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IBPA Personalities of the Year

Anshul Bhatt & Christian Lahrmann

Anshul Bhatt
(India)

Christian Lahrmann
(Denmark)

This year, IBPA celebrates Junior Bridge, and especially, two fantastic Junior players as our joint winners of the Personality of the Year Award.

Thirteen-year-old Anshul Bhatt, a grade-nine student at the Dhirubhai Ambani International School in Mumbai, India, became the second-youngest World Bridge Champion ever and the youngest-ever to win three gold medals after winning the Under-16 Pairs, the Under-16 Teams and the Under-16 Triathlon at the 2022 World Transnational Youth Championships in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy in August, 2022. He and his partner, Darwin Li from Toronto, Canada, had only played with each other online before this tournament. In the teams, Bhatt and Li were joined by Albert Pedmanson and Jasper Vahk of Estonia.

This was the second success for Anshul at the World Youth Championships. He was also the youngest-ever recipient of the Joan Gerard Award, which aims at rewarding aptitude, fair play, good sportsmanship, and a friendly international spirit. Anshul won this prestigious award at the age of eight in 2017 at the Open World Youth Championships in Lyon, France.

After the tournament, Anshul received congratulations from Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, who shares his love for bridge, in appreciation of his outstanding achievement in the championship. "Very fun to learn more about the new youth world champion in my favorite pastime. Here's a belated congratulations, Anshul Bhatt!" Gates said in a tweet on September 30. Before the tournament, Anshul received a telephone call from Sachin Tendulkar, the 'god' of Indian cricket, offering him advice on dealing with expectations, nerves and pressure.

In India, Anshul had previously won the Under-26 Indian Junior National Bridge Championship in 2018, and the Under-21 Indian Junior National Bridge Championship in 2021. He has diverse interests and an insatiable curiosity that encompasses the sciences, the arts and the humanities. He enjoys reading, board and video games, writing short stories, squash, cricket, football and cycling.

So, who was the only player younger than Anshul Bhatt ever to win a World Bridge Championship? It was Christian Lahrmann who, at 12 years of age, won the World Under-16 Pairs with Soren Bune in Opatija, Croatia in 2015. Christian was also successful in Salsomaggiore this year, winning gold in the Under-21 Teams (with partner Léo Rombaut of France and teammates Nikolai Haiberg-Evenstad, Norway, and Andreas Abragi, Harry Hjorth Warlenius and Ivar Lichtenstein, all from Sweden) and bronze in the Under-21 Pairs, again with Léo Rombaut.

This year, Christian Lahrmann had the unique distinction of playing in two European Championships and two World Championships (the Youth and Open in both cases). As well as his success in the World Youth Championships, he won a bronze medal for Denmark in the European Under-21 Teams. Christian also played for Denmark in the 2022 European National Teams Championship in Madeira, finishing eleventh. There's an outside chance that his team will qualify for next year's Bermuda Bowl in Marrakech, depending on whether any Asian teams withdraw because of COVID travel restrictions by their governments. In the 2022 Rosenblum, Christian played on a Danish-Dutch team and qualified for the knockout portion of the event.

These two young men embody what is best about bridge and give us hope for the future of the game.

The Alan Truscott Memorial Award

Alan Truscott, circa 1964, *The New York Times*

The Alan Truscott Award is presented periodically to an individual or organisation that, in the opinion of the IBPA Executive, has done something in the world of bridge that Alan would have approved of and appreciated. Alan was an IBPA Executive member, serving as its president from 1981 to 1985 and was the long-time Bridge Editor of *The New York Times*. Alan was also a fine player: before leaving England for the United States, Alan represented Great Britain internationally, earning a first and second in the European Team Championships and a third in the Bermuda Bowl. Before such things were forbidden, he served as the NPC for Bermuda and Brazil in World Championships.

