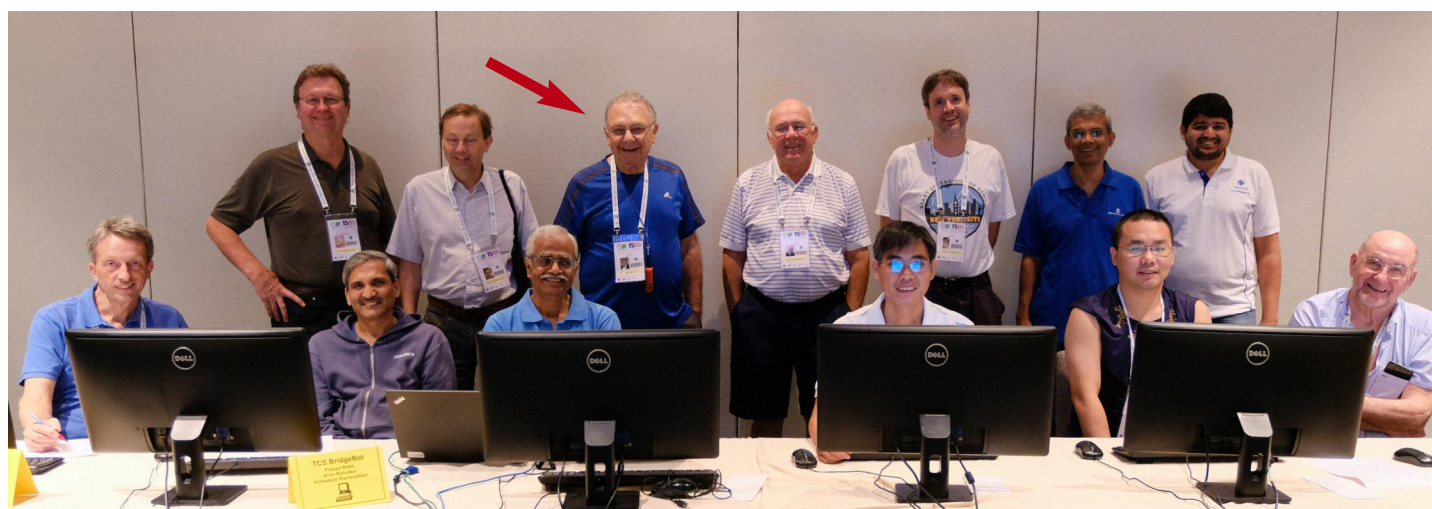




## IT'S A MIXED KNOCKOUT!



The 22nd World Computer-Bridge Championship started on Sunday with the nine bot entries competing in a 32-board round robin. The top four teams advanced to the semifinal KO, with top finisher Wbridge5 (+9) taking on the fourth place finisher Q-Plus Bridge and second place Micro Bridge (+4) battling Synrey Bridge. See the results at [www.computerbridge.com](http://www.computerbridge.com) along with the 22-year history. Al Levy (arrow), poses with the robot developers. Levy has run the tournament from the beginning.

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The two-day Swiss qualifying ended on Tuesday with the team led by Nanette Noland in the lead, followed by the Barbara Ferm squad and a team led by Karen McCallum, winner of many world titles, including the 2006 World Mixed Pairs (with Matt Granovetter).

Playing with Noland are Sabine Auken, Roy Welland, Zia Mahmood, Marion Michielsen and Mike Passell.

Ferm's teammates are Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, Simon de Wijs, Christina Lund Madsen and Daniela von Arnim.

McCallum, captain, is playing with Ashley Bach, Sheila Gabay, Victor King and Kit and Sally Woolsey.

The event continues today with the round of 64. Teams will play 28 boards on Wednesday to cut the field in half, then another 28 boards to reduce to 16 for more knockout play on Thursday. The event concludes on Saturday.

### Programme on Wednesday 3rd October:

Mixed Teams		Mixed Pairs	WBF Swiss Teams
Grand Ballroom 7 and Cypress 3		Qualification	Starting time
Round of 64		Cypress 2	10.00
14 Boards x 2	14 Boards x 2	16 Board x 3	
10.00 - 12.00	15.20 - 17.20	10.00 - 12.30	
12.20 - 14.20	17.40 - 19.40	13.30 - 16.00	
		16.30 - 19.00	



## BBO SCHEDULE Mixed Teams

### Round of 64

1. PERLMUTTER - CORNELL
2. WILSON - BEAUTIFUL YAN
3. INDONESIA - GRUDE
4. REIGNWOOD - PASKE
5. ZHAOHENG - KEY LIME PIE



**George BERGER** (here with **Sevinç Atay** who presented the prize) and **Michael RADIN** are the overall winners of the 2-day Pairs event.

## New Knockout event for ACBL 'Nationals'

Taking a page from the WBF playbook, the American Contract Bridge League has scheduled a new knockout event for the 2019 Fall NABC in San Francisco.

The event will be known as the Soloway KO, named in honor of the late Paul Soloway, five-time Bermuda Bowl champion with 30 major titles in ACBL events.

Chris Compton, who has promoted the idea, said the Soloway KO format will be a two-day Swiss Teams qualifying, followed by a five-day KO with 32 teams. The new event will not conflict with any other major events at the tournament, i.e the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, NABC Swiss, The Open BAM and the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs. The Soloway KO will have national rating.

Said Compton, "My idea was that the NABCs were declining and that we needed to have a European-style Swiss qualifying for a KO in order to attract the European, Asian and South American players plus those from Oceania. As the NABCs are shrinking, this is the only new market for the NABCs that I have been able to identify."

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## ALL TOGETHER



**José Damiani**

Dear friends

As we came together to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the WBF, I am reminded that I was born when the WBF was founded but too young (!) to be part of the group of great people who did it.

Now, unfortunately I am old enough (!!!) to have the privilege of trying to expand a little on the purpose

of the World Bridge Federation, over and above what is written in art 5 of the statutes.

On another hand I was an actor on the stage of World Bridge for more than 40 years and I am perhaps well placed (to be or not to be that is always the question and the answer is yours! ...) to explain the philosophy that I believe is shared by all of us - my predecessors, Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, Ernesto d'Orsi, Bobby Wolff and my successor Gianarrigo Rona.

So what are we talking about?

The WBF is the leading body but without you, the NBOs and administrators as well as you, the players, nothing would have and will happen at the national level.

"The WBF shall promote and govern the sport of Bridge". Yes we made Bridge a sport and managed to include it in all international sport's organisations starting with the International Olympic Committee, where the WBF is recognized as an International Sport Federation and thus many of our National Bridge Organizations belong to their own national Olympic Committee or Ministry of Sports. Others have to keep knocking on the door until the time it will open.

We belong also to SportAccord, GAISF, the International Mind Sports Association, IMSA that I founded in 2005 and which has gained in importance since then, and FISU, Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire as well as UNESCO. Yes, we are here to support and encourage the development of Youth Bridge, to assist in the teaching of Bridge in schools and universities.

One of the achievements in this field was to be able to invite 110 youth teams meaning around 1000 people, to the 1st edition of the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing 2008. We were very proud to take care of all expenses, travel and full board accommodation, thanks to the help of the Chinese authorities.

And the WBF is still financing many youth teams through its youth fund.

Still it's up to you to run the national policy and make it happen.

Yes Bridge is a sport, What else? Till today nobody came to me offering any alternative, which does not mean that we want to ignore the pleasure of bridge as a leisure activity. However we have to undertake many other aspects of governance: to federate National organisations (and more and more, even though we are present on the 5 continents ...); to conduct competitions and championships; to award international or world championship titles; to establish the laws; to fight long and hard against unethical behaviour.

You may have read the article I wrote, which has been published in the IBPA bulletin, the Bridge World and other magazines to clarify our view on ethics and discipline in which I emphasised that we made clear the principle of reciprocity between national or zonal organizations and the WBF. Everyone being responsible for their own players in this field and if I may say so again in this very sensitive matter we may help but it's up to you and the players as well as the sponsors to take care and sanction any misbehaviour at your level. I remind you that the members of the WBF are the NBOs, not individuals and that we deal with the players only inside our world events. As far as the WBF is concerned we are ready to ban or refuse to invite all cheaters to our own events and we are convinced that we can do it regardless of our position in any International organizations we belong to. Our motto "Bridge for Peace" is particularly in harmony with our endeavours to maintain friendly relations amongst our members and zonal conferences, while the WBF does not permit any political, religious, gender or racial discrimination or any violation of human rights.

We had to face various difficult issues in the past but I feel that we solved them in good faith and I thank everyone involved for the contribution we received.

