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MOVING DAY



Just as in the US Masters in Augusta, the first Saturday of the 2001 World Bridge Team Championships is the one on which those hovering around eighth place must endeavour to advance up the leaderboard. Yesterday some of the teams we mentioned on Thursday made good progress, notably USAI and Italy in the Bermuda Bowl, USA2 in the Venice Cup, and Turkey and USA2 in the d'Orsi Trophy. The gap between eighth and ninth is significant in the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup, much closer in the d'Orsi Trophy and almost insignificant in the Wuhan Cup. It promises to be a nerve-jangling day for those who still have hopes of qualifying for the knockout phase.

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SCHEDULE, DRAW, BBO MATCHES - Friday 1 April

BERMUDA BOWL

Round 17 - 10.00

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

Round 18 - 13.15

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

Round 19 - 15.50

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

Round 20 - 18.25

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

VENICE CUP

Round 17 - 10.00

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

Round 18 - 13.15

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

Round 19 - 15.50

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

Round 20 - 18.25

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

D'ORSI TROPHY

Round 17 - 10.00

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

Round 18 - 13.15

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

Round 19 - 15.50

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

Round 20 - 18.25

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

WUHAN CUP

Round 17 - 10.00

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

Round 18 - 13.15

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

Round 19 - 15.50

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

Round 20 - 18.25

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



CHAMPIONSHIP DIARY

Mark Horton



First some information: if you download the App for the Fork, TheFork - Book in the best restaurants in Italy you will be able to book many of the restaurants here in Salsomaggiore Terme with a significant discount.

I want to draw your attention to the splendid performance of the UAE in Round 7 of the Bermuda Bowl. Having found scoring difficult over the first two days of play and finding themselves at the foot of the table they faced the leaders, USA2 in the seventh round. Over the first seven deals of the match they conceded 42 IMPs, but then proceeded to hold their illustrious opponents scoreless as they amassed 32 IMPs without reply. For sure, there are no easy matches in a world championship.

In order to reach the room in which the team photographs are taken the players have to walk through the subterranean room which houses the Bulletin Office. When Barry suggested it was a bit like working in a corridor I pointed out, in the finest traditions of Monty Python that 'We

dreamed of working in a corridor'.

I spotted Bobby Levin standing at the entrance to the Salone Moresco which houses the Venice Cup. He was watching the monitor displaying the seating positions and asked me when it would display the Bermuda Bowl. An easy assumption to make, but I was able to point him in the right direction!

Nice to see that Norway's Bermuda Bowl team is up to full strength with the arrival of Boye Brogeland.

Australia's Pete Hollands (a regular contributor to Bridgerama US) is producing a series of recap videos covering each day of the Championships. Here are the links to the first three days:

Recap Day 1:

<https://youtu.be/oXie0ibLzLw>

Day 2:

<https://youtu.be/MxpBE-JJz40>

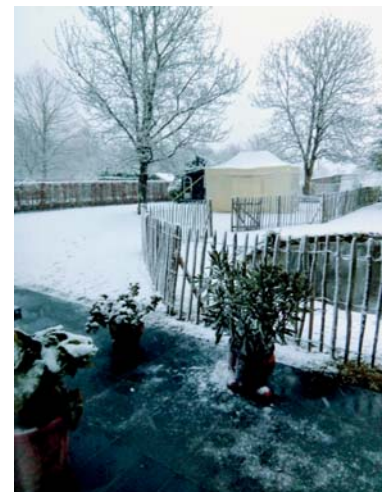
Day 3:

<https://youtu.be/08Bnkopxz4w>

Whenever a potential Championship Diary moment occurs, I make a brief note as an aid to my failing memory. Usually, a single word such as Fork, Tacchi or Levin will be enough. I have written down Herman numerous times, but so far, I cannot recall exactly why!

Herman reminded me that yesterday was British Arctic Territory Day (another splendid April Fool). That goes rather well with this photograph, which was taken in Belgium yesterday (and that's no joke!).

We are sorry to hear that one of the all-time great Bulletin Editors, Brent Manley is unwell. We wish him a speedy recovery.




Ron Tacchi, VENICE CUP, ROUND 12
SCOTLAND vs POLAND

As we pass the halfway stage in the Round Robin Poland are at the top of the standings, but Scotland are just outside the top eight. In the spirit of full disclosure there have been occasions when I have been the unofficial captain of the Scottish Ladies - it has something to do with an amber liquid for which their country is renowned at four o'clock in the morning one day in Tenerife, but memories are at best hazy.

McGowan and McQuaker play Acol (with a weak no-trump) whilst Punch and Symons play five-card majors with 2/1. The Polish ladies use a Polish Club where the opening One Club bid can have three interpretations.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldysz C</i>	<i>McGowan</i>	<i>Baldysz S</i>	<i>McQuaker</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	1♦	2♦
Dble	Pass	2♥	3♦
All Pass			

One Diamond was not apparently alerted but deep in the convention card it appears to show a four-card heart suit. North was not aware of the seven tricks in partner's hand and so left the contract in a part-score.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Punch</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	1♥	2♦
Dble	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

North took the opportunity at the second time to show the balanced nature of her hand. South now gambled that the diamond suit would come in – if not then maybe even 2NT would fail – and the gamble paid off and earned eleven IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldysz C</i>	<i>McGowan</i>	<i>Baldysz S</i>	<i>McQuaker</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
2♣	All Pass		

It probably is not a good thing to allow your opponents to play in a part-score when you have a major-suit game available. The good news was that it happened at both tables, which might indicate that it was not a simple matter to bid the game. Fate was unkind to South during the play as she managed to get herself endplayed twice and so the contract succeeded.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Punch</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
3♣	All Pass		

The play took on a surreal air as when South led her singleton queen of spades declarer decided to duck. This was not a success! A diamond to the ace was followed by the king of spades covered by the ace and ruffed, a diamond for a ruff, a master spade returned. However South ruffed her partner's winner to give her partner another diamond ruff. Then the ace and



king of hearts were cashed to leave dummy with five trumps. The first eight tricks for the defence and so four off and ten IMPs to Poland.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldysz C</i>	<i>McGowan</i>	<i>Baldysz S</i>	<i>McQuaker</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4♦ Splinter

Would a 2NT game-forcing four-card raise been a more interesting bid for South to ponder? The problem with splintering with a singleton ace is that partner is never going to value Kxx(x) in that suit as was the case on this hand. Again, not a great slam but with chances and indeed declarer took twelve tricks.



