

The European Youth Team Championships proved a great success in Antalya, Turkey. Both the EBL and Turkish Bridge Federation can be proud of their achievement. Congratulations to Norway, Netherlands, Israel and France on qualifying for the World Junior Teams in South America; and to Poland, Norway and France for medals in the Schools.

The five-star hotel in Antalya cost, full-board for a single room, less than 50 Euros per day (1 Euro = U.S. \$1). That price is unattainable almost anywhere else in Europe. The contestants in 2002 cannot expect accommodation of anywhere near as high a standard.

The entry of 25 nations in the Juniors and 12 in the Schools was second only to Cardiff in 1996 where the record was set at 26 nations in the Juniors and 14 in the Schools. The entries in Antalya included, for the first time in any European championship teams from the new National Federations of England, Scotland, and Wales. Worthy of note is that the wheel-chair user in the Welsh team, Mark Roderick, (and his partner) played 440 of the maximum 480 deals. Only the 4-player Estonian team and a handful of others played more.

IBPA welcomed new members Andrea Pagani of Italy and Jovi Smederevac of Austria, and welcomed back Jean-Francois Jourdain (no relation of the Editor) of Belgium. All three were nonplaying captains or coaches in Antalya. It is also pleasing to see David Muller back in action after a break from bridge.

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The IBPA Annual General Meeting and Awards is now expected to be on the morning of Wednesday, 6th September in Maastricht, not Tuesday as previously published.

The Olympiad in Maastricht promises to be a great festival of bridge. Telephone numbers for the Press Room are not yet available, and members at home will have to find them on the website

www.bridgeolympiad.nl

where there will be a Press page.

Congratulations to Jan van Cleeff on persuading his Dutch newspaper to carry a 4-page supplement on bridge the day before the Olympiad opens (see Postbag).

Patrick Jourdain - Editor

NORWAY WINS JUNIORS, POLAND WINS SCHOOLS AT EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Antalya, Turkey July 6 – 16th 2000 From Daily Bulletins edited by Mark Horton and Brian Senior

FINAL RANKINGS

JUNIORS		SCHOOLS		
1	Norway	481	1 Poland	218
2	Netherlands	470	2 Norway	216
3	Israel	469	3 France	199.5
4	France	444	4 Hungary	176
5	Denmark	429	5 England	176
6	Turkey	418	6 Sweden	165
7	Sweden	414	7 Austria	159.5
8	Russia	414	8 Netherlands	152
9	Germany	408	9 Israel	149.5
10	Italy	407	10 Italy	144
11	Austria	405	11 Germany	116
12	Poland	399	12 Latvia	061
13	England	397		
14	Finland	381		
15	Iceland	380		
16	Croatia	369		
17	Hungary	366		
18	Portugal	361		
19	Belgium	348		
20	Estonia	336		
21	Spain	264		
22	Scotland	254		
23	Wales	247		
24	Switzerland	227		
25	Ireland	217		

NORWAY JUNIORS

Thomas Charlsen, 25, is the most experienced player. This is his second European title (also Cardiff in 1996) and he has two silver medals in World Juniors. He works in insurance, and will become a father this August. His partner is....

Olav Ellestad, 22, is studying economics in Bergen and plays for the first time on the juniors.

Stig Roar Hakkebo, 22, studies economics in Trondheim. In Schools two years ago in Vienna.

Gunnar Harr, 23, studies economics in Tromso, his hometown. He has twice won the Norwegian Junior Championship, and has fourth place in the Vienna Europeans and fifth in the World Juniors.

Nils Kare Kvangraven, 22, has just finished his studies and becomes an auditor in Oslo. With Harr was fourth in Vienna, and fifth in World Juniors. Addicted Okbridge player.

Ronny Jorstad, 22, is a real estate broker in his hometown, Skien

npc **Sven Olai Hoyland, 39**, is assistant professor in computer science in Bergen. Coach : Arhthur Malinowski, 32, works for the Norwegian BF.

DUTCH JUNIORS

Niek Brink;
Bart Groosman, 23; Sjoert Brink, 19; Bas Drijver, 20; Marten Schollaardt, 22; Marcel Lagas, 25; npc: Schelte Wijma, 27; coach: Kees Tammens, 50.

ISRAEL JUNIORS

Asaf Amit, 25; Yaniv Vax, 25; Yossi Roll, 25; Ranny Schneider, 24; Inon Liran, 25; Aran Varshavski, 25; npc Michael Barel, 30.

FRANCE JUNIORS

(who also qualify for the World Juniors next year) Gaelle Bazin, Thibaut Charletoux, Pierre Labruyere, Nathalie Frey, Julien Geitner, Guillaume Grenthe; npc: Jean-Pierre Rocafort.

THE POLISH SCHOOLS TEAM

Jakub Kotrowicz, is a 20 year old student of mathematics. **Szymon Kapala**, is a 20 years old student of informatics. He was a member of the team that took bronze in Vienna.

Krzysztof Buras, a 20 year old student of law. Another member of the Vienna team.

Krzysztof Kotrowicz, is the 19 year old brother of Jakub. He will become a student of informatics in the near future.

Konrad Araszkiwicz, is a 20 year old student of history. **Piotr Madry**, is 19 years old, and he is learning in a secondary school, which specialises in electronics. He likes to play volleyball and he loves good music.

Npc: Wlodzimierz Krzysztofczyk has been training the under 20 team for four years. Two years ago he was coach of the team in Vienna. Here he was promoted to be the main captain of both teams.

Coach: Bogustaw Gierulski, is a Grandmaster who has twice finished second in the Polish Championships. He represented Poland in the European Pairs championships in The Hague and in Warsaw. He is 42 years old and teaches bridge in secondary schools.

NORWAY SCHOOLS Jorn Ringseth, 19; Sverre Aal, 18; Petter Eide, 16; Erik Eide, 18; Espen Lindqvist, 16; npc Olav Lillebuen.

FRANCE SCHOOLS

Olivier Bessis; Godefroy de Tessieres; Julien Gaviard; Thomas Bessis; Jerome Grenthe, Thibault Delmas; npc: Francois Colin.

