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MIXED PAIRS JOIN THE PARTY

Line Ups

We remind you about the line up deadline: the team which lines up first has time up to tomorrow, 09.00 for the first stanza, and ten minutes after the end of a stanza from the second onward. The team with seating rights has five more minutes. Since tomorrow both the round of 32 and the round of 16 will be played, here are all the deadlines:

1st stanza: 09.00 and 09.05

2nd stanza: 12.10 and 12.15

3rd stanza: 15.30 and 15.35

4th stanza: 17.50 and 17.55.

Violations will result in penalties being awarded.

The line-up is to be submitted at <http://lineup.worldbridge.org:180> password 0 (zero).



A Gnome's Guide to Elf and Safety

Knottenbelt won all their matches on the second day of the Mixed Teams, and they topped the table ahead of **Zadra, Wilson, Tecza Szczecinek, Donner** and **Edmonds**. One of the performances of the day came from **Ferm**, who started the day in 56th place with just 19.98 VP. They also won all their matches to climb to 13th.

In the Rand Cup **Zimmermann** has won all eight matches to take a commanding lead ahead of **Vytas, Penfold** and **Goodman**.

The Mixed Pairs starts today – good luck to everyone taking part.

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Abridged Bridge to Bridge

All players should be aware that if they plan to travel to Hala Stulecia by car, their journey may take **up to 20 minutes longer from Monday 22nd August onwards**. This is because of repairs to the bridge that provides access to the venue.

So please allow more time if you plan to travel by car. This should not affect the trams.



Schedule Tuesday 30th August

MIXED TEAMS

Round of 32
10.00-12.00
13.00-15.00
Round of 16
15.40-17.40
18.00-20.00

MIXED PAIRS

Qualifying
10.00
14.00
17.00

RAND CUP

Round Robin
10.00
12.00
14.45

Change of Heart

by Mark Horton

My cunning plan (in so far as I had one) was to start the day by reporting on the Round 5 Mixed match between Reason and Wilson, but when I opened the BBO Lin file I discovered the score was 3-0. Even I couldn't do much with that, so I changed tack.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Donner v Seoul

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Oh</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Manno</i>	<i>Cullin</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1♥
2♦	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the ♥8 and South won with the king and continued with the ace, declarer ruffing and playing a spade to the three, nine and king. South continued the attack on declarer's trumps by playing the ♥J, and after ruffing, declarer played the ♠Q. North took that with the ace and played a fourth heart. Declarer ruffed and played three rounds of clubs, so South ruffed and cashed two hearts, which, along with North's ♠8 meant the contract was four down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Kim</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1♥
Dble	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The big difference here was that East was the declarer and there was no reason to suppose that he had only three spades.

South led the ♥A and switched to the ♦6, declarer taking dummy's ace and playing a spade to the jack and king. When South continued with a second diamond declarer won and played another spade. From here on, he could no longer be defeated, +420 and 12 IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Gillis v Aardvarks

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tommasini</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>La Chapelle</i>	<i>Fuglestad</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

It is not yet 09.00, so any attempt to explain this auction is out of the question. North led the ♥8 and declarer won with dummy's jack and ran the ♠9. Justice was served when North was able to win and his club switch meant two down, -100.



Imogen La Chapelle

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Harding</i>	<i>Barden</i>	<i>Svendsen</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
—	—	INT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

4NT RKCB

5♣ Zero key cards

East's INT was presumably some sort of mini – one with a very short hemline!

The brakes were applied just in time, +450 and 11 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Zadra v McIntosh

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Burgess</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	3♣	Dble	4♣
5NT*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

5NT Pick a slam

West could be confident that his side had no wasted values in clubs, and the perfect fit, source of tricks and the 2-2 trump break added up to 12 tricks, +1430.

In another match North did not overcall, and East responded 2♣, which has a hint of Drury about it. I am not an aficionado of the method, so perhaps it would be wrong of me to suggest that West might have done something other than simply jump to 4♠, which led to a flat board.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Marks</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Ogloblin</i>	<i>Moran</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

One Club was clearly artificial – with a hint of Polish. West might have bid 4♣ over 3♠ and then consider his options over 4♥. That was a loss of 13 IMPs.

For the record, only two other pairs bid 6♠.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

PDC v Rosenthal

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Christensen</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♥	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the ♥9 and South took the ace and switched to the ♣5, declarer winning with the ace and playing a spade. North won and returned a club, but declarer played dummy's nine and apparently claimed eleven tricks. That's not possible, and the official result shows +620, declarer losing another trick to the ♦A.

To defeat 4♠ South must switch to a diamond, setting up a potential ruff.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>M. Rosenberg</i>	<i>S. Baldysz</i>	<i>D. Rosenberg</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♠*	Pass	3♥
All Pass			
2♠	Heart support		

West led the ♦4 and East won with the king and switched to the ♣10 for the queen and ace. The spade switch was taken by dummy's ace and declarer played a diamond to the queen, ruffed a spade, pitched a club on the ♦A and ruffed a club. West overruffed and played a spade, ruffed with dummy's ♥9 and overruffed by East, who exited with the ♣K. Declarer ruffed with the ♥10 and ruffed a spade, East overruffing and exiting with a club to ensure a trick for the ♥Q. Two down, -100 but 11 IMPs in.

I'm reviewing the situation

My job in this championship is to decide the outcome of reviews. A review comes into being when a player does not accept the TD decision related to an infraction. This almost always relates to judgement cases and the TD, to get to the right answer, often asks the opinion of peer players. This is called polling. Once the decision is based upon the outcome of such poll the chance that the reviewer would overturn the decision taken becomes small. One needs good arguments to make a review worth asking for. Saying that the players asked are not expert enough doesn't work. Saying that the wrong questions were asked might work. Persisting with the argument that a non-alerted artificial call caused the damage when the TD-staff tells you that the call is not artificial does not help either. Pointing to the fact that to decide about the use of unauthorized information one must start with the question whether the call under scrutiny was suggested is certainly a valid argument.

We have had six reviews so far, more than I expected. Only one of them met the criteria needed to be taken seriously. I can tell you that the TD-staff here is the best the (bridge) world can get. They consult players, consult each other and only after long discussions draw conclusions.

We have cameras running, and we use them to check the information given, especially when both sides in a case give conflicting information. My general conclusion so far is remarkable: it seems very difficult to tell what really happened. Guessing the time used when a hesitation took place is too difficult. The tray can stay at the other side of the screen for more than a minute (even two minutes!) without the players noticing any delay.

You of course have the experience that the two sides have different opinions about a delay in the play: a hesitation according to declarer, no hesitation at all in the opinion of left-hand opponent. And I have always taught my aspiring TD's that they should give more value to the report of the irregularity than to the denial. Something must have happened to trigger the call, don't you think? Such an accusation happened here in the open teams, where declarer with KJx in dummy, still missing AQ, led a small one, small from LHO. and after some thinking the K for the ace. He then called the TD, saying that LHO had hesitated for more than some seconds. Hurray for the camera, it showed that no player in the bridge world has ever played a card more smoothly than LHO.

