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The previous Bulletin was dedicated to the Europeans in Tenerife. Regarding the possible suspension of the Spanish Bridge Federation, following intervention by Spain's Minister of Culture and Sport, the EBL deferred the date by which Spain had to reach agreement on its debts to this month.

This Bulletin reports on several events in America. Rose Meltzer, by making the USA 2 team, becomes the first woman for 36 years to represent the USA in the Bermuda Bowl. USA 1 is America's top team, Nickell. But the Spingold went to the Jacobs team containing the four Italians who won the last Olympiad and who will be going to Bali as World and European champions.

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e-bridge is offering IBPA members a second clippings competition (full details inside). Any clipping mentioning e-bridge not sent in for the one held in Tenerife is eligible. Send physical clippings to Maureen Dennison and electronic ones to Eric Kokish (let Eric know whether you have also sent a copy to Maureen, so there is no double-counting). The draw will take place in Bali.

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No contact has been achieved with IBPA's Executive Editor, David Rex-Taylor. Our Membership Secretary received an unidentified call saying he has left his home, suffering from stress. David has printed the Bulletin for almost twenty years. If any member has news of his whereabouts please let us know.

Anna Gudge has been appointed to be responsible for the printing and distribution of the Bulletin pending further information.

Ron Tacchi has updated the Personal details for the forthcoming IBPA Handbook and Anna Gudge has printed your own details on the sheet accompanying this Bulletin. Don't throw it away! It gives not only your address, telephone numbers, and e-mail address, but details such as year of birth, occupation, authorship, newspapers and world bridge titles. Please check these carefully and report any errors or amendments to Tacchi (for address see note inside).

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Radek Kielbasinski, referring to the last Editorial, says that the Generali support for the WBF Olympic event was for Lausanne not Warsaw. In Warsaw, for the first European Olympic Committee Tournament, organised by the Polish Bridge Union and the EBL, the support came from CA-IB Poland (Creditanstalt Investment Banken) as the main sponsor. The event's full name was: 1st E.O.C. - CA IB Trophy.

Radek takes the opportunity to announce that the support from CA-IB continues and the 2nd CA IB Trophy will take place in Warsaw in November 9-11.

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JACOBS WINS SPINGOLD, Levin & Weinstein take Life Masters Pairs Summer North American Championships, Toronto, Canada 13-29th July 2001

From Daily Bulletins: Editors Henry Francis, Brent Manley, Kent & Chyah Burghard

137 teams competed in the Spingold knockout. In the final the team led by **George Jacobs** (Ralph Katz, Lorenzo Lauria - Alfredo Versace, Norberto Bocchi - Giorgio Duboin of USA & Italy) originally seeded 3, beat **Michael Moss** (Fred Chang, Jeff Schuett, Kerry Smith) seed 29. The Daily Bulletin did not give a score, the Press Room closed early. Jacobs had survived the round of 16 match v. O'Rourke by only 4 IMPs.

In the semifinal Jacobs beat **Nick Nickell** (Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Richard Freeman) No. 2 seed by 153-142 and Moss beat the no. 32 seed **Brigitte Mavromichalis** (Terje Aa - Glenn Grotheim of Norway, Paul, Justin and Jason Hackett of England) 146-125.

In the quarters Mavromichalis beat **Jack Coleman** (Chris Compton, Cezary Balicki - Adam Zmudzinski, Andrew Gromov - Aleksander Petrunin) seed 9 USA + Reisinger winners from Poland and Russia 151-133; Moss beat Mark Gordon 130-115; Nickell beat Richard Schwartz 108-99; and Jacobs beat Gerald Sosler 223-71.

The holder and top seed **Rose Meltzer**, the USA2 team for the Bermuda Bowl, lost in the round of 64 to seed 64 Michael Levinson by 89-134! Seed 6, Steve Robinson also went out then, with the round of 32 seeing the fall of seed 4 **Jimmy Cayne** to Moss 127-132 and **Rita Shugart** (Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester-Paul Chemla) seed 5, to Mark Gordon 136-144.

* The ACBL Computer Championship was won by *Jack*, developed by Hans Kuijf of the Netherlands. In the 64-board final of Funbridge.com event *Jack* beat *Microbridge* 136-84. In an 8 board exhibition match the two computers teamed-up to lose to Pinhas Romik-Sam Lev, Jacek Pszczola-Piotr Gawrys by 18 IMPs.

* *Larry King*, former promoter of the Womens Tennis Tour and husband to tennis star Billie Jean King, is planning to launch a Pro Bridge Tour. He said "we think we can do it in Houston", referring to the Spring Nationals there next year. Initially the tournaments are to be funded through entry fees of \$200 per player for 4-session events, with most being returned in prize money.

On this deal from the Spingold, Bob Hamman, defending at trick four, found the only card in his hand to defeat the game:

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Soloway</i>		<i>Hamman</i>	
		1♦	1♠
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

West led a diamond ducked to East's ten. Hamman switched to his singleton heart, taken by the ace, and Soloway returned ♥Q, Hamman ruffing away dummy's king. Now what?

Hamman switched to the *king* of trumps, sticking declarer in the wrong hand to take the club finesse.

If East had tried to cash a diamond at trick four declarer succeeds by cross-ruffing and can set up a diamond trick. But the game also makes easily if East switches to a *low* trump. Declarer wins in dummy, takes the club finesse, cashes the ace of clubs and cross-ruffs the rest.

But as Hamman had switched to the *king* of trumps, South was on play and could only take the club finesse by using up another trump lead to reach dummy. The clubs failed to break and declarer was left with a losing club.

* David Silber, CEO to the ACBL from 1998 was reported as announcing he was leaving the job at the end of the month. No reason was given. Wayne Hascall is to act as interim CEO of the ACBL until a new CEO is appointed.

* The ACBL and Canadian Charity Foundations gave \$10,000 to the local Toronto charity, Daily Bread Food Bank.

Life Masters Pairs (156 Pairs)

1. Robert Levin-Steve Weinstein 2579
2. Ralph Katz – Gary Cohler 2504
3. Robert Gookin – Earl Glickstein 2472
4. Fred Stewart – Kit Woolsey 2413

This deal from the 2nd session of the semifinal features the winners. South's opening was Strong Club and Weinstein, West, reached 4♥:

Dealer: East ♠ 10 8 7 5 3
 E/W Game ♥ 9 2
 ♦ 10 9 8 5
 ♣ 8 7

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Weinstein</i>		<i>Levin</i>	
1♥	Pass	3♥	1♣
4♥	All Pass		Pass

North led ♣8 to the queen, king and ace. With South marked with all the missing high cards declarer faced four losers. A finesse of ♠9 would not help, as *two* club discards were required. So Weinstein crossed to dummy with a trump and led a low spade off the dummy. South went in the queen, cashed one high diamond, and then cleared the club jack. Weinstein now led the nine of spades.

