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Here in Salsomaggiore seven countries are represented in all four events, Argentina, Australia, Denmark, Egypt, India, Italy, and USA and they could contemplate the possibility qualifying for the knock-out phase in all four events. At one point yesterday evening the North Americans were providing the leaders in three of the four events, USA2 in the Bermuda Bowl and USA1 in both the d'Orsi Trophy and the Wuhan Cup. However, things can change rapidly and at the conclusion of play England were on top in the Bermuda Bowl, Poland were leading in both the Venice Cup and the d'Orsi Trophy, and Italy were leading the way in the Wuhan Cup. However, only one country currently occupies a qualifying position in all four events – the prince and princesses of Denmark.

World Bridge Series

The World Bridge Federation regrets to advise that while its preference is for Wroclaw as the location for the World Bridge Series, due to the current circumstances in the region, all options regarding the dates and location for the event are being considered. Further developments will be published as soon as possible.

Press Outing

Any members of the press interested in an outing at 10.30 AM on Friday April 1st should contact Barry Rigal in the press room or email him at barryrigal@mindspring.com

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MARCH 27TH APRIL 9TH



SCHEDULE, DRAW, BBO MATCHES - Thursday 31 March

BERMUDA BOWL

Round 11 – 10.00

ARGENTINA	-	NETHERLANDS
EGYPT	-	USA 2
UAE	-	ENGLAND
URUGUAY	-	ISRAEL
GUADELOUPE	-	BULGARIA
SINGAPORE	-	AUSTRALIA
HUNGARY	-	CANADA
INDIA	-	NORWAY
BBO USA 1	-	ITALY
BBO SOUTH AFRICA	-	NEW ZEALAND
BBO SWITZERLAND	-	SWEDEN
DENMARK	-	CHINA HONG KONG

Round 12 – 14.00

HUNGARY	-	ARGENTINA
INDIA	-	EGYPT
SOUTH AFRICA	-	UAE
SWITZERLAND	-	URUGUAY
CHINA HONG KONG	-	GUADELOUPE
NORWAY	-	SINGAPORE
CANADA	-	AUSTRALIA
USA 1	-	SWEDEN
USA 2	-	ENGLAND
BBO NEW ZEALAND	-	ISRAEL
DENMARK	-	NETHERLANDS
BULGARIA	-	ITALY

Round 13 – 16.45

ARGENTINA	-	USA 2
EGYPT	-	USA 1
UAE	-	NEW ZEALAND
URUGUAY	-	DENMARK
GUADELOUPE	-	ITALY
SINGAPORE	-	SWEDEN
INDIA	-	SOUTH AFRICA
CANADA	-	NETHERLANDS
BBO ENGLAND	-	NORWAY
BBO ISRAEL	-	SWITZERLAND
BULGARIA	-	HUNGARY
BBO CHINA HONG K.	-	AUSTRALIA

VENICE CUP

Round 11 – 10.00

PORTUGAL	-	INDIA
MOROCCO	-	BELGIUM
UAE	-	HUNGARY
EGYPT	-	ITALY
BRAZIL	-	DENMARK
SCOTLAND	-	SWEDEN
ARGENTINA	-	USA 2
POLAND	-	SPAIN
TURKEY	-	AUSTRALIA
USA 1	-	FRANCE
GERMANY	-	CANADA
BBO NORWAY	-	ENGLAND

Round 12 – 14.00

BRAZIL	-	PORTUGAL
DENMARK	-	MOROCCO
GERMANY	-	UAE
USA 2	-	EGYPT
SCOTLAND	-	POLAND
SWEDEN	-	NORWAY
BELGIUM	-	FRANCE
TURKEY	-	ARGENTINA
USA 1	-	SPAIN
HUNGARY	-	CANADA
AUSTRALIA	-	INDIA
BBO ITALY	-	ENGLAND

Round 13 – 16.45

PORTUGAL	-	SCOTLAND
MOROCCO	-	POLAND
UAE	-	AUSTRALIA
EGYPT	-	ENGLAND
SWEDEN	-	TURKEY
NORWAY	-	BELGIUM
DENMARK	-	CANADA
USA 1	-	ITALY
HUNGARY	-	ARGENTINA
GERMANY	-	INDIA
SPAIN	-	BRAZIL
BBO USA 2	-	FRANCE

D'ORSI TROPHY

Round 11 – 10.00

GUADELOUPE	-	BELGIUM
EGYPT	-	SWEDEN
PAKISTAN	-	BRAZIL
MOROCCO	-	ARGENTINA
INDIA	-	ENGLAND
TURKEY	-	FRANCE
BULGARIA	-	DENMARK
BBO USA 2	-	ICELAND
ITALY	-	GERMANY
CANADA	-	POLAND
NORWAY	-	NETHERLANDS
AUSTRALIA	-	USA 1

Round 12 – 14.00

INDIA	-	GUADELOUPE
ENGLAND	-	EGYPT
NORWAY	-	PAKISTAN
USA 1	-	MOROCCO
TURKEY	-	USA 2
FRANCE	-	BULGARIA
SWEDEN	-	POLAND
ITALY	-	AUSTRALIA
CANADA	-	ICELAND
BRAZIL	-	NETHERLANDS
GERMANY	-	BELGIUM
ARGENTINA	-	DENMARK

Round 13 – 16.45

GUADELOUPE	-	TURKEY
EGYPT	-	USA 2
PAKISTAN	-	GERMANY
MOROCCO	-	DENMARK
BBO FRANCE	-	ITALY
BULGARIA	-	SWEDEN
ENGLAND	-	NETHERLANDS
CANADA	-	ARGENTINA
BRAZIL	-	AUSTRALIA
NORWAY	-	BELGIUM
ICELAND	-	INDIA
USA 1	-	POLAND

WUHAN CUP

Round 11 – 10.00

GUATEMALA	-	CHILE
TUNISIA	-	CROATIA
JORDAN	-	PORTUGAL
EGYPT	-	ITALY
POLAND	-	ROMANIA
ISRAEL	-	SINGAPORE
NETHERLANDS	-	FRANCE
USA 1	-	INDIA
ARGENTINA	-	LATVIA
AUSTRALIA	-	DENMARK
TURKEY	-	BELGIUM
BBO GERMANY	-	USA 2

Round 12 – 14.00

POLAND	-	GUATEMALA
ROMANIA	-	TUNISIA
TURKEY	-	JORDAN
USA 2	-	EGYPT
ITALY	-	FRANCE
SINGAPORE	-	NETHERLANDS
CROATIA	-	DENMARK
ARGENTINA	-	GERMANY
AUSTRALIA	-	INDIA
PORTUGAL	-	BELGIUM
LATVIA	-	CHILE
BBO ISRAEL	-	USA 1

Round 13 – 16.45

GUATEMALA	-	ISRAEL
TUNISIA	-	USA 1
JORDAN	-	LATVIA
EGYPT	-	FRANCE
SINGAPORE	-	ARGENTINA
NETHERLANDS	-	CROATIA
ROMANIA	-	BELGIUM
AUSTRALIA	-	ITALY
PORTUGAL	-	GERMANY
TURKEY	-	CHILE
INDIA	-	POLAND
BBO USA 2	-	DENMARK



Ana Roth

FACE TO FACE

The WBF is making a series of filmed interviews during this 45th World 2021 Bridge Team Championships. We have prepared an excerpt from the transcript of the first one for the bulletin. You will be able to watch the whole thing on WBF facebook and WBF youtube.



Interview with Gavin Wolpert - the video: <https://youtu.be/vdl4gktuPFY>

Hello everyone. March 29, 2022 we are in Salsomaggiore, Italy at the World Bridge Teams Championship with Gavin Wolpert, member of the USA2 team in the Open category.

Welcome Gavin. Can you introduce yourself to our audience.

Sure. My name is Gavin Wolpert. I'm 39. I was born in Toronto, Canada, to a bridge playing family. My mom is a bridge teacher in Toronto, she runs a club. And I lived in Toronto, trained on the Canadian Junior bridge team and then moved to Florida, where I live with my wife and my three kids playing professional bridge. My wife is also a bridge professional. She is a world champion, and she jokes with me a little bit about that, that she's the world champion in the house. So my goal for this week is to come home with the title.

