

The Editor and Managing Editor send seasonal greetings to all members.

With this Bulletin you should find a Renewal Form. On it is a label with the information about you that we are planning to include in the IBPA Handbook and on the IBPA website. Please check the details carefully and correct them where appropriate. Please sign the Form to indicate you are happy for the details to be made public.

The Handbook was completed by the Editor midyear with details that were valid for March 2000. However, IBPA did not find anyone to make up the pages or print the Handbook and its appearance was delayed. Now it needs updating before going to the printers so members have a further chance to check their details.

When the Form is complete please return it to the Membership Secretary, accompanied where appropriate by the Annual subscription. Our AGM in Maastricht increased the fee for 2001 to £40 (40 pounds sterling). Thanks to the strength of the dollar those paying in that currency will find the subscription is actually lower than a year ago. The euro has been weak and there will be an increase for those in the euro area.

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Please remember to include clippings mentioning e-bridge or other sponsors. These will be forwarded to our Clippings Secretary, Maureen Dennison.

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A member seeking information about the European Championships in Tenerife has asked for the e-mail address of the Spanish Bridge Federation. Finding none, your Editor checked for the e-mail address of IBPA members in Spain. None of the six revealed one on their personal details. This contrasts with Portugal where most have an e-mail address. Can anyone help?

Patrick Jourdain - Editor

Jacobs wins Reisinger, Jacobus-Coren Win Blue Ribbon at US Nationals

From Daily Bulletins edited by Henry Francis & Jody Latham at Birmingham, Alabama, Nov 16-26th

REISINGER Board-A-Match Teams

The four Italian World Olympiad champions teamed up with George Jacobs & Ralph Katz of the USA to take the Reisinger by half-a-board. Jacobs is sponsor of the IBPA Defence Award.

10 Team final

1. **George Jacobs**-Ralph Katz (USA); Alfredo Versace – Lorenzo Lauria; Norberto Bocchi - Giorgio Duboin (Italy) 33.07
2. **Richard Finberg**, Mark Lair, Gary Cohler, Mike Cappelletti, Jerry Goldfein 32.43
- 3 **Lou Ann O'Rourke**, Curtis Cheek, Roger Bates, Ron Smith 32.18
- 4 **Andrew Gromov** - Aleksander Petrunin (Russia), Cezary Balicki - Adam Zmudzinski (Pol) 31.77
- 5 **James Cayne**, N P C; Michael Seamon, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein, Mike Passell 30.82
- 6 **Steve Robinson**, Peter Boyd, Kit Woolsey, Fred Stewart, Steve Garner, Howard Weinstein 29.43
- 7 **Rose Meltzer** - Peter Weichsel, Alan Sontag, Lew Stansby, Chip Martel, Kyle Larsen 28.93
- 8 **Kathie Wei-Sender**, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow, Juanita Chambers, Jill Levin 22.52

* Jeff Polisner has been appointed Legal Counsel for the WBF. His place as ACBL Counsel has been taken by Peter Rank. In 1958, Rank, then aged 20, was the ACBL's youngest Life Master.

* Jill Meyers & Steve Garner won the Life Master Open Pairs. Meyers, a triple world womens champion, was the second woman to win the title (it was men only to 1990). Last year Myers won the Blue Ribbon with John Mohan.

Zia Mahmood & Chuck Burger were second with Jeff Meckstroth & Perry Johnson third.

Shawn Quinn & Mildred Breed retained the title of Life Master Womens Pairs champions. Quinn is now the world no. 1 in womens bridge, having overtaken Lynn Deas in the WBF rankings.

The runners-up were Joan Jackson & Robin Klar, also current Olympiad champions.

* The ACBL Charity Foundation donated \$5000 to a local Mental Health Authority

* ACBL Online is launched this month. The service is hosted by e-bridge.
Contact: www.acbl.org

Richard Coren: a survivor's story

Back in 1994, the last thing on Richard Coren's mind was the idea that someday he might play bridge again -- much less win the Blue Ribbon Pairs with Marc Jacobus.

Coren, a Fort Lauderdale FL attorney, suffers from Crone's Disease. In 1994 he went into a coma and spent four months on a ventilator. Doctors estimated his chances of survival at 10,000 to one.

When he came out of the coma, his muscles were atrophied and he weighed less than 120 pounds. A long-term rehabilitation followed during which Coren spent part of his time watching bridge games on OKbridge. With the help of his nurse, Coren began communicating with Peter Weichsel, Benito Garozzo and Robert Levin.

At the end of 1995, he attended the Jekyll Island (GA) regional with Weichsel. Later that year he played in the Blue Ribbon Pairs with Mark Lair.

It's been a long road back for Coren, a Life Master at age 18. He earned a law degree from the University of Miami School of Law and, at about age 22, gave up bridge. He married Leslie Stone, daughter of the legendary Tobias Stone ("Stoney" of Roth-Stone fame), and they have a daughter, Alexandra, who is now six years old.

He and Jacobus began playing together in 1999 and played in last year's Fall NABC in Boston.

This deal is from the first final session:

Dlr: West	“ 10 9
Vul: E—W	' A 10 8 7 2
	♠ A 9 8
	§ A 4 2
“ K J 6 4	“ A 3 2
' K Q 4 3	' 5
♠ K 7 5	♠ 10 6 4 3 2
§ K J	§ 8 7 5 3
	“ Q 8 7 5
	' J 9 6
	♠ Q J
	§ Q 10 9 6

Coren, West, opened 1NT which ended the auction.

North led a low heart to the jack and Coren's king. Coren immediately -- smoothly too, according to Jacobus -- led the ♠K to the 8, 2 and queen. He continued with a low diamond to the 9, 10 and queen. South returned a heart and North cashed four heart tricks. This was the end position:

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      " 10 9
      ' --
      ♠ A
      § A 4 2
" K J 6      " A 3
' --      ' --
♠ 7      ♠ 6 4
§ K J      § 8 7
      " Q 8 7
      ' --
      ♠ --
      § Q 10 9

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When North led the " 10, Coren won dummy's ace and continued with a low spade, finessing his jack. He cashed the " K and exited with a diamond. North finally won his ace and was forced to break clubs.