In another case it was suggested that a player who passed his partner's double in a competitive auction had hesitated and moreover had shown all kinds of gestures and mannerisms to suggest that he had a difficult decision to make, with the objective of misleading his screen mate, who subsequently misplayed his doubled contract. The camera showed that this player when the screen came to his side, put his cards down quietly, sat there as in stone for 37 seconds and then as calmly as before placed a pass card on the tray. Such accusations are unacceptable, and players need to realise that the cameras will reveal their crimes and measures could/should be taken.

Ton Kooijman



The reviewers at work: Ton Kooijman and his assistant, Herman De wael

Mixed Teams Swiss R2

Wilson v Knottenbelt

by Marc Smith

Although the Open and Women's events have finished, we still get to see those same top players from both events playing on the world stage, albeit sometimes in less-familiar partnerships. I chose a match with plenty of talent on view...

As usual, we start with a couple of problems: Firstly, with both sides vulnerable, you are West holding:

♠ 9 8 7
♥ A K Q
♦ J 5 4 2
♣ J 6 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Dble	1♠
?			

What action, if any, do you take?

And a lead problem too, today. With neither side vulnerable, you are South with one of my usual rubber bridge hands, and you hear this auction:

♠ 6 4 3
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ J 9 8
♣ J 8 3

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥	Dble	Rdbl	1♠
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Alison Wilson

East's 1♦ response shows at least four hearts, and West's 1♥ bid is usually a weak no-trump hand type without four hearts. What do you lead?

Although matches are of only 10 boards at this stage of the event, these two teams managed to pack in plenty of action, so let's get to it.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q J 6 4
♥ 4 3 2
♦ A 7 4 2
♣ 7 2

♠ 8
♥ A K 10 9
♦ K 10 9 8 6 5
♣ A 8

W N
S E

♠ K 10 7
♥ Q J 7 5
♦ Q
♣ K 10 9 4 3

♠ A 9 5 3 2
♥ 8 6
♦ J 3
♣ Q J 6 5

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M. Gronkvist	N. Senior	I. Gronkvist	Bell
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♠*	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Playing transfer responses to 1♣, Mikael Gronkvist started with 1♠, showing diamonds. After the INT rebid, 2♣ was a puppet to 2♦, and 2♠ then showed four hearts, so Ida Gronkvist jumped to game in the 4-4 major-suit fit.

The club lead was taken in dummy with the ace, and a diamond went to the ace, queen and jack. Nevena Senior played the ♠Q, which won, before switching back to clubs. With the diamonds already established, though, declarer could simply draw trumps and claim. E/W +450 and what for all the world looks like a dull, flat board. However...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Knottenbelt	Van Prooijen	Gold	Wilson
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

After effectively the same start, Maggie Knottenbelt just raised to game without checking back for a possible heart fit.

Alison Wilson led a spade around to declarer's king and declarer took his top tricks before playing the ♦Q. The defenders now had enough black-suit winners to claim the

rest. E/W -100 and an 11-IMP windfall to Wilson. That early lead, though, would not survive the next board.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Knottenbelt	Van Prooijen	Gold	Wilson
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Ricco van Prooijen might, perhaps, have just bid 4♠ over his partner's INT rebid. Instead, he advanced with an artificial, game-forcing 2♦ and then bid what he thought he could make at his next turn. With both pointed suits lying well for declarer, only an unlikely heart lead, removing the late entry to the long diamonds, holds declarer to his contract. N/S +480 and another flat-looking board. The vagaries of system, though, can create quite bizarre scenarios.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M. Gronkvist	N. Senior	I. Gronkvist	Bell
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♦	Dble	All Pass	

With a 1♦ opening showing a balanced hand in the English pair's methods, Michael Bell had to start with a 2+♣ 1♣. At the first table, despite four-card support for both unbid suits, David Gold passed the East hand after 1♦-P-1♠. The Swedes, as a nation, though, seem to hate passing if there is a rational alternative, and Ida Gronkvist decided that her hand was effectively a takeout double of spades. Although not totally out of left field, it turned out to be disastrous on this layout. True, Mikael Gronkvist might have picked the right red suit, but is not responding in hearts more likely to encourage partner, which is clearly the last thing you want to do on this West hand? Might he have removed himself to 2♥ when the double of 2♦ was passed back to him? In retrospect, I suspect he would say yes. But, there they were, in a 3-3 fit, vulnerable.

Senior kicked off with the ♠K and then switched to the ♦Q, covered by the king and ace. Bell cashed the ♠A and



Maggie Knottenbelt

then continued with ♦J and a third round of trumps, declarer winning in hand with the ♦10. The ♣J came next, and Senior won with the ♣A and cashed her top spade. Of course, the defence can take all but one of the remaining tricks if Senior cashes her three spade winners. Senior, though, did not know that her partner had both of the missing trumps, so she switched to a heart through dummy's A-Q. Bell won with the ♥K but now had to allow declarer to score heart and club winners. Only four down! N/S +1100 and 12 IMPs to Knottenbelt.

On our next deal, Mikael Gronkvist had to deal with the tricky bidding problem posed at the top of this article:

Board 7. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M. Gronkvist	N. Senior	I. Gronkvist	Bell
Pass	1♣	Dble	1♠
INT	All Pass		

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Mixed Teams Swiss R3

Round-up of Match 3

by Jos Jacobs

This week, the main focus will be on the Mixed Teams, who started playing their championship on Sunday with the first five matches of the Swiss qualification. They will follow the same pattern as we saw last week in the Open Teams, with some knockout rounds later this week. In this report, I will bring you a survey of the middle round on the opening day, rather than a report on one particular match played in that third round.

The first board of the set already was a serious test of declarer play.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

The normal contract might be 4♥ by South after some intervention in spades by E/W, but it was reached and made only at about one third of the tables in play. At as many tables, E/W were allowed to play in a spade part score, going down. Only one E/W pair took the expensive sacrifice in 4♠, three down doubled for -500. Making 4♥ was not entirely obvious, because the defence can play two rounds of spades. The only way to success now would be to ruff high, overtake the ♥J and play for the clubs to behave – which they did, to bring +420 to the courageous.

The next deal was a simple part score at a large majority of the tables in play:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

There were a few exceptions, however. At one table, N/S managed to bring home 3NT when East led the ♦9, thus making the same number of tricks in attack as Michael Gromöller and Anne Gladiator made in their defence against West's doubled INT contract. Michael's lead of the ♠K was the key to this +500 for them. Two Easts were also caught in INT, going for "only" -300 on a heart lead.

Board 13 was an uneventful INT contract, but the next board was more interesting. In the Aardvarks v. Gizmo match, the contrasts were clearly visible.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Howard	La Chapelle	Cappelletti	Tommasini
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

East led a heart to dummy's ten and West's jack, upon which West made the unpleasant return (for declarer, that is) of a diamond, forcing declarer to first cash her winners in that suit. When she followed this with a heart to the king, West could take the ace and continue the ♠K to declarer's ace. From here, the defence was in control, because declarer had nowhere to go. One down, Gizmo +50.

They had other ideas in the other room:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C. Robinson	Kalita	Barden	C. Baldysz
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In this ambitious contract, Cathy Baldysz needed a classic trick. She ducked the ♠K lead and when West, after seeing partner's ♠3, continued the ♠Q, she ducked again. Her main hope was that West would play yet another spade –

and so it turned out! Just made, Gizmo +400 and 10 IMPs to them.

