

## ACBL INTERNATIONAL TEAM TRIALS

Memphis 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> June for USAII; Las Vegas 24<sup>th</sup> June - 1<sup>st</sup> July for USA Women

In the 120 board final of the trials for USAII, **Jeff Wolfson** (Neil Silverman, Michael Rosenberg, Zia Mahmood, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby) beat "**Goldman**" (George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Peter Weichsel, Alan Sontag, Roger Bates, Claude Vogel) by 260-227.

In the 120 board semi-finals "Goldman" beat **Jimmy Cayne** (Chuck Burger, Mike Passell, Michael Seamon, David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen) 250-221; Wolfson beat **Steve Robinson** (Peter Boyd, Kit Woolsey, Fred Stewart, Michael Becker, Michael Kamil) 292-241.

The results of the **USA Women's** ITT were:

**USAI** Ron Smith NPC, Jill Meyers, Randi Martin, Tobi Sokolow, Janice Molson, Renee Mancuso, Shawn Quinn.

**USAII** Karen Allison NPC, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Sue Picus, Lisa Berkowitz, Rozanne Pollack, Connie Goldberg.

*Barry Rigal writes:*

On Board 14 Mark Lair as South found a spectacular swindle to score up 2♥. After a mini-NT by Fred Stewart (E), Ron Smith as North re-opened with 2♦, a transfer, and Mark got to 2♥. The defence found a trump lead and Lair was in hand.

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

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

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

What to do next? Well, if you try to take your club ruff, you will surely never get an 8<sup>th</sup> trick, although you do get a 7<sup>th</sup> winner. But Lair advanced the ♠Q at trick 2! When Woolsey quite reasonably ducked (Stewart followed with the ♠J, just to rub it in), Lair had his trick and tempo. He switched to clubs and wrapped up +110.

Mark Lair displayed his excellent card-reading skill on Board 68 to bring home a delicate Six Spades after some exuberant bidding had got him to the stratosphere:

Dlr: West            ♠ 4 3  
 Vul: Game All     ♥ A 6 4 3  
                            ♦ K 8 5  
                            ♣ 9 7 4 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Smith</i>		<i>Lair</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

On the singleton heart lead from West Lair won in dummy to finesse in trumps, then, quite reasonably, returned to the dummy with the ♦K to repeat the finesse. The entry to pick up diamonds appeared to have gone but when he ran all the trumps and cashed the ♦A, Becker, East, had to throw both his clubs in order to keep the red suits guarded. Reading the ending Lair played two rounds of hearts, and finessed ♦10 on the return for a 13-IMP pickup.

On the Saturday Bill Bramley and Bruce Ferguson fought out a duel of wits; it finished with honours even. This was the first part of the story (hands rotated for convenience).

Dlr: North            ♠ A K Q 3  
 Vul: Love All     ♥ ----  
                            ♦ 7 5  
                            ♣ A K 10 8 5 4 3

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

                                 ♠ 8 7 6 5 2  
                                  ♥ A 9 6 2  
                                  ♦ 6 4  
                                  ♣ 9 6

When Howard Weinstein & Steve Garner were N-S against Ferguson's team-mates (the Clerkins) their auction started 1♣ - (1♦) - 1♠. Now, when West introduced his hearts, Weinstein made two slam tries but stopped in 5♠ when Garner denied a diamond control. No such subtlety for Ferguson:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Ferguson</i>		<i>Baze</i>

-	1♣	1♦	1♠
2♠	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Having accomplished his mission of sounding like a man with a diamond control, Bruce happily leapt to slam. Once can hardly blame Bart Bramley too much for leading a heart. That meant 13 tricks for The Rapee Team and of course bragging rights for Bruce. However, the time for retribution was not far away.

Towards the end of the evening session along came the following deal:

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

Lazard, North, opened 1♣, Baze jumped to 4♦, and Lazard re-opened with a take-out double. Bramley converted to 4♠ to end the auction and Ferguson led the ♣Q. Bramley looked askance at this and said "You are not going to fool me twice" and then put up the king! 11 tricks.

The result at the other table was equally bizarre. Jerry Clerkin opened the North hand 2♦ to show a three-suiter with short diamonds and Garner overcalled 3♦ only. Now Denny Clerkin jumped to 4♠ (less strong than 3♠) giving Weinstein a choice of leads, and he too solved the problem by starting with the ♣Q. Here Denny could hardly be blamed for ducking, and now Weinstein took the two heart ruffs for two down and an 11-IMP swing.

In the semi-finals Michael Seamon put in an excellent performance, as shown by these two deals:

Board 12	♠ 9 7 6 2
Dlr: West	♥ A Q 6 2
Vul: NS	♦ A 8 5 4
	♣ 10
♠ K Q 10 8	♠ A J 5 4 3
♥ 5	♥ K J 10 8 4
♦ J 10 9 6 2	♦ Q
♣ J 5 2	♣ K 4
	♠ ----
	♥ 9 7 3
	♦ K 7 3
	♣ A Q 9 8 7 6 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Seamon</i>	<i>Jacobs</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	3♣
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Playing for The Goldman team against Cayne, Seamon made a far-sighted deceptive play which he was later up to capitalising on - big time. Against 4♠ doubled George Jacobs started with ♣A, on which Seamon dropped his king! George eyed this with suspicion but decided to believe declarer and shifted to a low diamond. Katz won his ♦A, cashed the ♥A and continued with a second diamond. Seamon ruffed and later guessed to ruff out South's ♦K to obtain a pitch for his club loser for a nifty +570.

Not satisfied with this, Seamon started the second segment with another savvy bit of declarer play:

Board 16	♠ J
Dlr: West	♥ A J 9 7 6
Vul: EW	♦ A 9 8 5
	♣ J 7 6
♠ 10 9 8 5 3	♠ A K 7 6
♥ Q 8	♥ 10 5 4 3 2
♦ Q 7 4	♦ 2
♣ 9 8 5	♣ A 4 2
	♠ Q 4 2
	♥ K
	♦ K J 10 6 3
	♣ K Q 10 3

West	North	East	South
	<i>Passell</i>		<i>Seamon</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led ♠9 to the jack and king and East returned a low spade. Seamon overcame his first hurdle when he rose with the queen and it held. On the ♥K he noted the fall of the eight from West and, needing this to be shortness (specifically queen doubleton), inferred that West would have longer diamonds. He backed his judgement by cashing the ♦K and finessing West for the queen on the next round. When

the ♥A brought down the queen of that suit he had nine tricks without touching clubs.