Coren finished down one for minus 100 and almost all the matchpoints. This was the last board of the final session.

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Dir: West      " 9 8 7 4 3 2
Vul: None     ' 7 6
              ♠ A K 4 2
              § 5
" A K 10      " Q J 5
' Q J 9 8 5   ' K 2
♠ Q 10 6     ♠ J 9 7 5
§ 10 3       § J 6 4 2
              " 6
              ' A 10 4 3
              ♠ 8 3
              § A K Q 9 8 7

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	<i>Jacobus</i>		<i>Coren</i>
1'	1"	1NT	Dble (1)
Pass	2"	All Pass	

(1) "We had discussed that maybe double should be penalty," said Coren, "but Marc wasn't interested in defending." In fact, Jacobus made nine tricks for plus 140 and 30 out of 31 matchpoints. "That last board won it," said Coren -- their winning margin was 7.53 matchpoints.

Finesse of 5 pays off

This report of a candidate for our Hand of the Year played by David Berkowitz has been credited to Jody Latham.

Larry Cohen and David Berkowitz appeared to be on their way to victory in the Blue Ribbon Pairs when they had a monumental 69% game in the first final session. They finished fourth.

Early in the fourth session they scored a triumph on this exceptionally tough hand:

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Dir: East      " Q J 10 6 5 4 3 2
Vul: Both     ' J
Board 26     ♠ Q J 10 7
              § --
" --          " A K 9 8
' K 7 4      ' A 6 3
♠ A K 8 6 2  ♠ 9 3
§ K Q J 5 3   § A 10 8 6
              " 7
              ' Q 10 9 8 5 2
              ♠ 5 4
              § 9 7 4 2

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Cohen</i>		<i>Berkowitz</i>	
		1NT (1)	Pass
2" (2)	4"	5§	Pass
5♠	Pass	5'	Pass
7§	All Pass		

(1) 14-16 HCP. (2) Transfer to clubs.

South led a spade, and Berkowitz won the ace while pitching a heart from dummy. He found out about the 4-0 trump split when he led a club to the king. (It looks safe to cash the §A instead of crossing to the king, but you go down if you cash the §A.) Berkowitz took his top diamonds and then ruffed a third diamond with the 10 (South throwing a heart). He then led " K. If South ruffs declarer can easily set up the diamonds and pick up trumps, so South threw a second heart and West a diamond. Berkowitz now ruffed a spade (South throwing another heart) and cashed the ' K. Next came dummy's last diamond, which he ruffed with the ace (South throwing a fourth heart). Now came the eight of trumps, covered by South. Berkowitz crossed back to his own hand with the ' A and finished with a trump coup. At that point, dummy was down to the § Q-5 and South had the § 9-4.

Larry Cohen reported this defensive coup, also by his partner David Berkowitz, which is a candidate for our Carey Limousine Award for

Best Defence. It revived memories of a similar coup, 15 years earlier in the US Team Trials, by Bob Hamman when Larry was declarer. In a well-documented deal, Bob Hamman refused to overruff dummy and thereby gained trump control. His play resulted in 7 extra IMPs in a match that his team won by 5.

It took 15 years, but in the first session of the LM Open Pairs, my partner, David Berkowitz put me on the winning side of such a defensive ploy:

Dir: West	“ Q 9 8 2	
Vul: ??	' 7 4	
	♠ K Q J 7 2	
	§ K 6	
“ K J 10 7 4 3		“ A
' A 9 8 5 2		' J 6 3
♠ 5		♠ 10 6 4 3
§ A		§ Q 9 8 4 3
	“ 6 5	
	' K Q 10	
	♠ A 9 8	
	§ J 10 7 5 2	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	<i>Cohen</i>		<i>Berkowitz</i>
1“	Pass	INT	Pass
4'	All Pass		

West's 4' bid might not be to everyone's taste, but the final contract was fine. Sitting North, I led diamonds and declarer ruffed the second round. He cashed the “ A and crossed to the § A to play the “ K and then the “ J in this position:

	“ Q 9	
	' 7 4	
	♠ Q J 7	
	§ K	
“ J 10 7 4		“ --
' A 8 5		' J 6 3
♠ --		♠ 10 6
§ --		§ Q 9 8
	“ --	
	' K Q 10	
	♠ 9	
	§ J 10 7 5	

I followed with the “ 9, and declarer would have succeeded had he guessed to discard from dummy. But spades could have been 3-3, so he ruffed.

Now came the moment of truth. Declarer had ruffed with dummy's ' J, but even if

the ruff was with a small heart, it wouldn't have made a difference. In either case, if David makes the normal-looking play of over-ruffing, the defense is finished. Let's see what happens if David overruffs. This would be the position with South on play:

	“ Q	
	' 7 4	
	♠ Q J 7	
	§ K	
“ 10 7 4		“ --
' A 9 8 5		' 6 3
♠ --		♠ 10 6
§ --		§ Q 9 8
	“ --	
	' K 10	
	♠ 9	
	§ J 10 7 5	

Declarer ruffs David's minor-suit return and ruffs another spade in dummy. Declarer would still have the ' A98. David could over-ruff this fourth round of spades, but the declarer would be in full control.

Even if David pitched on the fourth round of spades, declarer could play a heart to the ace and another heart to make his contract.

Now, back to the position where dummy ruffed the “ J with the jack of hearts. Emulating Hamman's famous play, David discarded a club! Now the defense was in control. Declarer played a heart to his ace and ruffed another spade in dummy in this position:

	“ Q	
	' 7	
	♠ Q J 7	
	§ K	
“ 10 7 4		“ --
' 9 8 5		' 6
♠ --		♠ 10 6
§ --		§ Q 9 8
	“ --	
	' K Q	
	♠ 9	
	§ J 10 7	

Again, if David had overruffed, declarer would have been in control (he could ruff any return and play a trump). So, David pitched again, this time a diamond.