This gave him the genuine chance of South holding ♠AQ doubleton, but it also worked when South erred by rising with ♠A (*IBPA Editor: Did not North give count on the first spade?*). Weinstein ruffed, returned to dummy with a trump, and now had two winning spades for the two club discards he needed to make the game.

This deal from the semifinal features Junior Vincent Demuy of Montreal who represents Canada in the WBF World Junior Teams this month in Rio:

Dealer: North ♠ J
 E/W Game ♥ A Q J 10 6 4 3
 ♦ A Q 8 2
 ♣ 8

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Czyzowicz</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Heller</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♠
	3♥	All Pass	

Darren Wolpert, East, led ♠K to dummy's ace. Demuy led ♦7 and let West's ten hold. A trump switch ran to dummy's bare nine, and a second diamond went to the eight and jack. East tried ♠Q, but Demuy ruffed, dropped ♥K and then ran all his trumps. In the three-card ending East had to keep ♦Kx and, to avoid being endplayed jettisoned the ♣A. West came down to ♣K, a diamond and a small club. Demuy cashed ♦A to extract West's exit on which he threw dummy's winning spade, and then led a club to winkle a club trick at the end.

IBPA Editor: Well-played! East might have spotted the advantage of cashing ♣A before he played the second spade. Then he will safely come to a diamond at the end.

* George Retek of Montreal, WBF Treasurer, has been elected ACBL President for the year 2002 when the World Championships take place in Montreal.

* The ACBL Educational Foundation set aside \$80,000 to fund a fulltime worker to bring bridge into America's After-school Clubs (Youth Underground Consortium). For further details contact Barbara Heller on:

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* A Mini-Spangold for low master-point holders is run for those who do not wish to enter the main event. By his declarer play on this deal Vincent Wilmot suggested he should have been in the Open event:

Dealer: West ♠ Q J 10 8 2
 Love all ♥ J 9 5 4 2
 ♦ 10
 ♣ 8 6

♠ K 9 7 4 3
 ♥ K 8 6
 ♦ A J
 ♣ A 9 2

♠ A 5
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ K 8 7 5 4
 ♣ K Q 4 3

♠ 6
 ♥ 10 7 3
 ♦ Q 9 6 3 2
 ♣ J 10 7 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Wilmot</i>		<i>Bauman</i>	
1NT	2♦	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	6NT	All Pass

North's 2♦ showed both majors

North led ♠Q, taken by dummy's ace. Wilmot finessed ♦J, but when he cashed the ace discovered South held five. Declared unblocked the top hearts in dummy, returned to ♠K (South throwing a heart) and then cashed the third heart throwing a club from dummy. South had to keep all his diamonds or declarer could cross to a club and clear the diamonds. So South was also forced to throw a club. Now declarer cashed his three clubs ending in dummy and exited with ♦7 to endplay South.

* The American Bridge Teachers Association gave its Annual Award to Audrey Grant's "Commonly Used Conventions", and its Software Award to Mike Lawrence's CD-ROM "Conventions and the Judgement to Make Them Work". Max Hardy became an Honor Member.

* The table count of 16,079.5 (the sum through 20+ sessions, so the maximum in play at one moment is about a thousand tables) put Toronto 2001 ninth on the all-time top attendances:

1. Las Vegas 1991 24,221; 2. Toronto 1986 21,075; 3. Las Vegas 1985 19,827.5; 4. Las Vegas 1979 18,517.5; 5. Toronto 1978 18,408; 6. Washington 1993 18,270; 7. Baltimore 1987 17,027; 8. Toronto 1992 16,680; 9. Toronto 2001 16,079.5; 10. Washington 1973 16,043.

* Hall of Fame inductees were: Eric Murray, Sami Kehela, Alan Truscott, Lew Stansby, Richard Freeman and deceased: Peter Leventritt, Bobby Nail, Sally Young (further elsewhere).

Dealer: South ♠ J 8 6
 Game All ♥ 9 7 6 4
 ♦ J 8 2
 ♣ 8 7 2

♠ 10 9 7 5
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ A K 10 5 4

♠ A K 4 3
 ♥ K Q J 2
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ J 9 6

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

On this deal from the second final of the Life Master Pairs, John Sutherlin opened an off-shape 1NT as South. This was Passed round to East who doubled, intending it as "protective". West was pleased to Pass, and North, Richard Coren, made an SOS redouble, hoping for a safer spot. Sutherlin, thinking this was for real, Passed.

The defence has 11 tricks to cash for a penalty of 2800. Coren had some words to say about SOS redoubles as he put down dummy. But he should have waited. West's lead was fourth highest of his longest suit. Sutherlin won the ♣Q and showed his six diamond tricks, claiming +760.

* e-bridge formed an agreement with the Polish Bridge Union allowing players from Poland to participate on e-bridge at a cheaper rate.

* The Grand National Teams was won by Jill Meyers (Ed Davis, Mitch Dunitz, Iftikhar Baquai). Meyers won the final 138-132, v. Rose Meltzer (fresh from becoming USA2 in the Bermuda Bowl, see elsewhere in this issue).

* Peter Boyd & Steve Robinson won the IMP Pairs. 260 pairs competed.

* In the final of the Womens KO Teams **Kathie Weisender** (Betty Ann Kennedy, Juanita Chambers, Janice Seamon-Molson, Jill Levin, and Tobi Sokolow) beat the team to represent Canada in the Venice Cup in Bali, Dianna Gordon, Katie Thorpe, Sharyn Reus, Francine Cimon, Martine Lacroix, Ina Demme npc Ralph Cohen 170-102.

* Four young players from Turkey (Ata Aydin-Gokhan Yilmaz, Ergun Guhadar-Cengiz Arigon) tied for 16-17th

The World Junior Pairs and Junior Camp in Poland

By Barry Rigal (USA) & Mark Horton (Eng), Stargard and Insko, Poland, July 2001

Results: back page of previous Bulletin

The venue for the 2001 World Junior Pairs was Stargard, a couple of hundred miles from Berlin, the arrival point for many of the visitors. This resulted in logistical nightmare for the Polish Bridge Federation, and a significant delay in the Opening Ceremony. Happily, that was really pretty much the last thing to go wrong with the Pairs event, and the camp that followed at Insko, a picturesque resort town 50 km away. But a special debt of thanks must go to Radek Kielbasinski and to the team of helpers and translators who managed to cope with the needs of 250 fractious juniors without losing their patience or their sunny demeanours.

When the bridge started two of the ante-post favourites were the Austrians Andreas Gloyer - Martin Schiffko, the former defending his title, and Bas Drijver - Sjoert Brink who had shown themselves to be one of the top Dutch pairs over the last five years.