The Bulletin Awards:
Best Play (Juniors) : Marina Kelina
 Russia
 Reported by Martin Schaltz in Bull 11 Page 17

THE SMALLEST FINESSE?
 By Martin Schaltz (Den)

In the round 23 match on VuGraph between Russia and Italy, a revealing bid by Bernardo Biondo helped Marina Kelina of Russia to her ninth trick with a special club finesse:

Board 5	10 7 4 3
Dealer North	Q J 9 7 3
N/S Game	Q 8 6
	8
	A 9 6 5 Q 8
	A 6 5 K 10 2
	J 2 A 7 5 4
	A K 9 2 J 7 5 4
	K J 2
	8 4
	K 10 9 3
	Q 10 6 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kelina</i>	<i>Mazzadi</i>	<i>Krasno-</i>	<i>Biondo</i>
		<i>sselski</i>	
	Pass	Pass	1
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Furio</i>	<i>Solnstev</i>	<i>Stelio</i>	<i>Malinovski</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the Closed Room North led the queen of hearts taken by declarer's ace. Furio di Bello wanted to find out whether the king of spades was onside before deciding how to play the clubs. So he began with a spade to the queen. This lost so he needed four tricks from the club suit and therefore started by playing the ace and king. When North showed out he had only seven tricks and went two off.

In the Open Room the lead was also the queen of hearts but declarer had the extra information from Biondo's One Club together with the fact that North had chosen a heart lead and not a club. Kelina won the ace of hearts, and played immediately a heart to the ten, which held. Then she tried the jack of clubs from dummy, covered by the queen and king. Noting

the fall of the eight from North declarer returned to dummy with a heart and led the four of clubs. Biondo smoothly played the three. After a small break from Kelina, she decided to let it run. When the four held she had her nine tricks.

I was not surprised that Biondo opened the bidding on his nine points. I was just puzzled that he did not choose to open One Diamond his better suit!

Best Defence Stelio di Bello (Italy)
 By Andrea Pagani in Bulletin 11 Page 15

IMAGINATIVE DEFENCE
 By Andrea Pagani (Italy)

Stelio di Bello of Italy is already a professional player on the Lavazza team. This defence from Round 17, when Italy met France on VuGraph, showed his skill and imagination

Board 9	J 10 7 2
Dealer North	Q
E/W Vul	7 5 3
	K Q J 5 3
	4 A Q 8 3
	J 10 7 6 2 K 8 5 4
	A K 10 9 4 J 8 6
	10 8 6 2
	K 9 6 5
	A 9 3
	Q 2
	A 9 7 4

West	North	East	South
<i>Charletoux</i>	<i>Furio</i>	<i>Bazin</i>	<i>Stelio</i>
	Pass	Pass	1
1	Dbl.	3	Pass
4	All Pass		

Furio di Bello, North, led the king of clubs against West's Four Hearts. Stelio overtook with the ace and played the two of diamonds at the speed of light. Declarer won the ace, and was tempted into trying to get rid of his losing club by taking the spade finesse. This lost to the king and Stelio continued with the queen of diamonds. West won and played the jack of trumps, for the queen, king and ace. South now continued with a small club for an entry to partner's hand and Furio returned a third diamond for South to ruff! Two down when declarer can make his game by guessing the trump suit accurately. This great defence was wasted when, at the other table, France was allowed to make Four Spades doubled on the N/S cards.

Best Bid Gal Hegedus Hungary
Reported by Kees Tammens in Bull 8 Page 13

Dealer East	8 6 2	
N/S Game	9 6 5 3	
	K J 4	
	K Q J	
	Q J 7 5	K 10 4
	8	K 10
	10 8	A Q 9 7 6 2
	10 9 8 5 4 3	A 2
		A 9 3
		A Q J 7 4 2
		5 3
		7 6

West	North	East	South
		1	2 (11-13)
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East, Bas Drijver, felt he was too strong for 1NT (15-17) and, thanks to Gal Hegedus' call of 2NT found himself on lead against 3NT. Bas's choice was a small diamond. Declarer took the heart finesse, played a club for the king ace, after which Bas, playing partner for three diamonds cashed the A. A reasonable defence to let declarer score +660.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
		1	1
Pass	2	3	Dble
Pass	3	All Pass	

South, Niek Brink played with skill. The defence started with three rounds of diamonds (A spade switch at trick three is the winning alternative), ruffed by declarer with the Q. He then played a club for the king and ace. A fourth diamond saw declarer ruff in dummy and discard a spade from hand. Now a heart went to declarer's jack, and he cashed the ace of hearts. Niek was happy to score +170 (with 3 cold) only to find out he lost 10 IMPs.

Full credit nonetheless to North, Gal Hegedus, for his 2NT, one of the best bids of this championship so far. Hegedus realised the limited defensive potential of the combined N/S hands and also visualised that a heart contract by South was not a good proposition.

Best Disaster Lauri Naber & Leo Luks Estonia
Reported by Mark Horton in Bulletin 9 Page 15
This later version expands on the story:

DOUBLE DISASTER AND TRIUMPH
By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

Yesterday's Bulletin contained the story of how the Norwegian Juniors made 3NT on the East-West cards of Board 2 from Round 17, following a misdefence by Estonia. The story soon surfaced that the Dutch Schools team had also made Three Notrumps on the same deal following a misdefence but this time on the North-South cards! Even more spectacularly, both declarers made an overtrick in their respective games. Here is the lay-out and Norwegian bidding again:

Round 17. Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul

	A J 5 3	
	A K 6 5 2	
	Q 8	
	Q 7	
K 10 9		8 6
10 9		J 4
A 10 9 5 2		6 4 3
K J 2		A 9 8 6 5 3
	Q 7 4 2	
	Q 8 7 3	
	K J 7	
	10 4	

West	North	East	South
Ellestad	Naber	Charlsen	Luks
		3	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

To summarise the hilariously disastrous defence: North cashed two top hearts, then, thinking West had four, switched to the ace of spades. South discouraged so now North tried the queen of diamonds. Declarer won and cashed six clubs on which South, to keep his holding in spades, decided to throw all his diamonds. Declarer claimed the rest for +430 to Norway.

Now let us switch to the action in the Schools event in Round 6 when the Netherlands met Poland and Richard Ritmeijer was declarer for the Dutch.

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1	1	3	Dble
Pass	3	Pass	3NT

All Pass

This time it was **South** in Three No-Trumps. West led a low diamond. Ritmeijer won in hand, took the spade finesse, cashed the ace, and cleared the suit. West continued by playing ace and another diamond so declarer claimed ten tricks for +630 to the Dutch!

