



NOLAND AHEAD IN MIXED SWISS QUALIFYING

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The members of the hard-working duplication team Pawel Szczygiel, Carlo Vecchio, Alessandra Sarritzu, Franco Crosta, Hélène Vivier, Simona Maini, Paolo Vecchio and head Monica Gorrieri

Schedule for Tuesday 2nd October:

Mixed Teams (in Cypress 2 and 3)

10.00 - 11.30
 11.50 - 13.20
 14.20 - 15.50
 16.10 - 17.40
 18.00 - 19.30

20.00: Captains' meeting in
 Salon 4

WBF Pairs
 starting time 10:00

rest to be announced

The team led by Nanette Noland raced out to the lead in the first day of qualifying in the Mixed Swiss Teams. The squad capped a successful day with a 40-1 pasting of one of the other contenders, MNEPO. Through 50 boards on Monday, Noland's average margin of victory was 27.8 IMPs. They finished the day with 87.7 victory points to 74.17 for Indonesia, the second-place squad. Noland's teammates are Mike Passell, Sabine Auken, Roy Welland, Zia Mahmood and Marion Michielsen.

The Indonesian team is Taufik Gautama Asbi, captain, Lusje Olha Bojoh, Robert Parasian and Julita Grace Tueje.

In third with 72.33 victory points is the multinational Barbara Ferm team. Her teammates are Sjoert Brink, captain, Simon de Wijs, Bas Drijver, Christina Lund Madsen and Daniela von Arnim. Ferm is American. Brink, De Wijs and Drijver are Dutch. Madsen is Danish and von Arnim is German.

The teams will play another 50 boards on Tuesday and the top 64 teams at the end of the qualifying rounds will begin the knockout phase on Wednesday. The event, including play-offs, will conclude on Saturday.



BBO SCHEDULE**Mixed Teams****BBO Tables are tables 1-5****1st Round**

1. NOLAND - INDONESIA
2. FERM - BARR
3. THE FRUSH - CHINA HOBBY
4. CFSC - MCCALLUM
5. MANFIELD - WILSON

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There is 15% discount in all restaurants (except Starbucks and Central Pantry). Show badge or just tell server you are with the world bridge group. This discount is for food and non-alcohol beverages.

INVITATION

In the "Adventures..." Geza Ottlik dedicated a whole chapter to "Changing Your Tack". We invite you (at least those who are not playing from 16.10 (Round 9) at the Mixed), to come and try the new tack and we appreciate your feedback.

On the 2nd of October, Tuesday

from **16.10** (please come at least 3-5 minutes earlier to register)

we will be playing 8-10 boards with TABLETS in the

Grand Ballroom Salon 5&6

Thank you!
Peter from LoveBridge

Mixed Infos**Here are the Conditions of Contest about drop in:**

- a) Any pair wishing to drop in should register and pay before the start of the qualification stage of the pairs event they intend to drop in to. The expiration time for registering is set at 10 pm on Wednesday October 3rd.
- g) Drop-ins from the Mixed Teams to the Mixed Pairs, must include at least one player from the Mixed Team as per the rules provided above. Also, in the Mixed a pair composed of an npc and coach may not drop-in to the Pairs competition. A player eliminated in the Round of 64 or 32 may drop into the Mixed Pair qualifications. A player eliminated in the Round of 16, or Quarterfinals may drop into the Mixed Pair Semi-finals. There will be no drop-ins to the Mixed Pairs Final, as losing semi-finalists are required to participate in a bronze medal playoff match.
- h) For drop-in purposes, the players must have fulfilled the minimum play requirements for Masterpoints.

**Time schedule of the Qualification Swiss (to be played in Cypress 2 and Cypress 3)
Tuesday 2nd**

10.00 - 11.30

11.50 - 13.20

14.20 - 15.50

16.10 - 17.40

18.00 - 19.30

20.00: Captains' meeting in Salon 4

The KO stage will be played partly in Grand Ballroom 7 and partly in Cypress 2 starting at 10 am on Wednesday

The Mixed Pairs will be played in Cypress 2 and 3 starting at 10 am on Wednesday

Masterpoints requirement

The players are requested to play one third of the boards played in the relevant stage. The number is rounded when necessary. There are two stages, qualification and KO, which leads to:

- a) Qualification: three matches.
- b) Round of 64: 1 stanza; Round of 32: 1 stanza; Round of 16: 2 stanzas; Round of 8: 3 stanzas; Semifinal: 4 stanzas; Final and Play-Off: 5 stanzas.

WBF Masterpoints

The new rankings are now online.
Find them under: <http://www.wbfmasterpoints.com>

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We will broadcast a **live show** during the last match of the day, starting at 17.40 (Orlando time). Check your time-zone and don't miss the action! Follow us on the WBF Official Youtube Page.



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for Infos, News, Results and Rankings

IBPA YEARBOOK 2018

IBPA members can order the book by paying 15 USD cash to Jan Swaan, and putting their postal address down where they would like to receive the book.

As an alternative you can remit the 15 USD to



Dilip Gidwani.

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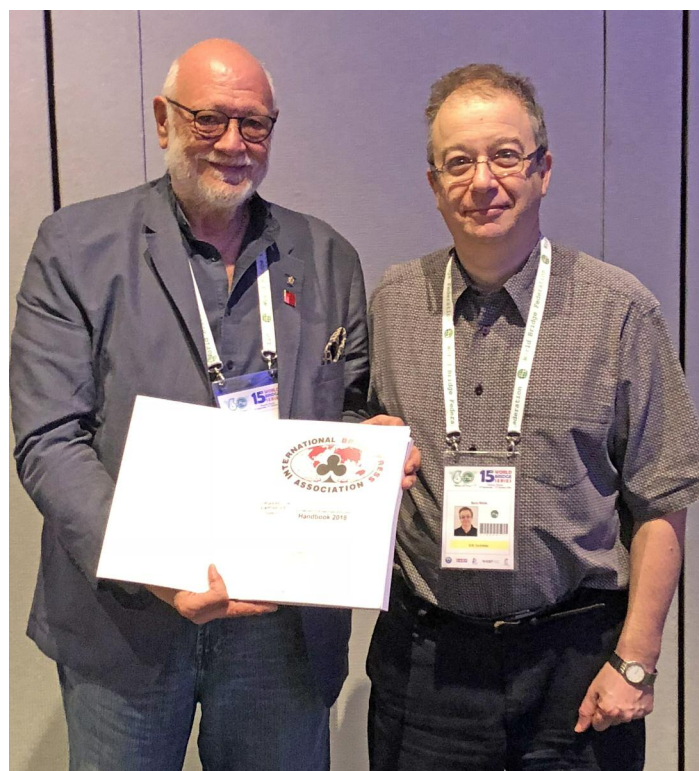
Happy Birthday!!



At least one player was guaranteed to win a World Title on his birthday, this Sunday. It turns out that both, Giorgio

Duboin and Franck Multon (see picture), were born on September 30th, and they were facing each other in the Rosenblum final.

But when evening came, it turned out that Franck was joined by one other birthday boy on the top rostrum: Marc Jacobus, who won the Senior Pairs, also had a double celebration of birthday and world title.



Barry Rigal, President of the IBPA presented Gianarrigo Rona, President of the WBF with a copy of the IBPA Handbook created for its 60th anniversary and signed by executives and members. Rigal, WBF and IBPA were all born in the same year. Good things apparently happen in threes. (Picture by courtesy of Jan Swaan)

Yeh Bros Cup 2019

The 2019 Yeh Bros Cup will take place from
9th-April-2019 to 13th-April-2019

venue is

**“Dongjiao State Guest Hotel” of
Shanghai.**

Dongjiao State Guest Hotel was the venue of 2015 Yeh Cup. In 2019, there will be 28 teams participating and all teams are from invitations; tournament formats are same as before. A formal invitation will be sent out later.



Yeh Bros Cup Bridge Invitation

9th~13th April 2019



Hosted by: Chinese Contract Bridge Association
Organized by: Shanghai Financial Bridge Club
Sponsored by: Mr. Yeh Chen
Venue: Dongjiao State Guest Hotel Shanghai
Contact: jonkychung@gmail.com



BOOK OF THE YEAR

This year the International Bridge Press Assn.'s panelists unanimously agreed (which rarely happens) that the Book of the Year is Kit Woolsey's *The Language of Bridge*.

This book and other "musts" are available in the Jannersten stall opposite the play area.



Britt Jannersten at the Book stall

When you are asked to input your player number in the Bridgemates, please use your WBF number that you can find on your Badge, not the one of your home federation.

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES / COMMUNICATION DEVICES OF ANY TYPE

EVEN IF SWITCHED TO “FLIGHT MODE” are permitted in the playing rooms, and that applies to players, captains, kibitzers or anyone else entering the playing area.

They may be left at the registration desk until after play, but it is best if you leave them in your hotel room.



ATTENTION: Bridge Teachers and Players!

There is a new board game – HOOL – specially developed for kids (and adults) to learn Bridge. It is both a face-to-face game as well as an online mobile app (test version).

To experience HOOL, please come to the area near the PLAYER REGISTRATION DESK for a demonstration.

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Women's pairs final A - Stanza 5

Barry Rigal

The fifth of six stanzas of the women's pairs would see us entering the home stretch. BESSIS/Huberschwiller were leading comfortably from Dufrat/Zmuda then Sulgrove/Griffey, with Gupta/Rosenberg very close behind them in the chase for the medals.

The top two met early on in the set, and to match wits with declarer cover the East and North cards, since you will be South defending 3NT with a blind lead after a strong no-trump is raised to game.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
H'schwiller	Dufrat	Bessis	Zmuda
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Zmuda kicked off with the heart nine (an interesting choice rather than fourth highest). That went to the king, two (reverse attitude and count) and six. Declarer took the losing spade finesse, and Zmuda returned her low heart to the ten and ace. Declarer cashed the spade ace and led a third spade toward dummy; what would you discard as South?

Zmuda got it wrong when she pitched a heart; I'd have guessed a club was with the odds, since a heart is wrong every time declarer has four whereas you may be able to afford a club whenever declarer has only three or fewer clubs. And even if declarer does have four clubs you may be safe when partner has the diamond ace or club king since partner's spade winner is now established.