Finally, the defense could rest. Declarer ruffed a club to his hand, but he was doomed. If he played a trump, David would draw all the trumps and get a club trick at the end. Declarer played a winning spade, but I ruffed with the ' 7

and David still had the ' KQ for a hard-fought down one.

Barry Rigal adds his choice of hands:

The receiving end By Barry Rigal

Leszek Rabiega found one of the best plays I have ever been on the receiving end of. See if you can match wits with him – he was sitting North.

Dlr: West “ A 9 7
 Vul: Both ' K 8
 ♠ A 9 6
 § A 10 7 4 3
 “ K 3 2 “ Q J 8 6 5
 ' Q J 10 ' 6 4
 ♠ K J 7 4 ♠ 10 5 2
 § J 6 2 § K Q 5
 “ 10 4
 ' A 9 7 5 3 2
 ♠ Q 8 3
 § 9 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠ (1)
Pass	2'	All Pass	

(1) Transfer to hearts.

As East, I led the “ Q to the 4, 3 and 7. A diamond switch gains but I woodenly continued with a low spade. Wouldn't you?

Consider declarer's problem. If he wins and ducks a club, I lead a diamond through and though declarer gets one diamond away on the clubs, he can't get them both away – so he gets plus 140.

Rabiega found the brilliant play at trick two of ducking the second spade. That left my partner on lead; she played a club and Rabiega rose with the ace and cashed the “ A, pitching the other club.

Now he ruffed a club, played the ' A and a heart to the king, ruffed a club, gave up a heart and claimed plus 170. Very nicely done!

A great play By Barry Rigal

By my calculations, virtually the entire field sitting in the North seat was dealt an early Thanksgiving present – the opportunity to get their names in the Daily Bulletin by making a great play. Since the lucky and successful declarers earned 59 of 64 matchpoints, I assume most of them were prepared to put off

celebrating until Thursday. Mike Schneider (playing with Erik Secan) took his chance.

Dlr: East “ K 9 7
 Vul: N-S ' Q 3 2
 ♠ A 8
 § A K 8 4 2
 “ Q J 10 6 2 “ 8 3
 ' K ' A J 10 8 5 4
 ♠ J 9 6 5 3 ♠ Q
 § Q 5 § 10 9 7 6
 “ A 5 4
 ' 9 7 6
 ♠ K 10 7 4 2
 § J 3

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

On a normal heart lead to the king and a spade shift, declarer had a raw blueprint on the hand. Where there are six tricks, there are often seven, then eight and finally nine.

Declarer won the “ K and led a low club to the jack and queen, took the spade return and cashed the § A K. Now came the key play: declarer cashed the ♠ A and exited with his fourth club, to reach this ending:

“ 9
 ' Q 3
 ♠ 8
 § 8
 “ J 6 “ --
 ' -- ' A J 8 5 4
 ♠ J 9 6 ♠ --
 § -- § --
 “ 5
 ' 9
 ♠ K 10 7
 § --

East, forced to win the § 10, was endplayed into returning the ' A and another heart. Schneider won his ' Q and cashed the last club, squeezing West in spades and diamonds.

The board was also reported in the Daily Bulletin as having been played this way by Jim Krekorian. Note that if the ♠ Q or ♠ J does not appear, declarer can try the same play to develop an extra heart trick but East can defeat the contract by not cashing the ' A before exiting with a low heart. Now the count is not rectified and West can escape the squeeze.

Ralph Cohen got pushed to an awkward level here but came through with the help of the defense and some nice card reading.

Dlr: West	“ A 5 2		
Vul: E-W	' K Q		
Board 16	♠ K J 9 3		
	§ 10 7 5 3		
“ J 3		“ K 10 9 8	
' 10 8 4		' A 7 5 3 2	
♠ A 8 7 6 4		♠ --	
§ K 8 5		§ Q 9 4 2	
	“ Q 7 6 4		
	' J 9 6		
	♠ Q 10 5 2		
	§ A J		
West	North	East	South
<i>Rigal</i>		<i>Cohen</i>	
Pass	1♠	Dbl	1“
1NT	Dbl (1)	2'	Pass
3'	All Pass		

“ --		“ --
' Q		' A 7 5
♠ J		♠ --
§ 10 7 5		§ 9 4
“ --		“ --
' 10 8		' J 9 6
♠ 8 7		♠ Q
§ K		§ J

Cohen crossed to the §K to ruff a fourth diamond. When he led the §9, South had the J-9-6 of trumps and North the queen – but between them they could get only one trick. If South ruffs with the jack, declarer can finesse the 8 to take the last two tricks. If he ruffs low, declarer overruffs and cashed the trump ace. Contract made!

(1) Support or penalties – some partnership confusion.

I did not have to raise Cohen to 3' , but I thought he would have a good hand if he had five hearts – my mistake!

Cohen won the diamond lead and played the “ J to the king and returned the 10 to North's ace. A heart shift might be best now, but on the actual diamond play Cohen ruffed and led the “ 9, covered all around.

He then led a club to the queen and ace. South now played the fourth spade on which Cohen pitched dummy's club loser as North ruffed. North led a third diamond and Ralph ruffed to produce this ending with the lead in East.

ROMANIA WINS OKBRIDGE WORLD INTERNET CHAMPIONSHIP

Birmingham, Alabama, 15th November, 2000

The team led by **Catalin Popescu** (Alexander Feber, Darin Muscat, Serban Criscota, Dorin Chergulescu, Marion Radulescu) beat the USA team led by **J. T. McKee** (Joao Campos, Lea Dupont & Benito Garozzo, Richard & Raija Reisig) 108-75 over the 48 board final played at the opening of the US Nationals in Alabama.

Five of the Romanians took up the offer to travel to Alabama for the final. Feber, who lives in Paris, remained home and played from there.

How Romania won the Internet battle

From the ACBL Daily Bulletin

Players on both teams appeared quite nervous. Here are some of the hands that made the difference.

