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REMAINS OF THE DAY

Line-up from Mövenpick Hotel

Dear friends,
 despite our efforts, which will continue today, doing your line up from the Mövenpick Hotel is possible only if you connect to the WiFi called "Accor", and not the Mövenpick's itself.
 Kind regards,
 Maurizio Di Sacco
 WBF Operations Director



Start times

- 10.00-12.15
- 13.15-15.30
- 15.50-18.05

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Comparing Scores at the end of Round 9

Some teams consolidated their positions, while others began to make their moves. In the Bermuda Bowl **Switzerland**, remain on top, followed by **USA2** and **Poland**. There is almost a match between the top 8.

In the Venice Cup, **Poland** is ahead of **Sweden** despite the fact that the reigning Champions have won all their matches – the only ones to do so across all four series! The 2021 silver medallist, **Türkiye** come next. Here the relevant gap to eighth is already almost 40VP.

Denmark leads the way in the d'Orsi Trophy followed by **Poland** and **USA1**. The key number this time time is 24.57VP.

In the Wuhan Cup it is still **Chinese Taipei** ahead of **China**, but **USA2** now occupy third place. Once again the differential is more than a match.

BBO Matches



	BBO1	BBO2	BBO3	BBO4
10.00	BB Australia-New Zealand	BB Italy-China	VC France-Sweden	WUC USA2-China
13.15	BB Ireland-Israel	VC France-Poland	DOT Canada-USA1	BB Netherlands-USA1
15.50	BB Netherlands-Switzerland	BB USA2-Norway	VC Poland-Israel	WUC Colombia-Romania

Draw for Today's Matches

Bermuda Bowl

Round 10			
 MOROCCO	 SWITZERLAND	 AUSTRALIA	 NEW ZEALAND
 SINGAPORE	 NORWAY	 PANAMA	 POLAND
 NETHERLANDS	 BRAZIL	 USA 1	 USA 2
 HONG KONG CHINA	 ISRAEL	 CHILE	 CANADA
 INDIA	 USA 2	 EGYPT	 SOUTH AFRICA
 UAE	 BELGIUM	 IRELAND	 CHINA
 ITALY			




























Venice Cup

Round 10			
 BARBADOS	 DENMARK	 INDIA	 TURKIYE
 CHINESE TAIPEI	 UAE	 EGYPT	 HONG KONG CHINA
 USA 2	 CHINA	 USA 1	 AUSTRALIA
 CANADA	 POLAND	 NEW ZEALAND	 BRAZIL
 GERMANY	 NORWAY	 ARGENTINA	 USA 1
 SOUTH AFRICA	 USA 1	 FRANCE	 SWEDEN
 ISRAEL	 MOROCCO		

Round 11			
 AUSTRALIA	 MOROCCO	 SINGAPORE	 BRAZIL
 NETHERLANDS	 USA 1	 INDIA	 PANAMA
 HONG KONG CHINA	 SWITZERLAND	 POLAND	 CANADA
 CHILE	 CANADA	 NORWAY	 BELGIUM
 EGYPT	 ISRAEL	 IRELAND	 UAE
 ITALY	 SOUTH AFRICA	 USA 2	 CHINA
 CHINA	 NEW ZEALAND		

Round 11			
 INDIA	 BARBADOS	 CHINESE TAIPEI	 CHINA
 USA 2	 AUSTRALIA	 GERMANY	 EGYPT
 CANADA	 DENMARK	 CANADA	 BRAZIL
 HONG KONG CHINA	 BRAZIL	 HONG KONG CHINA	 NEW ZEALAND
 UAE	 NEW ZEALAND	 UAE	 SWEDEN
 ARGENTINA	 SWEDEN	 ARGENTINA	 POLAND
 FRANCE	 SOUTH AFRICA	 ISRAEL	 USA 1
 ISRAEL	 USA 1	 NORWAY	 TURKIYE
 MOROCCO			

Round 12			
 MOROCCO	 SINGAPORE	 NETHERLANDS	 SWITZERLAND
 HONG KONG CHINA	 CANADA	 PANAMA	 EGYPT
 POLAND	 AUSTRALIA	 INDIA	 BELGIUM
 CHILE	 USA 1	 IRELAND	 SOUTH AFRICA
 USA 2	 NORWAY	 UAE	 CHINA
 ISRAEL	 ITALY	 ISRAEL	 BRAZIL
 NEW ZEALAND			

Round 12			
 BARBADOS	 CHINESE TAIPEI	 USA 2	 DENMARK
 CANADA	 BRAZIL	 CANADA	 ARGENTINA
 EGYPT	 INDIA	 HONG KONG CHINA	 SWEDEN
 GERMANY	 AUSTRALIA	 GERMANY	 USA 1
 NEW ZEALAND	 UAE	 NEW ZEALAND	 MOROCCO
 FRANCE	 MOROCCO	 FRANCE	 ISRAEL
 NORWAY	 ISRAEL	 NORWAY	 CHINA
SOUTH AFRICA		SOUTH AFRICA	
POLAND		POLAND	
TURKIYE		TURKIYE	

Draw for Today's Matches

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 10

 COLOMBIA	 INDIA
 ISRAEL	 NETHERLANDS
 AUSTRALIA	 BELGIUM
 GUADELOUPE	 HONG KONG CHINA
 PAKISTAN	 CHINA
 SWEDEN	 NORWAY
 MOROCCO	 USA2
 ITALY	 ARGENTINA
 CANADA	 DENMARK
 REUNION	 FRANCE
 SOUTH AFRICA	 USA1
 POLAND	 CHINESE TAIPEI

Wuhan Cup

Round 10

 COLOMBIA	 SINGAPORE
 NEW ZEALAND	 AUSTRALIA
 ROMANIA	 BELGIUM
 MOROCCO	 FRANCE
 POLAND	 GERMANY
 USA2	 CHINA
 TUNISIA	 EGYPT
 ITALY	 CANADA
 CHINESE TAIPEI	 DENMARK
 UAE	 ISRAEL
 INDIA	 BARBADOS
 ARGENTINA	 USA1

Round 11

 ISRAEL	 COLOMBIA
 AUSTRALIA	 CHINA
 PAKISTAN	 NORWAY
 ITALY	 GUADELOUPE
 SWEDEN	 INDIA
 HONG KONG CHINA	 ARGENTINA
 BELGIUM	 MOROCCO
 CANADA	 USA1
 SOUTH AFRICA	 USA2
 POLAND	 REUNION
 DENMARK	 FRANCE
 CHINESE TAIPEI	 NETHERLANDS

Round 11


 NEW ZEALAND	 COLOMBIA
 ROMANIA	 GERMANY
 POLAND	 CHINA
 ITALY	 MOROCCO
 USA2	 SINGAPORE
 FRANCE	 CANADA
 BELGIUM	 TUNISIA
 CHINESE TAIPEI	 BARBADOS
 INDIA	 EGYPT
 ARGENTINA	 UAE
 DENMARK	 ISRAEL
 USA1	 AUSTRALIA

Round 12

 COLOMBIA	 AUSTRALIA
 PAKISTAN	 INDIA
 SWEDEN	 ARGENTINA
 GUADELOUPE	 CANADA
 HONG KONG CHINA	 ISRAEL
 ITALY	 USA1
 MOROCCO	 NORWAY
 SOUTH AFRICA	 FRANCE
 DENMARK	 BELGIUM
 REUNION	 CHINESE TAIPEI
 USA2	 POLAND
 NETHERLANDS	 CHINA

Round 12



 COLOMBIA	 ROMANIA
 POLAND	 SINGAPORE
 USA2	 CANADA
 MOROCCO	 CHINESE TAIPEI
 FRANCE	 NEW ZEALAND
 ITALY	 BARBADOS
 TUNISIA	 CHINA
 INDIA	 ISRAEL
 DENMARK	 BELGIUM
 UAE	 USA1
 EGYPT	 ARGENTINA
 AUSTRALIA	 GERMANY



Wuhan Cup RR 05

USA1 v Italy

Worth the Wait






by Martin Cantor

In the Open Room we saw Steve Weinstein and Jenny Wolpert NS, Dario Attanasio and Gabriella Manara EW. In the Closed Room it was Alessandro Gandoglia and Irene Baroni facing Kevin Dwyer and Sandra Rimstedt.

The first eleven boards only threw up one of much interest:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manara</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Attanasio</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>
—	—	—	3♥
Dble	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥*	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

- 5♥ Strong
- 5NT Keycard ask
- 6♥ Probably looking to play NT

A nicely controlled auction to a decent spot, effectively just needing the ♣A inside (or led).