At what age did you start playing bridge?

My mom tried to teach me when I was about seven years old, and I had a little too much nervous energy to sit at the bridge table. My brother, who's seven years older, and I learned at the same time with a group. He was 14 and I was seven, and he got good at bridge quickly. And I was seven and couldn't sit still. So I actually got turned off from playing bridge for a little while.

But then I started to Caddy at bridge tournaments, and I met other caddies and started to make friends at the tournaments. And one tournament, there were these two girls that I was chasing after, and they went to the Caddy bridge tournament. I thought, I'm going to go to the Caddy bridge tournament. And I went and I played. And it turned out I remembered some of the things I learned, and I enjoyed it. Finally, when I was

about eleven years old or almost twelve, I went with my tail between my legs and said "Mom, I think I'd like to learn to play bridge." And so then I learned. So I was really about twelve when I started.

But it was evident that you had a special talent for bridge.

I don't feel like I have a special talent for bridge. I feel like I loved bridge. It was evident that I loved the game when I was a teenager. I love to play. It's all I wanted to do. I woke up and I think about bridge. I would want to go drive to tournaments on the weekend and play all the time.

What happened was I started to get opportunities as I got better, I started to get opportunities to be paid to go to tournaments or in some cases just my expenses paid. So I got to go. And because of the experience that I got, I became a better bridge player. It wasn't a special talent, it was experience from playing a lot.

So you're a bridge professional. Do you live from bridge?

I definitely live from bridge. I was in my first couple of years of University and I was not doing a great job with my University. And I wasn't doing a great job with professional bridge. On September 11th was my first day of my second year university, and I went to school and saw what was happening on TV. I had a moment where I realized I'm not doing a good job at either of the two things. And I realized that you can only live once. And I decided to leave school and focus on bridge. My parents were not very happy with me for the first couple of years.

If you were approached today by a young Gavin Wolpert: What advice would you give him?

I would say that definitely not to give yourself such a hard time over making mistakes at bridge. You go through a roller coaster in your life of confidence in bridge. The more you learn, the more you realize you don't know. And so I've gone through many phases of my bridge where I start really feeling very bad about my game. I'm very worried about my mistakes and things, but then time comes, goes by, and it's streaky. It's very difficult because as you get better, you really do start realizing...

As a young bridge player, who was your hero/ heroes? And now? Why?

When I was young, I looked up to the Canadians first. When I was in Canada, I looked up to Fred Gittelman and Geoff Hampson, who were at the top of Canadian bridge. And then as I started to play bridge, I really looked up to Steve Weinstein and Bobby Levin and those guys. And then when I was about 20 years old, Alfredo Versace was the one, which is interesting for a Canadian American to start looking up to an Italian. He did something very nice for me as a young professional when my partner and I were at a tournament. We wanted to know what system he and Lorenzo played over a certain two club opening and went up to him and asked him about his system. Can you teach us what you play? And he went to his room and gave us his 400 page system notes which to me at the time it was just absolutely unbelievable. So he said, go copy whatever you want and that was refreshing to me and since then he's been one of my bridge heroes, somebody that good that was willing to share what you think would be secrets or what I had been brought up to perceive that system was something you don't want to share with other people.

For him to be so open and say "You learn my system" in some ways it's just the attitude of: I'm going to beat you at bridge, not by system; and I've always just really admired that. So I've always looked up to him.

What has bridge given you for your daily life? What do you think you have developed thanks to bridge?

Bridge has given me the ability to stay calm and be able to think about a whole problem and throw out the things that I don't need and focus on what I need to focus on. And it really is because there are times where the kids are going crazy and or having crazy situations. Being able to separate why this is happening from all of the little behavior they're throwing things or doing or whatever, but understanding what's the root. Where is this coming from? How can I solve this and

that problem solving skill of bridge that it's amazing how it applies to everything in life. I'm amazed at how much my ability to process things happens and making decisions in advance and just seeing problems before they happen. It's definitely something that I've taken from bridge and use in every aspect of life.

You have a YouTube channel. It's a wonderful, wonderful YouTube channel. I recommend it. Can you talk about the vision you have? Why are you developing it?

I share videos on YouTube to help spread the Word about my ability to teach, that I love to teach. I'm very passionate about teaching. And so I have the YouTube channel as a way to share bridge ideas with people and help them. If they can't afford anything, they can watch the YouTube channels for free. But if they like the way I teach, then maybe I can grow my teaching business. So it's kind of a way to give back to the bridge community at the same time, support my my business. (Wolpert Bridge).

The last question: your main advice for the bridge youth.

My main advice for bridge youth is don't be too hard on yourself. Everybody makes mistakes. I make mistakes. Every time I played a set of boards, just now 16 boards, I make mistakes. It's important that you go back and look at your mistakes and try to see how you could do better. But don't try to be too perfect because nobody's perfect. Not even the best players in this tournament. Everybody is making mistakes. So if you're not too hard on yourself, you will help yourself learn, and you'll also help yourself play better. Because if you're sitting there yelling at yourself while you're playing, you don't have your mental space to play your best.





Marc Smith, Bermuda Bowl, ROUND 5



SWITZERLAND vs AUSTRALIA



A 23-match round robin is a marathon, not a sprint, and there are bound to be pitfalls along the way. What you cannot afford is a string of bad results. No doubt both teams have aspirations to be playing when the knockout stage starts, but they have each begun with a stutter rather than a purr. The Australians collected just 0.93 VPs from their last match on Day 1, going down 15-64 against Denmark. Perhaps more surprising was the 0.31 VPs that the Swiss collected from their opening match on Day 2, as they were hammered 20-76 by India. Finding themselves virtually tied, in 15th and 16th place, both teams were looking to consolidate and move steadily up towards the qualification places when they met in Round 5.

This turned out to be a match with plenty of opportunities. We started with both East/West pairs bidding a slam with a club suit of Q-x-x facing J-10-x, in one room after an opponent had opened the suit. At both tables, the defence started with ♣AK and a club ruff to beat the contract by two. Then came a 12 top-trick slam for N/S:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ A J 8 6
♥ K Q J 5 3
♦ A 7 3
♣ 10

♠ 9 7 5 3
♥ 9 8 7
♦ Q 8 2
♣ A Q 2



♠ 10 2
♥ 6
♦ J 6 5 4
♣ K J 9 6 5 3

♠ K Q 4
♥ A 10 4 2
♦ K 10 9
♣ 8 7 4

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Edgtton	Drijver	Hung	Brink
—	—	3♣	Pass
3♥*	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♣	4♥	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

Nabil Edgtton's 3♥ bid was alerted, but there are no explanations in the hand records, so my best guess is that it asked for a heart stopper for no-trumps. Of course,



Pierre Zimmermann

Peter Gill

Sartaj Hans

Fernando Piedra

on this occasion, Edgtton was just obfuscating, trying to portray strength, certain that the hand belonged to the opponents. Bas Drijver was not to be persuaded that he was not looking at a good hand and bid to the four-level on his own. Sjoert Brink's raise to 5♥ appears to have been simply asking for a club control, but Drijver's pass makes it apparent that he thought it was more of a general try. With little to spare for his bidding thus far, he decided that he did not have enough. Twelve tricks were easy: N/S +680.

When a relegation-threatened team visits Anfield or Old Trafford, the one thing we are always told is that they cannot afford to miss chances. The same is true when playing against top bridge teams. You will get opportunities; the difficulty is taking them. Here, a mix-up between the goalkeeper and a defender seems to have allowed an Australian forward through with just a lone defender to evade...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Piedra	Hans	Zimmermann	Gill
—	—	3♣	Pass
3NT	Dble	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

It is hard to see how North could do any more in this auction. He has potentially stuck out his neck by bidding over 3NT, and the South hand could still be relatively weak. What, though, could South have bid other than 4♥? One for the panel to address in a future month, perhaps. Suffice it to say that the chance had been blasted over the bar with the goal gaping. N/S +680 and a flat board. (Perhaps 4♣? Editors)

The first swing of the match came on Board 4, and can surely be put down to a lack of focus rather than technical superiority. After an identical auction, both North players led a low heart against 3NT.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Piedra	Hans	Zimmermann	Gill
Edgtton	Drijver	Hung	Brink
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

At both tables, North opened a low heart, declarer winning in hand with the ♥10. Looking at things from declarer's point of view, the contract appears to have little chance if the hearts break 5-3, as you must set up long tricks in diamonds and you also need an extra trick from one of the black suits. Barring a miracle such as a singleton spade honour with South, your only real chance is a defensive error.