Fiona McQuaker

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Punch</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

No bids were alerted at any time and the convention card seems to cover every case of a major-suit opening apart from the sequence 1♠-2♥. After some cue-bids Blackwood was applied and North essayed the slam. West unsurprisingly failed to find the heart lead and settled for the ♦J won in dummy. Declarer drew trumps and played the ♣3 for the ten and queen. A diamond was returned and ruffed in dummy and declarer took a successful ruffing finesse in clubs to bring home her contract and 13 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldysz C</i>	<i>McGowan</i>	<i>Baldysz S</i>	<i>McQuaker</i>
1♣	1♠	1NT	Dble
Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

2NT looked a good resting place but East did not seem enamoured with her major-suit stoppers and so went back to opener's suit, which West then pulled to Three Diamonds. The lead was the six of spades taken in dummy by the queen. A heart to the king was followed by ace and another club – bad news for declarer as South now took the trick and led another high club ruffed and overruffed. A spade for South to ruff allowed another club to be ruffed and overruffed and yet another spade was ruffed by South and with

the ace of hearts still to come that was two light.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Punch</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
1♦	1♠	2♠	3♣
All Pass			

The ♥K was led and ducked but West continued the suit taken in hand. The jack of clubs was immediately taken with the ace by West and gave her partner a heart ruff, the defence then cashed their two diamond winners and the ace of spades to take contract down by one trick. Five IMPs to Scotland.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldysz C</i>	<i>McGowan</i>	<i>Baldysz S</i>	<i>McQuaker</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♠	3♦*	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

The kibitzers thought Three Diamonds showed good three-card support for spades and they were also of the opinion that an immediate Blackwood enquiry would not solve the problem if East did not have two keycards. After long and deep thought West elected not to bid the slam. The play need not detain us.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Punch</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♥	2NT*	Pass
4♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

It would appear that the 2NT bid showed support for spades and may well have been game-forcing. West formed a rosier picture of her hand in this room and tried for the slam bonus which was successful and netted eleven IMPs to Scotland.

At the end of a tough match Scotland had much the worse of the results with Poland winning 49-17.



Samantha Punch

Danuta Kazmucha

Anna Sarniak

Anne Symons



Barry Rigal, Bermuda Bowl, ROUND 12



NEW ZEALAND vs ISRAEL



Israel broke on top 6-0 when New Zealand bid a non-vulnerable game that appeared no better than a finesse for the $\diamond K$. In fact that card was led, solving the guess but creating a ruff for the defence instead.

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

\spadesuit A 6 3		\spadesuit J 10 7 5
\heartsuit A 10 9 4		\heartsuit K J 7 5
\diamond A 7		\diamond Q 3
\clubsuit K 8		\clubsuit J 5 3
\spadesuit K 9 4 2		
\heartsuit Q 6 3		
\diamond 9 5		
\clubsuit A Q 10 7		
\spadesuit Q 8		
\heartsuit 8 2		
\diamond K J 10 8 6 4 2		
\clubsuit 9 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Brown</i>
—	—	2 \diamond *	Pass
3 \spadesuit	All Pass		

2 \diamond Both majors

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bach</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Padon</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1 \clubsuit	Dble	1 \diamond *	3 \diamond
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The destructive Ekren 2 \diamond did its work well. 3 \spadesuit drifted one down on a trump lead when the club finesse lost. Meanwhile 3NT needed diamonds to behave but when they did it was only about overtricks, Alon Birman emerging with +630 and 11 IMPs. Israel led 17-0.

Before we come to the next deal, put yourself in Ashley Bach's position. Holding a meager:

\spadesuit 9 7 6 3 2 \heartsuit 10 \diamond A 9 3 2 \clubsuit 10 9 2

you hear Flannery (limited opener 4 \spadesuit , 5+ \heartsuit) to your right, relay to your left, 3 \heartsuit -- a non-maximum 4-5-3-1 -- to your right, 4 \heartsuit to your left. Your lead. Bach put his fingers unerringly on a small diamond and this was the full story:

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

\spadesuit A Q J		\spadesuit K
\heartsuit Q J 5 4		\heartsuit 8 3 2
\diamond 10 5 4		\diamond K J 8
\clubsuit K 7 5		\clubsuit Q J 8 6 4 3
\spadesuit 9 7 6 3 2		
\heartsuit 10		
\diamond A 9 3 2		
\clubsuit 10 9 2		
\spadesuit 10 8 5 4		
\heartsuit A K 9 7 6		
\diamond Q 7 6		
\clubsuit A		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Brown</i>
—	—	—	1 \heartsuit
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3 \clubsuit *
Pass	4 \heartsuit	All Pass	

2NT GF heart raise
3 \clubsuit minimum



Josef Roll

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bach</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Padon</i>
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

2♦ 4♠, 5+♥ 11-15
3♥ Minimum short clubs

On a spade lead Brown rose with the ace, as a safety play, and was charmed by the result. That was +450 and 11 IMPs when in the other room a low diamond went to the king (Cornell has been there enough times before not to make the discovery play of the jack) and a low diamond return. One can hardly blame Padon for getting this wrong, and a spade finesse later he was down one, and a sadder if not wiser man about the larcenous habits of his opponent in the West seat.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Brown</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♠*	Dble	1NT	2♦
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bach</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Padon</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♠*	Dble	1NT	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

1♠ Transfer to 1NT

Both Wests produced an artificial 1♠ call letting North double to show spades. Matthew Brown was prepared to show his hearts, while in a broadly comparable position Dror Padon was not. While

4♥ needed the trump break it was a decent gamble vulnerable at teams. On this deal fortune favoured the brave.

Board 21. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Brown</i>
—	1♠	1NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
3♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bach</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Padon</i>
—	1♠	1NT	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass			



Matthew Brown



On this deal 2♠ looks comfortable enough, and Israel brought that home in one room while declaring 3♦ in the other. Roll won the spade lead and cashed the ♦K to find the bad news then ducked a diamond. He won the trump return and played ♠K and another spade. When Brown did not discard from his doubleton heart the defenders' ruff had got away so 3♦ came home.

That made it 23-22 for Israel. The barrage continued on the next deal, where Whibley-Brown both exercised cautious views to miss a non-vulnerable game, while Padon-Birman got there in the face of a light opener from Cornell. 6 IMPs to Israel? Not exactly...