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
—	—	—	3♥
Pass	4♥	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Dwyer's arguably conservative pass, coupled with North's raise on nothing, left no room for slam exploration. On another day they would have gained 13 rather than losing them.

By the time we got to board 12 the score had edged along to 17-9 for Italy. Then things really livened up - hence my title.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manara</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Attanasio</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
1♣	Strong		
1♥	7+		

It looks like 1NT was 18+, followed by a Puppet Stayman sequence where East denied a five-card major. Almost any system would (indeed should) get you to 3NT. North's



Jenny Wolpert, USA1

♥J won the first trick, declarer's ♥A the second. Declarer ran the ♦8 to North's other red jack, and he switched to a club, ducked to South's king. She now cleared the hearts (♠ discard from North), and declarer ran the ♦Q successfully and, according to the VuGraph record, next cashed the ♠A and claimed one off when the king did not fall.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	Gandoglia	Rimstedt	Baroni
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Played the other way round here, North led the ♠8 to South's king, and she switched to the ♥2, 6, 7 and ace. Declarer fired a heart straight back, won by North, who played a club, ducked to the king. Now ♥Q to the king, ♣A, ♠ to the queen and 9 tricks claimed. 10 IMPs to the USA, taking the lead. Now that the big swings had started, they couldn't stop coming.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manara	Weinstein	Attanasio	Wolpert
—	1♦	1NT	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

A sensible auction to a reasonable spot, though 3♣ would be more comfortable. EW took their two heart tricks, but then switched to a trump, so two overtricks and 170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	Gandoglia	Rimstedt	Baroni
—	1♣	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1♠	Dble	2NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

NS have ten tricks on top in 3NT. Unfortunately for them, EW have eight to cash first. And they did just that, after the ♥2 lead. So, another 400 for the Americans, 11 more IMPs, stretching their lead to 13. But from here on it was one-way traffic to Italy. On board 14 they made 4♣+1 in the Open, and 3♠= in the Closed, for 7 IMPs. Then:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manara	Weinstein	Attanasio	Wolpert
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West led the ♦Q then switched to a trump. When they broke 2-2 Jenny Wolpert had an easy overtrick and 620 in the plus column. Could the Italians bid the slam? You betcha they could:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	Gandoglia	Rimstedt	Baroni
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

- 1♣ Any 12-14 balanced, also with 4/5♦ or natural, 11-21
- 1♠ Transfer to 1NT, weak no major, minors invitational+, 5♦+4♥/♠ Game forcing, weak/invitational ♦



Gabriella Manara, Italy

I'm guessing that 2NT promised the minors and initiated a cue bidding sequence.

The lead here was a heart, won in hand. After drawing two rounds of trumps Irene Baroni tried to sneak the $\diamond K$, to no avail, but still 13 IMPs, Italy back in the lead, by 7. And then came the last board:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>\spadesuit A Q J 9 4 \heartsuit — \diamond 8 6 2 \clubsuit K Q J 9 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>\spadesuit 8 6 3 \heartsuit 10 9 5 4 \diamond A 10 7 4 3 \clubsuit 4</p>	<p>\spadesuit 2 \heartsuit A K J 8 2 \diamond K Q J \clubsuit A 10 8 5</p>
<p>\spadesuit K 10 7 5 \heartsuit Q 7 6 3 \diamond 9 5 \clubsuit 7 6 2</p>			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manara</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Attanasio</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>
1 \clubsuit	1 \spadesuit	Pass	3 \spadesuit
Dble	4 \spadesuit	4NT*	Pass
5 \clubsuit	Dble	5 \diamond	Pass
5 \heartsuit	All Pass		

4NT Two suits

North led the $\clubsuit K$, won in hand. Next the $\heartsuit A$ disclosed the position there, so club ruffed, trumps picked up via the marked finesse, and 12 tricks claimed for +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
1 \heartsuit	2 \heartsuit *	3 \heartsuit	4 \spadesuit
5 \heartsuit	5 \spadesuit	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

The Italians judged the auction better. 5 \spadesuit can be beaten three tricks if West happens to find the lead of the $\clubsuit A$. On the more normal looking $\diamond K$ and $\diamond J$ continuation, East overtook, returned her singleton club, got her ruff, and declarer promptly claimed the rest for two off, -300, and another 9 IMPs, leaving a final score of 30-46, or 5.82 - 14.18 in real money.



The Evaluation Game

by Mark Horton

During the bidding phase determining the worth of your hand is of paramount importance. On certain occasions its value might go up or down, especially in contested auctions.

This is your hand as West, with neither side vulnerable:

<p>\spadesuit 2 \heartsuit A 8 5 4 \diamond K J 9 8 \clubsuit A 9 5 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>\spadesuit 8 6 3 \heartsuit 10 9 5 4 \diamond A 10 7 4 3 \clubsuit 4</p>	<p>\spadesuit 2 \heartsuit A 8 5 4 \diamond K J 9 8 \clubsuit A 9 5 2</p>
West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1 \spadesuit
Dble	3 \spadesuit	4 \clubsuit	Pass
?			

How do you rate your hand at this point?

Despite the poor 1-4-4-4 distribution the Kaplan-Rubens Hand Evaluator considers these cards to be worth 14.25. Even so, facing a passed hand how likely is it that you will have a play for game, even though partner has volunteered a bid at the four-level? Your opponent's activity may be a significant factor. If partner has nothing wasted in spades, then you are close to playing with a 30 point pack in a situation where all partner's points will be working. In addition, if you consider it likely that partner will have at least five clubs, your support increases the value of their hand by around that of an extra king. Is your inclination like mine, to raise to 5 \clubsuit ?

Here is the full deal:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>\spadesuit Q J 10 9 \heartsuit K 3 2 \diamond 10 6 4 \clubsuit 8 4 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>\spadesuit 6 4 3 \heartsuit 6 \diamond A 7 5 3 \clubsuit Q J 10 7 6</p>	<p>\spadesuit 2 \heartsuit A 8 5 4 \diamond K J 9 8 \clubsuit A 9 5 2</p>
<p>\spadesuit A K 8 7 5 \heartsuit Q J 10 9 7 \diamond Q 2 \clubsuit K</p>			

In total, 18 pairs got to 5 \clubsuit across the four events (as the cards lie you can make 6 \clubsuit), the best result going to Ozlem Kandolu and Tuna Elmas who collected -800 defending 5 \spadesuit doubled in Türkiye's match against Sweden in the Venice Cup.



Bermuda Bowl RR 05

Netherlands v USA2



by Marc Smith

The news that I'd be watching USA2 today brightened my morning: who wouldn't look forward to seeing the most exciting partnership in the competition in action? Their opponents, Netherlands, the beaten finalists from a year ago in Salsomaggiore, topped the table overnight and kicked off this second day with a 78-0 thrashing of Australia, so they appeared to be in fine form. It was a mouth-watering prospect.

The first cloud darkened the horizon on arrival at the tables to discover that Meckstroth/Zia were sitting out this match. By halfway through the match, the skies were seriously thunderous: after nine boards, the match score had advanced all the way to 4-2. Not that there weren't chances to gain IMPs on some of those early deals.

As usual, we start with some problems. With only your side vulnerable, you are North holding:

♠ J 9 5
♥ A K J 7 3 2
♦ 10 5
♣ Q 8

West	North	East	South
—	—	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	?		
2♦	Multi (weak two in either major)		
2♣	Pass-or-correct		

What action, if any, do you take?

Next, with neither side vulnerable, you are sitting in the East seat with:

♠ 6 4 3
♥ 6
♦ A 7 5 3
♣ Q J 10 7 6

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♥*	?	
2♥	Weak or strong spade raise		

What action, if any, do you take?

While you consider those, we start with the second board of the match.



Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Grue	Muller	Moss
—	—	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Joe Grue's decision to back in with 3♥ when East's 2♠ opening was passed around to him looks fairly normal. Moss might have passed, but it's one of those hands on which nine tricks in no-trumps might be just as easy (or easier) than nine playing in the suit in which you hold a singleton.

Bauke Muller led the ♠K and Grue cannot have viewed dummy with any great enthusiasm. Muller switched to a club at trick two, Simon de Wijs winning with the ♣K to play a second round of spades through declarer's jack. Grue won with the ♠A, took a winning heart finesse, cashed the ♥A-K, and exited with the ♣Q. De Wijs won, played the ♦K, cashed the ♥Q, and continued with the ♦Q. When Grue again held up the ace, De Wijs was endplayed to lead a club into the tenace, giving declarer his seventh trick. E/W +200.