Board 16 was a lead problem:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

If West opens INT, would you take action as North? If you do, partner might support your spades, which would enable you to find the winning lead against the E/W contract of 4♥. At only two tables N/S played in spades, making more than their legitimate seven tricks on each occasion. The rest were in 4♥, which was made more often than not: the ratio was about 2:1.

The next board was again a play problem:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

The popular contract was 4♠, of course. I was wondering how you could go down. Apparently, you should not let yourself be influenced by the presence of the ♥Q10 in West but first of all count your tricks. What about four outside top tricks and six trumps? Even if South leads a trump to the queen, king and ace, this plan works. You can score four more trumps in the West hand and one diamond ruff will then bring your tally to ten tricks. Still, 4♠ went down more often than not...again in a 2:1 ratio.

The last board of the set was a nice case for the old argument: what is better, a 4-4 fit or a 6-3 fit? As you can see, the 6-3 fit is superior, even more so when North is the declarer in 4♥ and East leads a nasty ♣Q:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

At nearly half the tables, N/S scored +620 in 4♠. The few pairs who reached 4♥ went down on the ♣Q lead, except for one lucky declarer who was treated to a diamond lead and thus stayed in control of the trump suit. The other half of the N/S pairs did not bid game or allowed their opponents to play in clubs.

Mobile phones and electronic devices



Mobile phones and any other electronic device which can be used to communicate and to connect to the internet can be carried to the tables but must always be switched off and clearly

visible. They cannot be carried from the room until the end of play for any reason, but in case of emergency seek the permission of an official.

When team events are played, the Tournament Directors will conduct random searches before every round: players of the drawn tables will be asked to empty their pockets and open their bags. Whoever refuses to do it will be penalised as if a device had been found, and escorted out of the playing room. A substitute will be allowed.



Wilson v Bridge24 PL

A couple of boards stood out for me from Wilson v Bridge24 PL. Both featured nice plays by the Scandinavian members of the Wilson squad.

♠ 9 5 4
♥ Q 8 6 3 2
♦ 8 2
♣ 6 4 3

♠ J 8 6 3 2
♥ A K 7
♦ 6 5 4
♣ 10 2



♠ AK 10
♥ 10 9 5
♦ AK J 9 3
♣ | 9

♠ Q 7
♥ J 4
♦ Q 10 7
♣ A K Q 8 7 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Chmurski</i>	<i>M. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Banaskiewicz</i>	<i>Buus Thomsen</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>M. Gronkvist</i>	<i>Chalupec</i>	<i>I. Gronkvist</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

As it happened Signe Buus Thomsen shifted to a heart at trick two here, without waiting for partner to signal. Declarer took an immediate spade finesse and South cashed her club and played a second heart, leaving declarer with an inevitable diamond loser. Down one.

It is worth noting that in at least two of our top eight matches (where expert bridge should be the norm rather than the exception) North followed with their lower remaining club at trick two and South duly shifted to a diamond, correct if partner has the $\diamond K$ and declarer queen-fifth of hearts. But it was fatal to the defence here.

The play in the Open Room was vaguely humorous if you weren't sitting N/S at the relevant table. Mikael Gronkvist followed an invitational sequence and Ida Gronkvist simply bid game. Igor Chalupec led a 2nd/4th ♦8, so low from doubleton is systemic. When declarer put up the king Anna Sarniak false-carded with the ♦10. Nice idea but... put yourself in West's shoes. Now you know the diamond



Mikael Rimstedt, Ewa Banaszkiewicz, Signe Buus Thomson and Bartosz Chmurski

finesse is working! Diamonds must be 4-1, so the only danger is losing a ruff. If you play three rounds of spades you hope to find the suit breaking; you will then repeat the diamond finesse as many times as necessary using the hearts as re-entry to your hand. Accordingly declarer laid down the top spades and found he did have a diamond loser after all, but no spade loser... 10 tricks made.

Both Wilson pairs did very well on our next exhibit.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chmurski	M. Rimstedt	Banaskiewicz	Buus Thomsen
—	—	Pass	INT
Dble*	2♣	2NT	3♠
5♣	All Pass		
Dble Minor + Major			
2NT Asks for minor			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M. Gronkvist	Chalupec	I. Gronkvist	Sarniak
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♠	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the Closed Room Mikael Gronkvist thought he was looking at nine tricks in his own hand, and he was right. After a diamond lead to the king and a heart shift he won and played three rounds of clubs to dummy to lead the ♠J, and the defence won the ♠A, cashed their diamond and exited in hearts. Nice try, but not enough, and +400 for declarer.

In the other room Mikke Rimstedt did extremely well to my way of thinking to lead his singleton trump rather than the unthinking spade. Now declarer could not find a way to dummy; his only sensible chance was to play for ace-third of spades to his left or serious defensive error. His best chance was to lead a low spade from hand; but when South could win cheaply and return a trump, declarer was out of ammunition. 10 IMPs to Wilson, in a 47-9 win.

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Saving the best till last

The President-elect of the WBF announces changes

Tomasz Wolfke interviews Jan Kamras

The 72-year-old Swede Jan Kamras is the third president of the World Bridge Federation (WBF) in a row (after French José Damiani and Italian Gianarrigo Ron) to be elected directly after having been the head of the European Bridge Federation (EBL).

Tomasz Wolfke: What do you think will be the difference between running a World federation and a European federation?

Jan Kamras: I think that apart from one obvious difference - let's call it: logistic, because I will have to move through a several times larger area - it will be more difficult that the world is much more culturally diverse than Europe. I will have to understand and respect the views of people who are, in many ways, simply different. But that's not a problem for me.

What is the most important task of the WBF in the coming four years, your first as its president?

There will be a lot of work, but most of all you need to take care of the finances of our organization, look for opportunities to reduce the costs of its administration. Of course, the situation is not bad in this regard, but it can always be better.

You sound like the president of the board of a listed company, not the head of an international sports organization...

Because according to our statute, de facto I am such a president. Together with the treasurer, we are personally responsible for the finances of our organization.

What are your ideas and plans for the development of bridge on a global scale together with your new management?

We need to obtain funds for development, because we certainly have to be open to new technologies, which is expensive. However, it is necessary to modernize and simplify. Young people do not want to learn the next rules of bidding for weeks or months but want to play and win as quickly as possible. So here you go - let's start with a simplified bridge. Anyway, it is possible and necessary in our sport at every level. For example, I watched a tournament recently, held at tables and curtains, but without bidding boxes and trays. Each player had his own tablet, with which he was virtually bidding, but it was then played in the classic way, with cards. This speeds up the game, and also eliminates any disputes, such as whether

the reflection was within the allowed time or not, because everything is "forever" saved on the Internet and the referees can verify it at any time. Something like VAR in football or Challenge in tennis. A Hungarian company has been working on the development of this technology for several years, and this is certainly the future of bridge. In general: we will remain a social card game at the tables, but modernized, similar to the currently so popular e-sports.



For the current two weeks, WBF President Jan Kamras has an office on the first floor of the Congress Centre of the Centennial Hall in Wrocław.

What are your relations with Poland? How do you rate the World Bridge Series 2022 in Wrocław, as well as the level of Polish bridge and its international position?