In front of us we face many new challenges. One of them is, of course, the development and use of new technologies and as we have demonstrated this is a field we are very aware of. Internet, Online Bridge, the use of Tablets and more generally speaking Artificial Intelligence are offering new avenues for Bridge. Once again, the WBF will assume the lead but once more nothing will be achieved without you. Cooperation, collaboration, are the only ways to ensure a bright future for Bridge, the WBF and all of you, my friends.

Thank you to come to the new world without fear.

We will make it, all together, in harmony for the good of Bridge.

*José Damiani  
President Emeritus*



## Women's pairs final A - Stanza 6

**Barry Rigal**

The final stanza of the women's pairs started with the top of the table looking like this:

Bessis/Huberschwiller 56%

Sokolow/Hartman 53.14

Huang/Wang 52.76.

(Rosenberg/Gupta, Lu/Liu Dufrat/Zmuda and Sulgrove/Griffey all had better than 52% averages, but Quinn/Wittes, Jansma/Berkowitz and Kazmucha/Sarniak were also still in touch with the leaders.)

With a top of 22 MP, these scores meant that the leaders were more than two tops in front of second place, who in turn were about a top clear of sixth place. It would be all to play for. With a 14-board stanza to go, each board would be worth 7% within the stanza, more than one percent of the total score.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tueje	Baroni	Bojoh	Paoluzi
			Pass
Pass	1♠	INT	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Baroni's third in hand opener for the lead got her side to a precarious spot, but Tueje naturally pulled the double of 2♠. Whether or not she could have bid 2NT as a two-suiter and corrected 3♣ to 3♦ to show the red suits, she did not do so. Having got herself to 3♦ she proceeded to overplay the contract, after Baroni's idiosyncratic lead of a low spade. Paoluzi held the lead with ♠10, perhaps to her surprise; she shifted to the ♥10 covered all round. When Baroni reverted to spades Tueje took the ruffing finesse in clubs then played diamonds from the top, and drew the last trump before shedding her major-suit losers and leading a heart to her jack. That was a very impressive +130 and 20/22 MP.

If that was unlucky for the Italians, the next deal rubbed salt in the wound.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tueje	Baroni	Bojoh	Paoluzi
	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♣	16+ or ♠+♣		
2♦	8+		
3♥	5-3 majors, 15-17		

Any Stayman auction after a no-trump opening bid will surely persuade East to lead clubs. By contrast if West is on lead she will have to pick between the minors – and diamonds looks a lot safer than clubs. Six Norths went down in 3NT, while two made game on a heart lead, one on the singleton diamond lead.

Bessis/Huberschwiller conceded 3NT by South on a diamond lead; but Tueje unerringly put her fingers on a club lead and down 3NT went. That was 15/22 for the defenders.



**Irene Baroni**

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pearlman	Disa	Pontifex	Meckstroth
	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT*	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT*	Pass	6NT	All Pass

2NT Positive with a good heart suit

4NT Two keycards plus extras

4♣ was apparently straight Gerber and Pontifex put her partner into 6NT, with holdings in all the side suits where there seemed no advantage to being declarer herself. Right she was, though Disa saved 5 MP by cashing her ace. Bessis/Huberschwiller conceded 1020 after a club lead from Bessis, South. Declarer could win, lead the ♥10 to the ace, then cash one diamond and the top clubs and run the hearts for a show-up squeeze.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Westheimer	Asulin	Radin	Levy
			1♥
Dble	Rdbl	1♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Technically N/S can make slam in three denominations, but only two tables reached slam. Where Zmuda was declarer in 6♥ against Jackson/Sutherlin the defenders led ♦A and shifted to a heart. Since West had made a take-out double it looked right for declarer to pass the ♣10, and Zmuda duly went down. At the other table where slam was

declared, Dekkers played 6♥ on a trump lead from Gupta. Declarer drew two rounds and advanced ♦J. It was hard for West to do anything but win that and exit in clubs, but that was fatal when declarer played low from dummy, took the nine with the 10 and crossed to the ♥Q to cash the ♦K pitching her spade then ran trumps.

In the three-card ending West had to keep ♦Q, ♠K and thus only one club, so clubs were sure to run.



Julita Grace Tueje

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Huang	Bjerkan	N. Wang	Pollack
		INT	Pass
2♦(♥)	2♠	All Pass	

Bjerkan received a top club lead and a shift to the ♥9. She won and led a diamond toward dummy. When East did not split her honors, you could make an excellent argument for putting in the nine? If you do, you can crossruff the minors and lose just two trump tricks to the ♠J on an overruff, and the ace. Bjerkan played ace and another diamond, letting the nine run, and East won cheaply and played ace and a second trump to prevent the ruff in dummy. That meant +140 and 7 MP for N/S instead of 17.

**Fatima Raza**

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

		♠ 7 3		
		♥ K 10 9 8 5 4		
		♦ 6		
		♣ A 8 7 5		
♠ K Q 10 9 4	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             N W      E S           </div>	♠ A 6 2		
♥ J 3		♥ Q 6		
♦ J 8 7 4		♦ A K 3		
♣ 9 3		♣ K Q J 6 4		
		♠ J 8 5		
		♥ A 7 2		
		♦ Q 10 9 5 2		
		♣ 10 2		

West	North	East	South
Wittes	Raza	Quinn	Agha
Pass	2♦*	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2♦ Multi; weak in a major or 22-23

Raza led from what looked like shortness in diamonds, suggesting the heart honors were split but not giving any real clue as to the location of the club ace. Wittes made what looked like the natural play of drawing three rounds of trump, but now if North can bring herself to duck the club ace, the defense can prevail. Stuck in dummy, declarer can do no better than play a top club from the board, and the defenders can then play three rounds of hearts and leave declarer with a diamond loser.

Of course if declarer draws only two rounds of trump she has a re-entry to hand, but might go down when North was 3-6-1-3 without the ♣A and the defenders play for the ruff. However, I suspect that it might still be the percentage

play. If North ducks the club ace twice, declarer has avoided the club loser and can turn her attention to diamonds, and play the suit for one loser.

11 of the 12 tables played 4♠, (one by East on the lead of the ♣10 for 450) and the other ten by West. Nine of those 10 led a diamond, and four pairs set the game when declarer drew too many trumps and North ducked the club ace. So +420 was worth 17/22, down one would have been 5/22.

The second board of this round also produced problems for both declarer and defense. Again, you could argue that though the final result of par was achieved, points would be docked for lack of style..

But the variations on this hand are truly remarkable.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

		♠ K 5 3		
		♥ K Q 2		
		♦ Q 8 2		
		♣ K Q 7 5		
♠ 10 8 7 6 2	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             N W      E S           </div>	♠ Q J 9		
♥ A 5 3		♥ 9 7 6		
♦ 10 4		♦ K 9 7 3		
♣ 10 9 4		♣ A J 2		
		♠ A 2		
		♥ J 10 8 4		
		♦ A J 6 5		
		♣ 8 6 3		

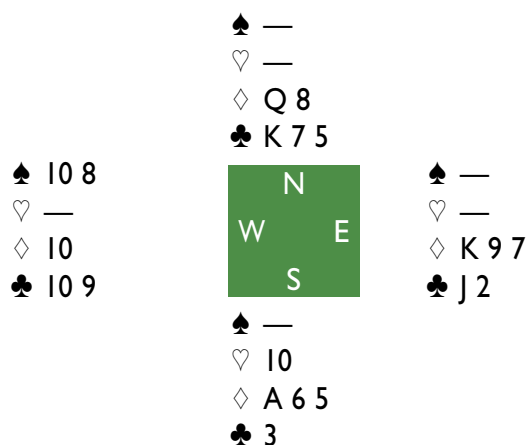
West	North	East	South
Wittes	Raza	Quinn	Agha
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Although the North hand is far short of playing strength for a strong no-trump, I assume everyone who plays one would open one. Quinn accurately led a spade against 3NT, and Raza ducked the first, won the second in dummy, then played a heart. I do not know why Wittes took this to clear spades (had partner had a top heart wouldn't you want her to win it and let you keep your entry?) but she did. Declarer took the ♠K and now appeared to need the club ace and diamond king right. To facilitate the entry position, best might seem to be to pitch a diamond from dummy, take the diamond finesse, then lead a club to hand, and run the hearts. When you lead a second club, the defenders would not in that scenario be able to prevent you from scoring three hearts and two tricks in every other suit.

In fact Raza pitched a club from dummy and took the diamond finesse, led a club to hand, ducked by Quinn, then ran the hearts and played a second club. Quinn could win and cash a club, but had to lead a diamond away from the king to give declarer the ninth trick and 16/22 MP instead of 3/22.

Had Quinn taken the first club and returned a heart, declarer can still succeed against any but the most double-dummy of defenses.





In this ending declarer leads the master heart. West pitches a spade, declarer a club, and what of East? If she throws a small club declarer endplays her with the ♣J, if she pitches a diamond, declarer plays a diamond to the queen and king and dummy is high. No, East must discard the ♣J!