2022 Recipient: Marek Malysa

Marek Malysa (Poland)

Dr. Malysa is a retired mathematics professor from Gdansk University, past-Chair of the WBF Bridge and Science Committee, on-site organiser of the 2016 World Bridge Games and 2022 World Bridge Series, both in Wrocław, an author, a bridge teaching programme developer, and the organiser of several scientific conferences. Today, he leads the research at Nicolaus Copernicus

University in Toruń, Poland, on bridge's effect on patients with dementias, including Alzheimer's disease.

Marek Malysa has also been a Vice-President of the Polish Bridge Union and a member of the Seniors Committee of the European Bridge League and the World Bridge Federation. In November 2017, with Samantha Punch, he started the Bridge and Science Committee (now a part of the Development Committee) of the World Bridge Federation. Scientific research in bridge had already been established: Samantha Punch of the University of Stirling had created the Sociology of Bridge, with its own Ph.D. programme; Véronique Ventos, with NukkAI, is exploring Artificial Intelligence to be used in bridge; and the first and second International Scientific Conferences dedicated to our game took place in Poland with the third one in Croatia and the fourth in Scotland, respectively. The Fifth Anniversary Conference is scheduled for 23-24 January, 2023, again in Poland (Toruń).

Marek led the Bridge 60-plus project, which helped launch 310 bridge clubs for the elderly in Poland. He is also Chairman of the Council of the Bridge to the People Foundation (at *www.bridgetothepeople.eu*), which funds research into the social and health benefits of bridge. Marek has been Non-Playing Captain of the Polish Under-21 team in European and World Championships and he was coach of the Polish Women's team at the European Championships in Opatija in 2016. He has been involved with BAMSA from the beginning and his contribution includes setting up the first two international academic conferences on bridge.

Today, Marek's main interest is bridge's rôle in preventing, slowing and reversing the effects of dementias and, particularly, Alzheimer's disease. The pilot research is represented by two papers about bridge and Alzheimer therapy and dementia prevention. These can be found here:
http://www.worldbridge.org/…/pilot-study-on-the-well-being…/
http://bridgetothepeople.eu/research-results/

IBPA feels that Alan would love the idea of Marek's research and is proud to present him with the 2022 Alan Truscott Memorial Award.

The Master Point Press IBPA Book of the Year

Bridge with Another Perfect Partner
by John Carruthers, Canada

Master Point Press, Toronto, Mar. 1, 2022;
220pp, paperback and e-book, US$19.95;
ISBN 978-1-77140-072-5.

From the publisher:

Bridge with a Perfect Partner, by P. F. Saunders, was published in 1976. Many read and delighted in Saunders' articles in Bridge Magazine (UK), and Saunders' character Wilson, according to the flyleaf of the book, is "... an austere character, whose scholarly discourses are enlivened by frequent flashes of mordant wit." The anonymous narrator comments, "He is very kind in explaining, when I go down in a contract, just how I could have made it and, when he goes down, just how my bidding misled him." We've all played with partners like that, though few of them have had Wilson's devastating, articulate wit. In this sequel, one of the world's top bridge journalists takes the reader through a brilliant series of deals, collected from tournaments all over the world. The style is highly reminiscent of Sanders' original and will give its readers just as much pleasure.

John Carruthers

From the book:

9. A Tiny Precaution

"We had an amazing deal at the tournament last week," Selby informed me after having returned from a distant event with hardware and cash. Unlike him, I had a life outside bridge and work. "May I give it to you as a single-dummy problem?" he asked.

"If you must," I replied. My experience of Selby's problems is that they are designed to showcase my deficiencies as a declarer or defender.

Dealer N. EW vul.

♠ A 6 2
♡ A K 10 3
♢ Q 5 4 3
♣ 7 6

♠ 5
♡ 7
♢ A K 8 7 6 2
♣ A K 9 8 5

West	North	East	South
—	1♡	2♠	3♢
3♠	4♢	Pass	4NT[1]
Pass	5♠[2]	Pass	7♢
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Roman Key-Card Blackwood
2. 2 key cards and the queen of diamonds

Selby set the stage. "I was South. Playing four-card majors and strong notrumps, I took a slight chance that North would not have three low clubs on the auction; or if he did, that his hearts might provide discards, or that I could organize some sort of squeeze. The opponents' spades appeared to be six-three, thus North rated to have three of them as well. With his eight, nine or ten red cards, that did not leave room for more than two clubs, perhaps fewer. I thought that keeping my club suit hidden in the auction might also play to my advantage."

