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**THRILLING LAST ROUND**



Welcome to the Transnationals!

We can congratulate the four teams that topped their respective events, **Norway, Poland, Poland** and **Germany** but the real interest on the final day of qualification lay in the struggle to secure a spot in the knockout rounds.

In the Bermuda Bowl there was a tremendous tussle involving **USAI, China, India** and **Netherlands** which was only decided near the end, the latter two being the ones that lost out.

The d'Orsi Trophy saw **Argentina, Sweden** and **Netherlands** continuously change places.

Netherlands had a big win ensuing they advanced while the South Americans' draw meant that Sweden could pip them with a good result on one of the last two deals and it duly arrived in the guise of a +1190 for making 4♥x+2 (it could have been defeated!).

**Belgium, Argentina** and **Chinese Taipei** vied for eighth in the Wuhan Cup, but the team from the low countries delivered a brilliant last round performance to secure the final place.

The Venice Cup was the only event that was lacking in drama.

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**Schedule**

**BB, VC, DOT, WUC**

Quarterfinals Day I  
 10.00-12.15  
 13.15-15.30  
 15.50-18.05  
 (1st floor)

**WTOTC**

Swiss Qualification  
 10.00-11.25  
 11.45-13.10  
 14.10-15.35  
 15.55-17.20  
 17.40-19.05  
 (ground floor)

**BBO Matches**



	BBO1	BBO2	BBO3	BBO4
<b>10.00</b>	BB Norway-China	BB Switzerland-Israel	VC Türkiye-USA2	WUC Romania-Italy
<b>13.15</b>	BB Poland-Italy	VC Poland-Israel	DOT Denmark-Italy	WUC USA2-USA1
<b>15.50</b>	BB USA2-USA1	BB Switzerland-Israel	VC Sweden-Norway	DOT Poland-Netherlands

# Brackets

## Bermuda Bowl



### KO8 - BB



1	1		NORWAY
	8		CHINA

USA2		3	3
USA1		6	

**ALL DONE  
GOOD LUCK**

2	4		POLAND
	5		ITALY

SWITZERLAND		2	4
ISRAEL		7	

## Venice Cup



### KO8 - VC



1	1		POLAND
	8		ISRAEL

TURKIYE		3	3
USA2		6	

**ALL DONE  
GOOD LUCK**

2	4		FRANCE
	5		CHINA

SWEDEN		2	4
NORWAY		7	

# Brackets

## d'Orsi Trophy



### KO8 - OT



**1**

1		POLAND
8		NETHERLANDS

DENMARK		3
ITALY		6

**3**

**ALL DONE  
GOOD LUCK**

**2**

4		USA2
5		NORWAY

USA1		2
SWEDEN		7

**4**

## Wuhan Cup



### KO8 - WC



**1**

1		GERMANY
8		BELGIUM

FRANCE		3
CHINA		6

**3**

**ALL DONE  
GOOD LUCK**

**2**

4		USA2
5		USA1

ROMANIA		2
ITALY		7

**4**

**Bermuda Bowl RR 19**  
**Poland v India**  
System Swings

by Martin Cantor

Plenty of swings in this match, many of the bigger ones coming from differences in the pairs' systems.

**Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Khare	Kotorowicz	Tolani	Araszkievicz
—	—	—	1♣*
1♠	Pass	1NT	Dble
2♣	Dble*	All Pass	

1♣ Polish  
Dble Takeout

I said in commentary that I would have preferred 2♠ to the 1♠ chosen by Khare, and counter-intuitively that would probably have worked out better - surely no worse - whether playing 2♠x or defending 3NT. Against 2♣x the defence drew all the trumps (North discarded two diamonds, dummy a heart). ♥K to the ace, spade to the king, another spade to the queen, jack and ace. Declarer took the ♦J with the ace and played the suit back to North's king. North returned the compliment by putting dummy in with the ♦Q, and that was the last trick for EW, four down was -1100.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Tewari	Buras	Mukherjee
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	Dble*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

With a penalty never really in question, the Indian NS ended in the straightforward 3NT. The heart lead went to declarer who ran the ♦10 to East's queen. Then followed spades, jack to the king and small to the queen. Declarer cleared the diamonds and India had an overtrick, but Poland had 12 IMPs.

**Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Khare	Kotorowicz	Tolani	Araszkievicz
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
1♥	Dble	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

1♣ Polish  
1♦ 0-6 or 7-11 minors

Kotorowicz was by no means minimum for the strong version of Polish Club but saw no reason to advance any further when partner showed no signs of life. The system meant they didn't even find their best fit. Tolani found the best lead of a heart, but Khare didn't find the spade switch at trick 2 that ensures a one trick defeat, instead trying a diamond. Declarer took the ace, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a spade, played a diamond to the king and ruffed another spade. West won the heart exit, played a club to partner's king, and now another trump put the defence in control to enjoy the two boss spades for one off.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Tewari	Buras	Mukherjee
2♣*	Dble	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♣ (54+) ♥ & ♠ 5-10

A heart lead would have given the defence a chance, but Buras saw no reason to look further than his five card suit. Dummy's queen won, the top diamonds brought the queen down, allowing declarer to cross to dummy in that suit for a finesse of the ♣Q, and although that lost, he could win the ♠A, cash his diamonds and the ♣A which dropped West's jack for ten tricks and 12 IMPs back to India.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ —	♠ AKQJ2	♠ 1098543
♥ AKQ53	♥ 6	♥ J104
♦ 6543	♦ A109	♦ J7
♣ Q753	♣ AJ94	♣ K8

♠ 76	♠ 76
♥ 9872	♥ 9872
♦ KQ82	♦ KQ82
♣ 1062	♣ 1062



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Khare	Kotorowicz	Tolani	Araskiewicz
—	1♣*	2♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

1♣ Polish

An out of the blue double like this usually asks for a lead of dummy's first suit, but when dummy hasn't bid a suit, some pairs have an agreement it asks for a spade, or a heart, but otherwise partner has to try to figure out which suit you have that can beat the contract out of hand. Whether the Poles have an agreement or not, Araskiewicz led the heart that his partner wanted and that was quickly 1 down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Tewari	Buras	Mukherjee
—	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	INT	All Pass



Raju Tolani, India



Konrad Araskiewicz, Poland

If NS in the other room thought they had a shot at nine tricks in notrump, EW were a trifle optimistic in thinking they could make seven. They were quickly disabused. South led the ♠7, North won and switched to the ♦10, and the defence took their four tricks in each pointed suit and their ♣A for three light, 150 + 200 = 8 IMPs to India.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 4	♠ KQ10653	♠ J82
♥ K9864	♥ J10	♥ A752
♦ Q97543	♦ AKJ	♦ 106
♣ K	♣ J10	♣ 9752

♠ A97	♠ A97
♥ Q3	♥ Q3
♦ 82	♦ 82
♣ A Q 8 6 4 3	♣ A Q 8 6 4 3



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Khare	Kotorowicz	Tolani	Araskiewicz
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			


No '6-5 come alive' for this West. Playing Polish Club, the opening bid was limited, so South was willing to make one tentative move, but no more. The first three tricks were taken by the ♥K, ♥A and ♣K. Declarer won the diamond continuation, tested trumps, and claimed.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Lutostanski	Tewari	Buras	Mukherjee
2♥*	3♠	4♥	5♠
All Pass			
2♥ 5+♥ & (4)5+m 4-10 HCP			

Lutostanski did come alive, and not for the first time, the preempt gave an impetus to the auction that pushed opponents higher than was comfortable. ♥A, ♥K, diamond to the ace, trumps and of course the club finesse (no rabbi here) so 1 down and 11 IMPs to Poland.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Khare	Kotorowicz	Tolani	Araszkiwicz
—	1♣*	2♣	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass
1♣ Polish			

2♦ was not explained, but the convention card mentions 'many transfers in competition', so hearts most probably. If it didn't show a stopper too then East's 3NT was bold on a small singleton, especially when 4♥ was a realistic option after the 3♥ bid; though 4♥ is not a contract you would make on a club lead. Against 3NT South led a diamond, declarer took the second one, ran the clubs and, according to the play we saw on VuGraph, was making an overtrick, but the official score is nine tricks.


Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Lutostanski	Tewari	Buras	Mukherjee
—	1♦	2♣	2♦
Dble	Pass	3♣	Dble
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Here NS showed diamonds, and East seems to have asked West for a stopper in the suit. West chose to emphasise his hearts, then Buras chose to emphasise his clubs, and when Mukherjee led a give-nothing-away ♦5 declarer won, drew trumps and ran a heart to North's queen. On the surface North was endplayed, but Tewari found the solution of a Merrimac coup, returning the ♠K. This gave

declarer his ♠Q, but as he could no longer get to dummy for established hearts, he still had to lose a spade and two hearts. Nice defence, and worth 12 IMPs to India.

Board 14. Dealer East, None vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Khare	Kotorowicz	Tolani	Araszkiwicz
—	—	1♥	Pass
3♣*	3♠	4♥	All Pass
3♣ Jacoby			

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Lutostanski	Tewari	Buras	Mukherjee
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣	2♠	Pass	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	All Pass		



Ajay Khare, India



**Piotr Lutostanski, Poland**

It takes a diamond lead to hold a heart contract to ten tricks. Anything else and declarer can strip the black suits and throw North in with ace and another diamond. Unsurprisingly both Souths led a spade. Khare, playing at the four level, seemed to be on track for the endplay, but he didn't strip the spades so claimed ten tricks. Buras was under more pressure, but impressively found the winning line, and gained just 1 measly IMP for his pains.