Best Play (Schools) Espen Lindqvist
Norway

Reported by Patrick Jourdain Bull 10 Page 13.

SCHOOLS GIVE A LESSON

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

VuGraph on Saturday afternoon featured the Schools Round 10 match between Poland and Norway, the two leaders at the time. The match in general and this deal in particular showed a very high standard of play all round.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	A J 9 3		
	—		
	A 7 4 3		
	Q 8 6 5 2		
10 8 7 6		Q 5 2	
8 7 6 5 4 3		A K 9	
K 9		Q 2	
7		A J 10 9 4	
		K 4	
		Q J 10 2	
		J 10 8 6 5	
		K 3	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eide P.</i>	<i>Jacob K Aal</i>	<i>Krzysztof K</i>	
	2	2NT	Pass
3	Pass	3	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kapala</i>	<i>Eide E</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>
	1	1NT	Dbl.
2	2	Pass	3NT

All Pass

In the Closed Room Aal, East for Norway, reached Three Hearts against the Kotorowicz

brothers. The bad trump break meant the contract went one off for 50 to Poland.

In the Open Room there was excellent defence by Szymon Kapala and Krzysztof Buras of Poland and excellent declarer play by Espen Lindqvist of Norway.

South, Lindqvist, was in Three No Trumps. Declarer has four diamonds and three obvious black tricks, and if West leads a heart or a spade declarer can easily set up his extra tricks in the majors. So West did well to start with the king of diamonds. Declarer won and cleared the suit, giving East a very difficult problem. He took his best shot by exiting with the jack of clubs. Declarer correctly won this in hand with the king and led the queen of hearts. East was again in trouble and found the best shot once more by exiting with the ten of clubs. He now had two winning clubs to cash if declarer tried to set up a heart trick. But South knew what was going on, and with eight top winners, and five losers, now played off his long suit, diamonds. East could not withstand the pressure of the last diamond. He had to keep three spades and the top heart, so had room for only one club.

Declarer could now safely set up a heart, but, knowing the ending, chose the more spectacular line of cashing his king of spades and exiting with a heart to leave poor East to lead up to dummy's ace-jack of spades at the end. Very well played all round!

Norway won the match 16-14 to take the lead but had a tougher last round to play, leaving Poland as favourites for gold.

BOLS REVISITED

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

One feature of Junior Bridge is that there is always a new generation of players who may not have heard the old saws. When the BOLS liqueur company ran a competition for journalists to provide advice of a general nature ("The five level belongs to the opponents" is perhaps the best remembered), my contribution was: "With eight winners and five losers in Three Notrumps, play off your long suit."

This deal from Round 3 illustrates the point

Board 16 K 9 7 2
 Dealer West A Q J 10 6
 E/W Vul 5
 A 10 5

A 4	Q 8
9 7 4	K 2
A K Q 2	J 9 8 6 4 3
K Q 9 4	J 7 2

J 10 6 5 3
 8 5 3
 10 7
 8 6 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Medusei Zoric</i>		<i>Mazzadi</i>	<i>Grahek</i>
2	2	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>PilipovicBiondo</i>		<i>Sasek</i>	<i>Guariglia</i>
1	1	2	Pass
2	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Dble	All Pass	

At several tables, after North had overcalled in hearts, East reached Three Notrumps. If South led a spade this must fail, but most led their partner's suit, setting up declarer's eighth trick. On Vugraph the Belgian declarer clearly did not know my Tip for he crossed to dummy to try to sneak a club trick by playing low towards the jack. North for Scotland, Robert Carr, was not hard-pressed to pop up with the ace and cash his hearts. One off.

If, instead, declarer simply plays out his diamonds, North cannot avoid giving declarer a chance. North can happily throw two spades and two clubs, but the pressure exerted by the last diamond proves unbearable. He must either throw a good heart, in which case declarer can safely play a club, or he has to bare the king of spades. Note that cashing the long suit works even if North had something like KQ with declarer having the jack. All that is needed is that the defender is hanging on to useful cards in three suits.

Sunamak, declarer for Turkey, knew the play, cashed his diamonds, and made his game when North for Sweden, Nystrom, bared his king of spades in the ending. The Danish declarer in the same contract also knew the Tip and duly cashed his diamonds. However, full credit goes to the Estonian North, Lauri Naber, who bared his king of spades, smoothly, before declarer played the

last diamond, on which he threw a club. East could not believe North, if squeezed, had managed his discards without signs of distress, and eventually decided to play for hearts to be 4-4, despite the evidence to the contrary. He continued with a club. One off.

The main drama came in the match between Croatia and Italy where both tables were in Three Notrumps doubled on a heart lead. Both Souths dutifully led a heart, with North putting in the ten. The declarers, Mazzadi and Sasek, won the heart and rattled off six diamonds. On the last one, the Croatian North threw a heart, and Mazzadi set up a club for his game. At the other table, the Italian North, Bernardo Biondo, bared his spade king, but Tomislav Sasek read the ending and played a spade to the ace. Well done. 750 was a flat board.

Red or Black?

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

To train the VuGraph operators a practice match of 16 boards was staged the evening before the Opening Ceremony between the hosts, Turkey, and the Netherlands. It proved to be a thriller, decided by 1 IMP in Turkey's favour on the final deal.

Turkey, who have benefited from training provided by Karen McCallum (USA), gained a slam swing on the first board, a gain that the Netherlands reduced in small steps. Marcel Lagas was perhaps unlucky that his defence on this deal, had it come during the real championship, would have been a candidate for an award:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	J 3
	K 10 5 2
	K Q 9 8 4 3
	3
A 8 4 2	9
8 7 4 3	Q J 9 6
2	A 6 5
K 8 5 2	A J 10 9 6
	K Q 10 7 6 5
	A
	J 10 7
	Q 7 4

West	North	East	South
<i>Lagas</i>		<i>Tatlicioglu</i>	<i>SchollardtSunamak</i>
		1	1
Dble	2	3	3

All Pass

The bidding was similar at both tables, and the final contract 3 . West led his singleton diamond. East won the ace and led his lowest diamond back. How do you defend?

At the other table West ruffed, put his partner in with the ace of clubs and received a second diamond ruff. That ensured the contract went one off, but only one off, because when West took his second ruff he was endplayed. Lagas saw that coming and after he took his first ruff he continued with a low trump.