Bessis now had her ninth trick and 19/22 MP (observant readers may note that the MP top has dropped – one pair withdrew after one of the six sets from illness and a second pair pulled out at the end of the first day.) The Poles pulled back some of this adverse swing on the next deal, bidding a game that required no trump loser from an 11-card fit missing the doubleton king, with the king generously singleton onside.

Dana Berkowitz was faced with an interesting declarer play problem on the next round. Put yourself in the East seat, playing 4♠ here, on an auction where at least one bad break is in the offing.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Hessel	Berkowitz	Gates
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♠
4♠	3♥	3♠	Pass
	All Pass		

Gates led a top heart, then after considerable reflection continued with a second top heart (nothing is better today). Berkowitz ruffed and elected to ruff two diamonds in dummy while ruffing hearts back to hand. That let North pitch a club on the fourth heart, but Berkowitz now cashed one top spade and ran the clubs, losing just one trick in the ending.



Aida Jansma

Nicely done, but that might have looked silly had it been trumps that broke not clubs. Better is to cash two spades, reaching this ending:

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

The whole hand is counted out now; declarer can cash two clubs ending in dummy and lead a third club for the coup en passant. Making 450 was 15/22.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Baroni	Lu	Paoluzi	Liu
Pass	1♦	2♣	1♣(16+)
2♥	2♠	4♥	All Pass

Liu had a vicious problem at her third turn; pass, double or 4♥? Frankly I don't believe letting 4♥ play undoubled can be right; when you have a 17-count in aces and kings can -620 be par? Lu might also have acted but from her perspective passing could easily have been right. After a club lead the defenders took their four tricks – not necessarily a bad result though it rated to lose to the part-scores in spades. But it turned out to be worth only 5/22 for N/S because of the 12 pairs who played 4♠ (six by North, six by South) nine made it, even though the lead of either red suit might set the game.

Debbie Rosenberg was one of the successful declarers after Vinita Gupta had upgraded her hand and opened 1♦ and the bidding had started 1♦–Pass–1♠–(2♦) showing 4-6 in clubs and hearts. East led a heart, and Rosenberg won and cashed a trump then played a second heart. East was allowed to win this and play the diamond eight, to the nine ten and queen. Now declarer led a club up; East won and

needed to exit with her last spade – not so easy to do. Instead she played a club and Rosenberg ruffed in hand and drew trumps, then took the club king and led dummy's last club, pitching her penultimate diamond. East won and was forced to give a ruff and discard, allowing declarer to pitch her last diamond from hand.



Anne-Laure Huberschwiller

Board 29. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pollack	Sulgrove	Bjerkman	Griffey
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	Dble	Pass	INT
	2NT	All Pass	

Put yourself in declarer's shoes here. When Rozanne Pollack led the spade 10 against INT it was logical enough for Candace Griffey to play low from dummy, since there was no reason for West to have underled the ♠KQ. When the queen popped up from East it might seem to be routine to win and drive out the ♦A. West wins and clears spades, and has the heart ace as an entry for the good spades. A normal +120?

Griffey did better with a counter-intuitive duck to trick one, and Sulgrove naturally shifted to a heart, giving declarer her trick back at once. Pollack won and exited in hearts, letting declarer win the ♥Q and lead a diamond to the king as Pollack ducked, then a diamond back. Endplayed again, Pollack exited with a low club, at which point had declarer run this to her hand she would have taken ten tricks. When she put in the jack she had held herself to nine, but +150 was still 15/22.

The last two deals saw our leaders in action again. Both hands were testing defenses, and in each case a trick (or two) got away.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ A Q 10 5		
	♥ 10 9 6 3		
	♦ J 3		
	♣ A 6 5		
♠ 6 4 3	<div>N W E S</div>	♠ K 8 7	
♥ 7 5 4		♥ Q J 2	
♦ 10 7 6 4		♦ A K 9 8	
♣ 9 8 4		♣ K Q 2	
	♠ J 9 2		
	♥ A K 8		
	♦ Q 5 2		
	♣ J 10 7 3		
West	North	East	South
<i>Agha</i>	<i>H'schwiller</i>	<i>Raza</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
Pass	1♣	INT	Pass
All Pass			Dble

If South finds a low spade lead to the queen, the defense has a relatively straightforward route to nine tricks. Not blessed with second sight, Bessis led a fourth highest club, and Huberschwiller won the ace and returned the suit; not automatic by any means. Raza won and played three rounds of diamonds as North pitched a low heart. The defenders cleared clubs and Raza cashed the last diamond ending in dummy, South pitching a spade and North a second heart. If declarer believed South's discarding she could have ensured six tricks by playing a spade now; instead she led a heart to South, who cashed the long club and could exit with either a spade or a heart to endplay declarer eventually for the same down one.

+100 was worth 9/22 for N/S; there was worse to come.

The Duplimates used here in Orlando are sold out. Orders received (and paid) before Saturday (Oct. 6) will be served with a new unit shipped from Sweden for the same price as the previously advertised + freight. Shipping to USA is \$45, making the total \$2695.

Drop your order at the bridge stall opposite Cypress 2, or email anna@jannersten.com. The decks that you play in the championship are still available for \$204 per 240 decks. You can collect them at the end, or have them shipped afterwards.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ J 10 8 7 6		
	♥ K 3		
	♦ K J 5 2		
	♣ 10 8		
♠ 5	<div>N W E S</div>	♠ A K Q 4 3 2	
♥ A 10 7 6		♥ J 2	
♦ Q 10 8 7 6		♦ 9	
♣ A K 4		♣ Q 6 3 2	
	♠ 9		
	♥ Q 9 8 5 4		
	♦ A 4 3		
	♣ J 9 7 5		
West	North	East	South
Agha	H'schwiller	Raza	Bessis
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Sitting behind declarer I thought I detected a twitch from North at the final pass and you could certainly sell me on a double with those cards to get a diamond lead. Whether or not East felt the same vibrations, after a 3rd/5th heart lead from South to the king, it was extremely hard for North to shift to diamonds. She returned a trump, and now declarer was back in with a chance to bring home ten tricks.

As you can see, after testing trumps and finding the bad news declarer takes the remaining top trump and can pass the heart jack (South presumably covering) to play the final heart winner. North can ruff and exit in clubs then win the next trump to play a second club, and that cuts declarer's communications for a squeeze.

In fact, South discarded a club early on, so now all declarer needed to do was take the heart finesse and she was home, for a complete top.

World Championship Book 2018 Pre-ordering

The official book of these World Championships in Orlando will be out around April or May next year. It will comprise in excess of 350 full colour large pages as in previous years.

Principal contributors will be John Carruthers, Barry Rigal, Brian Senior and GeO Tislevoll.

The book will include many photographs, a full results service, and comprehensive coverage of the major championship events.

The official retail price will be US\$35 plus postage but you can pre-order while in Orlando at the special price of US\$30-00 post free (surface mail). This can be done in either of two ways:

1. Through Jan Swaan in the Press Room in Salon 12 of the Grand Ballroom, next door to the WBF main office. Come down the escalator from the hotel and turn left by all the national flags and you should find it.

2. By email from Brian Senior, the editor, and pay by PayPal. The address is bsenior@hotmail.com

Rosenblum Final - S5

LAVAZZA v ZIMMERMANN

Brian Senior

Two-thirds of the way through the 2018 Rosenblum final, Pierre ZIMMERMANN's multi-national squad led Maria Teresa LAVAZZA's multi-national squad by 157-99 IMPs. There were two 16-board sets to play and, while that kind of deficit has been caught up in one set before, it has happened only rarely, so LAVAZZA would be keen to make serious inroads in Set Five.

Board 65. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Madala	Multon	Bianchedi	Zimmermann
	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bilde	Gawrys	Duboin
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

Franck Multon opened a possibly three-card 1♣ and Zimmermann's 1♠ response showed diamonds. Agustin Madala overcalled 2♠ and that ran round to Zimmermann who doubled then converted Multon's 3♣ response to 3NT. Madala led the king of spades, Zimmermann winning the ace and leading the seven of clubs, getting the bad news when Madala discarded the two of hearts, suggesting an even number. Zimmermann put up the ace of clubs then ducked a club, Alejandro Bianchedi winning the jack and seeing a spade discard from Madala. That combination seemed to call for a diamond switch so Bianchedi played the jack of diamonds to the queen and ace and Madala played him for the ten, returning a low diamond to the five and seven. If he could have known it, Zimmermann had nine tricks now, but he assumed diamonds to be five-two, in which case he had only eight, so played a spade up. Madala won the queen and, dummy having pitched a spade on the

second diamond, got out with a spade to the now bare jack. Zimmermann had 10 tricks now for +430. The defence could, of course, have defeated the contract in a number of ways, the most obvious being by cashing the ace and king of hearts when in with the ♠Q.

That was not the start that the trailing team needed, and there was no compensating good news from the other table, where Bilde/Duboin got 2NT played from the North seat, also after a 1♣ opening and transfer response. Here the spade lead was through the ace. Dennis Bilde ducked so Klukowski won the queen and continued with a low spade to dummy's ace. Bilde led the ten of clubs and, when Klukowski showed out, discarding a diamond, ran it to Piotr Gawrys's jack. Gawrys led a heart, Klukowski winning the ace and playing king and another spade. Bilde won the jack and played a heart but Gawrys could win that and put his partner in with a diamond to cash the long spade, so the contract was down two for -100 and 11 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN; 168-99.

Board 67. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Madala	Multon	Bianchedi	Zimmermann
			Pass
Pass	2♠	Dble	3♠
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bilde	Gawrys	Duboin
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠
Dble	3♣	3NT	All Pass

Bilde opened 1♠ in third seat and Giorgio Duboin raised to 2♠ after the double from Gawrys. Klukowski made a responsive double rather than commit to a particular suit and Bilde introduced his second suit. Gawrys bid 3NT and Klukowski left him to play there. Gawrys won the spade lead and crossed to a diamond to take the club finesse, not

risking a heart play for obvious reasons so coming to 10 tricks for +630.