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Brown</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bach</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Padon</i>
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

2♦ Hearts

Brown wrapped up ten tricks in 3♥, playing to ruff a diamond with ♥J and thus playing trumps for no loser. Meanwhile on repeated club leads against 4♥ Padon led a low spade up to the ♠Q. Bach won his ♠A (oops) and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed with ♥10 and when he wasn't overruffed – naturally enough today – he must have suffered PTSD from board 20 and suspected gremlins where there were none. When he played ♥A and a heart to the jack Bach won and played another spade to promote the

♥9. 6 surprise IMPs to New Zealand, up 28-23.

No rest for the weary scribe (who was already beginning to suffer from writer's cramp)...

Board 23. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Brown</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bach</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Padon</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Dble	6♠
All Pass			

Whibley heard Brown show a minimum then a club singleton and diamond values and shut up shop. Padon showed his club shortage then presumably found a slam-suitable hand opposite. He gambled out keycard and when Cornell got the lead-directing double in Padon was not prepared to let his partner express an opinion about slam suitability in that context. He won the ♥A at trick one and drew trumps, then led a club up, but did not find the miraculous layout he needed to bring home slam. That made it 41-23, which became 41-27 at the halfway point of the match when Cornell quite reasonably misguessed the play in a partscore.

New Zealand more than clawed that back when Levin stretched to treat a 2-3-3-5 nine count with both red aces as a limit raise in clubs rather than a 1NT response (which one can fully understand). But that got his partner to 2NT down 2 on a very unfriendly lie of the cards, while his teammates were balancing over

1NT to go minus themselves. That made it 47-27 to New Zealand.

The first flat board of the match followed; both EW pairs playing the wrong game but getting a lucky break when the opponents could not maneuver a ruff in the suit in which they had a 4-2 fit including the ace-king (doubleton in the short hand).

But medium or double figure swings remained the order of the day:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q 74 ♥ K Q J 6 3 ♦ — ♣ A 10 6 5 2		♠ A K 10 9 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ K Q 4 3 2 ♣ Q	♠ 8 5 3 2 ♥ 10 7 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 8 7 4 3 ♠ J 6 ♥ 9 4 ♦ A J 10 9 8 6 ♣ K J 9
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Open Room

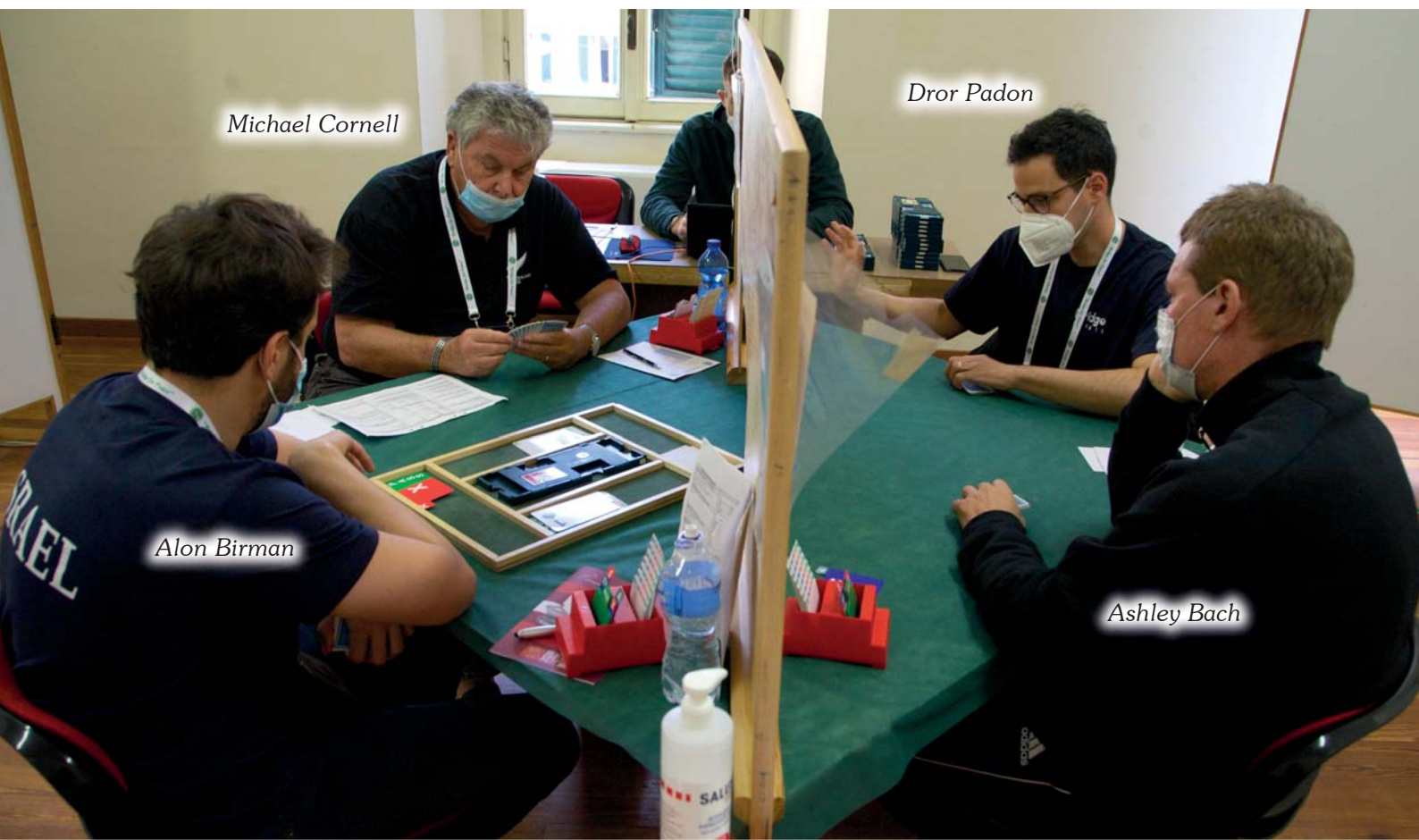
West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Brown</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bach</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Padon</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

I'm assuming that in the Open Room Roll could not find a convenient forcing call over 3♣ (3♦ then 4♥ is surely closer to bidding the values?). In the Closed Room Padon wasn't prepared to stretch even non-vulnerable to a 1♦ opener; I'm not sure why. We cannot tell if 3NT was a non-serious slam try; if it wasn't then surely West is worth 4♦ over 4♣, having already denied diamond tolerance three times. Cornell was prepared to go on past game in either case and Bach didn't let him out below slam now. With hearts and clubs behaving, slam was easy to make and that was another 11 IMPs in the New Zealanders' pockets. With the Kiwis up 58-27 both NS pairs avoided a poor and non-making slam,

New Zealand may have felt comfortable heading into the home stretch but they were about to get hit by a tsunami. First Bach misplayed a partscore in his 4-3 fit while the Israelis were wrapping up an overtrick in their 5-4 fit (how mundane!). Then, after a flat game, with the score 58-32...