Dealer: South ♠ 10 4 3 E/W Game ♥ 10 7 5 4 2 ♦ A Q 10 ♣ 8 7 ♠ A Q ♠ J 8 6 5 ♥ K 9 8 3 ♥ A ♦ J 9 8 ♦ K 6 5 4 3 ♣ K 5 3 2 ♣ J 10 4 ♠ K 9 7 2 ♥ Q J 6 ♦ 7 2 ♣ A Q 9 6	
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West <i>Brink</i>	North	East <i>Drijver</i>	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Kees Tammens, who is well known as both Captain and Coach of the Dutch Junior players - apart from being a top class player in his own right - showed me this deal, as a good start for his Dutchmen.

N/S often went plus here, but after the weak no-trump and transfer to hearts, Bas Drijver reopened with a take-out double and Sjoert Brink converted this to penalties.

Brink led a diamond. Drijver took the ten with his king and shifted to a top club, to the queen and king. West returned a diamond, and declarer played a trump to the bare ace, letting Drijver shift to a low spade to the queen. Back came a third diamond, on which declarer pitched a spade. When he knocked out ♥K, a third trump came back to put declarer in hand. When he played ♣A

and ruffed a club he was at the crossroads.

East had passed originally and had already shown up with 8 points, so could not hold ♠A. Missing this clue declarer led a spade to the king and had to lose a third spade in the ending for - 300 and 211/216 for the Netherlanders.

At the end of the first session Schiffko and Gloyer had taken an early lead and maintained it. The top ten, not surprisingly, was well-stocked with Polish pairs.

Drijver and Brink were keeping up the pressure on the Austrians in second place. Here was one that got away from their opponents.

Dealer South ♠ K 10 7 4 2 Love all ♥ 10 6 5 ♦ 6 5 ♣ 6 4 2 ♠ Q 9 ♥ J 4 3 2 ♦ Q 10 9 3 ♣ A 9 3	♠ 5 ♥ K 9 7 ♦ A K J 8 7 4 ♣ K J 8 ♠ A J 8 6 3 ♥ A Q 8 ♦ 2 ♣ Q 10 7 5		
West <i>Drijver</i>	North	East <i>Brink</i>	South
Pass	3♠	Dble	1♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Best defence is to lead spades till the cows come home and force declarer, but North led a top spade and shifted to a club, letting Drijver win in hand and lead a heart to the nine and queen. Back came a second spade, ruffed in dummy, and South then won his ace of hearts to lead a third spade. But Drijver ruffed and drew trumps and then had the rest. Note though that South might have had a resource; perhaps he should have ducked the nine of hearts - a lot easier to do in theory than at the table. Declarer still has a spade loser so cannot draw trumps, but if he plays to ruff a spade, then when South gets back on lead in trumps the defence have control to force declarer again.

Going into the final set the Austrians' only serious threats were the Dutch. In the end Gloyer and Schiffko managed to see their opponents off by a top and a half with another fine set. Final scores:

1. Gloyer-Schifko 15132
2. Drijver-Brink 14821
3. Mazzadi-Lo Presti 14266

This was an example of the winners' accurate slam bidding.

Dealer East	♠ 106		
N/S Game	♥ 106		
	♦ KJ8743		
	♣ 542		
	♠ 82		♠ AK975
	♥ K932		♥ 7
	♦ A10		♦ Q9
	♣ AK1093		♣ QJ874
		♠ QJ43	
		♥ AQJ854	
		♦ 652	
		♣ —	
West	North	East	South
<i>Schifko</i>		<i>Gloyer</i>	
		1♠	2♥
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

A brave bid by Gloyer to raise to slam, but with his spade controls and extra distribution he could not really settle any lower. While there was a danger that they were off two aces, his partner figured to have two first round controls to make the slam try. As the cards lay, with North having the king of diamonds, and in any event a natural heart lead, 12 tricks were a formality.

The Junior Camp took place down the road from the Pairs venue. The Post Office Recreation Camp at Insko was both comfortable, and well-situated for a junior bridge event (distractions were sufficiently far away). In the inaugural Individual, attendance was higher than the number of juniors, since the camp organizers and directors joined in too.

One of the best defences by a junior, and certainly one in the running for an award this year was found by Haraldsson and Manolis.

Dealer West	♠ Q		
E/W Game	♥ AQJ		
	♦ KQ84		
	♣ KQ832		
	♠ J1096432		♠ K8
	♥ 53		♥ 874
	♦ 5		♦ J1062
	♣ 954		♣ A1076
		♠ A75	
		♥ K10962	
		♦ A973	
		♣ J	
West	North	East	South
<i>Manolis</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Haraldsson</i>	<i>Reshef</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Manolis led his diamond, the best chance for the defence, to the jack and ace.

Declarer can succeed by drawing precisely two rounds of trumps before playing on clubs. When Reshef drew all the trumps and led ♣J from hand Manolis played the nine to show an odd number and Haraldsson ducked, essential for the defence. Now Reshef crossed to the top diamond in dummy, seeing the bad split, and led ♣K, covered and ruffed. Declarer now cashed the ace of spades, preparatory to exiting with a spade to endplay East. That works as East has to concede an extra entry to dummy allowing the clubs to be set up ... but Haraldsson unblocked his king of spades under the ace and now declarer had no chance anymore.

Nick Brink, South, playing with Gitte Bruno, found an ingenious way to squeeze a quart out of a pint pot on the following deal, with a little help from the defence:

Dealer West	♠ A765		
Love all	♥ 9		
	♦ AJ53		
	♣ K654		
	♠ J4		♠ Q83
	♥ AJ7632		♥ 10854
	♦ 2		♦ Q1097
	♣ Q987		♣ J10
		♠ K1092	
		♥ KQ	
		♦ K864	
		♣ A32	
West	North	East	South
2♥	Dble	3♥	4♠
All Pass			

West led ♥A and shifted to a diamond, won in hand. Nick knew that diamonds were not splitting, so he drew two rounds of trumps and cashed ♥K to pitch a club from dummy. Then he played the top clubs and exited with a third club to West (as East pitched a heart):

	♠ 76		♠ Q
	♥ —		♥ 10
	♦ AJ5		♦ Q107
	♣ —		♣ —
♠ —			
♥ J763			
♦ —			
♣ 9			
	♠ 109		
	♥ —		
	♦ 864		
	♣ —		

West had to concede a ruff and discard, and it might

appear that whatever he does comes to pretty much the same thing. He chose to exit with a heart, but that removed East's last card in the suit.

Nick ruffed this trick, pitching a diamond from dummy, and got out with his last trump to East, the second endplay, as East had to return a diamond.

On this next deal the fate of virtually all the Matchpoints hinged on an undertrick. When you double the opponents at unfavourable vulnerability, you will often need to collect 800 if the field can make game with your cards. And so it proved here.