Multon opened the North hand a level higher and Zimmermann raised to 3♠ over the double. Madala wasn't going to be shut out and bid 4♥ but, when Bianchedi bid 4NT, showing a hand too good for an initial INT overcall, Madala jumped to 6♦ and played there. Multon led the queen of spades. Madala won the ace and led a heart to his king then a second heart, and could not be prevented from taking two heart ruffs in dummy to bring his total to 12 tricks for +1370 and 12 IMPs to LAVAZZA; 111-168.

Board 70. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Madala	Multon	Bianchedi	Zimmermann
		Pass	1♣
1♥	Dble	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bilde	Gawrys	Duboin
		Pass	1♣
1♥	Dble	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The two N/S pairs took similar routes to 3NT, both times played by South on a heart lead.

Madala led the three of hearts so Zimmermann got a cheap trick with dummy's seven. He played dummy's low club and Bianchedi shot in with the ace to return a heart to the jack and queen. Madala switched to a club, Zimmermann winning the king and playing king of hearts to Madala's ace. This time Madala returned a heart, establishing his fifth card in the suit. Zimmermann won and cashed the clubs then played ace of diamonds and a diamond to the jack. Though that lost to the queen, he had the rest of the tricks, so nine in all for +400.

Klukowski led the eight of hearts so here there was no cheap trick for dummy. Duboin won the jack of hearts and led a low club to the queen and ace. Gawrys returned a heart for the ten and queen, a spade being discarded from

the dummy, but Klukowski then switched so as not to give declarer an extra heart trick. His club exit was won by declarer's king and Duboin now led a third club to dummy, on which Klukowski discarded the seven of spades, and continued with the ace of spades, Klukowski unblocking the jack. The next spade went to the queen and king and Klukowski got out with his low spade. Duboin won that in dummy and cashed the last club winner before leading a diamond to the ace and a second diamond to the king. Finally, declarer cashed the last club winner and played a heart, losing the last two tricks to Klukowski, so was down one for -50 and 10 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN, whose lead was back up to 66, at 178-112.

So, what about Klukowski's defence – was it necessary? Well, had he cleared the hearts at tricks four and five, that would have given declarer a second heart trick and he could have played on diamonds to set up a ninth trick, so the switch was necessary, and it had to be to a club because either a spade or a diamond would have cost at least one trick in that suit. And if he had not unblocked in spades? The unblock was surely not necessary. Had he retained the king-jack and declarer played a second spade, he would have had two spade tricks and could have cashed the ace of hearts for one down.

Board 72. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Madala	Multon	Bianchedi	Zimmermann
Pass	INT	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bilde	Gawrys	Duboin
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	All Pass		

Bilde passed the 11-point North hand and saw his opponents bid to INT via a Polish Club sequence. Bilde led the six of clubs to dummy's queen, and Klukowski played the king of diamonds to Duboin's ace. Duboin returned a spade to the nine and king, and Bilde continued with a spade to the ace, Duboin in turn continuing with the eight to declarer's jack. Klukowski led a diamond to his nine, losing to the jack, and Bilde cashed the ten of spades then got out with a club. Klukowski put in the queen from

dummy and led a heart to the queen and ace. He had seven tricks now for +90.

At the other table, Multon opened a 10-13 no trump and was doubled by Bianchedi. Nobody saw any reason to run so INT doubled it was. Bianchedi led a low spade to the queen and king. Multon played the ten of spades, pinning Madala's nine, then a third spade to the ace. Not fancying playing on either minor, he now tried the psychological play of a heart to his ten. That lost to the king and Bianchedi cashed the jack of spades, on which dummy and Madala pitched clubs, and now had to decide what to switch to. A heart would have been best for the defence, but it appeared that Multon had at least three of those from his play of a heart to the ten, so Bianchedi instead led the king of diamonds. Multon won the ace and led another diamond, Madala rising with the queen and leading the nine of hearts. Multon won the heart and cashed the jack of diamonds and was down only one for -100 and a flat board, a good effort on his part.

Board 74. Dealer East. All Vul.

		<p>♠ Q 10 7 6 4 3 2</p> <p>♥ 7 2</p> <p>♦ K 10 2</p> <p>♣ 2</p>	
<p>♠ 9 8 6</p> <p>♥ K Q J 3</p> <p>♦ 7 5 3</p> <p>♣ A J 7</p>	<p>N</p> <p>W E</p> <p>S</p>	<p>♠ A J</p> <p>♥ A 10 9 5 4</p> <p>♦ 8</p> <p>♣ K 9 5 4 3</p>	
		<p>♠ K</p> <p>♥ 8 6</p> <p>♦ A Q J 9 6 4</p> <p>♣ Q 10 8 6</p>	
West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
2NT	3♠	1♥	2♦
4♦	Dble	4♣	Pass
		4♥	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
3♦	4♠	1♥	2♦
		Dble	All Pass

Madala showed his constructive raise via 2NT, while Klukowski did so via a 3♦ cuebid. Looking for swings, Bilde jumped to 4♠ with the North cards, a bit of a stretch in terms of suit quality, but he did have a diamond fit, and that got doubled by Gawrys, ending the auction. Multon, meanwhile, contented himself with a more cautious 3♠. He took the opportunity to show something in diamonds when Madala 'cuebid' the suit, presumably a sort of Last Train bid, but then left his opponents to get on with 4♥ when they stopped there.

Four Hearts was easy with the trumps two-two and the ♣Q onside. Bianchedi made 11 tricks without breaking sweat; +650.

Gawrys led his singleton diamond against 4♠ doubled. Bilde won the ace and played the king of spades. Gawrys won the ace and led a club to his partner's jack. Klukowski duly dealt him his diamond ruff and now Gawrys played ace and another heart; down two for -500 but 4 IMPs to LAVAZZA, closing a little to 116-178.

Board 75. Dealer South. None Vul.

		<p>♠ —</p> <p>♥ A 8 6 5</p> <p>♦ A Q J 8 7 2</p> <p>♣ 10 3 2</p>	
<p>♠ J 7 6 5 4 2</p> <p>♥ Q</p> <p>♦ K 6 4 3</p> <p>♣ J 6</p>	<p>N</p> <p>W E</p> <p>S</p>	<p>♠ 9 8</p> <p>♥ K J 7 3</p> <p>♦ 10 5</p> <p>♣ A K Q 8 7</p>	
		<p>♠ A K Q 10 3</p> <p>♥ 10 9 4 2</p> <p>♦ 9</p> <p>♣ 9 5 4</p>	
West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
2♠	3♦	3♠	Pass
			All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
Pass	3♦	Dble	2♠
			All Pass

Zimmermann passed as dealer and Madala opened 2♠. When Multon overcalled 3♦, Bianchedi competed with 3♠, which pleased Zimmermann greatly but, of course, he could not make a penalty double so passed and hoped against hope that Multon might be able to reopen with a double. Not today, alas, though the result in 3♠ undoubled was quite satisfactory. Multon led the two of clubs. Madala won dummy's ace and called for a low heart. That went to the ten, queen and ace, and Multon returned a heart to dummy's king, Madala pitching a diamond from hand. He played a trump now and things started to go badly wrong for him. Zimmermann won the ♠Q, cashed the ♠A, and switched to his singleton diamond. Multon won the ♦J, cashed the ace and played a third round for Zimmermann to ruff. There were still two more trumps to be lost so the contract was down four for -200. Declarer could, of course, have done better. Instead of playing the spade from dummy at trick four he could have cashed two clubs and a heart then played another winning club. But why should he assume that the layout was as was actually the case?

Duboin opened 2♠ as dealer, silencing Klukowski, and Bilde responded 3♦. Gawrys doubled that for take-out and Klukowski had nowhere to go even had he not been content to defend. The double ended the auction and Gawrys kicked off with three top clubs, Klukowski ruffing the third round to lead his heart. Bilde won the ♥A and played the queen of diamonds round to Klukowski's king.

Klukowski returned the six of diamonds and Bilde got the situation wrong when he put in the eight and lost to the ten. Three rounds of hearts saw Klukowski ruff, and he then returned a spade. Bilde ruffed high and had the rest but that was down four and -800; 14 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN, whose lead went back up to 192-116.

Board 76. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Madala	Multon	Bianchedi	Zimmermann
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bilde	Gawrys	Duboin
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Zimmermann started with a simple overcall, cuebid, then jumped in support of spades, but Multon declined the invitation – slightly surprisingly, as he could have had much less than was actually the case, but he presumably assumed the spades to be only a four-three fit. Bianchedi led the ten of spades. Multon won dummy's ace and led the jack of diamonds, running it to East's ace. Bianchedi led his low club to dummy's bare ace and Multon played the ten of diamonds to the queen and king, ruffed a club, then played ace, king and a third heart, ruffing, followed by a second club ruff. He played another heart off the table now but Madala ruffed in with the jack so he discarded a diamond. Madala cashed the nine of diamonds and Multon could just make the king of spades; nine tricks for +140.

Duboin started with a double then bid his hearts and Bilde, with 8 HCP, jumped to 3NT. Gawrys led the nine of spades to the jack and king and Bilde led a heart to the jack and, when that held the trick, switched his attention to diamonds, leading the jack to the queen, king and ace. Gawrys returned a club to the bare ace and Bilde played ten and another diamond, Klukowski winning the nine. Klukowski played a club through and Gawrys won and exited with a spade. Bilde could take the ♠A, ♥AK and ♦8,

but had to concede the last two tricks so was one down for -100 and 6 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN; 198-116.

Board 77. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Madala	Multon	Bianchedi	Zimmermann
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	6NT	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bilde	Gawrys	Duboin
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Madala opened 2♣ and went through a Kokish sequence to show a game-forcing balanced hand. He could have been a couple of points weaker so, when Bianchedi jumped to 6NT, he added a seventh – obviously a state of the match action. Multon led a heart. Madala won the ace and cashed the king then played ace of spades and a spade to the queen. That exposed the spade position so Madala knew that he had a fourth trick in that suit. He cashed the queen of hearts, pitching a club from hand, then led a spade to the nine and cashed the king of spades before taking the top clubs. Finally, he tried the diamonds, but the four-two break meant that he had only 12 tricks so was down one for -100.

