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The Editors wish all members seasonal greetings.

Within this issue you should find the new Annual Membership Renewal Form. There are big changes to our procedures, approved at the Annual General Meeting in Lille, so please note them carefully.

The main one is the discontinuation of the regional collectors. No longer do you pay to people such as Henry Francis in the USA, Evelyn Senn in the Netherlands or Suzie Klinger in Australia. We thank these collectors warmly for the work they have done in the past. From this month all subscriptions must be paid to the Membership Secretary, Stuart Staveley. To assist members to do this, the organisation now accepts the major credit cards listed in the instructions. (British members may also use debit cards as noted in the Postbag).

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Patrick Jourdain - Editor

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ZIA & HOWARD WEINSTEIN WIN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

Orlando 21st -30th Nov '98 Bulletins edited by Brent Manley & Henry Francis; Internet: Burghard

Zia Mahmood & Howard Weinstein, playing together for the first time in years, won the Blue Ribbon Pairs by more than two boards.

The runners-up were Eric Rodwell & Marty Seligman, followed by the 1996 Blue Ribbon champs, Bob Blanchard and Jim Krekorian.

Entry: 366 pairs reduced to 78 for final

1	Howard Weinstein- Zia Mahmood	1297
2	Eric Rodwell- Marty Seligman	1215
3	Robert Blanchard - Jim Krekorian	1199
4	Jan Martel - Chip Martel	1171
5	Steve Beatty-Paul Munafo	1148
6	Billy Miller-John Sutherlin	1145
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18	JoAnna Stansby - Lew Stansby	1108
19	Nader Hanna-Robert Lebi (Can)	1097
20	Fred Stewart-Kit Woolsey	1096

"My secret," Zia joked after the game, "is to play with Jewish guys who have German-sounding names." Zia's regular partner, with whom he has had considerable success, is Michael Rosenberg. The globe-trotting Pakistani is a two-time ACBL Player of the Year.

Weinstein, who became a Grand Life Master at this tournament, said he and Zia played a few times "five or 10 years ago" but not since. They hooked up when Weinstein's regular partner, Steve Garner, wasn't available.

Weinstein & Garner have been hot lately, winning the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams last fall in St. Louis, placing fourth in the Cavendish this spring and winning the TGR Auction Pairs in a strong field in London this summer.

At the world championships in Lille, France, Weinstein, Garner, Sidney Lazard and Bart Bramley lost by 3 IMPs in the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams to the Italian team which went on to win the event.

Weinstein is an options trader on the Chicago Board of Options Exchange. The Blue Ribbon was his sixth North American championship. On this Blue Ribbon deal most North-South's failed in 3NT. Four Spades can be made but Zia scored 34/38 matchpoints for this effort:

Dlr: North ♠ A Q
Love all ♥ J 9 6 5

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

West	North	East	South
	Weinstein		Zia
	Pass	Pass	1♠
3♣	Dble	All Pass!	

Howard Weinstein led ♠A, then ♣6, ducked by Zia. A spade off dummy was taken by Zia's ace, dropping his partner's queen. Zia drew dummy's last trump, and reading his partner's trump echo as showing three, followed with ♠J and a spade ruff to collect 300.

On another Blue Ribbon deal, Zia, South, found a brilliant deception. Sadly, the diamonds were 3-3, making it unnecessary:

Dlr: West ♠ 7 3
Love all ♥ A 9 8
 ♦ K Q 3
 ♣ A 8 7 5 4
♠ K Q 10 9 8 6 ♠ A 4
♥ 10 4 ♥ Q 7 3
♦ 7 5 2 ♦ J 10 9
♣ Q 2 ♣ K 10 9 6 3
♠ J 5 2
♥ K J 6 5 2
♦ A 8 6 4
♣ J

West	North	East	South
2♠	Dble	Pass	4♥ End

West led ♠K, overtaken by East's ace. On the next spade Zia began his deception by putting on the jack. West won with the queen and, knowing the position, continued with a third spade. He chose the *eight*, perhaps to imply his outside card was in clubs. However, this allowed Zia to complete his brilliancy by throwing a diamond from the table!

East, completely taken in, assumed Zia had the winning ten of spades, and so ruffed his partner's winner. The trumps now broke 2-2, and Zia had a trump left in dummy to care of the fourth diamond should they not break!

Larry Cohen, playing with David Berkowitz, was a level too high on this deal from the Blue Ribbon Final. The opening lead helped, but there was still much to do:

Dlr: West ♠ Q 5 3 2
E/W Game ♥ 9 8 4
 ♦ K Q 9 8 6

	♣ 8		
♠ A 10		♠ J 8 4	
♥ A K 10 2		♥ Q 7 3	
♦ A 10 2		♦ 7 5 4	
♣ J 10 6 4		♣ Q 9 7 2	
	♠ K 9 7 6		
	♥ J 6 5		
	♦ J 3		
	♣ A K 5 3		
West	North	East	South
	Cohen		Berkowitz
1NT	2♦ (1)	Pass	2♥ (2)
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠ End

3. **Jeff Wolfson**, Neil Silverman, Lew Stansby, Chip Martel, Zia Mamood, Michael Rosenberg 36.35
4. **Nick Nickell**, Dick Freeman, Paul Soloway, Bob Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell 35.38

- (1) DONT: diamonds and a major.
- (2) Pass or correct.