Dealer West	♠ K 7 5 4 3			
N/S Game	♥ A 10 6			
	♦ Q 9			
	♣ J 4 3			
	♠ A 10 8 6 2	♠ 9		
	♥ Q J 5	♥ 7 2		
	♦ K 3	♦ J 8 7 5 4 2		
	♣ Q 10 7	♣ 9 8 6 5		
	♠ Q J			
	♥ K 9 8 4 3			
	♦ A 10 6			
	♣ A K 2			
West	North	East	South	
<i>Toutenel</i>	<i>Dana Tal</i>	<i>DeLoubens</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dble	
Pass	Pass	2♦	Dble	
All Pass				

Kranyak's decision to go for the throat required his side to collect 800 since 3NT was going to make nine tricks comfortably enough, although 4♥ can be beaten on the spade ruff.

The defence to 2♦ doubled started with a spade lead and declarer won the ace and ruffed a spade low, then led a heart up. Tal took her ace and tried a club to the ace, for a low club to the jack and a third club. Now Kranyak cashed ♥K and got out with a third heart as declarer pitched his last club. Declarer had three tricks in the bag and needed two more to escape for -500.

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

There might be something to be said for leading a trump but the spade lead from dummy was ruffed with the seven and over-ruffed with the ten, and a heart back went to the queen of trumps as East impotently under-ruffed. Now came another spade and declarer misguessed to ruff with the jack (purists might see some element of restricted choice in South's decision to overruff with the nine: A96 or A106 is perhaps more likely than A109?). Anyway, when declarer ruffed high, Kranyak could overruff with the ace and lead yet another heart and that promoted Dana Tal's ♦9 for the fourth undertrick and all of the Matchpoints, whereas +500 would only have been worth 7/50.

One of the curiosities I noticed was the number of children of famous parents at the camp. This is especially true of the French juniors. For example in the team event the following deal appeared, demonstrating that the Bessis brothers have been well taught by their parents :

Dealer South	♠ Q 9 2			
Game all	♥ A J 9 4 3			
	♦ A 10 9			
	♣ 10 9			
	♠ K 7 3	♠ J 10 8 6		
	♥ 10	♥ K Q 7 5 2		
	♦ Q 5	♦ 7 6 4 3		
	♣ K J 8 7 5 4 3	♣ —		
	♠ A 5 4			
	♥ 8 6			
	♦ K J 8 2			
	♣ A Q 6 2			
West	North	East	South	
	<i>Ginossar</i>		<i>Bessis</i>	
2♣	2♥	Pass	2NT	
Pass	3NT	All Pass		

West found the effective lead of ♥10, covered by the jack and queen. The spade shift went to West who continued the suit. Thomas Bessis won in hand and ran the eight of hearts, correctly ducked by East. Bessis now misguessed diamonds, playing a diamond to the ace and passing the ten of diamonds. When West won and cleared the spades Bessis recovered by taking the queen in dummy, cashing ♥A pitching a club, playing off his top diamonds, and then exiting from hand with a low club. West was endplayed to lead clubs for declarer's ninth trick.

The key to the success of the camp's activities was that everyone played with partners from different countries and almost everyone did their best to try new Bridge experiences, and make new friends. From that point of view and indeed every other aspect too, the camp was a roaring success.

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It is bad enough to stay low and miss a cold game, but when your opponents beat you in the safe partscore you have reached, as happened in the 1999 Cavendish Teams, it adds insult to injury.

Dlr: West ♠ Q 9 4
 Vul: E/W ♥ ♠ Q 8
 ♠ Q J 10 7 6
 ♠ K 4 2

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Chemla</i>	<i>Sontag</i>	<i>Mari</i>
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

After Peter Weichsel's natural, but limited opening of 2♣, Chemla did not have enough to overcall in diamonds, and when Mari reopened with 2♥ rather than a double, Chemla decided not to explore for 3NT, but to take the safe positive... not so fast!

Weichsel led the ♣A, an incisive shot, then carefully played the ♣7 for Alan Sontag to ruff. Alan now found the fine move of underleading the ♦A (Peter's middle club clearly indicated that he had no preference between the pointed suits, hence he was likely to have the king of both suits) and Weichsel won his king, then gave Sontag a ruff with a high club. At this point, Alan led the ♠2 to ensure one down, by setting up the defence's spade trick before declarer could establish the diamond suit for discards.

Transnational Teams, Bali

If anyone going to Bali is interested in forming an IBPA Team (or Teams) for the World Transnational Teams Championship, please contact the Editor

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This deal from the Junior Camp at Prague has something of the air of a book hand about it. Declarer's line turned out to be especially expensive since in the other room only game was contracted for.

Dlr: South ♠ A 10 6 4 2
 Vul: None ♥ A 10 6 5
 ♦ A 7 4 3
 ♣ —

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

A short and sweet auction to a sensible spot, and on a trump lead the right move is not to play a card until you have counted your tricks. Declarer actually drew trumps then tackled diamonds by leading the queen from hand and finished up with 11 tricks when the suit failed to behave.

Simple arithmetic suggests there are eight trump tricks and two aces, so you must realize that you need to collect two more diamond tricks to make the hand. If the suit is going to split 3-3, anything you care to do works fine. But if East has the length in diamonds together with the king, you can ensure the contract by drawing trumps ending in dummy, then leading a diamond towards the queen-jack in hand. If your queen holds, ruff a club to dummy and repeat the manoeuvre in diamonds. Whenever East chooses to take his king, it will fall on empty air, and you make your extra diamond tricks, and the contract. As the cards lie, the recommended play produces the twelfth trick, whereas simply leading out high diamonds from hand will fail, whatever the lie of the diamonds, if the suit does not split.

There is scarcely a more attractive lead than a singleton in partner's suit, but sometimes you have to listen to the auction and trust your opponents to know what they are doing, as happened on this deal from the 1999 Cavendish pairs.

Dlr: East	♠ Q		
Vul: E-W	♥ J742		
	♦ K42		
	♣ AKQ53		
♠ J643		♠ 10	
♥ K83		♥ A96	
♦ 6		♦ QJ10985	
♣ J10842		♣ 976	
	♠ AK98752		
	♥ Q105		
	♦ A73		
	♣ —		

West	North	East	South
<i>K.Sanborn</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>S.Sanborn</i>	<i>Cohen</i>
Pass	5♣	3♦	4♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	5♦
		All Pass	

Kerri Sanborn could have been forgiven for leading a diamond, her partner's suit, but she had been focusing on the auction, and more importantly she knew her spade trick was very unlikely to run away. She unerringly led a heart, and the defence cashed their two heart tricks and had an inevitable trump winner still to come, for one down.

This deal turned out to be very expensive for Smith and Cohen — who at that point were contending for the lead in the Cavendish Pairs. Of course if Kerry Sanborn had led her partner's suit, it would have been very easy to make Five Spades.

When you are in a good contract, you should try to work out what might go wrong. Conversely, in a terrible contract you have to play for the one distribution that will help you make the hand. That principle applies here.

