

Congratulations to Paul Chemla & Alain Levy for winning the Prokom Software Eur Championship. This adds to a prodigious record for the French collectively, and No-one before has been the holder at one time of the Olympiad, Bermuda Bowl, Eu World Individual titles - (and IBPA Personality of the Year).

The Polish Bridge Union can be proud of their achievement. The event was held in a famous building, the Palace of Culture & Science in the heart of Warsaw. Playing was good, though there was the usual scrum when a thousand players arrive and leave and the number of lifts was inadequate to cope.

Warsaw provided a unique opportunity, more to the staff than the players, for an opera house, best seats priced under 20 dollars, had a cast of 150 and orchestra performance each night. In eight days your Editor saw Swan Lake, Carmen, Verdi's Masked Ball.

The European Pairs, held every two years, overlaps with the ACBL Spring National. Geir Helgemo left the USA early for the Hague. This time it was Chemla who caught Warsaw to Vancouver to join the Vanderbilt just in time to be eliminated by a team lower.

Europeans with a regular American sponsor felt obliged to miss Warsaw. The French team chose Vancouver throughout, and Lauria & Versace, in Jacobs' team, who did not get rewarded with their first Vanderbilt.

Last month's Editorial about selection seems to have hit a chord, for the Editor received congratulatory phone-calls and e-mails from around the world than for any previous issue, with a slight mis-wording. The sentence about the three American team majors "not being in the league" was meant to refer to World titles. North America does not really have a Zonal championship, and the ACBL Nationals substitute for that.

Compare the wins by Mike Passell & Michael Seamon in the Vancouver Pairs to those of Paul Chemla & Alain Levy in Warsaw. The size of the field was almost identical ... 414 pairs in Vancouver and 414 in Warsaw. The standard was probably similar. Warsaw had national pairings from 35 countries (most were Polish), with most of the top pairs in Europe. Vancouver was open to all, with the top pairs in North America.

The difference lies principally in the length and frequency of the events. The European Pairs are held over nine sessions once every two years. The American Major Pairs are held three times a year over four sessions. It is that which gives Warsaw the greater significance.

Patrick Jourdain - Editor

Chemla & Levy win Prokom Software European Pairs

From Bulletins Edited By Mark Horton and Patrick Jourdain, Warsaw

Paul Chemla & Alain Levy are now European Pairs champions as well as Olympiad and Bermuda Bowl Champions. Chemla is also World Individual champion.

The silver medal went Norberto Bocchi & Giorgio Duboin who are current European team champions. The bronze medallists from Poland, Apolinary Kowalski & Jacek Romanski are both former world champions.

Format: 399 pairs in a 3-session Qualifier plus 6 pairs exempt to the semi-final. 128 went through to the 3-session semi "A". Of these 40 qualified for the final, with a carry-forward, and 4 more came back in from the "B" semi-final of 270 pairs. The 3-session final was all-play-all Barometer.

European Pairs Final A:

1. Chemla-Levy	FRA	56.16
2. Bocchi-Duboin	ITA	55.93
3. Kowalski-Romanski	POL	55.62
4. Vlanjnic-Zipovski	YUG	55.22
5. Bompis-De Saint Marie	FRA	54.02
6. Allegrini-Palau	FRA	54.02
7. Jassem-Tuszynski	POL	54.00
8. Rossano-Vivaldi	ITA	54.00
9. Fredin-Lindkvist	SWE	53.33
10. Karaivanov-Trendafilov	BUL	53.22

Seniors' Final (100 pairs; 42 in final)

1. Lasocki-Kinga-Leosz	POL	56.98
2. Pinkiewicz-Sekowski	POL	55.69
3. Mikolajczyk-Lewandowski	POL	54.42
4. Moszynski-Szydowski	POL	53.87
5. Humburg-Mattsson	GER	53.81
6. Rand-Katz	ISR	53.74

Open "B" Final

1. Abate -Morelli	ITA	59.73
2. Cyrkiel - Znamirovski	POL	59.50
3. Gierulski-Henclik	POL	59.24
4. Stretz -Stoppa	FRA	58.00
5. D'Avossa-Mallardi	ITA	57.03

Open Consolation

1. Guariglia-Di Bello	ITA	63.85
2. Bondarewicz-Wreczycki	POL	62.53
3. Boczar-Boczar	POL	62.04

Seniors Consolation

1. Niden -Sandberg	SWE	61.14
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2. Kraszewski-Odolinski	POL	60.12
3. Janicki -Pochron	POL	59.79

Double Crossed and Criss-Crossed by Mark Horton (GB)

A false clue from the bidding led North astray on this deal from the second session of the Open Pairs qualifying and gave declarer the chance to execute a rare type of squeeze.