At the other table, the American system perhaps gave the Dutch a chance to stay out of trouble.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Martel	Van den Bos	Fleisher	Van Lankveld
—	—	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	3♥	Pass	3NT
Dble	All Pass		
2♦	Multi (weak two in either major)		
2♠	Pass/correct		

After a Multi from Marty Fleisher and a pass-or-correct 2♠ response by Chip Martel, Berend van den Bos was faced with the first of this day's problems. At first glance, Van den Bos may appear to be in the same position as Grue was at

the first table, but is he? Is there not a significant clue that was not available to the American?

Martel's 2♠ response says that he wants to play at the two-level opposite a weak two in spades, but that he is interested in game if his partner has hearts. West is thus known to hold fairly short spades and at least some length in hearts, with reasonable values. Forewarned, Van den Bos might have realized that the hand did not belong to his side. But, no, he also came in with a 3♥ overcall. Chip Martel's penalty double probably got the message across, but too late.

Had Martel found a diamond lead (or a high club and a diamond switch), we would have been in 800 territory. His ♣5 opening at least gave declarer some respite. Winning with the ♣8 in dummy, Joris Van Lankveld called for the ♦10, which tempted Marty Fleisher to cover with the jack. Martel won the trick with the ♦K and switched to the ♥10. Declarer took the winning finesse and then cashed dummy's top hearts. A diamond to the ace then dropped West's queen, so Van Lankveld was able to cash the ♦9 and concede a trick to East's eight to establish his long diamond.

Martel had to find a black-suit discard on this trick. If he bared the ♣A and kept two spades, he needed his partner to exit with a spade. If he threw a spade, he needed his partner to play a club through declarer's jack. Martel kept two spades, but Fleisher won the diamond and played a club, so declarer's ♦2 eventually provided Van Lankveld with an eighth trick. A disappointing E/W +200 and a push board when either side might have gained the first significant swing of the match.

That first double-digit swing took some time to arrive, and essentially came from a guess.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Martel	Van den Bos	Fleisher	Van Lankveld
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT*	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

INT Semi forcing

Van Lankveld led the ♦J and continued with a second diamond at trick two, declarer ruffing. Fleisher led a spade, dummy's queen winning, and he then played a club to the jack and ace. Fleisher won the club return, crossed to dummy with a trump, and ruffed dummy's remaining diamond with the ♥A. He then overtook the ♥J and drew



Heavy thinking in the Closed Room

the last trump. Knocking out the ♠A then left declarer's hand high: E/W +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Grue	Muller	Moss
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

A similar auction landed Bauke Muller in 4♥, and the first three tricks were the same. When the ♠Q won, though, Muller continued with a second spade to South's ace. Brad Moss continued with a third round of diamonds, shortening declarer to two trumps in his hand. Muller ruffed, drew trumps, and played a club from dummy.

At the other table, playing clubs early effectively forced declarer to play North for the ♣Q. Here, with the spades in his hand already set up, Muller simply had to guess right. He chose to rise with the ♣K, but that was the losing option today. E/W -100 and 12 IMPs to USA2.

The Dutch kept the match close by bidding and making a major-suit partscore in both rooms on Board 13. Then came...

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Grue	Muller	Moss
—	—	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♥*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♥ Weak or strong spade raise

Playing transfers after 1Maj-Double allows partnerships to do various things with the 2Maj-1 bid. Most pairs play the direct raise to 2♠ as weak and use the 2♥ transfer to show a constructive raise or better. The Americans here were using an innovative variation, where a raise to 2♠ would be constructive and 2♥ was either a weak raise or a strong raise. Thus, Bauke Muller was left with the second of today's bidding problems.

Muller chose to pass, perhaps thinking that he could wait and see how the auction panned out. Brad Moss took full advantage of the situation. If his partner had an invitational or better raise, then his 3♥ game try would likely get them to a making game. Moss also knew the

hand did not belong to them if his partner was weak, so any impression of strength he could portray might be an effective smokescreen. With his fitting heart card, Grue had the perfect hand to add to the confusion his partner had begun, and his jump to game left the Dutch completely in the dark.

With South holding most of the defensive honours, 5♣ and even 6♣ are decent contracts for E/W. With four top winners and two heart ruffs to take against South's spade contract, there was also a 500 penalty available: more than adequate compensation for a non-vulnerable game. Of course, someone had to double, and the Dutch did not know that they had been hoodwinked, so Moss was allowed to play for 50s. When De Wijs opened the defence with a low heart, that was also the end of the ruffs, so the defenders made only their four top winners: E/W +50 and an uncharacteristically soft result for this Dutch pair.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Martel	Van den Bos	Fleisher	Van Lankveld
—	—	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♠	3♣	3♠
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

System meant that Van den Bos simply raised to 2♠ after Martel's double, so Fleisher was never likely to be silenced. Indeed, when Martel subsequently competed to the four-level, Fleisher raised himself to game. With both minors coming in for no loser, declarer was soon claiming twelve tricks: E/W +420 and 9 IMPs to USA2.

The Great Dealer had saved the best until last, and what a massive fireworks it proved to be.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Grue	Muller	Moss
1♣*	2♠	Pass	3♠
Dble	4♠	Dble	All Pass

This layout was a disaster waiting to happen for a Strong Club system. Not only did the Dutch not find their double fit, but the lack of knowledge about the distribution also resulted in a defensive catastrophe.

Muller led his singleton club to his partner's ace, and who can blame De Wijs for returning the ♣10, asking for a

heart switch? Declarer ruffed, drew trumps, and discarded dummy's diamond losers on his long clubs. Joe Grue had to concede one diamond at the end, but that was still ten tricks: a spectacular N/S +590, but that was just the appetiser.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Martel	Van den Bos	Fleisher	Van Lankveld
1♥	2♥*	3♥	4♠
5♥	5♠	6♥	All Pass

Martel began with a natural 1♥ opening and Van den Bos entered with a 2♥ cue-bid, showing both black suits. Fleisher judged well to compete to the three-level despite his meagre allocation of high cards, and now the blue touchpaper was well and truly lit. Did anyone know who was bidding to make and who was saving? Unlikely.

Although there was far less scope for accidents with the heart distribution known, Martel made absolutely sure that there would be no disastrous defence to 4♠-Doubled by bidding a fifth heart. Van den Bos thought 5♠ would be cheap, and he was right in that best defence gets only +500 out of 5♠x. The problem was that Martel's 5♥ would probably have ended the auction had van den Bos passed. Now, though, Fleisher could not be certain who was

making what, and 6♥ rated to be close with short spades opposite.

Saving at the six-level after making the opponents guess to bid a slam is never an attractive proposition, but doing so would have been right on this layout. Not that N/S -800 would have improved the Dutch IMP score greatly.

Martel won the club lead and cashed a high heart to reveal the layout of that suit. A 3-1 trump split would have given declarer a losing option, but the 4-0 break was exactly what he wanted. Martel ruffed a club to dummy in order to pick up South's trumps. He then overtook the third round of diamonds to score dummy's long winners in that suit. Five trumps in hand, five diamonds, the ♣A and a club ruff added up to twelve. E/W +1430 and 19 IMPs to USA2 who, even after the very slow start, won the match 43-16.

Both American pairs were very impressive in this match. With Meckstroth/Zia to come in from the bench, USA2 must clearly be included in the fairly small list of serious contenders to claim the big prize at the end of next week. Perhaps this was a brief preview of what we can look forward to in the final, although I suspect the Swiss, the Norwegians and a couple of other teams might have something to say about that. We live in exciting times 😊

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Switzerland v Ireland (BB)

Poland v France (WUC)





by Jos Jacobs

Monday's last round of the day did not favour the courageous. Quite a lot of the 16 boards of the set were uneventful and, to make things worse, when an interesting distributional hand occurred, you might well run into a very bad break or two. On paper (always patient), my choices of matches were looking OK. Switzerland are the reigning world champions and Ireland had made a good start to the Round Robin, though they had just suffered a minor setback by scoring only 5 V.P. against Australia. For the Mixed Teams, both Poland and France have a long history of competent mixed pairs to rely upon so I installed myself behind my screens full of optimism.

The first four boards of the set did not do any harm anywhere but board #21 was not entirely painless.

N/S had stayed on firm ground and thus gained 4 IMPs by scoring +650 here.


Of course, I had a look at the results in other matches. One more E/W pair had been allowed to lose 500 in 3♣x but I also saw a number of spade slams for -500 and even one pair in 7♥x.

In the Wuhan Cup, the scores showed the same variation but in our featured match, this board was a push in 4♥.