Dlr: East	♠ KJ93		
Vul: Both♥	A3		
	♦ A97		
	♣ K1043		
♠ Q10		♠ 65	
♥ 10987		♥ KQJ42	
♦ J105		♦ KQ4	
♣ A752		♣ J86	
	♠ A8742		
	♥ 65		
	♦ 8632		
	♣ Q9		

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

Both Souths jumped to 3♠ and the Norths' decision to bid on with limited extra values and shape are on the aggressive side. Assuming South does not take the extravagant misguess in spades by running the jack on the second round, he would be likely to emerge with nine tricks if playing 3♠.

But if he has to declare 4♠, he can make that too; the point of the hand is that one discard on the club suit is not enough. For South to make his game, he must get two diamond discards from his hand. There is only one lie of the cards that will help declarer out; he needs East to have the jack of clubs in a two or three-card suit. The route to success on a heart lead is to win the ♥A and to play a club to the ♣10, hoping for the miraculous lie of the cards that is actually there. This line of play sets up two discards for the diamond losers in hand, and produces a distinctly lucky +620.

The 2001 IBPA Handbook and

your Personal Details

In Tenerife the IBPA Executive appointed **Ron Tacchi** as Layout Editor for the new IBPA Handbook. The Editor, Patrick Jourdain, originally finished the content in March 2000, but the Handbook made no further progress after that.

Mr. Jourdain is therefore updating the text part of the Handbook whilst Mr. Tacchi is updating the Personal section containing Names, Addresses, and personal details.

You will find these printed on a separate sheet accompanying this Bulletin. Please check them carefully. Send any amendments to Ron Tacchi by e-mail at: **ibpa@prestigec.com** or by fax to **+33 2 37 81 16 22**

Mr. Tacchi is also adding photos of members to the Handbook. Please send these to him electronically at the same address. Please also state if you do not wish any of your personal details to appear on an IBPA website (access will be limited to IBPA members only).

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE I.B.P.A.

Tenerife, 25th June 2001

Members present: - In the Chair Jean-Paul Meyer + some 32 other members. Per Jannersten (Swe), Christer Andersson (Swe), Patrick Jourdain (Wales), Maureen Dennison (Eng), Steen Møller (Den), Nissan Rand (Isr), Sam Leckie (Scot), Seamus Downing (Ire), Britt Jannersten (Swe), Yuri Kovalenko (Ger), Colette Grosfils (Bel), Bronius Zibaitis (Lit), Koen Gijnsman (Net), Mario Dix (Mal), David Muller (Eng), Esad Kulovic (Cro), Ron Tacchi (Mal), Panos Gerontopoulos (Gre), Irena Chodorowska (Pol), Fredrik Wahlberg (Swe), Eric Kokish (Can), Pinhas Romik (USA), Kay Downes (Ire), Maureen Hiron (Spa), Sven-Olov Flodqvist (Swe), Michael Rosenblum (Rus), Heinz Guthwert (Swe), Jon Sveindal (Nor), Russ Nicholson (Eng), Mark Horton (Eng), Tony Gordon (Eng), and Herman De Wael (Bel).

Apologies for absence were received from Tony Sowter and Albert L Benjamin

1 Remembrance for deceased members: - The IBPA Editor was not aware of any deceased members since the meeting in Maastricht.

2. Dennison reported that e-bridge had requested, both for this draw and future clippings competitions, that two of the five \$100 prizes should be awarded on quality of clipping and three by random draw. They nominated David Bird and Tony Gordon as the first two recipients and asked that Dennison, as secretary, would be responsible for further selections. The other winners were Mark Horton, Elena Jeronimidis and Alan Truscott. There is another e-bridge clipping competition between now and the Annual General Meeting in Bali. Journalists may enter any clipping making mention of e-bridge, whether about the European Championships or any other matter. Send a hard copy by mail or fax to Dennison to go into a scrapbook. Also Eric Kokish would be pleased to receive an electronic copy of any material.

3. Meyer drew attention to the offer from e-bridge for three-months free membership, renewable to demonstrably active users and asked for comments from the floor. Flodqvist expressed concern that, though he was pleased to receive the benefits described, it looked as if things, which in the past had always been freely available, would now come either at a price or with conditions attached. For instance, he had had difficulty getting information of the USA trials. The ACBL said that e-bridge had the rights and general information was not available without joining a service.

Kokish informed the meeting that there was an ACBL website for results and made the points that there had been coverage on Vugraph, it cost money to gather information and provide such a comprehensive service and they needed income to justify the expense.

Gijnsman said that his service, bridgeplaza, had always been free both to Journalists and the general public and would continue to be so. He added that he had much archive material freely available and that this covered all sorts of tournaments such as the Forbo and Cap Gemini, as well as World Championships.

Meyer informed the meeting that the executive had discussed the matter and concluded that all facts, including results, hand records, bidding and play, were free of copyright. This did not apply to comment or commentary. Gijnsman felt the I.B.P.A. should take a strong position that access to Vugraph should also be free.

Romik of e-bridge explained that they had signed a sponsorship agreement with the EBL that they would not use any other organisation to promote the tournament in Tenerife. In the USA the agreement was to run the trials but that all information would be free via the ACBL's own website with the exception of Vugraph, as commentary in Tenerife.

Jourdain pointed out that the I.B.P.A. had a copyright policy, set out in the Members Handbook and it states that there can be no copyright on facts, but it may be a question of convenience of ascertaining those facts. For instance, he would expect a Championship Daily Bulletin to be free from which you could extract your own information. However, he would expect to pay for a Championship book though IBPA would still encourage a publisher of such a book to provide favourable rates to Journalists.

Gerontopoulos was asked to state the view of the WBF and EBL. He stated that it had always been the policy of the ruling bodies to spread information freely to help the development of bridge. For example, the Daily Bulletins, pressrooms and support for the I.B.P.A. He pointed out that to this end they had been on line from 1996 providing information, the Bulletins and results free of charge. So far we have not been able provide comment but others are willing to do so: - Bridge Plaza and now E-Bridge. Gerontopoulos saw the duty of the EBL to provide information as soon as possible, not to become publishers. He pointed out the simile that the public have to buy papers and magazines to read Journalists' material. He made the point that the EBL need money to do their job and that there are many organisations that make money by selling rights - e.g. football. He confirmed however that for the foreseeable future the EBL and WBF will supply factual information free.

Jourdain referred to two further points raised: -

1) that information should be conveniently and completely available, not only to Journalists but also to the general public. On this he was not aware that IBPA had a written policy.

2) the worry that journalists who were critical or even not-complimentary, might lose some of the services otherwise provided free to journalists. In the past IBPA had always defended the right of journalists to comment freely without fear of any reprisal from the authorities.

Dennison mentioned events such as the Cavendish where results had not been available, but Meyer pointed out that it was organised by a private firm and if they decided to restrict information that was their right.

