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Paris Special

What would your reaction be to a request to organise a world bridge championship in three weeks? Few would attempt the task. But José Damiani, President of the WBF, took the risk and it worked. The World Bridge Championships in Paris, instead of Bali, were a success. Prodigious hard work by all the staff involved, plus the support of the players, meant bridge was the first major sport to go ahead with its world championship after the events of 11th September. (It was closely followed by gymnastics.) To emphasise the point, the venue was the Stade de France. For this great achievement, IBPA broke with tradition and made José Damiani the first person to receive its Personality of the Year Award for a second time (full Awards list inside).

One day later than expected, on the opposite side of the world, all the teams were present, with the exception, for understandable reasons, of Pakistan. Even Indonesia, the displaced hosts, to their great credit, had both its teams present. France, who had failed to qualify in either event from the Europeans, came back in as the new hosts. This left the Bermuda Bowl at 18 teams, and the Venice Cup up from 16 to 17. This latter defect was solved at the last minute by bringing in a womens team from Israel, who had not gone to the 1997 Venice Cup in Hammamet.

The Womens final provided a thriller, with Germany overtaking the hosts, France, on deal 95 of 96. The heroine of the deal was Daniela von Arnim, who, four month's pregnant, was not going to Bali, but came back in for Paris. She and Sabine Auken played 588 of the possible 628 deals, missing only two of the Round robin matches. Both countries relied on two pairs for the final. France fielded the four who were not in Tenerife because they entered the French Open Trials for the Europeans, held at the same time as the Ladies Trials.

The Bermuda Bowl final also provided drama. Norway lost a lead of over 80 IMPs. With ten deals to play the scores were tied at 260-260. USA II emerged the winners. Rose Meltzer became the first woman to win the Bowl, on her birthday. Meltzer is also the only woman to have won the World Transnational Teams. With good timing she also became IBPA's new sponsor for the Hand of the Year, using the name of her husband's company, Digital Fountain.

The list of medal winners highlighted the advantage the USA has as the one nation with two teams in each event. The three USA I teams came home without a medal. USA II collected gold in the Open and the Seniors, and bronze in the Ladies. The Transnational went to a combination of USA and Brazil, made up on the spot.

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The 2001 World Bridge Championships, Paris

BERMUDA BOWL:

VENICE CUP:

SENIORS:

Transnational:

USA II, NORWAY, POLAND;

GERMANY, FRANCE, USA II

USA II, Poland, France;

Brachman (USA/Brazil), Bureau (Fra), Grinberg (Isr)

Bermuda Bowl Open Teams

Medallists

USAII: Rose Meltzer - Kyle Larsen, Chip Martel - Lew Stansby, Alan Sontag - Peter Weichsel npc Jan Martel, coach: Fred Gitelman.

Norway: Terje Aa - Glenn Grøtheim, Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness, Erik Sælensminde - Boye Brogeland, npc: Einar Brenne; coach: Rolf Olsen.

Poland: Krzysztof Martens - Marcin Lesniewski, Cezary Balicki - Adam Zmudzinski, Michal Kwicien - Jacek Pszczola npc Boguslaw Skuza, coach: Wojciech Siwiec

Final: 128 boards in 8 sets of 16

Set	c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
USA II		27	18	14	26	69	41	42	49	286
Norway	1	54	37	40	32	28	3	44	26	265

Play-off (48 bds): **Poland** beat Italy 86-74.3

Semifinals (96 bds): **USA II** beat Poland 169-133;
Norway beat Italy 194-189.

¼ finals (96 bds): **Poland** beat India 279-105;
USA II beat France 276-178;
Norway beat Indonesia 297-215.3;
Italy beat USA I: 262-146.

Venice Cup Womens Teams

Medallists

Germany: Sabine Auken - Daniela von Arnim, Andrea Rauscheid - Pony Nehmert. (Barbara Stawowy - Katrin Farwig did not play in the knockouts)

France: Veronique Bessis - Catherine D'Ovidio, Benedicte Cronier - Sylvie Willard (Catherine Fishpool - Elizabeth Hugon did not play enough boards)

USA II: Mildred Breed - Shawn Quinn, Petra Hamman - Joan Jackson, Robin Klar - Kay Schulle, npc: Charles Weed.