Klukowski opened a Polish Club and the 1NT response was natural, 7-10 or maybe 11. Two Diamonds was an artificial game-force and 2♥, I think, showed a minimum. Eventually, Klukowski, having given Gawrys every opportunity to show a suit, as a four-four fit could obviously provide an extra trick, jumped to 5NT to invite 7NT and Gawrys said 'no thanks'. Gawrys won the heart lead, cashed the ace of clubs and led a spade to the queen then ran the ten of clubs. That lost, but there were 12 tricks now for +1440 and 17 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN, up by 215-116.

Board 79. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K 8 7 ♥ J 7 6 2 ♦ 8 5 4 2 ♣ J 2			
♠ A 5 4 2 ♥ K 10 9 8 5 ♦ K 10 9 ♣ 10	<div style="background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 9 6 3 ♥ Q 4 ♦ A J 7 ♣ A 9 7 4	
♠ Q 10 ♥ A 3 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ K Q 8 6 5 3			
West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Identical auctions saw the respective Easts declaring 4♠ on the lead of the king of clubs.

Gawrys played the queen of hearts at trick two. Duboin won the ace and returned a diamond to dummy's nine, Bilde playing low and Gawrys overtaking with the jack and ducking a spade to Duboin's ten. Duboin returned a low club, ruffed in dummy. Gawrys cashed the ace of spades and played king of hearts then eight of hearts and, after a little thought, ruffed it. He cashed the ace and king of diamonds,

ruffed a heart and ruffed a club, but that was over-ruffed and he was one down for -50.

Bianchedi led his low heart at trick two and Zimmermann went up with the ace and returned a diamond. Bianchedi won dummy's nine, unblocked the queen of hearts, then played ace and another spade. There was no heart guess at this table and Bianchedi soon had 10 tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to LAVAZZA; 126-215.

Board 80. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 6 ♥ A K Q 8 7 ♦ Q 4 ♣ Q J 10 6 5			
♠ A J 8 5 4 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ J 7 2 ♣ K 8	<div style="background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K Q 10 2 ♥ 10 ♦ K 10 6 5 3 ♣ A 9 4	
♠ 9 7 3 ♥ J 9 6 2 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ 7 3 2			
West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	3♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

Once again the two auctions were identical, as was the opening lead of the ace of hearts.

Bilde switched to his trump. Klukowski won in hand and ruffed a heart, overtook a spade and ruffed his last heart. He came to hand with a club and drew the last trump then led a diamond to the ten and came back to hand with a club ruff to lead a second diamond up. The friendly lie of the diamonds meant that he had 11 tricks for +650.

Multon switched to the queen of clubs at trick two. Madala won the king and led the seven of diamonds to the king, losing to the ace. He had a second diamond loser so was one down for -100 and 13 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN.

Madala must have been playing for something very specific. If Multon had ace-doubleton diamond, there could be at best a partial elimination before throwing him in with it. He would have to also have only a singleton trump, so 10 cards in hearts and clubs, when he would have to give a ruff and discard – a pretty slim chance.

That left the match score 228-126 in favour of ZIMMERMANN with just one 16-board set to play. LAVAZZA did play on, but it was a lost cause and they never threatened to challenge in that final set. ZIMMERMANN – Pierre Zimmermann, Franck Multon, Tor Helness, Geir Helgemo, Piotr Gawrys and Michal Klukowski, were the 2018 Rosenbush Cup winners. Congratulations to them, and to the silver medallists, LAVAZZA – Maria Teresa Lavazza (npc), Antonio Sementa, Norberto Bocchi, Dennis Bilde, Giorgio Duboin, Agustin Madala and Alejandro Bianchedi.



Franck Multon



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Multiple Medalists

Herman De wael

Piotr Gawrys has now won seven World titles, the Bermuda Bowl in 2015, the World Games (*) in 1984, the Rosenblum in 2014 and 2018 and the Open Transnational Teams in 2005. He was until last week the only player to win all four open team titles. In addition he won the World Individual in 1992 and the Mixed Transnational Teams in 2000.

Michal Klukowski now has five titles. In addition to the Open Team titles of 2014, 15 and 17 with Gawrys, he won the Youngster teams in 2012 and the Junior teams in 2016.

Geir Helgemo also has seven world titles: two Rosenblums (2006, 18), one Bermuda Bowl (2007, with Norway) and two Transnational Open teams (2009, 15). He also won an Individual (1996) and the Junior Pairs in 1995.

Tor Helness has six world titles. He shares all Helgemo's, and also has won the World Individual (2008).

Franck Multon also has six titles. In addition to three Transnational Championships won teams of Zimmermann (2007, 09, 15), he won a World Games (1996) and a Bermuda Bowl (1997) with France. This year's Rosenblum makes him the second player with the full set of team world titles.

Pierre Zimmermann now has four titles, all playing with Franck Multon.

There have only been seven world individual championships, but four of the seven champions were playing in the final here, the fourth being Antonio Sementa (2000). Franck Multon won silver in 1996.

Kerri Sanborn now has nine World titles: two Venice Cups (1989, 93), two McConnells (2002, 18), one World Games (2016), two Women Pairs (1990, 2006) and two Mixed Pairs (1978, 2014).

Karen McCallum has won seven world titles: three Venice Cups (1989, 93, 2009), two McConnells (2014, 18) and twice the Women Pairs (1990, 2002).

Sally Brock has won six titles: two Venice Cups (1981, 85), two World Games (2008, 12), one McConnell (2018) and one Transnational Mixed Teams (2014).

Fiona Brown previously won the 2012 Olympiad.

Irina Levitina also has six world titles: a Venice Cup (2007), a World games (1996), two McConnells (2002, 18) and the Mixed Transnationals (2000) and Women Pairs (2006); or seven if you count the 1984 Chess Olympiad - still the only person to win world titles at chess and bridge (only one other person holds world titles at two Mind sports - Pierre Ghestem at bridge and draughts).

Lynn Baker won the McConnell for the second time, after 2014.

Reese Milner has now won his third consecutive Rand Cup (2010, 14, 18). He also won the D'Orsi Trophy (2015), the World Games Senior Teams (2016) and the Transnational Mixed Teams (2012), for a total of six world titles.

Hemant Lall joined Milner on five occasions (2012, 14, 15, 16 and 18).

Mark Lair was on the 2015 winning D'Orsi team.

Krzysztof Martens previously won three Open Team titles (1984, 97, 2015).

Michal Kwiecien won the World Open Pairs in 1998.

Steve Garner is the only rookie on this illustrious list.

The 2018 World Pairs Champions are not new to titles either. The Rimstedt twins won the Youth Teams in 2014 as well as the Junior Pairs (2015). They were also on the Swedish Junior team that won the world title in Wujiang, China, two months ago.

Véronique Bessis has one previous title, the 2012 Venice Cup, Anne-Laure Huberschwiller the 2014 Girls' Teams.

Marc Jacobus and Mike Passell won the 2013 D'Orsi Trophy. Passell also has a Bermuda Bowl (1979) and a Transnational Teams' title (2001).

Nicola Smith has won the 19th world medal of her career. That is equal to the total that Benito Garrozzo has accumulated, and it puts her fourth on the all-time list (see below). Geir Helgemo won his 18th medal, Tor Helness his 16th, Kerri Sanborn has 15. Sally Brock, Catherine d'Ovidio, Véronique Bessis and Franck Multon have reached a total of 14 medals. Piotr Gawrys now has 13, Sylvie Willard 12.

Irina Levitina and Giorgio Duboin won the tenth world medals of their careers. Sun Ming, Karen McCallum, Pierre Zimmermann and Norberto Bocchi are up to nine, as is Krzysztof Martens (we don't count medals for npcs or coaches). Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva, Reese Milner, Michal Klukowski and Apolinary Kowalski have eight. Joe Grue and Joel Wooldridge are already up to seven, as are Jacek Romanski, Antonio Sementa and Michael Rosenberg.

But the absolute record holder is of course Bob Hamman, whose Senior Team bronze is his 31st world medal. That is 11 more than the joint second on the list, Giorgio Belladonna and Bobby Wolff.

It was of course impossible to play both finals at the same time, so the only way players could win more than one medal this week was by losing the teams' semi-final. That is precisely what Véronique Bessis and Anne-Laure Huberschwiller did, by adding a Pairs' gold to their Teams' bronze.

(*) *The World Games are what was called the Olympiad until 2008.*

Mixed Swiss R I

ZIMMERMANN v CHINA XHJTI

David Bird

The last big championship, the Mixed Teams, launched itself with a series of Swiss matches. Marc Smith and I were watching in the BBOI Open Room. Two dud boards were followed by a worthwhile piece of action:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bian	Bompis	Li	d'Ovidio
1♦	2♣	2♠	3♣
3♦	3♥	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

It was a splendid slam to reach on such a low point-count. Well bid! Bompis led the ♥K. Suppose he switches to a club now. Declarer wins with dummy's ace, cashes the ♠AK and



Joanna Zochowska

scores nine trump tricks on a crossruff. The play was made simpler when North continued with the ♥A at trick 2. Bian was able to set up the heart suit with a second ruff and draw trumps for +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Zheng	Zochowska	Cao
1♥	2♣	2♠	3♣
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Zheng led the ♥A and switched to a club. Zimmermann cashed the ♠A and ruffed a spade in his hand. He crossruffed the next few tricks and South was able to throw away her last spade. Declarer could no longer score the ♠K and ended with +600 for a loss of 13 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bian	Bompis	Li	d'Ovidio
	Pass	Pass	2♥
Dble	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

West might have overcalled 2♠ or 3♠. To double and rebid 3♠ is perhaps an overstatement. Partner held nothing of interest, and the bidding stopped there. When Bompis led the ♥Q, Bian correctly ducked to break the defensive communications. He won the next heart and led a low trump.