"West leads the seven of spades. Over to you, maestro." Irony was not Selby's strong suit.

I could see at a glance that if the trumps were two-one, I could ruff two clubs in the dummy and discard one on a high heart. I'd still be okay if West had all three trumps, since dummy's queen of

diamonds would be in an overruff position. I could, in that case, take the ace and king of diamonds before playing on clubs. It could not hurt to play a high diamond from hand to test the trump layout.

I said as much. "I win with the ace of spades and lead a diamond to the ace."

"I regret to say you are down one," Selby replied instantly, exaggerating his sadness slightly. "Usually, you go down a little more slowly than that. Look at the full deal…"

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

"You can now see all 52 cards. Does that help?" Selby asked.

I had to confess that it did not. "Not really," I answered. "I need to draw all the trumps to prevent East from trumping a club. Then I can play the top clubs and ruff one in the dummy, come back to hand with a spade ruff and run my diamonds. West will be forced to unguard hearts to keep a club winner, but East can then take over as guardian of the heart suit. It looks like the contract cannot be made."

"Perhaps it cannot be made by you," Selby retorted, "but I assure you it is cold."

I sighed. "Please explain," I said wearily.

"You had a glimpse of the truth when you mentioned the impossibility of a squeeze on West. You just got it backwards. It is indeed possible, even necessary to squeeze West. Watch: win the first trick with the ace of spades and ruff a spade. This is the key play of the deal. Then play the ace of diamonds, as you suggested, to test that layout. West shows out, discarding a spade, so you play a diamond to the queen, and ruff another spade. Cash the king of diamonds. Look what is about to happen…"

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

"West is to play to the sixth trick on the king of diamonds. If he discards a heart, three rounds of that suit sets up a long card in the dummy, with a club ruff as the entry. If he discards a club, one ruff sets up the suit with a heart ruff as the entry."

"You are correct – that is a fantastic deal."

"Declarer needs to take the precaution of trumping a spade at trick two. It is a move that cannot possibly cost and, as here, it reduces West's flexibility in discarding. It's very difficult for an ordinary player to see the necessity of the spade ruff at trick two but, without taking that precaution, the grand slam cannot be made," Selby expounded. "Then when trumps turn out to be three-zero, a second spade ruff is necessary as well. By ruffing two spades, you reduce West's ability to discard from that suit."

"There are other slightly different sequences of plays that are successful, but they all have in common ruffing dummy's two low spades and trump-squeezing West. Had you noticed that leading a low heart kills the grand slam?"

I had not. But at least I knew I'd been elevated to 'ordinary' in Selby's estimation.

Other Shortlisted Candidates

David Bird, *The Abbot's Senior Moment*, Master Point Press, Toronto, Feb. 8, 2022; 198pp, paperback and e-book, US$19.95; ISBN 978-1-77140-249-1.
Hugh Darwen, *A Compendium of Double Dummy Problems: Double Dummy Bridge Problems from 1896 to 2005*, Master Point Press, Toronto, Oct. 22, 2021; 336pp, paperback and e-book, US$39.95; ISBN 978-1-77140-244-6.
Allan DeSerpa, John Mohan and Richard Catero, *Pancakes and Waffles: Better Bidding by Simulation*, Self-published, Dec. 2021; paperback and e-book, 197pp, US$17.95; ISBN 978-168524265-7.
Mark Horton, *Misbid These Hands with Me*, Master Point Press, Toronto, Nov. 15, 2021; 200pp, paperback and e-book, US$19.95; ISBN 978-1-77140-068-8.