Dlr: West	“	K J 10 8 3
Vul: None	'	K 6 5 4 2
Board: 32	♠	10
	§	K J
	“	A 7 5
	'	Q J 10 8
	♠	K 4
	§	A 7 4 3
	“	Q 6 2
	'	A 9
	♠	A Q J 3 2
	§	10 9 5

Table 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
McKee	Feber	Campos	Popescu
1§	1“	Pass	2§
Pass	2'	Pass	4“
All Pass			

Joao Campos, a Brazilian internationalist who was a member of the American team, led a club to J.T. McKee's ace, and McKee continued with a club to the King. Alexandre Feber, playing from his home in Paris, France, drove out the ace of trumps (West winning the second and playing a third trump) and then passed the ♠ 10.

McKee could see that, if he took his king, declarer could cross to dummy with the ' A and run enough diamonds to make his contract – so he ducked! But Feber still led a heart to the ace, and when the king fell when he cashed the ♠ A, he suddenly had 11 tricks -- plus 450.

Table 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Musat	Richard	Criscota	Raija
1NT	2♠ (1)	Pass	2NT
Pass	3§	Pass	4“
All Pass			

(1) Shows the majors.

The auction was totally different here because Darin Musat opened with a weak notrump. Richard Reisig bid 2♠ to show the majors, and his wife Raija duly arrived in a spade game, playing from the short side.

Serban Criscota found a most annoying lead -- the trump ace followed by a second spade. Raija crossed to the ♠ A and led the ♠ Q. Musat covered perforce, and Raija ruffed. She crossed to ' A and cashed ♠ J, Musat discarding a club instead of ruffing. Declarer pitched § J. Next came a heart to the king and a heart ruff.

But declarer had run out of options. She led a club, and Musat won the ace and led a second club. Declarer could not afford to ruff because she was not in control, so she discarded a heart.

Criscota took the § Q and exited with a diamond. Declarer was left with a losing heart, so she wound up losing a trump, a heart and two clubs for down one -- minus 50. 11 IMPs to Romania.

Dlr: North	“	Q 8 3 2
Vul: N-S	'	K J
Board: 17	♠	A K
	§	Q J 10 5 3
	“	A K 4
	'	A 2
	♠	10 9
	§	A K 9 7 4 2
	“	10 9 7
	'	Q 9 8 5 4
	♠	5 4 3 2
	§	6

Table 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
McKee	Feber	Campos	Popescu
3§	1NT	Pass	2♠ (1)
	Dble	All Pass	

(1) Transfer to hearts

The Americans were unlucky on this one. McKee's hand sure looks strong enough to call

3§. But he found Feber with a club stack, and there was no way McKee could escape losing six tricks for minus 300. At the other table North opened 1§ and West came to rest in 1NT. This was one down but 6 IMPs to Romania.

Dlr: East “ A J 8 3
 Vul: Both ' 10 9
 Board 22 ♠ A J 8 7 5
 § K 3
 “ K 10 6 4 “ 9 7 5 2
 ' A Q 6 ' 8 7 3
 ♠ 9 6 2 ♠ 3
 § A J 9 § Q 8 7 6 5
 “ Q
 ' K J 5 4 2
 ♠ K Q 10 4
 § 10 4 2

Table 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
McKee	Feber	Campos	Popescu
Pass	1“	Pass	1'
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Does the South hand qualify as an opening bid? Popescu believed it did, and of course Feber made sure his side got to game.

McKee could have been a hero by attacking clubs, but that certainly does not look attractive on his holding. He actually led a diamond, and after winning the ♠J, Popescu went after hearts, losing to the queen. There was still time for the club switch, but McKee decided it was time to go after spades, so he led the king. This gave declarer time to knock out the ' A, and he wound up with 10 tricks.

Table 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Musat	Garozzo	Criscota	Dupont
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
2§	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	3'
All Pass			

Dupont did not think the South hand called for an opening bid, so Garozzo decided to pass after Dupont showed a little extra strength with a fourth-round jump to 3'. Dupont made her contract, but that still was a 10-IMP loss.

Dlr: West “ A K J 4
 Vul: ?? ' A J 4
 ♠ A 2
 § 7 6 3 2

“ 10 9 8 7 5 3 “ Q 2
 ' K 3 ' Q 10 9 6 5
 ♠ K 8 3 ♠ 9 7 4
 § 9 5 § K J 8
 “ 6
 ' 8 7 2
 ♠ Q J 10 6 5
 § A Q 10 4

Table 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
McKee	Feber	Campos	Popescu
2“	Pass	3“	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

After McKee muddied the bidding with his 2“ bid, Feber passed, hoping for something good to happen. Campos raised to 3“ , and Feber decided to double -- he would have been happy if partner could find a pass. But Popescu bid his five-card diamond suit, and Feber decided to take no further action with only a doubleton diamond. Popescu took 12 tricks.

Table 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Musat	Garozzo	Criscota	Dupont
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT (1)
Pass	3§ (2)	Pass	3♠ (3)
Pass	3' (4)	Pass	3“ (5)
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(1) Forcing partner to rebid 3C.
 (2) Forced response.
 (3) Shortness in a major suit.
 (4) Which suit? (5) Spades.

Garozzo was happy to bid the notrump game when he discovered his partner's shortness was in spades. The defense opened hearts, and Garozzo had to make his first decision immediately. If the ♠K was in the East hand, he had to win the first heart so his ' J would be protected against a heart continuation. But if West had the ♠K, he had to hold off till the third round. He guessed right -- he held up, cashed the ♠A and led a diamond to West's king. Musat switched to the “ 10, and Garozzo took his ace.

At this point, Garozzo could make it home if he cashed the “ K – the queen would fall and he wouldn't need the club to finesse. But Garozzo couldn't see this, so he took a club finesse to the queen. He hoped East had the doubleton §K, and his plan was to cash the §A and throw West in with the jack. West would be forced to lead a spade, and Garozzo would have his game. But East had the third club, and he still

had a heart to cash for down one. 7 IMPs to
Romania.