When Bompis played low, declarer was in dummy with the ♠J and could have made the contract by running the ♦10. He preferred a low diamond to the queen, which won. The ace and queen of trumps put Bompis on lead with the king. Spotting the only chance to break the contract now, he underled his ♠A. d'Ovidio won with the ♣K and led the ♥K to promote North's bare ♠9. That was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Zheng	Zochowska	Cao
	Pass	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

If 2NT was a Lebensohl negative response, 3♠ was surely enough on the West cards. The play started in the same way as the other table, except that Zheng went in with the ♠K at trick 3. He continued with ace and another club to the king, ruffed by declarer. Zimmermann drew trumps and had to concede a trick to the ♦K. He was one down for a flat board.

Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bian	Bompis	Li	d'Ovidio
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass



Yili Zheng



Pierre Zimmermann

In my youth (a long time ago, but I'm sure I can remember correctly) I was taught that responder bids the longer suit first when worth two bids or more. Here East would respond 2♦ and show her spades on the next round. Every time I see players respond 1♠, which many do nowadays, I win. How can that possibly be right?

Marc Smith and I expected West to rebid 1NT, to show a balanced minimum. Perhaps we're both out of touch with modern thought. West rebid 2♥ and was raised to 4♥. As you see, they had missed a splendid game in diamonds.

You will not thank me for a detailed description of the play in 4♥. The contract was two down at one stage, three down a trick later, and eventually allowed to go only one down.

By contrast, the bidding at the Closed Table was a true delight:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Zheng	Zochowska	Cao
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Bravo, say I. Now, could 5♦ be made against the 4-0 trump break?

Zochowska won the ♣Q lead with the ace, unblocked the ♥K and crossed to dummy's ♠K. She discarded her club loser on the ♥A, returned to the ♠A and ruffed a spade. A trump to the queen, followed by a spade ruff, would now have landed the game. Zochowska played a trump to the

How unfair is that, when splendid bidding and a great line of play give you a flat board, against game in a 5-1 fit at the other table?

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bian</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Zheng</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>Cao</i>
	1♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	1♥	2♣
Dble	3♣	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	All Pass

Cao led the ♠9 to the ace. Knowing that there were no more tricks to be taken in clubs (nor, very likely, in the red suits), North might have switched to a low spade now. No, he returned the ♣Q and Zochowska picked up +130, albeit for a loss of 11 IMPs.

The match drew to a close and CHINA XHJTI had beaten ZIMMERMANN by 32 IMPs to 7 (16.97 VPs to 1.03). *(Editors note: make sure you leave your phones and other electronic devices outside the playing area not to get a penalty like team ZIMMERMANN)*

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Mixed Swiss R I

FERM v GOWER

Brian Senior

So the Rosenblum, Rand and McConnell are complete after nine days of tough bridge, and we move on to the Mixed Championships. As with the other team championships, the Mixed begins with two days of Swiss to qualify the top 64 out of 106 to the knockout stages. However, the early stages of the knockout see two rounds per day, 28 boards each, with only the semi-finals and final being full-day matches.

For my first match, I chose the South African team captained by Craig GOWER, and the powerful-looking multi-national team FERM. Boards 1 and 2 each saw FERM pick up a single IMP, but they gained something rather more substantial on Board 3.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rosslee	Ferm	Gower	Brink
Pass	1♣	1♠	INT
Dble	2♣	2♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Drijver	Barg	Madsen	De Andrade
1♥	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Dble
5♦	All Pass		

Diana Rosslee did not open the West hand, something with which I have a lot of sympathy as it may be easier to describe the hand accurately via a two-suited overcall later in the auction, and Barbara Ferm opened 1♣ with the North cards. Craig Gower overcalled 1♠ and Sjoert Brink bid INT. When Rosslee now doubled, Ferm and Gower in turn repeated their long suits, Gower buying the contract in 2♠. Brink led the king of clubs so Gower won and ruffed a club. Next, he tried to get to hand with a diamond, but Ferm ruffed and played the queen of clubs – a low club to her partner's ten would have been better, as she could then

have been given a second ruff, but she no doubt assumed that Brink's king then jack of clubs meant that he had a doubleton. Ferm continued with another club but Gower ruffed high and played two more rounds of trumps. He lost two trump tricks and a heart but that was all; eight tricks for +110.

Bas Drijver opened the West hand with 1♥, after which his side were always going to get to game. Christina Lund-Madsen bid and rebid her spades then, when Drijver showed the fifth diamond, cuebid on the way to game. Drijver was not interested in slam so signed off in 5♦, against which Stanley Barg led the eight of clubs. Drijver won dummy's ace and played a heart to the ten and ace, ruffed the club return and ruffed a heart high, came back to hand with another club ruff and ruffed another heart high. Finally, he drew trumps and cashed the top spades, so had 11 tricks for +600 and 10 IMPs to FERM, who led by 12-0.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rosslee	Ferm	Gower	Brink
3♠	Pass	Pass	2♥
	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Drijver	Barg	Madsen	De Andrade
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♥
3♠	3♣	Pass	3♥
	All Pass		

Both Souths opened with a weak two bid. Rosslee made a strong jump overcall while Drijver preferred to start with a double then introduce his spades. Both played in 3♠ and both received the lead of the queen of hearts, which they ducked, and a second heart to the jack and ace. Both declarers played a low spade at trick three and both Norths played low, so dummy's jack won. That provided the entry for declarer to take the diamond finesse, running the ten then leading low to the jack. When that held they both played ace and another spade to the king. Ferm now cashed

the ace of clubs and Rosslee had the rest for +170. Barg showed the way to defeat game by underleading in clubs to put his partner in with the king to give him a diamond ruff – but Isabella Vargas De Andrade returned a club so Drijver too had 10 tricks for +170 and a push board.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rosslee	Ferm	Gower	Brink
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Drijver	Barg	Madsen	De Andrade
1♠	Dble	1♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass	3♦	Pass



Christina Lund Madsen

After identical starts to the two auctions, Barg doubled for take-out while Ferm passed. Gower overbid somewhat with a 3NT rebid, while Madsen bid an invitational 3♦ and saw Drijver bid 3NT.

Brink led the five of hearts from the South seat, Ferm winning the ace and returning the four to Gower's king. He had to cash out now for 10 tricks and +630.

Barg led the jack of clubs from the North seat. Drijver put in the queen and rattled off all the diamonds and the pressure saw the defenders give him a safe shot at an extra overtrick, which he duly took; 11 tricks for +660 and 1 IMP to FERM, up by 14-0.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rosslee	Ferm	Gower	Brink
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Drijver	Barg	Madsen	De Andrade
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Rosslee opened 1♥ and rebid 2NT, being raised to game by Gower. Ferm led the four of spades so Rosslee put in the nine and Brink ducked, so the nine held the trick. Declarer came to hand with the king of spades and led the nine of diamonds. When Ferm played low without a flicker, Rosslee put in the queen and was in trouble when the four-nil split came to light. She continued with ace and a third diamond, Ferm winning and returning a low club. Rosslee ducked the club and Brink switched to a heart to dummy's bare king. Declarer cleared the diamonds but had no entry to the established winners. Ferm won the diamond and played the king of clubs, which Rosslee ducked, and another club to the ace. Rosslee could cash the ace of hearts but had to concede the last trick and was down one for -50.

Running the nine of diamonds could not cost the contract – declarer can always judge to take the finesse on the next round – and may also be necessary if there is bare king offside.

I'm not sure just what Drijver's 2♥ opening showed in his system but it seems that the 3♣ response was a transfer

and that, with a balanced hand, it was his duty to simply complete the transfer. Madsen showed her spade strength and Drijver now liked his hand sufficiently that he cuebid, Madsen closing proceedings with a jump to 5♦. Barg led the four of spades, Drijver putting in dummy's ten, which held the trick. He cashed the ace of diamonds to guard against bare king with South, crossed to hand with a spade and led a heart to the king, ruffed his remaining small spade, and led his last diamond towards the queen. Barg could win the king and come to a second trump trick, but the club loser went away on the ace of hearts so that was all for the defence; +400 and 10 IMPs to FERM. They led by 24-0.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ A J 10 4		
	♥ 7 5		
	♦ 4 2		
	♣ A Q 8 7 2		
♠ Q 9 3	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ 8 7 6	
♥ A K 2		♥ Q J 10 6	
♦ A Q J 10 6		♦ K 8 5 3	
♣ J 10		♣ K 6	
	♠ K 5 2		
	♥ 9 8 4 3		
	♦ 9 7		
	♣ 9 5 4 3		
West	North	East	South
Rosslee	Ferm	Gower	Brink
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Drijver	Barg	Madsen	De Andrade
	1♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Ferm passed as dealer while Barg opened 1♣. It didn't matter so far as the final contract was concerned, with both Easts becoming declarer in 3NT, but it made a big difference to the opening lead.

Holding a weak hand and on lead to a confidently bid game, Brink led the only suit in which he held help for his partner – spades. On the two of spades lead Gower put up dummy's queen and Ferm won the ace and returned the jack. Brink overtook that with the king and continued with his last spade and Ferm cashed out for down one and –100. Well led.

De Andrade had seen a 1♣ opening from partner and looked no further than her partner's suit for her opening lead. The three of clubs was won by the ace and Barg had one chance to defeat the opposing game. There was a case for finding the spade switch. Dummy seemed to have five diamond winners as the finesse would work if declarer did not hold the king, and there were two heart tricks also. A

club continuation therefore required that South hold a heart stopper and that declarer would need a spade for her ninth trick. But, in truth, South could have held ♥Q10 instead of ♠K, and then Barg's chosen defence of continuing with the ♣Q would have been the winner. Today, it was not. Madsen won the club and cashed out 10 tricks for +630 and 12 IMPs to FERM; 36-0.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

		♠ 10 8 4			
		♥ J 4 3			
		♦ 9 4			
		♣ Q J 9 6 5			
♠ A K 7 6 3		<div>W N E S</div>		♠ Q J	
♥ 6				♥ Q 10 9 8 5 2	
♦ 7 6 5 3				♦ 10	
♣ A 8 4				♣ K 10 7 3	
		♠ 9 5 2			
		♥ A K 7			
		♦ A K Q J 8 2			
		♣ 2			
West	North	East	South		
Rosslee	Ferm	Gower	Brink		
		2♥	3NT		
All Pass					
West	North	East	South		
Drijver	Barg	Madsen	De Andrad		
		2♦	3♦		
All Pass					

Madsen opened with a multi and De Andrade made a very heavy 3♦ overcall and played there. Drijver led the ace of spades and continued with a low spade. Madsen won that and returned the ten of hearts. This offered declarer a chance to make a contract that was otherwise doomed to fail by a trick. But De Andrade spurned the opportunity and went up with the ace. She cashed all the trumps but nothing good happened and she was eventually down one for –100.