If West takes both ruffs early the defence can only come to one club trick. The diamonds are set up, and dummy has an entry with the jack of trumps. West tried his best at the other table by continuing with a low club, but declarer ran it to the queen, and ruffed his last club.

Note the difference when West has taken the chance to duck a trump. The defence can still make their second ruff but also come to three club tricks.

When declarer won the trump switch he actually played a second trump. West won, put East in with the club ace, received a second ruff, and exited with a heart, sticking South on lead to lose two clubs at the end. Declarer had better shots available, but, following Lagas's imaginative switch, I think best defence always puts the contract three light.

JUNIOR BUTLER SCORES

Ranked by IMPs per board

Player(s)	Avg	Boards
1/2. Hakkebo S/Jorstad R (Nor)	0.97	280
3/4. Harr G/ Kvangarven (Nor)	0.85	380
5/6 Amit A/ Vax Y (Isr)	0.77	359
7/8 Gloyer A/Schifko M (Aut)	0.76	480
9/10 Roll Y/Schneider R (Isr)	0.75	359
11/12 Brink S/Grijver B (Nld)	0.72	420
13 Balschun R (Ger)	0.70	420
14/15 Lagas M/Schollaardt (Nld)	0.70	360
16/17 Bazin G/Charletoux T (Fra)	0.68	360
18/19 Kelina M/Krasnosselski (Rus)	0.67	399

SCHOOLS BUTLER SCORES

Player (s)	Avg	Boards
1/2 Kotorowicz J/Kotorowicz K (Pol)	1.30	160
3/4 Bessis O/Tessieres G (Fra)	1.14	160
5 Lindqvist E (Nor)	1.13	220
6 Eide P (Nor)	1.05	120
7 Ringseth J (Nor)	0.97	180
8/9 Burgess O/Woodcock A (Eng)	0.87	180
10 Eide E (Nor)	0.83	220
11/12 Araszkievicz/ Madry P (Pol)	0.81	100
13/14 Buras K/Kapala S (Pol)	0.63	180

Olympiad Open Teams to Note

Argentina: Pablo Lambardi, Carlos Lucena, Alejandro Bianchedi, Leonardo Rizzo.
Australia: Denis Howard (NPC) Matthew Thomson, Peter Newman, Stephen Burgess Paul Martson, Robert Richman, Matthew Mullamphy.
Brazil: Elizabeth Pinheiro, Pedro Paulo Assumpcao (NPC), Marcelo Amaral Marcelo C. Branco, Joao Paulo Campos, Gabriel Chagas, Mauricio Figueiredo, Miguel Villas-Boas.
Canada: Martin Kirr (NPC), Nader Hanna, Robert Lebi, Eric Kokish, George Mittelman, Drew Cannell, John Carruthers.
Denmark: Steffen-Holm, Pedersen Hans, Kristian Sorensen (NPC), Jens Auken, Dennis Koch-Palmund, Knud-Aage Boesgaard, Hans Christian Nielsen, Karsten Pedersen, Ole Raulund.
France: Jean-Louis Stoppa (NPC), Patrick Allegrini, Jean-Jacques Palau, Paul Chemla, Alain Levy, Hervé Mouiel, Maurice Salama.
Indonesia: Markus Parmadi (NPC), Mubawar Sawiruddin (Coach), Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Santje Panelewen, Robert Parasian Tobing, Franky Karwur, Denny Sacul.
Italy: Carlo Mosca (NPC), Maria Teresa Lavazza (Coach), Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Dano De Falco, Guido Ferraro, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace.
Netherlands: Jaap Trouwborst (NPC), Erik Kirchhoff (Coach), Huub Bertens, Wubbo de Boer, Anton Maas, Bauke Muller, Bart Nab, Vincent Ramondt.
Norway Einar Asbjorn Brenne (NPC), Rolf Olsen (Coach), Boye Brogeland, Erik Saelensminde, Erik Austberg, Geir Helgeimo, Jon Egil Furunes, Tor Helness.
Poland: Jan Rogowski (NPC), Wojciech Siwiec (Coach), Krzysztof Jassem, Piotr Tuszynski, Michael Kwiecien, Jacek Pszczola, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski.
Sweden: Daniel Auby (NPC), Björn Fallenius, Peter Fredin, Magnus Lindkvist, Mats Nilslund, PO Sundelin, Johan Sylvan.
USA: David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen, George Jacobs, Steve Garner, Howard Weinstein, Ralph Katz.

Teams to Note in Ladies Olympiad

Australia Felicity Beale, Lidia Beech, Margaret Bourke, Sue Lusk, Diana Smart, Therese Tully, npc Seamus Browne
Austria Gabriele Bamberger, Maria Erhart, Doris Fischer, Dietlinde Kelineer, Alice Redermeier, Jovanka Smederevac, npc C. Felderer
Canada Francine Cimon, Dianna Gordon, Rhoda Habert, Beverly Kraft, Martine Lacroix, Catherine Thorpe npc Jim Green
China Ling Gu, Ming Sun, Honglin Wang, Wenfei Wang, Yalan Zhang, Yu Zhang, npc Jihong Hu.
England Michelle Brunner, Heather Dhondy, Rhona Goldenfield, Sandra Penfold, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, npc Philip King
France Veronique Bessis, Benedicte Cronier, Catherine d'Ovidio, Catherine Fishpool, Elisabeth Hugon, Sylvie Willard, npc G. Tissot
Germany Sabine Auken, Katrin Farwig, Beate Nehmert, Andrea Rauscheid, Barbara Stawowy, Daniela von Arnim, npc Kaemmer.
The Netherlands Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Marijke vd Pas, Wietske van Zwol, Martine Verbeek, Bep Vriend, npc Ed Franken
Sweden Kerstin Stranberg, Pia Andersson, Catharina Forsberg, Ulla-Brit Goldberg, Maria Gronkvist, Catharina Midskog, Madeleine Swanstrom, npc Anna Jarup.
USA Mildred Breed, Petra Hamman, Joan Jackson, Robin Klar, Shawn Quinn, Peggy Sutherlin, npc Bob Hamman.