I do not have any special ties with Poland, although of course I have already been here several times. Now I live in Wrocław for two weeks, so I found out a lot about you and met many people. Tomorrow, for example, I will play golf with your president Marek Michałowski - he will be favourite because he has a much better handicap. The World Cup is organized very well, and your bridge is among the three or five strongest countries in the world in this respect.

Apart from sports, you are known as an outstanding connoisseur and collector of wine. For over a dozen years, wine-making has been quite successful in Poland - have you tried?

I specialize in Burgundy wines. In my "cellar" there are several hundred - closer to a thousand - bottles, but I cannot give a precise number, because we exchange or taste something with other winemakers on various occasions. I have not drunk Polish wine yet, but I promise that I will definitely try it before leaving. The white Solaris strain is said to be quite good ...



Jan KAMRAS

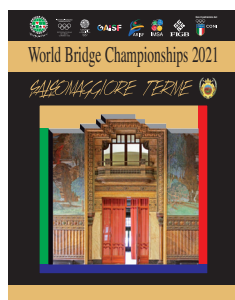
Born in 1950 in Gothenburg. As a competitor, he won, among others Sweden's team championship in 2010, and was runner-up in 2011 and 2012. A year later he won the prestigious Cavendish Teams. He was the vice-president of the Swedish Bridge Union in 2005–2016, and in 2001–2010 he captained the representative open team.

He was elected to the Executive Committee of the European Bridge Federation (EBF) in 2010 and became its president eight years later. At the same time, he was elected a member of the Executive Council of the World Bridge Federation (WBF). On August 25, 2022 in Wrocław, the Council unanimously elected him president of the WBF (he was the only candidate), and he will assume office the next year.

WCB 2021

The World Championship Book from Salsomaggiore 2021 is now available from the Jannersten bookstall here in Wrocław. The official retail price is £25, US\$30 and €30. What differentiates this edition from past volumes is that it is available both in hardcopy and as an e-book.

The book is distributed by Master Point Press and will be available from bridge suppliers around the world. The e-book is available on the MPP website, for US\$25.



Championship Diary

For the moment trams are not running to the venue because of ongoing roadworks. It's not far to walk from the Plac Grunwaldzki, but it is also possible to get a bus to the Hala Stulecia. Don't forget that if you are 66 or over you don't have to pay to use the buses or trams!

On Sunday evening the Polish Bridge Union invited members of the IBPA to dinner at the Terrace Restaurant at the venue. It serves terrific food and excellent wine – the Editor recommends the Polish Riesling!

There are strong rumours that next year's European Open Championship will be in Strasbourg. The Editor notes that there are an awful lot of Michelin starred restaurants in the city.



One of them is called Au Crocodile – no doubt Tacchi will order a sandwich and tell them to 'make it snappy'.

Meanwhile the Editor has already reserved a table at 1741, not least because their wine cellar contains 12,000 bottles!

In the picture are two 8-year-old children, Bartołmiej Ciokczyk and Marcin Czepiel and their teacher Mirka Stachura. Within the project "bridge for 6-8 year-old kids" Foundation "Bridge to the People" finances lessons in four schools in small towns and villages.



The program is running in France (100,000 kids) and is financed by the Ministry of Education while in Poland the same Ministry doesn't support bridge. We can count only on the Ministry of Sport. The kids in the picture are from a small village near Wrocław and came here to play in the "amateur tournament" parallel to the World Bridge Series.

They cannot yet do multiplication of 4×4 , but they do know that four aces add to 16 HCP!

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Mixed Teams Swiss R6

Czerbia v Wilson

by David Bird

We are halfway through the Swiss qualification for the Mixed championship. Let's watch the match between the teams in first and third places, CZERBIA (Serbia – 2 players, Czech Republic – 2) and WILSON (Sweden – 3 players, Denmark, Netherlands and USA – 1 each). We should see some high standard bridge.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Signe	Selena	Mikael	Erik
Buus Thomsen	Pepic	Rimstedt	Klems
—	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♠	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

I show the alerts as marked in the record, although presumably 4♣ and 4♦ were both control-bids. 4NT was RKCB and 5♣ showed 1 or 4 key-cards. 5NT usually asks for kings (partner showing a king, for most partnerships, or giving a count of kings). It also tells partner that all six key-cards are held. Why North bid 6♠ instead of 6♥, I cannot tell you.

South may have thought: 'She can't be missing both red kings, surely. Well, I'm not going to play in six with 15 points opposite a 2♣ opener!' He bid the grand slam and there was no problem in the play. +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
David	Ricco	Jovana	Alison
Vozabal	van Prooijen	Zoramovic	Wilson
—	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

Here Ricco van Prooijen did show his king of hearts, sparing the supporters of his team the nasty wait of several seconds suffered in the Open Room. It was a push board. (47 tables out of 54 bid a grand slam in spades or notrumps), 7 stopped in a small slam.

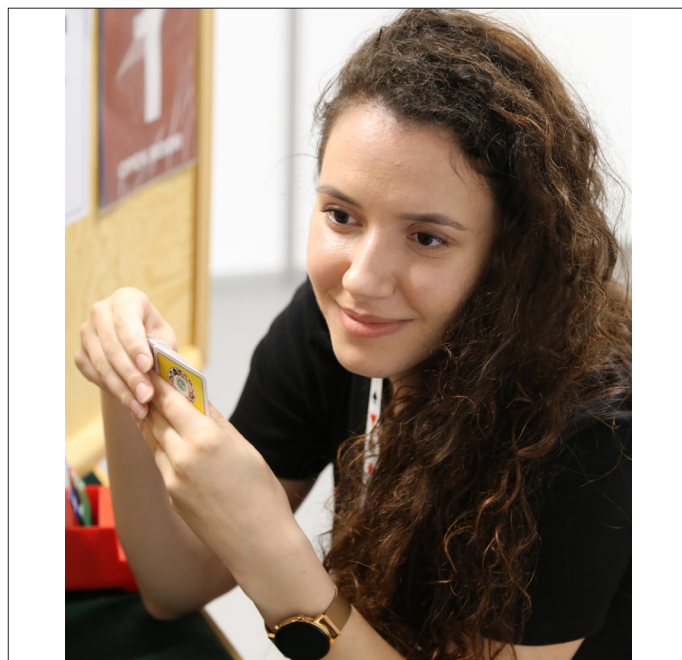
There are persistent rumours that I never write up any part-score deals. That's quite untrue. In fact, I often exceed my target of 3 such deals a year. Take the next board, for example:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Signe	Selena	Mikael	Erik
Buus Thomsen	Pepic	Rimstedt	Klems
—	—	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
Pass	3♣	Dble	All Pass



Selena Pepic



Signe Buus Thomsen

Mikael Rimstedt's 2♦ showed a balanced hand of 18-19 points. Signe Buus Thomsen's 2♥ was a transfer, possibly on a weakish hand, and her partner's 2♠ was then non-forcing. It was a great deal for their methods, to be able to stop so low.

Ah, the auction is not yet over. Selena Pepic has contested with 3♣, doubled by East. In my commentary, I described the 3♣ bid as 'brave'. I had to choose a respectful adjective, since we were on Table 1.