Board 25 [K J 8 5

Dlr: North	] K 7 6
E-W Game	{ K 8 5 3
	} 4 3
[Q 10 7 6 4 2	] A
] A 10 3	] Q J 9
{ 10 4	{ A Q 9 7 2
} K 10	} A Q 9 7
	[9 3
	] 8 5 4 2
	{ J 6
	} J 8 6 5 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Saelendsminde</i>		<i>Tislevoll</i>	
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The attractions of the off-centre 2NT are not entirely clear but it was quite a popular action. West did well not to insist on a spade contract and South led a small club. That was a good start for Geir Tislevoll who won with dummy's ten and ran ♦10 to South's jack. He won the club continuation with the king and played a diamond to the nine. He then cashed ♦A and exited in that suit. North might have switched to a spade. However he did not expect a singleton spade after the opening bid and fatally preferred the other major.

Declarer won in hand with the queen and cashed minor suit winners, until:

	[K J
	] K 7
	{ —
	} —
[Q 10	] A
] A 10	] J 9
{ —	{ 7
} —	} —
	[9
	] 8 2

{ —
} J

The ♥10 was discarded on the winning diamond leaving North with no good discard.

Painting a False Picture for Declarer
by Marc Smith (GB)

A candidate for Defence of the Year:

The perpetrator of this super defensive play was Robert Glowacki of Poland.

Board 16: Dealer West. East-West Game

	[K 8 6	
	] J 3 2	
	{ 10 9 8	
	} Q 8 7 3	
[A J		[10 9 7 4 3 2
] Q 10 7 6		] 9 8 5
{ J 5 3		{ K 7 6
} 9 5 4 2		} 10
	[Q 5	
	] A K 4	
	{ A Q 4 2	
	} A K J 6	

West	North	East	South
<i>Glowacki</i>	<i>Svoboda</i>	<i>Szymborski</i>	<i>Kurka</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2}
Pass	2{	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Glowacki started poorly by leading a heart and, as we reported yesterday, declarer has eleven easy tricks after such a start. The Czech declarer went up with dummy's }J and ran {10 to West's jack.

At this point, Glowacki knew the whole hand – the bidding placed South with 23 HCP so there was room for East to hold only one honour, and that must be either the king or queen of diamonds. As such, Glowacki knew that declarer could make eleven tricks by repeating the diamond finesse.

He sought a way to discourage declarer from this successful line of play and found it – the jack of spades! This ran to declarer's queen.

Place yourself in declarer's shoes – assuming the [J to be a true card, you risk your contract by taking a second diamond finesse. Perhaps this is not a good idea having been given a trick on the lead. Instead, declarer chose to try to end-play East to lead away from his ace of spades. He won the queen of spades, cashed four rounds of clubs and the two top hearts, and then played ace and another diamond. East won his king and led a spade to West's ace, while a bemused declarer could only watch as Glowacki

then cashed his long heart to hold the contract to nine tricks. N-S +400, and all of the match-points to East-West.

The same deal (from the first session of the semi-final) was reported when Jason Hackett was declarer as South in 3NT. He and his partner David Mossop had won the Qualifying round, but there was no carry-forward and they only scraped through to the final. The unopposed auction had been:

2♣-2♦-2♥-3♥-3NT-All Pass

According to Jason 2♥ was two-way, either balanced or 8 tricks in hearts, but Mossop claimed it was not on their card. However, the effect was that West avoided the heart lead which gave the 11th trick at many tables.

Hackett cashed the clubs ending in dummy, and ran the ♦10. West won and exited with a diamond, covered by East (so dummy had an entry on the third diamond). South won and led a low spade which West ducked to the king. Hackett then cashed the diamonds and exited with a spade to end-play West into leading a heart.

West could have stopped the end-play by rising with the ace of spades and playing the third diamond to remove dummy's entry before the spades could be unblocked. This would not have applied if a club entry still remained in dummy.

Bad Trump Break

The Italian's Norberto Bocchi & Giorgio Duboin play a complicated system with many relays. They both know it very well and appear to be invulnerable to the mistakes that other players frequently make in an uncontested auction. However, when they cannot use their system, they occasionally appear to be mortal. This deal against IBPA member Irena Chodorowska cost them the gold medal:

Board 21 Dlr North, North-South Game

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Chodorowski</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Chodorowska</i>	<i>Duboin</i>

3♦ 3♥ 3NT
 4♥ 4♠ All Pass!

The first two bids were more or less automatic. We have not had time to ask Duboin's 3NT was bid in the hope it might make but since North could presumably have had ♦ A K 10 9 5 4 3 we think the answer is yes.

When West raised to four hearts Bocchi decided to make a lead-directing cue bid. Unfortunately when the bidding tray came back it was not his partner who was on the lead!

East led a top heart and switched to a trump. North's discard made the position clear and the defenders made no mistake, restricting declarer to just two tricks, one in hearts and the ace of clubs. -800 gave the Italians only two matchpoints.

Perhaps unnerved by this disaster the following board saw them record another poor result leaving the score Poland 80 Italy 4 - a severe blow to the Italians hopes.

By a strange co-incidence Board 21 from the final session was also a triumph for Chodorowski:

Board 21 ♠ 8 5 4 3 2
 Dlr: North ♥ Q 7
 N/S Game ♦ 8
 ♣ 10 7 5 4 2

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

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

They had an unopposed auction as West-East:

1♦-1♥-2♦-2♠-2NT-3♦-3♥-4♣-4♠-4NT-5♥-6NT-Pass

4NT was Roman Keycard Blackwood

Irena was not sure which red suit was the trump suit, but her husband Jan was intent on a bigger prize.