At trick two, both declarers crossed to dummy with the ♦K and led a club towards their hand. In the Open Room, Peter Gill followed with a low club, allowing declarer to steal his game-going trick. Fernando Piedra now conceded a diamond, won the heart continuation, and claimed nine tricks. E/W +600.

At the other table, Sjoert Brink was wide awake, and rose with the ♣A to clear his side's heart suit. When declarer then set about establishing his long diamonds, North had three heart winners ready to cash: E/W -100 and 12 IMPs to Switzerland.

You can see the manager shaking his head on the touchline as his side concedes a sloppy goal and the home team take a 1-0 lead.



The Swiss team comparing scores



Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Piedra	Hans	Zimmermann	Gill
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	3♣*	3♦*
3NT*	Pass	4♦	All Pass

Sartaj Hans opened a third-seat 1♥ and Pierre Zimmermann's overcalled 3♣, showing a two-suited hand with spades and diamonds. Peter Gill's 3♦ showed a heart raise and now Fernando Piedra bid 3NT. Although alerted, there are no explanations, so I cannot tell you exactly what 3NT showed. If it was some sort of game try then, presumably, Zimmermann would have accepted on this East hand. It is therefore more likely that 3NT was a Lebensohl variation, showing a hand that only wished to compete. Although East/West have only 18 of the 40 HCP, the eleven-trick game is close to a 50% proposition, needing either a trump break or both spade honours onside. With diamonds splitting 2-2, that was 11 easy tricks: E/W +150.

With the Swiss missing a thin game, was this a chance for the Australians to get back on level terms? In fact, they were presented with something akin to a tap-in, and they did not miss out this time.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Edgtton	Drijver	Hung	Brink
—	—	—	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

When you live by the sword, you will also sometimes perish by it, Perhaps Brink might have preferred a 1♣ opening on this hand, but he stuck his neck out with a first seat pre-empt. The Australians were not hard-pressed to catch him on this layout. E/W +800 and 12 IMPs to Australia, back on terms midway through the first half.

Perhaps the remarkable thing about this deal is that, in this age of everyone pre-empting at any excuse, Brink was the only South player at the 24 Bermuda Bowl tables to get caught in 3♣.

Early in the second half, with the match still evenly balanced, came another N/S bidding challenge.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Edgtton	Drijver	Hung	Brink
—	—	Pass	2♣
3♣	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Brink opened 2♣ and. Although Edgtton intervened to use up one level of bidding, the auction was under control and spades were quickly agreed. After a couple of cue-bids, Drijver rolled out Blackwood, discovered the ♠A-K-Q, the ♥A and the ♦K opposite, and confidently bid the grand slam. N/S +2210.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Piedra	Hans	Zimmermann	Gill
—	—	Pass	1♣
2♣	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

The Australian auction felt much more frenetic, and that showed in the result. N/S +1460 and 13 IMPs to Switzerland. It felt like another soft goal conceded.

The Australians fought back, piling some pressure on the home team defence, and they picked up a couple of partscore swings towards the end of the match. Then, though, came:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

♠

A J 8 6

♥

6 5

♦

A 9 3

♣

A Q 7 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Piedra</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Gill</i>
—	—	1♠	1NT
2♠	2NT*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Gill got into the auction with a skinny 1NT overcall, but Piedra's raise to 2♠ left Sartaj Hans with a guess. Getting to the making 5♣ on these cards is about impossible, and not a single pair in the 24-table Bermuda Bowl field managed to do so. Having started with a Lebensohl 2NT, Hans had then to guess whether to compete in clubs or hearts. In the vague hope that he might find a fit and hear a raise of 3♥, he chose the major. It was not a great contract, but the cards lie just about well enough, and declarer managed to scramble nine tricks: N/S +140.

Whilst events in this room were eminently sensible, the exact opposite was happening at the other table. Imagine the manager, head in hands on the touchline, as his defenders ensure a home victory by scoring in their own net.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgtton</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Redbl	All Pass		

I agree with Brink's disciplined pass on this South hand and it is said that good things come to those who wait. I have never really understood the logic behind pre-empting when partner opens the bidding, and there is nothing to suggest that the hand does not belong to your side, but I know that jumps to 3♠ on hands such as this West collection are popular with some.

When the raise to 3♠ came back to Brink, he backed in with a double which, I assume, Drijver fully understood was a strong penalty suggestion. To make matters worse, though, Edgton now thought that his hand was worth a redouble, whatever that was supposed to mean. Letting partner know that he wasn't as bad as he might have been, perhaps? What useful information for partner, who will find out what you have when you put the hand down in dummy. The Swiss simply sat there and collected the bounty, as declarer managed to score six tricks: N/S +1000 and 14 IMPs to Switzerland.

The Swiss padded the score on the penultimate deal when they found a 300 save against a vulnerable game to add a further 8 IMPs to their tally. The final result was a 52-31 win for Switzerland, and two teams seemingly headed in opposite directions. The Swiss are clearly not yet firing on all cylinders, but you get the feeling that they are still warming up and their eyes are clearly fixed on the top of the table. For the Australians, a relegation battle looks inevitable. For dreams of making the knockout stage to come to fruition, they will need to shore up what looks like a shaky back four and start taking their chances up front. *(But there again, Brian, it is a game of two halves. Editors)*



Miltos Koutougkos



Barry Rigal, Wuhan Cup, ROUND 6



USA1 vs POLAND



Round six of the Wuhan Cup saw USA2 take on Poland. The deficiencies of methods for each East-West pair were cruelly exposed at once.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I.Grzejdzia	Kamenova	S.Grzejdzia	R.Smith
—	Pass	1♣*	1♥
1♠*	2♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

1♣ Natural in a 11-14 base

1♠ No major

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Itabashi	Sakowska	Disa	Butryn
—	Pass	1NT	2♦*
3NT	All Pass		

2♦ One major

Mark Itabashi either did not have or chose not to use a method to determine what stoppers his side had against the unknown major. Had he shown diamonds and invitational or better values, maybe his side might have been able to work their way to 4♠ or 5♦? 3NT went quietly three down, giving Poland a chance for gain, even when the Polish EW were frozen out of the auction by the preemptive re-raise. I cannot imagine staying silent with the East cards at both my second and third turn to speak here... but whether I must double at either turn or compete with a 2♠ or 2NT call at my second turn would depend on precise systemic agreements.

3♥ looks a quiet one down; West led two top diamonds, receiving discouragement and...continued a third diamond. That was a swift +140, and no swing. (For the record, six pairs in the Wuhan Cup bid and made game on the EW cards – though only 7 of the 24 EW pairs went minus). After a quiet deal where only overtricks were at stake in a partscore we moved onto more substantial fare.

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I. Grzejdzia	Kamenova	S.Grzejdzia	R.Smith
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♠
3♦	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Itabashi	Sakowska	Disa	Butryn
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♠
3♠	3NT	All Pass	

Disa Eythorsdottir's spade queen lead worked very well. Itabashi overtook with the ♠A and smartly shifted to a low club, letting the defenders cash out for down three. Nicely done both players, though of course game in either red suit would have been easy for N/S. But while 3NT looks silly, it is not that you'd expect to make 5♦, necessarily, while if the ♠A was wrong, 3NT might well come home on a spade lead?

Would USAII do any better in the auction? No. but when Sabina Grzejdzia led a low spade, her husband took the ace and returned the suit. That was a cool +460 and 12 IMPs to USAII, up 12-0.