On the second day of the semi-finals Zia's magic achieved a result that, to the naked eye, would seem impossible.

Board 79            ♠ 5  
 Dlr: South        ♥ 10 4 3  
 Vul: NS            ♦ K 9 8 5 2  
                      ♣ K 9 5 2  
 ♠ A 9 8            ♠ K Q J 6  
 ♥ 9 8 2            ♥ A K J 7  
 ♦ J 10             ♦ Q 6 4  
 ♣ Q 10 8 7 6      ♣ J 4  
                      ♠ 10 7 4 3 2  
                      ♥ Q 6 5  
                      ♦ A 7 3  
                      ♣ A 3

West	North	East	South
Zia		Rosenberg	
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

North was deterred by the auction from a diamond lead. The ♥3 went to the jack and queen; things were not looking good. Back came a spade (South reasonably did not want to open up the minors) and Zia won in dummy and led a diamond to the ten - well, why not? North took his king and shifted to clubs, again not absurd. South won the ace and returned the suit. Has anyone done anything wrong yet? Zia followed with the ♣10 on the second round of the suit to make it look as if his hand was ♠xxx ♥98 ♦AJ10xx ♣Q10x. Can you blame North for winning the king and returning the suit? Bingo! Nine tricks.

And so on to the Finals. Segment one was relatively unremarkable, but one deal did catch my attention.

Board 12            ♠ 10 7 3 2  
 Dlr: West         ♥ Q 9 2  
 Vul: NS            ♦ 6 4 3  
                      ♣ A K 6  
 ♠ K Q 6            ♠ J 8 4  
 ♥ 8 4               ♥ K J 7 6 5  
 ♦ A Q J 8 7       ♦ 10 9 5  
 ♣ J 3 2             ♣ Q 4  
                      ♠ A 9 5  
                      ♥ A 10 3  
                      ♦ K 2  
                      ♣ 10 9 8 7 5

West	North	East	South
Wolfson	Jacobs	Silverman	Vogel
Sontag	Martel	Weichsel	Stansby
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	All Pass

The auctions were identical at both tables and both Souths led a club. Silverman won the third club and played a heart to the jack and ace. Vogel cashed the ♠A and played a fourth round of clubs, Jacobs ruffing with the queen and over-ruffed with the king. That established a third trump trick for the defence for -50. At the other table, after two rounds of clubs, Martel switched to a spade. Stansby won the ace and reverted to clubs, Peter Weichsel pitching a diamond. At Trick 5 Weichsel played the ♥4 from dummy and passed it to Stansby's ten! Now there was no trump promotion and the defence was finished. Plus 110 was worth 4 IMPs for The Goldman Team - their exact margin of victory (23-19) in the segment.

On Bd 21, Roger Bates did well to make 4♠.

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

West	North	East	South
Silverman	Katz	Wolfson	Bates
-	-	1♦	Dble
1♥	2♣	Dble	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Is 3♠ forcing? Ralph Katz thought so. A heart lead might have made things impossible but on a diamond lead and heart shift Bates went up with the ♥A and played a club. Silverman took his ace and played two more rounds of hearts. Bates ruffed, led the ♦K and ruffed a

diamond, then cashed the ♣K and observed the fall of the queen. Since Wolfson had three hearts, four diamonds, and apparently only two clubs, he must have four spades. Thus, the only chance was the singleton ♠Q. Bates played a trump to the ace and was pleased to see the queen fall; his contract was home. "I guess 3♠ was forcing".

Finally, a hand from the last 15 deals.

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

West	North	East	South
Zia	Weichsel	Rosenberg	Sontag
		1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♦ was Game forcing

South led his singleton club against Michael Rosenberg's Four Hearts and North put in the nine. East had nine top tricks, and, despite suspecting that North held the clubs, lacked the entries to lead towards ♦Q. So Rosenberg went for a completely different line: ♠A, spade ruff, heart to queen, spade ruff (North ruffing with the nine and being over-ruffed), then draw trumps. On East's penultimate trump Weichsel, North, threw a club, so Rosenberg was then free to try a club. North cashed three clubs, but then had to lead away from ♦K.

If Weichsel throws a diamond on the penultimate trump, declarer can either play off the last trump, or exit at once with ace and another diamond to end-play North in clubs.

### Orbis Hand of the Week by Zia offers US\$50,000 prize

Orbis Investment Management Limited, corporate sponsor of the Orbis World Bridge Championships being held in Bermuda in January, 2000, announces its additional sponsorship of an exciting, FREE, worldwide Internet bridge contest, a bridge First.

The contest has been designed in collaboration with bridge star Zia Mahmood to appeal to a wide range of players. "We wanted to support bridge on a broad, global scale as well as sponsoring the top players in the World in the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup", said Allan Gray, chairman of Orbis. "The contest is designed to be fun and almost any bridge player stands a chance of winning". With the "winner takes all" prize being a US\$50,000 subscription to the Orbis mutual fund of the winner's choice, every bridge player will want a chance to win!

#### How to Play

The contest is being run entirely over the Internet, and anyone with web access and an e-mail address can play. Each Wednesday during the 13 weeks beginning September 1, Zia will present a new Orbis Hand of the Week on [www.bermudabowl.com](http://www.bermudabowl.com). Contestants will be invited to submit one answer per week to a question such as "what card would Zia play next?" Contestants can enter every week or less often if they choose. Every week that they submit a correct answer they will receive an entry into a draw for the US\$50,000 prize. The winner will be drawn at random in December 1999. Zia is enthusiastic about the contest saying "This is the chance of a lifetime to win US\$50,000. To be eligible for the jackpot, all you need to do is answer a simple question - and I know the questions are simple, because I set them! I am delighted to be associated with such an innovative idea".

#### Rules of Contest

The full contest rules and other details are posted on [www.bermudabowl.com](http://www.bermudabowl.com). Visitors to the site can request an e-mail reminder of the start of the first game so that no one will miss out on one single week of this great contest.

Orbis Investment Management is a Bermuda-based investment manager. Information about the Orbis Group of Mutual Funds and their performance can be found on the Orbis website at [www.orbis.bm](http://www.orbis.bm).