South led ♠Q against Irena's Six Notrumps. She won, crossed to dummy with a diamond and at once led a low heart to the seven, three and two. North switched to a club. Irena now cashed her ♠K and rattled off her diamonds. South was hanging onto three guards and was squeezed early. So 6NT succeeded.

IBPA Editor: When North won the heart he might have realised the position and found the winning defence of playing a second heart. This destroys the communications for the squeeze. Irena did well to duck the heart early, but, as South guards *three* suits it is not necessary to have the timing right for the squeeze. It works if declarer unblocks the club and runs the diamonds at once. When declarer reaches the last diamond this is the position (South shown with an extra card):

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

South has already been squeezed. A black suit discard concedes a trick at once, and a heart discard allows East to throw a spade on the last diamond and set up hearts.

JACOBS, seeded 8, WINS VANDERBILT
 From Bulletins edited by Henry Francis & Jody Latham, Internet by Burghard,

120 teams entered the Vanderbilt knock-out. 10 9 ♥ A J 7 5 4
 In the final, seed 8, George Jacobs-Ralph ♦ K J 9 3 2 ♦ 6 5
 Katz-Pete Weichsel-Alan Sontag-Lorenzo ♣ K 10 8 6 ♣ 9 5
 Lauria - Alfredo Versace, Italy beat seed 7, ♠ Q 5 4 3
 Steve Robinson-Pete Boyd; Kit Woolsey- ♥ 6 3
 Fred Stewart; Michael Becker - Michael Kamil ♦ 7 4
 by 184-106. ♣ A Q 7 3 2

Sontag Weichsel have only recently reformed their partnership after a Lauria-Versace are current Rosenblum champions.

In the semi-final, Jacobs beat Grant Baze, seed 4 (Tipton-Goliass-Kryzstof-Martens- Marek Szymanowski-Cezary Balicki- Adam Zmudzinski) 161-85 and Robinson beat seed 6, Rita Shugart (Andrew Robson; Geir Helgemo-Tony Forrester) 153-138.

In the quarter-final, Robinson beat Lev (Michael Polowan Jaggy Shivdasan Barnet Shenkin Ravindra Murthy) by 140-137. By 105-87 Jacobs beat Brachman who the round before had eliminated the top seed, Shugart beat the third seed Wolfson (Silverman Martel-Stanslyia-Rosenberg) 194-84 and Baze beat Cayne 130-82. The second seed, Schwartz (Goldman, Levin-Weinstein) lost in an early round.

After winning the Open Software European Pair in Warsaw Paul Chemla immediately hopped a plane to Vancouver to play in the Vanderbilt with Christiana Mari of France, Gayle Kasle George Steiner Russ Ekeblad and John Sutherland. Seeded 11, they lost to a team seeded 75, containing juniors Joel Wooldridge & Tom Carmichael.

* The Open Pair was won by Mike Passell & Michael Seamon. 414 completed the four-session event.

1. Mike Passell-Michael Seamon
2. Bob Hamman-Petra Hamman 2178
3. Rebecca Rogers - Bobby Wolff 2061
4. John Mohan-Fred Hamill 1917
5. Sidney Lazard Sr-Bart Bramley

Sometimes your opponents give away too much information in the auction and you can use that knowledge to your chance in the play.

That was the case for Mike Passell and Michael Seamon, winners of Open Pairs I. This deal is from the second final session.

Dlr: East ♠ K 10 9 6
 Vul: Both ♥ K 8 2
 ♦ A Q 10 8
 ♣ J 4
 ♠ 7 ♠ A J 8 2

West	North	East	South
	Passell		Seamon
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	2♦ (1)	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠ (2) End

- (1) Majors.
- (2) Shows four spades and five clubs.

"That's what I thought Seamon had said Passell, "and he did."

East-West shed two rounds of hearts and Seamon ruffed the third round. He played a Nickle and to dummy's queen and cashed the ace. Next he led a club to his ace and a club toward dummy. West fell from grace, ducking his king, and Seamon won dummy's jack.

Seamon conceded two spade tricks and claimed in tricks for plus 40--and all the matchpoints.

* The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, the Queen's representative, the opening Ceremony.

* The ACBL presents \$5,000 to the Canadian Cancer Society (BC and Yukon Division) and the Canadian Bridge Federation presents \$5,000 to Canuck Place a hospice for B.C. children in ceremonies before the opening games Thursday night.

* Jeff Meckstroth and Eri Rodwell eliminated from the Vanderbilt in the Round of 16, won the Open Pairs 2. Runners-up were Robert Levir & Steve Weinstein. Third was Sidney Lazard & Bart Bramley.

* The Womens Pairs was won by Harriet Eaton, Miami & Ellen Crawford, Lauderhill.

Helgemo to the Rest by Richard Colker

Late in the first qualifying session of Open Pairs: I, the defending champion and Tony Forrester, were struggling. Sometimes back comes more from solid results than dramatic ones.