On the next deal, the favourite contract was 4♠ by East and South universally led his (her) singleton heart.

At many tables, declarer went down in 4♠ but in the Poland-France match, Pierre Schmidt found an interesting line to success.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mesbur	Drijver	Garvey	Brink
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♥*	Pass	3♣	Dble
All Pass			


At favourable vulnerability, Mesbur immediately showed his black two-suiter and the Swiss immediately pulled the trigger. Down three, Switzerland +500.

Would this be a good score and if so, for which side? If you look at the N/S hands in isolation, you can easily see that 6♠ or 6♥ are excellent slams and that even a grand has good chances. However, Klukowski's natural overcall of only one of his suits quickly spoils the Irish party.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Hanlon	Kalita	McGann
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	Sakowska	Schmidt	Butryn
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
3♦ Spades			

Rather than running the lead to his hand, Schmidt called for dummy's king. He next played a club to North's jack and his queen and when the queen held the trick, he could afford (or so it looked) two trump losers. His next move thus was a low spade from hand. South, however, was not to be fooled (or whatever) so he rose with the ace, led a diamond to dummy's king and partner's ace and duly got his heart ruff.

After this, dummy's ♦Q was still there as an entry for the trump finesse. Just made, France +620.



Bénédicte Cronier

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
I Grzejdziaik	B Cronier	S Grzejdziaik	P Cronier
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

At the other table, and probably at many other tables as well, declarer won the ♠Q in hand and played a diamond first. This way, South was able to exit in diamonds after obtaining his heart ruff, thus denying declarer the necessary entries to dummy for both the needed black finesses. One down, another +100 and 12 IMPs to France.

The final result of that match: Poland-France: 4-15 or 6.96 – 13.04 VP.As you can see, over the other 15 boards these two teams just managed to score 4-3. Well done 😊

The next board is included here as yet another example of how things can go if the boards do not cooperate with the courageous.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Well, if you settle for 3NT, as many N/S pairs did, you deserve to lose IMPs on the board, one might say. If only the clubs are 3-2, you are already very close to making 6♣

whereas if they are 4-1, as in this case, even 3NT is in big danger. So you would be better off in 6♣ anyway – and yes, about 1/3 of the N/S pairs were, losing a double-figure swing on most occasions.

No score in our two matches, btw...

Back again now to the Swiss and the Irish.

On the next board, once again the courageous or, if you prefer, the adventurous, had to suffer.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mesbur	Drijver	Garvey	Brink
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dble
2♠	3♣	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

Looking at five trumps, partner's overcall and two aces, West understandably wanted to increase the score a bit with a double. Operation successful but patient died, one might say. Switzerland +590 when East led a diamond to partner's ♦A and declarer's ♦K thus soon became declarer's 10th trick.

Apparently, Klukowski has seen all this before because this was the auction at the other table:



Igor Grzejdziaik, Poland

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>McGann</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dble
Rdbl	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Ireland +420 but 5 IMPs to Switzerland.

A few boards later, a crucial non-vulnerable game decision was on the cards.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

East's 2♦ was a classic Precision three-suiter but slightly modified. It would show 4-4-1-5- distribution minus one card. West therefore could not be sure of a four-card heart support with partner, hence his careful sign-off. Eleven tricks, Ireland +200.

At the other table, we saw a very useful example of anticipation by West.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>McGann</i>
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West's 2♥ was Muiderberg, showing five hearts and a minor. Kalita politely asked for partner's minor and signed off when this happened to be diamonds. No surprise but 10 easy tricks. Switzerland +420 and 6 more IMPs to them. The score in this match now stood at 14-8 to Switzerland. They had finally managed to take the lead.

Two more IMPs to Switzerland on the next board and then:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	—	1♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Once again, the courageous and/or the adventurous would not be favoured, even less so if a hand like this turns up when facing the probably most aggressive of the Swiss world champions. Down three, Switzerland another +500.

Please note that only one other E/W pair got as high as 2♠. The popular contract was a diamond partscore for N/S...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>McGann</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

...as they showed us in the Closed Room. One overtrick, Ireland +110 but another 9 IMPs to Switzerland who thus had won the low-scoring match 25-8 or 14.39 – 5.61 VP.

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Searching for Peter Fredin



by Mark Horton

My colleague Ron Tacchi presented me with this innocuous looking deal from Round 4:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Ron's question was why can East make nine tricks in clubs, but West only eight?

With all four hands on view, it should not take you long to come up with the right answer, which is that North can lead a low heart.

If declarer puts in the nine, takes South's ten with the jack and returns a heart, North wins and can now switch to a club. Declarer wins, ruffs a heart and plays a spade for the king and ace. Now a diamond from North allows partner to cash two tricks in the suit and then give partner a heart ruff.

With East as declarer a heart lead gives declarer three tricks in the suit. Leading a trump allows declarer to win and play a spade, setting up a discard on the dummy's ♠Q with the ♥K as an entry.

Across the four events only 10 pairs played in 3♣ – naturally all from the West hand (the popular contract was 2♣). Equally naturally no North led a low heart – where is Peter Fredin when you need him?



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The Rose without Thorns: Andrew Rosenthal, USA2 Mixed Team



by Christina Lund Madsen

Andrew has kind eyes. He has a cane by his side not matching his 61 years. Life has presented him with more challenges than most, yet he regards himself lucky for having loved and do what he loves.



Andrew grew up in New York and has lived there all of his life besides college.

"I wanted to get away from New York. I don't think my mother did this on purpose, but she said: "If you go to California I will buy you a car, and if you stay here, you can have my car."

So at the age of 18 Andrew went to a college in California where he majored in theater and became an actor. He did several shows during the next four years and won his school's major acting award in his senior year.

"I definitely think it was good for me to get out on my own. After finishing school, I went to live in San Francisco

for six months and then went back to New York. I was a little depressed and I had friends and family in NY, so I went home to try to be an actor."

Yet the competition in New York was tough. Andrew did some acting and had a variety of other jobs from everywhere from producing, working as a casting agent, associate editor of a music magazine to doing lights at a play.

"I had some money so I didn't pursue acting as actively as I might. Acting is very hard, you can be super talented, but if no one ever sees you it is difficult to make a living of."

Turning the Room

In November 1988 he met his partner in New York.

"My therapist at the time had known John and knew we had a lot in common. I came out late. I have known forever, but really didn't want to deal with it. I was thinking "It is just a phase, maybe I am bisexual." He thought John would be a good person for me to know."

John was a theatre and film director. Andrew talked to John on the phone, who told him to come to an audition.

"I was nervous and couldn't memorize anything, so I didn't go. Later that day there was a party in the same building I did go to. John came and was looking around to see if there was anyone he knew. I had had an unfortunate accident with sun-in. It was supposed to make my hair lighter, but instead it turned red and it was still growing out at the time. He looked at me from the back and said to himself "Who is that little redhead over there?" He came to introduce himself and saw my badge. "Oh, you are Andrew, I am John."

It was love at first sight. The next day John and Andrew went to a meeting in a gay science fiction club (for the ones wondering, the people are gay, not the

science fiction/CLM). The meeting was boring, so John asked Andrew if he wanted to see the place where he was making his next show.

“We walked upstairs and had our first kiss there. It was the feeling when the room starts turning around you. As far as I was concerned, very shortly after we were together. He said: “You need some more experience, you should go date more people.” I said: “I don’t want to see other people.”

Yet John did not move in till years after. Andrew introduced him to his parents as a close friend, who also happened to join them for holidays.

“I came out to my parents in January 1990. At first when I met John, I thought I will just put a wall between us and my parents. But that wall was there. In 1985 it wasn’t so easy being gay. Just changing your idea about how your life is going to be is really hard. I thought I was going to have a big house and lots of kids. Coming to the acceptance that this is my life is the hard part.”

Andrew’s biggest fear was that his parents would just ignore it. His fears were justified.

“My father got up and left the room. My mother sat there in awkward silence for a while. Then she said “Well, what else is new?” I said “Don’t you have any questions?” She said “What else is there to know?””

It took a while for Andrew’s parents to accept it. Emotions were not something you talked about in Andrew’s childhood home.

“That was the nice thing about being with John. He was very emotional and could not not show emotions.”

Andrew’s father was a very well-known doctor and a workaholic. His mother played bridge with her friends at least once a week, and his father played some evenings with friends. Andrew got introduced to the game through his parents during his childhood, and in college he put in an ad to find other bridge players. Two people showed up, and three is one too few.

When he was 30, Andrew got reintroduced to bridge through a friend of a friend and got hooked. They played for 3 months and by that time Andrew had long surpassed him and ended the partnership. John did not play bridge and felt the competition from the time-consuming hobby bridge is.