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 Dlr: East 9 2
 Vul: None 4 3 2
 A K J 10 7
 A K 9

 Q 10 5 3 7 6
 10 9 8 7 A K Q J 6
 6 5 4 3 2
 4 3 2 Q J 10

 A K J 8 4
 5
 Q 9 8
 8 7 6 5

West	North	East	South
		1	1
Pass	2	Pass	2
Pass	4	All Pass	

North's cue-bid of 2 shows a strong hand, with at least the values to be interested in game, and it asks for more information. South's rebid of 2 simply indicates that he has a minimum overcall, and North raises to the suit game, hoping to find a six-card suit opposite, and with no real expectation of there being a better spot. Against 4 the defense start with two rounds of hearts, forcing South to ruff. Now is the moment to look at the hand as a whole, not just at the spade suit. If South goes to dummy and takes a spade finesse, (the normal play in the suit, in abstract) he will be ruined by another heart lead, which will force him to take another ruff, and leave West with more trumps than him; not good news!

The safe play on the hand is to cash the ace and king of spades, leaving two trumps outstanding, but retaining the lead, without the loss of a tempo that would arise from taking the losing trump finesse. Now South simply leads winning diamonds. The defense takes one heart trick and two spade tricks, but they never get their club winners; South gets his clubs away on the winning diamonds in dummy, and finishes up with ten tricks. It is all too easy to play by rote; sometimes you have to deviate from the accepted method of tackling a suit, (in this case finessing in spades) if the situation demands it.

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 Themistocles Papadopoulos, the favourite opponent of Victor Mollo's immortal Hideous Hog, was reputed to be the only man capable of false-carding with a singleton. Alas for a number of declarers in the Cap Gemini, there were several opponents who seemed equally capable of the feat!

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

West	North	East	South
	1	Pass	1
Pass	2	Pass	4NT
Pass	5	Pass	6
All Pass			

The majority of declarers in the Cap Gemini reached 6, receiving a club lead and continuation. As you can see the slam would have been laydown if trumps had split; but when declarer laid down the A the nine appeared. Now the question is whether that card is a singleton or a devious false-card from J9xx, trying to persuade declarer to misguess in the trump suit. Only two out of seven declarers were prepared to pay off to this apparent "brilliancy". The successful declarers led out the K, and as a result negotiated the 4-1 trump split and picked up a handsome swing for their side. The other five declarers were too embarrassed at the idea of insulting one of their colleagues. They misguessed by leading a trump to the queen, and went down.

Notice that if declarer had crossed to dummy with a spade at trick three, and led a heart up, he would have been more likely to believe the 9 to be a singleton; apart from anything else, the deceptive play would not be a success if West had the bare 10!

As the Hideous Hog said on another occasion: "Maybe if you didn't try to be so clever, you wouldn't end up looking so stupid."

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From the 1999 Forbo qualifier, an IBPA member Roselyn Teukolsky demonstrated a route to success by employing the technique of stripping a hand perfectly.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1
1NT(1)	2	3	3
Pass	3	Pass	5
All Pass			

(1) clubs and a major

Most players would have chosen to double rather than overcall with the West cards. As it happens, the auction persuaded West to lead the ace of clubs - a small slip, which allowed Teukolsky to make the contract by force, despite the unfavorable heart distribution. She ruffed the club continuation, played off three rounds of spades, ruffing the third, then crossed to a top trump in dummy to eliminate the clubs. At this point she finally drew the last trump, ending up in dummy. Now she led the nine of hearts from dummy, covered by East with the ten. Roselyn put on the jack, and that left West on play. A heart return would give up the defence's trick there, and either black suit would allow declarer to throw a heart from dummy and crossruff the rest of the tricks.

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Sometimes a defence can seem so obvious that you may be blinded to the subtler points of the deal. Consider this hand from the knock-out tournament in Vancouver.

Dlr: North	9 7 5 2		
Vul: None	K Q 4 2		
	Q 6 3		
	K 5		
	8 6	A K 4	
	J 7 5 3	A 10 9 8	
	10 8 4 2	J 9	
	J 10 6	A 9 8 4	
		Q J 10 3	
		6	
		A K 7 5	
		Q 7 3 2	

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1NT	Pass
Pass	2 #	Pass	3
All Pass			

Majors

After North had backed in over the strong no-trump, South could not take a joke. Three Spades looked uncomfortably high when West hit on the trump lead -- but it was easy for East to switch to auto-pilot and not to consider the finer points of the defence.

Although it looks natural to win and play two more rounds of trumps, East should look a bit deeper than that. If partner has a top diamond honour, it is only a question of how many undertricks he collects. Similarly, if declarer has either three or five diamonds to the A-K, his play is irrelevant. So East must cater to the one relevant holding, namely that West has precisely four diamonds to the ten. West will have to find a discard on the third trump, and may not appreciate that retaining his 10 is crucial to the defence. If you lead out trumps at once, West has an inconvenient discard to make at trick three; look at those club and heart holdings.

This is actually what happened at the table, but fortunately for the defence, West was a good enough player to find the club discard, which on reflection is unlikely to cost; nevertheless, East did not have to put him to the test. He should have shifted to the J at trick two. Now when he wins the A and leads two more rounds of trumps, he has clarified his holding in the critical suit, and it makes West's life easier.

**LADIES REVENGE:
USA BEATS THE NETHERLANDS
By Hans Metselaar (Netherlands)**

Finally, just before Maastricht, our annual festival will be held for the 10th time. Please check WWW.bart.nl/~sbs for further details.

The American Ladies took their revenge on the defeat they suffered in the finals of the WC on Bermuda. In the re-match they beat the Dutch by a slim margin, 424 - 405. As all six pairs played at the same time, the anchor table comparing its results with both other tables, over 108 boards, it could have gone either way.

Affairs were conducted in a special air of hospitality and friendship. The Americans confided in the organization they felt like visiting royalty. The USA win came despite an adverse adjusted score on this deal:

Hand 85:	J 10 6 3 2				
Dealer North	-				
N/S Game	A 7				
	J 9 8 7 6 5 3				
K 9 8 7 5 4	-				
K J 4	9 6 5 3				
K J 5 2	Q 10 9 6 4 3				
-	10 8 4				
	A Q				
	A Q 10 8 7 2				
	8				
	A K Q 2				

The bidding at the Anchor table, with van der Pas and Vriend North/South, went:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	2	2
Pass	Pass	3	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North's pass over 2 was due to the understanding that 2 is not always strong.

The Americans at the other table did bid the right slam of 6 :

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1	1
Pass	Pass	Dbl	2
3	3	4	Pass
5	5	Dbl	Pass
6	All Pass		

There had been a break in tempo before South's double of 5 . The tournament director decided on 5 doubled one off, his decision upheld by the Appeal Committee. Funny thing is, 5 will make, unless South leads a heart!