Board 16. Dealer West, EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Khare	Kotorowicz	Tolani	Araszkievicz
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dble	Pass	3NT	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Not willing to forgo his vulnerable game, Tolani chose 5♣ rather than 4NT, not that that would have fared any better. Single dummy 5♣ looks to have very good chances; on a

2-1 trump break you can ruff your losing spade, otherwise you might get a loser away on a diamond. It wasn't to be. South led a top spade, Tolani drew one round of trumps, then played on diamonds but Araszkievicz held up to the second round, cashed the other red ace, and then the defence sat back and waited for the setting trick in spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Tewari	Buras	Mukherjee
Pass	2♦*	Dble	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

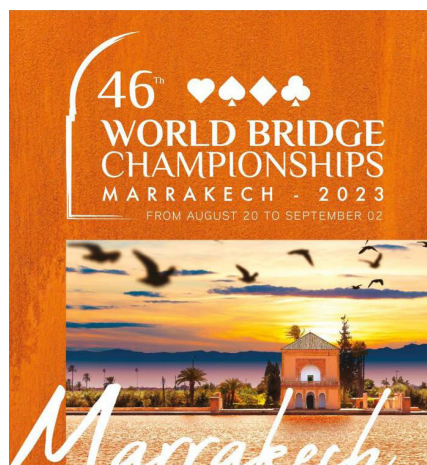
2♦ weak 2 in a major

West's ♦K lead was won in hand, and declarer set about establishing his side suit by leading a low spade, taken by the king. East's ♦J was overtaken and the ♦10 was cashed. A club was ruffed in hand, and a diamond from declarer was ruffed by West who led another club, ruffed with the ♥A. A spade was ruffed in dummy, the ♣9 was covered while declarer threw a losing spade. East's ♣J was ruffed with the 7 and overruffed with the jack, and West still had two trump tricks to come for three off and 12 IMPs to Poland, who won a swingy match 44-33 / 13.04-6.96 VP.

## WCB 2023 pre-order

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Marrakech World Championships  
edited by Mark Horton can be pre-ordered in  
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Purchasers will be able to collect the book at a  
future championship of their choice, or have it  
mailed to them  
(at an additional cost of €10, US\$10 or £10).  
Publication is expected to be before the summer  
of 2024. The reporters will include David Bird,  
Brian Senior & Barry Rigal.  
All payments must be in cash.





Bermuda Bowl RR20  
Italy v Netherlands



by Marc Smith

Two Bermuda Bowl giants meet here today. Italy, a nation with the strongest imaginable history in the competition but without a recent win, against the Netherlands, beaten finalists a year ago and the current European champions. There are just three matches remaining after this one, then the top eight teams move on into the Promised Land and the rest head off into obscurity.

Italy come into this match in sixth place, two places and 4.05 VPs ahead of their opponents. The Netherlands holds a slim advantage of only 1.99 VPs over ninth-placed China, who play 17th-placed Brazil in this round. Both USA teams are a further 1-2 VPs behind the Chinese. The battle for the last three or four places in the knockout stage will come down to tiny margins. A few IMPs dropped unnecessarily, or a single bad loss, may be the difference between playing on and catching the next flight home.

As usual, we start with a couple of problems. With neither side vulnerable, you are East holding:

♠ A Q J 5 3  
♥ A 2  
♦ Q J 9 5  
♣ 8 6

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	1♣	1♠	Dble*
2♥*	Dble	?	

West's 2♥ is a constructive or better three-card spade raise. What action, if any, do you take?

Next, with only your side vulnerable, you are sitting in the South seat with:

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	3♣	?

What action, if any, do you take?

Spectators were still getting their coffee and finding their seats when the action began, with both teams coming out of the traps like greyhounds on heat. Both sides had chances for substantial gains on the first two deals. On the first, both East players were faced with a variation of the first problem above.

Board 1. Dealer North, None Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
De Wijs	Sementa	Muller	Versace
—	1♣	1♠	Dble*
2♥*	4♥	All Pass	

Simon de Wijs showed an invitational or better spade raise with a 2♥ transfer. Antonio Sementa then jumped all the way to 4♥, leaving Bauke Muller with the decision to bid on or not on the East cards. Muller passed and thus Sementa was allowed to play 4♥. Could he overcome the problem of limited entries to dummy?

The defence began with two rounds of spades, forcing declarer to ruff. Sementa crossed to dummy with a diamond and played a trump to his ten and East's ace. Muller continued with a third round of spades and, again, Sementa had to ruff.

Needing the remaining tricks but one, it seems that declarer has a choice between playing for the ♣K to drop singleton with four missing or effectively taking a club finesse, by playing West (the hand known to hold no more spades) for the ♣K. Perhaps surprisingly, Sementa went for the drop, cashing the ♥K and then the ♣A. When West then won the second round of clubs, he could exit with a diamond and East had to make a spade trick at the end for down one: N/S -50.

After cashing the ♥K, declarer can make the contract by leading an intermediate club, say the queen, from his hand. West wins but has no spade to play. Declarer therefore wins the diamond return and dummy still has a club to reach the winners in his hand. A better alternative is to cater for both club positions. After taking the second spade





ruff, declarer can cash the ♠A. If the king falls, he draws the missing trumps with the ♥K and claims. If the ♠K has not appeared, he plays a second round of clubs immediately. West wins and returns a diamond, but declarer crosses to his hand with the ♥K to reach the clubs winners.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Percario	Van den Bos	Donati	Van Lankveld
—	1♣	1♠	Dble*
2♥*	Dble	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dble	5♥
All Pass			

After the same start to the auction, Berend van den Bos doubled at his second turn, leaving Giovanni Donati the problem as presented earlier. Donati jumped to 4♠ and it looks as if perhaps South should have doubled. Whether that would have silenced North on his extreme shape is unclear, but there was no question that Van den Bos was going to bid on when his partner had not doubled 4♠.

After the same defence, Lankveld made ten tricks in hearts as described above, but his good play only served to flatten the board at N/S -50.

The best the Dutch can do once Donati has bid 4♠ is to double and collect +300. A club lead allows North to take two tricks and exit with a diamond. South wins and switches to a heart, ensuring a fifth trick for the defenders, whatever declarer does.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Sementa	Muller	Versace
—	—	Pass	Pass
1NT*	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

I can imagine David Bird spluttering into his oatmeal, “How can players at this level be playing something as stupid as a weak notrump?” as the Dutch get caught for a big penalty at the two-level after opening a 9-14 1NT in third seat.

However, defence is always the most difficult part of the game. In the end-game, Sementa could have put his partner in with the ♥K to play diamonds through dummy’s

king. When he instead exited with a diamond around to the king, that handed declarer a fifth trick. Only three down: N/S +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Van den Bos	Donati	Van Lankveld
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	3♣	3NT
All Pass			


Giacomo Percario opened a quasi-natural 1♣ in third seat, and Giovanni Donati deemed the East hand worthy of a pre-emptive raise to the three-level, leaving Joris van Lankveld with the second of today’s problems. Van Lankveld bid 3NT, but would a responsive double not suggest a hand something like this? Might North not then choose to defend? If North bids over the double, South can always bid 3NT at his next turn. It seems strange that one pair gets caught in 2♣ doubled at one table, but the other escapes undoubled in 3♣. So, the Italians sidestepped the potential -1100.

Declarer had no problem making ten tricks in 3NT: N/S +630 and 4 IMPs to Netherlands to open the scoring.

“That seems to be a 4-IMP gain for the weak no-trump, Abbot,” points out the impudent Brother Cameron.

Although there have been few significant swings so far, I won’t embarrass a world-class declarer by detailing how he went off in a game contract that the average club player would have made easily. Suffice it to say that Italy gained an unexpected 10-IMP bonanza.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Sementa	Muller	Versace
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣*	2♥	3♠*	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

De Wijs opened a Tarzan Strong Club. When Muller then jumped to 3♠ over North’s 2♥ intervention, I turned to the amazing Al Hollander for an explanation. After a brief pause, he told me that it was a bid that had been in his notes for more than a decade but had never come up, so he had to check the notes – remarkably it showed a game-

forcing three-suiter with a heart void. (Of course. What else would it show? LOL)

Versace got in a lead-directing 4♦ bid on the way to 4♥, and De Wijs bided his time before bidding to exactly the right contract for his side. Sementa led a diamond, but it wasn't essential on this layout as there was nowhere for declarer's two losers to go. E/W +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Van den Bos	Donati	Van Lankveld
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	2♥	Dble*	4♦*
Dble	4♥	4NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Percario began with a quasi-natural 1♣ and, here too, North jumped in hearts. Surprisingly, Donati had no convenient bid to describe his hand immediately, so he began with a negative double. Van Lankveld now jumped to 4♦ as a lead-directing/fit-showing heart raise and, for want of anything better to show his extra values, Percario doubled. It is unclear exactly what Donati's 4NT meant, but Percario was sufficiently encouraged by it to jump to slam.

There were two diamond losers here too: E/W -100 and 12 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 12 was a curio indeed. The Italian pair bid all the way to the one-level on the N/S cards whilst, at the other table, the Dutch bid them freely to the six-level. Someone was surely wrong!

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Van den Bos	Donati	Van Lankveld
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♦	3♣	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Van den Bos opened a multi-purpose 1♣ and Van Lankveld's 1♦ also had numerous meanings. The 1♥ rebid showed either 12-14 balanced or 4+ hearts in an unbalanced hand. Percario waited until his third turn to come into the auction with a club bid, and now North's

2♦ showed 12-14 balanced with at least four diamonds.

Suddenly, the auction took off. Donati made a competitive club raise and Van Lankveld cue-bid to agree diamonds. When his partner then co-operated by showing a heart control, he thought he had enough to bid a slam.

Percario knew from the auction that the ♥K was on his left, so he began the defence with an imaginative low heart lead. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a club, and played a spade to the queen and king. Donati returned a trump, revealing the 4-0 break, but just about all lines of play from here lead to only nine tricks for declarer. E/W +300.

Going three down in a freely bid slam is rarely a winning result, but there are exceptions to every rule.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Sementa	Muller	Versace
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
3♣	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

It was perhaps a surprise not to see De Wijs open that West hand, and he certainly wasn't prepared to allow his opponents to have a constructive auction before he got into the game. Muller raised his partner's jump to 3♣ to game, which rather stuck it to Versace. What else could he do but double?