East drew two rounds of trumps and switched to ace and another spade. Declarer won with dummy's king, crossed to the ace of diamonds and played ace and another heart. In with the king of hearts, East had no further spade to play. He returned the jack of hearts to dummy's queen, declarer discarding her last spade. There were still two trump tricks to be lost and that was +300 to East/West.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
David	Ricco	Jovana	Alison
Vozabal	van Prooijen	Zoramovic	Wilson
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Alison Wilson led the ♦4 to partner's ace, Jovana Zoramovic unblocking the queen. South won the diamond return with the king and exited with a diamond, won in the dummy. When a heart was led, North rose with the ace and switched to the ♣4, declarer winning with the ace.

The king and queen of clubs were followed by ace and

another spade. Wilson won with the king and then had to give a spade to dummy or lead into declarer's ♥KJ. So, that was only one down in 3NT, but a chunky 8 IMPs away because of the smart E/W bidding at the other table.

On Board 15, Czerbia recovered 7 IMPs by making 3♦ at one table and 3♠ at the other. One South player competed to 3♠ after partner's bids of 1♠ and 2♠; the other did not, allowing 3♦ to play.

You haven't seen a slam deal for a while? Right, I have two for you.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Signe	Selena	Mikael	Erik
Buus Thomsen	Pepic	Rimstedt	Klems
—	1♠	3♦	Dble
5♦	5NT*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

The Scandinavians built a huge pre-emptive barricade in just a few seconds. Even a contract of 1♦ cannot be made against best defence, so the cost would have been 1100 if the opponents could double 5♦.

Selena Pepic could sniff a slam, after her partner's three-level negative double. Her 5NT meant 'pick a slam'. Erik Klems offered 6♣, and there was no further bidding.

The ♦5 was led to the queen and ace, declarer throwing a spade from dummy. The ace and queen of clubs revealed the 4-1 break, and declarer continued with three rounds of spades. East discarded the ♦2 and dummy ruffed with the 4. Twelve tricks were then claimed for +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
David	Ricco	Jovana	Alison
Vozabal	van Prooijen	Zoramovic	Wilson
—	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Van Prooijen's 5NT seems to suggest that he placed his partner with two key-cards and the trump queen, after her 5♠ bid. All ended well when spades were 3-2. +980 and a 2-IMP gain.

Let's see what the contracts were, around the room. 15 pairs scored 980, 7 picked up 920, 8 played in game, 19 went one down in 7♣ on the unlucky trump break. The bottom score was two down in 6NT, while one pair took the top score of 1100 against 5♦ doubled.

I believe I promised you another slam deal:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Signe	Selena	Mikael	Erik
Buus Thomsen	Pepic	Rimstedt	Klems
—	—	INT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	7♣	All Pass



David Vozabal

West's 4♥ showed a heart void (3♥ would probably have shown a singleton). When Rimstedt heard of two aces and the trump queen opposite, he relied on his diamond suit to carry the partnership to thirteen tricks. It was an admirable auction, well worth 1440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
David	Ricco	Jovana	Alison
Vozabal	van Prooijen	Zoramovic	Wilson
—	—	INT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♥*	Dble	5♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

David Vozabal's 5♥ was Exclusion Blackwood, asking for key-cards outside the heart suit. If North had passed, the response would have been 6♣, the third step showing two key-cards without the trump queen. Over a double, many pairs use Redouble and Pass as the first two steps, in which case 5♠ does show the ♣K and the ♦A. Had West continued with a king-ask (again outside hearts), he would have discovered the ♦K opposite and bid the grand.

Well, that's my interpretation of the auction. My apologies go to East/West if the battery in my divining rod is running out. There's just time, before lunch, to see what happened around the room on this deal. 20 pairs bid 7♣ for 1440. Well done. Another 20 played in 6♣ for 940. Four brave North/South pairs scored well by finding a vulnerable sacrifice in hearts. Only three North/South pairs took a minus score, in 7NT doubled twice and 6♦ doubled once (it was lucky the opponents didn't run to 7♣!).

Wilson collected a well-deserved 11 IMPs on this deal and took the match by 36-8 (17.51VPs to 2.49).



Erik Klems

Rand Cup Round Robin 02

Zimmermann v Penfold

by Ron Tacchi and Herman De wael

As it appears that none of the Senior matches Round Robin are to be broadcast on BBO, we have to resort to the primitive method of taking pen and paper and sitting at the table. So, your humble scribe and HDW were despatched by the command on high to watch Zimmermann against Penfold. Unfortunately Sandra Penfold was unable to travel on doctor's recommendations. There is no cause for concern and she is looking forward to some very competitive bridge over the coming weeks back in Blighty and we all wish her well. A certain Mr Hackett has been flown in as a replacement.

I arrived at my table to find Alan Mould (known to one and all as 'mouldy') partnering John Holland. Opposing them were two Piotr's: Tuszynski and Gawrys. Mouldy was sporting his usual overseas outfit of khaki shorts and sandals with socks, which ought to put fear into the opposition.

At my table, on the other hand, Pierre Zimmermann and Krzysztof Martens were sporting their Switzerland shirts, as was their coach, Fernando Piedra. The ultimate senior, Brian, was partnering twice world senior champion Paul Hackett.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Holland	Tuszynski	Mould	Gawrys
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
2♦ A good 3/4 card raise			

When West made the good decision to press onto game, he was greeted with a heart lead, which was ducked round to his king. Holland crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs to lead a trump to his king taken by the ace. Now, with trumps behaving, declarer just lost the three aces to make his contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Senior	Martens	Hackett
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

In with the ♠A, Senior played a diamond, taken with the king. When Zimmermann played the ♦4 two tricks later, Brian ducked. "uh uh" was Martens' reaction. "I could have done better" was Senior's. 11 tricks, but still 9 IMPs to team Penfold.

Board 17. Dealer North, Non Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Holland	Tuszynski	Mould	Gawrys
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♥	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Mould must have wondered if they had missed a slam as the spades 2-2 or the clubs coming in for no loser would generate twelve tricks. Fortunately, neither possibility reared its head, and so declarer swiftly recorded eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Senior	Martens	Hackett
—	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

We are the juniors among the seniors, had joked Brian during the system discussion at the start. His opening reflects this. Undeterred, Martens pushed on to slam. He cashed the two top spades and reflected for some time to try and find another chance. Surely Brian must have

something for his opening, if not $\diamond AK$ (the king had been led). Martens finessed in clubs and claimed one down.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Holland	Tuszynski	Mould	Gawrys
—	—	$1\diamond$	$4\spadesuit$
$5\diamond$	All Pass		

Holland's imaginative raise to Five Diamonds was immediately a good result as Four Spades was making. It would be an even better result if declarer could make it. The opening lead of the ace of spades was ruffed in dummy and a losing trump finesse followed. In with the

king of trumps Gawrys thought long and hard before playing the king of clubs, and now it was Mould's turn to start thinking. Eventually he played the ace, ruffed a spade, drew trumps and relied on the hearts breaking, which as we can see they do not. Now North could take his club tricks and declarer finished three off. Had he ducked the club he would have finished one light. Can you see the double dummy line to make the contract? If you can read the king of clubs as singleton, then take the ace, ruff your losing spade and a play a heart off table and duck it into South's hand and now you have no other losers.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Senior	Martens	Hackett
—	—	$1\diamond$	$4\spadesuit$
$4NT^*$	Pass	$5\clubsuit$	Pass
$5\diamond$	All Pass		