**Two-way endplay** By Krzysztof Jassem (Poland)

Declarers who make their best plays near the end of a major championship often miss the limelight. Either the Daily News has already filled its space, or the staff are too short of time to include the story. So it proved with this deal from Malta, a clear candidate for the IBPA Award of Best Hand of the Year.

The author missed his opportunity of joining IBPA in Malta, but has been informed that the cash prize for authors of Award winners only goes to those are IBPA members at the time the Awards are made.

The European Championship was coming to its end when I happened to witness one of the most showy declarer plays of my life. I am not sure if the manoeuvre carried out by my partner, Piotr Tuszyński, already has a name in bridge literature but just in case it has not, I propose calling it a “two-way endplay”.

The board was played in Round 35 of the Europeans and our opponents were a young Finnish pair (Vihtila was the name of one of our opponents).

Board 7

Dlr: South ♠ 6 4  
 Vul: Game All ♥ K 4 3  
 ♦ 9  
 ♣ Q 10 6 5 4 3 2

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

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

West (Jassem)	North	East (Tuszyński)	South
			1♥ (4+ cards)
Pass	2♣	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The opening lead was the ♣K. At face value, it looks that declarer should have no problem in making 10 tricks: six spades, two diamonds and two aces. But suppose that declarer plays the ♣A and tries to get back to hand. If he plays a club, he is over-ruffed, if he plays a diamond he must concede an ace, a diamond ruff, a heart and a trump promotion. Declarer may try to cash ♣A discarding a heart and another club discarding another heart but this will not help him avoid a diamond ruff together with the trump promotion.

The only winning line at the first trick is to play low from dummy and ruff in hand. When that task was completed successfully by Tuszyński, he finessed the ♠J, cashed the ♠K and only then played a diamond to the king.

South had to win (otherwise Tuszyński would draw the remaining trump and reach ♣A with the heart ace), and did his best by attacking the heart entry to dummy before declarer had had a chance to draw the last trump.

Tuszyński won, and again resisted the temptation of cashing the ♣A. Instead he played a diamond back to hand in order to draw South’s last trump. At this moment the ♣A was “cold” in dummy and the number of declarer’s tricks was reduced to nine. Tuszyński drew all his remaining trumps coming to the following ending:

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

Then Tuszyński exited with ♥7 and watched carefully the order of the heart honours played by the opponents. As it happened, North took the tenth trick (dummy discarding the ♣J) and South took the eleventh.

At that time my hand moved automatically to the ♦6. “No my dear dummy partner”, said Tuszyński, “we definitely need both diamonds in the dummy. Please, remove the ace of clubs”. Indeed, the ♦8 proved crucial in endplaying South. Had North taken the eleventh trick, however, both diamonds would have been no longer necessary and the crucial lacking trick would have been taken by the ♣A.

*IBPA Editor:* Declarer made his discard from dummy after he knew South was winning trick eleven. If South had won trick ten, dummy’s discard comes before an unobservant declarer sees who is winning trick 11. Piotr, of course, would still have got it right, but another declarer might err if the pips were smaller.

**IBPA COLUMN SERVICE**

*These hands may be used without credit to either the author or IBPA. The author is Barry Rigal*

109

Dlr: East                   ♠ Q 9 6  
 Vul: None                 ♥ A 10 5 4  
 Pairs scoring           ♦ 10 3 2  
                              ♣ Q 4 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
All Pass			

North has a bare eight count facing a 15-17 no-trump. That is not enough to consider a move, at Pairs, (or even at teams when non-vulnerable) where there is little merit to bidding to a game with balanced hands and at most 25 points between you. You tend to get a decent score if you can make nine tricks anyway.

However even 1NT is in jeopardy, if the defence get their act together. West leads a low diamond, and East will take his ace and must return a low diamond, not the jack, to protect against this very lay-out. When West wins the ♦K, he must be careful too. All his remaining diamonds are obviously equivalent; he does not know who has the ♦J, but the size of the diamond he returns should be suit preference, that is to say an indication of where his entry is.

If West plays back a low diamond, East will surely switch to a club, regardless of what South discards (the ♥J may be the most prudent). However if West returns the ♦9, any East who trusts his partner should be able to bring himself to play a spade, and beat the contract by two tricks.

110.

Dlr: North                 ♠ A J 10 7 6  
 Vul: E/W                 ♥ J 4 3  
                              ♦ 9 5 2  
                              ♣ 10 3

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

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

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

South's 2NT bid shows 18-19, and accurately describes the balanced nature of the hand; South does not have to worry about holding hearts, since it is up to North to check back for a major-suit fit if he wants to.

In 3NT, South should win the club opening lead by putting up the ten; why play small from dummy and waste your chance that West has led away from the A-J? Now at trick two South crosses to hand with a top diamond and plays the ♠Q. When West covers with the ♠K, South should allow him to hold the trick. This virtually ensures four spade tricks and gets declarer up to a total of nine tricks for his contract. If South takes the ♠A at his first turn, the shortage of entries to dummy means that declarer will be gambling needlessly on a 3-3 split. The 4-2 spade split is far more likely and the cost of investing an overtrick is a small one compared to the value of the contract.

111.

Dlr: South      ♠ A  
 Vul: None      ♥ Q J 10 6  
                   ♦ K 7 6 3  
                   ♣ A 10 7 5

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

♠ 8 7  
 ♥ A K 9 7 4  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ K J 9 4 2

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2NT(1)	Pass
3♦ (2)	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

- (1) Jacoby, GF with heart support  
 (2) shortage

We all know the proverb Eight ever, nine never. On this hand from the Junior European Championships, Boye Brogeland, now an IBPA member, demonstrated that there are exceptions to every rule.

Brogeland reached the decent slam after a normal if aggressive auction (it was a Junior event after all) and showed that there was a more thoughtful way to play the hand than simply to bash out the ace and king of clubs and hope for the best.

Brogeland received a diamond lead and continuation against Six Hearts, and ruffed the second diamond high. He used a spade and trump entries to ruff out the diamonds out, and then drew trumps.

At this point in the hand he found West had started life with four chunky diamonds but had not overcalled - despite some spade length. Since with six spades he would surely have been worth a bid, he was favourite to have a 5-1-4-3 distribution. So Brogeland cashed his top club from hand, and finessed West for the ♣Q to make his contract.