Poland got on the board on the next deal, but again the bidding had offered both sides the chance of a significant swing.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I. Grzejdzia	Kamenova	S.Grzejdzia	R.Smith
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Itabashi	Sakowska	Disa	Butryn
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Natalia Sakowska and Piotr Butryn conducted a workmanlike sequence to the playable 4♥. Itabashi led a sensible trump, Butryn won in dummy and played ♠A and a spade to the 10 and king, and could claim 10 tricks after the trump return. In the other room, after Sabina's Stayman enquiry talked Smith out of direct action, he had the chance to double 2♦ in balancing seat, but decided to stay low. It isn't clear if Ludmila Kamenova would have sat for it if he had doubled. Against 2♦ the defence started with two rounds of diamonds, followed by a heart switch for a third trump. Declarer won and led clubs from the top, conceding four down when they did not behave. However, Poland still had 6 IMPs for +620 against -400.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I. Grzejdzia	Kamenova	S.Grzejdzia	R.Smith
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Itabashi	Sakowska	Disa	Butryn
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

Up to a point, two identical auctions (except that one sequence included a logical pass from the player with nothing to say, while one did not...). Itabashi enjoyed his 1NT partscore on a diamond lead, playing spades in logical fashion to squeeze South out of their goodies then endplay them in hearts to open up the minors. Not enough; Ron Smith did NOT enjoy 1NT, and although he could have scrambled four tricks after an initial heart lead, he tried for more and finished with less. The defenders eventually emerged with 10




Mark Itabashi



tricks and those 6 IMPs meant the match was back to 12-12.

It's not how you win IMPs so long as you win them. Everyone has their own interpretation of 'win ugly' but I'm prepared to divulge that the closed room sequence isn't one that would make my top 10 elegant sequences of the championships so far. But if it gains 12 IMPs, it carries its own perhaps less obvious charms, I suppose. And anyway, who am I to argue with success?

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Grzejdzia</i>	<i>Kamenova</i>	<i>S. Grzejdzia</i>	<i>R. Smith</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	3♥	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Sakowska</i>	<i>Disa</i>	<i>Butryn</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♦(♥)	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The Open Room sequence saw the vagaries of no-trump range cruelly punished when Kamenova had an easy way into the auction. Smith bounced to game, over which Igor did well to find the vulnerable sacrifice, and that did save a couple of IMPs. After Disa's strong no-trump kept South quiet initially, many would think about doubling and some actually would double 2♥ at their second turn (if not the pussycats in the Bulletin Office). That was the last chance for NS: Itabashi's re-raise kept North from balancing and scored an even huger goal when 4♥ turned out to be cold with 4♠ equally likely to come home. 12 IMPs to USAII, leading 24-12.

Poland struck back on the next deal when Disa heard

her partner open 1♦ and the next hand overcall 1♠. Holding

♠10 7 6 5 2 ♥J 7 ♦A K 5 ♣K 7 5


she responded 1NT and when her partner retreated to 2♦ she competed over further spade calls first to 3♦ and eventually to 4♦. Good, but not good enough; partner had a 10-count but with a spade void in an 0=4=6=3 pattern. 5♦ was makable her way on any lead but repeated trump attacks (the overcaller had ♦J8). It was far easier to reach game when the 1♦ opening promised an unbalanced hand. Sabina treated her hand as a diamond raise and competed to 4♦, letting Igor bid 5♦ with:

♠— ♥A 8 5 3 ♦Q 10 9 7 6 3 ♣A 6 4.

After the ♠A lead Igor could duck a heart and ruff two hearts in dummy, coming home when the ♦J fell in two rounds.

Both E/W pairs defended 3NT correctly on the next deal, (see Mark Horton's article 'By the Book') but then came another opportunity for a swing.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Grzejdzia</i>	<i>Kamenova</i>	<i>S. Grzejdzia</i>	<i>R. Smith</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♦	Dble	Pass	2♠
3♦	3♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Sakowska</i>	<i>Disa</i>	<i>Butryn</i>
—	—	—	1♠
2♦	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Though many Polish pairs play new suits non-forcing in competition, I believe Sakowska's 3♣ call was forcing, and perfectly reasonable. It got Butryn to a sensible game, and Itabashi started with ♦A and the




Igor Grzejdziak

♦ 10, ruffed in dummy. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps and took a club finesse (it seems better to me to take the club finesse after one trump -- for fear of the heart shift locking you in dummy?) but the cards cooperated for 11 tricks. That was worth 10 IMPs since in the other room Kamenova took a slightly low road and Smith's doubleton diamond queen looked particularly unattractive here, when deciding whether to bid on to 4♠. It was still quite a close decision to pass 3♠, I think.

After a flat game, Disa generated a potential game for her side by opening a weak 2♦ in second seat favorable with a 2=4=5=2 nine-count including ♦AKQ63. That got her to 3♦ making against silent opposition - but her teammates had opened 2♠ in front of her on an equally etiolated collection, to play 4♠ down one. No swing, and still 28-24 for Poland.

There was one more swing to come:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Grzejdziaik</i>	<i>Kamenova</i>	<i>S. Grzejdziaik</i>	<i>R. Smith</i>
—	—	1♠	2NT
Dble	3♣	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Sakowska</i>	<i>Disa</i>	<i>Butryn</i>
—	—	1♠	2♣
Dble	Pass	3♣	3NT*
Dble	4♣	4♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

3NT Diamonds

The commentators were speculating on whether Disa would bid 4♦ over 4♣ but she opted for simplicity, her 4♥ call having already shown a hand better than a direct jump to 4♥. Itabashi was prepared to take a shot at small slam, with his undistinguished black-suit holdings slowing him down from thoughts of a grand slam – nonetheless he might have bid 5♦ instead of blasting slam. Yes but...when the other table is in game you could argue that even thinking of a grand slam is an overbid. And indeed it feels like East (and possibly West) didn't do nearly enough there. Those 11 IMPs gave USAII back the lead at 35-28. That concluded the entertainment for the day, and USA would retire for the night with a narrow win under their belt.



Sabina Grzejdziak



BY THE BOOK

♠ Q 6 4 2
 ♥ J 9 8 6 2
 ♦ J 6 5 2
 ♣ —

♠ K J 3
♥ A Q
♦ A 10 9 7
♣ 8 7 5 4

♠ 7 5
♥ K 7 5
♦ Q 4
♣ A Q 10 9 3 2

♠ Q 6 4 2
 ♥ J 9 8 6 2
 ♦ J 6 5 2
 ♣ —





Barry Rigal, Bermuda Bowl, ROUND 6

GUARD DUTY

It's not always a good thing to have a shapely hand. This is from Round 6 of the Bermuda Bowl:

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

♠ A Q J 5
♥ Q 5 2
♦ A J 10 6
♣ 8 5

Liam Milne won the club lead to take a spade finesse, and the defenders shifted to hearts. He rose with the ace and drew trumps then ran the diamonds. This was the four-card ending:

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

This board did not generate many swings around the room. It was the final deal of round 6 and played in 4♠ making 11 tricks almost everywhere, after the defenders took a trump and a diamond ruff on an initial club lead.

You will note that North still has five cards left and has been caught in an unusual example of a ruffing squeeze. With the lead in the East hand, declarer can establish a long card in whichever suit North unguards.



World Championship Book Salsomaggiore 2022

The official book of these World Championships in Salsomaggiore will be released on or before the start of the World Bridge Series in Wroclaw later this year. It will comprise approximately 300 full colour pages. The principal contributors will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, Mark Horton, Marek Wojcicki, Daniel Gulyas & Ron Tacchi. The book will include many photographs from the championships, a full list of results and extensive coverage of the major championship events. The official retail price will be £25, US\$35 and €30. The book will be distributed by Master Point Press and available from bridge suppliers around the world.

Australia fought back on the next board.

Board 4. Dealer West. None All.

♠ 4	♠ Q 8 7 2	♠ K 10 6 3
♥ 9 8 6 3	♥ A Q 7 5 4	♥ K J 10 2
♦ J 9 8	♦ 7 3	♦ Q 6 2
♣ A J 9 5 3	♣ 8 2	♣ K 10
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">N</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">E</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">W</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">S</div> </div>	
	♠ A J 9 5	
	♥ —	
	♦ A K 10 5 4	
	♣ Q 7 6 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szabo	Hung	Winkler	Edgtton
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gill	Hegedus	Hans	Szegedi
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Double
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Szegedi, South for Hungary in the closed room, passed the 1♦ opening, that being his longest and best suit. When he then doubled 2♥ at his second turn, North may have been uncertain if partner was taking an action because he was intermediate with short hearts or had a goodish hand with no convenient bid at his first turn. In the closed room, declarer won the ♥J with the queen, cashed the ace and ruffed a heart. He then proceeded to play two rounds of diamonds, ruffing a third diamond to establish the suit. Another heart ruff followed by a low diamond, West ruffing with his singleton trump and declarer pitching a losing club. The defence ended up with one club, one diamond ruff and two trump tricks in the end game for +140.