East led a low club. Cohen cashed two clubs, throwing a heart. He then played ♦3 to his king and a low diamond to the jack. West won the ace and cashed a high heart, continuing with a heart to East's queen. Cohen ruffed the third round of hearts and played a low diamond, ruffing low in dummy. He then played a low spade, winning the queen when West played the 10, leaving:

	♠ 5 3		
	♥ ---		
	♦ Q 9		
	♣ ---		
♠ A		♠ J 8	
♥ 10		♥ ---	
♦ ---		♦ ---	
♣ J 10		♣ Q 9	
	♠ K 9		
	♥ ---		
	♦ ---		
	♣ 5 3		

Cohen played the ♦Q, East discarded the ♣Q and Cohen pitched a club from dummy. West refused to ruff with the ♠A. When Cohen continued with the ♦9, East ruffed in with the ♠J, Cohen overruffed with the king and West in turn overruffed with the ace. At that point, Cohen claimed. If West led a club, Cohen could ruff as East followed suit and win trick 13 with the good ♠9. If West led a heart, Cohen could ruff, catching East in a coup of sorts. If East overruffed, dummy's 9 could overruff East and Cohen could ruff dummy's losing club at trick 13. Making 140 was worth 35 out of 38 matchpoints.

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Reisinger results with two sessions to play:

1. Rita **Shugart**, Robson, Geir Helgemo, Tony Forrester (USA, GB, Nor) 37.20
2. George **Jacobs**, Ralph Katz, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria, Peter Weichsel, Alan Sontag (USA, Ita) 36.67

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Barry Rigal

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85.

Dlr: West	♠ 6 2	
Vul: None	♥ A J 10 5	
	♦ 7 5 4 3	
	♣ J 6 4	
	♠ Q 10 7 4 3	♠ 9 8
	♥ 2	♥ Q 6 4 3
	♦ J 10 8 6 2	♦ Q 9
	♣ A 9	♣ K Q 10
5 2	♠ A K J 5	
	♥ K 9 8 7	
	♦ A K	
	♣ 8 7 3	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Hampson</i>		<i>Sutherlin</i>
<i>Greco</i>			
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

On this deal from the US Trials in 1998 Four Hearts looks a fairly hopeless game, and Hampson & Greco did well to avoid it. Mind you, the Three No-trump contract which Eric Greco steered himself to did not appear to have much play either, particularly when Ekeblad avoided leading spades, starting off with a diamond to the queen and king.

Greco started his tour of deception when he immediately led a low club from his hand to dummy's jack. Sutherlin won his queen and returned the nine of diamonds. Greco had to take this, and now played a heart to the ace and finessed in hearts successfully, then cashed two more heart tricks as West threw away two spades and a diamond. At this point Greco threw Ekeblad in with the ace of clubs; the latter could take his diamond winners, but had to lead spades into South's tenace at the end, for nine tricks.

The defence could clearly have prevailed in a number of ways, but right at the end the most culpable error was West's. He can afford to let go two spades, but on the last heart he must discard the ace of clubs - he can see the end-play looming if he does not.

IBPA Editor: Rigal does not say so, but South must have won the fourth heart in his own hand. If the lead is in dummy then it does no good for West to throw the ace of clubs, declarer just puts him on play with a diamond instead. However, if South is on lead, the defence succeeds. So declarer should retain the heart ace, and begin by running the jack and ten.

86.

Dlr: North	♠ A Q 6 2	
Vul: N/S Game	♥ A 8 5	
	♦ A 8 6	
	♣ 6 5 2	
	♠ 10 8	♠ K 9 7 5
3	♥ Q 6	♥ K 4 3
	♦ K Q J 10 9	♦ 5 4 3
	♣ J 8 7 3	♣ 10 4
	♠ J 4	
	♥ J 10 9 7 2	
	♦ 7 2	
	♣ A K Q 9	

West	North	East	South
<i>Westra</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Chemla</i>	<i>Zia</i>
-	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

On the above hand from the 1998 Generali Individual an expert player made a routine play without considering the requirements of the specific position. Fortunately for him, the defence were unable to take advantage of the oversight.

Westra led the king of diamonds against 4♥, which went to the six, three, and seven (a routine false card from Zia). Westra rather unimaginatively continued with a second diamond, and Zia won and crossed to hand twice in clubs, to take two finesses in hearts, making the routine ten tricks for an above average score.

Unremarkable, you may say. Yes, but Zia had given the defence a chance when he ducked the first diamond, a play which in practice could hardly gain. Similarly, Westra could have worked out that if declarer has two diamonds, continuing the suit achieves nothing, while even if he has three diamonds, there are no entries back to the West hand to reach the defence's second trick in that suit. If Westra had shifted to a spade at trick two, the defence can lead that suit at every opportunity, and can arrange a trump promotion for the queen of hearts, whatever Zia does.

87.

Dlr: West
Vul: Both

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When North opens 1♦, South naturally introduces his most economical suit, and hears his partner show a six-card suit by re-bidding his diamonds. South does not have enough to drive to game, but chooses 2NT as the most sensible way forward, and North has more than enough to accept the invitation.

The play on the hand is all about communications; both declarer's and the defence's. Unfortunately for declarer, when West leads the heart queen, it removes dummy's fast entry to the diamonds. South must therefore lead a low diamond from dummy at trick two and hope for a 3-2 split. But that is not the end of the story; East takes the jack of diamonds and plays a second heart, and South has to duck this trick, to protect against this actual lay-out of the cards, where West has five hearts and no quick entry. West wins the second heart and plays another heart, but South can now take his king, and run the diamond winners. Then he plays on spades, and West has heart winners, but East can't reach him. Ducking the second heart cut the defensive communications.

88.

Dlr: North
Vul: Both

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Hamman</i>		<i>Nickell</i>
	1♦	1♥	2♣
Dble	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

On this deal from the 1998 Cavendish, the winners picked up a sizeable swing by going plus with the N/S cards here, not easy to do once Hamman opened the North cards. Hamman did not care whether or not 3♣ was supposed to be forcing; he could see his hand was likely to be useless to his partner, and passed anyway.