Final (96 boards in 6 sets of 16)

Set	c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Germany		36	15	23	68	25	51	218
France	5.5	76	27	15	29	61	2	215.5

Play-off (48 bds): **USA II** beat Austria 165-110.5

Semifinals (96 bds): **France** beat USA II 261.5-148;
Germany beat Austria 240-207

¼ finals (96 bds): **France** beat S. Africa 254-132;
USA II beat England 265-211;
Germany beat USA I 264-196;
Austria beat China 237.7-157.

Seniors Bowl

Medallists:

USA II: Grant Baze, Gene Freed, Garey Hayden, Joseph Kivel, Chris Larsen, John Onstott

Poland: Wit Klapper, Andrzej Milde, Jerzy Russyan, Stefan Szenberg, Wlodzimierz Wala, Andrzej Wilkosz, NPC Wlodzimierz Stobiecki.

France: Pierre Adad, Maurice Aujaleu, Claude Delmouly, Francois Leenhardt, Christian Mari npc Yves Aubry (not present due to illhealth: Jean-Marc Roudinesco)

Final (48 bds): **USA II** beat Poland, 108-72;

Play-off (32 bds): **France** beat USA I, 105.3-61

Semifinals (48 bds): **USA II** beat USA I, 100-78;
Poland beat France, 80-54.

Round Robin final Ranking:

1. USA I	274	5. Italy	223
2. France	250	6. Guadeloupe	200
3. Poland	236	7. Egypt/South Africa	160
4. USA II	229	8. Bahrain	74

World Transnational Teams

Medallists

- Brachman (USA/Bra)** Eddie Wold, Mike Passell, Michael Seamon, Geoff Hampson, Diego Brenner, Gabriel Chagas
- Bureau (Fra)** Daniele Gaviard, Patrick Sussel, Philip Selz, Vanessa Reess
- Grinberg (Isr)** Ilan & Ofir Herbst, D & I Yadlin, Michael Barel, Y. Aviram

Format: *Swiss Teams:* 15 rounds of 10 board matches, 74 teams; followed by semifinal and final.

Final (48 bds): **Brachman** beat Bureau 120-49.

Semifinal (32 bds): **Brachman** beat Kowalski 85-49;
Bureau beat Grinberg 67-51.3

Bronze went to **Grinberg** as higher-placed than Kowalski in the Swiss.

Final Rankings in Swiss

1	BUREAU (Fra)	278
2	GRINBERG (Isr)	277
3	BRACHMAN (USA)	262
4	KOWALSKI (Pol) Tuszynski P, Romanski J, Szymanowski	260
5	ZIMMERMAN (Fra) Mouiel H. Levy Alain, Saporta P. Moretti R.	258
6	COURTNEY (GB) David Burn, Raymond Brock, Charles Wigoder	257
7	REID (NZ) Jedrychowski, Mayer, Cornell	257
8	VENTIN J (Spa/Ita) Lantaron Luis, Torres J, Frances A, Buratti A, Lanzarotti M.	255
9	CHANG M. (USA/.GB) Bobby Wolff, Michael Rosenberg, Zia Mahmood, Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester	251
10	JAGNIEWSKI (Pol/Ger) Pazur B, Gotard T. Piekarek J.	251

Round Robin Bermuda Bowl			Round Robin Venice Cup		
1	POLAND	311	1	FRANCE	342
2	NORWAY	311	2	USA I	309
3	USA II	310	3	CHINA	307
4	USA I	306	4	ENGLAND	307
5	ITALY	300	5	GERMANY	287
6	FRANCE	269	6	AUSTRIA	280
7	INDIA	263	7	SOUTH AFRICA	275
8	INDONESIA	259	8	USA II	268
9	EGYPT	248	9	NETHERLANDS	263
10	RUSSIA	245.6	10	ITALY	247
11	ISRAEL	243.5	11	JAPAN	244
12	AUSTRALIA	238.9	12	ISRAEL	240
13	NEW ZEALAND	228	13	CANADA	235.6
14	JAPAN	226	14	BRAZIL	221.5
15	ARGENTINA	217.5	15	AUSTRALIA	215
16	BRAZIL	215	16	INDONESIA	197
17	GUADELOUPE	192	17	VENEZUELA	169.5
18	HONG KONG	174	18	INDIA	144.4