“I made an unfortunate statement at the time. I said “I think I couldn’t just play bridge and do nothing else.” That was held against me for a number of years.” He laughs at the memory.

An Undercurrent of Sorrow

Bridge was but a tiny rock compared to the mountains ahead of them. By the end of 1995 John got sick. He had a period where he lost all his weight. He kept fainting. Finally he went to see a new doctor, who told him he needed to take an HIV-test. It was positive.

“I sort of knew. His partner before me died within 6 months of us being together. Within the seven years of our relationship we thought maybe he didn’t have it, but then he got sick. John didn’t want to know if he was HIV-positive as long as he wasn’t symptomatic. In our relationship there was always a little undercurrent of sorrow or fear. I always knew that he was gonna be ill.”



Andrew with John (to the left)

John got diagnosed with pneumocystis pneumonia, which is a common aids symptom. The next two years were hard. Andrew got very depressed and started seeing a psychiatrist and was diagnosed with ADHD at the age of 35.

“I wasn’t particularly happy as a teenager. I think part of it was my undiagnosed ADHD. I was not hyperactive at all; I was the opposite. I was not particularly coordinated. I loved to read and read a lot of science fiction. I wasn’t happy with who I was. I got bullied when I was younger and in science fiction everything is better.”

“I try not to have any regrets, but that is the one thing I really wish I could change. If I had got diagnosed with ADHD when I was younger that might have changed my feelings of my self-image and my life completely.”

Though AIDS could not be cured at the time, there were methods of treatment. In 1997 John recovered. After some tough years of sorrow and uncertainty, Andrew decided to make himself happy again.

“I thought I want to do something I like. What do I really like? I really like playing bridge.”

Andrew quickly improved and won the Red Ribbons, which is a match point tournament at the US nationals for players with less than 2500 masterpoints.

“It was an important achievement in mt bridge life and gave me the confidence to think perhaps if I kept studying, I could raise my game to a higher level.”

He also took a director’s certificate and began working at Honor’s Bridge Club in New York, where he was for five years till 2004. Andrew has a natural kindness and modesty to him and quickly became popular as both a teacher and director.

“I was very liked there.”

Andrew began attending the American nationals regularly and once “rented” a team from a sponsor who fell ill. He and his team did very well, and Andrew became hungry for more. After five years at Honor’s, Andrew decided he would rather become better himself than teach others. Instead of income, bridge became his outcome.

In 2004 John became ill again. He had been ok since 1997 but now his health was deteriorating. Tuesday before the nationals in 2004, Andrew had to take John to the hospital.

“He was very sick. For two years we were in the emergency room every other weekend. When he was in the hospital, they discovered that his kidneys had failed.”

He started on dialysis and his doctor noticed he was a little out of it. He had HIV-related dementia. He also began having strokes, and at first the doctors could not figure out what caused them. They figured out it was his heart, and he had a pacemaker built in.

John had his final stroke in March 2007 and passed away in April. He was 49 years old.

“We were together 18 years – 18 and a half years.”

Amid Andrew’s sorrow his parents stepped up a bit to Andrew’s surprise. After the initial shock – and disappointment – when Andrew told them about

John, they came to accept and know him.

“They loved him in their way. They recognized how important he was to me. When he died they were more supportive than I ever hoped. I give them all the credit in the world for really being there. They hate funerals but they came to his memorial service and to the graveyard when he was buried, which is more than I expected. I remember that day. For obvious reasons.”

He sends me a tiny smile.

How would John describe you in three words?

“I am not good at that.” He is rubbing his eyes while thinking. “I am very non judgmental. Maybe overly generous. Smart.” He pauses. “I don’t know if he would have said any of that.”

Bridge to Fight the Grief

“After he died, I threw myself into bridge, which made me feel better because it was so all consuming.”

His mother also gave him a trip to Australia and New Zealand.

“I loved it, it was so beautiful. In New Zealand I went on a Lord of the Ring’s tour. I crossed some streams and walked up a small mountain. I got a sore throat and went to a chemist and got some medicine there. I had a great time anyway, but I didn’t go to Japan as planned. I couldn’t get rid of this cold for 3 months.”

Back in New York Andrew’s doctor was worried because his blood pressure was quite high. She got the results of a blood test and saw that Andrew’s white blood cells, that were supposed to be around 5000 were 125.000. It turned out to be leukemia.

“If you are going to get leukemia it was the best kind. 90% could just take some medicine and die of something else years later.”

The medicine worked for about 3.5 years.

Meanwhile Andrew was working on his health and lost 120 pounds.

“A friend of mine said: “You know, it is interesting that you seem to be getting so healthy after he has passed away.” Especially the last few years of his life, my life was about his life. It took a lot of work on my part and it was really hard to spend time on myself. After I got over some of the grief... I really never got over the grief even though it has been 16 years...” He pauses.

In the years between 2008 and 2011 Andrew’s bridge results continued to improve. He had begun playing with Aaron Silverstein, who he still plays with today, and their team came third in the Reisinger in 2010. Andrew’s greatest dream was to win a major

national championship.

In October 2011 Andrew started getting high temperatures at night. After all the tests in the book they concluded that his leukemia had returned.

“I was apparently one of the 10 percent it did not work for. My oncologist sent me to one of the top cancer centers in the world, who told me I needed a stem cell transplant – and “No, you cannot go to Seattle to play bridge.”

Andrew wasn't on the best terms with his brother at the time.

“When I asked him if he would be tested for my stem cell, he said “Yeah, of course.”

His brother got tested and his stem cells were a match for Andrew.

“Through that process we got so much closer. One of the major things in our relationship and my life was when I was in the hospital a month and my brother was there for two weeks with me because of the transplant. He eventually had to go back to his wife and family, and for the first time in his life he didn't want to leave. “I have a brother here who wants to take care of me.””

After a month in the hospital Andrew got released. Because of his immune system he couldn't throw himself a 50th birthday party. Yet that was not what grieved him.

“I missed another three nationals, that was very disappointing to me.”

The Dream coming to Life

Andrew's come-back was not until March 2013.

“Aaron told me before it would just be my comeback and we would have some practice. But then we reached the semifinals in the Vanderbilt for the first time ever. It was the year Dennis and Morten Bilde won with Roy Welland and Sabine Auken. We met them in the semifinal and got crushed in the 3rd quarter and lost. I didn't care, it was still the best day of my life.”

Being in the semifinals encouraged Andrew to striving to do more and more, putting together even stronger teams.

Andrew had to wait until 2022 for his dream to come true when he won the Vanderbilt. By that time both his parents had passed away, his mother in 2019, and did not get to see their son celebrate his greatest triumph.

“I think my mother would have loved it. She was more supportive of my bridge than I thought.”

Andrew holds no grudges towards people nor life despite the hardship he had to endure. He is thankful for what life has given him and at peace with who he is today.

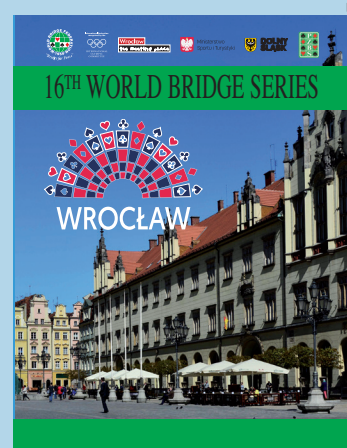
“I am pretty open about who I am. I live my life and try to have no regrets. Who knows how my life had turned out had some choices been different? Let's say I had come out earlier when I was 19 years old in 1980 in New York and nobody even knew what AIDS was at the time. Things happen for a reason. I am a big believer in karma. I try to put out good energy and hope to get good energy back. The only thing I don't want is to hurt anyone else's feelings. I acknowledge that my life experience is much different to anyone else's. Despite everything I still feel I am one of the luckiest people in the world. I have money, I can travel, I get to do what I love.”

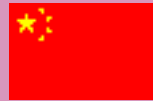
If you could pass on a piece of life advice to future generations, what would it be?

“You treat others as you want to be treated. And you acknowledge that you are not worth more than anyone else. Even if you have money or status, just treat people as you want to be treated and all will go well.”

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Venice Cup RR06
China v USA1



by Ron Tacchi

The last session of day two had China facing USA1 in the Venice Cup. The American team were in sixth spot some fourteen VPs ahead of China in eleventh place. There evidently were some issues with the BBO service at the start of the session, more prolonged in the closed room which has left some gaps in the play records.