4. Meyer reported that the membership of the I.B.P.A. was diminishing and the Board was planning to take strong action with the help of Anna Gudge to recruit new members and that we would send an e-mail shot to some 4000 names on her data base of Journalists, media and others with a bridge website. The question of a join-

ing fee was raised as a drawback to recruitment. Jourdain pointed out that this was intended for members who lapse but still get their Bulletin for three months into the new year. Tacchi proposed that this fee should be dropped and the Board promised to consider this matter. Dennison proposed that it should remain as a rejoining fee only.

Following the meeting IBPA members were invited on the day trip for the Press to the volcano in Tenerife, accompanied by lunch. At the lunch thanks were expressed to the organisers by Per Jannersten, IBPA Vice-President.

THE USA TRIALS

Rose Meltzer becomes the first woman to represent the USA in the Bermuda Bowl since Dorothy Truscott in 1965. Meltzer's team (Kyle Larsen, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel) won the USA 2 berth, joining USA 1 **Nick Nickell** (Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell) in Bali.

In the semi-final of the Trials Nickell beat Meltzer 242-194 whilst **Russ Ekeblad** (Robert Lipsitz, Ron Rubin, Matt Granovetter, Mark Molson, Barnet Shenkin) beat **Steve Robinson** (Peter Boyd, Fred Stewart, Kit Woolsey) 269-260. Nickell won the final, and then Meltzer emerged victorious from the repechage for the second spot.

The US Womens Trials was won by the team led by John Mohan (Lynn Baker-Irinia Levitina, Jill Meyers-Randi Monton, Kerri Sanborn-Karen McCallum) who became USA1 in the Venice Cup. USA 2 is the team led by Bob Hamman (Petra Hamman-Joan Jackson, Shawn Quinn-Mildred Breed, Robin Klar-Kay Schulle)

THE ZONE 4 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Anna Gudge reports

India and Pakistan qualified for the Bermuda Bowl from the Zone 4 Championships, hosted by the Bahrain Bridge Committee at the end of May. The teams were:

India: Santanu Ghose; Mrs. Kiran Nadar; Rajesh Dalal; Subhash Gupta; Bachiraju Satyanarayana; K R Venkataraman

Pakistan: Tahir Abbas, Masood Salim, Shahin Iqbal, Javaid Khali, Mohsin Musht, Mirza Shauq

India qualified for the Venice Cup; the team was: I Sicka, Feroza Chothia, Geeta Lakhani, Ameeta Raythatha, Yvette Singapurin, Marianne Karmarkar

WBF Simultaneous Pairs, 1st & 2nd June

World Junior Champion Stelio di Bello of Italy, partnering Luigi Ventriglia topped the scores on the Saturday with Jon Hawes & Stephen Fleming of England recording the highest score on the Friday.

<i>Calendar</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>IBPA Contact</i>
AUG 6/15	World Junior Teams, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil		panos g
10/19	England Summer Nationals, Brighton		EBU 44+ 1296 394 414
OCT 20/02 Nov	Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Transnational Teams, Bali		WBF
NOV 9/11	2 nd EOC CA-IB Trophy, Warsaw		Kielbasinski
18/28	ACBL Fall Nationals, Las Vegas		ACBL
26/29	EBL Simultaneous Pairs		anna@ecats.co.uk
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JAN 17/20	Cap Gemini Invitation, Hotel des Indes, The Hague		henk.van.dalen@capgemini.nl
MAR 7-17	ACBL Spring Nationals, Houston		ACBL
16/22	EBL Mixed Pairs and Teams, Ostend		EBL
JUN 7/8	World Wide Bridge Contest		anna@ecats.co.uk
16/30	European National Teams, Salsomaggiore		EBL
JUL ??	European Youth Team Championships		youthcmte@bridge.gr
15/20	? Commonwealth Games Bridge, Manchester?		EBU
18/28	ACBL Summer Nationals, Washington		ACBL
AUG 2/11	World University Teams, Bruges, Bruges Belgium		anna@ecats.co.uk
9/18	England Summer Nationals, Brighton		EBU 44+ 1296 394 414
12/19	European University Teams, Rotterdam, Neth		Paul Magerman
16/31	World Bridge Championships, Montreal		WBF
NOV 28/ 8 Dec	ACBL Fall Nationals, Phoenix		ACBL
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MAR 6/16	ACBL Spring Nationals, Philadelphia		ACBL
JUL 17/27	ACBL: Summer Nationals, Long Beach, CA		ACBL
AUG 8/17	England Summer Nationals, Brighton		EBU 44+ 1296 394 414

Teenage Zonal Champion will be youngest ever Bermuda Bowl contestant

By Henry Francis (USA)

A 14-year-old now reigns as the youngest Zonal champion in the history of world bridge. Agustin Madala of Argentina was a member of the Argentine team that won the South American championship in Cochabamba, Bolivia, recently. Argentina defeated Brazil by 48 IMPs in the 64-board final. Madala will represent Argentina in the Bermuda Bowl world championships in Bali, Indonesia, in October. This will be another record – he'll be the youngest player ever to compete in the Bermuda Bowl.

Madala was outstanding in the World Junior Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 1999. He reached the quarterfinals of last year's OKbridge Internet World Bridge Championship and finished second in the South American Open Pairs championship at the age of 12 (*IBPA Editor: partnering IBPA member Carlos Cabanne, aged 82*)

Madala is in his second year of middle school, with three more years to go before going to university. He is an excellent student. According to his father, Adolfo Madala, Agustin has a wonderful relationship with his fellow students and the school authorities. Agustin is especially strong in mathematics and language. "He always has an A qualification," says his father. "Once my wife asked Agustin's math teacher: why Agustin never had any math homework. The teacher said, 'Because by the time I finish writing the homework on the blackboard, Agustin has finished it'."

Bridge is not Agustin's only interest – far from it. He plays on his school soccer team where he is a very good forward. He also likes music — he's learning to play the electronic organ and the flute. His father noted that Agustin "enjoys almost all sports, but soccer is his first love. He plays every day with his schoolmates and friends. Give him a soccer ball and it will never touch the floor — he can make more than a hundred contacts using his feet, heels, knees, shoulders and head. Well, soccer is our national sport, you know."

Agustin plays bridge two or three times a week, mostly on OKbridge. When he plays in international events, he sometimes loses a week or two of classes, but he recovers the study rhythm with no difficulty. His teachers think that bridge playing has increased his comprehension ability, especially in logic problems.

"Never before had I met a player of Agustin's skill at his age," said Pablo Lambardi, captain of last year's IWBC team. After last year's IWBC event, Lambardi said, "Agustin's biggest problem was that his mother wouldn't let him play late on weekdays. He had to wait until she went to sleep before he could sneak in to play OKbridge." Now Agustin has proved he can handle late-night bridge and still keep up with all his other activities.