On the opening heart lead against 3♣, Nickell won in dummy and played a spade at trick two. East hopped up with the king and played a trump. Nickell could now win the ♣K and cross to the ♦A, to play the ♣A and ♣J, and drive out the queen of trumps. The defence could force declarer twice, once in either red suit, but Nickell drew the last trump and then led top spades at every opportunity. At trick 13, having taken his ♠J, West was on lead with the ♠6 in his hand, and Nickell scored up his contract with the ♠9.

Note that East has a defense. Unlikely as it may seem he can beat 3♣ by returning a spade at trick three. West wins the ♠J and leads a low spade to promote his ♣9. In these sorts of positions since there is generally only a finite amount of brain power to expend on any hand, it is natural to assume that you should do whatever declarer does not want you to do. Here the fact that declarer is playing the side-suit seems to mean that you should not do the same thing, but should play trumps, does it not?

The Australian Spring Nationals

Sydney, November '98 by Dick Cummings
(Australia)

In the final of the Grand National Open teams, **Adelaide I** (Joe Haffer, David Horton, Phil Markey, George Smolanko) beat **Sydney II** (Peter Fordham, Michael Hughes, Barbara McDonald, Bruce Neill, Alan Walsh) 138-130; and, in the final of the Spring National Open Teams, Jesel **Rothfield** (capt), Carol Rothfield, Khokan Bagchi, Seamus Browne, Ishmael Del'Monte, Bob Richman beat Peter **Smith** (capt), Terry Brown, Phil Gue, Peter Reynolds, Nigel Rosendorff, Paul Yovich 150-99.

Marcia **Scudder** (capt), Inez Glanger, Lynn Kalmin, Elli Urbach held on in a nail-biting last set to win the Spring National Women's Championship final from Margaret **Bourke's** team, 162-152.

Dlr : East ♠ A 8 7 6 3
Love all ♥ 6 5
 ♦ A Q 4
 ♣ Q J 3

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

 ♠ Q J
 ♥ A Q 7 2
 ♦ J 9 7 5
 ♣ 8 7 6

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

West, using 3rd and 5th leads, chose ♥8, a debatable choice with ♥J available, but it proved unimportant which heart he chose.

Bilski ducked East's ♥K, won the return with ♥A, then ran ♠Q to East's ♠K. Next came a third heart won by ♥Q (dummy discarding ♠6), a diamond finesse of the queen, and a spade to the jack. Then a club towards dummy ensured that when East won he would have to give declarer his seventh trick on the return.

In practice East won the club and returned ♦10, covered by jack, king and ace. South cashed ♠A, discarding a club, and West also had to throw a club. A club exit left West to cash his winning heart but he was then end-played, leading into South's diamond tenace.

Beautifully played for +120.

Khokan Bagchi & Seamus Browne, anchoring the Rothfield team to victory in the Spring National Open, showed why they are Australia's pair of the moment with a tour de force in both bidding and defence on a deal from the qualifying:

Dlr: South	♠ K Q 8
N/S Game	♥ 8 5
	♦ K J 10 9 4
	♣ K 10 5
♠ 4	♠ 7 3
♥ K 9 3 2	♥ Q J 10 7 6 4
♦ A 7 3	♦ 6 5 2
♣ A Q J 8 2	♣ 9 4
	♠ A J 10 9 6 5 2
	♥ A
	♦ Q 8
	♣ 7 6 3

South	West	North	East
1♠	Dble	Redbl	3♥
3♠	5♥	5♠	All Pass

Both heart pre-empts were well-judged to maximise pressure on opponents. Bagchi's 3♥ was enough. He avoided the swash-buckling 4♥, popular in today's destructive world, as it might put partner on the spot as to whether North's redouble was a psyche.

When North chose 5♠ the next question was West's opening lead. East had bid like a man with long hearts and nothing, North was likely to have diamond length. So Browne selected the superb lead of ♣A. When partner gave the natural signal of the nine, he continued with the queen to secure a one-trick defeat.

The ambiguity of the Multi can rebound on its user. When Jan Cormack opened 2♦ third-in-hand, the next hand overcalled 3♣. This came back to opener who doubled to show 20-22 balanced. When partner removes to 3♦, is this forcing or non-forcing?

Lester, with:

♠ 7 5 ♥ A 5 4 2 ♦ K 9 8 3 2 ♣ 8 6

thought so, but Cormack, with:

♠ A Q 8 3 ♥ K Q J 6 ♦ A 5 4 ♣ A 10

passed and they had missed a game. Passing the double (it was favourable vulnerability) would have netted at least 500, more than the game.

THE FRENCH LEAGUE by Jean-Paul Meyer (France)

The French Division Nationale Open was decided on the very last board after 300 deals were played over three weekends between the 16 teams qualified.

The top four were:

- 1 Chemla Levy Cronier M Bessis Reiplinger Meyer 263
- 2 Abecassis Quantin Lebel Soulet Dana Rombaut 261.5
- 3 Delmouly Roudinesco Ada Aujaleu Dechelette Leenhardt 260
- 4 Mouiel Mari Multon Vinciguerra Sussel Guillaumin 249

This very last hand is interesting

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

In the Closed Room Chemla-Levy played in 5♣ making six. In the Open Room:

Dlr: West; E-W Game

West	North	East	South
<i>Guillaumin</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Sussel</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
1♣	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

2♣ was inverted, 3♣ a natural sign-off, 3 values, and 4NT Roman Keycard Blackwood. The lead was ♠2, third and fifth best, to the King. There are two lines:

- (a) the club finesse, starting with the Jack of Clubs for safety reason against a 3/0 break; or
- (b) a club to the Ace and, if ♣K does not appear, strip the majors before playing another trump.