In the open room the double at the one level allowed Edgtton, South for Australia, to better describe his assets later in the auction. Declarer won the ♥Q and immediately established the diamonds later playing the ♠Q and finessing the ♠9. That limited his spade losers to one trick; making 11 tricks, for +650 and 11 IMPs.

Australia 11 — Hungary 11

The next hand saw a familiar scenario, one table reaching game while the other table played a part score.

Board 5. Dealer North. None N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szabo	Hung	Winkler	Edgtton
—	Pass	Pass	3♥
3♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gill	Hegedus	Hans	Szegedi
—	Pass	Pass	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass



Balasz Szegedi



Nothing to the play of course with a spade, a heart and a club loser. The result hinged on East's hand evaluation following his partner's overcall. West could have been 6-2-2-3, when passing would have been correct. Or South could (perhaps) have held the $\diamond K$, when again passing would be correct. On this hand, however, bidding 4 \spadesuit yielded +420 against -170 and 6 IMPs to Australia.

Australia 17 — Hungary 11

The next four boards saw each side score 5 IMPs. But Australia could count themselves extremely unlucky on board 10.

\spadesuit A 10 4 2
 \heartsuit 8 7 3
 \diamond A 4
 \clubsuit A Q 4 3



\spadesuit 8 7 5
 \heartsuit A K Q 10 2
 \diamond K 7 5
 \clubsuit K 8

Open Room

North

Hung

—

2NT*

3 \spadesuit

4 \diamond

5 \clubsuit

6 \heartsuit

South

Edgtton

1NT

3 \heartsuit

4 \clubsuit

4 \spadesuit

5 \spadesuit

All Pass

2NT 5-card Stayman

Closed Room

North

Hegedus

—

1NT*

3 \heartsuit

3NT

4 \diamond

South

Szegedi

1 \heartsuit

2 \diamond

3 \spadesuit

4 \clubsuit

4 \heartsuit

1NT Spades

This was a reasonably solid slam, likely to make except against something horrendous in a red suit. Alas that was this day: the slam failed on this occasion

when trumps broke 4-1 offside, handing Hungary 13 IMPs and the lead.

Australia 22 — Hungary 29

Australia continued searching for the elusive slam again, with less ammunition, however.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

\spadesuit K Q
 \heartsuit 9 8 3
 \diamond A 9 8 4 3 2
 \clubsuit A 8

\spadesuit 9 8 6 3
 \heartsuit J 0 7
 \diamond K J 7
 \clubsuit J 5 2



\spadesuit A 10 7 5 2
 \heartsuit 6 4
 \diamond 5
 \clubsuit Q 10 7 4 3

\spadesuit J 4
 \heartsuit A K Q 5 2
 \diamond Q 10 6
 \clubsuit K 9 6

Open Room

West

Szabo

—

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

All Pass

North

Hung

—

3 \clubsuit *

3NT

4 \spadesuit

Redouble

East

Winkler

—

Pass

Pass

Double

Pass

South

Edgtton

1NT

3 \diamond

4 \clubsuit *

Pass

6 \diamond

3 \clubsuit Diamonds

Closed Room

West

Gill

—

Pass

Pass

North

Hegedus

—

2 \diamond

4 \heartsuit

East

Hans

—

Pass

All Pass

South

Szegedi

1 \heartsuit

2NT

That saw 11 IMPs to Hungary in what was rapidly becoming a high scoring match – we were currently averaging 5+IMPs per board.

Australia 22 — Hungary 40

Hungary picked up another 6 IMPs on the next board when both tables played 3 \spadesuit with Szegedi for Hungary playing on a crossruff while Edgtton opted for a losing ruffing finesse.

Australia 22 — Hungary 46



Gal Hegedus

A couple of quiet boards, one overtrick IMP to Hungary and the penultimate board saw Hungary try unsuccessfully to buy the contract in both rooms.

Board 15. Dealer South. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szabo	Hung	Winkler	Edgton
—	—	—	1♣*
1♠	2♦*	3♠	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gill	Hegedus	Hans	Szegedi
—	—	—	1NT
2♠*	3♦*	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

In the open room declarer applied restricted choice when the ♠A drew the jack from North. This resulted in five losers for -300.

In the closed room, 4♥ wasn't a bad contract at all. On a normal day one could imagine losing just two spade tricks. But today was not a normal day. With trumps 5-1 declarer failed by two tricks handing Australia 11 IMPs - +200 and +300.

Australia 33 — Hungary 47

On the last hand, Australia picked up 6 IMPs when North holding

♠ AK 5 4 ♥ Q 9 7 ♦ A 7 6 3 ♣ 5 3

heard 1♥ on his right, passed around to his partner who balanced with 1♠ holding:

♠ Q 10 9 8 6 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ 10 ♣ Q J 10 8

The responder to the overcall invited partner with 2NT, only to find that he was unluckily one level too high already, when opener held a six-card heart suit and managed to give his partner two heart ruffs.

The final score was Australia 39 -- Hungary 47, leaving the teams placed 17th and 6th respectively.



Gabor Winkler



David Bird, BERMUDA BOWL, ROUND 7



NETHERLANDS vs SWITZERLAND



It's day 3, the first match, and four of the world's best players take their seats on the BBO screen. What's not to like? All we will need is some great boards. Perhaps we'll be lucky.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	De Wijs	Gawrys	Muller
—	—	—	3♥
Dble	Pass	3♠	All Pass

The former stars of the Poland team, Michal Klukowski and Piotr Gawrys, now represent Switzerland. After three rounds of hearts, with declarer throwing a diamond from dummy and North ruffing, this contract went three down. De Wijs was close to a penalty double, as you see, but he knows his partners pre-empts better than we do.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Drijver	Van Prooijen	Brink
—	—	—	4♥
Dble	Rdbl	All Pass	

Sjoert Brink believes in doing a job properly. He opened 4♥ on a hand that would be a text-book weak-two for the world's bridge teachers. Was he just a tad nervous when this contract was doubled and redoubled? It is possible.

Louk Verhees led the ♣A and viewed the dummy with little enthusiasm. Brink won the ♦Q switch and played two top spades to ditch his remaining diamond. A successful finesse of the ♥10 was followed by the ♥A. Declarer could actually have made an overtrick

now, with a trump coup. Not wishing to embarrass his opponents, he played another top trump and settled for +880. It was 11 IMPs to Switzerland.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	De Wijs	Gawrys	Muller
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
Dble*	Pass	2♥	Dble
3♥	Dble	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West's double showed hearts and South's double was for take-out. West raised the ante to 3♥ and now it was North who doubled. How would you interpret that?

Suppose the auction had been less conventional, with West bidding 1♥ instead of doubling. It would then have been 100% clear that North's double of 3♥ was for penalties; otherwise, he would have spoken over 1♥. As I see it, the double should be for penalties on this auction too.

A worthwhile number can be taken against 3♥ doubled. However, the VG operator told us that both North and South had alerted the double. South pulled it to 4♥, asking North to choose a suit, and now declarer (De Wijs) would have to make ten tricks in 4♠. He won the ♥J lead with the queen, and finessed the ♠J successfully. Ace-king of diamonds and a diamond ruff found that suit 3-3.

Declarer continued with the ♥A, ditching a club from dummy, and ruffed a heart. He then discarded a club on the ♦10, East ruffing with the ♠6. After ruffing the club return, declarer led the ♠Q and had his ten tricks whether or not East covered. That was +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Drijver	Van Prooijen	Brink
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Dble
All Pass			

Brink was silenced by the 1♦ opening but emerged with a take-out double of 2♥. Should North pass or bid 2♠? It looks a close decision to me. He passed for penalties and the contract went one down. That was 7 IMPS to the Netherlands.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	De Wijs	Gawrys	Muller
—	Pass	Pass	3♥
3♠	All Pass		

The text books tell us that you should expect around 8 HCP in partner's hand when thinking of entering over an opposing three-bid. On that basis, Piotr Gawrys judged that he did not have enough to raise to 4♠.