Helgemo sitting North, found himself defending 2♥ with a rather forlorn collection. This was Board 4:

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

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

West North East South
 Helgemor Forrester
 1♠ Pass 1NT Dble
 2♦ Pass 2♥ All Pass

West North East South
 Lev v. Cleef Shenkin van Lohuizen
 2♦ (1) 2NT 3♥ (2)
 Dble 3♠ Pass Pass
 Dble (All Pass)

(1) Multi -- either a weak two or a
 various types of strong hands.
 (2) Pass or correct.

Against 2♥ Forrester led ♠3, not realizing

that this would establish the
 of declarer's losers. When East played
 dummy Helgemor with the ace declarer
 followed with the 10.

East had not given preference to spades,
 Geir knew the lead was from the ♠Q3. So
 Helgemor switched trick two to the ♦3!
 Watch the effect. Declarer played low and
 Forrester's ♠9 drove out the queen. The ♣K
 was taken with the ace and Tony continued
 with the ♦2.

From declarer's point of view the ♦3 shift
 was a singleton, declarer played low from
 dummy. Geir won his jack and played back
 ♠9. Declarer pitched a club loser as she won
 Forrester's queen with the king.

After a club to the queen and a club ruff in
 dummy, declarer played a trump to the king
 and ace. Forrester then took the ♠K. Helgemor
 ruffed dummy's ace and a hand of spades
 would have insured the defense a third heart
 trick had Forrester held only the ♥10 instead
 the jack. Three tricks had been done in each of
 the two suits, resulting in a vital
 plus 100 for North-South.

* Erich van Lohuizen of the Netherlands
 recently celebrated 25 years as head of his
 company Unicom. His brother-in-law, André
 Pierik, gave Erich a special present: a trip to
 the Vancouver National Lawn Tennis Club off
 the Netherlands as partner captain. André also
 "non-playing captain".
 Van Cleeff wasn't too happy with
 the following and from the first qualifying
 session of Open Pairs against another BPA
 member, Barnet Shenkin. However, like true
 bridge writers, he recognized the journalistic
 worth of the deal.

♠ K Q 10 7 2
 ♥ 10 9 2
 ♦ 9 5 3

(2) Asking partner to do something intell:
 Barnes Shenkin East led the ♠A and made a
 surprise switch to the ♥5! Van Cleeff
 surprisingly guessed to play into the jack,
 the queen. Sam Lev led a diamond to the
 king, and Shenkin rashed his ♥A. Then came
 a third diamond ruffed by Lev, and a heart,
 ruffed by Shenkin. The defense still had to
 come to two club tricks, so van Cleeff suffered
 an 800-point setback.

* The Canadian Juniors placed a lower
 grading to the Charity Knockouts successfully
 petitioned to play in the Upper Bracket.

They won their match and then met Paul
 Soloway's team for a place in the quarter-
 finals. Not only they defeated Paul Soloway,
 Eddie Wold, Malcolm Brachman, Mike
 Passell, Billie and Curt Sheek--they
 pulverized them. At the half, the Canadians
 led 4-1. They kept up the pressure. Finally
 they won 97-11.

Playing for the Canadian team were Gavin
 Wolpert, 16; David Grainger, 18; Mike
 Nadler, 25, and Steve Lariviere, 25.

Nadler and Grainger in the Canadian Junior
 team that won the HERO International Bridge
 Youth Festival in Holland in January.
 Both are members of the Canadian team
 that will compete in the World Junior
 Championships in Lauderda, Pa. August
 9-18. Nadler is the Doubles Bridge Club in
 Toronto.

Richard Goldberg
1923-99

Richard L. Goldberg of Nashville, who has died aged 76, was chief executive officer of the American Contract Bridge League from 1971 to 1984; was treasurer and financial officer from 1981 to 1990. He was selected member of the WBF Executive Committee in 1972. He was a member of the Committee of Honor of the World Bridge Federation.

Goldberg began his career as a tournament director in 1959. In 1961 he became assistant to Alvin Landy, the ACBL secretary. He served in this post under Landy and later under East Bayackwood until he took over as chief executive officer in 1971.

This first year Goldberg oversaw the move of the ACBL headquarters from Greenwich, CT to Memphis. The task was completed in December 1972, with headquarters set up at 2200 Democrat Road. The ACBL since has moved to 2990 Airways Boulevard.

Goldberg was named ACBL Honorary Member in 1994. He also was a member of the ACBL Laws Commission and the ACBL Goodwill Committee.

Goldberg was a Life Master with several regional championships to his credit. He retired as CEO in 1984 and moved shortly thereafter to Nashville, where he was born and where he earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering at Vanderbilt University. He worked as a civil engineer for 15 years before turning to bridge as a player and then as a director.

Goldberg gave his wife, Frederica (Freddie), of Nashville, his son, Richard Goldberg of Plano, TX; two daughters, Mrs. Joan Conroy of Nashville and Geraldine Goldberg of Arcata, CA, and six grandchildren.