Butler Rankings Round Robin Open Teams

			IMP.	Brds	Per Bd
1	Bilski George, Brown Terry	Aust	123.8	120	1.03
2	Groethem Glen, Aa Terje	Nor	127.1	200	0.64
3	Helgemo Geir, Helness Tor	Nor	152.4	240	0.63
4	Balicky Cez, Zmudzinski A	Pol	130.1	220	0.59
5	Kwiecen Mich, Pszczola Jacek	Pol	135.8	240	0.57
6	Hamman Bob, Soloway Paul	USA1	120.2	240	0.50
7	Lasut Henky, Manoppo Eddy	Indo	149.4	300	0.50
8	Martel Chip, Stansby Lew	USA2	138.5	280	0.49
9	Sontag Alan, Weichsel Peter	USA2	132.2	280	0.47
10	Bocchi Norb, Duboin Giorgio	Ita	131.6	280	0.47
11	Palau J.J., Allegrini P.	Fra	74.0	160	0.46
12	Lauria Lorenzo, Versace Alf.	Ita	91.4	240	0.38
13	Freeman Dick, Nickell Nick	USA1	49.5	160	0.31
14	Dalal Rajesh, Gupta Subhash	India	73.8	240	0.31
15	Meckstroth Jeff, Rodwell Eric	USA1	78.0	280	0.28
16	Hayashi N., Maeda Takashi	Jap	45.3	200	0.23
17	Cornell Mike, Mayer Malcolm	NZ	42.3	260	0.16
18	Brogeland B, Saelensminde E	Nor	37.7	240	0.16
19	Martens Kr, Lesniewski Mar	Pol	32.1	220	0.15
20	Naguib Sherif, Sadek Ashraf	Egy	22.8	200	0.11
21	Yadlin Doron, Yadlin Israel	Isr	23.8	280	0.09
22	Kholomeev Vlad, Zlotov D	Rus	18.1	240	0.08
23	Quantin J.C., Multon Franck	Fra	6.3	280	0.02
24	Herbst Ilan, Herbst Ofir	Isr	2.8	280	0.01

Ladies Teams			Imp	Brds	Per Bd
1	Bessis Ver, D'Ovidio Cath	Fra	212.6	220	0.97
2	Auken Sabine, v Arnim Dani.	Ger	233.1	300	0.78
3	Cronier Benedic., Willard Sylvie	Fra	163.8	220	0.75
4	Brock Sally, Courtney Margaret	Eng	132.8	200	0.66
5	Jian Wang, Zhen Zhi	Chi	142.9	240	0.60
6	Baker Lynn, Levitina Irina	USA1	71.1	120	0.59
7	Erhart Maria, Smederevac Jovi	Austr	50.9	100	0.51
8	Erhart Maria, Terraneo S.	Austr	74.5	160	0.47
9	Meyers Jill, Montin Randi	USA1	129.2	280	0.46
10	Brunner M., Goldenfield Rhona	Eng	105.6	240	0.44
11	Yanhui Sun, Yanhong Wang	Chi	94.0	220	0.43
12	Arrigoni G., Olivieri G.	Ita	89.4	220	0.41
13	Fishpool Cath, Hugon Eliz.	Fra	86.2	240	0.36
14	McCallum Karen, Sanborn Kerri	USA1	76.9	220	0.35
15	Mansell Petra, Modlin Merle	S. Afr	83.6	280	0.30
16	Hamman Petra, Jackson Joan	USA2	42.1	160	0.26
17	Wenfei Wang, Yu Zhang	Chi	57.4	220	0.26
18	Shimamura K., Fukuda Shoko	Jap	69.9	280	0.25
19	Fischer Doris, Weigkricht Terry	Aust	61.8	280	0.22
20	Dhondy Heather, Smith Nicola	Eng	37.6	240	0.16
21	Pasman Jet, Simons Anneke	Net	37.4	240	0.16
22	Klar Robin, Schulle Kay	USA2	33.9	260	0.13
23	Melech H, Naveh N.	Isr	21.1	180	0.12
24	Assumpcao A.M., Nogueira H.	Bra	22.2	240	0.09
25	Adrain Di, Hulett Margie	S Afr	18.8	240	0.08
26	Van Der Pas Mar. Vriend Bep	Net	18.2	240	0.08
27	Demme Ina, Thorpe C.	Can	4.6	180	0.03
28	Doria Lucia, Amaral Marina	Bra	3.7	240	0.02