This second line (b) wins when the King of Clubs is bare or when he is second in the hand that holds the King of Diamonds.

A priori the first line is 50% and the second perhaps 54% chance. Pierre Yves Guillaumin played for the second and went down one when South held:

♠ KJ832 ♥ J853 ♦ K873 ♣ ----

So the declarer was unlucky? I am not so sure. At the first trick North is known to have Qxxxx in spades and South KJxxx with both minor kings. If not, North would have overcalled 1♠ at favourable vulnerability or South would have bid 2♠ over 2♣.

This deal featuring Michel Corn is from the French Premier League:

Dlr: South ♠ Q 10 8 5 4

N/S Game	♥ None
	♦ A 5 4
	♣ K Q 7 4 3
♠ K 3 2	♠ None
♥ Q J 10 8 6 3 2	♥ 9 5 4
♦ 7	♦ K Q J 10 9 8
♣ 9 8	♣ A J 10 6
	♠ A J 9 7 6
	♥ A K 7
	♦ 6 3 2
	♣ 5 2

South	West	North	East
1♠	3♥	4♥	5♦
Dble	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Michel Corn was declarer. West led ♦7 to the ace. The eight of spades was played from North. East discarded, and declarer put on the ace, and discarded his two diamond losers on the top hearts.

The contract looks safe now, but there is a hidden trap. What should declarer do next?

Suppose he plays a club. East wins and plays a diamond on which West ditches his last club. Declarer is stuck in dummy, must go down, as either West gets a club ruff, or West gets to win the ♠K and play a third trump to leave declarer a trick short.

Michel Corn, however, ruffed a heart at trick five, and then played the top club. East won and duly played a diamond on which West threw his last club. Corn ruffed in dummy and played a trump, West winning and playing a third one. Now the rest of the trumps squeezed East in the minors.

It was essential to the squeeze, to take the heart ruff when in hand at trick five.

ALL-STARS WIN LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Young Chelsea Bridge Club, London, 31st October-1st November 1998

Britain's most prestigious invitation team event, the Lederer, was won by the team led by Zia Mahmood. All-Star Andrew Robson won the Award for Best Play with Espen Erichsen & Tomas Charlsen of Norway taking the Awards both for Best Auction and Best Defence. Strangely all three came in the same match between the All-Stars and Norway. Format: Round Robin, 2 points-a-board and remainder on the IMP swing to make 60 VPs per match.

1. **All-Stars** Zia Mahmood, Andrew Robson, Gunnar Hallberg, Colin Simpson
269
2. **Premier League Champions** David Mossop, Tony Forrester, David Price, Tom Townsend, Phil King
256
3. **London** Glyn Liggins, Joe Fawcett, Steve Lodge, Peter Crouch
229
4. **Spring Fours** Champions Neil Rosen, Andrew McIntosh, Gerald & Stuart Tredinnick
213
5. **Norway** Boye Brogeland, Erik Salensmind, Tomas Charlsen, Espen Erichsen
206
6. **President** of London CBA (The Holders)
185
7. **Ireland**-Hanlon, Mesbur, Walshe, Toibin
177
8. **Scotland**: Walker-Murdoch-Piper-Duncan
145

Leading Team Prize: £800

Best Auction

Dlr: North ♠ K Q 10 4
Love all ♥ 4 3
♦ 6 5
♣ K J 10 9 2

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

♠ J 5 2
♥ 7 2
♦ Q J 4 3 2
♣ 8 7 5

West	North	East	South
Erichsen	Robson	Charlsen	Zia
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	2♣	2NT ¹	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	Redbl	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	All Pass

¹2NT showed, supposedly, a raise to 3♥+ with 4 card support

Charlsen wanted to show strength, and could not bid a natural 2NT. His choice allowed room for cue-bidding. Erichsen even explored the grand in case East held ♠ Kx and both aces. One other pair reached the slam, but this was judged to be the better auction.

Best Play

Dlr: West ♠ J 8 5 3
♥ Q J
♦ A 7 6
♣ 10 8 5 4

♠ K 10 7 ♠ A Q 9 6 4
♥ K 9 6 5 2 ♥ A 10 8
♦ K Q 9 8 4 ♦ 5
♣ None ♣ A J 6 3

♠ 2
♥ 7 4 3
♦ J 10 3 2
♣ K Q 9 7 2

West	North	East	South
Erichsen	Robson	Charlsen	Zia
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Dble
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Unusually, this year the Best Play was awarded to a defender rather than a declarer.

The king of clubs was led, (a heart going from the table) won by the ace and Charlsen played a diamond to the king and ace. At every other table where this happened North played a second club, anticipating that he would then make a trump trick. However, the declarers succeeded on a cross-ruff without even taking advantage of the heart position. One heart went on the good diamond, two top hearts were cashed and when the cross-ruff followed the defence never had a chance to over-ruff. The declarers made four outside winners and eight trumps.

By contrast Robson counted declarer's potential twelve tricks and switched to a trump away from Jxxx! Although it is possible to succeed Charlsen assumed that, with the switch, the trumps must be 3-2, and with two club ruffs, he needed one extra trick from either setting up diamonds, or a squeeze.

But when he came to draw trumps they did not break, and the slam went two down.

Best Defence

Dlr: South

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

West	North	East	South
Erichsen	Robson	Charlsen	Zia
			1NT
Pass	3♥ ¹	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

¹Singleton with both minors

In notrumps players were held to seven tricks. Against Zia's Five Diamonds Erichsen led a heart to the jack and ace. Zia played a club to the queen, king and ace. Charlsen resisted the urge to give his partner a ruff, and played another heart, ruffed in dummy.