Huang was not inclined to proceed over her partner's 20-21 2NT opener with her flat eleven count. A wise decision as only ten tricks were available. 11 IMPs to China.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goldberg	Zuo	Levitina	Zhou
—	—	6♣	All Pass

Obviously this was not the actual auction, but it was not recorded. With the mirrored distribution there was no source of tricks, and a trick was lost in each of the non-trump suits.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Botta	Ran	Tebha
—	—	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Jing Rong Ran, China

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goldberg	Zuo	Levitina	Zhou
—	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1♠	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

1♣ Precision

Kind splits in both majors would mean thirteen tricks available and if only one then twelve should not be difficult. When Goldberg led the jack of spades Levitina elected to ruff. This was ruffing a loser with a winning trump and so now declarer had an easy twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Botta	Ran	Tebha
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♥*	Pass	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2♥ Michaels

On the lead of the ace of clubs, declarer ruffed and took a couple of rounds of trumps finishing in hand learning the bad news about the 4-1 split. Now she had to lose a spade and a trump and so 1 IMP to China.

My finessing friend tells me the small slam is makeable. After the Michaels cue bid, it is possible for South to realise the exact distribution and at trick two play a trump to the queen and lead a spade. East cannot ruff as she would be ruffing a loser with a winner. Now declarer crosses back to dummy with a diamond for another spade lead and repeats this manoeuvre. Then the king of diamonds is cashed, and dummy's spade is discarded. Declarer's final

spade is ruffed in dummy and East can take her trump trick whenever she wants.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K 5		♠ J 7 3
♥ 9 7 2		♥ Q 8
♦ A 9 8 2		♦ K Q J 5
♣ A 9 7 5		♣ J 10 8 3
♠ Q 9 8 4	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W S E </div>	
♥ J 10 5 4		
♦ 10 6 4 3		
♣ 6		
♠ A 10 6 2		
♥ A K 6 3		
♦ 7		
♣ K Q 4 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goldberg	Zuo	Levitina	Zhuo
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	INT*	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣

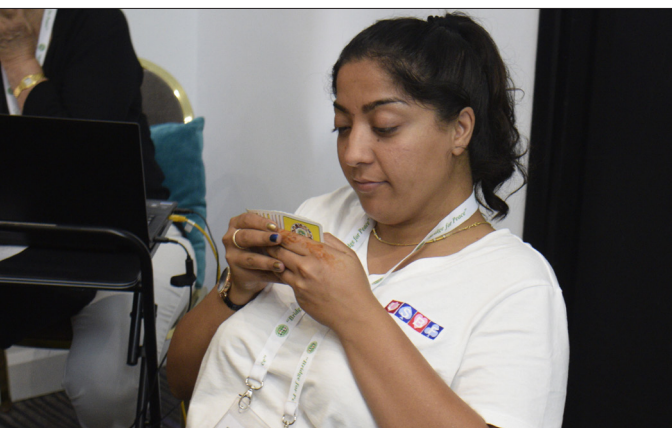
All Pass

1♣ Precision
INT 8-13

After the INT response the auction appears to develop in a natural fashion to a poor slam. Goldberg led the ♥ J taken in hand with the king. The king and ace of spades were cashed and another ruffed. The ace and king of trumps were cashed, and declarer attempted to ruff another spade but was overruffed by Levitina who returned the ♥ Q and now declarer still had a heart to lose for one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Botta	Ran	Tebha
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT



Anam Tebha, USAI

Huang chose the ♠ 4 for the opening lead to the jack and ace. Declarer cashed the king and queen of clubs discovering the bad news of the 4-1 split. Now the ace of hearts followed by a small one to Ran's queen and now she switched to the ♦ K taken by the ace. Declarer cashed the king of hearts and king of spades and exited with a diamond and the defence took the rest of the tricks for two off whilst declarer went to bed with the ace of clubs. 3 IMPs to China.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K Q J 9 7		♠ A 8 2
♥ J 7 4		♥ A Q 9 8 5
♦ J 10 9 8		♦ 6 4 3
♣ 7		♣ 8 4
♠ 10 6 3	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W S E </div>	
♥ K 3		
♦ A 7 2		
♣ K Q 5 3 2		
♠ 5 4		
♥ 10 6 2		
♦ K Q 5		
♣ A J 10 9 6		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goldberg	Zuo	Levitina	Zhuo
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♥	All Pass

Opposite a passed hand Goldberg had no reason to disturb the Two Hearts response. Zhuo led the ♠ 5 to the ♠ 9 and ace. Declarer promptly played the ♣ 4 and Zhou went up with the ace to continue spades. She needed to give her partner a club ruff to avoid the overtrick – she had seen the ♣ 4 and then the ♣ 7 from partner, the only club missing was the ♣ 8 and maybe partner might have petered with a doubleton. She continued with spades and Zuo cashed the jack and continued with the queen, Zhou could have recovered from not giving a club ruff earlier by ruffing the spade and then trying a club. With the hearts breaking declarer always has eight tricks, more with some defensive help.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Botta	Ran	Tebha
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
INT	2♠	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	All Pass

I am unsure as to why Huang bid on over 2NT, especially as it was a making contract. Unfortunately, the play record disappeared into the ether and the result was entered as down one. 6 IMPs to USAI.

At the end of the match in which there was only one double digit swing and a lot of information not available China had won 15-5 VPs.



Bermuda Bowl RR 07

Poland v Norway



by David Bird

Only two days of the round-robin have been played, but let's salute the teams of one country – Poland. They lie 2nd in the Bermuda Bowl table, 1st in the Venice Cup and 1st in the D'Orsi Seniors. They are also 12th in the Wuhan Cup (mixed teams). How amazing is that? Other countries, such as my own, can only look on with awe and admiration.

By watching today's encounter with much-vaunted Norway, who are currently 6th on the BB leaderboard, I am hoping to gain an insight into what Poland are doing right. As usual, I will be skipping any 'interesting 2♦ contracts, where an overtrick could have been made', looking for big swings. It's much the same with football match reports. Reporters concentrate on the goals, ignoring any pretty interchange of passes near the centre circle.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

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Tor Eivind Grude, Norway

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Kotorowicz	Grude	Araskiewicz
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

It was a silky auction to the top spot. Grude 'showed it all' with his 4♣ splinter bid, so could limit his hand with a subsequent sign-off. Helgemo could rule out a grand slam but expect there to be good play for a small slam. A jump to 6♥ was exactly the right move, beautiful on the eye. North led a diamond, South playing the 2. Trumps broke 2-2 and that was +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Bakke	Buras	Brogeland
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

GOAL! Lutostanski had no strong opening bid available at the two-level. He had to choose between a Polish multi-meaning 1♣, or a simple 1♥. The 3♥ response was pre-emptive, which on this occasion acted against his partner. They used the limited available space to exchange information, but missed the slam. It was 11 IMPs to Norway.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

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

	W	N	E
		S	

♠ A J 8 7
♥ K 10 8 5 3
♦ 3 2
♣ 10 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Kotorowicz	Grude	Araskiewicz
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble	2NT*	3♣	3♥
All Pass			

North's 2NT invited a heart game, usually showing 4-card support. Over East's 3♣, partnerships have to agree whether Pass or 3♥ by South is the weakest option. Since

the bidding is forced to 3♥ anyway, and bidding to this level may take away space from the opponents, a popular agreement is to play 3♥ as the weakest action.

Poland stopped short of game, and the ♣4 was led to dummy's king and East's ace. A club to the queen was followed by a third club ruffed by Araskiewicz. He played the king and ace of trumps, claiming nine tricks for +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Bakke	Buras	Brogeland
INT	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Brogeland showed both majors and was probably surprised by his partner's jump to the heart game. Buras led a trump to the jack and ace, and the kibitzers were not rushing to place bets on the game being made.

Bakke played a second trump to the king, aided by West's INT opening. The queen duly fell, but ten tricks were still a dubious prospect. After a diamond to the queen and king, Buras (East) was worried that declarer might be able to ditch a club or two from the dummy. He switched to the ♣5, wincing as partner's queen appeared, headed by the king.