Board 31. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Brown</i>
1♠	2♥	3♥	4♥
4NT	6♥	Pass	Pass
6♠	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bach</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Padon</i>
1♠	2♥	3♦	3♥
4♠	5♥	5♠	6♥
Dble	All Pass		

This board has been discussed enough elsewhere, and the bidding of freak hands is hard to criticize. But Cornell's decision to introduce his diamonds rather than raise spades initially, however well intentioned, didn't help Ashley Bach in his final decision. Whibley had no idea that his partner had a spade void but maybe a 5♣ call over 4NT might have got South involved. Whatever the case the 21 IMPs that flowed to Israel were I believe the largest swing of this (and many other) tournaments. With New Zealand clinging to a 58-53 lead, the last board appeared.

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Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Brown</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1♥ Spades

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bach</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Padon</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dble
All Pass			

Whibley received a low spade lead against 3NT and let it run. When that held, perhaps suffering from premature euphoria (though at double dummy he needed to win the lead on the board and lead a top club from dummy, stranding the spade winner) he led a club to the eight – maybe running the ♣10 might be a slightly better plan? Levin won cheaply and played a heart, Roll discouraging. Then declarer led the ♣10 from hand. Levin ducked, won the fourth club and shifted to diamonds. Though declarer ducked he was tucked in with the third diamond and had to concede a heart at the end for down one.

Even if declarer runs the ♦10 from hand at trick two the defenders can prevail with a diamond shift or by ducking the ♣10.)

In the other room count me a big fan of Birman's pass of 1♥x. Padon led a club rather than a spade. Birman won the ace to play the spade jack, covered and won by the king for a shift to the ♦10. Cornell won and played two more rounds of diamonds. now Birman cashed two hearts and played a club. That let Cornell win in dummy pitching a spade but when he led a second spade Padon won and forced declarer with a third club. Declarer still had two hearts to lose whatever he did – down 800 and 13 IMPs to Israel, who scored the last 40 IMPs of the match to win 64-58.


David Stern, D'ORSI TROPHY, ROUND 13
FRANCE vs ITALY

Round 13 of the Seniors D'Orsi Trophy saw stalwarts France (Abecassis-Levy, Bompis-Soulet) running 5th playing Italy (Pulga-Mina, Comella-Sabbatini) in 13th place.

As bridge writers we are torn between reporting on matches where there are too many hands to report and too few. Let's see what unfolds here.

Board one saw action on a hand with a very testing defence.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mina	Abecassis	Pulga	Levy
—	1♣	2♥*	2♠
5♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Soulet	Comella	Bompis	Sabbatini
—	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble	2♥	3♦	3♠
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

The 2-2 spade break combined with the singleton heart hand holding both top spade honours, made 4♠ a playable and indeed successful contract although it isn't clear whether N/S would aspire to such heights with limited resources.

In the open room Abecassis for France deemed his hand worthy of a 1♣ opening. This allowed East, Pulga for Italy, to immediately show his heart/diamond two suiter. This suited West perfectly and he jumped to 5♦ over South's 2♠ bid with some expectation, no doubt, of making the contract especially if there was a spade lead and partner held one spade and two clubs.

Against 5♦ Abecassis started with the ♣A scooping up the king from dummy and partner's queen. He knew, with some certainty, that declarer held ♣109432 and that there was a possibility of a ruffing finesse in clubs to pitch a spade loser - he switched to a spade and that was the end of the defence.

Finding the successful double-dummy defence to 5♦ isn't obvious, let alone doing it at the table but that's exactly what Comella-Sabbatini did for Italy in the closed room. South led the ♣Q to partner's ace and North continued clubs. Declarer had an option as





to allowing the $\diamond J$ to score now or later. He ruffed with the $\diamond 10$ overruffed with the jack and that was one down. Had he ruffed with the $\diamond Q$ and divined the diamond position by running the ten, then the next round of clubs would see South score his $\diamond J$. Six tables made $5\diamond$ but only one with a club lead while 11 tables went down so perhaps the defence isn't that hard to find. That was +400 and +100 for 11 IMPs to Italy.

France 0 — Italy 11

The next hand saw a partscore battle.

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mina	Abecassis	Pulga	Levy
—	—	2♥	3♦
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Soulet	Comella	Bompis	Sabbatini
—	—	2♦	Pass
2♥*	All Pass		

* Pass or correct

Levy's $3\diamond$ overcall in the open room could have turned very ugly with no places to hide if partner held a less than suitable hand. However, on this occasion he 'shopped' moderately well. West led a heart, won by East who switched to a spade. Declarer won the ace and then ruffed a heart, played a club to his hand and tried to ruff another heart which West ruffed with the $\diamond 8$ ahead of dummy. West cashed a spade and exited a club. Declarer won in hand and then played his last heart, ruffed in dummy and then ruffed a spade to hand. Having lost a heart, a spade and a heart ruff, declarer had to guess the diamond layout missing five trumps and holding $\diamond AQ9$ – he played the ace and then the queen to smother the $\diamond J 10$. That was +110 to France.

In the closed room declarer won the heart lead and drew trumps. He then played the $\diamond 10$ and, when this was covered, declarer was able to claim a spade, six hearts and a diamond for +110 and 6 IMPs to France.

France 6 — Italy 11

At favourable vulnerability, you hold

♠ K Q ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ A K J 4 ♣ 9 4 3 2 .