Passport to Profit

By Dick Cummings (Australia)
From the Sydney Morning Herald (Spectrum)

The Australian Bridge Federation computer can generally be relied on to dish up something weird as freakish distributions go.

This year the catch to everyone's imagination at the National Open Teams Championship was Board 9. The table to impress in particular featured the nifty passes in the annals of the event, one a personal whim, and the other an extraordinary example of tumbling to what partner has been up to:

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Dlr: North    ♠ J 5 4 3
E/W Game     ♥ None
              ♦ None
              ♣ A K Q J 10 9 8 5 4
♠ 10 8 6 2   ♠ 9
♥ 10 4 3     ♥ Q 9 8 6
♦ A 6 4 3 2   ♦ K Q J 8 5
♣ 3          ♣ 7 6 2
              ♠ A K Q 7
              ♥ A K J 7 5 2
              ♦ 10 9 7
              ♣ None
    
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West	North	East	South
	Collins		Cusworth
	Pass!	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	7♣	All Pass!	

Two Clubs was Benjamin interesting to strong in Hearts Two Spades as the response showed three controls.

West led ♦A against Seven Clubs.

Paul Collins never fancied opening 11-counts - chortle, chortle - so what else could do but Pass with the North cards?

When partner Heather Cusworth showed a good hand then confirmed spade quality raising Five Spades to Six, he had no compunction about serving up to her by converting Seven Clubs. Cusworth wins Spectrum's Award for Call of the Year by passing with a void. N/S plus 1440.

The datum on the board was Seven Spades desperately lucky due to the 4-1 break and a diamond lead.

Masterful Play at Danish Pairs Championship by Villy Dam (Denmar

Lars Blakset/Klaude Adamsen came out as winners, but they weren't the only ones to shine. Jacob Ron, Danish junior world champion, first gives you a demonstration of his talents against Jens Auken/Dennis Koch-Palmund who are regarded the strongest Danish pair at the moment.

Mr Ron does not need a helping hand.. a small finger will do!

Dlr: East ♠ Q 4
 E/W Game ♥ 2
 ♦ A 10 7 6 5
 ♣ K 10 8 5 2
 ♠ 9 8 7 3 ♠ A J 10 6 5
 ♥ A K 8 7 ♥ J 6 5 3
 ♦ J 9 ♦ K Q
 ♣ Q 4 3 ♣ J 6
 ♠ K 2
 ♥ Q 10 9 4
 ♦ 8 4 3 2
 ♣ A 9 7

West	North	East	South
Koch	Schou	Auken	Ron
		1♠	Pass
3♦	Dble	3♠	4♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead : ♥A

West's 3♦ showed spades support limit values and the double by Steen Schou showed diamonds. So an enterer and got doubled at 4♦.

Is there any chance of losing a suit? Perhaps the opponent might help declarer a little ... ?

To the ♥A Auken discouraged (was he calling for a spade) with ♥10. Expensive! A round of spades put South on lead with the ♠K, and Ron placed ♠Q on the table covered by the king and ruffed.

The continuation was ♦A, ♣K, ♣A and ♥10. 9 discarding clubs. Then Ron played a second round of trumps and East with only spades in his hand was forced to offer declarer a sluff. In ruff so that South could get rid of his losing club ruffing dummy. 510 was a clear top.

Dam now comes up with an entry for IBPA's Hand of 1999:

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

West	North	East	South
Ron		Schou	
			1♠
2♥	Pass	3♥	Dble?
All	Pass		

Opening lead : ♠J

South's subtle show of extra values and North's conversion to a penalty were both slightly risky but normal defence beats 3♥: spade to the ♠A and ♠3 (ruffed) the rounds of clubs and a third spade through. West can't catch the enemy trumps and ruff his third club in dummy as well. One down

Jacob Ron showed how to defend this. At trick one he dropped ♠K under the Ace! South assumed West had a singleton and switched to a diamond. This won the ♠Q, played trump to the king and ace then another trump to ♥9 followed by ♥J. Then a diamond to the ace, ♥Q and ♦K, left:

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

West exited with a spade to South's 8. When South played the ♠Q West discarded club. Ron had now to make his 9th trick with either ♠10 or ♣K.

There's a double and made for 530! Masterly, Brilliant, Exotic.

The room was too light

Dlr: East ♠ 6 5 4
 E/W Game ♥ 10 9 6
 ♦ 10 7 4

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

	West	North	East	South
	Nielsen	Dam	Boesg.	Krojg
			Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass		2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass		3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass		5♣	Pass
5NT	Pass		7♥	Pass
7NT	All	Pass		

Opening lead: ♦9.

East 2NT showed a positive hand with spades and 5NT was a general try.

H. C. Nielsen/Knud-Aage Boesgaard ended in a grand slam in no trumps.

With a neutral lead you would go down finessing the spades through the North hand, you don't have the right communication for finessing against South.

But my imaginative partner, Madis Krojgaard tried out the ♦9 in order to put pressure on Boesgaard (West having promised all four aces) Maybe East would have a choice of finesses and now would he give a chance in diamonds?