After the lead (and against the regulations), Zimmermann asked his partner if he was correct that $4NT$ showed "two places to play". Indeed it does, said Martens but when asked whether the dummy was what he expected, the reply was (in English pronunciation) 'discutable'. Martens ruffed the lead of the $\spadesuit A$ and ran the $\diamond J$. South played another spade. Martens cashed two more diamonds and played $\heartsuit K$ and a heart to the ten. The $\heartsuit Q$ was the last trick for the defence. 11 IMPs to Zimmermann.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Holland	Tuszynski	Mould	Gawrys
—	Pass	$1\diamond$	Pass
$1\spadesuit$	Pass	$3\spadesuit$	Pass
$4\spadesuit$	All Pass		

Slightly aggressive bidding landed Holland in the spade game. Its success or failure would depend on the lead: a heart and the contract would fail, a diamond and it would succeed. A diamond landed on the green baize and declarer swiftly discarded a heart from dummy on the second round of diamonds, and shortly after claimed ten tricks.



Alan Mould

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Senior	Martens	Hackett
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1♥ spades

Virtually the same bidding, but the contract is played from the other side. From the South side, the heart lead was normal, and the contract was down after the first five tricks.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Holland	Tuszynski	Mould	Gawrys
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

AS best as I can decipher a Polish Club auction the 2♦ was natural and game-forcing, 2♠ showed spades and a 12-14 balanced hand. As dummy came down declarer said 'too much' and was proved right when only the 4-1 club split prevented him from taking all the tricks. He had to be content with just twelve.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Senior	Martens	Hackett
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♥	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

6♣ showed the ♣K, and this was enough in Senior's mind to try the grand slam. He knew his partner had five clubs (as with 4-4 they open a spade) and he offered South a choice of grand slams. With clubs 4-1 however, the contract was doomed. Krzysztof Martens called it "bad luck", but it meant that team Zimmermann would win the encounter 36-31 or 11.70-8.30 VP.

The Rabbit's Six Appeal

by Barry Rigal

When you are fighting for a qualifying place in the final of the world pairs you need all the help you can get. So, if the opponents mis-sort their hand that should help...right?

Not so much on this exhibit:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Where Steve Garner and Jeff Wolfson were N/S their opponent in the East seat put the ♣6 in his spades, by accident. He opened 1♠ and his partner eventually used keycard and drove to 7♠.

Declarer simply ruffed a club in dummy and when spades were 3-3 he had four spades, five heart tricks and two tricks in each minor for 13. Bridge is an easy game...and yes you can take 13 tricks in hearts on the minor-suit squeeze but that would be lucky as opposed to skilful.



Brian Senior

Mixed Teams Rankings

After Round 10

1	KNOTTENBELT	137.99	33	PDC	96.96
2	ZADRA	132.72	34	BRIDGE24PL MIXED	96.46
3	WILSON	128.60	35	BINKIE	96.18
4	TECZA SZCZECINEK	125.99	36	NEW AMSTERDAM	95.60
5	DONNER	120.29	37	GIZMO	93.96
6	EDMONDS	119.97	38	THE ITEMS	93.65
7	BROSI005	119.72	39	TEAM CANADA	93.57
8	MINITER	118.21	40	SCANDINAVIA MIX	92.94
9	DINKIN	118.15	41	SUSHI	90.94
10	FORMIDABLES	118.09	42	GALATASARAY SK	90.76
11	ROSENTHAL	117.45	43	DENIZCI	90.63
12	REASON	114.68	44	GLOBETROTTERS	86.91
13	FERM	112.58	45	NEDGERNED	86.63
14	WOLFSON	112.42	46	HETZ	86.47
15	HEADS OR TAILS	110.30	47	BEACH	85.65
16	GILLIS	110.08	48	NO PASARAN	84.50
17	SEOUL	109.80	49	QUAGGAS	79.49
18	BLAKSETS BIN	109.54	50	OHNO	79.47
19	APA HEILI	107.63	51	BV WALDSOLMS	77.80
20	CZERBIA	107.01	52	GERMANY SW	76.61
21	VALUE MEDIA TEAM	106.24	53	DRIMTIM	74.00
22	MCINTOSH FUNCLUB	105.47	54	MAITRA	73.36
23	CORIANDRE	105.33	55	MIXING IT UP	72.12
24	CROCODILE	103.82	57	MAVERICKS	55.30
25	MILLENS	103.23			
26	THOMPSON	101.58			
27	ORCA	100.66			
28	BRIDGE24	99.94			
29	SIEJA	98.77			
30	AARDVARKS	97.86			
31	ZALESKI	97.82			
32	FEPANANDRA	97.71			

Rand Cup Rankings

After Round 8

1	ZIMMERMANN	117.52
2	VYTAS	99.95
3	PENFOLD	99.7
4	GOODMAN	90.99
5	ANDRZEJKI	88.85
6	KENDRICK	85.86
7	KALISH	68.01
8	AUSTRALIA	67.24
9	WISLA CCSOFT	62.13
10	CZTERECH SZWEDOW	61.81
11	MARKOWICZ	58.71
12	WITEK	55.23

We remind you that in order to be eligible to drop in into the Mixed/Senior Pairs you **MUST** register and pay before the start of the event. No

later entry will be accepted.

Pairs knocked out in the round of 32 drop in tomorrow, Wednesday, and not in the middle of the day.

Rand Cup Draw and Results

RR 1

		IMP	VP
ANDRZEJKI	WITEK	36 12	16.37 3.63
PENFOLD	KENDRICK	51 50	10.36 9.64
MARKOWICZ	GOODMAN	11 51	1.22 18.78
AUSTRALIA	ZIMMERMANN	11 26	5.54 14.46
CZTERECH SZWEDOW	VYTAS	39 35	11.38 8.62
WISLA CCSOFT	KALISH	34 21	13.97 6.03

RR 2

		IMP	VP
ANDRZEJKI	KENDRICK	20 28	7.39 12.61
WITEK	MARKOWICZ	19 28	7.10 12.90
ZIMMERMANN	PENFOLD	36 31	11.70 8.30
GOODMAN	VYTAS	25 20	11.70 8.30
AUSTRALIA	KALISH	21 41	4.42 15.58
CZTERECH SZWEDOW	WISLA CCSOFT	40 13	16.91 3.09

RR 3

		IMP	VP
ANDRZEJKI	MARKOWICZ	23 28	8.30 11.70
KENDRICK	ZIMMERMANN	5 35	2.60 17.40
VYTAS	WITEK	29 14	14.46 5.54
PENFOLD	KALISH	48 17	17.56 2.44
GOODMAN	WISLA CCSOFT	13 14	7.64 10.36
AUSTRALIA	CZTERECH SZWEDOW	27 38	6.55 13.45