112.

Dlr: East                   ♠ A 5 4 3 2  
 Vul: N/S                 ♥ Q 8 6

                  ♦ A K 6  
                   ♣ A 2

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

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

West	North	East	South
		4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Some opening bids act as a transfer to your opponents. On this deal from the TGR Auction Pairs it was very common for the macho Easts to open Four Hearts, which backfired spectacularly.

On the auction shown above, South could not act over the high-level preempt, but now North reopened with a double, allowing South to declare Four Spades. With the heart void on lead, ten tricks were easy, so long as declarer planned the hand sufficiently. On a diamond lead, declarer hopped up with the ace, drew trumps finishing in dummy, then eliminated diamonds, carefully pitching a club from hand in the process. Now ace and another club was guaranteed to endplay whichever defender won the trick.

By contrast, a 1♥ opening bid attracted a 1♠ overcall. West could make a negative double, and East-West were now sure to find their 5♦ sacrifice, which cost only 100.

However, in fact, roughly one third of the field were unfortunate enough to declare Four Spades by North. For example, when Zia Mahmood and Nicola Smith were East-West, Tom Townsend, as North, was first to get the spades in, and now three rounds of hearts sank the game.

## Austria, France and Italy take medals at World Junior Pairs

**Andreas Gloyer & Bernd Saurer** have made Austria the first nation to win the World Junior Pairs more than once (in 1991 Seidel & Wodnianski took the title).

Barometer scoring made the close finish exciting. Julien Geitner & Felicien Daux of France took silver and Biondo-Mazzadi of Italy the bronze.

The prize for leading pair, both under 20, went to Josh Heller (Canada) & Joel Wooldridge (USA) in 7<sup>th</sup> place. These two will be on opposing teams in the forthcoming World Junior Teams in Fort Lauderdale.

A record 186 pairs from 30 nations competed over four sessions

Results		%
1	Gloyer-Saurer	AUT 58.61
2	Daux-Geitner	FRA 58.46
3	Biondo-Mazzadi	ITA 58.37
4	Kucharski-Lutostanski	POL 58.19
5	Halldorsson-Haraldsson	ICE 57.99
6	Nyström-Strömberg	SWE 57.94
7	Heller-Wooldridge	CAN/USA 57.66
8	Czeczko-Wittenbeck	POL 57.40
9	Buras-Kapala	POL 57.32
10	Konow-Madsen	DEN 57.18
11	Drijver-de Wijs	NTH 56.60
12	Burghout-Hasper	NTH 56.59
13	Green-Hazel	GBR 56.54
14	Ginda-Pilch	POL 56.53
15	Coldea-Rotaru	ROM 56.49
16	Clarson-McCormac	IRE 56.06

*Kees Tammens reported this exercise in counting by Bas Drijver of the Netherlands:*

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Drijver</i>		<i>de Wijs</i>
	1NT	Pass	2♣
2♠	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led ♠7 to the jack. Drijver held up but, reading West for six spades, won the next. He led ♥J which was covered by queen and ace, and then took the diamond finesse.

Nymburk near Prague, Czech From  
Bulletins edited by Mark Horton & Barry  
Rigal

When ♦Q fell, he finished off the diamonds (West discarding two spades) and then cashed ♥10 and king, East throwing a club.

Confident that West held six spades, six red cards and therefore a singleton club, Drijver led a club to the ace and a low club back towards dummy. East, Ari Greenberg of the USA, did well, playing the nine, but Bas put in the ten for 11 tricks and an excellent score.

Had East put up an honour, declarer would have let him hold the trick.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Guariglia</i>	<i>Szuminski</i>	<i>Callea</i>	<i>Ciborowski</i>
	Pass	1NT	Dble (a)
Pass (b)	Pass	Redbl	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

(a) Artificial (b) Forcing to re-double

With the diamonds coming in 3NT is easy, but most tables reached Four Spades. Where East was declarer and South led a heart it was natural for North to win and return a club, receiving a trump promotion on the third club.

Here it was more difficult for the Poles. North led a club (low from a doubleton) won by South. If South continues clubs at once declarer discards his losing heart on the third club. But Ciborowski did well, returning a heart at trick two. North won ♥A and then two more rounds of clubs defeated the game.

The Barometer scoring showed that with a couple of boards to go there were still four possible winners. The penultimate deal proved a key one:

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



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

The Daily Bulletin does not give the bidding but notes that Saurer-Gloyer, sitting N/S, doubled Three Hearts and put it two down.

North led ♠Q and continued with a second one, ruffed by declarer. West now made the error of playing three rounds of diamonds, hoping for the suit 3-3 or a ruff in dummy.

North took the chance of discarding a club on the third diamond. South won and instead of forcing declarer (which allows West to cash a club before leading the fourth diamond), made the intelligent play of the fourth diamond at once, allowing North to discard his last club.

Declarer had obtained the diamond ruff he sought, but at the expense of two club tricks. North was in control, and played more spades

when he was in. Declarer made five trump tricks and two diamonds only.

### **World Junior Teams**

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, August

17 teams are competing

USA1, USA2, Canada1, Canada2  
Italy, Israel, Norway, Denmark  
Argentina, Brazil  
Egypt, Pakistan  
China, Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei  
Australia  
Central America (Colombia, Venezuela,  
Martinique combined)

\* The Executive Board of the IOC, at meetings held in Seoul, upgraded the WBF from a Recognised Organisation to a Recognised Federation. The IOC therefore requested the WBF: "confirmation that your doping regulations are in conformity with the Olympic Medical Code and that the WBF adheres to the Court of Arbitration for Sport..."

The President of the WBF, José Damiani, said that as a consequence "bridge will almost certainly become a demonstration sport at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, and... a full discipline at the Games in Turin in 2006."

Chess received the same recognition.

\* *Bridge Magazine* of London, owned by Chess & Bridge Ltd and edited by Mark Horton, has bought out *International Popular Bridge Monthly*, owned by John Myles and edited by Brian Senior. The deal includes IPBM Bookshop.

From the August issue, which has already been published, BRIDGE magazine will be sent to former subscribers to IPBM. Special arrangements are being made to cover those who subscribed to both magazines and those who had a lifetime subscription to IPBM.