But it was too light Boesgaard finessed twice in diamonds and threw a spade on the second club.

His reasoning for taking the finesse? Well had South had only small cards in the red suits why wouldn't he just lead a safe heart instead of a risky diamond? Accordingly South was bound to have the ♦K!

"If you fool me, I shall fool you."

A BRILLIANT SHADE OF BROWN(E) By Ron Klinger (Australia)

This year's Brilliant Prize at the Summer Festival Bridge was shared by two Sydney players, Terry Brown (a member of the team that won the National Open Teams) and Seamus Browne. On the following deal, reported by his partner, Ph Broome, Terry overcame a seemingly impregnable trump split:

Dealer West :

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

You might consider how you would bid the South hand after West opens one diamond passed to South. Brown chose to double and West rebid two clubs. North passed and East gave preference to two diamonds. Not one to know the meaning of fear, Brown jumped to four hearts.

West led the king of diamonds, taken by the ace. Brown now led a low heart. West winning with the ace. A low club exit was ducked. South's ace and Brown now played the ace of spades, followed by the queen of spades, West winning with the king.

As West's play in the majors combined with bidding indicated a 1-5-5 pattern, Brown knew the layout of the whole hand. The bad news was East's remaining Q-10-8 of trumps seemed to be two inevitable losers for declarer. If he led the jack from dummy, East would cover and still have the 10-8 left.

West exited with a club and dummy's jaw dropped. When you cannot capture an opponent's trumps by finessing, it is essential to reduce your trumps to the same length as your opponent holds. Brown therefore ruffed diamond, led the nine of spades to dummy's ten and ruffed another diamond.

In the end position, South held the spade two, K-9-6 in hearts, while East had Q-10-8 in hearts and a club. Brown now led his six of hearts to dummy's jack and East's queen. East led his club won by dummy's king as Brown discarded his spade. With the lead, dummy attacked twelve. South had to

score the last two tricks and his contract with the K-9 of hearts sitting over East's 10-8.

Thanks to an expert in Seamus, Brown landed grand slam on the following deal reported by Tim Bourke of Canberra. You might care to cover the East-West cards and play your play in several spades by South with no opposition. West led the four of diamonds, low from dummy, seven from East and won with the nine. Brown drew trumps in three rounds. West discarded three clubs. All followed to the king of diamonds. Browne crossed to dummy's spade, the ace and cashed the ace of diamonds. West following with the jack. Declarer discarded the heart ten. How would you continue?

Dealer South :

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

The percentage play is to discard a club on the fourth diamond and take the heart finesse. As best strategy to make the safest lead against a grand slam, Browne asked himself why West had chosen the potentially risky lead of a diamond from J-x-x. Judging that West would have preferred a heart lead from a rag holding, Browne concluded correctly that the heart finesse would fail. Likewise, without the club, West might have chosen a club lead. Brown therefore rejected the heart finesse on the fourth diamond. He discarded the jack of hearts, crossed to the ace of hearts and played another trump. With three spades to hold a trump and Q-5 of clubs, West had the heart king and K-J in clubs and dummy held the heart queen and A-4 in clubs. When Browne led his last trump, West was squeezed. Whatever West discarded, Browne would discard from the other suit in dummy and score the last two tricks. It takes considerable courage to forego the percentage play and in adopting his successful line, Browne not only backed his judgement to the hilt but also paid West a considerable compliment.

The above deals appeared in the National Champions Club Bulletin.

edited by Peter Jamieson of Sydney.
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the <http://www.migrationpath.com.au> website.

* The WBF announces that for technical reasons there will be no Worldwide Simultaneous in 1999 with the new sponsor in the year 2000 when scoring will be done via the Internet.

The latest edition of World Bridge News accompanies this issue.

* Allen Tan reports that the Pacific Asia Bridge Championships, which incorporates Pacific Asia Zonal Sectionals (but to be held in 2000) Bermuda Bowl, has been moved to Hangzhou China and rescheduled for May 20-30, 1999. These changes were decided upon in a meeting of Pacific Asia delegates last December, 1998 during the Amazing Bangkok Bridge Festival.

* All members will wish to send Albert Benjamin very happy greetings as on the of his 90th birthday at the beginning of this month. Benjamin was one of the still-highly-popular Benjamin ACOL, in which weak twos in the majors are combined with ACOL.

Benjamin launched the Scottish Bridge Weekly in the 1930's. During the Second World War he served in the Ambulance (Home Defence) Service.

After the war he opened a bridge club and began writing a bridge column for Glasgow Evening Citizen on 24th November 1945. Benjamin lasted long in the paper for when it closed 28 years later he was still writing for it and contributed a total of 793 bridge columns!

This deal with Albert as declarer in Six Spades Doubled, is from a Scottish (sadly the auction is not recorded):

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

West led ♥J and Benjamin realised the only thing to justify West's double would be all four trumps. Declarer cashed both hearts then three clubs throwing diamond then three rounds of diamonds, ruffing the third hand. Then he cashed the ♥Q throwing diamond from dummy.