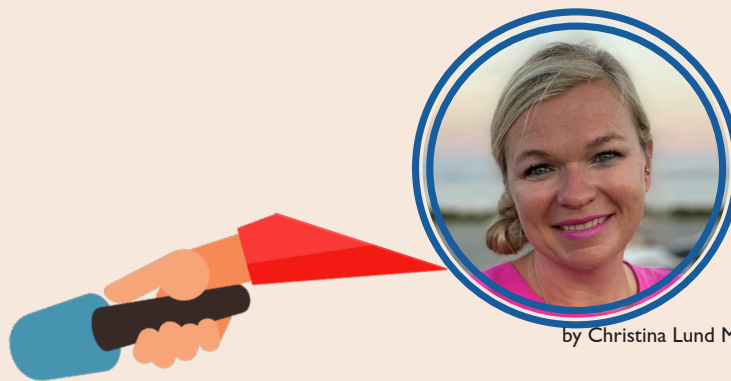
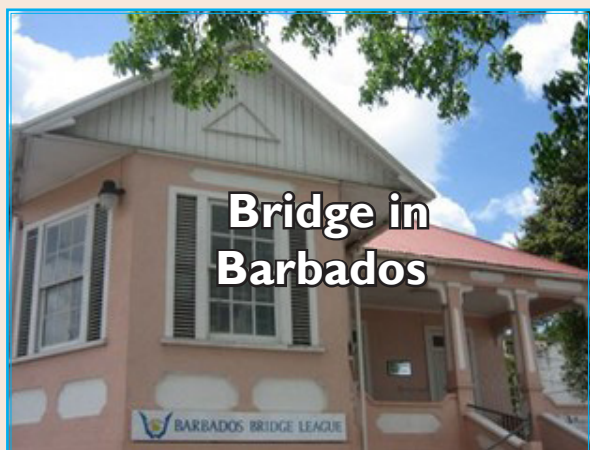
The Italians were right to defend in that they could not make any contract at the five-level. The problem was that they also had no defence to 5♣ doubled. De Wijs lost just one trick in each major. E/W +550 and a rather strange 6 IMPs to Netherlands.

Not content with this, they doubled De Wijs in another 5♣ contract a couple of boards later. That one also scored -550 for the Italians, but was duplicated at the other table.

Italy edged a close match by a score of 33-23. That lifts the Italians up into the relative safety of fifth place with three matches to play. The Dutch fall behind both China and USA2, into tenth place, more than 5 VPs behind the last qualifying spot. There is work to do to keep the travelling Orange Army singing into next week.



Simon de Wijs, Netherlands



by Christina Lund Madsen

Two teams from Barbados won their zonal qualification and play at these championships, one mixed team and one women's team. I decided to learn more about bridge in Barbados. I am lucky to run into the women including their president, Roglyn Hinds.



Roglyn Hinds

### **How many members do you have in the Barbados Bridge Federation?**

"About 40, half and half men and women," she replies.

The next question I had prepared was how they select the teams, and it occurs to me that at least 25% of their members must be at these championships.

### **How do you select the team?**

"We have national trials every year, so we know who is representing Barbados. About half of our members participate in the pair trials. It used to be teams and then we changed it to pairs."

Then she proudly adds:

"Besides having two teams coming here, last month we had a junior team from Barbados that went to the World Junior Championships in the Netherlands. They did not do very well but you cannot beat the experience."

### **How many juniors do you have?**

"Four. So all four went to the Netherlands and we hoped nobody would get ill."

I doubt many federations can brag that 10% of their members are juniors.

"Some years ago, I went into the schools to teach bridge and that is why we have these four people stuck with us. Then Covid hit, but this year we will go back into the schools to have more young people. When they hear about this kind of experience they think "Maybe we should be playing bridge".

One might think it gets slightly boring to play the same 39 people over and over again, and luckily they have found solution for that.

"We can't really have a tournament just the 40 of us, so we have a tournament in February every year since 1990, where we had eight tables. Zia came to the first three tournaments, and from there it grew, but at some point, we began to drop and drop and drop and were down to 10 tables in 2016. Then in 2016 Barbara Seagram, who is a well-known bridge teacher and -writer from Canada, began advertising

our tournament. She is originally from Barbados and very proud of her heritage. Since then our tournament has been growing and we were up to 66 tables this year. Mostly Canadians, but also some from the UK and USA.”

One of the other players interrupt us:

“Oh, here is Adelle, you have to meet her. She is 90.”

“90 and ten months,” Adelle corrects her. I wonder if she might be the age president at these championships? And she doesn’t even play in the seniors.

### **What is your goal here?**

**Roglyn:** “Like everybody else to win.” She laughs. “But we know that our teams are not as strong as the other teams, yet it is a good experience for us to come here, especially for the ones who haven’t been here before. It shows them the level they have to aspire to. At least we have won two matches so far.”

### **Which nation has been your favorite opponents?**

**Patricia:** “I like the Argentinians. We now all want to go to Argentina and play against all those girls. So we will organize a trip to Argentina.”

**Roglyn:** “The people we have played against have generally been very nice, it has been a pleasure playing against them.”

### **What do you think about Marrakech?**

“The playing area is great. It is fine while playing bridge, but don’t step outside. It is way too hot to have a tournament at this time of the year. Although we are from the Caribbean where it is hot, we have never experienced this heat.”

### **Tell us about something funny that happened at this tournament.**

**Roglyn:** “We sit at table 21 for the entire tournament. There is a terrible noise, and most people ask what is that noise? A woman from Canada got so annoyed, she said: “I can kill somebody.” Yesterday a woman from Argentina said: “I want to commit suicide.” So I said “I have one who wants to commit murder and another who wants to commit suicide. Perhaps they can come to an arrangement.”

We had a suspicion it might be the air condition and talked to the directors, who confirmed.

“Yes, it is the air condition, but I am sure you don’t want us to turn it off!”

We hope to see at least two teams from Barbados next year again.



*The Barbados Venice Cup team*

# Two for the price of One



by Mark Horton

The eagle eyed Barnet Shenkin has drawn my attention to two interesting possibilities that were missed at least once:

## Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

The popular contract on the EW cards was 3NT. If North is on lead a diamond lead will be a killer. If South is first to play it looks normal to start with a top diamond (the ace, asking for attitude for instance). When partner discourages South needs to find partner's entry. Clearly a heart is a killer, but at one table South switched to the ♠7. When declarer let that run to her hand there were only eight tricks.

Suppose declarer takes the spade switch in dummy and cashes the clubs. This will be the position as the last one is played:

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

Declarer discards a red card and South is in trouble. She must hold on to three spades, and discarding a heart allows declarer to play three rounds of spades. However, discarding a diamond allows declarer to cross to hand with a spade and exit with a red card – South eventually having to give declarer two spades, or North having to surrender two hearts to dummy. A strip squeeze with a stepping stone variation!

## Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

As you might imagine, this deal was frequently accompanied by a hotly contested auction. For example:

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♥	2NT*	3♥
3♠	4♥	4♣	Pass
Pass	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

5♥ is making so bidding 5♠ is a good move.

North led the ♣A, cashed the ♥A and switched to the ♦6. Declarer won with dummy's ace, played a spade for the jack king and ace and North exited with the ♦9, endplaying dummy. With no route to hand declarer had to lose a trick to the ♠10, two down, -300 (as in the other room).

Do you see how declarer could have saved a trick?

After taking the ♦A, if declarer cashes a second trick in the suit, extracting North's diamond and then plays a spade North will be forced to exit with a heart, allowing declarer to take the spade finesse and escape for one down.

A veritable Dentist's Coup!



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Assuming our calculations are accurate, penalties of 104.3 VPs have been imposed across the four events.



In Poland people say: *sobota - dzień kota*. (Saturday - the cat day, but meaning: a day for fun, whisky and rum!)



Marc van Beijsterveldt asked Ron Tacchi if he could borrow his camera to take some pictures, mentioning that he wanted to get some panoramic shots by leaning over a balcony. Ron was happy to agree, but only on condition that if Marc dropped the camera he should hold on to it!



For those who are interested in how the brackets are arrived at, the winner from the round-robin chooses the 5th 6th 7th or 8th qualifier; the runner-up chooses from the three that remain; then third chooses from the remaining two, leaving the team that finished fourth with Hobson's Choice.

Subject to the requirement that if two teams from the same country qualify, they must meet in the semifinals, the highest finishing team from the round-robin will choose their prospective semifinal opponent from any of the other quarter-matches. The remaining winners will become opponents for the other semi-final match. This choice must be made at the completion of the quarter final draw and before play in the quarterfinal begins.



## Venice Cup RR 21 Türkiye v France



by Jos Jacobs

In the Venice Cup, both Poland and Sweden are miles ahead in the standings. There also is a rather big gap (13 VP) after the 10th placed team Denmark, so the candidates for the knockout stages are pretty clear with only three more rounds to play. On Saturday evening, the two best teams of the rest were scheduled to meet, the nos. 3 and 4, so I decided to have a look at them. Already on the first board, I had something to write about.

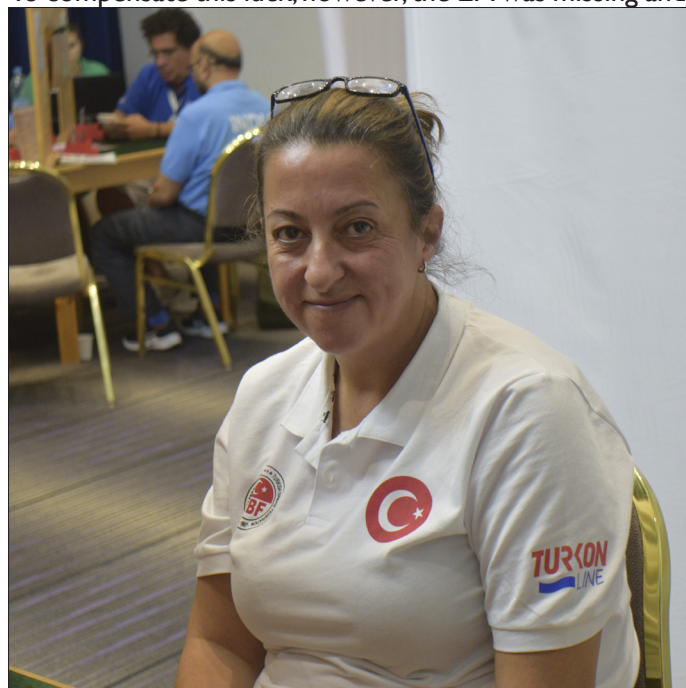
### Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
V Bessis	Acar	Avon	Erkan
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

In a sense, South was lucky to find partner with the ♦A. To compensate this luck, however, the ♠A was missing and,



Asli Acar, Türkiye

even worse, the ♠Q as well. So making the slam came down to making a correct guess in spades. When declarer, with little to guide her, eventually played a spade to dummy's king, she was one down, like quite a lot of other players all over the playing rooms. France +50.