IPBM was founded in 1974 with Joe Amsbury as Editor. It was run by Tony Sowter for many years.

Contact: Chess & Bridge Ltd,  
369 Euston Rd, London, NW1 3AR  
Tel: 0171 388 2404; Fax: 0171 388 2407  
e-mail: chesscentre@easy.net.co.uk

\* The Transnational Open Teams during the Orbis World Championships at the Southampton Princess Hotel, Bermuda is from 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. Entry fee \$600 per team. Closing date for entries: 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. Reservations and accommodation details on: [www.bermudabowl.com](http://www.bermudabowl.com)

\* *Elly Ducheyne reports that:* the next Forbo International will be from 25-27<sup>th</sup> February at the Steigenburger Kurhaus, Scheveningen.

\* A Press Conference about the 2000 World Bridge Olympiad will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 1999 in Maastricht at the Provinciehuis. The event itself is from 26<sup>th</sup> August-9<sup>th</sup> September 2000. There will be Teams events for Open, Ladies, Senior, Universities and, after the Round Robin, for Mixed (Transnational).

\* The English Bridge Union was given two hours in a side room of the House of Commons on 19<sup>th</sup> July to make the point "Bridge is a sport". In addition to Members of

Parliament a couple of journalists from national newspapers attended (leading to a full-page article in the Daily Express), and, for half-an-hour, the Minister of Sport, Tony Banks. He supports both chess and duplicate bridge becoming sports, but the government has not provided the parliamentary time to amend the 1937 Act which defines sport as including physical exertion and exercise.

The two mind-sports have to wait either until there is a Bill going through Parliament about sport (to which the amendment can be added), or for an unlikely Private Member's Bill.

The demonstration included a 16-board match between a team of MPS, bolstered by Andrew Robson, against the British Ladies team who are European champions. That the Ladies only won by 46-39 was due mainly to Robson's efforts on this deal:

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Mates</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>McGowan</i>
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West was Michael Mates, MP, a former Minister of Defence in the last Conservative Government. The TV screens in the side-rooms show what subject is being discussed in the House, and who is speaking.

Mates arrived after the screens had shown: "Question 5: Defence", leading your Editor to remark that Question 6 would be on Bidding, and Question 7 on Declarer Play!

At the other table Pat Davies & Sandra Landy had bid: 1♠-2♣-2♠-4♠-Pass

South had led a singleton trump and after drawing trumps Davies had tried in turn the heart finesse and diamond finesse. When both lost she conceded one down, losing a trick in each suit.

When Robson was declarer, the ♣J was led, and taken by the ace. The ♠K was led and when North ducked, trumps were continued.

North won the third round and played ♣Q. South overtook to play a third club.

Heather Dhondy, quite naturally it seemed, discarded a small diamond on this trick. Robson ruffed, drew the last trump, and took the heart finesse. This lost and back came a diamond to the ace. Robson now cashed his last trump throwing a *diamond* from dummy, and cashed the two hearts ending in dummy. South found herself squeezed in the minors. Robson's ♦2 took the last trick!

Strangely, if North hangs on ♦765, the game cannot be made.

\* During the next European Pairs in Jerusalem in March, 2001 there will be a match between a team representing Europe under the age of 55, and a team representing Europe over 55.

\* The Turkish Bridge World Magazine's Festival will be from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November in the Sheraton Voyager Hotel, Antalya. Contact: Tel/Fax: +90 216 338 9519

\**Daniel Auby reports:* An Invitation IMP event, the Niklas Data Championship, will be held in Stockholm, 20-23 April 2000.

Contact: daniel.auby@ebox.tninet.se

Rumour says that the Politiken Pairs will be the same weekend. That would indeed be a pity.

\* "The Bulletin Awards" in the IBPA Malta Special were, of course, the Awards for the Daily News in Malta, and not IBPA's own awards which are to be announced in Bermuda. *Danny Roth comments on the deal that won the Daily Bulletin Award in Malta for Best Defence (IBPA Bulletin 414, page 15). North's hand should have included ♠Q.*

Shouldn't declarer, on winning the first trump, play three rounds of diamonds at once, discarding a club and then a fourth round? If North ruffs in, dummy discards another club; if North discards, dummy ruffs and surely, either way declarer will come to eight tricks even if he misguesses the trump position.

*Roth adds, more controversially:* East should surely pass 1♠. Why bid, particularly if he intended to go back to 2♠ rather than bid those hearts. It is amazing how little publicity is given to the nonsense of modern aggressive bidding.