You hear partner pass and one heart on your right – your bid? 1NT would be a reasonable choice in a bidding



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Amedeo Comella

Philippe Soulet

forum but, on this occasion, Abecassis chose to pass and that's where the opponents played the hand making eight tricks. At the other table, Camella for Italy did in fact overcall 1NT, found his partner with

♠ 98653 ♥ K105 ♦ Q762 ♣ J,
got a transfer to spades ending up one down for -50 and 2 IMPs to Italy.

France 6 — Italy 13

Both tables got overboard on the next hand.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mina</i>	<i>Abecassis</i>	<i>Pulga</i>	<i>Levy</i>
1♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Soulet</i>	<i>Comella</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Sabbatini</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the open room, Pulga's 2♠ response to partner's 1♣ opening bid showed 8-10 HCPs and 5+ spades and 4+ hearts, hence West's jump to game. Alas, partner held an effective five count when the ♦QJ proved worthless and the game failed by two tricks when North led a heart, they cashed two diamonds and a spade came later in the play with another trick which isn't shown in the BBO play. That was France +200.

If I read Bompis-Soulet's system card correctly, a response of 2♥ to partner's 1♣ opening shows 5+ spades and four hearts with less than 9 points. Presumably and it isn't shown, an immediate 2♠ bid would have been weak. So, when Bompis rebid spades, he suggested some values in excess of a weak jump. The defence started with a low spade giving

declarer the valuable entry to dummy to bring home six club tricks after finessing the queen. The defence could have taken eight tricks by cashing a spade and five diamonds and then squeezing declarer into giving them two hearts or a heart and a club. That was France -100 and 3 IMPs to France.

France 9 — Italy 13

A flat board and then an unsuccessful sacrifice.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mina</i>	<i>Abecassis</i>	<i>Pulga</i>	<i>Levy</i>
—	—	1♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Soulet</i>	<i>Comella</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Sabbatini</i>
—	—	1♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

East/West have an easy eleven tricks in hearts based in part on the long trumps and shortages. The hand clearly belonged to them. Abecassis, North for France in the open room, perhaps had a feeling that there might be a reasonable sacrifice on the hand given his shortage in hearts and black suit holdings. It was not to be and even though the opponents had a vulnerable game, and favourable vulnerability France paid out 800 against +650 at the other table so 4 IMPs to Italy.

France 9 — Italy 17

The next hand was a case of the operation was successful, but the patient died.



Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ Q 10 7 4											
	♥ 10											
	♦ 9											
	♣ A K 10 7 6 5 3											
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mina</i>	<i>Abecassis</i>	<i>Pugla</i>	<i>Levy</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	2♣	2♦	Pass
3♦	3♠	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Soulet</i>	<i>Comella</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Sabbatini</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	4♣	4♥	All Pass

Call me paranoid but why is it that opponents always manage to ruff in with the hand short in



Aldo Mina



Marc Bompis

trumps. At both tables, East-West reached a perfectly playable four heart contract. Had trumps been 3-2 or diamonds 2-2 there were some chances. Not on this occasion. When declarer tried to establish diamonds, North ruffed with the singleton ♥10 putting paid to the contract.

In the closed room Pugla, East for Italy, made an unusual play. When North won the club lead and shifted to spades, he let this run to dummy's ace thereby removing the one possible entry to the established diamonds if everything behaved. France in the open room went two down while Italy went only one down in the closed room for 3 more IMPs to Italy.

This hand reminds me of the many wise things I learned from my mother, one of which was that eight card suits aren't meant to be put down in dummy. And so it is here - with the favourable singleton ♦9, East-West are able to make eleven tricks in diamonds losing just one club and one diamond after passing the ♦Q.

Well only three more IMPs changed hands in the nine remaining boards with absolutely every one of them being played in the par contract. The final score was France 10 and Italy 22 leaving them in 6th and 12th places respectively.


David Bird, D'ORSI TROPHY, ROUND 14
SWEDEN vs ENGLAND

What is the main difference between commentating on some big clash in the Bermuda Bowl, or one in the d'Orsi Seniors? Well, if you lose concentration and say something nonsensical, only 60 people will laugh at you instead of, perhaps, 3000. Let's hope for some interesting boards. I deserve some after my match yesterday.

Board 17 Dealer North None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mossop	Östberg	Hallberg	Morath
—	2♦*	Dble	2NT*
Pass	3♠	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Johnny Östberg opened with a multi, and the 2NT response was a game-try. Whatever happens at the other table, I have to say this was a brave and excellent raise to 5♣ by David Mossop. After the ♠A lead and ♥Q switch, Gunnar Hallberg played a trump and claimed at trick three.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Elmroth	Holland	Eliasson	Hassett
—	Pass	1♣	Dble
Pass	4♠	5♣	All Pass

How much easier it is when North does not open! So, it was a push board. One that was hard won at the other table.

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mossop	Östberg	Hallberg	Morath
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Anders Morath doubled 3NT for a heart lead. My first thoughts were: 'That's a bit risky, facing a non-vulnerable opening in the third seat.' But, of course, the limited nature of the East-West sequence let South place his partner with some values.

You will be surprised to hear which card North led. Not a heart, but the queen of spades! A few kibitzers





had queried my commentary that the double requested a heart lead. 'Isn't it Lightner, telling partner NOT to lead his heart suit?'

Now I look at it again, it seems that the situation is not as clear-cut as I had thought. East had bid 1♠ and one good reason to double 3NT would be if you had that suit well held over the dummy. Perhaps I was lucky that only a limited number of kibitzers were present to query my view (and Morath's). What lead do you think was requested?

On to the play. Mossop won with the ♠A and led a diamond to the jack. When this won, he could have played on spades. Four spades, four clubs and one trick in each red suit would give him an overtrick. No, he called for the ♦K next, North winning. A heart switch would then have prevented an overtrick but North persisted with a second club. Now declarer did set up the spades, ending with an overtrick for +950.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Elmroth</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Eliasson</i>	<i>Hassett</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass



David Mossop and Gunnar Hallberg

Once again John Holland chose not to open when they opened at the other table. Per Gunnar Eliasson's 2♣ was Gazzilli, showing clubs or 16+ points. 2♦ then says 'I have enough for game opposite the strong type.'