In the Closed Room, the French stayed on firm ground:

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kandolu	Rolland	Elmas	Puillet
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Another spade misguess so only one overtrick, entirely immaterial. France +450 and 11 IMPs to them.

A few boards later, we saw a problem that did not exist in the olden days.

### Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
V Bessis	Acar	Avon	Erkan
Pass	Pass	1♦	INT
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The Turkish N/S had no problem getting into the auction when East opened just 1♦. A transfer and a retransfer did the job for them. Making the spade game was no problem either, even less so after West's lead of the ♦4. Türkiye +620.

In the Closed Room, it was East who was the first to bid INT when she decided to upgrade her hand a little...

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kandolu	Rolland	Elmas	Puillet
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣	All Pass
2♠	Clubs		



Tuna Elmas, Türkiye

Suddenly, South had no satisfactory action available anymore, she thought...

Three Clubs went one off for +100 to France but 11 IMPs to Türkiye.

Two boards later, the French carefully settled for a part score:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



♠ 9 8 6
♥ J 6 3
♦ 10 2
♣ 8 7 5 4 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
V Bessis	Acar	Avon	Erkan
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	Dble	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

West might as well have ventured 2NT as a natural rebid but her spade stopper was of rather dubious quality so she rebid a more cautious 3♦. Just made, France +110.

In the other room, East took a more optimistic view:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kandolu	Rolland	Elmas	Puillet
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	Dble*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Over East's 3♠, West had no option but to try 3NT. This proved a successful place to be because North was looking at all the strength E/W were missing and thus could not do anything. She led the ♠K and exited in clubs but the endplay against her proved no problem for Kandolu. It simply was a matter of placing North with five spades and watching her discards. Just made, Türkiye +600 and 10 IMPs to them.

Another two boards later, we saw a classic case of passive defence.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



♠ —
♥ K 7 4 3 2
♦ A 9 7
♣ Q 8 5 3 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
V Bessis	Acar	Avon	Erkan
INT	2♦*	Dble	2♥*
Dble	2♠	Pass	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

North showed one major by bidding 2♦ over INT. No surprise for South to find out via a relay 2♥ that partner's major was spades. Nobody doubled and North had to



Carole Puillet, France



find a lead. When North selected the ♠10 as her opening lead against 2NT only, declarer had her 8 tricks already. An overtrick developed when North returned a club into declarer's tenace later on. France +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kandolu	Rolland	Elmas	Puillet
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

After the informative basically natural Turkish Stayman auction, North correctly suspected that there might be no defensive future in spades so she made what turned out to be an excellent lead: the ♣9. This was covered all round and declarer's next move was a heart to dummy's jack. South won the king and continued the good passive defensive work by returning the suit. Declarer won the ♥10 in hand and continued the ♦J. North played low, which looked not best at first sight but it soon became clear that it did not matter any more. South won the ace and returned yet another heart, killing dummy in the process. Dummy's ♥A won and declarer had little option but to lead a spade. South got rid of her ♦9 on this so declarer won the ♠A and could only cash out now for one down. Well done by the defenders. France +50 and 5 IMPs more to them.

The next board was about a rebiddable eight-card suit:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
V Bessis	Acar	Avon	Erkan
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

For Véronique Bessis, the West hand was easy. A good-looking eight-card suit can be rebid ad infinitum. Her only little problem came a little later: how to tackle the trump suit? She won the ♦7 lead in hand with her king and simply played ♣A and another, hoping to bring down the king. This line worked. France +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kandolu	Rolland	Elmas	Puillet
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

By agreement, East's 3♥ rebid showed at least 5-5 in the majors so West's preference for a 5-2 fit over an 8-0 fit is understandable. However, even without a trump lead, declarer could not ruff more than two spades in dummy and thus had to lose one spade, one diamond and two trumps for one down, another +100 and 12 IMPs to France.

The last board in my report is about spot cards:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
V Bessis	Acar	Avon	Erkan
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Berrak Erkan, Türkiye




Bermuda Bowl RR21  
Italy v India



by Ron Tacchi

As the antepenultimate round of the Bermuda Bowl Round Robin begins we have Italy (fifth place) facing India (sixth place).

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Khare	Sementa	Tolani	Versace
—	—	1♦	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3NT	All Pass
3♣ Mixed raise			

When South led a small club which declarer ran round to the nine he was up to eight tricks and so quickly led a heart towards the queen which North took with the ace and promptly switched to the queen of spades. Declarer now had nine tricks, and the defence discarded correctly so there was no overtrick. The only lead to cause declarer any angst is a spade but he can always make two heart tricks by finessing against the jack.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Thakral	Di Franco	Shivdasani
—	—	INT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		
2♠ 6+♥ or 55 m or 64 m			
3♣ Relay			

At favourable vulnerability INT is 14-16. After the conventional 2♠ response I assume East discovered which of the variants West held and then they bid the minor-suit game. The lead was the queen of spades taken by the ace in dummy. A trump to hand saw declarer lead a club to dummy's ♣9 and South's queen. Declarer's idea seeming to be playing for split honours in the club suit. South continued with a spade, which declarer ruffed to play a club, which then North ruffed to cash the ace of hearts for

one off and 10 IMPs to India.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Khare	Sementa	Tolani	Versace
Pass	Pass	1♦	INT
Pass	2♥*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
2♥ Spades			

The convention card is silent on the meaning of 3♦, it would appear to show spade fit but South elected to bid 3NT. West led the ♥10, explained as possibly the jack but not the queen. East took the ace and king and played a third round, which declarer gratefully won with the queen. He now had nine tricks on top and when he cashed his spade winners East had no way to prevent an overtrick.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Thakral	Di Franco	Shivdasani
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣	All Pass
2♠ 6+♣ or 55m or 64 m			



According to the convention card East's INT was 15-17. I suspect that there will not be many Souths who cannot find a bid with their sixteen count. The upshot was that E/W had stolen the pot and to add insult to injury South found the only lead to give declarer his contract, namely a heart. This meant 12 IMPs to Italy.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Khare	Sementa	Tolani	Versace
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT

All Pass

- 2NT Puppet Stayman
- 3♣ No major

The queen of diamonds lead was taken in hand by the ace. A successful club finesse ensued and when the ace was cashed the queen fell. A small spade to the ♠9 saw East win with the ♠10. Perhaps unable to read the diamond situation East chose a desperate king of spades, this merely presented declarer with his ninth trick and the game.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Manno	Thakral	Di Franco	Shivdasani
Pass	INT	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3♦ 5-card major stayman

Again, the lead was the queen of diamonds taken by the ace. And again the successful club finesse, dropping of the doubleton queen followed by a spade to the ♠9 and East's ♠10. Now the paths diverged with East continuing diamonds taken with the ace but setting up four tricks for the defence. The spade switch was unsuccessful. Declarer needed to heed the advice of a former Bulletin editor and run his long suit and then East will come under severe pressure. Declarer should be able to read the position to see which major to attack, but in all likelihood it will not matter which one he selects. The path chosen by declarer foundered when there was an unsuccessful finesse against the spade king, and he finished two off. 13 IMPs to Italy.

At the end of the match Italy had shaded the result 13.28-6.72 VP. This left Italy in fifth position but India had dropped to eighth.



Part of the Italian Bermuda Bowl team: captain Alessandro Piana with Giacomo Percario, Alfredo Versace and Giovanni Donati



Sabine Rolland, France

Against this Pappa-Mamma auction East led the  $\diamond Q$ . My Pappa and Mamma taught me that the proper lead from a diamond holding like this is a low diamond but later on, it became clear to me that this classic rule will by no means always lead to success. What is more: East is looking at probably all the high cards declarer and dummy are missing so he (she) might want to stay in control of

the defence. On the actual layout, it does not even matter because any diamond lead would never cost a trick.

The defensive problem arose a little later. Declarer won the  $\diamond K$  in hand, West contributing the  $\diamond 7$ , and led a club up. You play the queen, dummy wins the ace and continues a spade. Declarer plays the queen, you win the  $\spadesuit K$  and what now?

Partner has followed suit with the  $\clubsuit 2$  and  $\spadesuit 6$  respectively, showing count apparently. How can you be sure that the correct continuation is a low diamond? For France, East tried the  $\spadesuit 10$  instead. This proved fatal. Declarer could now use her  $\spadesuit 98$  to develop another spade trick, her ninth... Türkiye +600.

In the Closed Room, it was Pappa-Mamma all the way:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kandolu	Rolland	Elmas	Puillet
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Lead  $\diamond Q$ , West playing the  $\diamond 7$ , club to the ace, spade finesse to East's king and a low diamond back. One down without much ado, another +100 and 12 IMPs to Türkiye.

Four more almost flat boards followed, to finish the match with the score at 36-35 or 10.31 – 9.69 VP to France.

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Bermuda Bowl RR 22  
USA1 v China



by David Bird

With only two rounds of the round-robin to be played, we might have expected both USA1 and China to be securely in the qualifying top eight. Not so! China is clinging to the edge of the precipice in eighth place, with 253 VP. USA1 are tenth with 247 VP. So, this will be a critical match for both teams. Place your bets!