\**Matthew Granovetter reports:*

The Bridge Today University fall semester opens its Internet doors on September 13, 1999, for 11 weeks. There are five courses by e-mail to choose from. The following deal is from Comprehensive 301, taught by Pamela and Matthew Granovetter, editors of Bridge Today Magazine. This course teaches good thought-processes.

```

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

West	North <i>Partner</i>	East	South <i>You</i>
3♥	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

When you land in the wrong spot, you must be careful not to let your emotions affect your thinking. One method of concentration is to pretend that a friend has given you a play problem on a piece of paper. Now plan the play! On this deal, South ended in 4♠, but when dummy came down, declarer could see that 3NT, or even 6♣, was a better spot. Declarer carelessly won the first trick, cashed the ♠A and Q, then started on clubs. East ruffed the third round and returned a trump. Declarer suddenly realised he had gone down in a cold contract. He had to lose two trumps, a heart and a diamond.

There were two easy ways to make this hand: (1) Duck the opening lead, or

(2) Take a diamond finesse after trumps did not break. But declarer was busy thinking about what went wrong in the auction instead of concentrating on his task.

Courses are \$49 for 11 lessons. Readers may obtain a free sample lesson by emailing: Matt@bridgetoday.com.

\**Richard Colker reports that he has a new email address:* rcolker@worldnet.att.net

\* The next Icelandair Open will be from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 1999 at Hotel Loftleidir, Reykjavik.

\* *Jeff Rubens comments on the obituaries in the May IBPA Bulletin 413:*

(1) Stayman's original article in Bridge World explicitly states that Rapee was the inventor. (Apparently, neither American knew that a similar method had been suggested earlier in England.)

(2) Bobby Goldman was a significant contributor to bidding theory, but not exactly as stated. He was much more than just "one of the architects" of Aces Scientific; however, although he worked on control-asking

methods, he did not invent Kickback. Bobby would have been the first to make the latter correction. Shortly before his death, he called *The Bridge World* and, in a lengthy conversation, asked me to research several questions relating to the developers of slam-bidding methods; he was seriously concerned that no one deserving mention be omitted from a book he was writing on the subject. \* Jean-Marc Roudinesco seeks a copy of the Culbertson's Biography (by Julius Pottage?). The IBPA Editor will forward information.

\* *Hans-Olof Hallen* says: In Malta results tables for the Open & Ladies were given as if the matches had been simple win/draw/lose (2/1/0) scale as in most sports, rather than victory points. I did one for the Senior Teams: 1. France1 45; 2. Damiani 42; 3. France2 41; 4. Sweden1 39; 5= Poland1 & Israel 38; 7. GB3 (the IBPA Editor's Team) 37. The

medals would have been the same. *IBPA Editor: But my team, which drew 5 matches, more than any other team, moves up five places!*

\* The Mind Sports Olympiad is from 21-29<sup>th</sup> August 1999 at the Olympia Conference Centre, London in Earl's Court. Events in the bridge schedule include Mini-bridge, Ladies Pairs, Mens Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Senior Pairs, the Championship Pairs & Teams, and Swiss Pairs & Teams. Bridge Prize money is over £10,000. Entry fee per session per player £10.

Contact: Tel: 44+ 01707 659 080

Other mindsports: Abalone, Chess, Continuo, Countdown, Cribbage, Crosswords, Dominoes, Draughts, GO, Memory, Othello, Oware, Scrabble. UK Law (Gaming Act) does not allow cash prizes in the Backgammon & Poker.

<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>IBPA Contact</b>
<b>1999</b>			
<b>AUG</b> 5/14	World Junior Teams, Fort Lauderdale, Florida		Panos G panos@bridge.gr
9/15	European University Championships, Weimar, Ger		Schmidt-Bott 49 241 171848
13/22	England Summer Meeting, Brighton		EBU 44 1296 394 414
21/29	Mind Sports Olympiad, Olympia, London		www.mindsports.co.uk
<b>SEP</b> 9/12	Minsk International, Belarus		Feranchuk 375 172 277 617
20/24	2 <sup>nd</sup> IOC Grand Prix, Lausanne		cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com
<b>OCT</b> 29/31	Tenerife International, Puerto de la Cruz		34 922 380 550
<b>NOV</b> 2/ 8	Turkish Festival, Sheraton, Antalya		90 216 338 9519
14/21	Red Sea International, Eilat, Israel		Birman 972 3 605 8355
18/28	ACBL Fall Nationals, Boston		ACBL 1 901 332 5586
<b>DEC</b> 27/30	England (Millennium) End Congress		EBU 44 1296 394 414
<b>2000</b>			
<b>JAN</b> 8/22	Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup, Orbis WBC, Bermuda		WBF 33 1 53 230 315
<b>FEB</b> 18/21	Icelandair Open, Hotel Loftleidir, Reykjavik		
25/27	Forbo International, Scheveningen		Ducheyne
<b>MAR</b> 9/19	ACBL Spring Nationals, Cincinnati		1 901 332 5586; www.acbl.org
18/24	European Mixed Pairs & Teams, Rimini		Panos G panos@bridge.gr
23/26	14 <sup>th</sup> Cap Gemini World Invitation, The Hague		v. Dalen 31 30 252 6970
<b>APR</b> 20/23	Niklas Data Invitation, Stockholm		Daniel Auby
<b>JUN</b> 2/3	WBF Worldwide Simultaneous by Internet		cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com
<b>JUL</b> 1/8	New Zealand Nationals		Solomon +64 9 323 8494
	European Youth Championships		Panos G panos@bridge.gr
<b>AUG</b> 10-20	ACBL Summer Nationals, Anaheim		1 901 332 5586; www.acbl.org
26/9 Sep	World Bridge Olympiad, Maastricht		cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com
<b>NOV</b> 18-28	ACBL Fall Nationals, Birmingham, Al.		1 901 332 5586; www.acbl.org

**Canadian National Team Championships**  
Lebi & Gordon represent Canada in Maastricht

*John Carruthers reports a good-sportsmanship story from the CNTC to determine their teams for the World Bridge Olympiad in Maastricht. His own team won: **Robert Lebi**, Nader Hanna, Drew Cannell, John Carruthers but it might have been different:*

The four-day round robin had just been completed with the Fourcadot team tied with the Fergani team for the eighth and last playoff spot. The tie-breaking procedure was applied, and Fourcadot was announced as the winner (more match wins).

Marc-André Fourcadot, checking scores, found that a procedural penalty of one Victory Point, assessed days earlier, had not been deducted from his own team's total. With the full support of teammates Larry Crevier, Jean Boucher, Jon Robinson, Ghassam Menachi and Nick Krnjevic, he reported the error to the TD. Fourcadot was out, Kamel Fergani (with Jeff Blond, Nicolas l'Ecuyer and Douglas Fraser) was in.

It would complete a true Cinderella story if Fergani had gone on to win the event, but alas, they lost to Boris Baran, Mark Molson, Eric Kokish, George Mittelman and Allan Graves in the semifinals. Baran in turn was beaten by us for the title and the trip to Holland in 2000.