Both sponsors and players are anxious to continue the event and in Maastricht things will be decided.

'99 FINALISTS IN LAST 16 OF OKBRIDGE INTERNET CHAMPIONSHIPS
By Henry Francis (US)

Here are the pairings for the regional finals:
Western Europe: Spain (Madrid - Ignacio Torres captain) v. Ireland (Celtic Posse - Tom Hanlon captain).
Eastern Europe: Romania (Romanian Beauty - Catalin Popescu captain) v. Russia (E95 - 1999 runner-up, Alex Petrounin captain).
Northern Europe: Israel (Desert Storm - Michael Barel captain) v. Sweden (Swedes - Lars Larsson captain).
Region 8 (Africa, Asia, Middle/Far East, South Pacific): Australia (DBBC All-Stars-David Stern capt) v. China (HaHa - Wofang Mau capt).
USA West: (Knowledge Eng'rs - Peter Friedland capt) v. USA (Florida Kees - Jay McKee capt).
USA Central: (Team Bundy - Peggy Kaplan captain) v USA (Salukis - Glafkos Galanos).
USA East: (Simson - defending champion, Doug Simson captain) v. USA (The Warriors - Ray Raskin captain).
Region 7 (Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, South America, Central America, Caribbean): Canada (Indigent Imps - Wayne Timms captain) v. Argentina (Argentine 1 - Luis Palazzo captain)

After the round of 16 has been played, the winners of the first four matches above will be in Bracket 1 and the remainder in Bracket 2. Each bracket will be seeded by Chief Tournament Director Gary Blaiss. The matches from that point on will be 48 boards played in two 24-board sessions on two different dates. On-site monitors will be required in all these matches and all subsequent matches. Once again the final will take place at the site of the Fall North American Championships - this time in Birmingham, Alabama, USA, on November 16, 2000. This year there will be a playoff for third place. Teams reaching the final receive \$5000.

Shades of Alphonse Moyses

Alphonse Moyses would have been proud. The man who became famous for his espousal of playing games in 4-3 fits would have had nothing but admiration for Bjorn Wenneberg and P.G.Eliasson of Sweden. They found their 4-3 spade fit and avoided the ill-fated 6-4 club fit. They did this despite the fact that Geir Helgemo of Team Turbo, Norway, made a negative double over 1 -2 .

This board, in the second half of a Region 5 semifinal in the OKbridge second annual Internet World Bridge Championship, made the difference. Sweden gained 11 IMPs, then held on

for a 1-IMP victory, 59-58, and a place in the regional final.

Board 5. IMPs.	A 9 5
Dealer North.	J 8 6 5
N/S Game	10 2
	A 9 7 3
10 8 6	K 7 4
K Q 10 4 3 2	9 7
7 6	A K J 9 5 4 3
J 10	5
	Q J 3 2
	A
	Q 8
	K Q 8 6 4 2

Table 1

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Wenneberg</i>	<i>Osbak</i>	<i>Eliasson</i>
	Pass	1	2
Dbl	Redbl	3	3
Pass	4	All Pass	

Helgemo's negative double could easily have steered the Swedes away from spades, but Eliasson decided to bring his four-card suit into the action on his second turn. Wenneberg, with two aces and a fit in both black suits, bravely bid the spade game.

Helgemo led the heart king, and Eliasson immediately attacked trumps, crossing to the ace and continuing. B.G. Osbak rose with the king and led his last heart, but Eliasson pitched the diamond queen as Helgemo won with the queen. He returned another heart to dummy's jack, but Osbak ruffed and Eliasson overruffed. He drew the last trump and claimed with all good clubs, losing a diamond at the end. Plus 620.

IBPA Editor: one suspects that at trick 4 East cashed a top diamond before playing his second heart. Else South should have made 11 tricks by throwing his second diamond on dummy's heart.

Table 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Kristrom</i>	<i>Furunes</i>	<i>Olofsson</i>	<i>Aaseng</i>
	Pass	1	2
2	3	4	All Pass

The bidding was too high when it got back to Lasse Aaseng. He liked his hand but didn't feel he was good enough to go to 5 - which would have gone down one trick on two diamond losers and a spade. Bidding 4 seemed far too great a gamble, so he passed. Jon-Egil Furunes, North,

had good defense - two aces - and not enough to bid on to 5, so he too passed.

After an opening spade lead to the ace and a spade continuation, Olofsson had to go down one, losing two spades, a club and a heart. Minus 50. But that still represented an 11-IMP gain in a match that was won by a single IMP.

The Texas Gals hand

How often have you seen this happen in a team game - one side bids six and makes seven while the other team bids seven and makes six? The Texas Gals gained 14 IMPs in a quarterfinal match on just such a hand.

Board 9.	K Q	
Dealer North.	Q J 8	
E-W Game	A 7 6 5 4 2	
	9 6	
10 8 3 2		9 7 5
3		9 6 4 2
K J 10 8 3		Q 9
10 5 2		K J 4 3
	A J 6 4	
	A K 10 7 5	
	-	
	A Q 8 7	

Table 1

West	North	East	South
	<i>Uijterwaal</i>	<i>Breed</i>	<i>Corn Quinn</i>
	1	Pass	1
Pass	2	Pass	2
Pass	3	Pass	6
All Pass			

Table 2

West	North	East	South
	<i>Klar Schiff</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Meyer</i>
	1	Pass	1
Pass	2	Pass	2
Pass	3	Pass	4
Pass	4	Pass	4
Pass	6	Pass	7
All Pass			

At Table 1 Shawn Quinn had no problem whatsoever - she got a club lead, and that took care of her only possible loser - a club. Making seven, plus 1010.

At Table 2 Robin Klar led the jack of diamonds, and now it was up to Brian Meyer to find his way home in his reasonable but somewhat ambitious slam. After winning the ace

and discarding a club from his hand, he did not want to put all his eggs in one basket by taking the club finesse. Instead he cashed the king and queen of spades, crossed to the ace of clubs and took his spade jack, pitching dummy's last club. He ruffed a club and got back to his hand with a diamond ruff. That enabled him to ruff his last club with dummy's jack.