Zia's plan was to draw two rounds of trumps and play on clubs. If the clubs were 2-2 he could take a heart force in dummy if necessary. If the clubs were 3-1 and the jack was held up he had to hope the trumps were 3-2 with a doubleton in the hand with a singleton club. Then the defence could not obtain a club ruff and a trump would remain in dummy to reach the good clubs.

It was a blow when the trumps proved to be 4-1. With the lead in dummy Zia led a low club off the dummy. Charlsen carefully ducked allowing Erichsen to ruff and force with another heart. The contract now went four off, for a well-deserved swing to the Norwegians.

IBPA Editor: If Zia drew only two trumps, a third heart from West allows him to ruff in dummy and make 8 tricks. So either Zia erred by drawing a third trump, or West played the third trump himself after ruffing the second club.

There was an unusual and fatal ambiguity for declarer on this swingy deal from the All-Stars v. London:

Dlr: South

E/W Game	♠ 9 8 6
	♥ None
	♦ K 10 9 5 3
	♣ Q 10 7 4 2
♠	A Q J 7 5 3 2
♥	J 7
♦	None
♣	A J 6 5
	♠ 10 4
	♥ A K Q 4 3
	♦ A J 2
	♣ 9 8 3
	♠ K

♥	10 9 8 6 5 2
♦	Q 8 7 6 4
♣	K

South	West	North	East	
Hallberg	Crouch	Simpson		Lodge
3♥!	4♠	Pass	4NT	
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠	
All Pass				

South	West	North	East
Fawcett	Robson	Liggins	Zia
2♦ ¹	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

¹Weak two in hearts or *diamonds*

Both 4NT were Roman Keycard Blackwood. Crouch showed only two keycards and the queen of trumps, and did not reveal his void because it was not in the enemy suit. Robson showed a void with his response.

Suppose North had led a club against Crouch's Six Spades. Then Hallberg's opening would have warned declarer off trying to cross to dummy with a heart for a trump finesse. He must lay down the ace of trumps and pray the king drops, or that the defender with the trump king has a singleton club. Bingo!

In practice North led a trump and Crouch claimed 13 tricks the moment the king appeared.

At the other table Liggins did well to lead a club. If Fawcett's opening had been normal Multi, showing a weak two in a major, Robson would have known it was hearts and would have avoided playing the suit at trick two. However, with the actual convention he assumed, of course, it showed diamonds, .. and tried to get to dummy with a heart. The defence took the next four tricks and 18 IMPS. But the All-Stars still won the match 36-24 and the Trophy.

BROGELAND & TELTSCHER WIN THE YOUNG CHELSEA MARATHON

By Marc Smith (UK)

A week after the Lederer, the Young Chelsea Bridge Club held a Marathon: 165 deals in a 24 hour period from 2 p.m. on Saturday to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Boye Brogeland, 23, ranked by many as the world's best junior, stayed on the week in London and partnered Mark Teltscher, 18, a member of the British Junior squad, to victory and the first prize of £3,000 (\$5,000). Two other members of the Swedish Lederer team finished second. Partnerships are allowed three players, so one can rest, but in practice most played two only. 56 pairs competed.

	%
1. B Brogeland - M. Teltscher (Nor-UK)	58.4
2. T. Charlsen-E. Saelsminde (Nor)	57.3
3. C. Small & A. Abelson (London)	57.2
4. A. Bowles - D. Stoev (UK - Bulgaria)	56.9

Marc Smith reports:

Dlr: South	♠ A J 6 4 2
Game all	♥ J 10 6
	♦ Q 10
	♣ 5 3 2
♠ Q 8 5	♠ 10 9 3
♥ 9 8 7 5 3	♥ 4 2
♦ K 4	♦ A 9 7 3 2
♣ A K 6	♣ 10 9 4
	♠ K 7
	♥ A K Q
	♦ J 8 6 5
	♣ Q J 8 7

We bid to 3NT on a heart lead after a strong NT and a transfer sequence. With the favourable spade position, declarer makes nine tricks via five spades, three hearts and a trick in a minor.

But suppose West can find a spade lead. Declarer wins the king and leads a diamond to the king. West now plays a second spade and declarer must now cash his spade tricks. The fifth spade squeezes declarer in three suits.

IBPA Editor: an intriguing deal. I think declarer can succeed if he foresees the problem and cashes one top heart before playing a diamond. Then on the spades he throws two hearts from hand. Suppose West has thrown two hearts. Declarer cashes one more heart before exiting with a diamond to East. A club comes through, but West is then end-played. He either has to give an entry to dummy to play a second club, or must play a club to South's two minor suit winners.

Dlr: South	♠ 7 5 4 3
Game all	♥ K Q 4 2
	♦ 9 6
	♣ 9 5 2

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

South opens 2NT and after a 5-card Major enquiry declares 4♠ on a heart lead.

Declarer wins ♥A, cashes ♠A to get the bad news, and leads ♠10.

Most Easts at this point returned a club to king and ace. Let's say West now exits with a diamond and declarer ducks and wins the diamond (or club) continuation.

Declarer now has to cross to dummy on the second heart, blocking the suit and takes the spade finesse. When he cashes his remaining spades, West is in trouble...

♠ ---	♠ -
♥ 9 8	♥ K 4
♦ -	♦ -
♣ J	♣ 9
	♠ -
	♥ -
	♦ J 8
	♣ 4
	♠ 8
	♥ J
	♦ -
	♣ 10

On the last spade, West is squeezed out of his club winner or his heart stop.

We defended the hand against Brian Callaghan and after the same start I returned a second heart when I won the first spade. Now, when my partner Joe Dinnen got in with the ace of clubs he played a third heart, eliminating the threat. In fact, at the table East's clubs were 1087 and so East could throw his ♣J but still more than half the field let 4♠ make.