NETHERLANDS WINS FIRST EUROPEAN OLYMPIC CONGRESS CONTEST

José Damiani, President WBF, and Gianarrigo Rona, President, EBL made a 20-minute presentation to the delegates of the National Olympic Committees of 48 European countries on why their NOC's should accept bridge as a sport. (The previous Bulletin listed those 14 European countries that have already done so.)

The presentation had a mainly welcoming response.

Nearby a demonstration contest was held, with these results:

1. **Netherlands** (Simon De Wijs - Bas Drijver, Jean-Paul Vis - Ricco Van Prooijen) 85
- 2= Sweden (Morath-Gustawsson, Goldberg-Wenneberg)
- Poland2 (Olanski-Kwiecien, Chmurski-Puczynski) 79
4. Poland1 (Romanski-Kowalski, Jassem-Tuszynski) 75
5. Austria (Barnay-Terraneo, Simon-Strafner) 74
6. England (Hallberg-Simpson, Burn-Callaghan, Liggins-Fawcett) 57

The event was sponsored by CA-IB, a leading investment bank in Central and Eastern Europe, who donated a Trophy.

Further details: www.cronix.pl/bridge

Board 2	" A Q 7 2
Dealer: East	' K J 7
N/S Vul	♣ 9 6
	§ K Q 10 3
" J 5	" 10 9 8 6
' A 10 6 4	' 9 8 2
♣ A K 8 4 3 2	♣ Q
§ 5	§ A J 8 6 2
	" K 4 3
	' Q 5 3
	♣ J 10 7 5
	§ 9 7 4

West	North	East	South
	<i>De Wijs Chmurski Drijver Puczynski</i>		
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	1"	Pass
2♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
	<i>Olanski v. Prooijen Kwiecien Vis</i>		
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	Pass	1NT
2♣	Dble	Pass	2'
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

From Bulletins edited by Jos Jacobs, Warsaw 17-19th November 2000

At the first table the Netherlands were allowed to play 2♣ by West for +90. More aggressive action by the Dutch at the other table led to 3NT by Jean-Paul Vis.

This looks hopeless contract but with some help from the defence it came home for a spectacular 12 IMPs for the Dutch.

West began by leading a high diamond, dropping his partner's queen. Two more rounds of diamonds saw East discard a club and a heart. Declarer won and played on hearts, West winning the second round. If East had still had a third heart West could have afforded to duck the second heart as well, and make his long heart.

West switched to a club, declarer put up the king and East let this hold. Now declarer came to hand with a heart, and cashed his winning diamond, throwing a club from dummy. On this East was squeezed in the black suits. He could not throw a spade, and so had to bare the ace of clubs. South then led a club to the queen and ace. East had only spades to play and South entered hand with the king of spades to make his nine of clubs as the game-going trick!

What would you lead from this hand against the opponents' Six Spades:

" 10 6 4 ' Q J 7 ♣ None § A K 10 6 5 3 2
RHO opened 1" , you overcalled clubs, dummy showed spade support, a singleton heart, and diamond values. South, after asking for keycards went to six Spades.

Three Wests, expecting glory, led the TWO of clubs. Unlucky! Declarer wins with the bare queen, and later concedes just an inescapable diamond trick to your partner's J987.

Gunnar Hallberg for England led a boring high club, for 17 IMPs to England against Poland 1.

Europe wins IOC Womens

Grand Prix By Mark Horton (contd from last
While all this was going on, the women were involved in a close match of their own. There was nothing in it after the first two twelve board matches, but Europe made a potentially decisive move in the third one. Every pair had two sets of teammates to score up with, so good boards were frequently worth double the IMPs.

Dealer: North " A K 3
Love all ' A 6 3
♠ Q 10
§ A K 9 6 5
" Q J 9 6 4 " 10 8 5
' K 2 ' Q J 8 7 5
♠ 7 4 ♠ A K 9 6 3
§ Q J 7 4 § —
" 7 2
' 10 9 4
♠ J 8 5 2
§ 10 8 3 2

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Hellemann</i>
			<i>Klar</i>
2NT	All Pass		

Getting the sort of dummy I would regard as a certainty at my local club, declarer won the opening lead of the six of diamonds with the queen and cashed the ace of clubs. She ducked a club to West, who made the cunning return of the two of hearts. That gave declarer a chance to emerge with seven tricks by going up with the ace, blocking the suit, and playing a diamond, enabling her to take on West in the endgame. Understandably, she did not find that, and when she also failed to duck the second heart, she finished two down, -100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kraft	Rauscheid	Habert	Nehmert
	2§*	Dble*	All Pass

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East's double promised two suits of the same colour, and West passed because she was hoping to limit the damage. You can understand why East bid, but she does have an awful lot of defence.

After cashing the ace of diamonds, East continued with the five (!), allowing declarer to win with the queen. The ace of clubs revealed the bad break, but declarer could duck a club to West's jack, regain the lead, play three rounds of spades, ruffing the last one in dummy, and pick up the trumps. +380 and 10 IMPs.

Dealer South

Game All

"	10 7 6 5	"	10 7 6 5
'	10 7 6 3	'	10 7 6 3
♠	4	♠	4
§	A 8 6 5	§	A 8 6 5
"	K 8 4 3	"	A J
'	5 2	'	J 9 4
♠	10 9 5 2	♠	A K Q J
§	K 4 2	§	Q J 7 3
"	Q 9 2	"	Q 9 2
'	A K Q 8	'	A K Q 8
♠	8 7 6 3	♠	8 7 6 3
§	10 9	§	10 9

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Hellemann</i>
			<i>Klar</i>
		1♠	
Pass	1'	1NT	2'
All Pass			

East started with two rounds of diamonds, so declarer ruffed and ducked a club. She could not be prevented from ruffing three diamonds in dummy for +110.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kraft</i>	<i>Rauscheid</i>	<i>Habert</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>
			Pass

Pass	Pass	1♣	1'
1"	2'	Dble	All Pass

The stakes were higher in this room. West led the four of spades, and East took the ace and switched to a trump. If declarer had known the spade position, she could get home easily, but it was natural enough to play a diamond after winning with the ace of hearts. East won deceptively with the ace, and played another trump. Declarer now played the ten of clubs and ran it to East's jack. A third heart made the defenders heavy favourites, but when declarer played the nine of clubs, West withheld her king, forcing East to win with the queen. Now declarer had two club tricks, and could set up a spade to bring her total to eight. +670 collected 11 IMPs for Europe at both tables.