Gower opened with a natural weak two bid and, looking at eight running tricks including a double heart stopper, Brink overcalled 3NT. Rosslee led a low spade, Gower winning and returning the suit. Rosslee overtook and cashed out the spades. Gower threw hearts on each one so Rosslee then cashed the ace of clubs. Though declarer showed out, she now switched to hearts, so Brink had the rest and escaped for down two instead of three; –200 and 3 IMPs to GOWER.

It was scant consolation, being their only gain of the match. FERM ran out winners by 36-3 IMPs, 18.30-1.70 VPs.



Mixed Swiss R I

PSZCZOLA v VALIO

Ron Tacchi

The Mixed Teams starts with a ten Round Swiss to reduce the 106 entries down to 64. This first-round match features team PSZCZOLA (universally and affectionately known as 'Pepsi – can't think why) and VALIO, the former being half and half USA and Polish whilst the latter is only four-handed and contains players from Bulgaria, USA and Turkey.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marquardt	Pszczola	Kovachev	Seamon-Molson
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♦	3♣	Pass	INT
3♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

I cannot imagine that West's Pass will be the universal action on her hand and should she do so not showing her second suit when partner had freely overcalled would also seem to be on the timid side. However her partner managed to get the bidding to game. They did considerably better than one BBO match where E/W rested in Two Spades, making on the nose. After the lead of the ace of hearts declarer was not sorely tested.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Zobu	Blass	Aronov
1♥	2♣	Dble	3♣
3♦	4♣	4♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

In the Closed Room West showed more determination when she opened the bidding with One Heart. When West proclaimed a serious diamond suit, East with his good support and controls in every suit bid the slam. The ace of hearts was led and was followed with a club. Declarer won in dummy, and ruffed a club. A heart from hand was ruffed in dummy and when the ace and king of spades stood up the contract could be claimed on a high crossruff along with 13 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marquardt	Pszczola	Kovachev	Seamon-Molson
Pass	1♥	1♠	1♦
			All Pass

This hand is a question of bidding style. With the East hand do you Double or just bid your spades? There are those who would argue that with a five-card major bid it at the first opportunity and another group who will argue that you have two places to play. At this table East fell into the first camp. Whilst it might have been theoretically possible to make the contract the defence was adequate and declarer took a wrong view and so failed by one trick.



Victor Aronov

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Zobu	Blass	Aronov
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♦
2♣	All Pass		Pass

In this room East was of the other persuasion and doubled allowing West to bid her clubs and peacefully play there. After a diamond lead, won in hand, declarer set about a crossruff and finished up with nine tricks and five IMPs. PSZCZOLA were now leading 22-0.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marquardt	Pszczoła	Kovachev	Seamon-Molson
1♥	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT*	All Pass
3♣*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

I must confess to not fully understanding the auction but 2♣ was obviously some kind of game force with 2♦ being a negative. Against 3NT South started with the six of clubs. Declarer held up until the third round and tried the nine of diamonds from dummy. We can all see that if he lets that run he will fulfil his contract but declarer was not privy to the 4-0 split, he knew South had two more clubs to cash and so played the ace, guaranteeing his contract any time North held three diamonds or doubleton king. It would fail only against all four diamonds in the North hand – not his day.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Zobu	Blass	Aronov
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass



In the Open Room: Jacek Pszczoła, Valentin Kovachev, Janice Seamon-Molson and Diana Marquardt

After a more natural auction, East was playing in his 6-3 fit. On the lead of the queen of clubs declarer won immediately with the ace, unblocked the king of hearts and crossed back to dummy with a spade to discard his losing club on the ace of hearts. Now as the cards lie declarer needs to shorten his trumps by ruffing a club and some hearts but he came back to hand with a spade and ruffed a spade in dummy. Now he started ruffing in his own hand but in the end game he still had five diamonds and in effect he had to lead away from them, giving North two trumps to go with his overruff of a spade. Had he taken a ruff in hand before taking the ace of spades at the end North will have three trumps and a club and East four trumps. North gets off lead with his club, which declarer ruffs. Then he exits with a small trump in the safe and secure knowledge that he will now make his last two trumps. A bullet dodged by VALIO but still three IMPs away.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marquardt	Pszczola	Kovachev	Seamon-Molson
	1♣	Pass	1♥
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

East saw no reason not to go to game after his partner's INT overcall and North had no compelling reason to lead a spade and so chose a club. Declarer could not get it wrong so quickly wrapped up ten tricks. Should North have considered a different lead? After all, West has proclaimed a club stop and a heart stop. As usual it is easy to spot the winning line when sitting here looking at all four hands, and just because a specific action works does not necessarily mean it was the right action.

Closed Room

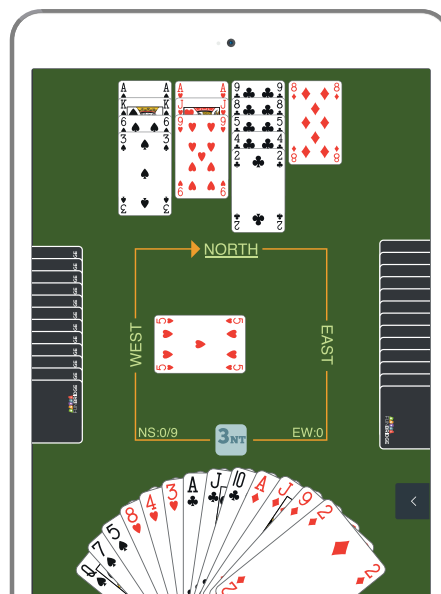
West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Zobu	Blass	Aronov
	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♦	Pass	3♦	All Pass

West did not rate his club stop so highly and bid a gentle Two Diamonds but could find no way of progressing after his partner's support. The contract was never in danger but it was a much-needed 11 IMPs to VALIO, who lost 25-11, 14.54-5.46 VPs to PSZCZOLA.



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Mixed Teams

After Round 5

1	NOLAND	87.70	57	ZIMMERMANN	47.85
2	INDONESIA	74.17	58	LU DONG	47.64
3	FERM	72.33	59	MAVILO	47.43
4	THE FRUSH	71.10	60	GARFIELD	47.38
5	BARR	70.49	61	GOTARD	47.32
6	CHINA HOBBY	69.17	62	GUPTA	46.88
7	CFSC	69.00	63	HAMPSON	46.72
8	MCCALLUM	67.36	64	SIX BLADE KNIFE	46.59
9	MANFIELD	67.18	65	BEAUTIFUL YAN	46.20
10	WILSON	67.03	66	PDC	45.90
11	REIGNWOOD	66.56	67	JT BICEPS	45.77
12	ROSSARD	66.31	68	DE BOTTON	45.44
13	MAHAFFEY	65.96	69	INDOJAPAN	45.30
14	IAN SMA	65.24	70	ASCIUGAMANI	45.28
15	GARTAGANIS	63.89	71	RODNEY	44.84
16	LUCKY BRIDGE	63.78	72	GRIFFIN	44.66
17	NITABACH	63.06	73	BADGER	43.84
18	MNEPO	63.04	74	FEIXIANG	43.09
19	CORNELL	62.78	75	ROBINSON	42.88
20	PERLMUTTER	61.89	76	HARD YAKKA	42.73
21	GILLIS	61.21	77	YBM	42.32
22	3ST	60.48	78	DONNER	42.07
23	MCALLISTER	59.90	79	NUKKAI	41.53
24	ROSENTHAL	59.50	80	SELIGMAN	41.47
25	PSZCZOLA	58.90	81	CUSHING	41.26
26	WARD PLATT	57.99	82	CAYNE	41.04
27	COCO CAT	57.70	83	ORG	40.84
28	VEGAS STRONG	57.61	84	GREAT AM BRIDGE TOUR	40.58
29	CHINA XHIT2	57.21	85	ALEGRIA	40.35
30	REESS	56.88	86	6NT	40.32
31	SUZHOUTAIHU	56.61	87	COSTA RICA	40.02
32	DREWSKY	56.49	88	KASLE	39.54
33	FORMIDABLES	56.45	89	ROMAMIAMI	38.53
34	VYTAS	56.38	90	ALPHA	38.08
35	POLLACK	56.09	91	HANSA	37.24
36	GLASSON	54.12	92	ITABASHI	36.64
37	COPING WITH PUNCH	54.01	93	MECKWELL	36.55
38	ZHAOHENG	53.51	94	MASTERMIND	36.41
39	MILLENS	52.72	95	MOSS	36.26
40	FIFIROOS	52.28	96	THE ORPHANS	35.84
41	GRUDE	52.24	97	LIS	35.44
42	HILL	51.84	98	CAN AM EXPRESS	33.56
43	VIEGO	51.69	99	HINZE	32.64
44	HOT FUZZ	51.58	100	SKY BRIDGE CLUB	32.28
45	ANNA	50.95	101	FORT LAUDERDALE CREW	32.21
46	PASKE	50.95	102	CRE8IVE	30.30
47	CASPERSEN	50.93	103	BENNER	28.66
48	MARTENS	50.04	104	GOWER	26.35
49	VALIO	49.63	105	ARVECHICO	25.67
50	KAMIL	49.19	106	FIZZ	25.20
51	KCKATS	48.89			
52	TORLOVEBECK	48.64			
53	KEY LIME PIE	48.25			
54	BICOASTAL	48.24			
55	CORNFIELD	48.03			
56	CHINA XHJT1	47.89			