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yi Liu	Hurd	L Hu	Bathurst
—	1♣	1♠	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

West's redouble suggested a doubleton honour in spades and enough points to compete. Bathurst then had a tricky decision. Should he bid 2♣, when partner might have only three clubs, or 2♥? We can see the best answer, but he could not. The cards lay favourably, however, and 2♣ was made for +90.



Kevin Bathurst, USA1

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Demuy	J Liu	Kranyak	Zhuang
—	1♣	1♠	Dble
Rdbl	INT	Dble	All Pass

Liu was able to rebid INT on the North cards. Perhaps this would have had a different meaning for Hurd (18+?). Otherwise, he might have done the same. Kranyak's double of INT was rather forward, with all players bidding. He led the ♥Q, distressed to see the dummy, but two overtricks could not be prevented on any lead. It was +580 to China, good enough for a 10-IMP swing.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yi Liu	Hurd	L Hu	Bathurst
—	2♠	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Should Liu have done more? Partner's 3NT suggested that he might hold the ace or king of spades. East was likely to hold only two hearts, however; his actual ♥J4 was a bonus. It seemed cautious to pass out 4♥, but I cannot really fault the action.

The ♦J was led, covered with the queen and king, ruffed by declarer. Trumps were drawn and the ♠J drew the king and ace. All thirteen tricks were made, and East-West entered a nervous +480 on their scorecards.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Demuy	J Liu	Kranyak	Zhuang
—	2♠	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

The first three rounds of bidding were the same, but Demuy showed no reticence thereafter. The twelve tricks that he made were matched by 12 IMPs.



Vincent Demuy, USA1

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yi Liu	Hurd	L Hu	Bathurst
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	1♦	2♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Liu's 1♣ was strong and 2♥ showed a 6-card suit and a hand of around 3-6 points. With more, he would have given a positive response of 1♥. West had an awkward rebid to make now, and he considered the matter for some while. A raise to 3♥ would not be forcing, and 4♥ would not do justice to his hand. Maybe 3♦ was an option? A flat-out RKCB 4NT might be a bit too much. He eventually opted for 4♠, hoping that this would be read as agreeing hearts. Hu took partner's rebid as natural, although 2♠ would have been forcing (at any rate, it was back in the mists of time, when I played Precision). East might perhaps have saved the day by bidding 5♦, valuing his ♠J54 trump support plus the diamond void. No, he passed. We will not linger ghoulishly over the play. 4♠ was three down for a loss of -150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Demuy	J Liu	Kranyak	Zhuang
—	—	—	2♠
Dble	2NT	4♥	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦*	Dble	6♥	All Pass

It seems that 4♠ may have been RKCB (they play 3041 responses). 5♦ would then be the trump-queen ask. Anyway, they bid the slam and it was duly made after a diamond lead to the king and ace. Declarer ruffed, continuing with the ace and king of trumps.

That was a 15-IMP hammer blow to China, but they had a chance to regain IMPs on the next deal.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yi Liu	Hurd	L Hu	Bathurst
Pass	1♦	All Pass	

I have never in my life described the play in 1♦ and have no intention of breaking my duck now. Seven tricks made for +70, deservedly the smallest possible reward for making a contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Demuy	J Liu	Kranyak	Zhuang
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Kranyak led the ♥Q, won with the ace. Liu played ace and another club, dummy's 9 drawing the jack. He won the ♠3 switch with the ace, finessed the ♥10 successfully, and cleared a second club trick. West's ♠2 continuation was won with the king. Liu then crossed to the ♥K and cashed the ♣Q. Declarer now led a third round of spades towards his ♠Q7. In the absence of further information, the previous fall of the ♠J10, ♠J9 or ♠109 is three times more likely to be from a doubleton, than being chosen cards from ♠J109 (Restricted Choice). In other words, the odds strongly favour finessing the ♠7 next. When Liu played for the drop instead, he was one down. That was a loss of 5 IMPs, instead of gaining 12.

The final deal of the match brought no consolation for China:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Yi Liu	Hurd	L Hu	Bathurst
2♣*	2♠	Pass	4♠
5♥	Pass	6♥	Dble
All Pass			

2♣ 22+ or any near game forcing hand

As I see it, a 2♣ opening was inappropriate on that West

hand, with losers in every suit. At the other tables I looked at, the opening bid was 1♥. East's raise of 5♥ to 6♥ was ambitious, undoubtedly, but the real problem lay with the choice of opening bid. Even if you give East another ace, when his raise would be clear-cut, twelve tricks might not be there. The contract was two down doubled for -500 away.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Demuy	J Liu	Kranyak	Zhuang
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♣*
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	Pass	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

North might have made 4♠, so one down in 5♥ doubled was good business. USAI gained another 7 IMPs to win the match by 54 IMPs to 19. That was 17.45 to 2.55 VP. The Americans had played a steady game, it's true, but a good fraction of their IMP total was surrendered by the opponents.

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4th 50,000 1,500	4th 30,000 800	4th 50,000 2,000
5th 40,000 1,200	5th 20,000 700	5th 40,000 1,800
6th 30,000 1,000	6th 15,000 700	6th 30,000 1,200
7th 25,000 1,000	7th 15,000 600	7th 30,000 1,200
8th 20,000 1,000	8th 10,000 600	8th 30,000 1,200
9th 20,000 1,000	9th 10,000 600	9th 30,000 1,200
10th 20,000 1,000	10th 10,000 600	10th 30,000 1,200
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13th 10,000 800		
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# Results

## Bermuda Bowl

### Round 22

			IMPs		VPs	
1	NORWAY	ITALY	38	28	12.80	7.20
2	USA1	CHINA	54	19	17.45	2.55
3	PANAMA	UAE	55	13	18.33	1.67
4	CHILE	MOROCCO	62	10	19.34	0.66
5	CANADA	NEW ZEALAND	71	28	17.94	1.06
6	BELGIUM	BRAZIL	49	54	8.52	11.48
7	SOUTH AFRICA	SWITZERLAND	34	66	2.97	17.03
8	AUSTRALIA	INDIA	31	37	8.24	11.76
9	SINGAPORE	EGYPT	36	54	5.40	14.60
10	NETHERLANDS	IRELAND	16	30	6.25	13.75
11	HONG KONG CHINA	USA2	16	66	0.84	19.16
12	POLAND	ISRAEL	26	26	10.00	10.00

## Venice Cup

### Round 22

			IMPs		VPs	
21	EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA	37	6	16.88	3.12
22	NEW ZEALAND	BARBADOS	36	47	6.96	13.04
23	UAE	ISRAEL	7	39	2.97	17.03
24	AUSTRALIA	MOROCCO	34	33	10.31	9.69
25	BRAZIL	TURKIYE	25	66	1.79	18.21
26	SWEDEN	CHINA	28	40	6.72	13.28
27	USA1	DENMARK	40	31	12.55	7.45
28	INDIA	GERMANY	44	36	12.29	7.71
29	CHINESE TAIPEI	ARGENTINA	63	8	19.61	0.39
30	USA2	FRANCE	29	32	9.09	10.91
31	CANADA	NORWAY	4	50	0.73	18.77
32	HONG KONG CHINA	POLAND	14	92	0.00	20.00

### Round 23

			IMPs		VPs	
1	NEW ZEALAND	NETHERLANDS	32	67	2.55	17.45
2	MOROCCO	PANAMA	38	32	11.76	8.24
3	INDIA	NORWAY	7	67	0.00	20.00
4	EGYPT	USA1	34	21	13.52	6.48
5	IRELAND	CANADA	42	36	11.76	8.24
6	USA2	BELGIUM	58	44	13.75	6.25
7	ISRAEL	SOUTH AFRICA	37	21	14.18	5.82
8	ITALY	AUSTRALIA	25	28	9.09	10.91
9	CHINA	SINGAPORE	52	23	16.58	3.42
10	UAE	CHILE	27	32	8.52	11.48
11	BRAZIL	HONG KONG CHINA	47	25	15.38	4.62
12	SWITZERLAND	POLAND	50	40	12.80	7.20

### Round 23

			IMPs		VPs	
21	SOUTH AFRICA	NEW ZEALAND	50	26	15.74	4.26
22	BARBADOS	EGYPT	11	59	1.03	18.97
23	GERMANY	UAE	22	36	6.25	13.75
24	ARGENTINA	AUSTRALIA	24	45	4.31	15.19
25	FRANCE	BRAZIL	43	32	13.04	6.96
26	NORWAY	SWEDEN	2	37	2.55	17.45
27	POLAND	USA1	53	12	18.21	1.79
28	ISRAEL	INDIA	11	48	2.28	17.72
29	MOROCCO	CHINESE TAIPEI	36	51	6.03	13.97
30	TURKIYE	USA2	14	54	1.91	18.09
31	CHINA	CANADA	47	21	16.09	3.91
32	DENMARK	HONG KONG CHINA	56	26	16.73	3.27

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Here is the link to the day 7 video recap:  
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# Results

## d'Orsi Trophy

### Round 22

		IMPs		VPs	
41	GUADELOUPE	REUNION	31	44	6.48 13.52
42	MOROCCO	COLOMBIA	49	34	13.97 6.03
43	BELGIUM	POLAND	46	35	12.54 6.46
44	NORWAY	CHINESE TAIPEI	53	32	15.19 4.81
45	ARGENTINA	NETHERLANDS	17	52	2.55 17.45
46	USA1	CHINA	26	7	14.80 5.20
47	FRANCE	INDIA	25	46	4.81 15.19
48	ISRAEL	ITALY	33	69	2.41 17.59
49	AUSTRALIA	CANADA	32	53	4.81 15.19
50	PAKISTAN	SOUTH AFRICA	47	47	10.00 10.00
51	SWEDEN	DENMARK	23	29	8.24 11.76
52	HONG KONG CHINA	USA2	9	52	1.56 18.44