Senior Teams

			IMP	Brds	Per Bd
1	Morse Dan, Wolff Bobby	USA1	202.4	180	1.12
2	Hamilton Fred, Sutherlin John	USA1	133.3	180	0.74
3	Szenberg S., Wilkosz Andr	Pol	48.1	80	0.60
4	Hayden Gary, Onstott John	USA2	83.9	180	0.47
5	Kivel John, Larsen C.	USA2	89.3	200	0.45
6	Baze Grant, Freed Gene	USA2	69.4	180	0.39
7	Risk R, Gerin D.	Guad	35.0	100	0.35
8	Klapper W., Russyan J.	Pol	87.1	280	0.31
9	Adad Pierre, Aujaleu Maur	Fra	56.6	220	0.26
10	Delmouly C, Schneider JM.	Fra	28.2	120	0.24
11	Wala W, Wilkosz A.	Pol	44.8	200	0.22
12	Baroni F., Ricciarelli M.	Ita	54.8	260	0.21
13	Robinson Ste, Woolsey Kit.	USA1	38.7	200	0.19
14	Leenhardt F, Mari Christian	Fra	34.9	200	0.18

Calendar	Event	Venue	IBPA Contact
NOV 18/28 26/29	ACBL Fall Nationals, EBL Simultaneous Pairs	Las Vegas	ACBL (www.acbl.org) 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 4/14??	European Youth Team Championships	England	youthcmte@bridge.gr
15/20	Commonwealth Games Bridge,	Manchester	EBU 44+ 1296 394 414
18/28	ACBL Summer Nationals,	Washington	ACBL
AUG 2/11	World University Teams, Bruges,	Belgium	anna@ecats.co.uk
9/18	England Summer Nationals,	Brighton	EBU 44+ 1296 394 414
16/31	World Bridge Championships,	Montreal	WBF
NOV 28/ 8 Dec	ACBL Fall Nationals,	Phoenix	ACBL

Team Profiles

Bermuda Bowl Open

USA II

No profiles in Daily Bulletin, but interview with **Rose Meltzer** reveals: lives in California, married to Cliff (CEO, Digital Fountain), two sons, pianist trained at Juliard (one of the teachers was Adam Zmudzinski's father!), formed team in 1999, won World Transnational in Bermuda January 2000 (first woman to win) with Peter Weichsel & Alan Sontag, and Zmudzinski-Balicki of Poland; won Spingold 2000 (first woman since 1963)

Kyle Larsen (b 1950) youngest Life Master in 1965 when 15, youngest Reisinger winner in 1968 when 18.

Chip Martel & Lew Stansby World Open Pairs champions 1982; Bermuda Bowl 1985 and 1987; Rosenblum 1994. Martel is a Professor of Information Technology.

Peter Weichsel (b 1943) & **Alan Sontag** (b 1946) 1983 Bermuda Bowl. Weichsel also won World Mixed Pairs 1990. 15 year break in partnership before joining Meltzer team.

The Norwegian Vikings by Jon Sveindal

Tor Helness (b 1957) of Oslo, stockbroker, "Grand old man" of the successful Norwegian squad. Wife Gunn (also international for Norway) and two sons Jonas (15) and Fredrik (11). Merits include silver and bronze in Bermuda Bowl, three bronzes in Europeans, bronze in World Teams. He has also won several prestigious invitational events with his partner

Geir Helgemo (b 1970) of Trondheim. Bridge celebrity #1 in Norway, and bridge pro with daily column in Norway's biggest paper, "Verdens Gang". Rose from junior fame to world superstardom. Has several North American titles in his belt in addition to his World Individual Championship, two Bermuda Bowl medals and two medals from European teams. Co-author of several bridge books.