The North American team rallied in the last match, and this deal almost turned things around.

Dealer: North	"	A Q J 9		
N/S Game	'	Q 7 4 3 2		
	♣	Q 10 8 7		
	§	—		
"	10 7 5		"	K 6 4 2
'	J 9 8 5		'	K 6
♣	9 2		♣	5 4
§	A J 10 5		§	9 7 6 4 3
	"	8 3		
	'	A 10		
	♣	A K J 6 3		
	§	K Q 8 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klar</i>			<i>Pasman</i>
	<i>Jackson</i>		<i>Simons</i>
	1'	Pass	2♣
Pass	2'	Pass	3§
Pass	3♣	Pass	3"
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

I don't confess to understand why North did not raise diamonds at once, but South might have done more, perhaps bidding Four Diamonds over 3NT. West led a spade to the queen and king, and East brought play to a swift conclusion by switching to the king of hearts. Europe +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
	<i>Malinowski</i>		<i>Breed</i>
	<i>Hellemann</i>		<i>Quinn</i>
1'	Pass	2♣	
Pass	3♣	Pass	4§
Pass	4"	Pass	5'
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Once diamonds had been supported, North/South were not going to stay out of a slam. West led a trump, and declarer won in dummy and played a heart to the ace, followed by the ten, that ran to East's king. East exited with a trump, taken in dummy. Shawn Quinn, now the world's number one ranked woman player, now had to decide who had the king of spades. East had done well not to double Four Spades, but to no avail. Declarer pitched a spade on the queen of hearts, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, and pitched a club on the good heart. Now the ruffing spade finesse gave declarer a wonderful +1370.

That great result got North America close, but Europe just managed to hold on to repeat their victory of last year.

This deal was equally dramatic in the Open final.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
	<i>Manoppo</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Lasut</i>
			<i>Versace</i>
	1'	Pass	2♣ *
Pass	2"	Pass	2NT
Pass	3§ *	Pass	3♣
Pass	3'	Pass	3NT
Pass	5§ *	Pass	5' *

Pass 6♣ All Pass

Two Diamonds was game forcing with five or more diamonds, and Three Clubs a transfer to diamonds. The jump to Five Clubs was exclusion key card Blackwood, the response showing 0 or 3 key cards. West led the five of spades and East took the queen with the king and returned a trump. Declarer let that run to dummy, came back to hand with the ace of hearts, and cashed two winning spades to get rid of his last heart. He played a second heart, and when the king appeared he ruffed high, played a trump to dummy and claimed twelve tricks. The commentators remarked that if East had ducked the queen of spades declarer might have followed a losing line, but it was probably an impossible play to find.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Karwur</i>
1'	Pass	2♣	
Pass	3♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

West led the two of diamonds, and declarer won in hand to take the spade finesse. When the queen held (!!), he played a heart to the ace, and the ten of hearts, covered in turn by the jack, queen and king. East exited with a trump, declarer won in hand, and could see an easy route to twelve tricks, being able to set up at least one heart for a club discard, ruffing two clubs in dummy, and disposing of the remaining one on a winning spade. He started by taking the 'marked' finesse of the jack of spades, only to discover he had been undone by Bocchi's brilliant defence. Italy picked up 16 IMPs, and with just six boards to go they had moved into an eleven point lead.

That blow would have been too much for most teams, but Indonesia fought back, and in the closing boards, it was the Italians who wavered.

Dealer East
East-West Game

	“	J 8 7 5 3	
	'	Q 6 5 3	
	♣	Q	
	§	K 9 4	
“	A Q 2		“
'	K 7		'
♣	A K 7 4 2		♣
§	8 7 2		§
	“	10 4	
	'	A J 10 9	
	♣	J 9 3	
	§	Q 10 6 3	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>		<i>Sacul</i>
			<i>Karwur</i>
	Pass	Pass	
1NT	2♣ *	Pass	2'
All Pass			

West led the king of diamonds and switched to a club, solving one of declarer's problems. He won in hand with the ten and played a spade. West took the queen and played another club. East won with the ace and returned the suit. He took the next spade with the nine and played a diamond. The nine forced West's ace, and declarer was soon claiming eight tricks and +110.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manoppo</i>	<i>Lasut</i>		<i>Lauria</i>
			<i>Versace</i>
	Pass	Pass	
1NT	Pass	2" *	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Two Spades was invitational, either balanced or with a six card suit.

North led a spade, so declarer won and played three rounds of diamonds. South switched to the jack of hearts, but when the king held declarer claimed nine tricks and +600.

This put Indonesia back in the lead by just 1 IMP, and two small swings on the closing boards gave them the title, 129-119.

**Cummings and Noble win Teams at
Australian Nationals** By Ron Klinger (Aus)

Val Cummings - Matt Mullamphy, Peter Newman - Matthew Thomson, Kieran Dyke - Ron Klinger (Sydney) won the Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) by 178-105 against Zolly Nagy - George Smolanko, Joe Haffer - David Horton - Phil Markey (Adelaide).

From: The Weekend Australian, 25th Nov:

Barry Noble - Terry Brown, Peter Fordham - Michael Prescott, George Bilski - Phil Gue won the final of the Spring National Open Teams by 162-106 against Jan Cormack - Debbie Moir, Stephen Lester - Matthew McManus, Val Cummings - Ron Klinger.