As West had obligingly followed suit he now led a low trump, and while his honours played low from dummy. West had to lead away from his remaining three trumps, and the doubled slam was made.

The deal was of particular interest for Albert as his wife Judy on the opposing team at the other table was also declared in Six Spades. She was not doubly-difficult naturally went one down. Albert teased her about failing to find the winning line and later reported, ruefully: "I received the well-deserved punishment meted out to all erring husbands."

* Barry Rigal writes: With one round of the Forbotogo, there were five teams in the content for the main event, three of them being Dutch. The following deal was played by the captain of the team that eventually finished second.

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
1♦	1♥	Dbl	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

This came in the match between Italy and Tuwanakotta at that time the two leaders. Tjallingii Tuwanakotta declared 4♠. He took Guido Ferraro's diamond lead immediately played heart and when he saw the eighth in his left hand inserted the nine from dummy. Dano de Falco took and continued with another diamond ruff in dummy. At this point Tuwanakotta called for the ♥K, covered by East and ruffed by the declarer. Since the ♥Q fell doubleton, the priest of fake ten well deserved tricks.

This was a gain of six tricks, the other table NS stopped in 2♥, making three. However De Falco could not have done this so difficultly by ducking his ♥A. Now declarer has two trumps finishing in dummy to create the ending he requires. And, as a side-issue, what might have

happened if de Falch had won the first heart with ACE?

As you can see if Ferraro puts in the ♥Q at the first trick declarer is likely to go wrong at least some of the time... Its bluff and double bluff.

* Two new members joined in Warsaw: André Heysof the Netherlands writes for BN-De Stem, and Krzyszto Piatkowski, Chairman of the Organising Committee who writes for the Warsaw Bridge Review. Piatkowski was a big success in Warsaw and great help to the Daily Bulletin.

* Asghar Hassan reports that the Orient Bidding System (see IBPA Bulletin # 404, Sep, 1998) has been put on the Internet. You have any questions requiring further information please send e-mail to <http://www.orientbidding.com>

* Jon Sveinda says My address has been given a new postal code, and is now: Storåsen 84, 5132 Nyborg, Norway

* The Bridgeworld reports The most recent addition to the list of bridge periodicals is the e-Bridgeworld an electronic newsletter from the publisher of The Bridge World. It is highly enjoyable and a combination that's tough to beat. Point your Internet browser at www.bridgeworld.com

to sign up.

The publication whose first editions is expected soon, offers a variety of features. Many are standard but new formats that are likely to vie for most popularity are the "status column" "Great Moments in Bridge History" and a contest that combines technique and entertainment. Past experience suggests that the bidding play and defence exercises which are extensions of our popular series on the Internet will receive much attention. This example appeared in the declarer-play series. It is based on a classic deal by William Root and Lawrence Rosler.

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      ♠ K 5 4 2
      ♥ K 10 7 5
      ♦ 6 5 2
      ♣ 10 4
♠ Q 10 9 7      ♠ 6 3
♥ 3              ♥ Q 8
♦ A Q 3         ♦ J 10 9 8 4
♣ A 8 6 5 3    ♣ J 9 7 2
      ♠ A J 8
      ♥ A J 9 6 4 2
      ♦ K 7
      ♣ K Q
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South West North East
1 ♥ Double 2 ♥ Pass
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

West led the club ace then the club five; East followed with these seven and nine. After winning declarer should start trumps by leading to dummy's king--West who doubled for take-out is much more likely to be void of hearts than East. When both opponents follow to the first heart, South has a sure thing. He can win the ace of hearts, return to dummy with a third round of hearts, then lead a low spade to the eight. West can win, but any return yields a free finesse. Should East be able to steal middle spade, then nine say, when that suit is led from dummy, declare covers with the jack to produce the same form of endplay. The key for declarer is to recognize the value of clubs, in particular the eight of spades. If you have any questions requiring further information please send e-mail to news@bridgeworld.com

* Barry Riga writes The hand reported by David Bird in the last Bulletin page 6, as being played by the computer programme, GIB, raises questions about its answers. I believe the deal comes from a Bermuda Bowl, either Tunisia or Beijing.

IBPA Editor It was Tunisia I found the deal on the back page of the IBPA Summary Bulletin of Tunisia November 1997. The report in the Daily Bulletin was of Tor Helness making Three Notrumps in No Trump. Chinese Taipei in exactly the order of play described by Bird.

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Dealer: West ♠ A 9
E-W Game    ♥ J 9 8 7
              ♦ J 6 4
              ♣ A 8 7 6
♠ 10 4 3      ♠ K 8 7 6 5
♥ K Q 4 3     ♥ 10 2
♦ 8 7 2       ♦ Q 10 9 5
♣ 10 9 4      ♣ K 2
              ♠ Q J 2
              ♥ A 6 5
              ♦ A K 3
              ♣ Q J 5 3

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Bird also showed GIB made Three Notrumps (via a strip-squeeze on East in spades and diamonds).

The question is: can the defence beat it?

A number found at the table a spade lead does not beat it even if East ducks the first spade. Declarer upsets club and still gets the same end-play on East.