Terje Aa (b 1961) of Trondheim. Post office employee - married with two daughters. Successful internationally with his partner Glenn with two bronzes from Europeans, bronze and silver in Bermuda Bowl.

Glenn Grøtheim (b 1959) of Trondheim. Engineer working as an electricity broker. Married with two boys. Apart from his merits with Terje he has an additional bronze from Europeans. Put together "The Viking Club" - a relay precision system - which was published some ten years ago. An English edition was recently made available.

(Reidar) **Boye Brogeland** (b 1973) of Bergen. Degree in economics and business administration, bridge pro. Publisher and editor of "Bridge i Norge", an independent bridge magazine. Life partner: Tonje Aasand. While being rated the most prominent junior player from 1996 to 1999, Boye won two bronzes in the Europeans Championships, and a bronze medal in a Bermuda Bowl. His Open merits are in partnership with

Erik "Silda" Sælensminde (b 1964) of Bergen. Nickname = "The Herring". Bridge pro.

Einar Asbjørn Brenne (NPC) of Trondheim. 54-year-old banking consultant, in charge of the team since 1997.

Rolf E. "Coach" Olsen (Coach!) of Oslo. The 34-year-old accountant started coaching when Brenne took over.

Poland

Cezary Balicki (b. 1958), bridge pro, was a talented chess player. With **Adam Zmudzinski** (b 1956, bridge pro and pianist) Bronze in 1990 World Pairs, silver in 1991 Bermuda Bowl, and 1994 Rosenblum. Won World Transnational Teams in Bermuda 2000. 1997 Spingold and 2001 Vanderbilt. Won 1989 and 1993 Europeans, 1997, and a bronze in 1991. Won the prestigious Macallan Pairs in London in 1994.

Michal Kwicien (b. 1957), is an automotive engineer from Lublin. Married with two daughters. With **Jacek Pszczola** (b. 1967, married with one son, oil engineer) won 1998 World Open Pairs at Lille, silver at 1997 Europeans, bronze at 1997 World Transnational Open Teams, and won the 2001 Cavendish Calcutta in Las Vegas.

In Maastricht in 2000 Michal was chosen by random selection for a doping test. He says he was so anxious that he was not able to provide a sample for four hours, despite drinking several litres of water. He described it as the most stressful moment of the Olympiad for him. (IBPA Ed: He passed both the water and the test)

Marcin Lesniewski (b 1948, married to Eva) 1997 World Transnational, 1994 World Pairs; and silver in Mixed; 1993 European Teams

Krzysztof Martens (b. 1952) 1984 Olympiad, 1997 World Transnational, European Teams in '81, '89' and '93.

Npc: **Boguslaw Skuza**; coach: **Wojciech Siwiec**.

Venice Cup Ladies

Germany

Sabine Auken, wife of Jens and mother of two children, living in Copenhagen, Denmark. With **Daniela von Arnim** (married to Klaus Reps, lives in Heidelberg, systems analyst, baby due next April) Heidelberg and is working as senior systems analyst for a small consultancy.

Pony Nehmert, from Wiesbaden, is a bridge-teacher. **Andrea Rauscheid** lives in Heidelberg. Half days she works as medical lab assistant, half days she teaches bridge and whole nights you can meet her dicing in Heidelberg's pubs. The four won the Venice Cup in 1995 in Beijing.

Katrin Farwig is a pharmacist married to Christian & **Barbara Hackett** is a senior systems analyst recently married to Justin she is living in Manchester, England. They did not play in the knock-outs.

Npc: **Christoph Kemmer** captains the German Ladies since Maastricht last year. Joerg Fritsche is the coach of the team.

France

Catherine d'Ovidio (married, one daughter, credit controller) at Europeans has 3 golds and 1 silver with **Veronique Bessis** (married to Michel, mother to junior internationals Thomas and Olivier).