Now it was time to draw trumps. He overtook the queen with the ace and was chagrined when West failed to follow to the second round. He made the best of the situation by taking his three top hearts and leading the ace of spades. East trumped with the 9, and Meyer was able to win the last trick with his trump 5. But that was one down - minus 50 and minus 14 IMPs.

Meyer's line was a winner if the trumps were 3-2. His line was a good deal better odds (67.83 to 50) than taking the club finesse, but, as we all know, percentages don't always work.

The American Warriors certainly lived up to their name in their Region 6 semifinal match against the heavily favored Thor team captained by Russ Ekeblad. Two hands late in the match were the keys to the victory.

Board 27.	K		
Dealer South	K 10 6		
Love All	J 6 5 3		
	K 10 8 7 6		
	A 7 4	J 10 9 5 3	
	J 9 7 5 3	A 8 4 2	
	9 7	A 10	
	5 4 3	J 2	
	Q 8 6 2		
	Q		
	K Q 8 4 2		
	A Q 9		
West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Gardner</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Shapiro</i>
<i>Goldstein</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Raskin</i>	<i>Seamon</i>
			1 (1)
Pass	2	Pass	2 (1)
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

(1) Canape system - second suit often longer than first.

If you decided to lead a spade as East, which would you lead? Steve Weinstein led the 10 - probably the vast majority of players would choose a card from such a sequence. This lead did NOT work. Robert Levin ducked and Gene Gardner's singleton king won. Naturally declarer went after diamonds, and Weinstein continued with the spade jack after winning the diamond

ace. When this was covered, Levin took his ace and led a heart. Weinstein could see that declarer had more than enough tricks for his game, so he won the ace and took his spade trick and conceded – 3NT making three.

Ray Raskin also decided on a spade lead, but he led the 5 instead of a card from his sequence. This lead DID work. Steve Goldstein went up with the ace, dropping the singleton king, and continued spades. Russ Ekeblad won the third spade in dummy and had to set up diamonds. But Raskin was able to cash two more spades and the heart ace when he took his diamond ace for down two and an 11-IMP pickup. The Warriors had trailed by 9 IMPs going into this board, so they now led by 2.

They increased their lead to 14 two boards later on an unusual slam swing.

Board 29.	10 2		
Dealer North	J 10 5		
Game All	J 9 6		
	10 9 7 3 2		
	K J 9 6	Q 4	
	A K 6 3	Q 9 7	
	K 10 7 5	A Q 3	
	4	A K J 8 5	
	A 8 7 5 3		
	8 4 2		
	8 4 2		
	Q 6		

Table 1

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin Gardner</i>		<i>Weinstein Shapiro</i>	
	Pass	1	Pass
1	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 (1)	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

(1) Checkback for spades.

Levin knew the partnership was close to a slam, but he wasn't too happy about the singleton in his partner's suit. He decided to invite with a notrump raise. Weinstein felt he had already shown his hand, so he passed. With both red suits breaking 3-3 he had no problem taking 12 tricks.

Table 2

West	North	East	South
Goldstein	Ekeblad	Raskin	Seamon
	Pass	1	Pass
1	Pass	2 (!)	Pass
3	Pass	3	Pass
4NT (1)	Pass	5 (2)	Pass
6	All Pass		

(1) Key Card Blackwood

(2) Two key cards and the trump (diamond) queen

Raskin chose an unusual bid at his second turn – he bid his three-card diamond suit instead of jumping in notrump. Goldstein confirmed the fit by raising diamonds. Raskin attempted to steer the hand into notrump by bidding hearts, but Goldstein persevered in diamonds, asking about key cards. When he got the news about two keys and the diamond queen, he put his partner in 6 .

The defense cashed the spade ace, but the happy break in both red suits plus the fall of the club queen made the slam easy.

The Moysian success put the Warriors ahead, 65-51. Thor gained a non-vulnerable game swing on the next-to-last board, but that wasn't enough – the Warriors held on to win, 72-61.

Calendar	Event	Venue	IBPA Contact
2000			
AUG	10/20	ACBL Summer Nationals, Anaheim	1 901 332 5586; www.acbl.org
	11/20	England Summer Meeting, Brighton	EBU 44 1296 394 414
	21/29	Mind Sports Olympiad, London	msoworld.com
	22/23	MSO/WBF Worldwide Charity Simultaneous	
	26/9 Sep	World Bridge Olympiad, Maastricht	cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com
SEP	4/9	World Trans-national Mixed Teams, Maastricht	+33 1 53 03 23 10
	16/23	Lebanon Festival, Hotel Beirut	bridgecl@cyberia.net.lb
OCT	30/3 Nov	Angelini Trophy, Lausanne Olympic Museum	wbf
NOV	5/12	Red Sea Festival, Eilat, Israel	Birman 972 3 605 8355
	16-26	ACBL Fall Nationals, Birmingham, Al.	1 901 332 5586; www.acbl.org
DEC	8/10	Milan Festival, Bruzzano	+39 02 653 291
	27/30	England Year-End Congress, London	EBU 44 1296 394 414
2001			
JAN	18/21	Cap Gemini World Invitation, The Hague	Henk van Dalen
MAR	15/25	ACBL Nationals, Kansas City	ACBL
	?19/25	European Open & Senior Pairs, Sorrento, Italy	EBL
JUN	?16/30	European Teams and Ladies Pairs, Tenerife	EBL
JUL	19/29	ACBL Summer Nationals, Toronto	ACBL
OCT	19/2 nd Nov	Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Transnational, Bali	WBF
NOV	18/28	ACBL Fall Nationals, Las Vegas	ACBL
2002			
MAR	7-17	ACBL Spring Nationals, Houston	ACBL
JUL	18/28	ACBL Summer Nationals, Washington	ACBL
AUG	16/31	World Pairs Olympiad, Montreal	WBF
NOV	28/ 8 Dec	ACBL Fall Nationals, Phoenix	ACBL

* Reports (unconfirmed, perhaps as the contract has yet to be signed) say that the March EBL Open and Senior Pairs, instead of being in Jerusalem, as originally planned, will be now be in Sorrento, Italy from 19-25th March, 2001. This is at the same time as the American Nationals.

Anna Gudge reports on her website that the Spanish Bridge Federation, host to the 2001 European Team Championships, (and Ladies Pairs) will not be holding them in Madrid as originally reported, but in Arona, Tenerife, Canary Islands, from 16-30th June. As the contract has not yet been signed these dates have put with a question mark in the IBPA Calendar.