Here's an example of Agustin in action in the South American Championships

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

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Agustin let the ♥K hold but won the second heart. He led a club to the queen, losing to the king. A trump came back, won in dummy. Agustin cashed ♦A and ruffed a diamond, crossed to ♣A and ruffed another diamond. He cashed ♣J, pitching dummy's last heart. Next he ruffed a heart with dummy's ace, East having to under-ruff. Agustin called for another diamond, and East was done. He played ♠7, but Agustin overruffed with the 9. He led his last heart and ruffed with dummy's queen. East was able to over-ruff with the king, but that made Agustin's trump 10 good for the game-going trick. He lost only one heart, one club and one trump despite the 5-0 trump break.

Larsen's Larceny

By Alan Truscott (USA)

Truscott submits this deal from the Toronto ACBL Nationals, reported in the NY Times, 22nd July, featuring Kyle Larsen, West, for our Defence of the Year Award:

Dealer: West	♠ 82		
Game All	♥ QJ8532		
	♦ 53		
	♣ J109		
	♠ 103	♠ 65	
	♥ AK9	♥ 764	
	♦ AKJ104	♦ 976	
	♣ K62	♣ 87543	
	♠ AKQJ974		
	♥ 10		
	♦ Q82		
	♣ AQ		
West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
INT	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the diamond king.

A remarkable turnabout in the final set of deals gave the Grand National Team title here last night Saturday to a foursome from Southern California. Playing at the American Contract Bridge League's Summer Nationals, victory went to Jill Meyers, who was the world's top-ranked woman player two years ago, Ed Davis, Mitch Dunitz and Iftikhar Baqai. They trailed by 25 IMPs into the last quarter, but several slam swings helped them surge to an 8-IMP win.

The losers, who between them have won bunches of world and national titles, were a team from Northern California: Rose Meltzer, Peter Weichsel, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Hugh Ross and Kyle Larsen.

Both captains bid the South cards imaginatively on the diagramed deal from the Grand National, reaching three no-trump with the long spade suit undisclosed. This contract had a good chance, while four spades and four hearts would have been hopeless.

Meltzer was the declarer after the diagramed auction, and succeeded. She claimed nine tricks when West led diamonds and continued the suit. In the replay, Meyers had slightly different bidding.

West remained silent after her reopening double, and she leaped to three no-trump after a one-heart response.

In this case Larsen, West, produced a brilliant defense. After leading one top diamond, he read the position correctly. To justify the three no-trump bid, South had to have long, solid spades together with the missing honors in the minor suits.

West continued by cashing the two top heart honors, squeezing South in a most unusual way. If South had thrown a minor-suit card, West would have been able to lead the discarded suit effectively. Meyers parted with one of her spade winners, and the contract was still in the balance.

A spade shift would have been fatal, for the spade eight would have been an entry to the hearts. But Larsen reverted to diamonds, giving South a trick in that suit but defeating the game. Meyers had to lose a club trick at the finish for down one. Meltzer and her team-mates gained 12 imps in what proved to be a losing cause.

Truscott adds: I did not have space in the NYT to note another point. The heart cash is necessary if South has six spades and two hearts to prevent West being stripped and endplayed.

New e-bridge Clippings Competition

All IBPA members are invited to send clippings mentioning e-bridge to IBPA's Clippings Secretary, Maureen Dennison (Address on front of Bulletin).

Electronic versions can be sent to Eric Kokish at:

kokish-kraft@home.com

For each clipping please give for the publication, its name, the date of publication, the approximate circulation, and the name of the IBPA member who was author.

The Closing date for the Competition is the end of September. Two prizes will be awarded on merit and there will be a further six prizes of \$50 drawn by lot. Each clipping sent in will earn the author one ticket in the draw, but no person may win two prizes.

The Draw will be held in Bali.

* *The Dutch Bridge Federation* reports an honour for its former chairman, Laurens Hoedemaker, who has also retired from the Executive of the EBL.

On 10th June, the Dutch Minister of Justice, Mr. Benk Korthals, on behalf of Beatrix, Queen of the Netherlands, awarded Hoedemaker the order 'Ridder (Knight) in de Orde van Oranje Nassau'.

This title was issued due to the extraordinary achievements of Hoedemaker during his seven years term for the Dutch Bridge Federation. During his chairmanship the DBF increased its memberships by 20% to over 110,000 members. Several World Championship titles were obtained and due to his unending efforts the Bridge Olympiad 2000 was assigned to Maastricht.

Armand Trippaers, current treasurer, is elected as the new chairman of the Dutch Bridge Federation.

* *Maureen Hiron* sends a deal from the event held in memory of her husband the late Alan Hiron held at the Marbella Bridge Club run by former Irish International Des Deery where Alan & Maureen regularly played. The event was held over 20 sessions with best 8 scores counting towards a 1 million peseta cash prizes put up sponsor Blevin Franks International, offshore financial consultants.

Only Paul Fenn, winner of the Expert section, found the winning defence here:

Dealer: West	♠ 83				
E/W Game	♥ Q9754				
	♦ 762				
	♣ AJ2				
	♠ A94		♠ 5		
	♥ 32		♥ K108		
	♦ J10		♦ AK98543		
	♣ Q108754		♣ K6		
			♠ KQJ10762		
			♥ AJ6		
			♦ Q		
			♣ 93		

After two Passes, East opened 1♦ and South overcalled Four Spades. West, Fenn, led ♦J. East won with the king and continued with the ace, ruffed by South.

Declarer now continued with ♠K taken by West's ace. Fenn now found the only switch to beat the hand: ♣10 (*IBPA Editor: Doesn't ♣Q also work?!*)

If West fails to switch to a club declarer can draw trumps and set up the hearts for a club discard. If West switches to a low club declarer ducks in dummy and East's king wins. A later club finesse gives a heart discard and a low heart to the jack picks up the remainder.

On the actual switch of ♣10 declarer had to take the ace, and then the heart finesse. This worked, and

trumps were drawn, but when the heart king did not fall, declarer was one down.

* *Carlos Cabanne of Argentina* sends a deal in memory of his longtime bridge partner, Alberto Berisso, who died three months ago, aged 77. Berisso won the South American Championships four times and competed in the Bermuda Bowls of 1959, '62, and '65, and the 1972 Olympiad.

Cabanne has the painful memory of losing by 7 IMPs in the 1962 BB (after being 60 IMPs ahead!) to the British team of Alan Truscott, Tony Priday, Kenneth Konstam, Albert Rose, Claude Rodrigue, and Nico Gardener. The deal below, on Bridgerama, is from the South American Teams of that year in Buenos Aires from Argentina v. Chile, helping Argentina to qualify for the Bowl:

Dealer: South	♠ 962				
Love all	♥ AKJ7				
	♦ A32				
	♣ 763				
	♠ 10754			♠ KQJ3	
	♥ Q93			♥ 1042	
	♦ Q75			♦ K64	
	♣ Q42			♣ J105	
	♠ A8				
	♥ 865				
	♦ J1098				
	♣ AK98				
	West	North	East	South	
	Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT	

West, Berisso, led a low spade to the jack, which held. Cabanne continued with the king. South won, and ran the ♦ J, losing to the king. East cashed ♠Q but then, as if he did not hold another spade, switched to a low club. South won, repeated the diamond finesse, crossed to ♦A picking up the suit, laid down one top heart, returned to hand with the second top club and cashed the fourth diamond.