Bauke Muller won the ♥5 lead with the king and switched to the ♣3. Klukowski won with the ace and cashed the ace of trumps. A finesse of the ♦Q succeeded and that was +170. 'I should raise on this?' Gawrys may have asked.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Drijver	Van Prooijen	Brink
—	Pass	Pass	4♥
4♠	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Brink (a braver man than me, as we have already established) hazarded a 4♥ opening. When this resulted in +100 against 5♠ doubled, a fellow commentator in the Open Room praised the 4♥

opening. Just look, though, at how much 5♥ doubled would have cost. Two diamonds and a diamond ruff, plus three top winners in the black suits. That is 1100 for four down!

The interesting boards kept on coming. Yes, I had my fingers crossed in that regard, but it doesn't always work.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	De Wijs	Gawrys	Muller
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

The general advice on those South cards, after East's intervention, is to be willing to raise one level higher than you would have done unopposed. Over 3♠, say, you would pass because 4♥ would be two levels higher.

Gawrys led the ♠2 and declarer allowed West's queen to win. East ruffed the club return and returned a diamond to the 9. How should declarer continue? In a match yesterday, declarer led the trump queen and picked up a singleton jack with West. Muller attempted the same play, but this lost to the king. He then had to concede a club trick for one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Drijver	Van Prooijen	Brink
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♥	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

Once again, a spade was led, and declarer held up the ace. West gave his partner a club ruff. (This is not best. A diamond or a second spade leaves declarer with no chance.) Drijver won the next spade and led a trump to the ace. He then played two top diamonds,

stripping West's holding, and exited with a trump to the bare king. Wonderful play! Verhees had to lead a club into the ace-jack and ten tricks were made. It was 12 IMPs to Switzerland.

Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

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♠ 6 2
♥ 7 5 3 2
♦ J 9 8 6
♣ Q 10 5

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Muller</i>
Pass	1♦	2♣	Pass
2♥	2♠	Dble	3♦
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

What would you lead from the North hand?

In my book with Taf Anthias, ‘Winning Suit Contract Leads’, we concluded from our computer simulations that singletons were just as promising as

leading from an ace-king. Gawrys duly led the ♣9. (Almost incredibly, on this deal, the double-dummy analyzer Deep Finesse states that the ♠7 or ♠5 is required!)

Klukowski won with dummy's ♣A and thought for a very long while. Eventually he led the ♦Q, North winning with the king. A spade honour return is best now, to lock declarer in the dummy. When De Wijs returned a low spade, Klukowski did well to play low from the dummy, winning with the 8. He ruffed his remaining diamond. and gave North a second chance by finessing in trumps, losing to the king. This time, De Wijs made no mistake; he returned the ♠K to the ace. That was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	1♦	1NT*	Pass
2♣	2♠	3♣	3♦
3♥	Pass	4♣	All Pass

1NT was Raptor, showing 4-6 shape. The Netherlands took +130 in the club part score, and it was 5 IMPs to the Netherlands. Switzerland eventually won the encounter by 40 IMPs to 16.

When I took a moment to see how many kibitzers this match had attracted, I found there were 3,279. How many of those were “working from home” due to the COVID situation, I can not tell you!





Jos Jacobs, Wuhan Cup, ROUND 7




USA1 vs ITALY



With the introduction of a world championship for mixed teams, the WBF also created an extra edition of “El Clasico,” which in bridge, unlike in soccer, applies to matches between Italy and the USA. So, on Wednesday morning, I hurried to this match only to find out that nothing very much was happening on the first six boards. Or was it? This had been board 3:

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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


West	North	East	South
<i>Attanasio</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Cima</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Dessi</i>
—	—	—	2♥
3♦	All Pass		

At both tables, the North players agreed with West's quite respectable overcall. Down three, +300 for N/S at both tables, no swing. You would have to go to other matches to find any sizeable swings, because +800 for N/S was a popular score as well.

With only a little bit of imagination, you can find out for yourself what the auctions must have been in the Egypt v. Turkey Wuhan Cup match. The board was a push at +1,100 to N/S in 3♠ and 4♦ respectively. That's what happens if South opens 3♥. Elsewhere in this bulletin, you can find out what happened when a for-the-time-being anonymous but well-known South player opened 4♥...

Over now to more serious stuff, right on the next board.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Attanasio</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
2♠	4♥	All Pass	

Gabriella Manara led a normal spade to the queen. Migry Zur-Campanile immediately won the ace and advanced the ♥Q. When West won the king and returned a spade to East, the hand was essentially over. Declarer simply took a second trump finesse, as planned. USA 1 +620.



Leonardo Cima

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Cima</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Dessi</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

An alternative Puppet Stayman treatment easily unveiled the heart fit but there, the Italian ambitions came to an end. Eleven tricks were the maximum, so Italy got +650 and a not unfortunate 13 IMPs to finally open their account.

Puppet Stayman again made life easy on the very next board.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Attanasio</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

With the 5-3 heart fit easily reached, the USA 1 scored a routine +450 on a spade lead, with the help of the double finesse in diamonds later on.

In the other room, Cima gave preference to his diamonds when partner opened 1NT.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Cima</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Dessi</i>
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

On a spade lead, 5♦ is an almost equally good contract as 4♥, provided you take the double finesse in diamonds. When declarer quite reasonably played ♦A and another after the spade lead, she suddenly found herself one down. USA 1 another +50 and 11 IMPs back to them.

On the next board, the USA 1 N/S pair produced a very short auction.

Dario Attanasio

Migry Zur-Campanile

Chris Willenken

Gabriella Manara





Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Attanasio	Zur-Campanile	Manara	Willenken
Pass	1♥	All Pass	

When Migry opened 1♥, nobody had anything to say, so who am I to comment? One down, Italy +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ginossar	Cima	Berkowitz	Dessi
Pass	1♥	2NT	Pass
3♦	Dble	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Cima, on the other hand, was given a second chance and he took it. Three spades proved the last safe spot so Italy added another +140, good for 6 IMPs.

Two more pushes and then the penultimate board arrived.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Attanasio	Zur-Campanile	Manara	Willenken
—	—	—	Pass
2♠	3♥	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

When South does not open the bidding, finding the club fit is extremely difficult so N/S can do little better than double the sacrifice and hope for the best. When declarer, of course, adopted the restricted choice principle in his 4♠ doubled, he went the normal enough down two. USA 1 + 300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ginossar	Cima	Berkowitz	Dessi
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	2♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	Dble	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Barbara Dessi pleasantly surprised us by pulling partner's double and even scoring an overtrick in her contract when West led his singleton heart in an attempt to defeat 5♣ after all. No luck for Ginossar, Italy +620 and 8 IMPs to them.

With the last board another push, the result thus became 32-28 to the USA or 11.20 – 8.80 VP.