## Wuhan Cup

### Round 22

		IMPs		VPs	
61	MOROCCO	UAE	25	33	7.71 12.29
62	TUNISIA	COLOMBIA	40	55	4.03 13.97
63	BELGIUM	ARGENTINA	16	37	4.81 15.19
64	CHINA	USA1	23	50	3.74 14.76
65	CANADA	AUSTRALIA	26	54	3.58 16.42
66	BARBADOS	GERMANY	35	51	5.82 14.18
67	ISRAEL	SINGAPORE	56	19	17.72 2.28
68	NEW ZEALAND	ITALY	34	26	12.29 7.71
69	ROMANIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	51	34	14.39 5.61
70	POLAND	INDIA	47	25	15.38 4.62
71	USA2	DENMARK	50	27	15.56 4.44
72	FRANCE	EGYPT	45	15	16.73 3.27

### Round 23

		IMPs		VPs	
41	REUNION	MOROCCO	44	44	10.00 10.00
42	COLOMBIA	GUADELOUPE	24	37	6.48 13.52
43	ITALY	BELGIUM	29	25	11.20 8.80
44	CANADA	NORWAY	34	35	9.69 10.31
45	SOUTH AFRICA	ARGENTINA	25	25	10.00 10.00
46	DENMARK	USA1	17	44	3.74 16.26
47	USA2	FRANCE	38	24	13.75 6.25
48	POLAND	ISRAEL	49	17	17.03 2.97
49	CHINESE TAIPEI	AUSTRALIA	27	39	6.72 13.28
50	NETHERLANDS	PAKISTAN	57	20	17.72 2.28
51	CHINA	SWEDEN	25	29	8.80 11.20
52	INDIA	HONG KONG CHINA	70	25	18.66 1.34

### Round 23

		IMPs		VPs	
61	UAE	TUNISIA	67	9	19.85 0.15
62	COLOMBIA	MOROCCO	49	2	18.87 1.13
63	ITALY	BELGIUM	25	63	2.15 17.85
64	CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA	39	48	7.45 12.55
65	INDIA	CANADA	51	8	18.44 1.56
66	DENMARK	BARBADOS	46	36	12.80 7.20
67	EGYPT	ISRAEL	28	19	12.55 7.45
68	ARGENTINA	NEW ZEALAND	22	32	7.20 12.80
69	USA1	ROMANIA	30	36	8.24 11.76
70	AUSTRALIA	POLAND	41	69	3.58 16.42
71	GERMANY	USA2	55	22	17.17 2.83
72	SINGAPORE	FRANCE	66	63	10.91 9.09

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## Rankings after Round 23

### Bermuda Bowl

1	<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>321.30</b>
2	<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	<b>307.19</b>
3	<b>USA2</b>	<b>290.51</b>
4	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>289.90</b>
5	<b>ISRAEL</b>	<b>289.65</b>
6	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>276.15</b>
7	<b>CHINA</b>	<b>272.65</b>
8	<b>USA1</b>	<b>269.44</b>
9	NETHERLANDS	265.11
10	INDIA	263.12
11	NEW ZEALAND	257.20
12	BELGIUM	247.36
13	IRELAND	241.79
14	SOUTH AFRICA	220.39
15	CANADA	209.51
16	AUSTRALIA	205.22
17	BRAZIL	201.51
18	EGYPT	178.30
19	UAE	177.31
20	SINGAPORE	174.53
21	HONG KONG CHINA	169.88
22	CHILE	134.37
23	MOROCCO	130.43
24	PANAMA	102.18

### Venice Cup

1	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>357.32</b>
2	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>324.32</b>
3	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>301.56</b>
4	<b>TURKIYE</b>	<b>294.83</b>
5	<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>286.61</b>
6	<b>USA2</b>	<b>285.91</b>
7	<b>CHINA</b>	<b>279.15</b>
8	<b>ISRAEL</b>	<b>270.51</b>
9	DENMARK	268.14
10	CANADA	258.44
11	INDIA	251.65
12	BRAZIL	239.39
13	USA1	225.98
14	GERMANY	221.34
15	EGYPT	206.51
16	CHINESE TAIPEI	205.99
17	NEW ZEALAND	197.58
18	AUSTRALIA	195.56
19	ARGENTINA	169.76
20	SOUTH AFRICA	165.08
21	MOROCCO	161.52
22	HONG KONG CHINA	137.54
23	UAE	129.92
24	BARBADOS	71.98

### d'Orsi Trophy

1	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>311.01</b>
2	<b>USA1</b>	<b>305.43</b>
3	<b>USA2</b>	<b>291.32</b>
4	<b>DENMARK</b>	<b>275.94</b>
5	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>274.03</b>
6	<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	<b>266.40</b>
7	<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>266.19</b>
8	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>261.89</b>
9	ARGENTINA	261.72
10	CANADA	248.90
11	BELGIUM	247.93
12	CHINESE TAIPEI	244.93
13	AUSTRALIA	242.47
14	INDIA	240.46
15	CHINA	239.71
16	FRANCE	233.96
17	ISRAEL	230.74
18	PAKISTAN	198.38
19	HONG KONG CHINA	165.47
20	REUNION	153.96
21	MOROCCO	146.25
22	SOUTH AFRICA	144.32
23	GUADELOUPE	125.12
24	COLOMBIA	104.91

### Wuhan Cup

1	<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>300.48</b>
2	<b>ROMANIA</b>	<b>291.72</b>
3	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>286.85</b>
4	<b>USA2</b>	<b>286.40</b>
5	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>279.09</b>
6	<b>CHINA</b>	<b>278.45</b>
7	<b>USA1</b>	<b>269.72</b>
8	<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>266.28</b>
9	CHINESE TAIPEI	261.02
10	COLOMBIA	257.08
11	ARGENTINA	255.48
12	AUSTRALIA	250.94
13	POLAND	234.11
14	DENMARK	228.08
15	ISRAEL	224.32
16	INDIA	221.95
17	SINGAPORE	198.24
18	CANADA	196.07
19	UAE	182.47
20	NEW ZEALAND	181.41
21	EGYPT	179.38
22	TUNISIA	141.04
23	MOROCCO	121.82
24	BARBADOS	101.83

# Bermuda Bowl - Butler

PLA1	PLA2	Butl	CntBrd	country
KALITA Jacek	KLUKOWSKI Michal	1.25	304	Switzerland
BROGELAND Boye	BAKKE Christian	1.02	256	Norway
MAHMOOD Zia	MECKSTROTH Jeff	0.99	272	U.S.A.
BIRMAN Alon	PADON Dror	0.85	288	Israel
KRANYAK John	DEMUY Vincent	0.72	288	U.S.A.
MOLENAAR Danny	VERBEEK Tim	0.68	240	Netherlands
HELGEMO Geir	GRUDE Tor Eivind	0.66	256	Norway
ZIMMERMANN Pierre	NOWOSADZKI Michal	0.64	176	Switzerland
WHIBLEY Michael	BROWN Matthew	0.57	320	New Zealand
LUTOSTANSKI Piotr	BURAS Krzysztof	0.57	256	Poland
AA Terje	LIVGARD Allan	0.57	223	Norway
VERSACE Alfredo	SEMENTA Antonio	0.56	272	Italy
MULLER Bauke	DE WIJS Simon	0.51	272	Netherlands
ARASZKIEWICZ Konrad	KOTOROWICZ Krzysztof	0.48	240	Poland
TOLEDANO Oren	ZAMIR Ami	0.39	224	Israel
ZHUANG Zejun	LIU Jing	0.38	256	China
JAGNIEWSKI Rafal	GAWEL Wojciech	0.38	240	Poland
MUKHERJEE Sumit	TEWARI Rajeshwar	0.37	287	India
MANNO Andrea	DI FRANCO Massimiliano	0.35	240	Italy
DE ROOS Steve	ARTS Geert	0.33	272	Belgium
JU Chuancheng	SHI Zheng Jun	0.31	224	China
GITELMAN Fred	CAPLAN Mark	0.29	256	Canada
GRUE Joe	MOSS Brad	0.29	272	U.S.A.
CARROLL John	MORAN Mark	0.28	240	Ireland
MARTEL Chip	FLEISHER Martin	0.28	192	U.S.A.
FRUEWIRTH Robert	THOMPSON Jamie	0.22	304	Australia
HU Linlin	LIU Yinghao	0.18	256	China
MESBUR Adam	GARVEY Tommy	0.17	208	Ireland
VANDERVORST Mike	CAPUTO Philippe	0.15	192	Belgium
DONATI Giovanni	PERCARIO Giacomo	0.11	224	Italy
THAKRAL Sandeep	SHIVDASANI Jaggy	0.10	256	India
VAN LANKVELD Joris	VAN DEN BOS Berend	0.08	224	Netherlands
DE DONDER Steven	BAHBOUT Sam	0.08	272	Belgium
BATHURST Kevin	HURD John	0.07	240	U.S.A.
CORNELL Michael	BACH Ashley	0.04	240	New Zealand
WOLPERT Gavin	SPECTOR Warren	0.01	175	U.S.A.
LEVIN Amir	ROLL Josef	0.01	224	Israel
EBER Neville	FICK Hennie	-0.01	272	South Africa
GOWER Craig	APTEKER Alon	-0.03	240	South Africa
BRINK Sjoert	DRIJVER Bas	-0.05	256	Switzerland
KHARE Ajay	TOLANI Raju	-0.06	192	India
MEHILBA Abdelrahim	GHONEIM Hazem	-0.07	272	United Arab Emirates
CAMPOS Joao-Paulo	RODRIGUES Adriano	-0.08	256	Brazil
HAYET Jean	SIBONY Pierre	-0.09	255	Morocco
DONDE Bernard	STEPHENS Robert	-0.11	224	South Africa
BAKLY Ahmed Hussein	FOUDA Moataz	-0.14	256	Egypt
WU Timothy Jian Zhong	TEO Xue Heng	-0.16	240	Singapore
MAYER Malcolm	WARE Michael	-0.18	176	New Zealand
FONG Kien Hoong	LAM Cheng Yen	-0.21	240	Singapore
HANLON Tom	McGANN Hugh	-0.23	287	Ireland
KONG Kwok Hung	LEE Nok Yin	-0.23	256	Hong Kong China
FIGUEIREDO Mauricio	PAIVA Marcos	-0.33	240	Brazil
TOMA Marcos	DIAS Rafael	-0.38	240	Brazil
CHIU Wai-Lap Abby	TAM Kai Yin	-0.40	240	Hong Kong China
ABDELATEIF Khaled Hassan	MOUSA Mohamed	-0.40	144	United Arab Emirates
FELDMAN Jason	WOLPERT Darren	-0.46	224	Canada
CARACCI Marcelo	ROBLES Jose Manuel	-0.50	256	Chile
NOSHY Sherif	HAMMAM Moaz	-0.51	272	Egypt
GOSNEY John Paul	LEIBOWITZ Tony	-0.53	240	Australia
VARELA Claudio	VILLAREAL Angel	-0.56	368	Panama
LAVEE Daniel	KLIMOWICZ Piotr	-0.58	239	Canada
SANCHEZ Alejandro	SMITH Jack	-0.64	224	Chile
IP Yu-Cheung	MO Yee Sum	-0.68	240	Hong Kong China
ABDELATEIF Khaled Hassan	EISSA TAMER	-0.68	208	United Arab Emirates
ELSAYYAD Rafat	MOHAMED Wael	-0.68	208	Egypt
NUNN Tony	DALLEY Paul	-0.71	192	Australia
ONG Jin Xiang	XU Jiening	-0.77	224	Singapore
CHAMAR Ismail	AMMOR Mohammed Adnane	-0.95	256	Morocco
NACRUR Francisca	GURIDI Gonzalo	-0.97	256	Chile
LAHLOU Fatim	DAHAN Stephane	-1.30	224	Morocco
ANTOSZ Ed	VEGA Juan Carlos	-1.49	368	Panama