Winning the women's title were **Dianna Gordon**, Katie Thorpe, Beverly Kraft, Rhoda Habert, Martine Lacroix and Francine Cimon.

The Open Pairs title went to Dan Jacob and Larry Hicks.

Ted Horning 1940-1999

Ted Horning, one of Canada's all-time great players, has died in Toronto after a fierce battle with cancer.

*By a strange co-incidence, Richard Solomon reports a very similar story from the New Zealand National Bridge Congress, where the winners of the Teams and representing New Zealand in the Bermuda Bowl next January were:*

Brian Mace-Tom Jacob, Martin Reid-Peter Newell, Michael Cornell-Dwayne Crombie

**New Zealand National Bridge Congress**  
By Richard Solomon (NZ)

For southern hemisphere bridge-players there can be few with a warmer atmosphere than the NZNBC. This week-long event attracted 400 mainly locals but also some from across the Tasman Sea as well as a couple of visiting Americans.

The week caters for players of all abilities but the main events are the New Zealand Pairs (three days, six sessions) and New Zealand Teams (two days for the masses, five days for the teams that make the final).

One of the lasting memories of this year's Congress will be the excellent sportsmanship shown by some of the top players at the event.

The Congress is preceded by two days of inter-provincial competition. The final of the women's event was shown on vu-graph. In a dramatic finish the match ended as a tie, though in the bar afterwards one of the teams, Auckland, checked the scores and found an error of one IMP, *against* them. The team captain, Christine Trubuhovich, checked with her opposite number who had a compensating error on his scoresheet. Auckland, indeed, had lost by one IMP ... and finished runners-up.

Then in the New Zealand Pairs, a couple of expat Kiwis resident in Sydney, Paul Marston and Stephen Burgess, finished in second place, beaten by the young and very promising Ishmael Del'Monte and Ashley Bach, a first-time victory in this major event for them. Alas, well out of time, Ishmael found a score of -120 had been entered as +120, enough to put them back into second place behind Paul and Stephen. Ishmael would not accept the victory which was technically his. To the great credit of all four players, the organisers' offer of a joint victory was accepted.

The Congress gives a trophy to the most sporting act of the week. There were many strong candidates this year, though the award went to Ishmael, who thus received the trophy donated by his father four years earlier.

The Congress also included Mixed Pairs, Swiss Pairs, Multiple Teams, an Individual, an Intermediate Pairs, Veterans' Pairs, a rubber bridge competition and much more.

To conclude, here is one fascinating hand from the New Zealand Teams. I would like a quiet word with a Mr. Lightner as he has much to answer for:

Dlr: South      ♠ Q J 10 2  
 Vul: N/S                ♥ ----  
                       ♦ A K Q 10 9 6 4 2  
                       ♣ K

♠ K 9 8                    ♠ 6 5  
 ♥ 10 9 8 7 6 5            ♥ Q 4  
 ♦ 7 5                      ♦ ----  
 ♣ J 9                      ♣ AQ10876432

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

South	West	North	East
1♠ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♣ <sup>2</sup>	5♣
Pass	Pass	6♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

<sup>1</sup>8-13, 4+♠, may be canapé.  
<sup>2</sup>Any game force.

Your lead as West? Your partner has told you find a lead other than clubs. So, out came a heart, away went the club loser, and declarer quickly played ♠A and another.

Is this just unlucky or with a natural trump trick, should one disregard partner's request, risk the lash and lead his suit?

We'd love to see visitors from overseas at next year's Congress (July 1-8 2000)

Contact: *Richard Solomon*

☎ 0064 9 323 8494; Fax 0064 9 232 8873

Email: *RKSOLOMON@XTRA.CO.NZ*

### IBPA CLIPPINGS COMPETITION

All IBPA members are requested to send in any clippings mentioning the sponsor of the European Bridge Championships in Malta, **Generali**. Please give the clipping, the name of the publication, the date the clipping appeared, the name of the author, and the approximate circulation of the publication.

Each clipping submitted by an IBPA member will earn the member one ticket in a free draw. There will be five prizes of \$100 each. No member may win two prizes.

Clippings should be sent by the end of this month to our Clippings Secretary: Evelyn Senn-Gorter at Nicolaas Maeslaan 6, 2343-SC, Oegstgeest, Netherlands who will forward them en bloc to José Damiani

Clippings may be sent direct to Mr. Damiani at 40 Rue Francois Premier, 75001 Paris, France to be received by the end of September.

### Items from Malta

EBL Elections:

President: Gianarrigo Rona (Italy)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Pres: Jean Claude Beineix (Fra)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Pres: Laurens Hoedemaker (Net)  
 Treasurer: Marc de Pauw (Bel)  
 Secretary: Panos Gerontopoulos (Gre)  
 Executive Members: Anna Maria Torlontano (Ita), Nissan Rand (Isr), Jens Auken (Den)  
 Already elected: Members: Sabine Auken (Den), Radek Kielbasinski (Pol), José Oliveira (Por)  
 President d'Honneur & Legal Counsel: Bill Pencharz (GB)  
 Delegates to the WBF: Rona, Beineix, Gerontopoulos, J. Auken, Torlontano.  
 Appointments:  
 Technical Director: Ton Kooijman (Net)  
 Informatics Manager: Gio Baldi (Ita)  
 Master Points: Paul Maris (Bel)  
 Executive Meeting Sec: Anna Gudge (GB)

\* The next EBL Mixed Pairs & Teams will be held in Bellaria, Rimini, Italy, March 18-24.

Ten **New Members** joined IBPA in Malta: Claartje Bak (Net); David Bakhshi (GB); Boye Brogeland (Nor); Grattan Endicott (GB); Eva-Liss Gothe (Swe); Kauko Koistinen (Fin); Guy van Middeltem (Bel); Sebastien Reim (Ger); Martin Schaltz (Den); Ben Tryzelaar (Net).

Schaltz, 15, becomes our youngest member.

## **SUMMER NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

San Antonio, Texas, July 21-31, 1999 From  
Daily Bulletins edited by Brent Manley &  
Henry Francis

### **Grand National Teams**

In the final Florida (Joseph Shay, Michael Seamon, Robert Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell) beat Los Angeles (Iftikhar Baqai, Jill Meyers, Mitch Dunitz, Ed Davis) 121-78.

Shay, after working for AT&T for 17 years, set up his own computer company, floated it on the NASDAQ Market, and sold out five years ago and retired. He took up tournament bridge 3 years ago.

### **Life Masters Pairs**

428 pairs, 6 sessions, 78 in final

1. John Mohan & Sam Lev 1208.9
2. Brad Moss & Fred Gitelman 1172.6
3. Darren Wolpert & Jurek Czyzowicz 1154.9
4. Paul Marston & Bob Jones 1131.7
5. Mildred Breed & Shawn Quinn 1099.7