RR 4

		IMP	VP
ANDRZEJKI	ZIMMERMANN	15 33	4.85 15.15
MARKOWICZ	VYTAS	16 42	3.27 16.73
KALISH	KENDRICK	30 21	12.90 7.10
WITEK	WISLA CCSOFT	50 20	17.40 2.60
PENFOLD	CZTERECH SZWEDOW	18 13	11.70 8.30
GOODMAN	AUSTRALIA	17 19	9.29 10.71

RR 5

		IMP	VP
ANDRZEJKI	VYTAS	18 26	7.39 12.61
ZIMMERMANN	KALISH	37 29	12.61 7.39
WISLA CCSOFT	MARKOWICZ	22 19	11.05 6.95
KENDRICK	CZTERECH SZWEDOW	38 8	17.40 2.60
WITEK	AUSTRALIA	46 14	17.71 2.29
PENFOLD	GOODMAN	29 5	16.37 3.63

RR 6

		IMP	VP
ANDRZEJKI	KALISH	48 14	18.00 2.00
VYTAS	WISLA CCSOFT	34 16	15.15 4.85
CZTERECH SZWEDOW	ZIMMERMANN	16 31	5.54 14.46
MARKOWICZ	AUSTRALIA	19 6	13.97 6.03
KENDRICK	GOODMAN	10 43	2.14 17.86
WITEK	PENFOLD	12 54	0.98 19.02

RR 7

		IMP	VP
ANDRZEJKI	WISLA CCSOFT	11 22	6.55 13.45
KALISH	CZTERECH SZWEDOW	32 8	16.37 3.63
AUSTRALIA	VYTAS	26 11	14.46 5.54
ZIMMERMANN	GOODMAN	14 6	12.61 7.39
MARKOWICZ	PENFOLD	10 27	5.07 14.93
KENDRICK	WITEK	52 18	18.00 2.00

RR 8

		IMP	VP
ANDRZEJKI	CZTERECH SZWEDOW	59 4	20.00 0.00
WISLA CCSOFT	AUSTRALIA	20 49	2.76 17.24
GOODMAN	KALISH	33 17	14.70 5.30
VYTAS	PENFOLD	54 16	18.54 1.46
ZIMMERMANN	WITEK	62 19	19.13 0.87
MARKOWICZ	KENDRICK	11 35	3.63 16.37

RR 9

51 ANDRZEJKI	AUSTRALIA
52 CZTERECH SZWEDOW	GOODMAN
53 PENFOLD	WISLA CCSOFT
54 KALISH	WITEK
55 VYTAS	KENDRICK
56 ZIMMERMANN	MARKOWICZ

RR 10

51 ANDRZEJKI	GOODMAN
52 AUSTRALIA	PENFOLD
53 WITEK	CZTERECH SZWEDOW
54 WISLA CCSOFT	KENDRICK
55 KALISH	MARKOWICZ
56 VYTAS	ZIMMERMANN

RR 11

51 ANDRZEJKI	PENFOLD
52 GOODMAN	WITEK
53 KENDRICK	AUSTRALIA
54 CZTERECH SZWEDOW	MARKOWICZ
55 WISLA CCSOFT	ZIMMERMANN
56 KALISH	VYTAS



Mixed Teams KO Brackets



KOPick32-2022WBS MIXED



1 1 **KNOTTENBELT**
32 **THOMPSON**

2 16 **GILLIS**
17 **VALUE MEDIA TEAM**

3 9 **ROSENTHAL**
24 **CROCODILE**

4 8 **MINITER**
25 **BLAKSETS BIN**

5 5 **DONNER**
28 **SEOUL**

6 12 **WOLFSON**
21 **MCINTOSH FUNCLUB**

7 13 **MILLENS**
20 **FORMIDABLES**

8 4 **TECZA SZCZECINEK**
29 **ORCA**

**ALL DONE
GOOD LUCK**

WILSON 3
FEPANANDRA 30 **9**

CORIANDRE 14
REASON 19 **10**

ZALESKI 11
HEADS OR TAILS 22 **11**

EDMONDS 6
CZERBIA 27 **12**

BROS1005 7
SIEJA 26 **13**

FERM 10
DINKIN 23 **14**

BRIDGE24 15
APA HEILI 18 **15**

ZADRA 2
AARDVARKS 31 **16**

Mixed Teams Butler

PLA1	PLA2	Butl	CntBrd
POPLILOV Matilda	PACHTMAN Ron	1.90	10
HELGEMO Geir	LARSSON Jessica	1.63	80
KARMARKAR Marianne	KARMARKAR Sandeep	1.33	70
SENIOR Nevena	BELL Michael	1.28	80
AUKEN Sabine	WELLAND Roy	1.23	70
LORENZINI Cedric	LORENZINI Aurelie	1.20	20
BOTTA Giorgia	GROSSACK Zachary	1.18	100
PUNCH Sam	PETERKIN Stephen	1.17	60
VAN PROOIJEN Ricco	WILSON Alison	1.10	40
NEHMERT Pony Beate	WILDAVSKY Adam	1.08	40
BUUS THOMSEN Signe	RIMSTEDT Mikael	1.06	80
RIMSTEDT Cecilia	DWYER Kevin	0.94	70
DRIJVER Bas	MADSEN Christina Lund	0.80	70
HENNER Christal	IVATURY Uday	0.80	60
BURAS Krzysztof	SOBOLEWSKA Ewa	0.74	80
ZATORSKI Piotr	DUFRAT Katarzyna	0.73	80
ROSENBERG Michael	ROSENBERG Debbie	0.69	90
WASIAK Artur	MOSZCZYNSKA Zuzanna	0.68	99
VON ARNIM Daniela	DE WIJS Simon	0.67	60
ZMUDA Justyna	KLUKOWSKI Michal	0.66	80
NETTLETON Diana	PASKE Thomas	0.66	50
CULLIN Per-Ola	MICHIELSEN Marion	0.65	80
DOBROWOLSKI Marcin	MADUZIA Anna	0.64	100
BEKKOUCHE Nadia	DANIELSEN Flemming	0.63	100
YAVAS Dilek	KAYA Emre	0.63	70
HALLBERG Gunnar	CLARK Sally	0.62	60
DEMUY Vincent	GOLD Marusa	0.61	70
BURGESS Oliver	BROWN Fiona	0.61	70
OGLOBLIN Dominika	MARKS Rafal	0.61	100
IAVICOLI Federico	DI LORENZO Anastasia	0.60	80
KAZMUCHA Danuta	HUTYRA Maciej	0.58	60
SMITH Nicola	CROUCH Peter	0.57	70
SAELENSMINDE Erik	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin	0.55	100
BARONI Irene	ZALESKI Romain	0.52	60
BUSSE Piotr	BUSSE Grazyna	0.48	100
BIRMAN Daniela	BIRMAN Alon	0.47	70
CAPLAN Eva	THOMPSON Jamie	0.47	90
BESSIS Thomas	BERTHEAU Kathrine	0.46	100
WIECZOREK Ewa	BUCKNELL Charlie	0.46	100
GROMOELLER Michael	GLADIATOR Anne	0.45	60
GILL Peter	SYLVESTER Elisabeth	0.43	100
MEYERSON Elianna	MEYERSON Adam	0.43	68
LENGY Assaf	NOSACKI Michal	0.36	100
UGUR Aliye	UGUR Ufuk	0.32	100
DRIJVER Bob	BALDYSZ Sophia	0.31	80
GRONKVIST Ida	GRONKVIST Mikael	0.30	80
ASULIN Adi	ZAMIR Ami	0.30	90