Let's go back to the position where declarer finessed the diamond and it won. To succeed by force declarer must run the club eight from dummy, setting up the extra club while keeping West off play.

Does that mean declarer can always succeed? Not exactly...after winning the spade queen at trick one, there is a defense; full marks to anyone who spots it! Yes, a shift to the club jack at trick two sets the game. (If declarer ducks, three rounds of clubs messes up her entries, so long as West ducks the heart ace twice. If declarer wins the first club and advances a top heart West ducks, and can counter whatever declarer does next in hearts.)

Does that mean Three No-trump can always be beaten? Not exactly; declarer must win the spade ace at trick one for fear of the deadly shift, and play on hearts to knock out West's entry. If the ♥K holds declarer must not take the diamond finesse yet or the defenders may get diamonds going. Instead she clears hearts. Should West win and play a spade declarer ducks, wins the spade king and advances the club king — who needs to take a finesse if the ace is offside? If East ducks (playing either the jack or a small card) declarer takes the diamond finesse and cashes the last heart to squeeze East. If East wins she must continue with either a high or low club since a diamond is clearly fatal. Declarer can now keep West off lead while setting up the 13th club.

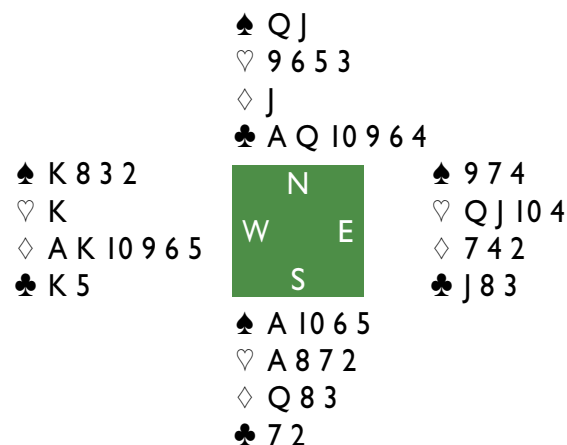
If West, instead of playing a second spade, at trick five shifts to a low club, declarer sets up the clubs by ducking the first one! If West shifts to the ♦10, declarer must cover (eventually setting the long diamond in dummy in some variations). There is an answer for everything the defenders can do — but unfortunately my margin isn't large enough to include the entire proof.

On to the last round; assuming my mathematics is correct, the running scores now were



Bessis/Huberschwiller 1169  
 Quinn/Wittes 1127  
 Sulgrove/Griffey 1122  
 Jansma/Berkowitz 1116  
 Huang/Wang 1113  
 Sokolow/Hartman 1112  
 Rosenberg/Gupta 1109  
 Six pairs were fighting for two medals.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.



West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Campanile	S. Baldysz	Katz
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
All Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥

Migri Campanile played 3♥ on a low diamond lead to the king and low club shift. She finessed the queen then took a considerable time to assess the chances of setting up clubs. The winning line, paradoxically, is to play two more rounds of clubs, letting West overruff with her singleton trump! She is now endplayed and will surely play a spade. Declarer wins and leads clubs and eventually coups East's trumps; she can score no more than two tricks. But if West instead plays the diamond ace, declarer ruffs, leads a spade to the ace to cash the ♦Q and ruffs a spade to hand. Again she uses clubs as substitute trumps to hold East to two of the three apparent trump tricks.

Not being gifted with second sight, declarer took a spade finesse and eventually lost three trump tricks for down 100, and 7/22.

Sokolow/Hartman played 3♦ and were allowed to make +110 for 18 MP when the defenders won the heart lead and played three rounds of clubs; Dufrat/Zmuda let through 110 in 2♦ for the reciprocal 4 MP while Huang/Wang were allowed to make 2♠ as East/West. Kazmucha/Sarniak beat 3♦ by one trick after leading ♠Q (declarer losing two spades, two clubs and a heart but being able to draw one round of trump then ruff a spade to dummy for the diamond finesse) for a dead average. Jansma/Berkowitz defeated Lu/Liu in 3♦ by 200 after a heart lead and club shift when Jansma took two clubs and shifted to ♠Q, and West misread the position — that was 17/22 for the defense, and 5 for declarer — the same score

as Bessis/Huberschwiller managed, and also Quinn/Wittes, who played 2♠ when their opponent in the South seat opened 1♦ and passed 1♥ then balanced over 2♦ to 2♥. Wittes re-protected with 2♠ and was left to play there. Sulgrove/Grieffey did best as E/W, defending 4♣ for +200, and all the matchpoints.

With one deal to go these were the updated positions.

Bessis/Huberschwiller 1174

Sulgrove/Grieffey 1144

Jansma/Berkowitz 1133

Quinn/Wittes 1132

Huang/Wang 1131

Sokolow/Hartman 1130

Rosenberg/Gupta 1126

Still nothing in it!

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Campanile	Z. Baldysz	Katz
		Pass	Pass
1♣(2+)	Dble	1♥(♠)	Pass
INT	All Pass		

When Nancy Katz declined to bid INT over 1♥ Cathy Baldysz got there first and no one had anything more to say. Campanile led a low diamond; jack, queen, three. Katz returned the diamond king and declarer won and led a spade to the ten as North ducked. Then she played a club to her ace, and a second club. Campanile threw her spade loser, Katz won cheaply, and shifted to the heart ten, to the queen and ace, for a second heart return to the nine and jack.

Declarer exited with a spade, and Campanile won and now had to underlead in diamonds to let Katz cash her second club winner. This play might have been indicated by declarer's decision to go up with the ♦J at trick one – or might declarer have made that misguess with ♦A9x? I'd tend to think not, but Campanile cashed out her diamonds from the top and collected only +100. That undertrick was expensive: with 2NT makeable for N/S and only two pairs going minus as N/S, +100 scored just 8 MP, and 14 for their opponents, while +150 would have been 20 MP. (That was the fate experienced by Sokolow/Hartman here.)

So how did our leaders fare? Bessis/Huberschwiller conceded 120 for just 6 MP; they had concluded with a

45% stanza but had still done enough early on to win comfortably enough. Griffey/Sulgrove retained second place by collecting seven tricks in 2♣x by West, for 14 MP, as did Quinn/Wittes. The defenders have five top winners in the side suits if they get diamonds going early enough, but declarer has all the trump spots. Sneaking into third place were Huang/Wang, coming to an improbable seven tricks in 2NT as West after a low heart lead. Declarer was allowed to cross to a spade to advance the ♣Q and eventually to score a second heart trick. -50 was worth 18 MP, and allowed them to overtake Quinn/Wittes.

Meanwhile, Berkowitz/Jansma played 2♥ from the North seat on a top spade lead. If declarer guesses clubs and diamonds she can come to no fewer than nine tricks (only a trump lead prevents declarer eloping with her small trumps one way or another); +140 would have been enough for the bronze medal. However declarer misguessed clubs — and eventually finished down one dropping the partnership out of the top five. Fifth place went to Rosenberg/Gupta after their opponents had an accident to play 2♣ from the North seat, gifting E/W 21/22 MP.

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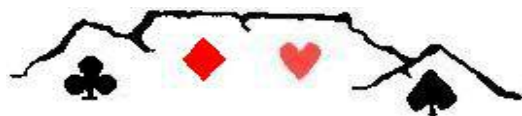
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<b>WHEN</b>	samedi	15 déc 2018	9:00 AM	Swiss Teams : Session 1
	samedi	15 déc 2018	2:00 PM	Swiss Teams : Session 2
	dimanche	16 déc 2018	9:00 AM	Cape Pairs : Session 1
	dimanche	16 déc 2018	2:00 PM	Cape Pairs : Session 2
	lundi	17 déc 2018	9:00 AM	Cape Pairs : Session 3
<b>COST</b>	Cape Pairs: R500 per pair		Swiss Teams: R640 per team	
<b>FORMAT</b>	Pairs and teams will be graded according to their experience and ability. Apart from generous prizes in all grades, the winners of both the teams and pairs events will be awarded a floating trophy, the pairs one being the Pat Truter Trophy.			
<b>OTHER</b>	Tea/coffee and eats will be provided once per session. Lunch will be served at the end of the tournament at noon on Monday 17th Dec. No meals will be provided on Saturday or Sunday. Bring a picnic basket or support a local eatery.			

***Space is limited, so please enter early!***

***Entries close on Friday 7 December 2018***

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	Account no '918 7677 416: Acc name Western Cape Bridge Union		
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## Mixed Swiss R 3

## THE FRUSH v FERM and others

Jos Jacobs

Below, you will find a review of all five top matches played in this round. I will focus on the match at table 1 between the leaders after round 2, THE FRUSH, and their opponents FERM, but on several boards, interesting things were happening in other matches, too, so why neglect that?