Eldad Ginossar

RESULTS

BERMUDA BOWL

Round 7	1	ARGENTINA	ITALY	24	35	6.96	13.04
	2	EGYPT	NORWAY	40	39	10.31	9.69
	3	UAE	USA 2	32	42	7.20	12.80
	4	URUGUAY	CANADA	5	29	3.76	15.74
	5	GUADELOUPE	NEW ZEALAND	26	32	8.24	11.76
	6	SINGAPORE	DENMARK	14	56	1.67	18.33
	7	INDIA	USA 1	35	25	12.80	7.20
	8	SWEDEN	BULGARIA	59	32	16.26	3.74
	9	NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND	16	40	3.76	15.24
	10	AUSTRALIA	HUNGARY	39	47	7.71	12.29
	11	ENGLAND	CHINA HONG KONG	60	31	16.58	3.42
	12	SOUTH AFRICA	ISRAEL	31	90	0.07	19.93
Round 8	1	AUSTRALIA	ARGENTINA	94	35	19.93	0.07
	2	SWEDEN	EGYPT	34	37	9.09	10.91
	3	INDIA	UAE	83	15	20.00	0.00
	4	ENGLAND	URUGUAY	103	2	20.00	0.00
	5	ISRAEL	GUADELOUPE	92	3	20.00	0.00
	6	BULGARIA	SINGAPORE	87	13	20.00	0.00
	7	HUNGARY	DENMARK	48	30	14.60	5.40
	8	NETHERLANDS	CHINA HONG KONG	75	20	19.61	0.39
	9	NORWAY	USA 2	52	22	16.73	3.27
	10	USA 1	CANADA	60	19	18.21	1.79
	11	SOUTH AFRICA	ITALY	5	52	1.13	18.87
	12	NEW ZEALAND	SWITZERLAND	25	44	5.20	14.80
Round 9	1	ARGENTINA	NORWAY	16	82	0.00	20.00
	2	EGYPT	NETHERLANDS	37	32	11.48	8.52
	3	UAE	USA 1	20	78	0.15	19.85
	4	URUGUAY	SOUTH AFRICA	34	35	9.69	10.31
	5	GUADELOUPE	SWITZERLAND	8	110	0.00	20.00
	6	SINGAPORE	CHINA HONG KONG	50	52	9.39	10.61
	7	SWEDEN	INDIA	55	16	17.97	2.03
	8	HUNGARY	ITALY	55	11	18.55	1.45
	9	USA 2	BULGARIA	49	16	17.17	2.83
	10	CANADA	ENGLAND	23	34	6.96	13.04
	11	NEW ZEALAND	AUSTRALIA	20	76	0.31	19.69
	12	ISRAEL	DENMARK	43	49	8.24	11.76
Round 10	1	SWEDEN	ARGENTINA	18	13	11.48	8.52
	2	HUNGARY	EGYPT	32	54	4.62	15.38
	3	CANADA	UAE	55	28	16.26	3.74
	4	NEW ZEALAND	URUGUAY	78	16	20.00	0.00
	5	DENMARK	GUADELOUPE	45	58	6.48	13.52
	6	ITALY	SINGAPORE	68	6	20.00	0.00
	7	INDIA	CHINA HONG KONG	37	39	9.39	10.61
	8	USA 2	AUSTRALIA	35	33	10.61	9.39
	9	NETHERLANDS	USA 1	63	24	17.97	2.03
	10	ENGLAND	SOUTH AFRICA	40	21	14.80	5.20
	11	ISRAEL	NORWAY	39	40	9.69	10.31
	12	SWITZERLAND	BULGARIA	47	18	16.58	3.42


















Ranking after Round 10

1		ENGLAND	138.82
2		SWITZERLAND	138.30
3		USA 2	138.08
4		NETHERLANDS	137.74
5		NORWAY	132.70
6		DENMARK	131.42
7		SWEDEN	125.72
8		HUNGARY	125.68
9		ITALY	123.91
10		ISRAEL	122.49
11		USA 1	114.79
12		CANADA	113.33
13		NEW ZEALAND	111.50
14		INDIA	111.44
15		AUSTRALIA	106.16
16		EGYPT	92.31
17		SOUTH AFRICA	90.44
18		CHINA HONG KONG	82.85
19		BULGARIA	74.11
20		GUADELOUPE	46.76
21		SINGAPORE	39.94
22		ARGENTINA	38.86
23		URUGUAY	36.46
24		UAE	21.09

VENICE CUP

Round 7	21	PORTUGAL	USA 2	23	61	2.15	17.35
	22	MOROCCO	BRAZIL	40	47	7.47	12.03
	23	UAE	DENMARK	14	80	0.00	20.00
	24	EGYPT	GERMANY	52	25	16.26	3.74
	25	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	56	30	16.09	3.91
	26	FRANCE	CANADA	41	30	13.04	6.96
	27	INDIA	SPAIN	25	51	3.91	16.09
	28	HUNGARY	AUSTRALIA	45	27	14.60	5.40
	29	NORWAY	TURKEY	32	46	6.25	13.75
	30	BELGIUM	ARGENTINA	58	14	18.55	1.45
	31	POLAND	ITALY	20	27	7.97	12.03
	32	SWEDEN	USA 1	6	34	3.58	16.42
Round 8	21	ENGLAND	PORTUGAL	65	7	19.85	0.15
	22	SCOTLAND	MOROCCO	66	32	17.31	2.69
	23	POLAND	UAE	89	12	20.00	0.00
	24	AUSTRALIA	EGYPT	57	43	13.75	6.25
	25	FRANCE	SWEDEN	11	40	3.42	16.58
	26	CANADA	INDIA	44	34	12.80	7.20
	27	BRAZIL	ARGENTINA	39	24	13.97	6.03
	28	NORWAY	HUNGARY	20	74	0.48	19.52
	29	BELGIUM	USA 1	27	26	10.34	9.66
	30	DENMARK	ITALY	50	29	14.99	4.01
	31	GERMANY	SPAIN	21	30	7.45	12.55
	32	TURKEY	USA 2	54	26	16.42	3.58
Round 9	21	PORTUGAL	FRANCE	29	36	7.97	12.03
	22	MOROCCO	SWEDEN	14	75	0.00	20.00
	23	UAE	TURKEY	58	56	10.61	9.39
	24	EGYPT	SPAIN	39	38	10.31	9.69
	25	CANADA	NORWAY	55	35	15.00	5.00
	26	INDIA	BRAZIL	68	45	15.56	4.44
	27	SCOTLAND	ITALY	16	45	3.42	16.58
	28	BELGIUM	GERMANY	28	32	8.80	11.20
	29	DENMARK	HUNGARY	27	22	11.48	8.52
	30	POLAND	USA 2	50	22	16.42	3.58
	31	AUSTRALIA	ARGENTINA	28	28	10.00	10.00
	32	USA 1	ENGLAND	27	42	6.03	13.97
Round 10	21	CANADA	PORTUGAL	13	5	12.29	7.71
	22	NORWAY	MOROCCO	59	17	18.33	1.67
	23	USA 1	UAE	44	32	13.28	6.72
	24	ARGENTINA	EGYPT	18	62	1.45	18.55
	25	INDIA	BELGIUM	36	33	10.91	9.09
	26	BRAZIL	SCOTLAND	19	59	1.91	18.09
	27	SPAIN	ITALY	22	26	8.80	11.20
	28	DENMARK	AUSTRALIA	19	30	6.96	13.04
	29	POLAND	GERMANY	34	38	8.80	11.20
	30	TURKEY	ENGLAND	25	40	6.03	13.97
	31	HUNGARY	FRANCE	25	45	5.00	15.00
	32	SWEDEN	USA 2	32	21	13.04	6.96

Ranking after Round 10

1		POLAND	155.17
2		DENMARK	145.99
3		ENGLAND	144.90
4		SWEDEN	123.46
5		TURKEY	121.18
6		ITALY	117.40
7		FRANCE	116.12
8		NORWAY	116.10
9		CANADA	114.12
10		SCOTLAND	111.99
11		SPAIN	108.72
12		USA 1	102.19
13		HUNGARY	101.73
14		BELGIUM	97.11
15		USA 2	94.17
16		AUSTRALIA	84.01
17		PORTUGAL	78.00
18		GERMANY	75.01
19		EGYPT	75.00
20		BRAZIL	71.43
21		MOROCCO	64.35
22		INDIA	62.31
23		UAE	58.90
24		ARGENTINA	56.04