BERTHIAUME Louise	FERGANI Kamel	0.27	70
DI FRANCO Massimiliano	KIM Hye Young	0.27	100
SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	WERNLE Alexander (Sasha)	0.23	90
SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju	NADAR Kiran	0.23	60
GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw	SIKORA Marta	0.22	60
WOLFSON Jeff	SANBORN Kerri	0.20	60
THOMPSON Ben	COOPER Renee	0.19	90
CRONIER Philippe	CRONIER Benedicte	0.19	80
CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	HOWARD Allison	0.18	60
BANASZKIEWICZ Ewa	CHMURSKI Bartosz	0.18	80
KLEMS Erik	PEPIC Selena	0.16	100
HUANG Shan	LIN Amber	0.16	70
NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz	ZALEWSKA Joanna	0.14	70
ZOCHOWSKA Joanna	SCHMIDT Pierre	0.14	100
BLAAGESTAD Lise	PEDERSEN Jan	0.13	90
KROCHMALIK Robert	WOOD Viv	0.13	60
BERTHEAU Peter	ANDERSSON Ann-Sophie	0.12	59
McINTOSH Andrew	MORAN Sara	0.11	80
MEYERS Jill	GARNER Steve	0.10	80
NYSTROM Fredrik	CLEMENTSSON Sanna	0.10	80
VOZABAL David	ZORANOVIC Jovana	0.10	100
KALITA Jacek	BALDYSZ Cathy	0.09	100
ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	ROSENTHAL Andrew	0.04	50
JANSMA Jan	JANSMA Aida	0.03	70
BAREKET Ilan	SAADA Nathalie	0.02	90
HARDING Marianne	SVENDSEN Odin	0.01	100
BROCK Sally	WILLENKEN Chris	-0.02	60
FILIPOWICZ Dominik	CUZZI Monica	-0.02	60
McCALLUM Karen	JOHANNSSON Axel	-0.03	30
VERDEGAAL Renee	THIELE Mark	-0.03	60
TOMMASINI Stefano	LA CHAPELLE Imogen	-0.04	100
BARDEN Paul	ROBINSON Claire	-0.04	100
RUBINS Karlis	ALFEJEVA Jelena	-0.05	80
HELNESS Gunn	OLSEN Svein Arild Naas	-0.06	80
MAGNUSSON Stephan	DUC Laurence	-0.07	70
HOYLAND Sven Olai	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	-0.07	98
GRZEJDZIAK Igor	GRZEJDZIAK Sabina	-0.08	100
HETZ Clara	PACHTMAN Ron	-0.09	70
MISZEWSKA Ewa	DMOWSKI Jacek	-0.09	100
KHANDELWAL Rajeev	KHANDELWAL Himani	-0.11	70
KONDOCH Hartmut	VECHIATTO Claudia	-0.12	60
THOMPSON Jenny	FLICKER Damon	-0.12	100
GROSSACK Adam	KOLESNIK Emma	-0.14	70
WOOLDRIDGE Joel	EDMONDS Jodi	-0.18	40
MANNO Andrea	OH Hye Min	-0.21	90
HOFFMAN Julia	QUAIL Christopher	-0.22	60
GARTAGANIS Nicholas	GARTAGANIS Judith	-0.22	60
KURANOGLU Serap	ERDEM Serdar	-0.22	50
BELLO Isabelle	LORENZINI Cedric	-0.23	80
ERICHSEN Espen	ERICHSEN Helen	-0.24	80
POPLILOV Matilda	HETZ Nathan	-0.24	50

SIVERTSVIK Ranja	BOGO Kaare	-0.26	70
FOURCAUDOT Marc-Andre	BLANK Sondra	-0.27	70
MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine	POULSEN Flemming	-0.28	100
McALLISTER John Grayson	SCHIRESON Olivia	-0.29	100
GOLD David	KNOTTENBELT Maggie	-0.30	50
BOCKEN Patrick	MIERZWA Aleksandra	-0.35	60
GOWER Craig	ROSSLEE Diana	-0.38	99
GRUE Joe	MINITER Gillian	-0.40	40
PURTA Marcin	PURTA Malgorzata	-0.41	90
LAW Manju	MAITRA Uday	-0.43	90
AMOILS Leslie	RIMSTEDT Sandra	-0.44	50
OHNO Kyoko	YAMADA Akihiko	-0.45	89
BASKAN Burak	SALHON Riva	-0.45	99
DENIZCI Volkan	DENIZCI Aylin	-0.46	100
PLACKETT Richard Mark	DESCHEPPER Mia	-0.47	60
NAIDOO Bindiya	SINHA Priya Ranjan	-0.49	89
DINKIN Sam	TEBHA Anam	-0.50	50
FISCHER Brigitta	RIMSTEDT Ola	-0.52	60
TEBHA Anam	FREEMAN Jacob	-0.52	50
BROGELAND Tonje Aasand	AUSTAD Jostein	-0.52	100
RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ Olgierd	RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ Ewa	-0.53	60
SMYKALLA Gisela	SCHNEIDER Michael	-0.54	70
OZAN Eren	AKHUN Mustafa	-0.55	99
KAHYAOGLU Yusuf	OZGUR Hatice	-0.56	50
VERBEEK Tim	CHRISTENSEN Malene Holm	-0.56	80
O'SHEA William	BAUER Tracey	-0.60	90
DE FALCO Dano	CAYNE Patricia	-0.60	40
BREWIAK Grazyna	LATOS Tomasz	-0.62	50
CHEMALY Larry	BATEMAN Nicola Mae	-0.66	99
DUCKWORTH Christine	CALLAGHAN Brian	-0.71	100
ATTANASIO Dario	MANARA Gabriella	-0.72	60
ZHAO Jinlong	SHIMAZAKI Ayako	-0.72	89
WENNING Ulrich	WENNING Karin	-0.73	70
BAREL Michael	KATZ Paz	-0.77	60
LESLIE Paula	COPE Simon	-0.77	70
AITCHISON Susan	FORSYTH James	-0.80	90
EGGELING Marie	GOTARD Thomas	-0.85	98
SANDQVIST Niklas (Nick)	SHASHOU Nathalie	-0.93	100
OKLA Joanna	OKLA Szczepan	-0.94	80
GUPTA Uttam	KOCHAR Rubinder Kaur	-0.99	90
PELLEGRINI Carlos	GAMIO Claudia Valerie	-1.00	58
DE KOSTER Robbie	POPPE Eva	-1.07	60
SARNIAK Anna	CHALUPEC Igor	-1.07	60
ZACK Yaniv	BENIN-BARR Ronnie	-1.08	60
BEAUCHAMP David	TUTTY Jodi	-1.12	60
HUANG Shan	MILLENS Joan	-1.27	30
PSZCZOLA Jacek	SAKR May	-1.33	40
KANDOLU Ozlem	MASKARA Subodh	-1.36	89
KAYA Emre	OZGUR Hatice	-1.50	30
SEALE Catherine	HELNESS Fredrik	-1.56	80
BRINK Sjoert	FERM Barbara	-2.13	40