Take, for example, the very first board of the set. In our featured match, this is what happened.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Rombaut	Von Arnim	V. Bessis
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This was a popular auction all around the playing area. 3NT was the final contract at well over 80 of the 106 tables in play.

As you can see, the contract is easily defeated if South wins the ♠A at his (her) first opportunity and returns a low heart. If North wins the trick, it should be obvious that a heart continuation is required.

3NT was defeated at only 17 tables. At our featured table, it was not, because South decided to duck the ♠A once – this being all declarer needed after the club lead. FERM +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	S. Drijver	Bekkouche	Lund Madsen
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

This was the second most popular auction all around, leading to a diamond partial for +130 to THE FRUSH. It cost them 7 IMPs this time.

In the NOLAND v CHINA XHJTI match, this board produced comedies of errors at both tables. In the Open

Room, the Chinese declarer won the club lead, ran the ♠K which held, cashed one top diamond and then, apparently miscounting the trick potential, played another round of spades. This time, South won the ace and returned a heart to set the contract after all.

In the Closed Room, this was the auction:  
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Cao	Noland	Zheng
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Dble	1♥	2♦	Pass
3NT	Dble	All Pass	

North led a club to the king and ace. Declarer advanced the ♠K which South won with the ace. The ♥5 was duly returned to the ten and jack but then, North fell from grace and continued the ♣J, giving declarer a doubled overtrick and 12 IMPs.

On the next board, 4♠ looks like the normal contract.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Nanette Noland

In the THE FRUSH v FERM and the NOLAND v CHINA XHJTI matches, we saw identical auctions at both tables to the proper contract of 4♠. These were the only two of our five top table matches in which this was the case.

West	North	East	South
		1♦	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

The spade game was missed on several occasions but in the ROSSARD v 3ST match, both E/W pairs were allowed to play in hearts:

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Teramoto	Kowalski	Sato	Sobolewska
		1♦	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

West's pre-emptive heart raise apparently was not picked up at the other side of the screen. The hearts being 5-0, the spade game would have made for N/S but it also meant that declarer had to go down no less than four. ROSSARD +800.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Romanowski	Shimamura	Rossard	Samuel
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	All Pass

In the replay, spades were never mentioned so 3ST collected a mere +100 for down two in a lower-level heart contract. ROSSARD thus gained 12 IMPs.

After a flat board, we were in the slam region.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Rombaut	Von Arnim	V Bessis
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6NT	All Pass		



**Kyoko Shimamura**

A natural enough auction to a not unreasonable but still too-high slam. The ♥K was protected but the more essential ♣K was wrong. One down, THE FRUSH +100.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	S Drijver	Bekkouche	Lund Madsen
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opposite the spade splinter, Bekkouche was no longer interested in a slam, and rightly so.

One overtrick on a heart lead, THE FRUSH +630 and 12 IMPs to them.

At our ten top tables, half the E/W pairs went down in 6♦. Overall, about 40% of the E/W pairs recorded a minus score, eight of them already in 5♦, which is down on a heart lead by South.

On the next board, Four Hearts by West is probably the best contract. It was reached only once in our five top matches.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



ROSSARD v 3ST:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Sato</i>	<i>Sobolewska</i>
	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

This balancing action was not a great success but down three is better than conceding a game. 3ST +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Romanowski</i>	<i>Shimamura</i>	<i>Rossard</i>	<i>Samuel</i>
	1♠	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

In fourth seat, 2NT is the classic 18-20 balancing action, according to theory. The singleton heart is not quite orthodox but as it was the nine, which fitted well into partner's suit, we won't be too severe on that.

On a diamond lead from North, one of declarer's problems was solved. North won the trump return and persisted with diamonds, dummy winning the king and playing another trump. North won the ace and led a spade, trying to reach partner for the ruff. Declarer won the king with the ace and led a low club from hand. When North did not rise with the king, an overtrick was born. ROSSARD +450 and 4 IMPs to them.

In the THE FRUSH v FERM match, they reached the second best game at one table.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>V Bessis</i>
	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Simon de Wijs' careful approach to partner's Multi led to game being missed. Three overtricks on a spade lead by North, FERM +200.

At the other table, this was the auction.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>S Drijver</i>	<i>Bekkouche</i>	<i>Lund Madsen</i>
	2♠	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North's 2♠ was described on BBO as a sound weak two, whatever that may be, IMHO. Peter Fredin refused the transfer and won the spade lead with the ace when South played the king, to run the ♦J immediately. By playing this way, he kept his communications for a possible later club finesse intact but in the meantime, he had lost his contract when South simply returned a spade...FERM +100 for down two and 7 IMPs won rather than 6 IMPs lost.

Not very much more happened in THE FRUSH v FERM, the latter team winning eventually by 16-15 or 10.39 – 9.61 VPs.

**Peter Fredin**

On the next board, we saw a typical misunderstanding in the REESS v COCO CAT match:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>K. Sanborn</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>S. Sanborn</i>	<i>Soulet</i>
		Pass	1♠
2♣	4♦	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

Was 4♦ a transfer or a splinter?

Down two, +100 to COCO CAT.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Payen</i>	<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Frey</i>	<i>Mitovska</i>
		Pass	1♠
2♣	4♥	All Pass	

No transfer or splinter issues here. COCO CAT another +420 and 11 IMPs on their way to a 39-17 or 16.39 – 3.61 VPs victory.

In the ROSSARD v 3ST match, this board was remarkable, I thought:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Teramoto	Kowalski	Sato	Sobolewska
Pass	INT	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

One wonders why East did not lead a heart when South showed 3-1 in the majors. But North had shown himself prepared for a heart lead...

On a spade lead to the queen and king, declarer could continue a diamond to bring down the blank ace. East shifted to hearts but a spade to dummy's nine then provided the extra entry for a successful diamond finesse on the way back. Declarer thus made three spades, two hearts and four diamonds, scoring +400 for ROSSARD.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Romanowski	Shimamura	Rossard	Samuel
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

In the replay, N/S did not reach 3ST (their team name, consisting of the players' initials, translating to our most popular contract in Spanish) but came to a halt in a more modest contract for +90 to 3ST but 7 IMPs to ROSSARD who eventually won the match 31-22 IMPs or 13.14 – 6.86 VPs.

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Mixed Swiss R 5

## BARR v 3ST

Brian Senior

The final round of Day One of the 2018 World Mixed Teams Championship featured a match-up between the Israeli/American team BARR and a Japanese/American team 3ST.

BARR drew first blood:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Oren	Shimamura	Zack	Samuel
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
	Pass	INT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Teramoto	Ginossar	Sato	Berkowitz
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	All Pass

After identical starts to the two auctions, Tadashi Teramoto, for 3ST, puppetted to 2♦ then passed Makiko Sato's completion. Dana Berkowitz led the four of clubs, Eldad Ginossar winning the ace and continuing with the eight to Sato's queen. Sato led the jack of diamonds, collecting 100 honours, and Ginossar returned the nine of diamonds to Sato's ten. She cashed the king of clubs then ducked a spade to Ginossar's nine. He cashed the eight of diamonds then led a heart through and the two losers in that suit meant that the contract was one down for 50.

For BARR, Efrat Oren left her partner to play in INT, against which Russell Samuel led the two of hearts round to the ten. Yaniv Zack led the ten of diamonds at trick two and Samuel made what proved to be the fatal error of not covering. The ten held the trick so Zack continued with a low diamond to the queen, king and ace and had held his diamond losers to one. Kyoko Shimamura's heart return allowed Samuel to cash three of those, Shimamura winning the last heart and switching to the queen of spades. Zack won on the table and knocked out the ace of clubs, so had eight tricks for +120 and 5 IMPs to BARR.

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

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

♠ 9 7 3 2  
♥ K J 3  
♦ J 9 8 6 4  
♣ ○

♠	10 8 6 4
♥	10 9 4 2
♦	K 7 5 2
♣	

West	North	East	South
<i>Oren</i>	<i>Shimamura</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Samuel</i>
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Sato</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	1♠	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

Teramoto preferred to rebid 2NT with the West hand, which would get the lead round to his ♠Q and ♦10. That worked out very well when Sato raised him to game and Ginossar led a low club, dummy winning the bare queen. Teramoto played a diamond to the ten, losing to the queen,



Eldad Ginossar

Nobody is vulnerable and you hold:

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1♣	1♠	INT	Pass
Pass	?		

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K Q 5  
♥ A Q 2  
♦ J 10 6 2  
♣ 10 9 6

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



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

♠ 10 4  
 ♥ K J 10 8 3  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ K Q J 8 4 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Oren</i>	<i>Shimamura</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Samuel</i>
	1♦	1♠	Dble
Pass	INT	2♠	3♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Sato</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>
	1♦	1♠	Dble
Pass	INT	2♠	3♣
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		


Neither South considered their hand appropriate for an immediate forcing bid so began with a negative double then showed the clubs at their next turn. Samuel's 3♣ ended the auction and he soon had 11 tricks after a spade lead and trump switch; +150.