This was a neat defence:

Dlr: West	♠ A 4
N/S Game	♥ 10 9 5 3
	♦ A J 9 6 5
	♣ Q 8
♠ K 8 7	♠ J 6 5
♥ Q 2	♥ A 8 6 4
♦ K 10 7 3 2	♦ -
♣ A J 4	♣ K 9 7 6 3 2
	♠ Q 10 9 3 2
	♥ K J 7
	♦ Q 8 4
	♣ 10 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Sandkvist</i>	<i>Dinnen</i>	<i>Durmus</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

♦ A Q 10 2
♣ K J 9

Most tables played 4♠ by South after a transfer auction and most got a club lead. Declarer duly drew trumps and took a diamond finesse. When that lost they claimed 11 tricks.

I led my small heart to Joe's ace and declarer misguessed on the heart return, losing to the queen. Now followed a diamond ruff, club to the ace, diamond ruff, ♣K, heart ruff, diamond ruff, fourth round of hearts to score ♠K.

We took the first *nine* tricks for +400.

IBPA Editor: Why? There is still 12 by ruffing out the diamonds, or via a red suit squeeze on East.

This was a hand that produced joint tops for both Andrew Thompson and Brian Senior after both had reached distinctly inferior slams.

For a change, I found the best lead for the defence -- a heart. Or so I thought!

Dlr: South	♠ 8 6 4	
N/S Game	♥ A Q 8 3	
	♦ Q 10 9 5	
	♣ 6 4	
♠ K Q 7 5 3 2		♠ J 10 9
♥ 9 6		♥ J 10 7 4
♦ 4 3 2		♦ A 8 7 6
♣ J 2		♣ 8 3
	♠ A	
	♥ K 5 2	
	♦ K J	
	♣ A K Q 10 9 7 5	

Garvey won ♥A and drew trumps and now played ♦A and ♦Q intending to run it. I covered and now he crossed to hand in clubs, ruffed down the ♦J, crossed back with second club entry and pitched his heart on ♦10. 12 tricks.

Technically, he should play ♦A and ruff a diamond in case king drops doubleton and then cross back and lead the Q, but still a well played hand.

The auction at Thompson's table was:

West	North	East	South
			2♣
4♠	Pass*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

* forcing -- some values

South intended 4NT as Blackwood but North thought it showed two places to play. 5NT was "pick a slam".

West led a spade and the contract appears to have no play, but when declarer cashed seven rounds of clubs East had a problem. He had to keep J10xx hearts and ♦A and so released his last spade. Declarer conceded a diamond trick and claimed. +1440 was worth 53/54 MPs.

This hand was well played by Martin Garvey (although he did miss a slight extra chance).

Dlr: South	♠ K J 8 7 4	
Game all	♥ 7 3 2	
	♦ 6	
	♣ A Q 8 5	
♠ 9 3		♠ 10 5 2
♥ Q J		♥ K 10 8 6 5
♦ K 9 7 4 3		♦ J 8 5
♣ 10 7 6 3		♣ 4 2
	♠ A Q 6	
	♥ A 9 4	

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* Details of the Macallan and Cap Gemini next month are given elsewhere. Henk van Dalen notes that in the year 2000 the Bermuda Bowl will prevent these being held at their normal time. The Cap Gemini will be from 30th March to 2nd April that year.

* Paul Magerman reports that the 1999 European University Championships will be held in Weimar, Germany from Monday 9th August starting at 1800 hours to depart Sunday 15th August. For the first time these championships will be open to all member nations of the European Bridge League. (*IBPA Editor: Previously they were for members of the European Union only.*)

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* Membership Secretary, Stuart Staveley, says that British members can pay by *debit* cards (SWITCH or DELTA), if they prefer. Anyone opting to do so should quote the *issue number* as well as the card number and expiry date.

* David Parry reports that the next Charity Challenge Cup, in aid of the children's charity, Barnado's, will be on Thursday, 11th March, 1999. All competitors receive a glossy, colour pamphlet with details of the hands played. The entry fee is £2.95 per player.
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* The Australian Summer Festival is in Canberra from 13-25 January 1999 reports Per Jannersten. It includes the National Open Teams from 18-22nd January. The Zone 7 championships will be from 2-5th April in Christchurch. The PABF Championships are in Jakarta from 4-16th April. For all these contact: Val Brockwell
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* Harold Schogger sends a tip when teaching splinters: "26 points in the other three suits is often enough for a small slam"
e.g.

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

If the auction proceeds 1♠-4♣ West has 13 points outside clubs, and expects the same of East. He therefore seeks slam. However, with:

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

after the same start West has only 9 points outside clubs and should sign off.

The rule can also be applied in other splinter bid situations:
e.g.

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

After 1♥-1♠-4♣ East adds his 10 points outside clubs to West's expected 17 and seeks slam, but with:

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

after the same start, East signs off.

It is a good idea to have a partnership agreement that you will not splinter in suits where you have a singleton King or Ace as part of the points promised.

* Two responses and one follow-up were received to the October Editorial suggesting there is a flaw in Law when, following an infraction, players reached a poor contract which makes by luck.

Ton Koijnmann gives a short and clear reply saying he does not see justification for amending current Law. Richard Colker sends a reply far too long to give here arguing why the Chicago Committee made the right decision. He concludes:

"Perhaps in the future you could consider all of the relevant factors (i.e., the differences between the American and International editions of the laws) before penning your criticisms. That would make a little more sense to us here and to others familiar with our laws and appeal system."

IBPA Editor: You misunderstood. The Editorial made no criticism of the decision. It assumed that what the Committee decided was

correct under current practice and Law. The point raised was: "is current practice & Law right?"