Benedicte Cronier (married to Philippe, two children). Benedicte is World Ladies Individual champion, and, with **Sylvie Willard** (married to Francois, mother of junior international Fabrice) has 5 European golds, and world silver.

These four entered the French open Trials for Tenerife, did not get in, and could not play in the Ladies as the Trials were at the same time. France did not qualify. When Paris became the venue they were selected.

Catherine Fishpool (married to England international Steve)

and **Babeth Hugon** were the third pair, not playing sufficient boards in the semifinals.

Npc: **Patrick Grenthe**; coach: **Pierre-Jean Louchart**.

USA II

No profiles given.

Venice Cup Semifinal:

Austria v. Germany

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 8 6
♥ J 8 7 3
♦ Q 9 8 5
♣ K J

♠ A J 9 3
♥ A
♦ K 7 2
♣ Q 10 7 5 4

♠ K 10
♥ 10 5 4
♦ A J 10 4
♣ A 9 8 3

♠ 7 5 4 2
♥ K Q 9 6 2
♦ 6 3
♣ 6 2

West	North	East	South
<i>V Arnim</i>	<i>Erhart</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble	INT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♥
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Weigkricht</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Rauscheid</i>
	Pass	1♦	2♥
Dble	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Again Erhart found a combination of calls that would not have occurred to many of us, creating difficulties for her opponents. In the circumstances, Auken/Von Arnim did very well to get to the club game. But bidding to game proved not to be good enough. In the other room, Weigkricht doubled the weak jump overcall then, rather than make a second double at her next turn, bravely bid her clubs at the five level. Fischer may have been looking at a weak no trump, but all her cards looked to be working and she added the sixth club. That was +1370 for Austria and +620 for Germany; 11 IMPs to Austria.

Pony Nehmert led a heart to Terry Weigkricht's bare ace. Weigkricht played the queen of clubs to the king and ace. Superficially, the slam depends on a winning guess for one of the missing queens, but Weigkricht found something rather better. She continued with three rounds of spades, ruffing out the queen, then ruffed a heart back to hand. The winning spade was now led and North was powerless; whether or not she ruffed in, the last heart went from dummy. When she discarded, Weigkricht's club exit endplayed North to either give a ruff and discard or open up the diamond suit. Either way, there was no longer a guess. Nicely played.

Bermuda Bowl Semifinal:

Italy v. Norway

The last set

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 6 5
♥ 9 8 7 5
♦ Q J 9 6 5
♣ 4

♠ K Q 10 7
♥ Q J
♦ 7 2
♣ K 10 9 8 2

♠ J 9 3
♥ A 4 2
♦ K 8 4
♣ A Q J 6

♠ A 4 2
♥ K 10 6 3
♦ A 10 3
♣ 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The 3♥ bid offered a choice of games and showed a four-card spade suit. Helgemo started with a low heart, and there was nothing to the play after that. He needed only to play on spades to take 10 tricks for plus 630.

West	North	East	South
<i>Grotheim</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Versace</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	2♦	Pass	2NT
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Versace led the ♦3 to the 2 and jack, and Aa agonized over his play for several minutes before playing low. Another diamond came back, and Aa made another spectacular play by inserting the 8. It looked as though he was going to make the contract because Versace was the one with the ♠A. Versace had other ideas, however. When he cashed the ♦A, dummy was squeezed. Whatever Aa discarded on the ♦A would cost him a trick. When Aa pitched a spade from dummy, Versace cashed the ♠A and exited with a spade. He had only to wait for his heart trick. Plus 100 was worth 12 IMPs to Italy.

This was the final board of the match with Norway leading by 5 IMP:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K Q 5 4 3
♥ 6 5 4 3
♦ —
♣ K Q 9 2

♠ 8
♥ A 10 9 8 7
♦ K 10 9
♣ J 8 6 3

♠ A J 9 2
♥ K Q J 2
♦ 6 5 4 2
♣ 10

♠ 10 7 6
♥ —
♦ A Q J 8 7 3
♣ A 7 5 4

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Bocchi led the ♥K, which Helness ruffed in dummy. He played the ♦Q, covered by the king and ruffed, then ruffed a heart to dummy. Helness discarded his last two heart losers on the top diamonds, then played dummy's now-singleton ♠10 to his king and Bocchi's ace. Another heart tapped declarer, who could have succeeded even from there, but he laid down another top spade and could not recover. One Down.