Norway collected 7 IMPs, instead of losing 5, so I think we can count this as a second GOAL! That makes the score 2-0 to Norway.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Kotorowicz	Grude	Araskiewicz
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	INT	2NT*	Dble
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Well done to North-South for finding their way to 4♥ after that start! Kotorowicz won the ♦Q lead with the king and played the ♥A, happy to see the king fall on his left. A diamond to the ace was followed by a successful finesse of the ♠Q. After crossruffing two spades and a diamond, he played a trump, Helgemo rising with the ♥Q. Ten tricks were made for +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Bakke	Buras	Brogeland
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♥	Dble	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

It was easier to reach the heart game here, Brogeland contributing a characteristic 3♠ bid on the way. Bakke won the diamond lead, cashed the ♥A and played a club to the 8 and ace. A diamond return went to dummy's ace and West rose with the queen when a trump was played. Declarer ruffed a third round of diamonds, drew West's last trump and played a club to the queen and king. He continued with the ♣10 to East's jack and had ten tricks on any exit. So, no swing there, but it was a distinguished push board.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Kotorowicz	Grude	Araskiewicz
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

A 2♥ response would have been forcing to game, so Helgemo began with INT. He saw no need to introduce the hearts subsequently, with such good clubs alongside, and the no-trump game was reached.

A double-dummy diamond lead (the obvious choice according to Mr GIB) would have beaten 3NT. Kotorowicz, however, thought that his clubs were worth a try. The ♣8 lead ran to Helgemo's 9. After a spade to the king and ace, South returned the ♣4, drawing the queen and king. North read the lie of the club suit correctly, and switched to the ♥2, hoping to find partner with the ace. Not today, and Helgemo racked up +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Bakke	Buras	Brogeland
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Ten tricks were made, so that was another 10 IMPs to Norway, making the score 26 IMPs to 2 in their favour. An impregnable 3-0 lead in football terms.

The last board was placed on the table, and Poland were hoping for a late consolation score.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A 4 3 ♥ K Q 3 2 ♦ 8 4 ♣ 10 7 3 2	♠ 9 8 7 5 ♥ 10 9 7 6 5 ♦ Q J ♣ Q 5 <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 2 ♥ 4 ♦ A K 9 7 6 3 2 ♣ A 6 4	♠ K J 10 6 ♥ A J 8 ♦ 10 5 ♣ K J 9 8
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Kotorowicz	Grude	Araskiewicz
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
1♥	Pass	2♦	All Pass

The ♠J lead was run to the queen. Trumps split 2-2 and eleven tricks were made for +150.

The Poland goalkeeper has just punted the ball downfield... it's bounced over a Norway defender...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Bakke	Buras	Brogeland
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

GOAL! The ♣Q is led and declarer makes nine tricks for +600. That's 10 IMPs to Poland, so Norway win by 36-12. Regular readers, who are planning to bypass any future bulletin efforts from a certain Chandlers Ford writer may rest assured. I will not mention football again.

Video Corner

Pete Hollands tells us he is doing daily recap videos of the Championships.

Here is the link to the day 2 video:
<https://youtu.be/54ITsSgDb6w>

Pete Hollands started playing when he was 14 and is now professional bridge player & teacher (www.bridgevid.com) who has represented the Australian open team. He runs a popular YouTube channel (Pete Hollands Bridge) where you can play tournaments and compare with him. He won two silver medals in the 2013 World Junior Championships.

Editor's Log 220823



Bernard Marcoux and his wife had hoped to be in Morocco as their friends Kamel Fergani and Marc-André Fourcaudot are with the Canadian Women's team. They would like to say hello from the French Connection (as they were known) to their friends from Barbados, especially Roglyn Hinds, Adele Springer and Pat Cummins, having played there each Xmas for over 20 years.



I promise you will enjoy reading this article written by Bernard:

[The Most Beautiful Game: The Most Beautiful Game \(bernardmarcoux.blogspot.com\)](http://bernardmarcoux.blogspot.com)



Anna Gudge has created a Flickr Album for photographs taken at the Championships:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/worldbridgefed/albums/72177720310634337>



In England Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is set to announce £500,000 government funding for English chess, alongside plans to expand the game in state schools and put 100 chess tables in public parks. Chess is not recognised as a sport in the UK and cannot access Sport England's huge resources derived from the National Lottery. Might this be a good moment for the English bridge authorities to approach the government?



If you read Christina's delightful story in yesterday's Bulletin, you might be amused to know that our interviewer bumped into her victims before the start of the mornings play. They informed her that they had noticed that now all the women were smiling at Jens!

Results

Bermuda Bowl

Round 7

			IMPs		VPs	
1	POLAND	NORWAY	12	36	4.26	15.74
2	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	17	46	3.42	16.58
3	BRAZIL	IRELAND	32	27	11.48	8.52
4	SINGAPORE	PANAMA	67	18	19.07	0.93
5	CHINA	MOROCCO	50	18	17.03	2.97
6	AUSTRALIA	USA2	38	40	9.39	10.61
7	EGYPT	CHILE	44	34	12.80	7.20
8	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	43	19	15.74	4.26
9	HONG KONG CHINA	INDIA	7	52	1.34	18.66
10	USA1	UAE	49	20	16.58	1.42
11	SWITZERLAND	ITALY	40	25	13.97	6.03
12	CANADA	BELGIUM	23	49	3.91	16.09

Round 8

			IMPs		VPs	
1	SWITZERLAND	USA2	40	36	11.20	8.80
2	BRAZIL	ITALY	34	48	6.25	13.75
3	INDIA	USA1	24	36	6.72	13.28
4	PANAMA	NETHERLANDS	5	98	0.00	20.00
5	AUSTRALIA	CHINA	45	39	11.76	8.24
6	SINGAPORE	ISRAEL	41	28	13.52	4.48
7	CHILE	IRELAND	21	51	3.27	16.73
8	HONG KONG CHINA	NORWAY	28	43	6.03	13.97
9	POLAND	EGYPT	75	21	19.52	0.48
10	UAE	CANADA	80	28	19.34	0.66
11	MOROCCO	NEW ZEALAND	46	48	9.39	10.61
12	BELGIUM	SOUTH AFRICA	36	30	11.76	8.24

Round 9

			IMPs		VPs	
1	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	45	30	13.97	6.03
2	SWITZERLAND	CHINA	38	22	14.18	5.82
3	AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL	39	39	10.00	10.00
4	HONG KONG CHINA	PANAMA	76	18	19.85	0.15
5	SINGAPORE	NEW ZEALAND	40	85	1.34	18.66
6	USA2	CHILE	66	13	19.43	0.57
7	BRAZIL	MOROCCO	80	6	20.00	0.00
8	POLAND	USA1	35	33	10.61	9.39
9	INDIA	IRELAND	37	45	7.71	12.29
10	BELGIUM	UAE	36	25	13.04	6.96
11	EGYPT	CANADA	30	34	8.80	11.20
12	SOUTH AFRICA	ITALY	20	34	6.25	13.75

Venice Cup

Round 7

			IMPs		VPs	
21	MOROCCO	BARBADOS	65	11	19.52	0.48
22	TURKIYE	USA1	33	37	8.80	11.20
23	CHINA	FRANCE	29	30	9.69	10.31
24	CHINESE TAIPEI	EGYPT	28	42	6.25	13.75
25	DENMARK	ISRAEL	18	7	13.04	6.96
26	INDIA	NORWAY	42	58	5.82	14.18
27	ARGENTINA	NEW ZEALAND	34	33	10.31	9.69
28	USA2	POLAND	33	27	11.76	8.24
29	CANADA	GERMANY	25	23	10.61	9.39
30	AUSTRALIA	SOUTH AFRICA	28	29	9.69	10.31
31	HONG KONG CHINA	UAE	45	38	12.03	7.97
32	BRAZIL	SWEDEN	23	58	2.55	17.45

Round 8

			IMPs		VPs	
21	BARBADOS	TURKIYE	6	80	0.00	20.00
22	CHINA	ISRAEL	48	31	14.39	5.61
23	DENMARK	NORWAY	8	43	2.55	17.45
24	EGYPT	USA2	31	47	5.82	14.18
25	INDIA	MOROCCO	65	28	17.72	2.28
26	CHINESE TAIPEI	POLAND	24	92	0.00	20.00
27	NEW ZEALAND	FRANCE	20	54	2.69	17.31
28	CANADA	UAE	69	16	19.43	0.57
29	HONG KONG CHINA	ARGENTINA	41	52	6.96	13.04
30	SOUTH AFRICA	BRAZIL	3	74	0.00	20.00
31	GERMANY	AUSTRALIA	23	24	9.69	10.31
32	SWEDEN	USA1	60	8	19.34	0.66