The Justin Lall Memorial Declarer Play of the Year

Justin Lall (1986-2020)

Winner: Terry Brown (Australia)
Journalists: Ron Klinger, Liam Milne & Julian Foster (Australia)
Article: *Oz Bridge*
Event: 2021 NSW Open Teams Trial
Source: IBPA Bulletin 679, August 2021, p. 9

Terry Brown

Session 1. Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Buchen		*Brown*
—	—	Pass	1♣
Double	3♣[1]	3NT	Double
4♢	Pass	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Pre-emptive

West led the king of diamonds: five – two – ace. South (Terry Brown) played the two of spades: four – jack – queen. East switched to the seven of hearts. South won, cashed the spade ace, ruffed a spade in dummy and continued with the nine of clubs. East rose with the ace and led the two of hearts. South won with the king, ruffed a heart in dummy and ruffed the six of diamonds in hand. This was the ending:

	♠ —	
	♡ —	
	♢ 9	
	♣ K 8 5	
♠ 10		♠ —
♡ Q		♡ —
♢ Q J		♢ 8 7
♣ —		♣ J 7
	♠ 7	
	♡ 6	
	♢ —	
	♣ Q 10	

On the ten of clubs to the king, West discarded the jack of diamonds, but on the club five to the queen, West was squeezed in three suits. To throw the queen of diamonds would leave dummy high. When West discarded the ten of spades, South played the established seven of spades to discard dummy's diamond!

"In over 50 years of playing bridge, I have never had this squeeze before," said Brown. Hardly a surprise there.

Peter Buchen, who was North, made the following points:

1. The nine of diamonds (the Curse of Scotland) was a threat against the king-queen-jack-ten!
2. A double of four diamonds would have yielded plus 800, but then a great deal and play would have been consigned to oblivion.
3. After East rose with ace of clubs, a diamond return would have given South an easy run to 11 tricks via five clubs in dummy, two diamond ruffs in hand, plus the ace of spades, the ace and king of hearts and the ace of diamonds.
4. The play was a variation of the Schroeder Squeeze, a.k.a. a trump stepping-stone squeeze (https://www.bridgehands.com/S/Schroeder_Squeeze.htm), a squeeze against three singletons without the count. Terry Brown's squeeze was similar, but with the count.
5. In the other room, North/South were minus 50 in five clubs, so that plus 550 was worth 12 IMPs.
6. Four other declarers made five clubs and so did Deep Finesse.

Other Shortlisted Candidates

Bulletin	Player	Author
678.9	John Henriksen (DEN)	Jens Otto (Charles) Pedersen (DEN)
681.8	Jason Chiu (USA)	Suzi Subeck (USA)
682.3	Jan Aril Olsen (NOR)	Knut Kjærnsrød (NOR)
683.16	Peter Fredin (SWE)	Brian Senior (ENG)
684.2	Ju Chuancheng (CHN)	Jie (Jerry) Li (CHN)
687.6	Per-Ola Cullin (SWE)	Owen Lien (USA)
688.4	Nedju Buchlev (BUL)	Barry Rigal (USA)

The Gidwani Family Trust Defence of the Year

Dilip Gidwani

Winner: Boye Brogeland (Norway)
Journalist: John Carruthers (Canada)
Article: *Rescuing Partner*
Event: 2022 ACBL Spring NABC (Reno)
Source: IBPA Bulletin 688, May 2022, p. 6

Boye Brogeland

On this board from the third-quarter Vanderbilt semifinal match between ROSENTHAL and SPECTOR, Boye Brogeland found a fantastic counter to protect his partner, Christian Bakke, from allowing John Kranyak's four spades to succeed.

Board 38. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

	♠ 8 3 ♡ J 8 6 5 3 ♢ J 8 4 2 ♣ K 9	
♠ Q 9 6 2 ♡ A 7 4 ♢ Q ♣ Q 10 8 6 3		♠ A K J 5 4 ♡ Q 9 ♢ K 9 3 ♣ J 4 2
	♠ 10 7 ♡ K 10 2 ♢ A 10 7 6 5 ♣ A 7 5	

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Demuy	*Bakke*	*Kranyak*	*Brogeland*
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Brogeland led the ten of spades. Kranyak won with dummy's queen and led a low club. Had Bakke risen with his king, an almost-impossible play with that dummy on view, either a club continuation or a heart shift would have defeated four spades. As it was, the play went three of clubs, nine, jack, seven! Declarer led the nine of diamonds to the ace next. Brogeland continued with the five of clubs! Bakke won with his king and shifted to a heart for one off.