On this Berisso, West, discarded ♥9!, and Cabanne a club! In the three-card ending South was fooled into thinking East was hanging onto ♥Qx and the master club. Going for the endplay, South triumphantly exited with ♣9. But Berisso claimed ♣Q and the good spade for one down, instead of ten tricks.

Berisso was a Doctor of Economics and worked at a high level in finance. He was a real gentleman, a fine player, and a very good friend.

* *Jens Otto "Charles" Pedersen* sends this deal featuring Peter Schaltz of Denmark:

The Danish Open Team in Tenerife failed by only 2½

VP to qualify for the Bermuda Bowl. In the very first match against Iceland Peter Schaltz played his match nr. 400 for Denmark. (*IBPA Editor: The Danes count every match in which a player plays in a round robin of the Europeans and Bermuda Bowl*) Peter Schaltz ended up with 423 caps, and only Stig Werdelin (439) and Steen Moeller (429) have more.

Schaltz is known for his fine declarer play, and this example is from a test just before Tenerife. Sitting North is Peter's wife, Dorthe. West is Peter's 17-year-old son Martin, IBPA's youngest member:

Dealer: South	♠ A K 3		
N/S Game	♥ K Q J 8 6		
	♦ 2		
	♣ K 8 5 3		
	♠ 10 4 2	♠ 9 6	
	♥ 7	♥ 10 5 4 3 2	
	♦ K Q 10 9 4 3	♦ J 7 6	
	♣ Q 9 2	♣ A J 6	
	♠ Q J 8 7 5		
	♥ A 9		
	♦ A 8 5		
	♣ 10 7 4		
West	North	East	South
<i>Martin</i>	<i>Dorthe</i>	<i>Rico</i>	<i>Peter</i>
<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Hemberg</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>
-	-	-	1♠
4♦	4NT	5♦	Dble
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4NT asked for Aces and Double showed an even number. 5♥ asked for ♠Q.

On a club lead, there would have been no story, but Martin led ♥7, which looked like a singleton.

Peter called for ♥8, but East ducked, and because of bad communications Peter had to win ♥A. He cashed ♦A and ruffed a diamond with ♠A! He ran all the trumps squeezing East on the last one. The 5 card position:

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

A club now would not work, as East could safely escape with a low heart, but Peter played ♥9 taken by ♥K, and then led ♣K! This kind of Stepping Stone forced East to lead away from ♥10. 12 tricks. *IBPA Editor: And a bit of one-up-man-ship for Dad!* Pedersen (nickname "Charles") is Editor of the Danish bridge magazine "Moutonisten" (sponsored by wine-makers Mouton Cadet). He also edits a daily magazine sent by e-mail to a few hundred Danes, with latest news and hands, called *CMN* (*Charles M@il News*),

Pedersen also edits a monthly column "Charles Spiller op" in the danish bridgemagazine "Dansk Bridge" (Editor Ib Lundby), and edits weekly columns in the local newspaper.

* *Dan Dimitrescu has a new address:*

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* *Branko Spiljak's* July Bulletin, addressed to Hanamanova 10, 41000 Zagreb, Croatia, has been returned "address unknown". Can anyone help by e-mailing us his actual address?

* *Olivier Beauvillan's* July Bulletin was also returned - please email us if you have his actual address

* *Larry Cohen* reports that a new CD-ROM with 81 deals from the Cavendish 2000 is now available. For a review copy contact Larry at: lc@larryco.com giving your credentials. All 81 deals are presented by Kit Woolsey in "Over-my-shoulder" style using Fred Gitelman's software.

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* *Ron Klinger says:* Jessel Rothfield won the Australian Autumn National Open Teams at age 83 when playing throughout. Is this a world record for a national teams event?

IBPA Editor: No. Boris Schapiro won the Gold Cup, the British teams championship, aged 89. He did not play throughout, but more than enough to qualify under the regulations.

This was Klinger's newspaper report:

In few sports or games can one win a national title late in life but that is just what Jessel Rothfield at age 83 did last weekend. Playing with his wife Carole and Seamus Browne – George Smolanko, Rothfield won the 2001 Autumn National Open Teams comfortably. You are never too old at bridge.

Their team led throughout and in the final they defeated Barbara Travis – Elizabeth Havas, Kieran Dyke – Ron Klinger by 140-99.

For 48 teams, there were eight qualifying rounds, two 16-board matches and six 20-board matches. Three matches, or 52 boards out of 152, was enough to satisfy the ABF rule for a player to be eligible, which once required 50% participation.

The only team significantly affected was Barry Noble – Terry Brown, George Bilski – Phil Gue, Peter Fordham – Michael Prescott, who finished third and will shortly represent Australia overseas. Following the successful strategy in New Zealand, Noble played the minimum number of boards again and won all three matches (against teams finishing 34th, 48th and 15th).

Contrast the Noble effort with the Rothfields, who played every board of the event and did not lose one match, a sterling performance. En route to victory, the Rothfield team crushed the Noble team, fielding Bilski-Gue, Fordham-Prescott, by 24-6.

Deal #1 from Round 5 produced some sparkling play.

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

Ian McKinnon, South in 3NT, received a low diamond lead and when dummy's ten held, declarer had eight tricks. The club jack ran to West, who exited with a heart. South cashed heart ace, heart king and heart queen, but they did not break. Next came the club ten, low, low, king and West tried the spade jack.

Declarer allowed this to hold and won the next spade with the king. He continued with a spade to the ace but they did not break either. Now McKinnon led the club five to his ace and threw West in with the fourth club. West had to give declarer his ninth trick with a diamond into the ace-queen. Well played.

John Brockwell, West, recounted this fine effort by George Smolanko, also South in 3NT. Brockwell led the heart eight, low, ten, king, and Smolanko returned the heart nine, a far-sighted card, to dummy's queen. Next came the club jack, won by the queen, and West exited with the spade jack, taken by the king.

South now led a low club towards dummy and West won with the king to play his second spade. Declarer took this with dummy's ace, cashed the club ten, East pitching a diamond, and finessed the diamond queen, losing to the king. West returned his last club to declarer's ace, dummy and East discarding diamonds.

Smolanko now led the diamond ace, discarding a spade from dummy and East was squeezed. Forced to retain two hearts, he threw a spade, coming down to spade queen and jack-three in hearts. Dummy had a spade and ace-six in hearts. When Smolanko played a spade, East won and had to concede the last two tricks to dummy. Declarer technique does not come much better than that.

* *Nikola Tcholakov* reports that his term in Washington DC as Minister Plenipotentiary for Bulgaria is completed and he is returning home this month.

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