North's ♥4 lead to the king and ace seemed, at first glance, to be untroubling for declarer. On further examination, however, it was deadly. When Gunnar Elmroth led a diamond, Holland rose with the ace and led the ♥3 to dummy's 9. Declarer ran the ♠J to the queen and Holland now found a second lethal card: the ♦6 to dummy's king, setting up his queen. Declarer crossed to the ♠A, returned to dummy with a club and cleared the spade suit. John Hassett won with the king and returned a diamond, North scoring his red queens to put 3NT one down. It was 14 IMPs to England.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mossop</i>	<i>Östberg</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Morath</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The heart game is a good contract, yes, but could declarer survive the 5-0 trump break? The GIB double-dummy analyser could see no problem in the play whatsoever (not for the first time). The next best thing to GIB was currently sitting in the East seat. How would he fare?

Morath led the ♦7 to North's ace, and declarer rose with the king on the ♦9 return. Hallberg ruffed a diamond, cashed the ♣A and ruffed a club in his hand. He was still on the tightrope that had +620 dangling at the far end. When he led the ♦10, the queen appeared from South. 'Ruff with the obvious ♥7,' GIB was muttering, 'North can't overruff.' Being only a human superstar, Hallberg ruffed with the ♥A and went one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Elmroth</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Eliasson</i>	<i>Hassett</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♣	2♠	Dble
Rdbl	3♣	All Pass	

I prefer a 2♥ rebid. (Yes, I know this would attract a 200-Euro fine in France.) North's 3♣ went one down and it was 5 IMPs to Sweden.

We will end with a deal where Sweden bid well, taking the lead for the first time.

Board 31. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mossop</i>	<i>Östberg</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Morath</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	All Pass



Where is that brave West player, who drew such applause on Board 1? Are his cards not worth a 3♥ raise opposite a 6-card suit?

South led the ♣10 to dummy's ace. Hallberg called for a second club, South winning and playing a third club, ruffed in the dummy. When there proved to be only one trump loser, that was +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Elmroth</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Eliasson</i>	<i>Hassett</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Eliasson's response showed 5-8 points and a six-card suit. Elmroth judged that he was worth a game-try and 4♥ was reached. (10 out of 24 tables bid the game in the Seniors, 9 out of 24 in the Bermuda Bowl, and only 6 in the Venice Cup. So, perhaps I was a bit harsh on Mr. Mossop. Sorry, if so.)

Sweden had played well in the second half of the match, scoring 24 unopposed IMPs on the last 7 boards. They eventually won by 29-20 IMPs, 12.55-7.45 in VPs.

VIDEO CORNER


QUIZ 1
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05J2Z3koxDU>

VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTC-rqj5QvE>

INTERGALACTIC CUP
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ateJoCO6EO0>

LINK TO ALL VIDEOS:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpTZMBT2mfEkeJKL8h_P3WC78w1vNgF

**Barry Rigal**

BID FOR SHOW PLAY FOR DOUGH

After a sequence that even his npc Nicholas Bausback described as rustic, Nedju Buchlev of the German Seniors arrived in 6NT as West.

Board 31. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

North led a passive spade, and with 11 tricks on top Buchlev didn't want to rely on an immediate guess in hearts or the club finesse. He unblocked dummy's spades and crossed to a diamond to take three more spade winners. North pitched a heart on the fifth, South threw a club, a diamond and a heart.

Next came three top diamonds ending in dummy; North pitched a heart and then two clubs, South

pitched a second heart on the last diamond.

At this point declarer knew North was 4-1 in spades and diamonds and his two heart discards early suggested a five card- suit. Thus, he was down to one club and three hearts, while South was down to one heart and three clubs.

Accordingly in this four-card ending

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

Declarer cashed the club ace and led a low heart from his hand. Unless all three critical cards had been wrong all along, he knew South would have to win the heart and be endplayed or that North would win the heart and must give him the rest with a heart return.



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 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. Please order from your local bridge supplier, and not from MPP, which will not be handling individual orders.



RESULTS

BERMUDA BOWL

Round 14							
1	INDIA	ARGENTINA	45	27	14.60	5.40	
2	CANADA	EGYPT	17	62	1.34	18.66	
3	ISRAEL	UAE	36	45	7.45	12.55	
4	BULGARIA	URUGUAY	59	30	16.58	3.42	
5	AUSTRALIA	GUADELOUPE	22	29	7.97	12.03	
6	NETHERLANDS	SINGAPORE	50	22	16.42	3.58	
7	ENGLAND	HUNGARY	33	29	11.20	8.80	
8	USA 1	NEW ZEALAND	42	47	8.52	11.48	
9	SOUTH AFRICA	SWEDEN	14	30	5.82	14.18	
10	SWITZERLAND	DENMARK	46	17	16.58	3.42	
11	CHINA HONG KONG	USA 2	34	36	9.39	10.61	
12	ITALY	NORWAY	64	33	16.88	3.12	

Round 15							
1	NEW ZEALAND	NETHERLANDS	64	3	20.00	0.00	
2	EGYPT	ENGLAND	24	47	4.44	15.56	
3	UAE	SWITZERLAND	11	50	2.03	17.97	
4	URUGUAY	CHINA HONG KONG	21	50	3.42	16.58	
5	GUADELOUPE	NORWAY	1	47	1.23	18.77	
6	SINGAPORE	HUNGARY	4	35	3.12	16.88	
7	DENMARK	BULGARIA	32	41	7.45	12.55	
8	SOUTH AFRICA	USA 2	28	55	3.74	16.26	
9	ARGENTINA	USA 1	11	66	0.39	19.61	
10	CANADA	ISRAEL	23	58	2.55	17.45	
11	ITALY	INDIA	60	13	18.87	1.13	
12	AUSTRALIA	SWEDEN	26	14	13.28	6.72	

Round 16							
1	CANADA	ARGENTINA	36	59	4.44	15.56	
2	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT	42	22	15.00	5.00	
3	DENMARK	UAE	50	36	13.75	6.25	
4	ITALY	URUGUAY	65	15	19.16	0.84	
5	SWEDEN	GUADELOUPE	62	17	18.66	1.34	
6	USA 2	SINGAPORE	68	39	16.58	3.42	
7	NEW ZEALAND	INDIA	25	68	1.56	18.44	
8	ENGLAND	SWITZERLAND	32	29	10.91	9.09	
9	ISRAEL	HUNGARY	40	32	12.29	7.71	
10	BULGARIA	CHINA HONG KONG	52	35	14.39	5.61	
11	AUSTRALIA	USA 1	6	51	1.34	18.66	
12	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS	16	21	8.52	11.48	