**Tadashi Teramoto**

At the other table, Teramoto competed with 3♠ over 3♣, a questionable action with two low spades, even with the opposing spade values well-placed in a spade contract. But 3♠ gave Berkowitz an opportunity to complete the picture of her hand as extremely two-suited with longer clubs than hearts. Looking at two aces, Teramoto promptly doubled 4♥ and Ginossar chose to leave his partner there rather than run to the longer club fit. Four Hearts can be put under serious pressure by repeated diamond leads, though declarer can always prevail if she reads the hand successfully, but Teramoto made the normal spade lead. Sato won the ace and switched to her club. She got the ruff she was looking for, but that was the end of the defence – Berkowitz ruffed the next play of a diamond, drew trumps and claimed 10 tricks for +590 and 10 IMPs to BARR.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.


		♠ A 9 5 4 ♥ A J 7 3 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ K 10			
♠ Q 10 6 3 ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ K 5 ♣ Q 9 5 2				♠ 8 2 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ A J 10 2 ♣ A 8 4 3	
		♠ K J 7 ♥ 9 6 5 ♦ Q 9 8 3 ♣ J 7 6			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>		
Oren	Shimamura	Zack	Samuel		
Teramoto	Ginossar	Sato	Berkowitz		
Pass	1♦	Pass	INT		
All Pass					

Identical auctions saw the two Souths declare INT, both receiving the lead of the three of spades round to their jack.

Samuel led a heart to the jack at trick two, losing to the king, and Zack returned the jack of diamonds to the queen and king. Back came a second diamond to the ten and Zack cashed the ace, establishing declarer's nine. Now Zack switched to the ten of hearts and Samuel won the ace and returned the suit to Oren's queen. If we are to believe the BBO record, and I suppose we must, Oren returned a low club and declarer got it wrong, putting up the king and losing to the ace, at which point a club back cashes the seventh defensive trick, but Zack instead got out with his losing diamond. Now declarer won and had seven tricks as Oren had pitched a spade earlier in the play.

Berkowitz won the ♠J and cashed the king before leading the six of hearts and running it to the ten. Sato also found the jack of diamonds switch, covered by queen and king, and Teramoto returned the suit. Sato won that and cashed the third diamond then switched to ace and another club to dummy's king. Berkowitz played ace and another heart to set up an extra winner, but Sato won the king and led a club to Teramoto's queen for down one (he had pitched a club earlier on the third diamond); -100 and 5 IMPs to 3ST.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Oren	Shimamura	Zack	Samuel
Teramoto	Ginossar	Sato	Berkowitz
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Again the auctions were identical, making South declarer in the no trump game.

Teramoto led the six of hearts to Sato's queen, ducked, and she continued with her remaining heart to dummy's king. Berkowitz led the queen of spades to the king and ace, continued with the ♠9, which was ducked, the switched her attention to clubs, playing the queen from hand. That held the trick and now declarer went back to spades, Teramoto winning the jack and clearing the hearts. Berkowitz cashed one top diamond then led a club to the jack and ace, won the diamond return and cashed two clubs to bring her total to nine for +600.

Oren too led the six of hearts to partner's queen and,

when that was ducked, Zack switched to a low diamond. Samuel won the  $\diamond K$  and led the king of clubs and, when that held the trick, continued with a low club to the jack and ace. Back came the queen of diamonds. I was expecting declarer to duck this to cut communications if the suit was four-three, for when he conceded a spade trick, but he actually won the ace and cashed two clubs then two hearts before exiting with his last diamond. Zack won that but had to lead away from the king of spades at trick 12 to give the ninth trick; +600 and a flat board, but made more interesting by Samuel's line of play.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Oren	Shimamura	Zack	Samuel
		Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	Dble	Pass
3♣	3♠	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Teramoto	Ginossar	Sato	Berkowitz
		Pass	Pass
1♥	4♠	Dble	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Well, 4♠ or 1♠? My regular readers will know where my sympathies lie – 4♠ – and as it turned out that proved to be the more successful action on this occasion.

Shimamura overcalled 1♠ then came again with 3♠ at her next turn and Zack made a penalty double, Oren showing faith in partner by leaving it in with her spade void. Zack led his singleton heart, Oren winning the ten and king then switching to the three of clubs. Zack won that with the jack and continued with the ace, but that was ruffed and Shimamura played the queen of diamonds. Though Zack made a clear count signal, Oren ducked that, so Shimamura switched her attention to hearts, leading to the queen and ace as Zack got his last club away. Oren now played a club through and Shimamura ruffed with the jack. Zack correctly discarded on this trick and again when declarer led her last heart for a ruff in dummy. Now, however, Zack had to come to two trump tricks, so the contract was down two for –300.

Ginossar overcalled 4♠ and Sato doubled. I'm not sure of

their systemic arrangements, but that looks as though it was intended as penalty, and taken as values. Teramoto bid 4NT, two or more places to play, then raised Sato's choice of clubs to slam. Six Clubs is a poor contract, but there are layouts where it can be made – this was not one of them. Berkowitz led the seven of diamonds, Sato putting up dummy's ace and playing three rounds of hearts, ruffing and throwing a diamond from hand on the second round. The fall of the queen was good news, up to a point, but did mean that declarer could have had five hearts winners by coming to hand and taking the finesse which, as an aside, looks to me to be a better shot at coming to 12 tricks when trumps are three-two. Sato played ace and another club to the king then, on seeing the four-one break and knowing that her contract was doomed, rather took her eye off the ball. She played a diamond to the nine and ten and Berkowitz cashed the king then played a spade, forcing dummy to ruff. Declarer now erred by ruffing her own diamond winner and had only one more trump to come; down three for –150 and 10 IMPs to BARR.

The final score was 33-17 in favour of BARR, converting to 15.52-4.48 VPs. Both teams could be content with their first-day efforts, however, BARR lying fifth and 3ST 22nd at close of play.

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## NOLAND v INDONESIA

David Bird

In round 6 of the Mixed Teams qualifier, NOLAND (1st) met INDONESIA (2nd) on Table 1. Lady Luck played a major role on this early board:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Auken	Tueje	Welland
			INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	Dble	6♥
All Pass			

South's INT was nominally in the 14-16 range. Welland decided not to break the transfer with his sub-minimum count. Auken now had a choice of limit slam tries available: 4♠ for a mild try and 4NT for a better hand. No more restraint was called for over 4♠ and Welland jumped to 6♥.

With a certain spade loser, unless the defenders led the suit away from an honor, the slam required two successful finesses. Tobing expressed his general view of partner's lead-directing doubles by placing the ♦6 on the table. Declarer won with the king, finessed the ♥Q and played the ♦A. He then drew the last trump and finessed the ♣J, claiming a not unlucky +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Asbi	Noland	Bojoh
			1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

It was a studious auction, the Indonesians eventually concluding that the slam was not worth bidding. Unlucky! After a spade lead to the queen, king and ace, declarer drew trumps with a finesse and cashed the top diamonds. He then slipped the ♠8 through to his ♠10 and ended

with +510 when the club finesse won.

The 13th trick might have produced a 70% score at matchpoints. In the present circumstances it lost 10 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Auken	Tueje	Welland
	Pass	1♠	2♠
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4NT	Dble	5♣
Dble	5♥	Dble	All Pass

What action should Welland take when West's 4♠ runs to him? It is dangerous to double; it is dangerous to pass. When he opted to show his surplus strength with a double, he unleashed an orgy of doubles from the Indonesians.



Sabine Auken



Would they inflict the maximum penalty? Let's see. Tueje led the king and ace of diamonds. He then cashed the ♠A before leading a third diamond. Auken does best to ruff this with the ♥5 (or a trump honor). When she discarded the ♣5 from dummy, West ruffed with his singleton trump. A club return is best but Tobing played the ♠J, ruffed in the dummy.

A top club now allows declarer to 'escape' for four down, but she played the ♥K. Tueje defended strongly by ducking, and now came two top clubs. East ruffed with the ♥7, and then played the ace and 10 of trumps, forcing dummy to surrender the final trick to West's ♣J. It was five down for 1400 away.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Asbi	Noland	Bojoh
	Pass	1♠	Dble
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Asbi decided to pass partner's double, correctly divining that this would be cheapest action. Well done! West cashed a top club and switched to the ♥K. Declarer drew one round of trumps and crossruffed the remainder. He had two overtricks for +790 but lost 12 IMPs.

## Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Auken	Tueje	Welland
		1♦	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Tobing won the ♥6 lead with dummy's ace and led a second heart, South winning with the king. When South continued with ace and another club, declarer had the option of winning with the ♣K to take a trump finesse. He preferred to win with dummy's ♣Q. A diamond to the jack allowed one trump finesse, and a diamond was returned to the dummy. After his earlier failure to rise with the ♣K, declarer had to play ♦A and a diamond ruff to reach his hand. He survived, because the diamonds were 3-3. A second trump finesse won and that was +620.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Asbi	Noland	Bojoh
		2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Noland won the ♦3 lead with dummy's jack and played a trump to the 10 and queen. The ♣2 was returned, North allowing the ♣9 to win. A second trump finesse succeeded and declarer drew the last trump. Three hearts went on the good diamonds and that was +650 for a 1-IMP swing.

## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Auken	Tueje	Welland
			INT
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

South's INT showed 14-16. East never raised the clubs, somewhat surprisingly. An overcall of 3♣ over INT covers a wide range, and it has to be admitted that the East-West hands fit splendidly. Welland's 3♠ went the obvious two down for minus 200.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Asbi	Noland	Bojoh
			1♠
2♣	3♠	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

The defenders claimed their aces immediately and Passell faced his cards for +600 and a well-deserved gain of 9 IMP. The last few boards were of little interest and Noland won the match by 21-16 (11.85 VPs to 8.15).

And now, faithful readers, I must bid you farewell. Tomorrow my wife and I fly to Rhodes for a splendid bridge holiday. My friend, Marc Smith, will be writing bulletin reports in my place. I have advised him to be a bit more restrained with his choice of words than he sometimes is on BBO voice commentary!

Mixed Swiss R 6

## CFSC v McCALLUM

Ron Tacchi

The Chinese Team of CFSC face MCCALLUM, a team of five from USA and one from New Zealand in the first session of the second and final day of the Swiss. After the first five rounds they were lying seventh and eighth, respectively, with CFSC on 69VPs, just 2.64 VPs ahead of their opponents.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bach	Jin	McCallum	Zhu
3♠	1♦	2♦	3♦
	5♦	Dble	All Pass

East's Two Diamonds showed the majors. North, having heard his partner's support for his diamonds, went straight to game. I do not see a plethora of defensive tricks in the East hand but she elected to double. East led her ace of spades and followed up with the ace of clubs. When she continued clubs declarer claimed as he could discard two of dummy's hearts on the spades in his hand. A good start – a doubled game on the card.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weimin Wang	Gabay	Qian Liu	King
3♠	1♦	2♦	3♦
All Pass	3NT	4♠	Dble

Again a major-showing Two Diamonds but this time North, with his stoppers in the majors elected to try 3NT. East could see that Four Spades could not be too expensive and South, wondering where West would find his tricks, confidently doubled. North led the ace of diamonds, which was ruffed in dummy, and declarer immediately ducked a heart to North. He now tried his singleton club, which ran to declarer's jack. He now ruffed another diamond and played his ace of clubs, which was ruffed by North. Another diamond was ruffed in dummy and declarer cashed dummy's ace of trumps collecting the king

and jack. Now a club to the king and a club ruff saw declarer's hand high apart from the outstanding trump, but. That was ten tricks and a double doubled game swing, and 15 IMPs to CFSC.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

There is not much to this deal other than to say it is a 'Hamman' slam, in other words that it is a good slam because it makes. Slam is not that much more than 25%, so you would not want to bid it and neither of our teams did.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bach	Jin	McCallum	Zhu
Pass	2NT*	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	3♣*

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weimin Wang	Gabay	Qian Liu	King
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

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## Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bach	Jin	McCallum	Zhu
	Pass	1♠	2♠*
4♣	pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

2♠ hearts and a minor

East increased the level and South produced a red card, perhaps not the best bid of the day as was about to be demonstrated. The lead of the king of clubs was followed by the ace, but declarer was able to crossruff her way to twelve tricks. Not only had the doubled contract been made, there was the further ignominy of an overtrick.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weimin Wang	Gabay	Qian Liu	King
	Pass	1♠	2♠
4♣	All Pass		

South was not inclined to act further over Four Spades and so the same twelve tricks were made but seven IMPs to MCCALLUM.

## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bach	Jin	McCallum	Zhu
2♣	2♠	3♣	1♠
Dble	Pass	4♥	3♣
Pass	4♣	Dble	Pass
			All Pass

Whatever West meant by his double, East took it as an opportunity to suggest a different game and when West left her there North perhaps overvalued his ten loser hand and risked a sacrifice. East duly doubled. And the defence, minding their work, took their six obvious tricks for three down vulnerable.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weimin Wang	Gabay	Qian Liu	King
			INT
Dble	2♦	2♥	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

It is not clear exactly what West's double showed but obviously there were punitive overtones and North started to escape. East showed values and West now bid the club suit, and there matters rested. The play need not concern us, since eleven tricks were easily gathered in but 12 IMPs went away.

## Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

My first flouting of Burn's Law this championship. (Burn's Law states that you should have more trumps than your opponents.)

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bach	Jin	McCallum	Zhu
1♣*	1♠	Dble	2♠
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

One Club could be short, and with her six count East found a lot of bidding. I suspect the 2NT bid was misunderstood – I believe that this is not a regular partnership as I could find no convention card for them on the internet. It appears that West thought it showed clubs and so bid them. If West was being asked to pick a suit he had a tough choice. As you can imagine the contract was



not a great success but to flout another cliché: 'no double, no trouble'. The defence was not optimum but the contract still failed by three tricks.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weimin Wang	Gabay	Qian Liu	King
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

At this table North played peacefully in Two Spades making an overtrick for a flat board. At the end of the match MCCALLUM had 27 IMPs to CFSC's 19 so a win by 12.83-7.17 VPs.

## The Devil's Bedpost

Shireen Mohandes

THE FRUSH and FERM completed round two lying first and second with 36.4 and 35.6 VPs, respectively. The set had several flat boards, but three boards kept the Vugraph audience leaning forward. THE FRUSH: Leslie Amoils (Canada), Nadia Bekkouche (Denmark), Veronique Bessis (France), Peter Fredin (Sweden), Jerome Rombaut (France) FERM: Sjoert Brink (Netherlands), Simon de Wijs (Netherlands), Bas Drijver (Netherlands), Barbara Ferm (U.S.A.), Christina Lund Madsen (Denmark), Daniela von Arnim (Germany).

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Rombaut	Von Arnim	Bessis
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	1♦	Pass
	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Drijver	Bekkouche	Madsen
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♦*	All Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♣	Puppet to 3♦		

De Wijs/von Arnim swiftly bid to 3NT. In the other room, Fredin/Bekkouche stopped in the safe partscore of 3♦.

The contract of 3NT was a popular choice amongst competing teams. In fact, it was played 79 times, predominantly from the West seat, and ♣4 was the popular lead (or ♣2).

Anything special about that card, the ♣4? Well, it is known as "The Devil's Bedpost."

(The Devil's Bedpost: Also called "The Devil's Four-Poster," and "The Devil's Four-Poster Bed," and "The Devil's Bedstead," the four of clubs is believed by many to be a blight upon any hand into which it is dealt, turning good cards bad (that is, transforming favorable-looking combinations into losers as play develops). Players feel particularly cursed if the four of clubs is dealt to them on the first hand of the session; Source: Playing Card Superstitions. <https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/the-pasteboard-jungle/>)

Did you read that last part about the card being dealt on the first hand? Well, it may be a surprise for you to read that scientific research recently concluded you believe in superstition, your belief can work in your favour. Perhaps this influenced the outcome of the deal. Or was more to do with carding agreements?

After the ♣4 lead to the King and Ace, declarer played the ♠J to steal a spade. North experienced the full force of the curse when his partner ducked, perhaps hoping to deny declarer an entry to dummy.

De Wijs's table result: 3NT by West, Lead ♣4, EW +400  
Bekkouche's table result: 3♦ by East, Lead ♦2, EW +130  
7 IMPs to FERM.

Then along came this deal:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

East/West bid to 6NT, at this table from the West seat, after what seemed like a long auction. Elsewhere in the field, only three teams declared 6NT, and they all went down, as did De Wijs.

The contract at 29 tables was 6♦, about half from the West seat, right-siding the small slam, but they were not rewarded for their (relatively speaking) superior bidding because 6♦ by West needs the club finesse (or an unlikely small club lead away from the king, from the North hand).

THE FRUSH gained 12 IMPs on the deal when Nadia Bekkouche played 3NT from the East seat on the lead of the ♥10, making 10 tricks for +630.

Moments later, more IMPs were to change hands.

Normally, journalists look out for double-digit swings, but on this match, the top-ranking teams were playing steadily at both tables.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Rombaut	von Arnim	Bessis
2♥	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♦	All Pass		
Weak two in a major			

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Drijver	Bekkouche	Madsen
2NT	2♠*	Pass	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
	All Pass		

Von Arnim's opening bid deterred her partner from bidding game in hearts. Game in hearts played by West is an excellent contract. The 9 and 10 play a big part in the success prospects. Two overtricks were easily made.