You say, quite rightly, "non-offenders should not obtain a worse score than they would have obtained against ethical opponents." I fully support that. Give full redress when an alleged offender may have taken advantage of extra information from partner.

But the point was: when players have clearly *not* taken advantage, but have *obtained* advantage through luck, does Law handle the matter well?

Alleged offenders may have been very ethical. But bridge Law treats the later actions of the side that committed an infraction as being guilty unless proven innocent. And this may lead to over-generosity towards claimants.

Bobby Goldman, writing in the Orlando Bulletin, makes the same point as the IBPA Editor, but goes further. He says: "If the opponents get to a bad contract as a result of one of these hesitation situations -- and they make it -- that's just the rub of the green. Sure there can be a procedural report -- but no adjustment."

* Commenting on copy-right Dick Cummings says his newspapers, the Sydney Morning Herald and Sun Herald, allow the journalist to retain the copyright, subject to normal journalistic ethics on liaising with the source newspaper when on-selling material.

Ron Klinger notes that ideas seem to have no copyright as bridge conventions are often referred to without accrediting the original source.

My guess is that Minibridge, also mentioned in the latest Bulletin, was developed from the 'From Whist To Bridge' games in Bridge Basics (1983), extended in Bridge Made Easy (1985). I would be interested to learn whether any reference to Minibridge exists before 1983.

* Jude Goodwin-Hanson reports that Bridge Today University have a special Christmas-gift offer: Give an e-mail bridge course as a holiday gift. The gift includes any of the four courses offered in the winter schedule (courses are e-mailed to the students every Monday for 11 weeks starting on January 4, 1999), plus a gift card to the recipient, plus a copy of Pam & Matt Granovetter's latest book "Forgive Me, Partner!" This book was awarded the 1998 "Book of the Year" by the American Bridge Teachers Association. The cost of the whole package is \$49, and for an additional \$20 the recipient will also receive a one-year sub to Bridge Today Magazine (\$9 off).

Readers may get full information of the winter course schedule by looking at the BTU website: BridgeToday.com

"Forgive Me, Partner!" was considered the Granovetter's "best work yet" by ACBL Bulletin editor Brent Manley. At \$14.95, the book offers advice both in partnership bidding understandings and sports psychology.

When a disaster occurs, most partnerships know angry words do not help, but is silence enough? The book suggests:

When your partner makes what appears to be a boner (whether it was a mistake or simply an unlucky bid or play), be aware that a supportive remark may help. The simplest remark in such a case is: "I would have done the same thing."

IBPA Editor: But if you wouldn't, is it right to lie? "Unlucky", if not sarcastic, is nearer the truth, and also forgiving.

Another way to break the ice when things go wrong is to offer to get partner a cup of coffee.

Ed: But will partner ever get the chance to reciprocate? Many bridge-players will not feel rich enough to afford this policy.

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* Workman Publishing of Cedar House, Emberton, Bucks, UK do a 1999 Bridge Calendar by Alan Truscott at £8.99. It is a page-per-day calendar with a bridge problem or quiz every day. Contact Diana Holmes: Tel: 44 1234 713 939; Fax: 44 1234 713 940

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* Janet Pinard reports on the National Open teams of Botswana at the end of October: Players come from South Africa to compete, and have come from Zimbabwe in the past. This year's event didn't attract a huge entry but was a success, won by the Mestern and Minwalla team.

Nancy Minwalla, partnering Diniar Minwalla, made a slam that most thought was unmakeable!:

Dlr: North	♠ J x x
Game all	♥ K T 9 8
	♦ K x x x
	♣ Q x
♠ K 10 8 7	♠ -
♥ J x	♥ Q x x x x
♦ Q T x x	♦ J 9 8
♣ x x x	♣ J 10 9 8

♠ A Q 9 x x x
 ♥ A x
 ♦ A x
 ♣ A K x

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North	East	South	West
Diniar M.		Nancy M.	
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2NT**	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

2♣* Strong hand - forcing to game
 2NT** Positive, bal 8+
 5♣ & 5♦ = Cue bids

When Nancy Minwalla held the South cards, she counted her tricks and decided that she could afford to lose a Spade but make the other twelve. West led ♥J, taken by the Ace in hand. South then played ♠A and saw the bad break. She played ♦AK, and ruffed a Diamond in hand. Next she played a club to dummy's Queen and ruffed another diamond. Then ♣AK, throwing a heart from dummy. South now had a count of West's hand. She played a heart to the King and then a small heart which she ruffed with ♠Q. If West over ruffs, he must play into her ♠J9. If he under-ruffs, South leads a spade to the Jack.

We thought this an elegant execution of a slam!

* Prakash Paranjape refers to the September Postbag note saying: 'Asghar Hassan of Pakistan has joined IBPA. He has developed the Orient Bidding System..'. Similar ideas with opening bids showing point count have been around in India for at least 40 years. I have in my possession a book written by the late K. D. Joshi (who died aged 97 a few years ago) from Thane (incidentally, the city where I live) titled 'Contract Bridge : Simple System of Bidding' which was published on 11-10-1959. His simple and similar system also showed point count first, then suits.

Per Jannersten's Internet Notes

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THE TURKISH REPUBLIC

TROPHY by Erdal Sidar (Turkey)

As part of the commemorations of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Republic a three-session bridge tournament was held in Istanbul for 210 pairs. The winners were a young pair, Tamer Uz & Toygar Alper with Mesut Karadeniz & Nezh Kubac the runners-up.