# Venice Cup - Butler

PLA1	PLA2	Butl	CntBrd	country
BALDYSZ Cathy	BALDYSZ Sophia	1.38	240	Poland
ZMUDA Justyna	DUFRAT Katarzyna	0.95	240	Poland
ROSSARD Martine	TARTARIN Anne-Laure	0.87	208	France
SARNIAK Anna	KAZMUCHA Danuta	0.85	256	Poland
HALLQVIST Louise	JOHANSSON Ylva	0.79	240	Sweden
OZBAY Irem	OZGUR Hatice	0.74	208	Turkiye
ZUO Xiaoxue	ZHOU Meiling	0.73	224	China
BERTHEAU Kathrine	CLEMENTSSON Sanna	0.73	240	Sweden
PUILLET Carole	ROLLAND Sabine	0.69	240	France
VIST Gunn Tove	HESKJE Torild	0.67	256	Norway
FUNG Kismet	CULHAM Susan	0.66	272	Canada
MEYERS Jill	SANBORN Kerri	0.66	288	U.S.A.
ACAR Asli	ERKAN Berrak	0.64	304	Turkiye
BAKER Lynn	McCALLUM Karen	0.62	192	U.S.A.
OVELIUS Emma	GRONKVIST Ida	0.61	256	Sweden
HARDING Marianne	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin	0.60	240	Norway
BILDE Trine	KOCH-PALMUND Charlotte	0.58	240	Denmark
BILDE Lone	RASMUSSEN Helle	0.56	256	Denmark
KANDOLU Ozlem	ELMAST Tuna	0.49	224	Turkiye
DEY Bharati	KSHIRSAGAR Alka	0.48	256	India
RAN Jing Rong	HUANG Yan	0.46	256	China
TAL Dana	TAL Noga	0.42	336	Israel
LEVI Hila	ASULIN Adi	0.38	320	Israel
MELLO Sylvia	CORREA Paula	0.37	256	Brazil
GOLDBERG Connie	LEVITINA Irina	0.32	256	U.S.A.
LIU Yan	YU Xiuting	0.29	256	China
BESSIS Veronique	AVON Danielle	0.28	255	France
KRIFTNER Susanne	PLATH Mieke	0.27	256	Germany
SEAMON-MOLSON Janice	EYTHORSDDOTTIR Hjordis	0.16	255	U.S.A.
GRUDE Liv Marit	OIGARDEN Bodil Nyheim	0.16	240	Norway
BOTTA Giorgia	TEBHA Anam	0.14	288	U.S.A.
WATTAR Nada	AUDICHE Christina	0.13	256	Egypt
SMYKALLA Gisela	DELLA MONTA Annaig	0.11	240	Germany
PATEL Vidhya	BALIRAM GURJAR Kalpana	0.10	256	India
DORIA Lucia	PONCIONI Graca	0.04	256	Brazil
THOMPSON Jenny	ZHANG Catherine (Runmei)	0.02	256	Australia
VARGAS DE ANDRADE Isabella	BIONDILLO Aline	0.00	224	Brazil
BERTHIAUME Louise	BLANK Sondra	-0.04	240	Canada
CHEN Yin-Shou	LIN Yin-Yu	-0.09	256	Chinese Taipei
BILDE Dorte Cilleborg	BUUS THOMSEN Anita	-0.10	240	Denmark
GIBBONS Jenna	GIBBONS Christine	-0.12	224	New Zealand
NISBET Pamela	BRYANT Brenda	-0.13	224	Canada
KABBAJ Leila	HACHIMI Hayet	-0.15	240	Morocco
BATRA Puja	SHARMA Asha	-0.15	222	India
RICHARDSON Carol	BOUGHEY Andi	-0.16	256	New Zealand
LIU Pei-Hua	HSIAO Kuan-Chu	-0.18	240	Chinese Taipei
SOLIMAN Hoda	ELAWADY Dina	-0.20	256	Egypt
MOSES Kinga	BASHAR Nazife Margaret	-0.25	222	Australia
LIU Violet	YANG Ming-Ching	-0.30	240	Chinese Taipei
GROMANN Ingrid	WENNING Karin	-0.36	240	Germany
HOMSY Marguerite	OMAR Noheir	-0.42	224	Egypt
NESTORIDIS Anastasia	BATEMAN Nicola Mae	-0.45	239	South Africa
ARMSTRONG Vanessa	STANTON Carol	-0.45	256	South Africa
ELKIN Irene	SMALINSKY Ana Lia	-0.48	240	Argentina
ALONSO Ana Maria	FEINTUCH Clara	-0.50	256	Argentina
ALABASTER Jan	LIVINGSTON Pam	-0.52	256	New Zealand
BOOTH Christine Nicolle	FUNG Lydia Wai Yee	-0.53	240	Hong Kong China
KOCHAR Rubinder Kaur	LAW Manju	-0.56	288	United Arab Emirates
DAWSON Helena	ZETS Avril	-0.58	256	Australia
GARATEGUY Maria Del Rosario	IACAPRARO Maria Elena	-0.60	239	Argentina
BERNSTEIN Roz	LANG Sharon	-0.60	240	South Africa
AGGARWAL Anshu	GANDHI Chhaya	-0.66	224	United Arab Emirates
CHEUNG L. Fu	KWOK Sui Yung	-0.71	240	Hong Kong China
MARRAKCHI Khadija	SEKKAT Leila	-0.72	240	Morocco
KOLESNIK Emma	COLE Margie	-0.74	192	U.S.A.
TO Jenny	HUI Joanne	-0.80	256	Hong Kong China
NABIL Graziella	TEBER Samira	-0.87	256	Morocco
HINDS Roglyn	GREENIDGE Patricia	-1.14	368	Barbados
WALIA Rupinder Kaur	KUMAR Kumkum	-1.54	224	United Arab Emirates
SPRINGER Adelle	STOREY Amanda	-1.63	256	Barbados
STOREY Amanda	HAMMANS Marcia	-2.29	112	Barbados