Meanwhile, in the other room, Drijver opened first in hand, Vul, with the North hand. This is not for the faint hearted. Systemically, the bid showed 12-14 HCP and 5-3-3-2 shape, upper range at that vulnerability.

E/W made their way to 3NT, after the same opening lead of ♠2. Declarer played the ten from dummy, and took Madsen's king with his ace. He ran the ♦J at trick two, as North was "known" to have the remaining HCPs. When this lost to the queen, Madsen continued spades, and after this start, Fredin was defeated.

De Wijs's result: 2♥ by West, Lead ♠2, 11 tricks, EW +200  
Fredin's result: 3NT by West, Lead ♠2, 7 tricks, -100  
7 IMPs to FERM.

A couple of minor swings were to follow.

At the end of the round, FERM won 16- 15 IMPs, a near tie on the VP scale (10.39 v 9.61), so both teams dropped a little on the leader board.



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10.15 AM - 2 rounds  
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Mixed Swiss R 7

## REIGNWOOD v INDONESIA

Brian Senior

For Round 7 of the Mixed Swiss qualifying stage we feature a match between two Asian teams, INDONESIA and REIGNWOOD (China). Going into the match the teams were lying fourth and third respectively and, being over 20 VPs above average, had one foot in the knockout stages.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Zhang	Tueje	Zhou
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Shi	Asbi	Wang	Bojoh
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♠	Pass	3♠	Dble
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

For INDONESIA, Robert Tobing opened a weak no trump and Julita Tueje transferred to spades. Lihua Zhou had to pass with the South hand at this point as double would have shown hearts, but could double when 2♠ came back around. Tobing raised to 3♠ and Zhou doubled for a second time. Ligang Zhang leaving it in and leading the jack of spades. Tobing won the spade and cashed two more rounds of trumps ending in dummy then led a diamond up. Zhou won the king and played three rounds of clubs, Tobing ruffing and playing the queen of diamonds. Zhou won that with the ace and played ace and another heart and Tobing put in the ten, losing to the king, so was down two for -300.

For REIGNWOOD, Haowen Shi opened a Precision 1♦ and Jian Wang responded 1♠. When Lusje Bojoh doubled, Shi raised to 2♠ and Wang reraised to 3♠ in an attempt to shut out N/S, who had to be close to game values if they could get together. Bojoh, however, had too much to be willing to give up just yet. She doubled and Taufik Asbi

responded 4♣, where he played. Wang led a low spade to the ace and Shi continued with a second spade, Asbi ruffing. He played a diamond to the ace, cashed the queen of clubs, then played two more rounds of diamonds. Shi won the third diamond and returned a spade so Asbi ruffed, ruffed a diamond, and cashed dummy's last trump. A heart to the king put him in hand to draw the last trump, and the ace of hearts was his tenth trick for +130 but 5 IMPs to REIGNWOOD.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Zhang	Tueje	Zhou
	INT	Pass	3NT
4♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Shi	Asbi	Wang	Bojoh
	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♥	2NT	Pass	3♠
4♦	Pass	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

Zhang opened INT and Zhou raised to game. Now Tobing came in with a 4♦ overcall on the seven-five West hand, and when that came back to Zhou, double ended the auction. Zhang led a low spade to the ace and Zhou continued with the queen. Tobing ruffed that and played the jack of hearts, Zhang winning the queen and returning a club to the ace. Zhou led a diamond through and Tobing got that right by putting in the ten, forcing the king. Zhang played a top spade but Tobing could ruff, draw trumps and set up the hearts, losing two more of those and being down two for -500, OK if team-mates managed to get to a making game at the other table.

Team-mates did a whole lot better than bid and make a game. Asbi opened 1♠ and Bojoh responded 2♣. For reasons that are unclear to me, Shi overcalled 2♥. When the auction came back around, Shi introduced the

diamonds, but Wang gave preference to 4♥, as who would not? When that got doubled, the Chinese pair were in quite the wrong spot. Asbi led a spade, forcing declarer immediately. Shi played ace and ruffed a diamond, establishing the long side-suit, but even that good fortune could not salvage much. A spade ruff was followed by the queen of diamonds. After some thought, Asbi ruffed in with the queen and cashed the ace of hearts before switching to a low club. Bojoh won the ace and switched to the queen of spades. Shi ruffed and played a diamond and Asbi ruffed. Now, if Bojoh had stopped for a moment to count, she would have known that declarer was down to only one trump, so could have over-ruffed and cashed the ♥K to draw it, after which the defence would have had the rest for down five. When she failed to do so, Asbi had to play a black card and Shi got one more ruff so was down only four for -1100 and 12 IMPs to INDONESIA.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Zhang	Tueje	Zhou
2♥	3♥	4♣	Pass
4♦	4♥	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Shi	Asbi	Wang	Bojoh
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Tueje opened 1♦ and Zhou overcalled 2♦, showing both majors. I'm not sure what Tobing's 2♥ cuebid meant, but it showed sufficient strength for Tueje to be happy to show her second suit over Zhang's 3♥. Tobing showed something in diamonds then followed up with 4NT. That got a Key-card response such that Tobing had to sign-off in an almost hopeless slam, but perhaps it was intended as some kind of 'pick a suit' bid? Anyway, Zhou cashed the ace of hearts so there was no chance of the slam being allowed to slip through. Tueje picked up the diamonds for one loser but was down one for -50.

There was no overcall in the other room. Wang showed diamonds then clubs, but the meaning of the 3♥ bid was clearly a mystery to Shi. It seems that Wang was asking in hearts while Shi thought 3♥ was showing. Asbi led the ♥K and the defence took the first five tricks for down one; -50 and a flat board but a chance missed by REIGNWOOD.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Zhang	Tueje	Zhou
2♠	All Pass		1♥

West	North	East	South
Shi	Asbi	Wang	Bojoh
2♠	Dble	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

Zhou opened 1♥ and Tobing overcalled 2♠ and was left to play there. Zhang led the nine of diamonds to Zhou's king, and Zhou switched to a club. Three rounds of those meant a ruff and a heart switch now set up the sixth defensive winner; down one for -50.

At the other table, Asbi made a negative double and Wang raised pre-emptively to 3♠. Bojoh had an extra heart and good controls and took a shot at 4♥, against which Shi led the king of spades. Bojoh ducked that but Shi continued with the ♠Q to the ace and she ruffed her last spade low in the dummy. Had that been over-ruffed from the three-card heart holding, she might have got out with one more trump loser and needed only to avoid a loser in the minors. On the actual layout, however, it was the doubleton trump that over-ruffed and Wang returned the four of diamonds. Bojoh won the ace and led a heart to the queen and ace. Back came a diamond, ruffing out the king, and Shi returned a spade. Bojoh ruffed that and drew the missing trump then rattled off the hearts. At the end she had the choice of the club finesse or to play for East to have been squeezed in the minors, and chose to lead a club to the ace. When the king did not appear, she had to concede the last trick so was down two for -200 and 6 IMPs to REIGNWOOD.

Had the squeeze been the winning line West could have broken it up by playing a club through after ruffing the

diamond, so in a high-standard game it would be right to assume that there was no squeeze and instead rely on the club finesse.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Zhang	Tueje	Zhou
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
3♥	3♠	4♥	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Shi	Asbi	Wang	Bojoh
2♦	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Shi opened with a multi 2♦ and Asbi overcalled 3♣, Bojoh going on to 3NT. Shi led a heart to dummy's bare king. Bojoh played the queen of spades and Wang won the ace immediately to return a heart. Bojoh won the ace of hearts and cashed the spades, throwing two diamonds and a spade from dummy. She then led a club to the ace and a club back so had five club tricks and 11 in all for +460. This club play was in spite of Shi's best efforts, throwing two diamonds and a heart to keep both clubs.

Tobing did not open the West hand so Zhang could open a Precision 2♣ with the North cards and Zhou responded 2♠. Now Tobing overcalled in hearts and Zhang and Tueje in turn supported their partner's suits before Zhou bid 4♠ to complete the auction. Tobing led a heart to dummy's bare king. Zhou played the queen of spades, ducked, then the ♠J to Tueje's ace. Tueje returned the six of diamonds so Tobing won the ace and played back the ♦8. It wasn't clear who had the queen of diamonds, and Zhou wasn't sure that it was safe to finesse in case Tobing had begun with ace doubleton and held the remaining trump. Anyway, if the clubs came in the diamond finesse would be unnecessary even if it was working. Zhou went up with the ♦K and cashed the king of spades then played king of clubs followed by ten of clubs and... ran it! Tueje was delighted to scoop in the ♣Q then lead a diamond to her partner's queen and the contract was down one for -50 and 11 IMPs to INDONESIA.