Klinger presented the deal below first as a problem, with only the West and North cards:

South opens 1♠, North responds 1' and South jumps to 2NT, showing 18-19 points, balanced. North raises to 3NT and all pass. You, West, lead the " 4, taken by dummy's king. Declarer plays off the ♠A, ♠K, all following, and a third diamond on which East plays the § 6. How should West continue?

This was the full deal:

Dealer South : East-West vulnerable

" J 9 8 4 2 ' K 8 ♠ Q 10 2 § 9 3 2	" K 7 ' 9 6 3 2 ♠ 9 8 7 4 § K Q 5	" 10 6 3 ' A Q 10 5 ♠ J 5 § J 8 6 4
" A Q 5 ' J 7 4 ♠ A K 6 3 § A 10 7		

Brown found the winning move, switching to king and another heart. One down. It is a sound idea to attack dummy's bid suit if it is very weak.

At the other table, Bilski, South, also received the spade lead. He took the king and played ace and another diamond. East won and it was not clear whether to bring back a spade or switch to a heart. When the spade was chosen, declarer had nine tricks.

The advantage of Bilski's line is that if diamonds are favourable, the defence does not have the chance to signal with a discard. I was South at the first table and considered Bilski's play but rejected it. As West appeared to have spade length from the lead, East was more likely to have length in diamonds. If East

were to win the third diamond, it might be tougher for East not to return partner's suit.

IBPA Editor: Alternatively declarer, at trick two, might run the nine of diamonds, giving up the first round of the suit. From West's point of view this is consistent with East holding the king rather than the jack. If so the defence have another diamond trick coming and it may not be so obvious to make a desperate switch.

From: The Weekend Australian 2nd December

Dick Cummings, one of Australia's top players of all time, passed away a year ago. In his memory, the Australian Bridge Federation instituted a new national championship, the Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs. Winners of the inaugural event were Peter Gill - Ishmael Del'Monte ahead of George Cuppaidge - Stefan Solbrand, with Suzie Coleman - George Finiokitis and Pauline Gumby Warren Lazer equal third.

On this deal the winners scored a good result against Tim Seres, who had a long partnership with Cummings.

Dealer East : East-West vulnerable

" K Q 10 5 3 ' Q 10 2 ♠ 10 8 3 2 § 4	" 9 6 4 2 ' K 9 ♠ Q 9 5 § A Q 7 6	" J 7 ' J 8 6 5 ♠ A J 7 § K 8 3 2
" A 8 ' A 7 4 3 ♠ K 6 4 § J 10 9 5		

Pairs strategy emphasises becoming declarer. This explains the 10-12 point 1NT opening by Del'Monte, South. Everyone passed and now the object was to outplay the other declarers to score the extra trick. With the club finesse losing, declarer can reasonably score seven tricks but the eighth is elusive.

Seres, West, led the " K: two - seven - eight. As South might have started with " A-J-8, Seres switched. He chose the ♠ 8: nine - jack - king.

Declarer now finessed in clubs. East, Murray Green, won the first club and returned the " J. Del'Monte won and cashed all the clubs. Seres had to find three discards and one of them was a heart. That gave declarer his chance. He played off the ' K, the ' A and a third heart. East won and could cash one more

heart and the ♠ A, but dummy's ♠ Q took the last trick for +120 to North-South.

Deal #2 saw Coleman-Finikiotis score a top against the winners by taking a negative gamble.

Dealer East: East-West vulnerable

	“ J 9 6 5 4		
	' 8 6 5 3		
	♠ A Q		
	§ K Q		
“ Q 10		“ A K 8 3	
' A Q J 2		' 10 7	
♠ J 10 8 5 3		♠ 7 6 2	
§ 10 7		§ 9 6 3 2	
	“ 7 2		
	' K 9 4		
	♠ K 9 4		
	§ A J 8 5 4		

Gill, East, passed and Finikiotis, South opened 1§, a choice most top players would endorse, especially at the vulnerability. Del'Monte, West, overcalled 1', choosing the stronger suit for the lead in case North became declarer. Coleman, North, bid 1“, Gill passed and South rebid 1NT. West passed and it was up to Coleman.

South's 1NT was limited to 14 HCP. While there might be 26 points between them, Coleman could tell that the hearts lay badly for declarer and her honours in the short suits might be hard to disentangle. In addition, East and West were top class players who were unlikely to drop a trick in defence. With a fine feel for the situation, she chose to pass where many would invite or even bid game.

West led a low diamond, won in dummy. Finikiotis unblocked the § K and § Q and then overtook the ♠ Q with the king to cash the rest of the clubs. He thus made seven tricks for the only plus score to North-South on this deal. The others failed by one, two or three tricks at the two- or three-level.

IBPA Editor: If South held ♦A instead of king, and ♠10 he would have only 12 points but nine top tricks, so one sympathises with those Norths who moved on. However, it is true that a doubleton with two honours often plays badly, so North can justifiably downgrade her hand.

* Anders Wirgren says that IBPA's Hand of the Year (awarded for the play) did not have the bidding explained, and the auction was wrong.

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

This was the version published in the IBPA Awards, and the original IBPA report (IBPA Bulletin 424 in May) on the Politiken Pairs, later credited to Jos Jacobs PP Bulletin 4, April, 2000:

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Maas</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>
	Pass	2'	Dble
Pass	Pass	2"	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Wirgren says this (now confirmed by Barry Rigal, Awards Chairman) was the actual auction:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	2§	Dble
Pass	Pass	2'	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Bocchi, East, opened 2§, (explained on their Maastricht convention card as 4-10 HCP and at least 4-4 in the majors) and when Ramondt's double was left in, Bocchi ran to 2'. Wirgren says that readers might have guessed there was something wrong with the other auction.

IBPA Editor: It was Danny Roth's complaint in the November Postbag about the published auction, which led to Wirgren spotting the error.

When Svend Novrup reported the deal in Dansk Bridge, the bidding was correct, but the opening 2§ wasn't explained. Why didn't anybody try to find out? Also, why did Ramondt not pass Maas' double of 2'? My guess is that he wasn't sure it was for penalties. Otherwise, I can't imagine why he bid 2NT on his flat 13 count opposite a passed partner. Did he really think they could make a game?