At the other table:

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Willenken	*Hurd*	*Jansma*	*Bathurst*
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT[1]	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Strong four-card spade raise in context

Kevin Bathurst led a heart, which Jansma ducked to his queen. Declarer led the ace of spades and, when all followed, claimed plus 420; 10 IMPs to ROSENTHAL.

Other Shortlisted Candidates

Bulletin	Player(s)	Author
681.11	Brad Moss – Joe Grue (USA)	John Carruthers (CAN)
682.17	Piotr Gawrys – Krzysztof Jassem (POL)	Karlis Rubins (LAT)
683.15	Tracey Bauer – George Jacobs (USA)	Toine van Hoof (NED)
684.3	Jie (Jerry) Li – Shen Qi (CHN)	Jie (Jerry) Li (CHN)
684.15	Tom Hoiland (NOR)	Nils Kvangraven (NOR)
684.15	Steve Levinson – Barnet Shenkin (SCO)	Nils Kvangraven (NOR)

The Yeh Bros.
Best Bid Deal of the Year

Chen Yeh

Winners: Alex Gipson/Paul Gipson (Scotland)
Journalist: Barnet Shenkin (Scotland)
Article: *Scotland's Winter Fours*
Event: 2022 Scottish Bridge Union Winter Fours
Source: IBPA Bulletin 687, April 2022, p. 10

Alex Gipson

Paul Gipson

This online event and was a double knockout – you had to lose twice before you were out of the tournament. The final was between (SHORT) Brian Short, Alan Goodman, Alex Gipson and Paul Gipson, who were undefeated, and (SELIGMAN) Marty Seligman, Jacek Pszczola, Michal Kwiecien and Wlodzimierz Starkowski. SHORT led throughout the match until the second-last board.

Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*Paul Gipson*	*Kwiecien*	*Alex Gipson*
—	—	—	1♡
Pass	2♣[1]	Pass	3♢[2]
Pass	3♡[3]	Pass	4♢[4]
Pass	4NT[5]	Pass	5♡[6]
Pass	5♠[7]	Pass	5NT[8]
Pass	7♢	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. FG or clubs
2. 15+ HCP, 5/5 in hearts/diamonds
3. Relay
4. 3=5=5=0
5. RKCB for diamonds
6. 2 key cards, no queen of diamonds
7. King ask
8. Heart king

North knew, counting the high-card points, that South had to hold the heart queen or spade queen to take care of his third heart. The grand slam had odds of success of more than 80 percent with diamonds to split 2-2 or hearts to split 3-2 or the smaller chance of long diamonds to be with long hearts. West believed the auction. Perhaps he had played this pair before, and refrained from leading the ace of clubs, choosing instead a trump. Thus, the contract was doomed to fail.

At the other table, the contract was five hearts, just making, for an undeserved gain of 13 IMPs. That was enough for SELIGMAN to win by 5 IMPs. North/South can consider themselves unlucky to lose the tournament here, but perhaps they might win an award for best-bid deal!

Other Shortlisted Candidates:

Bulletin	Player(s)	Author
678.6	Boye Brogeland – Espen Lindqvist (NOR)	Marc Smith (ENG)
678.8	Sjoert Brink – Sebastiaan Drijver (NED)	Marc Smith (ENG)
681.14	John Kranyak – Gavin Wolpert (USA)	John Carruthers (CAN)
683.4	Dong Chunhui – Wang Jian (CHN)	Jie (Jerry) Li (CHN)
683.12	Anne-Laure Tartarin – Cédric Lorenzini (FRA)	Mark Horton (ENG)
687.7	Chris Willenken – Jan Jansma (USA/NED)	Jan Jansma (NED)
687.8	Mikael Rimstedt – Ola Rimstedt (SWE)	Mark Horton (ENG)