Mrs. Nihal Kefeli was declarer on this deal in the exciting spot of 4♥ redoubled. She made a spectacular 11 tricks for a score of 1080:

Dlr: West ♠ Q 9 7
 Love all ♥ Q J 7 4 2
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ K 10 4

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

♠ J 10 3 2
 ♥ None
 ♦ J 10 5
 ♣ Q 9 7 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
Kolata		Kefeli	
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Dble	Redbl	All Pass

South led a club, taken by the ace. Kefeli took her top spades, ruffed a spade, and led ♥9. When North played low she let it run. On the next trump, North split his honours, so she won the ace, and turned to diamonds. North ruffed the third round with the seven. Kefeli threw her losing club, ruffed North's club continuation, and then exited with the fourth spade. She came to the last two tricks with ♥K10 over North's Q4.

1080 outscored the few who made 6♦.

Third place went to Can Onen & Bircan Ozturk, who featured on this deal:

Dlr: West ♠ A 6 3
 Love all ♥ A 9 8 7 5
 ♦ 10 7 6 5 3
 ♣ None

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

♠ J 2
 ♥ K 4 3
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ A Q 6 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
	Onen		Ozturk
1♣	1♥	Dble	2♣ (a)
2♠	3♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Good raise

A diamond lead and spade switch would have sunk the contract, but East, quite reasonably, led the suit his partner had opened: ♣4.

Onen took his chance, finessing the queen, ditching one spade, ruffing a club, and trying a diamond to the king and ace. West switched to a top spade. Declarer won at once, crossed to the heart king, discarded his last spade on the club ace, and played a second diamond. West won and led a spade which declarer was able to ruff in hand. A diamond ruff set up the suit, and then a trump to the ace allowed North to playing winning diamonds. The defence made only two diamonds and a trump.

Tezcan Sen & Turan Yavuz did well to reach the 4-3 fit here:

Dlr: North ♠ 2
 E/W Game ♥ K Q J 6
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A Q J 9 5 4 3

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

♠ A 9 8 6 5 3
 ♥ A 7 3
 ♦ Q J 4
 ♣ 6

Yavuz (North) & Sen bid unopposed:

1♣-1♠-2♥-2♠-3♣-3♦-4♣-4♥-Pass
 2♠ was forcing and 3♦ was fourth suit.

3NT fails on the likely diamond lead.

Against 4♥ East led ace and another diamond. In case trumps were 4-2, Yavuz let the king win, throwing a club. He won the spade switch and led a club to the ace, followed by the queen. When the king appeared the rest was easy.

My partner, Murat Erkel, and I, bid and made this grand slam by reading the club position:

Dlr: East ♠ 10 7 6 4
 Love all ♥ None
 ♦ Q 10 9 6 5 4 3 2
 ♣ Q

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

♠ J 3
 ♥ 9 7 5 2
 ♦ K 8 7

♣ J 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
Sidar		Erkel	
		1♠	Pass
2♥	3♦	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

North led a diamond to the king and ace. I drew four rounds of trumps, ruffed out the spades, crossed to the ace of clubs, seeing North's queen, cashed the last spade, and, at trick twelve, led a low club to the 10. Phew!

Some Norths pre-empted more, perhaps making the decision easier.

Calendar	Event	Venue	IBPA Contact
1998			
DEC 27/30	England Year End Congress, London		EBU 44 1296 394 414
1999			
JAN 13/25	Australian Summer Festival, Canberra		Brockwell 61 2 6239 2265
14/17	Cap Gemini World Invitation, The Hague		v. Dalen 31 30 252 6970
20/22	The Macallan World Invitation, London		Mendelson 44 181 878 1743
21/31	The Marbella Bridge Festival		Matthews 34 95 288 2922
25/28	The Tolani World Invitation, Mumbai, India		Santanu Ghose
FEB 27/28	The Forbo International, Scheveningen		Ducheyne 31 70 397 0405
MAR 15/20	European Open & Senior Pairs, Warsaw		Pencharz 44 171 242 3001
18/28	ACBL Spring Nationals, Vancouver		ACBL 1 901 332 5586
APRIL 2/5	Easter Festival, London		EBU 44 1296 394 414
2/5	Zone 7 Championships, Christchurch		Brockwell 61 2 6239 2265
4/16	PABF Championships, Jakarta		Brockwell 61 2 6239 2265
JUN 5/6	WBF Worldwide Contest		WBF 33 1 53 230 315
12/26	Generali European Teams & Ladies Pairs, Malta		Pencharz 44 171 242 3001
JUL 9/20?	World Junior Pairs & Camp		Panos G panos@bridge.gr
22/1 Aug	ACBL Summer Nationals, San Antonio		ACBL 1 901 332 5586
AUG 5/14?	World Junior Teams		Panos G panos@bridge.gr
9/15	European University Championships, Weimar, Ger		Schmidt-Bott 49 241
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NOV 18/28	ACBL Fall Nationals, Boston		ACBL 1 901 332 5586
2000			
JAN 8/22	Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup, Bermuda		WBF 33 1 53 230 315
MAR 30 Apr 2	14 th Cap Gemini World Invitation, The Hague		v. Dalen 31 30 252 6970

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SHUGART WINS REISINGER

1. Rita **Shugart**, Andy Robson, Geir Helgemo, Tony Forrester (USA, GB, Nor) 34.48
2. George **Jacobs**, Ralph Katz, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria, Peter Weichsel , Alan Sontag (USA, Ita) 33.72
3. Bobby **Wolff** Dan Morse, Hugh Ross, Michael Becker, Barnet Shenkin 33.36
4. Jeff **Wolfson**, Neil Silverman, Lew Stansby, Chip Martel, Zia Mamood, Michael Rosenberg 31.06
5. Nick **Nickell**, Dick Freeman, Paul Soloway, Bob Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell 30.57

This is Rita Shugart's first major.
Paul Soloway held on to be USA Player of the Year.