# d'Orsi Trophy - Butler

PLA1	PLA2	Butl	CntBrd	country
BIZON Piotr	BLAT Marek	1.10	272	Poland
RAJADHYAKSHA Pratap	KONERU Venkatrao	0.79	288	U.S.A.
PULGA Ruggero	MIINA Aldo	0.77	320	Italy
HAMMAN Bob	WEICHSEL Peter	0.75	256	U.S.A.
ENGEL Joseph	COHEN Dani	0.64	304	Israel
MIKKELSEN Jan	FARSTAD Arve	0.57	240	Norway
MULDER Andre	KOLEN Jan	0.57	272	Netherlands
SCHALTZ Dorthe	SCHALTZ Peter	0.57	224	Denmark
PASELL Mike	GOODMAN Andy	0.55	208	U.S.A.
TAO Jian Hua	LIN Rongqiang	0.53	256	China
PALAZZO Luis	FORNASARI Walter	0.53	255	Argentina
SCHOU Steen	HANSEN Jorgen Cilleborg	0.51	256	Denmark
KWIECIEN Michal	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	0.48	336	Poland
HANNA Nader	RAYNER John	0.48	240	Canada
CHAMBERS Neil	SCHERMER John	0.45	240	U.S.A.
HOFLAND Leonhard	VAN DER HOEK Bas	0.40	240	Netherlands
WENNEBERG Bjorn	SELLDEN Goran	0.36	240	Sweden
BEAUCHAMP David	KANETKAR Avi	0.34	256	Australia
COENRAETS Philippe	BIGDELI Faramarz	0.34	288	Belgium
KAPLAN Alain	POLET Guy	0.32	272	Belgium
JALAN Hemant K	BASAK Samir	0.27	224	India
CASEN Drew	KREKORIAN Jim	0.27	240	U.S.A.
GUSTAWSSON Marten	SYLVAN Johan	0.25	272	Sweden
JOHNSEN Sverre	STOKKELAND Aasmund	0.22	256	Norway
FLEURY Herve	CHOTTIN Philippe	0.22	256	France
SABBATINI Stefano	COMELLA Amedeo	0.22	128	Italy
ROCAFORT Jean-Pierre	CLARET Michel	0.22	240	France
SHIH Juei-Yu	CHENG Kuo-Paw	0.21	366	Chinese Taipei
LORENTZ Gabi	BURGESS Stephen	0.19	288	Australia
MARKOWICZ Victor	MOSZCZYNSKI Krzysztof	0.18	128	Poland
DAS Badal Chandra	BARDHAN Pranab Kumar	0.16	256	India
FRYDENBERG Odd A.	EIDE Lars	0.15	240	Norway
ELMROTH Gunnar	ELIASSON Per Gunnar	0.13	224	Sweden
GRABEL Ross	DUNITZ Mitch	0.13	240	U.S.A.
BAXTER Doug	LINDOP David	0.12	256	Canada
AKHTAR Saeed	GARDEZI Syed Muhammad Imran	0.10	144	Pakistan
HUSSAIN Mirza Shauq	AHMED Malik Ghias	0.10	304	Pakistan
VAN EIJCK Willem	GOSSCHALK Willem	0.08	224	Netherlands
KOCH-PALMUND Dennis	ADAMSEN Klaus	0.06	256	Denmark
JOHNSON David	STAS Jacques	0.05	176	Belgium
LAMBARDI Pablo	MACRI Mauricio	0.04	223	Argentina
LING Roger	CHAN Shing Sau	0.04	256	Hong Kong China
LIANG Yixiong	SHEN Xiaonong	0.03	224	China
LIN Chii-Mou	CHUNG Jen-Chien	0.02	366	Chinese Taipei
CAMBEROS Hector	MUZZIO Ernesto	0.01	256	Argentina
FAILLA Giuseppe	BURATTI Andrea	-0.05	288	Italy
YADLIN Doron	ORENSTEIN Eitan	-0.14	256	Israel
SUN Ming	SHEN Mingkun	-0.17	256	China
BITRAN Albert	STRETZ Francois	-0.18	240	France
ODDY Vince	DALTON Roy	-0.20	240	Canada
GRANT James	CHEMALY Larry	-0.20	239	South Africa
AKHTAR Saeed	HAMID Shahid	-0.21	96	Pakistan
SAHA Subrata	DAS Sukamal	-0.21	256	India
DORDHAIN Patrice	PALMIERI Jean-Luc	-0.24	160	Reunion
BELKOUCH Abdellatif	DINIA Mohammed	-0.25	256	Morocco
BRESLAW Jean-Marc	DORDHAIN Patrice	-0.36	144	Reunion
HAMEL Patrick	PALMIERI Jean-Luc	-0.48	128	Reunion
LAVINGS Paul	KROCHMALIK Robert	-0.48	176	Australia
MINWALLA Diniar	PINCUS Brian	-0.53	256	South Africa
LAM Hon Shing, Henry	FUNG Kwok Lau	-0.53	240	Hong Kong China
GRENE Jany	BONNET Philippe	-0.57	224	Guadeloupe
LUBINSKI Yuval	MARK Micha	-0.63	176	Israel
FABBRICATORE Sophie	LOPEZ Gerard	-0.66	256	Guadeloupe
HAMEL Patrick	GIRAUD Christian	-0.66	176	Reunion
BERRADA Mohammed Said	BENSOUA Khalil	-0.85	208	Morocco
GARDEZI Syed Muhammad Imran	HAMID Shahid	-0.95	128	Pakistan
LING Pauline	LEIGH Alex	-0.98	240	Hong Kong China
RIVAS Alejandro	HOYOS Alejandro	-1.08	240	Colombia
CARRERA Jaime	JORDAN Herbert	-1.11	192	Colombia
BARRIENTOS Carlos	NINO Rafael	-1.12	224	Colombia
NARUNSKY Maureen	ALEXANDER Mike	-1.18	239	South Africa
GILLIOCQ Philippe	MONDOR Francoise	-1.20	256	Guadeloupe
BRESLAW Jean-Marc	GIRAUD Christian	-1.30	128	Reunion
RERHAYE Abdelkamel	EL GHRARI Abdellah	-1.41	128	Morocco

# Wuhan Cup - Butler

PLA1	PLA2	Butl	CntBrd	country
GROMOELLER Michael	GLADIATOR Anne	1.03	208	Germany
ATTANASIO Dario	MANARA Gabriella	0.94	240	Italy
ROSENBERG Michael	ROSENBERG Debbie	0.85	272	U.S.A.
WOLPERT Jenny	WEINSTEIN Steve	0.82	287	U.S.A.
CHEN Kuan-Hsuan	LIU Ming-Chien	0.79	144	Chinese Taipei
IONITA Marius	STEGAROIU Marina	0.74	304	Romania
REESS Vanessa	THUILLEZ Laurent	0.70	256	France
MARKEY Phil	TRAVIS Lauren	0.65	272	Australia
MARINA Bogdan	BOBOC Andreea-Magdalena	0.64	176	Romania
CHEN Yichao	FU Bo	0.62	255	China
CRONIER Philippe	CRONIER Benedicte	0.60	240	France
CARCASSONNE-LABAERE Valerie	LABAERE Alain	0.52	288	Belgium
WILLENKEN Chris	LIN Amber	0.49	240	U.S.A.
GRZEJDZIAK Igor	GRZEJDZIAK Sabina	0.46	256	Poland
WANG Jian	HU Junjie	0.46	256	China
SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju	NADAR Kiran	0.41	240	India
MIHAI Geta	MIHAI Radu	0.39	256	Romania
ZOCHOWSKA Joanna	SCHMIDT Pierre	0.38	240	France
EGGELING Marie	GRUENKE Paul	0.37	272	Germany
BAREL Michael	KATZ Paz	0.34	240	Israel
JUCHIMOWICZ PUGLIESE Esteban	FERRERO Laura Margarita	0.29	160	Argentina
DAUWE Gunther	DOBBELS Tine	0.29	208	Belgium
PELLEGRINI Carlos	ROCCA Silvina	0.28	336	Argentina
HESHMAT Mohamed	MANDILI Fatima	0.27	208	Egypt
KREFELD Camilla Bo	HAMMELEV Johan	0.24	224	Denmark
BARONI Irene	GANDOGLIA Alessandro	0.24	240	Italy
CASTILLO Juan Carlos	OCHOA Juanita	0.20	368	Colombia
BARRERA Jorge Andres	BERNAL Diana Cecilia	0.18	368	Colombia
WU Tzu-Lin	SO Ho-Yee	0.17	272	Chinese Taipei
DEWASME Isabelle	DEHAYE Bernard	0.15	240	Belgium
HAEUSLER Helmut	VON ARNIM Daniela	0.13	256	Germany
TSAI Po-Ya	FAN Kang-Wei	0.12	320	Chinese Taipei
HE Cindy	LUO Jianfeng	0.09	256	Canada
RIMSTEDT Sandra	DWYER Kevin	0.09	272	U.S.A.
EDIS Timur	EDIS Elvan	0.08	256	United Arab Emirates
BUUS THOMSEN Signe	JEPSEN Peter	0.07	256	Denmark
ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	ROSENTHAL Andrew	0.05	224	U.S.A.
BURROWS Wayne	MIAO Clair	0.05	288	New Zealand
HUANG Shan	MILLENS Joan	0.01	176	U.S.A.
WILTSHIRE David	ASHTON Sophie	-0.01	224	Australia
PEJACSEVICH Pierre	MAYORGA Maria	-0.02	240	Argentina
CIMA Leonardo	DESSI Barbara	-0.06	256	Italy
SAKOWSKA Natalia	BUTRYN Piotr	-0.10	272	Poland
KHANDELWAL Rajeev	KHANDELWAL Himani	-0.12	272	India
KHO Jie Min	TOH Zhen Huai	-0.14	240	Singapore
SUMAR Humayun	QASIM NORANI Nermeen	-0.15	240	United Arab Emirates
BAREKET Ilan	SAADA Nathalie	-0.16	256	Israel
HAMDY Nessrine	NABIL Karim	-0.17	320	Egypt
HENNEBERG Marlene	HENNEBERG Jens Ove	-0.20	256	Denmark
THOMPSON Ben	COOPER Renee	-0.22	240	Australia
KARMARKAR Marianne	KARMARKAR Sandeep	-0.25	224	India
ROBINSON Stephen	LAM Ze Ying	-0.26	240	Singapore
ZHANG Yu	DAI Jianming	-0.27	224	China
CAMBOURNAC Guy	CAMBOURNAC Chantal	-0.29	272	Morocco
TAN Selene	TAN Paul Kayzen	-0.34	256	Singapore
HU Zhenghui	CHEN Yuan	-0.34	240	Canada
LIRAN Inon	POPILLOV Matilda	-0.38	240	Israel
BREWIAK Grazyna	DABROWSKI Maciej	-0.50	208	Poland
MILLINGTON Jenny	JONES Barry	-0.57	256	New Zealand
CUMMINS Patricia	ROTCHHELL Douglas	-0.64	224	Barbados
TRABELSI Abdeljelil	FARHANI GONCALVES Maissa	-0.66	256	Tunisia
HUANG Candice	WANG Michael	-0.68	240	Canada
LANDA Najeh	BEN ABDALAH Mahdi	-0.75	240	Tunisia
LAKHDHAR Mohamed Ali	SELLAMI Hedia	-0.80	240	Tunisia
THOMPSON Jacqueline	RECHTMAN Neal	-0.80	224	Barbados
GUERRAOUI Farida	GUENOUN Raphael	-0.92	240	Morocco
TUMILOWICZ Mariusz	WU Mindy	-0.95	192	New Zealand
HACHEM Dalia	KHEDR Abdelrahman	-1.05	208	Egypt
MEKKY AMR	ELABYARI Sawsan	-1.10	240	United Arab Emirates
SEBTI Noufissa	TAZI Abderrahim	-1.31	224	Morocco
CUMMINS Patricia	RECHTMAN Neal	-1.54	144	Barbados
THOMPSON Jacqueline	HAMMANS Clive	-1.57	144	Barbados