Round 9

			IMPs		VPs	
21	CHINA	BARBADOS	87	1	20.00	0.00
22	DENMARK	MOROCCO	81	12	20.00	0.00
23	INDIA	POLAND	27	63	2.41	17.59
24	CANADA	EGYPT	41	21	15.00	5.00
25	CHINESE TAIPEI	TURKIYE	6	44	2.15	17.85
26	USA2	UAE	95	19	20.00	0.00
27	NORWAY	NEW ZEALAND	20	43	4.44	15.56
28	HONG KONG CHINA	AUSTRALIA	25	49	4.26	15.74
29	GERMANY	FRANCE	28	22	11.76	8.24
30	SWEDEN	SOUTH AFRICA	64	20	18.55	1.45
31	ARGENTINA	BRAZIL	33	27	11.76	8.24
32	USA1	ISRAEL	29	32	9.09	10.91

Results

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 7

			IMPs		VPs	
41	CHINESE TAIPEI	COLOMBIA	35	15	15.00	5.00
42	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	30	18	13.28	6.72
43	CHINA	SOUTH AFRICA	21	27	8.24	11.76
44	AUSTRALIA	GUADELOUPE	46	15	16.88	3.12
45	INDIA	POLAND	37	14	15.56	4.44
46	ISRAEL	DENMARK	3	31	3.58	16.42
47	CANADA	MOROCCO	6	11	8.52	11.48
48	PAKISTAN	USA2	27	21	11.76	8.24
49	SWEDEN	ITALY	17	55	2.15	17.85
50	NORWAY	REUNION	19	34	6.03	13.97
51	HONG KONG CHINA	BELGIUM	5	28	4.44	15.56
52	ARGENTINA	USA1	9	32	4.44	15.56

Round 8

			IMPs		VPs	
41	COLOMBIA	NETHERLANDS	49	28	15.19	4.81
42	CHINA	POLAND	50	58	7.71	12.29
43	INDIA	DENMARK	36	37	9.69	10.31
44	GUADELOUPE	PAKISTAN	21	50	3.42	16.58
45	ISRAEL	CHINESE TAIPEI	49	25	15.74	4.26
46	AUSTRALIA	USA2	55	23	17.03	2.97
47	MOROCCO	SOUTH AFRICA	41	42	9.69	10.31
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50	REUNION	ARGENTINA	38	76	2.15	17.85
51	ITALY	NORWAY	26	43	5.61	12.39
52	USA1	FRANCE	62	26	17.59	2.41

Round 9

			IMPs		VPs	
41	CHINA	COLOMBIA	55	26	16.58	3.42
42	INDIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	16	41	4.08	15.92
43	ISRAEL	USA2	5	72	0.00	20.00
44	SWEDEN	GUADELOUPE	78	0	20.00	0.00
45	AUSTRALIA	NETHERLANDS	27	31	8.80	11.20
46	PAKISTAN	BELGIUM	60	13	18.87	1.13
47	DENMARK	MOROCCO	80	6	20.00	0.00
48	HONG KONG CHINA	NORWAY	29	17	13.28	6.72
49	ITALY	SOUTH AFRICA	63	24	17.97	2.03
50	USA1	REUNION	60	15	18.66	1.34
51	CANADA	ARGENTINA	42	34	12.29	7.71
52	FRANCE	POLAND	30	37	7.97	12.03

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Round 7

			IMPs		VPs	
61	USA1	COLOMBIA	29	32	9.09	8.41
62	AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL	45	15	16.73	3.27
63	GERMANY	INDIA	27	3	15.74	4.26
64	ROMANIA	MOROCCO	41	22	14.80	5.20
65	SINGAPORE	ARGENTINA	51	35	14.18	5.82
66	NEW ZEALAND	DENMARK	39	16	15.56	4.44
67	CHINESE TAIPEI	TUNISIA	41	17	15.74	4.26
68	POLAND	EGYPT	41	21	15.00	5.00
69	USA2	ITALY	54	34	15.00	5.00
70	CHINA	UAE	34	2	17.03	2.97
71	FRANCE	BELGIUM	47	55	7.71	12.29
72	CANADA	BARBADOS	52	11	18.21	1.79

Round 8

			IMPs		VPs	
61	COLOMBIA	AUSTRALIA	47	60	6.48	13.52
62	GERMANY	ARGENTINA	29	42	6.48	13.52
63	SINGAPORE	DENMARK	29	28	10.31	9.69
64	MOROCCO	POLAND	28	30	9.39	10.61
65	NEW ZEALAND	USA1	3	83	0.00	20.00
66	ROMANIA	EGYPT	70	21	19.07	0.93
67	TUNISIA	INDIA	45	58	6.48	13.52
68	USA2	BELGIUM	57	38	14.80	5.20
69	FRANCE	CHINESE TAIPEI	46	46	10.00	10.00
70	UAE	CANADA	67	31	17.59	2.41
71	ITALY	CHINA	34	36	9.39	10.61
72	BARBADOS	ISRAEL	31	58	3.74	16.26

Round 9

			IMPs		VPs	
61	GERMANY	COLOMBIA	40	42	9.39	10.61
62	SINGAPORE	USA1	51	41	12.80	7.20
63	NEW ZEALAND	EGYPT	59	53	11.76	8.24
64	USA2	MOROCCO	29	14	13.97	6.03
65	ROMANIA	AUSTRALIA	28	30	9.39	10.61
66	POLAND	BELGIUM	42	22	15.00	5.00
67	DENMARK	TUNISIA	61	45	14.18	5.82
68	FRANCE	CHINA	11	46	2.55	17.45
69	ITALY	INDIA	58	27	16.88	3.12
70	BARBADOS	UAE	52	55	9.09	10.91
71	CHINESE TAIPEI	CANADA	47	55	7.71	12.29
72	ISRAEL	ARGENTINA	45	15	16.73	3.27

Rankings after Round 9

Bermuda Bowl

1	SWITZERLAND	122.75
2	USA2	117.81
3	POLAND	114.62
4	NORWAY	113.39
5	NETHERLANDS	111.59
6	ISRAEL	113.80
7	NEW ZEALAND	110.29
8	ITALY	103.91
9	INDIA	102.72
10	IRELAND	102.15
11	BRAZIL	101.47
12	USA1	100.01
13	BELGIUM	99.20
14	CHINA	98.24
15	CANADA	92.93
16	AUSTRALIA	83.45
17	SINGAPORE	77.01
18	SOUTH AFRICA	79.06
19	EGYPT	76.90
20	UAE	59.28
21	MOROCCO	52.90
22	HONG KONG CHINA	51.22
23	CHILE	47.25
24	PANAMA	14.55

Venice Cup

1	POLAND	140.39
2	SWEDEN	139.84
3	TURKIYE	132.12
4	FRANCE	126.9
5	ISRAEL	115.44
6	USA2	114.49
7	CHINA	108.23
8	NORWAY	101.59
9	CANADA	99.83
10	NEW ZEALAND	95.99
11	AUSTRALIA	95.51
12	ARGENTINA	95.12
13	BRAZIL	95.01
14	USA1	89.42
15	DENMARK	87.32
16	GERMANY	84.91
17	EGYPT	80.91
18	INDIA	77.06
19	CHINESE TAIPEI	55.43
20	MOROCCO	52.39
21	UAE	51.71
22	SOUTH AFRICA	47.97
23	HONG KONG CHINA	47.55
24	BARBADOS	20.58

d'Orsi Trophy

1	DENMARK	129.60
2	POLAND	120.56
3	USA1	119.16
4	ITALY	117.02
5	BELGIUM	112.28
6	AUSTRALIA	107.58
7	ISRAEL	105.27
8	NETHERLANDS	105.03
9	ARGENTINA	104.06
10	CHINESE TAIPEI	103.94
11	USA2	102.43
12	CANADA	101.74
13	SWEDEN	101.57
14	FRANCE	93.97
15	INDIA	89.02
16	PAKISTAN	83.00
17	CHINA	82.27
18	NORWAY	82.15
19	HONG KONG CHINA	63.22
20	MOROCCO	54.30
21	SOUTH AFRICA	52.85
22	REUNION	51.68
23	GUADELOUPE	36.93
24	COLOMBIA	25.31

Wuhan Cup

1	CHINESE TAIPEI	126.85
2	CHINA	123.02
3	USA2	120.09
4	ROMANIA	116.52
5	GERMANY	109.56
6	USA1	107.62
7	POLAND	105.83
8	ITALY	104.63
9	COLOMBIA	99.90
10	AUSTRALIA	98.57
11	BELGIUM	97.33
12	DENMARK	97.03
13	NEW ZEALAND	96.79
14	ARGENTINA	85.58
15	CANADA	84.78
16	FRANCE	80.56
17	ISRAEL	76.99
18	SINGAPORE	76.15
19	INDIA	73.92
20	EGYPT	72.60
21	UAE	64.11
22	MOROCCO	49.22
23	BARBADOS	47.93
24	TUNISIA	38.92