WBF Pairs

1	LAVIN Robert - FELDHEIM Harold	USA - USA	60.28	6	WHITE Edward - FORTUNATE Brenda	USA - USA	47.22
2	RADIN Michael - BERGER George	USA - USA	57.22	7	MOON Hee-Jung - TASELAAR Nina	USA - USA	46.67
3	FISHER Arnold - BALL Linda Jane	USA - USA	56.67	8	PINOARGOTE Alamiro - CASTILLO Elsa	ECU - COL	46.39
4	KRIZEL George - SHEKHTER Albert	USA - USA	56.39	9	ROSEN MARSCHOFF J. - SCHAPIRA S. M.	MEX - MEX	40.83
5	MAK Ronald - MCGUIRE Daniel	USA - USA	53.06	10	VIGNATI Frank - VIGNATI W June	USA - USA	35.28

Mixed Teams Seeding

1	ZIMMERMANN	56	GOWER
2	NOLAND	57	VALIO
3	FERM	58	KAMIL
4	PSZCZOLA	59	GARFIELD
5	MARTENS	60	SIX BLADE KNIFE
6	MECKWELL	61	CHINA HOBBY
7	HILL	62	FORT LAUDERDALE CREW
8	WARD PLATT	63	BADGER
9	WILSON	64	FORMIDABLES
10	ROBINSON	65	GOTARD
11	VYTAS	66	CUSHING
12	MANFIELD	67	ANNA
13	PERLMUTTER	68	REIGNWOOD
14	ASCIUGAMANI	69	INDOJAPAN
15	HAMPSON	70	KEY LIME PIE
16	POLLACK	71	COPING WITH PUNCH
17	MAHAFFEY	72	ARVECHICO
18	GARTAGANIS	73	GRUDE
19	SUZHOUTAIHU	74	MASTERMIND
20	GUPTA	75	ITABASHI
21	SELIGMAN	76	MAVILO
22	THE FRUSH	77	PASKE
23	MOSS	78	KASLE
24	LU DONG	79	CRE8IVE
25	INDONESIA	80	SKY BRIDGE CLUB
26	ROMAMIAMI	81	CAN AM EXPRESS
27	ROSENTHAL	82	FIFIROOS
28	CORNFIELD	83	TORLOVEBECK
29	CFSC	84	GRIFFIN
30	MNEPO	85	HINZE
31	REESS	86	COSTA RICA
32	YBM	87	FIZZ
33	PDC	88	DREWSKY
34	CAYNE	89	CHINA XHJT2
35	CORNELL	90	DONNER
36	MCCALLUM	91	LIS
37	DE BOTTON	92	VIEGO
38	MILLENS	93	ALEGRIA
39	LUCKY BRIDGE	94	NUKKAI
40	COCO CAT	95	HARD YAKKA
41	MCALLISTER	96	BICOASTAL
42	JANSMA	97	BEAUTIFUL YAN
43	ROSSARD	98	GREAT AM BRIDGE TOUR
44	NITABACH	99	JT BICEPS
45	ORG	100	ALPHA
46	VEGAS STRONG	101	6NT
47	HANSA	102	KCKATS
48	ZHAOHENG	103	THE ORPHANS
49	GILLIS	104	BENNER
50	FEIXIANG	105	HOT FUZZ
51	3ST	106	RODNEY
52	CASPERSEN		
53	BARR		
54	CHINA XHJT1		
55	GLASSON		

Mixed Teams Roster

3ST	Russell SAMUEL, Makiko SATO, Kyoko SHIMAMURA, Tadashi TERAMOTO, Kyoko SHIMAMURA captain
6NT	Barry BRAGIN, Eleanor BRAGIN, Cynthia COLIN, Rebecca DUTY, Jeff HAND, Fred KING
ALEGRIA	Claudia Valerie GAMIO, John JONES, Jacqui McGREAL, Miguel REYGADAS, Miguel REYGADAS captain
ALPHA	Aubrey FEIN, Gen GEIGER, Terry MCHENRY, Charlene PREDMEST
ANNA	Gunnar ANDERSSON, Bengt-Erik EFRAIMSSON, Noomi HEBERT, Anna ZACK EFRAIMSSON
ARVECHICO	Alejandro BIANCHEDI, Carlos HOYOS, Alejandra LAVIN, Perla SULTAN
ASCIUGAMANI	Irene BARONI, Thomas BESSIS, Daniele GAVIARD, Paul STREET
BADGER	Michael BELL, Sarah BELL, Frances HINDEN, Graham OSBORNE
BARR	Ronnie BARR, Dana BERKOWITZ, Eldad GINOSSAR, Efrat OREN, Yaniv ZACK
BEAUTIFUL YAN	Yan CHEN, Geir ENGBRETSEN, Solbritt LINDAHL, Wei ZHANG
BENNER	Debbie BENNER, Arthur CRYSTAL, MADELYNN DRIMMER, Paul EBERMAN
BICOASTAL	Gonzalo HERRERA, Patricia HERRERA, John KISSINGER, Susan KISSINGER, Sandra MCCAY, Dave W. SMITH, John KISSINGER captain, Sandra MCCAY coach
CAN AM EXPRESS	Gloria BART, Les BART, Mark COHEN, Stasha COHEN, Martin KIRR, Catherine THORPE, Mark COHEN captain
CASPERSEN	Henrik CASPERSEN, Stense FARHOLT, Brigitta FISCHER, Ola RIMSTEDT
CAYNE	Shannon CAPPELLETTI, Alan SONTAG, Robin TAYLOR, Mustafa Cem TOKAY, Jimmy CAYNE captain
CFSC	Ke JIN, Yi Qian LIU, Nan WANG, Weimin WANG, Bangxiang ZHANG, Ping ZHU, Rong HUANG captain, Mao Yuan HU coach
CHINA HOBBY	Wenmin CHEN, Zhong FU, Yunqing LIU, Gang SUN, Yongge ZHANG, Wenmin CHEN captain, Jie LI coach
CHINA XHJT1	Jingsheng BIAN, Xueliang CAO, Jinghong LI, Liping WANG, Yili ZHENG, Jia Hong ZHOU, Shikan ZHOU captain
CHINA XHJT2	Jingjing BAO, Wan Xian BAO, Jian HOU, Hua HUANG, Ning LIU, Yapin LU, Xi LIN captain
COCO CAT	Nikolay DEMIREV, Vladimir MARASHEV, Rose MELTZER, Miriana MITOVSKA, Kerri SANBORN, Steve SANBORN
COPING WITH PUNCH	Simon COPE, Stephen PETERKIN, Sam PUNCH, Marion ROBERTSON
CORNELL	Michael CORNELL, Vivien CORNELL, Ben THOMPSON, Jenny THOMPSON
CORNFIELD	Fiona BROWN, Hannah CORNFIELD, Andrew McINTOSH, James THROWER
COSTA RICA	Isabelle CHAPLET, Sharon Kay HAMMER, John MACGREGOR, Eduardo PIZA, Eduardo PIZA captain
CRE8IVE	Shuguang BI, Wenjiong HE, Zhan Jie JIN, Linlin WANG, Yu WEI, Dingyi YU, Zhan Jie JIN captain
CUSHING	Justine CUSHING, Sharon GOLDMAN, Jouri KHOKHLOV, Kauko KOISTINEN, Melih OZDIL, Maija ROMANOVSKA
DE BOTTON	Kathrine BERTHEAU, Thor Erik HOFTANISKA, Artur MALINOWSKI, Marilyn NATHAN, Dror PADON, Dana TAL, Janet DE BOTTON captain
DONNER	Gary DONNER, David GURVICH, Rachael MOLLER, Geoffrey PHIPPS, Yoko SOBEL, Lindsey WEINGER
DREWSKY	Anne BRENNER, David CAPRERA, Drew CASEN, Jo CASEN, Patricia DOVELL
FEIXIANG	Chunhui DONG, Yan LIU, Ming SHENG, Bin SHI, Xudong SUN, Wei TIAN
FERM	Sjoert BRINK, Simon DE WIJS, Bas DRIJVER, Barbara FERM, Christina Lund MADSEN, Daniela VON ARNIM, Sjoert BRINK captain
FIFIROOS	Terry BROWN, Katherine BUCHEN, Peter Walter BUCHEN, Liliane KIRCHHOFF
FIZZ	Dori BYRNES, Margie COLE, Will EHLERS, Radu NISTOR, Iulian ROTARU, Susan SCHNELWAR
FORMIDABLES	Himani KHANDLWAL, Rajeev KHANDLWAL, Natasha KHANDHERIA, Kiran NADAR, Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA, Sandeep THAKRAL, Kiran NADAR captain
FORT LAUDERDALE CREW	Juan Carlos CASTILLO, Linda EPSTEIN, Luisana MADUENO, Neil SILVERMAN
GARFIELD	Dennis CLERKIN, Jerry CLERKIN, Molly ONEILL, Joanne WEINGOLD
GARTAGANIS	Mitch DUNITZ, Judith GARTAGANIS, Nicholas GARTAGANIS, Jill MEYERS, JoAnna STANSBY, Lew STANSBY
GILLIS	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD, Simon GILLIS, Marianne HARDING, Erik SAELENSMINDE
GLASSON	Bob GLASSON, Joann GLASSON, Robert HOPKINS, Joan LEWIS