6. Larry Cohen & Jim Robison 1096.7

\* A cheque for \$100,000 from the ACBL Charity Foundation was presented to The Autism Society of America. It was accepted by William Christopher, the actor, who, for 11 years, played the priest Father Mulcahy in the TV series M.A.S.H. Christopher's son Ned, 31, is autistic. Christopher feels that Dustin Hoffman's performance in "Rain Man" gave a realistic view of autism. Hoffman played a savant, of course, but his actions mirrored those of autism victims very realistically, Christopher added.

Two local charities, the San Antonio Arthritis Foundation and Boysville, a children's home, both received \$2500 grants.

\* The American Bridge Teachers Assn book awards were:

Best student book: "25 Bridge Conventions," by Barbara Seagram, Canada, and Marc Smith, Great Britain.

Best advanced books: "Advanced Bridge Defense" and "Modern Bridge Defense" by Eddie Kantar. This marks the fourth time Kantar has won the book award.

The award for Best Software of the Year went to "Bridge Monitoring Series, Volume I," authored by Bobby Wolff. The software was produced by Bridge Trix, which is owned by Neil and Leah Silverman.



## 7 new members enter Bridge Hall of Fame

**Bobby Goldman**, who died unexpectedly in May, was one of seven inducted into the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame. His widow, Bettiane, and 15-year old son, Quinn, were present to accept the plaque. Bettiane said Goldman had written two new books and she vowed to see them published.

The others inducted were **Bob Hamman**, (now aged 60, the minimum age for living recipients) **Ted Lightner**, **Al Sobel**, **Margaret Wagar** as electees to the Hall of Fame. **Kathie Wei-Sender and Michael Gottlieb** enter the Hall by virtue of their selection as recipients, respectively, of the Blackwood and von Zedtwitz awards.

Wei-Sender's presenter was José Damiani, President of the World Bridge Federation, who traveled from France to take part in the ceremonies. Wei-Sender was joined at the banquet by more than a two dozen family members, some of them from China.

Alan Truscott, bridge editor of The New York Times, was the presenter for Lightner, who died in 1981 aged 88. Seventy years ago, Truscott recounted, there were two clever young men in New York City who were excited about bridge. One of them was Ely Culbertson, whose time in the bridge world was limited. Lightner was the one who stayed with the game, making significant contributions to bridge theory. The best known is the Lightner slam double requesting an unusual lead. Lightner introduced Culbertson to this idea, but the first time it came up it was a disaster and Culbertson refused to play it again. Lightner also wrote about forcing passes, "psychic suicide" and pre-emptive bidding.

Al Sobel, was ACBL's national tournament manager from 1942 until his retirement in 1969.

Margaret Wagar's record as a player was stellar -- in open as well as women's competition -- Wagar also distinguished herself as an administrator, serving on the ACBL Board of Directors for 12 years.

Michael Gottlieb died in 1980. Gottlieb is this year's recipient of the Von Zedtwitz Award for service through bridge-playing expertise. He won 13 national championships between 1929 and 1935 and was one of Culbertson's former partners. He was also a member of the Four Aces bridge team.

## THE SPINGOLD SEEDS

110 teams: Top 8 Seeds (USA unless stated)

1. Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
2. James Cayne, Chuck Burger, Mike Passell, Mike Seamon
3. Rita Shugart, Andrew Robson, Geir Helgemo, Tony Forrester (USA, GB, Norway)
4. Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Fred Stewart, Kit Woolsey, Mike Becker, Michael Kamil
5. Richard Schwartz, Drew Casen, Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein
6. Gerald Sosler, Kay Schulle, Andrea Buratti, Massimo Lanzarotti, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki (USA, Italy, Poland)
7. George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Howard Weinstein, Steve Garner, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria USA-ITA
8. Rose Johnson-Meltzer, Peter Weichsel, Alan Sontag, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Kyle Larsen

The USA team to play in the IOC Grand Prix in September is:

Steve Robinson & Peter Boyd, Kit Woolsey & Fred Stewart, George Jacobs & Ralph Katz.

## Nickell wins Spingold

The Team led by Nick Nickell won the Spingold for the sixth time in seven years, beating the number 18 seed led by Steve Beatty 152-111 in the final.

In the semi-final Nickell beat Sam Lev 172-99 and Beatty beat Baze 201-90.

At the Spingold quarter-final stage, as we went to press, of the top 8 seeds only Seed 1 Nickell (also USA1 in the Bermuda Bowl) and Seed 6, Sosler with the Italins & Poles, had survived. This is the story:

### In the **Round of 64**

No. 7, Jacobs, with Lauria-Versace, lost 92-112 to No. 58 Michael Kovacich

No. 8 lost 123-144 to No. 57, Ehrlichman, with two 18-year olds, Ari Greenberg & Joe Grue.

USA Junior 1 won but later lost to Nickell.

### In the **Round of 32**

No. 2, Cayne lost to 31, Joe Jabon 114-127.

### In the **Round of 16**

No 3, Shugart, lost to Seed 14, Grant Baze (Gitelman, Compton, Wittes-Grabel) 104-136

No. 4, Robinson lost to Pavlicek (Dad & son, Kanatar-Kay) by 2 IMPs 124-126

No. 5, Schwartz, lost to Seed 12, Lev, 117-150

### In the **Round of 8**

Sosler, seed 6, lost to Baze 90-105

## Who needs 3NT?

When an opponent bids your six-card suit to the A-K-8, you could hardly be blamed for considering a lead-directing double to be safe.

On this deal from the semifinal session of the Grand National Teams, Flight A, that seemingly reasonable action backfired - and how. The victim was a member of the District 6 team. The beneficiaries were Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell, representing District 9, the eventual winners.

Dlr: West	♠ Q J 8 6 5	
Game All	♥ 8 7 6 2	
	♦ 5	
	♣ 9 7 4	
♠ A K 9 7 3		♠ 4 2
♥ none		♥ A K Q J 9
♦ Q J T		♦ 9 7 2
♣ A J T 6 2		♣ K Q 8
	♠ T	
	♥ T 5 4 3	
	♦ A K 8 6 4 3	
	♣ 5 3	

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>		<i>Rodwell</i>	-
1♣ (1)	Pass	1♠ (2)	Pass
2♣ (3)	Pass	2♦ (4)	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl (5)	All Pass

- (1) Precision = usually 16+ high-card points.
- (2) Five or more hearts, positive.
- (3) Showing five or more spades.
- (4) Extras without a spade fit.
- (5) Co-operative = West allowed to pass with some diamond cards.

Meckstroth & Rodwell didn't bother with finding their way to 3NT when South stepped in with a lead-directing double. Instead the winners opted to play in their 3-3 trump fit redoubled.

South collected five trump tricks, but that was all, and the Floridians scored up plus 760, good for a 14-IMP gain when East-West played 4♠, down two, at the other table.