I suppose that declarer had made a definite decision about the diamond position and was playing for West to be

2-6-2-3, hence the club finesse. The diamond spot cards did not exactly support that view – East's switch to the six would have to be a falsecard, as it could not be systemic from a five-card suit – but why would East not falsecard?

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Zhang	Tueje	Zhou
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♥	2♠	3♥	3♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Shi	Asbi	Wang	Bojoh
2♦	Pass	Pass	1NT
All Pass	2♠	3♥	3♠

Both Norths declared 3♠ after the opposition had bid and supported hearts. Both Easts led a heart.

Tobing won the heart and cashed a second round then switched to the jack of clubs. Believing that to be a true card, declarer won the king and played trumps as safely as possible for only one loser and no ruff, cashing the ace then over to the king and a third round. The fall of the doubleton queen was a bonus and the club finesse picked up that suit for no loser also so Zhang had an overtrick for +170.

Shi also won the heart and cashed a second round, but then continued with a third heart, ruffed by Asbi, who didn't have the same comforting information that there was probably no club loser. He therefore ruffed the third heart, played a diamond to the king, then played spades in optimal fashion to bring in the suit without loss – king of spades then low to the jack. That lost to the queen but there was no club ruff to worry about so the contract was not in jeopardy. Wang played ace and another diamond, Asbi winning and drawing the outstanding trump then playing ♣K followed by low to the ten; nine tricks for +140 but 1 IMP to REIGNWOOD.





Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Zhang	Tueje	Zhou
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Shi	Asbi	Wang	Bojoh
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Both N/S pairs did poorly on this deal, which features a completely cold club slam. Around three-quarters of the field got to 6♣ and a couple more to 6♠.

Zhou opened 1♠ and why 2♣ was the correct response on Zhang's hand I don't know. Zhou showed clubs but Zhang bid and rebid hearts and Zhou signed off in 5♣. It appears that Zhang was simply showing five hearts, while Zhou perhaps took 4♥ as a cuebid that denied a diamond control? The diamond lead held Zhang to 12 tricks for +620.

Asbi made the more standard 2♥ response at the other table and Bojoh repeated her spades. Asbi now bid his clubs and, had Bojoh simply raised to 4♣, slam would surely have been reached. But Bojoh instead used FSF, imagining that 3♣ might have been no more than a no trump probe, and Asbi preferred to show the spade tolerance rather than the fifth club. Would it have hurt Bojoh to bid 4♣ on the way to 4♠, or, come to that, to have raised 3♣ to 4♣ – how likely was it that 3NT was the best game if 3♣ was really a no trump probe? Partner was known to be missing so many top cards in the black suits that he was hardly likely to take the partnership too high.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Zhang	Tueje	Zhou
			INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♥	3♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Shi	Asbi	Wang	Bojoh
			1♣
Pass	1♦	INT	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Dble	All Pass	

Zhou opened a strong no trump and when that came round to Tueje she doubled. Zhang made a winning decision when the double came around, running to 2♥ to show both majors, and Tueje competed with 3♣ and played there. There was nothing to the play, Tueje losing two diamonds and three major-suit tricks for down one and -100.

Bojoh, playing a weaker no trump, had to open 1♣, and Asbi's 1♦ was a transfer to hearts. Wang made a somewhat eccentric INT overcall and Bojoh doubled to show her extra values. Shi wriggled, redouble followed by 2♦ showing at least two places to play, and Asbi doubled for take-out. Had Wang actually held a balanced hand for the overcall, Bojoh's decision to pass the double would no doubt have been more successful. As it was, many of her high cards proved to be of limited value in defence. Asbi led a trump and Shi ducked to the jack. Had Bojoh now continued with a second trump, declarer could have won and played the clubs to come to an overtrick, so Bojoh did the best she could when she switched to the king of spades, then ace and another heart. Asbi won the ♥K and switched back to spades to force dummy to ruff, but Shi next cashed the ace of diamonds and played winning clubs and had eight tricks for +180 and 7 IMPs to REIGNWOOD.

INDONESIA came out on top by 30-19 IMPs, converting to 13.72-6.28 VPs. Both teams were still handily placed to make the knock-outs.

## Mixed Teams

## After Round 10

1	NOLAND	147.04	53	GRUDE	99.12
2	MCCALLUM	139.12	54	FORMIDABLES	99.09
3	WILSON	134.28	55	SELIGMAN	98.84
4	MILLENS	127.43	56	SUZHOUTAIHU	98.82
5	INDONESIA	127.18	57	LU DONG	98.79
6	HOT FUZZ	126.86	58	BEAUTIFUL YAN	98.40
7	PERLMUTTER	126.74	59	VALIO	98.35
8	FERM	126.27	60	INDOJAPAN	98.29
9	BARR	122.07	61	CAYNE	97.53
10	GILLIS	121.86	62	SIX BLADE KNIFE	96.60
11	MNEPO	120.15	63	CFSC	96.02
12	MANFIELD	120.06	64	GUPTA	95.29
13	REIGNWOOD	118.64	65	GLASSON	95.28
14	ROSSARD	118.59	66	VIEGO	94.43
15	ZHAOHENG	118.23	67	MECKWELL	94.03
16	GARTAGANIS	118.06	68	COCO CAT	93.82
17	CHINA HOBBY	117.45	69	GRIFFIN	93.32
18	PDC	115.75	70	DONNER	92.48
19	ANNA	115.16	71	FEIXIANG	92.10
20	IT BICEPS	115.12	72	SKY BRIDGE CLUB	92.04
21	ZIMMERMANN	113.91	73	ORG	91.70
22	GOTARD	113.25	74	GREAT AM BRIDGE TOUR	91.39
23	KAMIL	112.63	75	DREWSKY	89.89
24	POLLACK	112.22	76	GARFIELD	89.73
25	THE FRUSH	111.21	77	ASCIUGAMANI	89.48
26	ROBINSON	111.05	78	THE ORPHANS	88.92
27	MARTENS	110.55	79	BICOASTAL	88.36
28	MAHAFFEY	110.34	80	CUSHING	88.30
29	VYTAS	109.45	81	DE BOTTON	88.11
30	LUCKY BRIDGE	108.83	82	FORT LAUDERDALE CREW	87.73
31	CHINA XHIT2	108.46	83	LIS	87.61
32	PSZCZOLA	108.45	84	HINZE	87.35
33	KEY LIME PIE	108.17	85	KCKATS	87.02
34	CORNELL	107.90	86	KASLE	86.54
35	COPING WITH PUNCH	107.47	87	ARVECHICO	86.44
36	ROSENTHAL	107.37	88	FIFIROOS	85.20
37	WARD PLATT	106.53	89	CASPERSEN	85.11
38	HAMPSON	106.13	90	CHINA XHITI	84.10
39	REESS	106.00	91	CORNFIELD	84.05
40	TORLOVEBECK	105.89	92	NUKKAI	83.08
41	HILL	105.84	93	HARD YAKKA	83.06
42	YBM	104.61	94	ITABASHI	82.22
43	IAN SMA	104.02	95	6NT	80.35
44	VEGAS STRONG	103.37	96	FIZZ	78.69
45	BADGER	103.06	97	RODNEY	75.35
46	CAN AM EXPRESS	103.01	98	MAVILO	74.40
47	ROMAMIA MI	101.96	100	MASTERMIND	71.18
48	MCALLISTER	101.21	101	COSTA RICA	71.09
49	HANSA	101.18	102	GOWER	68.98
50	NITABACH	101.07	103	ALEGRIA	68.25
51	PASKE	101.02	104	ALPHA	65.06
52	3ST	99.27			

## WBF Pairs

1	LEVIT Yeshayahu - KAMINSKI Amos	ISR - ISR	57.43	8	PINOARGOTE Alamiro - CASTILLO Elsa	ECU - COL	48.45
2	RADIN Michael - BERGER George	USA - USA	56.86	9	WHITE Edward - FORTUNATE Brenda	USA - USA	48.02
3	KRIZEL George - SHEKHTER Albert	USA - USA	56.60	10	MAK Ronald - MCGUIRE Daniel	USA - USA	46.88
4	FISHER Arnold - BALL Linda Jane	USA - USA	55.98	11	ROSEN MARSCHOFF J. - SCHAPIRA S. M.	MEX - MEX	42.50
5	RETEK Mari - RETEK George	CAN - CAN	54.90	12	MOON Hee-Jung - TASELAAR Nina	USA - USA	40.24
6	SCHWARTZ Adrian - ORENSTEIN Eitan	ISR - ISR	54.74	13	VIGNATI Frank - VIGNATI W June	USA - USA	39.43
7	FELDHEIM Harold - LAVIN Robert	USA - USA	48.57				

## Brackets Mixed Teams