Ranking after Round 16

1		SWITZERLAND	234.08
2		USA 2	230.19
3		NETHERLANDS	222.16
4		ENGLAND	206.04
5		HUNGARY	203.52
6		NORWAY	202.41
7		ITALY	200.55
8		USA 1	199.64
9		ISRAEL	188.58
10		DENMARK	186.95
11		SWEDEN	184.16
12		AUSTRALIA	179.20
13		NEW ZEALAND	175.29
14		INDIA	167.07
15		EGYPT	146.80
16		CHINA HONG KONG	146.65
17		BULGARIA	146.13
18		SOUTH AFRICA	133.44
19		CANADA	126.89
20		GUADELOUPE	82.20
21		SINGAPORE	73.84
22		UAE	71.07
23		ARGENTINA	70.38
24		URUGUAY	53.46

VENICE CUP

Round 14							
21	SWEDEN	PORTUGAL	24	50	3.91	16.09	
22	TURKEY	MOROCCO	50	31	14.80	4.20	
23	SPAIN	UAE	72	27	18.66	0.34	
24	FRANCE	EGYPT	33	70	2.28	17.72	
25	ENGLAND	CANADA	33	22	13.04	6.96	
26	BELGIUM	DENMARK	40	40	10.00	10.00	
27	POLAND	INDIA	47	9	17.85	1.15	
28	HUNGARY	USA 2	21	46	4.08	15.92	
29	GERMANY	ITALY	22	42	5.00	15.00	
30	AUSTRALIA	BRAZIL	23	23	10.00	10.00	
31	ARGENTINA	SCOTLAND	34	17	14.39	5.61	
32	NORWAY	USA 1	43	30	13.52	6.48	

Round 15							
21	PORTUGAL	NORWAY	1	61	0.00	20.00	
22	MOROCCO	USA 1	20	62	1.67	18.33	
23	UAE	ARGENTINA	20	57	2.28	17.72	
24	EGYPT	CANADA	26	18	12.29	7.71	
25	BELGIUM	HUNGARY	49	23	16.09	3.91	
26	DENMARK	POLAND	25	34	7.45	12.55	
27	TURKEY	BRAZIL	44	19	15.92	4.08	
28	GERMANY	ENGLAND	29	20	12.55	7.45	
29	AUSTRALIA	USA 2	10	48	2.15	17.85	
30	SPAIN	SCOTLAND	14	43	3.42	16.58	
31	FRANCE	INDIA	52	17	17.45	2.55	
32	ITALY	SWEDEN	17	28	6.96	13.04	

Round 16							
21	BELGIUM	PORTUGAL	39	33	11.76	8.24	
22	HUNGARY	MOROCCO	24	52	2.98	16.42	
23	ITALY	UAE	43	38	11.48	8.52	
24	INDIA	EGYPT	35	69	2.69	17.31	
25	DENMARK	GERMANY	29	27	10.61	9.39	
26	CANADA	BRAZIL	13	20	7.97	12.03	
27	USA 1	SCOTLAND	10	32	4.62	15.38	
28	AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	21	33	6.72	13.28	
29	SPAIN	ENGLAND	39	66	3.74	16.26	
30	ARGENTINA	SWEDEN	30	26	11.20	8.80	
31	USA 2	NORWAY	32	39	7.97	12.03	
32	POLAND	TURKEY	61	28	17.17	2.83	

Ranking after Round 16

1		POLAND	249.80
2		ENGLAND	224.94
3		DENMARK	219.08
4		TURKEY	195.47
5		ITALY	192.25
6		SWEDEN	190.16
7		NORWAY	187.50
8		USA 2	180.38
9		FRANCE	172.26
10		CANADA	166.70
11		USA 1	162.20
12		SCOTLAND	161.79
13		SPAIN	155.10
14		BELGIUM	151.41
15		HUNGARY	150.14
16		AUSTRALIA	142.29
17		GERMANY	140.76
18		PORTUGAL	137.17
19		EGYPT	131.14
20		BRAZIL	124.74
21		ARGENTINA	116.96
22		MOROCCO	110.83
23		UAE	91.11
24		INDIA	75.12



RESULTS

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Round 14	41	FRANCE	GUADELOUPE	62	22	18.09	1.91
	42	ITALY	EGYPT	58	22	17.59	2.41
	43	ICELAND	PAKISTAN	38	28	12.80	7.20
	44	POLAND	MOROCCO	59	15	18.55	0.95
	45	BULGARIA	CANADA	43	53	7.20	12.80
	46	SWEDEN	ENGLAND	29	20	12.55	7.45
	47	USA 2	BELGIUM	39	26	13.52	6.48
	48	BRAZIL	USA 1	33	87	-0.52	19.52
49	NORWAY	ARGENTINA	46	26	15.00	5.00	
50	GERMANY	INDIA	47	18	16.58	3.42	
51	AUSTRALIA	TURKEY	35	64	3.42	16.58	
52	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	9	42	2.83	17.17	

Round 15	41	GUADELOUPE	BULGARIA	41	74	2.83	17.17
	42	EGYPT	CANADA	15	61	1.23	18.77
	43	PAKISTAN	AUSTRALIA	39	32	12.03	7.97
	44	MOROCCO	NETHERLANDS	25	38	6.48	13.52
	45	SWEDEN	BRAZIL	60	1	19.93	0.07
	46	ENGLAND	USA 2	40	51	6.96	13.04
	47	ITALY	INDIA	35	25	12.80	7.20
	48	NORWAY	DENMARK	28	44	5.82	14.18
49	GERMANY	USA 1	26	65	2.03	17.97	
50	ICELAND	TURKEY	43	43	10.00	10.00	
51	ARGENTINA	FRANCE	51	28	15.56	4.44	
52	POLAND	BELGIUM	29	58	3.42	16.58	

Round 16	41	SWEDEN	GUADELOUPE	65	17	18.97	1.03
	42	BRAZIL	EGYPT	27	39	6.72	13.28
	43	ARGENTINA	PAKISTAN	47	28	14.80	5.20
	44	BELGIUM	MOROCCO	16	30	6.25	13.75
	45	ENGLAND	NORWAY	18	30	6.72	13.28
	46	USA 2	ITALY	53	39	13.75	6.25
	47	CANADA	TURKEY	23	33	7.20	12.80
	48	GERMANY	POLAND	28	66	2.15	17.85
49	ICELAND	DENMARK	25	39	6.25	13.75	
50	AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	33	52	5.20	14.80	
51	USA 1	BULGARIA	29	41	6.72	13.28	
52	NETHERLANDS	INDIA	30	14	14.18	5.82	