The Richard Freeman Junior Deal of the Year

Dick Freeman

Winner: Ben Norton (England)
Journalist: Paul Barden (England)
Article: *Bermuda Bowl, Round Robin 16, England vs. Switzerland*
Event: 2022 Bermuda Bowl, Salsomaggiore
Source: IBPA Bulletin 688, May 2022, p. 5

Ben Norton

In Round 16, England, in fifth place, played Switzerland, the leaders of the Round Robin.

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

	♠ A K 7 ♡ A 7 3 ♢ A K 3 2 ♣ A Q 5	
♠ 8 6 5 ♡ J 10 6 5 ♢ 6 ♣ K 10 6 4 2		♠ Q 4 ♡ 4 ♢ J 10 9 8 7 4 ♣ J 9 8 7
	♠ J 10 9 3 2 ♡ K Q 9 8 2 ♢ Q 5 ♣ 3	

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	*Drijver*	*Townsend*	*Brink*
Pass	2♣[1]	Pass	2♡[2]
Pass	3♡[3]	Pass	4♣[4]
Pass	4NT[5]	Pass	5♣[6]
Pass	5♢[7]	Pass	5NT[8]
Pass	7NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Strong, artificial, forcing
2. Natural, two of the top three honours
3. Agrees hearts
4. Singleton diamond (!)
5. RKCB
6. 1 or 4 key cards
7. Heart queen?
8. Queen of hearts, no outside king

Brink's four clubs showed a singleton diamond by agreement, contrary to his intentions, after which the players had different views of the auction, until they agreed that seven notrump was to play. This contract needed the spade suit, regardless of whether the hearts were breaking. Tom Townsend led the jack of diamonds and, since Drijver couldn't see through the backs of the cards, play proceeded diamond ace, heart ace-king, spade ace, diamond queen, spade finesse, for one off.

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Norton*	*Gawrys*	*Bell*
Pass	2♣[1]	Pass	2♢[2]
Pass	2♡[3]	Pass	2♠[4]
Pass	2NT5	Pass	3♣[6]
Double	Redouble[7]	Pass	3♡[8]
Pass	4♣[9]	Pass	4NT[10]
Pass	5♢[11]	Pass	5NT[12]
Pass	6♣[13]	Pass	6♡
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Strong
2. Waiting
3. Hearts or balanced
4. Forced
5. 24+ HCP, balanced
6. Stayman
7. Suggestion to play
8. 5+ hearts, 4+ spades
9. Control; agrees hearts
10. RKCB
11. 1 or 4 key cards
12. King ask
13. Either the club king or both the spade and diamond kings

North-South played the third-best slam. Norton won the club lead with the queen, got the bad news in hearts, and ducked the third round. He won the spade exit, ruffed a club to hand, and drew the last trump...

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

Now he had to commit himself. West had had four hearts and, if the carding were to be believed, five clubs, consistent with his double of three clubs. It seemed likely that East would have length in spades and diamonds. So, declarer discarded his low spade on the queen of hearts, and crossed to the king of spades, planning to cash the ace of clubs to squeeze East whenever he was four-four or three-five in spades and diamonds. Unluckily for him, in a sense, East was two-six, but luckily his spade doubleton included the queen, so Norton made his contract to win 14 IMPs. Seven declarers in the Bermuda Bowl played six hearts and Norton was the only one to make it.

Other Shortlisted Candidates:

Bulletin	Name	Author
677.14	Zack Grossack (USA)	Mark Horton (ENG)
682.2	Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad (NOR)	Knut Kjærnsrød (NOR)
685.5	Sophie Sjødal (SWE)	Knut Kjærnsrød (NOR)
686.8	Léo Rombaut (FRA)	Erdal Sidar (TUR)
688.9	Sanna Clementsson (SWE)	Ron Tacchi (FRA)