA SWEDEN	1	37	2.41	17.59
27	EGYPT BRAZIL	41	41	10.00	10.00
28	JORDAN USA2	7	53	0.98	18.77
29	CHINESE TAIPEI USA1	13	45	2.97	17.03
30	POLAND INDONESIA	32	23	12.55	7.45
31	ARGENTINA FRANCE	34	19	13.97	6.03

### Round 17

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	ITALY POLAND	42	33	12.55	7.45
22	INDONESIA CHINESE TAIPEI	43	24	14.80	5.20
23	USA1 JORDAN	41	24	14.39	5.11
24	USA2 EGYPT	20	38	5.40	14.60
25	BRAZIL INDIA	56	35	15.19	4.81
26	NEW ZEALAND CHINA	19	82	0.00	20.00
27	MOROCCO ISRAEL	13	46	2.83	17.17
28	ENGLAND ARGENTINA	34	32	10.61	9.39
29	SWEDEN AUSTRALIA	52	16	17.59	2.41
30	NETHERLANDS CANADA	56	32	15.74	4.26
31	FRANCE RUSSIA	33	56	4.44	15.56

### Round 18

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	NEW ZEALAND NETHERLANDS	16	35	5.20	14.80
22	INDIA USA2	28	47	5.20	14.80
23	RUSSIA ENGLAND	52	15	17.72	2.28
24	ARGENTINA MOROCCO	24	41	5.61	14.39
25	ISRAEL SWEDEN	16	58	1.67	18.33
26	AUSTRALIA BRAZIL	11	27	5.82	14.18
27	CHINA POLAND	20	23	9.09	10.91
28	EGYPT USA1	33	41	7.71	12.29
29	JORDAN INDONESIA	14	41	3.74	16.26
30	CHINESE TAIPEI ITALY	22	14	12.29	7.71
31	CANADA FRANCE	13	52	2.03	17.97

## d'Orsi Trophy

### Round 16

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	NEW ZEALAND EGYPT	53	51	10.61	9.39
42	ARGENTINA USA1	18	52	2.69	17.31
43	SOUTH AFRICA CHINA HKG	6	53	1.13	18.87
44	AUSTRALIA INDIA	28	40	6.72	13.28
45	ITALY GUADELOUPE	58	9	19.07	0.93
46	FRANCE POLAND	43	14	17.03	3.91
47	BRAZIL PAKISTAN	30	12	14.60	5.40
48	JAPAN SWEDEN	11	22	6.96	13.04
49	AUSTRIA USA2	22	53	3.12	16.88
50	ISRAEL CHINA	17	45	3.58	16.42
51	CANADA TURKEY	49	41	12.29	7.71

### Round 17

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	GUADELOUPE ISRAEL	22	26	8.80	11.20
42	CHINA AUSTRIA	72	21	19.25	0.75
43	USA2 JAPAN	28	33	8.52	11.23
44	SWEDEN BRAZIL	16	69	0.57	19.43
45	PAKISTAN FRANCE	19	28	7.45	12.55
46	EGYPT ITALY	23	39	5.82	14.18
47	TURKEY AUSTRALIA	29	21	12.29	7.71
48	INDIA SOUTH AFRICA	73	27	18.77	1.23
49	CHINA HKG ARGENTINA	55	16	17.97	2.03
50	USA1 NEW ZEALAND	46	27	14.80	5.20
51	POLAND CANADA	22	33	6.96	13.04

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## World Championship Book 2017 – Lyon

The official book of these championships should be ready around the end of February next year. It will consist of approximately 350 large full colour pages and will include coverage of all the championship events, with particular emphasis on the latter stages of the Open and Women's Teams. There will be a full results service and many colour photographs.

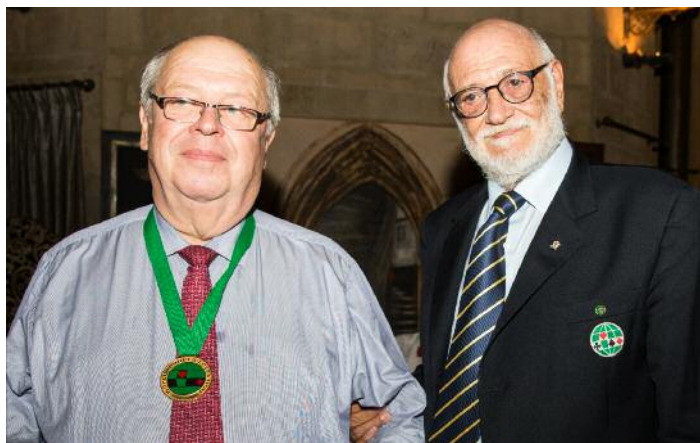
The principle analysts, as in recent years, will be John Carruthers, Barry Rigal, Brian Senior and GeO Tislevoll.

On publication, the official retail price will be US\$35 plus whatever your local bookseller charges for postage. For the duration of the championships, you can pre-order via Jan Swaan in the Press Room at the reduced price of 25 Euros, or 30 US\$, including postage (surface mail).

Alternatively, you can pay the same prices via Paypal to Brian Senior at [bsenior@hotmail.com](mailto:bsenior@hotmail.com), which is also an option for a limited period after the end of the championships.

## WBF President's Dinner Lyon 2017

On Thursday evening Gianarrigo Rona hosted a dinner at which a number of awards were made, recognising the tremendous contribution the recipients had made to the organisation of the Championships. The president was joined by the President Emeritus José Damiani.



**Patrick Grenthe**  
**President FFB WBF Gold Medal**



**Jean-Louis Counil**  
**On Site Organizer WBF Silver Medal**



**Patrick Bogacki**  
**1st Vice President FFB WBF Plaque**



**Jean-Philippe Daublain**  
**Local Organising Committee Chairman WBF Plaque**



**Jean-Claude Thuillier**  
**Secretary General FFB WBF Plaque**



**Christine Francin**  
**Secretary FFB WBF Plaque**