Ranking after Round 16

1		USA 1	238.02
2		POLAND	225.52
3		DENMARK	219.67
4		FRANCE	192.68
5		TURKEY	185.23
6		SWEDEN	182.65
7		ENGLAND	179.91
8		USA 2	179.68
9		INDIA	174.97
10		ARGENTINA	174.22
11		ITALY	168.51
12		GERMANY	168.51
13		BULGARIA	166.91
14		ICELAND	165.70
15		NETHERLANDS	162.31
16		BELGIUM	160.15
17		CANADA	156.47
18		NORWAY	147.38
19		AUSTRALIA	147.37
20		PAKISTAN	134.08
21		MOROCCO	96.77
22		BRAZIL	84.15
23		EGYPT	66.18
24		GUADELOUPE	44.96

WUHAN CUP

Round 14	61	SINGAPORE	GUATEMALA	61	22	17.97	2.03
	62	ARGENTINA	TUNISIA	70	5	20.00	0.00
	63	INDIA	JORDAN	49	46	10.91	9.09
	64	DENMARK	EGYPT	35	20	13.97	6.03
	65	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRALIA	41	25	14.18	5.82
	66	CROATIA	ROMANIA	16	41	4.08	15.92
	67	USA 1	CHILE	51	35	14.18	5.82
	68	PORTUGAL	USA 2	38	27	12.54	6.96
69	TURKEY	ITALY	40	30	11.80	7.20	
70	LATVIA	POLAND	20	34	6.25	13.75	
71	FRANCE	BELGIUM	52	10	18.33	1.67	
72	GERMANY	ISRAEL	24	21	10.91	9.09	

Round 15	61	GUATEMALA	NETHERLANDS	23	45	4.62	15.38
	62	TUNISIA	AUSTRALIA	10	62	0.66	19.34
	63	JORDAN	GERMANY	33	29	11.20	8.80
	64	EGYPT	BELGIUM	12	43	3.12	16.88
	65	CROATIA	PORTUGAL	43	20	15.56	4.44
	66	ROMANIA	USA 1	28	25	10.91	9.09
	67	ARGENTINA	POLAND	15	50	2.55	17.45
	68	TURKEY	FRANCE	23	48	4.08	15.92
69	DENMARK	CHILE	82	19	20.00	0.00	
70	INDIA	ISRAEL	28	43	6.03	13.97	
71	ITALY	SINGAPORE	52	34	14.60	5.40	
72	LATVIA	USA 2	33	16	14.39	5.61	

Round 16	61	CROATIA	GUATEMALA	96	7	20.00	0.00
	62	PORTUGAL	TUNISIA	83	6	20.00	0.00
	63	ITALY	JORDAN	40	19	15.19	4.81
	64	CHILE	EGYPT	39	45	8.24	11.76
	65	ROMANIA	TURKEY	67	31	17.59	2.41
	66	BELGIUM	POLAND	16	14	10.61	9.39
	67	AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL	48	32	14.18	5.82
	68	LATVIA	DENMARK	41	27	13.75	6.25
69	INDIA	FRANCE	21	33	6.72	13.28	
70	GERMANY	SINGAPORE	60	18	18.33	1.67	
71	USA 2	NETHERLANDS	26	57	3.12	16.88	
72	USA 1	ARGENTINA	14	25	6.96	13.04	

Ranking after Round 16

1		FRANCE	229.79
2		ITALY	210.72
3		ROMANIA	208.71
4		USA 1	207.38
5		POLAND	204.83
6		BELGIUM	195.49
7		GERMANY	192.36
8		LATVIA	187.51
9		CROATIA	181.68
10		AUSTRALIA	180.47
11		DENMARK	177.79
12		NETHERLANDS	173.07
13		TURKEY	172.50
14		ISRAEL	167.25
15		USA 2	158.56
16		PORTUGAL	148.81
17		ARGENTINA	146.95
18		INDIA	145.67
19		JORDAN	130.90
20		SINGAPORE	126.98
21		EGYPT	101.25
22		CHILE	88.03
23		TUNISIA	48.53
24		GUATEMALA	44.77

34th Cairo International Bridge Festival

17 to 22 May, 2022



Program Of Events

Open Pairs

Tuesday 17 May, 2022 1st Session, 7:00 PM

Wednesday 18 May, 2022 2nd Session, 5:30 PM

Thursday 19 May, 2022 3rd Session, 5:30 PM

Mixed Pairs

Friday 20 May, 2022 1st Session, 2:00 PM

Friday 20 May, 2022 2nd Session, 7:00 PM

Open Teams

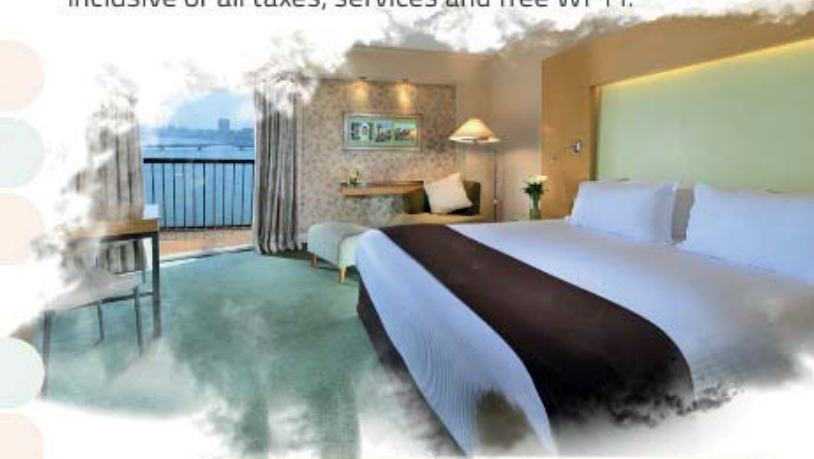
Saturday 21 May, 2022 Match (1-5), 5:00 PM

Sunday 22 May, 2022 Match (6-9), 12:30 PM

Distribution of prizes & Gala Dinner at 9:00 PM
Formal dress

Accommodation

The given rates are on BB basis per room per night, inclusive of all taxes, services and free WI-FI.



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