* Stuart Wheeler, 65, a member of the Portland Bridge Club and its Card Committee which advises on the Laws of Bridge, is also the founder of the spread-betting company, IG Index, currently floating on the London Stock Exchange. The float value is £125.6 million with Wheeler's holding valued at £46m of which he is selling £5m.

Spread-betting allows gamblers to bet on any numerical outcome (example: the sum of the shirt numbers of the goal-scorers in a football match or the IMP win in a bridge match) being higher or lower than the spread offered by the bookmaker at a monetary amount per unit. Example: the bookie might allow you to "sell" shirt numbers at 14 or "buy" at 16 at, say, £10 per number. If you sold at 14 and there were no goals you would win £140, but one goal by a player with 22 on his shirt would see you lose £80. In Britain spread-betting is more favourably taxed than normal betting, as tax is paid on the spread (the bookie's profit) and not on turnover.

IBPA member Robert Sheehan, who is a Director of IG Index, resigned at the end of last year as bridge correspondent of the London Times to give more time to the float. IBPA member Andrew Robson was appointed to the post in July with IBPA member Sally Brock filling it in the interim.

* *Neil Cohen reports:* Bridge Trix has just released Volume III of the Bobby Wolff Bridge Mentoring Series, on suit establishment. It features almost an hour of computer video of Bobby Wolff discussing the lesson hands. As before, the user plays lesson deals against the program. Anyone interested in a reviewer copy may e-mail me at: <http://www.bridgetrix.com>

* *Jan van Cleeff reports:* NRC-Handelsblad (the Dutch quality newspaper with a readers circle of 300,000, of which I am bridge correspondent) will, on Thursday August 24th, together with its regular newspaper, have a special 4-page supplement on bridge only, in honour of the Maastricht Olympiad. This special edition will have general information on our game of mind, such as: rules, history, the Olympiad (including a map of the venue), NCBO's, Media, Software, and Bridgepuzzles

The authors will be IBPA members, Onno Eskes and me, as well as the editorial board of the newspaper. The special will be available at the Olympiad. *Further details on:* www.nrc.nl

* The New Zealand national teams has been won by IBPA member Paul Hackett with Jason & Justin Hackett, Brigitte Mavromichalis, Per Eric Austberg and Geir Helgemo.

* *David Levy says:* the schedule of bridge at the 4th Mind Sports Olympiad at Alexandra Palace, London can be found on www.msoworld.com The MSO includes mini-bridge sessions on 23-25th August from 10 am to 2 pm (Entry fee; adults £10, juniors £4). The first few minutes of each session will be a teach-in, run by the English Bridge Union, for those who have never played bridge before.

* *Per Jannersten comments on dealing:* Mr. Juan Drucker at the Recoleta Club in Argentina suggests that deals played at major tournaments should be published on the internet. His point is that if they were, anybody could spot copies. Modern Duplimates have an automatic Duplicate Deal Control (DDC). The deals must be made available for the DDC and the organizers of major events must make their deals public. If they send their deals to bridge@jannersten.se they will be made available from www.jannersten.com/deals. I would be grateful if those of you having libraries [of old deals] would dump a copy in my mailbox.

IBPA Editor: But will this explain why copies have occurred? Ricardo Zampino reports that during the Southamerican Festival - Puerto Madero - Buenos Aires July 1-8 2000, appeared a set of 16 deals from Duplimate played 5 years ago in the Beijing World Championship. They were recognized by Carlos Lucena and Gabriel Chagas.

* *David Bird* writes that he has been appointed bridge editor for a new company, Finesse Bridge Books, which will publish three new books this month (August).

'Bridge with Imagination', by David Bird and Geir Helgemo, will feature over 100 of Geir's most spectacular hands, many previously unpublished. 'Having Nun, Partner?', by David Bird, is humorous fiction set in St Hilda's Convent and featuring the fearsome 82-year-old Mother of Discipline. 'Bridge Cardplay - Attack and Defence', by Marc Smith, aims to add a cutting edge to the reader's cardplay. A fourth title, 'Over Hoffman's Shoulder', by Martin Hoffman and Marc Smith, will appear in the new year. All books are 160 pages and priced at 9.99 pounds (14.99 US dollars). See website:

<http://www.finessebooks.com>.

* *Philippe Toffier* has a new address:

5 Avenue de Conde,
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* *David Birman* reports that e-bridge, the new global bridge club had its website opening party on 18th July in New York.

Contact: www.e-bridgemaster.com

THE WORLDWIDE SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS

WBF Charity Pairs on 22nd or 23rd August

Details on the MSO Web site at:

<http://msoworld.com/mindzine/news/bridge/>

All clubs should register through their NBO - please try and get as much publicity as you can for us, so that we can raise as much money for the Charities concerned as possible.

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anna@ecats.co.uk

The Mind Sports Olympiad
at Alexandra Palace, London
will include heats of the WBF event
(Prices in brackets for Juniors)

Aug 22 and/or 23 7pm-10:30pm Entry fee: £4.50 (£4.50) WBF Charity Pairs act as a qualifier for the MSO Pairs Championship on Aug 24.

MSO Pairs Championship Qualifier August 23, 2pm-5:30pm Entry fee: £30 (£12) also acts as a qualifier for the MSO Pairs final the next day.

Entry fee also pays for either MSO Pairs Championship Final or MSO Consolation Pairs.

MSO Pairs Championship Final and Consolation August 24, 10am-1:30pm and 3pm-7:30pm
Entry fee: free to qualifiers from the MSO Pairs Championship Qualifier; £25.50 (£7.50) for qualifiers from either Charity Tournament.

Final only for those who qualified from one of the above three. Consolation open to others.

Mixed Pairs Aug 25 2pm-5:30pm
£10 (£4)

Novice Pairs Aug 25 2pm-5:30pm
£10 (£4)

Neither partner may have reached the English MP rank of Regional Master or equivalent

Ladies Pairs Aug 25 7pm-10:30pm £10 (£4)

Mens Pairs Aug 25 7pm-10:30pm £10 (£4)

Swiss Pairs Aug 27 10am-2pm, 3pm-7:30pm
Entry fee: £15 (£6)

Swiss Teams Aug 28 10am-2pm, 3pm-7:30pm
Entry fee: £15 (£6)

All sessions will be 24 boards. Enter as many of these six tournaments as you like for £60.