IBPA Editor The Hammamet Daily Bulletin said a spade lead beats it but at the time in the IBPA Bulletin pointed out the end-play still works in the match between Italy and France. Chemla led a diamond and Perron East, ducked. Bocch took the club finesse on the spade return and played off his clubs, squeezing Perron who threw a diamond and a heart. However, Bocchi mishandled the ending throwing north in BEFORE he had removed North's exit card by cashing the top heart.

As I recall Catherine Saul was the only defender on this auction to find the winning lead as West.... a diamond that beats the hands since West gets in later with hearts and plays a second diamond to break up the end-play.

IBPA Editor On a spade lead won by the king declarer can succeed by setting up a heart trick.

* Bridge Today reports Michael Rosenberg, winner of the 1998 World ParContest has a four-part series for Bridge Today Magazine (starting March-April) on his experiences. Each article Rosenberg poses three problems from the contest and describes his thought-processes as he tries to solve them.

Parontest requires chess-like strategy, which the contestant must play his head to envision the end-position as a young man and chess enthusiast Rosenberg did this in real life in a London rubber bridge game. See if you can figure out this winning opening lead, based on "chess" thinking:

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      ♠ 9 8
      ♥ J 9 5 3
      ♦ A K 5
      ♣ A J 8 6
♠ A J 7 3      ♠ 5
♥ K 10 7 4 2    ♥ Q 6
♦ Q 7 2          ♦ 10 9 8
4 3
♣ 5              ♣ 10 9 4 3 2
      ♠ K Q 10 6 4 2
      ♥ A 8
      ♦ J 6
      ♣ K Q 7
  
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South West North East
 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
 3♠ Pass 4♦ Pass
 4♠ All Pass

Most Wests would lead the ♣5. Rosenberg considered this lead and then imagined. Declarer would win and play a trump to the queen and ace. West must then try to find an entry to his partner's hand. The best he could hope for from partner would be a queen perhaps the queen of hearts. To reach East in hearts West must shift to the king of hearts. If the ace and drives jack of spades West can play another heart and get this club ruff. But declarer will be the club ruff coming and counter by allowing the king of hearts to win the trick.

On this reasoning Rosenberg found the winning opening lead. He led the king of hearts BEFORE the club. The layout was exactly as he imagined. The unsuspecting declarer won the opening lead, played a diamond to the king and his queen. Rosenberg won the ace and now shifted to a club. Declarer won and played a spade to West's jack. But Rosenberg triumphantly led the deuce of hearts to East, which returned for the setting trick.

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Double Spade Trap

By R. Shamir (Israel), adapted after translation by the IBPA Editor

On holiday in the Black Forest I was seeking playing cards of a particular type for a friend in Israel. A bridge player of the name Mann found the cards and told me this story which I reported from his local bridge club tournament:

<p>♠ -- ♥ 5 3 2 ♦ A K Q 9 4 2 ♣ K Q J 10</p> <p>♠ -- ♥ J 10 9 ♦ J 10 7 5 3 ♣ 8 5 4 3 2</p> <p>♠ A K Q J 8 7 6 2 ♥ A K 7 ♦ 8 ♣ A</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 5 4 3 ♥ Q 8 6 4 ♦ 6 ♣ 9 7 6</p>
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South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♠	Pass	Pass	Double ?
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Most tables reached grand slam by South after an auction such as the one above. The wise ones finished in Seven Notrumps for Seven Spades proved unmakeable.

Where West led a diamond the grand went two off unless when declarer led the second diamond and East ruffed high (IBPA Editor: Isn't it safer for East to discard in case declarer has enough entries for a trump coup?) declarer threw off a heart.

When Mann was doubled in Seven Spades he recovered by removing to Seven Notrumps. Even on a diamond lead this gave no problem as declarer ditched the 10 of clubs as the second diamond and then had enough winners in dummy to throw it from hand.

The tale reminded me of another played some forty years ago, in the USA :

<p>Dlr: East ♠ 8 N/S Game ♥ A Q J 10 ♦ K Q 9 6 4 ♣ Q J 7</p> <p>♠ 7 3 ♥ 9 6 5 3 2 ♦ 10 5 ♣ 9 4 3 2</p>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ K 8 7 4 ♦ A J 8 3 2 ♣ A K 6</p> <p>♠ A K Q J 10 9 6 4 2 ♥ -- ♦ 7 ♣ 10 8 5</p>
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East opened ♦ at both tables in a Swiss teams match. At one table South reached five Spades West led a diamond and East cashed three tricks in the minors suits to put the contract one light.

At the other table South, with some encouragement from his partner, drove all the way to Six Spades East happily doubled, ignoring the significance of the fact that the partnership was playing Lightner doubles.

West eventually came out with a heart lead. Declareruffed away East's king and used the precious sight of trumps as entry to the dummy. Three heart winners disposed of from hand and the doubled slam was made.

The common point of the two hands was that the final double of the spades slam turned a certain plus score for the declarer into minus.

A case, perhaps from a Soviet comment: "Forgive Me, Partner."

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