GOTARD	Doug DOUB, Marie EGGELING, Thomas GOTARD, Yiji STARR, Sylvia SUMMERS-CALEY, Adam WILDAVSKY, Thomas GOTARD captain
GOWER	Stanley BARG, Craig GOWER, Diana ROSSLEE, Isabella VARGAS DE ANDRADE
GREAT AM BRIDGE TOUR	Geoffrey S Jade BARRETT, Karen Lee BARRETT, Donna LOMBARDINI, Thomas MACCORMAC, Robert SOLICK, Geoffrey S Jade BARRETT captain
GRIFFIN	Jim GRIFFIN, Patricia GRIFFIN, Buddy HANBY, Sally WHEELER
GRUDE	Kristian ELLINGSEN, Marian GRUDE, Tor Eivind GRUDE, Astrid Steen LYBAEK, Tor Eivind GRUDE captain, Kristian ELLINGSEN coach
GUPTA	Dennis BILDE, Ida GRONKVIST, Vinita GUPTA, Billy MILLER, Fredrik NYSTROM, Sandra RIMSTEDT
HAMPSON	Geoff HAMPSON, Brenda JACOBUS, Marc JACOBUS, Chip MARTEL, Jan MARTEL, Lindsay PEARLMAN
HANSA	Bharati DEY, Ashok Kumar GOEL, Monica JAJOO, Sumit MUKHERJEE, Hansa NARASIMHAN, Carlos PELLEGRINI, Ashok Kumar GOEL captain
HARD YAKKA	David McLEISH, Paula McLEISH, Jane REYNOLDS, Peter REYNOLDS, Peter REYNOLDS captain
HILL	Kevin DWYER, Joyce HILL, Jill LEVIN, Robert LEVIN, Steve WEINSTEIN, Jenny WOLPERT
HINZE	Chris COMPTON, Donna COMPTON, Linda ELMORE, Kay ENFIELD, Greg HINZEHOT FUZZ Kay PREDDY, William ROPER, Louise SELWAY, Norman SELWAY
INDOJAPAN	Puja BATRA, Noriko DOMICHI, Subhash GUPTA, Debabrata MAJUMDER, Subhash GUPTA captain
INDONESIA	Taufik Gautama ASBI, Lusje Olha BOJOH, Robert PARASIAN, Julita Grace TUEJE, Taufik Gautama ASBI captain
ITABASHI	Stephen COHEN, Mark ITABASHI, Veronica MCMURDIE, Marjorie MICHELIN, Mark ITABASHI captain
JANSMA	David BAKHSHI, Heather BAKHSHI, Aida JANSMA, Jan JANSMA, David BAKHSHI captain
JT BICEPS	Brad BART, Jenni CARMICHAEL, Tom CARMICHAEL, Spencer JONES, Cristal NELL, Peggy WARE, Spencer JONES captain
KAMIL	Susan CULHAM, Mike KAMIL, Phillip MARTIN, Gabrielle SHERMAN, Mike KAMIL captain
KASLE	Joshua DONN, Barbara KASLE, Gaylor KASLE, Jennifer LIN, Nancy PASSELL, Ron SMITH, Gaylor KASLE captain
KCKATS	Linda EAKES, Chuck MALCOLM, Marti MALCOLM, Victoria MUIR, William MUIR, Don STACK
KEY LIME PIE	Doris FISCHER, Fabrizio HUGONY, Bernd SAURER, Vera TAGLIAFERRI
LIS	Lucia DORIA, Lis FERREIRA, Federico Alfredo KLADT, Sergio RODRIGUES, Lucia DORIA captain
LU DONG	Ling GAN, Dong LU, Yan LU, Sheng SHAN, Yanhong WANG, Lixin YANG, Dong LU captain
LUCKY BRIDGE	Jing LIU, Choon Chou LOO, Wei WANG, Yu ZHANG, Chen ZHAO
MAHAFFEY	Joe GRUE, Sam LEV, Irina LEVITINA, Jim MAHAFFEY, Judi RADIN, Anam TEBHA, Jim MAHAFFEY captain
MANFIELD	William COLE, Melanie MANFIELD, Beth PALMER, William PETTIS, Debbie ROSENBERG, Michael ROSENBERG, Beth PALMER captain
MARTENS	Petra HAMMAN, Geir HELGEMO, Hemant LALL, Jessica LARSSON, Krzysztof MARTENS, May SAKR, Jacek PSZCZOLA captain
MASTERMIND	Hon Shing, Henry LAM, Pauline LING, Roger LING, Amy YEUNG, Mario YEUNG, Roger LING captain
MAVILO	Marcelo CARACCI, Loreto CUEVAS, Virginia MULLER, Marcelo VILLEGAS
MCALLISTER	Signe BUUS THOMSEN, Sarah COMBESURE, Adam GROSSACK, John Grayson McALLISTER, Emma OVELIUS, Mikael RIMSTEDT, John Grayson McALLISTER captain
MCCALLUM	Ashley BACH, Sheila GABAY, Victor KING, Karen McCALLUM, Kit WOOLSEY, Sally WOOLSEY, Karen McCALLUM captain
MECKWELL	Jeff MECKSTROTH, Sally MECKSTROTH, Donna RODWELL, Eric RODWELL
MILLENS	Kevin BATHURST, Shan HUANG, Yiting LI, Joan MILLENS, Sylvia SHI, Jian-Jian WANG
MNEPO	Benedicte CRONIER, Philippe CRONIER, Tatiana DIKHNOVA, Sergey ORLOV, Evgeni RUDAKOV, Elena RUDAKOVA, Tatiana DIKHNOVA captain
MOSS	Connie GOLDBERG, Gail GREENBERG, Justin LALL, Brad MOSS, Sylvia MOSS, Alexander ORNSTEIN
NITABACH	Gary COHLER, Hjordis EYTHORSDDOTTIR, Lynda NITABACH, David TREITEL
NOLAND	Sabine AUKEN, Zia MAHMOOD, Marion MICHELSEN, Nanette NOLAND, Mike PASSELL, Roy WELLAND
NUKKAI	Colin DEHEEGER, Jean-Baptiste FANTUN, Solene THEPAUT-VENTOS, Veronique VENTOS

ORG	Boye BROGELAND, Tonje Aasand BROGELAND, Yichao CHEN, Bo FU, Linlin HU, Yanhui SUN, Ligang ZHANG captain, Xiangdong BAO coach
PASKE	Susanna GROSS, Thomas PASKE, Adam STOKKA, Yvonne WISEMAN
PDC	Adi ASULIN, Patricia CAYNE, Dano DE FALCO, Bob DRIJVER, Hila LEVI, Tim VERBEEK, Patricia CAYNE captain
PERLMUTTER	John KRANYAK, Laura PERLMUTTER, Cecilia RIMSTEDT, Johan UPMARK, Gavin WOLPERT, Meike WORTEL
POLLACK	David BERKOWITZ, Lisa BERKOWITZ, Cheri BJERKAN, Ralph KATZ, Bill POLLACK, Rozanne POLLACK
PSZCZOLA	Josef BLASS, Michal KLUKOWSKI, Jacek PSZCZOLA, Anna SARNIAK, Janice SEAMON-MOLSON, Justyna ZMUDA, Jacek PSZCZOLA captain
REESS	Nathalie FREY, Eric MAUBERQUEZ, Bernard PAYEN, Vanessa REESS, Philippe SOULET
REIGNWOOD	Yuegang KUANG, Shu LIU, Haowen SHI, Jian WANG, Ligang ZHANG, Lihua ZHOU
ROBINSON	Jiang GU, Ljudmila KAMENOVA, Shawn QUINN, Steve ROBINSON, Wen Fei WANG, Joel WOOLDRIDGE, Steve ROBINSON captain
RODNEY	Margot HENNINGS, Howard KRAUSS, Avril RODNEY, David RODNEY, David RODNEY captain
ROMAMIAMI	Claire ALPERT, Francisco BERNAL, Katarzyna DUFRAT, Leonardo FRUSCOLONI, Irina KISLITSYNA, Alfredo VERSACE
ROSENTHAL	Michael BAREL, David GOLD, Marusa GOLD, Andrew ROSENTHAL, Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE, Andrew ROSENTHAL captain
ROSSARD	Grazyna BREWIAK, Wojtek GAWEL, Apolinary KOWALSKI, Jerzy ROMANOWSKI, Martine ROSSARD, Ewa SOBOLEWSKA, Martine ROSSARD captain
SELIGMAN	Curtis CHEEK, Lynn DEAS, Martin SELIGMAN, Jovanka SMEDEREVAC
SIX BLADE KNIFE	Sondra BLANK, Jurek CZYZOWICZ, Kismet FUNG, Dan JACOB, Louise NILSEN, David YANG
SKY BRIDGE CLUB	Mehboob CHIBA, Tina McVEIGH, Graeme TUFFNELL, Jenny WILKINSON
SUZHOUTAIHU	Yunlong CHEN, Yan HUANG, Jing Rong RAN, Zi Jian SHAO, Qi SHEN, Xiaojing WANG, Yunlong CHEN captain, Xiaojing WANG coach
THE FRUSH	Leslie AMOILS, Nadia BEKKOUCHE, Veronique BESSIS, Peter FREDIN, Jerome ROMBAUT
THE ORPHANS	Ann BORGSCULTE, Lynne FELDMAN, Stephen GLADYSZAK, Rick ROEDER
TORLOVEBECK	Ellen KOZLOVE, Larry KOZLOVE, Stanton SUBECK, Suzi SUBECK, Claire TORNAY, George TORNAY, Claire TORNAY captain
VALIO	Victor ARONOV, Valentin KOVACHEV, Diana MARQUARDT, Ahu ZOBU
VEGAS STRONG	Fred GITELMAN, Linda LEWIS, Paul LEWIS, Danny SPRUNG, Jo Ann SPRUNG, Sheri WINESTOCK
VIEGO	Lise BLAAGESTAD, Geir BREKKA, Ole FUGLESTAD, Mona LINDSTROEM, Geir BREKKA captain, Mona LINDSTROEM coach
VYTAS	Alexander DUBININ, Andrey GROMOV, Victoria GROMOVA, Anna GULEVICH, Tatiana PONOMAREVA, Vytautas VAINIKONIS
WARD PLATT	Gunn HELNESS, Tor HELNESS, Anne-Laure HUBERSCHWILLER, Cedric LORENZINI, Kiki WARD-PLATT
WILSON	Sally BROCK, Richard RITMEIJER, Magdalena TICHA, Ricco VAN PROOIJEN, Chris WILLENKEN, Alison WILSON
YBM	Phina LU, Yu-Jhau PENG, Juei-Yu SHIH, Ping WANG, Chen YEH, Yalan ZHANG, Shu-Ping YEH TONG captain, Yalan ZHANG coach
ZHAOHENG	Jianwei LI, Zhengjiang LIAO, Haotian WU, Shaohong WU, Zhaobing XIE, Tao ZHOU, Xudong SUN captain
ZIMMERMANN	Marc BOMPIS, Catherine D'OVIDIO, Franck MULTON, Sylvie WILLARD, Pierre ZIMMERMANN, Joanna ZOCHOWSKA