RESULTS

D'ORSI TROPHY

Round 7	41	GUADELOUPE	USA 1	14	58	0.95	18.55
	42	EGYPT	INDIA	19	55	2.41	17.09
	43	PAKISTAN	ENGLAND	7	28	4.81	15.19
	44	MOROCCO	NORWAY	30	31	9.69	10.31
	45	DENMARK	TURKEY	25	36	6.96	13.04
	46	POLAND	NETHERLANDS	37	0	17.72	2.28
	47	BELGIUM	ICELAND	36	33	10.91	9.09
	48	FRANCE	CANADA	32	11	15.19	4.81
	49	BULGARIA	ITALY	57	15	18.33	1.67
	50	SWEDEN	AUSTRALIA	25	29	8.80	11.20
Round 8	51	USA 2	ARGENTINA	37	23	13.75	6.25
	52	BRAZIL	GERMANY	25	47	4.62	15.38
	41	DENMARK	GUADELOUPE	79	7	20.00	0.00
	42	TURKEY	EGYPT	73	21	19.34	-1.34
	43	USA 2	PAKISTAN	62	18	17.55	1.45
	44	GERMANY	MOROCCO	53	21	17.03	2.97
	45	POLAND	FRANCE	43	17	16.09	3.91
	46	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	12	18	8.24	11.76
	47	INDIA	AUSTRALIA	55	34	15.19	4.81
	48	BULGARIA	BRAZIL	68	45	15.56	4.44
Round 9	49	SWEDEN	CANADA	42	27	13.97	6.03
	50	ENGLAND	ARGENTINA	35	21	13.75	6.25
	51	ITALY	USA 1	18	59	1.79	18.21
	52	NORWAY	ICELAND	27	54	3.74	16.26
	41	GUADELOUPE	POLAND	12	54	1.67	18.33
	42	EGYPT	FRANCE	44	61	5.61	14.39
	43	PAKISTAN	ITALY	35	30	11.48	8.52
	44	MOROCCO	ICELAND	26	51	4.08	15.92
	45	NETHERLANDS	BULGARIA	42	31	13.04	6.96
	46	BELGIUM	INDIA	50	40	12.80	7.20
Round 10	47	TURKEY	ARGENTINA	29	58	3.42	16.58
	48	SWEDEN	NORWAY	23	14	12.55	7.45
	49	ENGLAND	BRAZIL	46	31	13.97	6.03
	50	USA 2	USA 1	39	41	9.39	10.61
	51	CANADA	DENMARK	39	39	10.00	10.00
	52	GERMANY	AUSTRALIA	32	50	5.40	14.60
	41	NETHERLANDS	GUADELOUPE	64	17	18.87	1.13
	42	BULGARIA	EGYPT	39	46	7.97	12.03
	43	CANADA	PAKISTAN	24	29	8.52	11.48
	44	AUSTRALIA	MOROCCO	33	28	11.48	8.52

Ranking after Round 10

1		POLAND	150.64
2		USA 1	148.36
3		DENMARK	139.22
4		ENGLAND	128.48
5		GERMANY	121.10
6		INDIA	118.04
7		FRANCE	113.90
8		ARGENTINA	111.57
9		TURKEY	108.56
10		BULGARIA	108.00
11		ICELAND	106.48
12		SWEDEN	105.77
13		AUSTRALIA	105.17
14		USA 2	102.30
15		ITALY	102.29
16		NETHERLANDS	100.57
17		CANADA	91.48
18		BELGIUM	91.26
19		NORWAY	70.86
20		MOROCCO	68.60
21		PAKISTAN	66.77
22		BRAZIL	56.74
23		EGYPT	43.17
24		GUADELOUPE	26.67

WUHAN CUP

Round 7	61	GUATEMALA	USA 2	24	58	2.69	17.31
	62	TUNISIA	POLAND	41	42	9.69	10.31
	63	JORDAN	ROMANIA	43	2	18.21	1.79
	64	EGYPT	TURKEY	36	30	11.76	8.24
	65	FRANCE	ISRAEL	46	18	16.42	3.58
	66	DENMARK	BELGIUM	27	30	9.09	10.91
	67	CHILE	INDIA	30	50	4.00	15.00
	68	SINGAPORE	AUSTRALIA	46	28	14.10	5.40
	69	NETHERLANDS	ARGENTINA	31	35	8.80	11.20
	70	CROATIA	GERMANY	39	44	8.52	11.48
Round 8	71	PORTUGAL	LATVIA	34	45	6.96	13.04
	72	USA 1	ITALY	32	28	11.20	8.80
	61	FRANCE	GUATEMALA	71	30	18.21	1.79
	62	ISRAEL	TUNISIA	61	22	17.97	2.03
	63	USA 1	JORDAN	64	24	18.09	1.91
	64	LATVIA	EGYPT	51	24	16.26	3.74
	65	DENMARK	SINGAPORE	72	52	15.00	5.00
	66	BELGIUM	CHILE	84	34	19.16	0.84
	67	POLAND	GERMANY	51	26	15.92	4.08
	68	NETHERLANDS	PORTUGAL	32	18	13.75	6.25
Round 9	69	CROATIA	AUSTRALIA	51	23	16.42	3.58
	70	ROMANIA	ITALY	39	59	3.00	15.00
	71	TURKEY	INDIA	33	30	10.91	9.09
	72	ARGENTINA	USA 2	31	62	3.12	16.88
	61	GUATEMALA	DENMARK	7	62	0.39	19.61
	62	TUNISIA	SINGAPORE	28	67	1.03	17.97
	63	JORDAN	ARGENTINA	44	46	9.39	10.61
	64	EGYPT	INDIA	28	37	7.45	12.55
	65	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	49	33	14.18	5.82
	66	CHILE	POLAND	37	72	2.55	17.45
Round 10	67	LATVIA	GERMANY	23	30	7.97	12.03
	68	CROATIA	TURKEY	18	50	2.97	17.03
	69	ROMANIA	PORTUGAL	53	18	17.45	2.55
	70	USA 1	USA 2	55	14	18.21	1.79
	71	AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	39	23	14.18	5.82
	72	ISRAEL	ITALY	9	87	0.00	20.00
	61	BELGIUM	GUATEMALA	53	28	15.92	4.08
	62	NETHERLANDS	TUNISIA	50	15	17.45	2.55
	63	AUSTRALIA	JORDAN	46	23	15.56	4.44
	64	GERMANY	EGYPT	19	40	4.81	15.19

Ranking after Round 10

1		ITALY	152.37
2		FRANCE	137.58
3		BELGIUM	134.57
4		USA 1	133.24
5		ROMANIA	130.02
6		POLAND	126.43
7		GERMANY	119.03
8		DENMARK	118.98
9		TURKEY	117.47
10		LATVIA	117.23
11		USA 2	108.55
12		CROATIA	104.31
13		NETHERLANDS	102.10
14		AUSTRALIA	101.60
15		INDIA	98.82
16		ISRAEL	88.64
17		PORTUGAL	86.01
18		SINGAPORE	85.26
19		ARGENTINA	81.62
20		JORDAN	81.02
21		EGYPT	63.75
22		CHILE	41.26
23		TUNISIA	35.84
24		GUATEMALA	27.30

33rd BRIDGE FESTIVAL OF TUNISIA



ACCOMMODATION

(per day and per person from June 20th to 26th included)

HÔTEL ROYAL * * * * * HAMMAMET

Single	Double
1/2 board	1/2 board
75,00€	52,00€

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JUNE 20th to 26th

June 20 th	June 21 st	June 22 nd	June 23 rd	June 24 th	June 25 th	June 26 th
6:00 pm COCKTAIL 7:00 pm MIXED PAIRS	5:00 pm MIXED PAIRS	5:00 pm PATTON	5:00 pm PATTON	4:00 pm OPEN 9:30 pm GALA DINNER	5:00 pm OPEN	4:00 pm OPEN 8:00 pm DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES & COCKTAIL

OPEN PAIRS

Friday 24th at 4 pm, Saturday 25th at 5 pm,
and Sunday at 5 pm.

1 st	\$ 2 000
2 nd	\$ 1 000
3 rd	\$ 750
4 th	\$ 350
5 th	\$ 200
6 th / 7 th	\$ 150
8 th /9 th / 10 th	\$ 100
1 st Ladies	Special prizes

PATTON

Wednesday 22nd at 5 pm &
Thursday 23rd at 5 pm

1 st	\$ 1 000
2 nd	\$ 700
3 rd	\$ 500
4 th / 5 th	\$ 400
6 th / 7 th	Special prizes

Entry fees \$ 280

MIXED PAIRS

Monday 20th at 7 pm &
Tuesday 21st at 5 pm

1 st	\$ 1 000
2 nd	\$ 600
3 rd	\$ 400
4 th	\$ 300
5 th / 6 th	\$ 250
7 th / 8 th	\$ 150
9 th /10 th	Special prizes

Entry fees \$ 60