IBPA Editor: Suit symbols are often lost in electronic transmission. I think a recipient tried to deduce the auction knowing only the numbers and not the suits, and no-one spotted the change until Wirgren now. This includes IBPA members who read the May Bulletin 424 report, or the Awards in Maastricht, or September's Bulletin.

That emphasises the point that Daily Bulletins must not only give auctions, they must also explain them. Then typos are easier to spot.

Thank you, Anders, for clearing up the error. Sadly, by now, the wrong auction will have been reproduced in many places.

* *The ACBL Daily Bulletin reports:* The World Junior Pairs and Bridge Camp are 6-18th July 2001 near Budapest, Hungary. The Pairs is from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th July and is followed by the camp from 9-18th. Estimated cost of fees plus room/board for 10 days is \$450.

The ACBL will pay this, but not travel, for up to 40 ACBL Juniors.

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* *Jaggy Shivdasani reports a deal from the last Spingold where his partner, Michael Polowan, led a singleton, achieving a ruff to defeat a slam ... but it was Jaggy that did the ruffing!:*

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Dealer: West    " 10 7 3
N/S Game      ' 6 2
              ♠ J
              § K 10 8 7 5 3 2
" Q J          " 6
' J 7 5 3      ' A K Q 10 9 8
♠ A K Q 9 8 7 2  ♠ 10 6 5 4 3
§ None         § 9
              " A K 9 8 5 4 2
              ' 4
              ♠ None
              § A Q J 6 4
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West	North	East	South
		<i>Jaggy</i>	<i>Alex PolowanIrina</i>
1♠	Pass	1'	2♠
2'	Pass	3"	4"
5§	5♠	Pass	5"
6♠	6"	Dble	All Pass

South's 2♠ was explained as "not sure, either strong general hand or blacks". So I bid 2' (showing 4 card support). Now partner splinters 3". My 5§ was a slam try (obviously with shape) and with LHO's 5♠ I tried to play 6♠ (expecting a void on my left).

What should I lead?

I led the ' 3 (playing 3rd and 5th best) as a suit preference. Our use of support doubles meant partner already knew I had four hearts to raise hearts directly. Partner won the lead, noted the spot of the 4 with declarer and returned his singleton club for me to ruff-The only defence!

Our opponents were two Russians, Alex and his wife Irina, but I didn't note their surname.

* The USA Junior team winning the trials for next August's World Junior Team Championship in Brazil, and becoming USA1 was: John Kranyak, Brad Campbell, Kent Mignocchi, John Hurd, Joe Grue and Joel Wooldridge. The

runners-up, becoming USA2 are: Chris Lubesnik, Kevin Bathurst, Paul Bethe (son of Henry Bethe and Kitty Munson) Jason Feldman and Ari Greenberg.

USA1 (minus Campbell) won the Round Robin of the US Open Trials, and, for the first time perhaps, the USA will be favourites in the World Juniors.

Winning the Canadian Trials was: Erin Anderson, Ian Boyd, Josh Heller, and Vincent Demuy (third pair to be announced).

Teams qualified from Europe are: Norway, Netherlands, Israel and France.

* Results of the WBF's MSO Worldwide Simultaneous Pairs played in August were:

Aug 22nd : 1. Marietta Andree – Tricia Gilham (England) 73.3%; 2. D. Angelo – G. Giuliani (Italy) 71.3; 3. Jill Harrison – Ron Stanners (England) 70.1.

Aug 23rd : 1. Wayne Norman – Mitchell Pollenz (USA) 72.7; 2. Franco Baseggio – Bob Gwartzman (USA) 71.2; 3. Patrick Jourdain – Tony Ratcliff (Wales) 71.0.

The IBPA Editor and his partner (playing at the Rhiwbina Bridge Club, Cardiff) would have won worldwide had the IBPA Editor not "misplayed" this trump suit combination:

A J 9 x x x x opposite dummy's singleton.

On the lead of the singleton RHO played the ten. Against normal defence no play makes any difference, so I played ace and another. Better is to think: "for it to matter, I must assume RHO has erred. If RHO has erred, which is more likely: (a) to play the ten from K10x or Q10x unnecessarily; or (b) to play the ten from KQ10, not realising that to put up an honour guarantees two tricks?

As the second is a more likely error, you should put in the ten, and become worldwide champions.

* *Radek Kielbasinski*, IBPA member, has been elected President of the Polish Bridge Union.

* *Andrew Robson* has a new postcode: London SW19 4NL

* *David Lusk*, Chairman of the ABF Youth Committee reports: The 33rd Australian Junior Championships will be held in Canberra from January 15-19, 2001 at the Australian National University. Overseas players who are born on or after 1/1/71 are welcome to enter the event. For further information, check the Australian Bridge Federation's Website on <http://www.abf.com.au>

The Junior event is followed by the South-West Pacific Teams, the biggest bridge event in the Southern Hemisphere.

* *Leonard Helman says:* on the deal from the IOC (Bulletin 430 page 2 Board 21) Ferraro could also beat 3NT by continuing diamonds, thanks to East's eight. The defence can make two diamonds, two hearts and a spade.

* *David Birman reports:* The Israeli Bridge Festival from 8-17th February 2001 will include a Seniors Congress from 12-15th
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* *Marty Bergen says:* a new version of his book on Negative Doubles: "Negative Doubles for ACOL players" has been produced with the help of Tim Bourke. They are seeking a publisher.
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* *The Portland Bridge Club, London* has three members in the Sunday Times list of Britain's top 200 earners. For the year to 1st October 2000 these were: 29. Michael Green (£30.1m), chairman of Carlton Communications, through share sales; 107. Henry Keswick (£9.2m) chairman of Jardine Matheson, through the takeover of the bank Robert Fleming; and 161. (one place below footballer David Beckham) Stuart Wheeler (£5.2m) through the float of his spreadbetting company, IG Index. The Queen was 70th.

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