The contract can be made on the lead of the ♥K if declarer ruffs in dummy, cashes the ♦A (pitching a heart) and ruffs out the king, then ruffs another heart to dummy to take another discard on the ♦J. He then plays the ♠10 to his king and East's ace, and it doesn't matter if East taps declarer with a heart. Dummy's diamonds are all good, and declarer can set about making East ruff, losing three trump tricks but nothing more. The Norwegians from the closed room, having finished well ahead of the open room, were on hand to watch the final deal on Vugraph. It was Lauria's turn at bat with a berth in the final at stake.

West	North	East	South
<i>Grotheim</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Versace</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Aa considered his lead for some time before starting with the ♣10. Lauria pondered his line of play for a long time before finally rising with dummy's ace, playing the 9 from hand. Lauria played the ♦Q and ruffed when Grotheim covered with the king. A heart ruff was next, followed by the ♦A for a heart pitch and the ♦J for a club pitch. Lauria then played a low club from dummy to his king. Aa ruffed and it was his turn to think. The Vugraph audience could see that if he played the ♠A and the ♠J that Lauria would have two inescapable heart losers, but he seemed to be pondering some other move. Finally, to the great relief of the Norway partisans, Aa plunked his spades honors on the table, earning his team a trip to the Bermuda Bowl final against USA II. They surely used the entire rest of the day Wednesday to recuperate from the exhausting match.

The Seniors were right Christian Farwig (Ger)

While some of the German ladies were waiting for the Metro to take them away from the Stade de France last Saturday, members of a Seniors team approached them and stated that the combination of beauty and wit as displayed by the German ladies team is very dangerous. Unfortunately, no more pleasantries were exchanged since the conversation was cut short by two of the husbands showing up. But being married to one of the ladies, I can confirm that they were right. At least in the domestic area.

But they also show their ferocity at the table, as proved by this masterpiece of Sabine Auken against the USA I team in the Venice Cup quarterfinal.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

The bidding went:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Auken</i>		<i>von Arnim</i>
			2♠ ¹
Dble ²	2NT	3♥	3NT ³
Dble	4♦	Dble	4♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

- (¹) Two-suiter in either minors or majors
 (²) Majors
 (³) Minors and maximum

After coming close to bidding a slam, v. Arnim - Auken ventured for the diamond-game. The opening lead of a small heart was won by West who returned a spade.

Sabine Auken now reasoned that the spade-finesse was sure to win – something, which could not be said about the club-finesse. So, as a precaution, she made the finesse and discarded a club on the spade ace. Now she ruffed a heart, led a club to the ace, ruffed another heart and cashed the ace of diamonds to reach this position:

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

The fall of the king of diamonds from East confirmed her suspicion about the overall distribution and judging West to have a 5-4-2-2-hand, she rejected the club finesse and instead played club to the king to ruff her last spade. Now the second round of trumps brought West in to an unavoidable endplay and netted well deserved +600, a feat not duplicated by any other declarer on this hand.

THE YEAR 2001 IBPA AWARDS

The IBPA Personality of the Year

Jose Damiani (France)



In 1986 Jose Damiani was made IBPA Personality of the Year. The IBPA has a tradition that no person may be made their Personality of the Year more than once. But special circumstances call for a special response.

The tragic events of 11th September in the USA created the unique situation. Should the World Championships planned over six years for Bali go ahead?

The WBF's immediate and correct response was to show backing for Bali and the hosts, Indonesia. Bali was safe, Indonesia was ready to welcome all its guests. But as the days went by, outside forces darkened, the US Government advised its citizens not to travel to Indonesia, and teams from more than one Zone stated their intention to withdraw. The WBF bowed to the inevitable and, towards the end of September, announced that the Championships would not be held in Bali.

The WBF then faced another difficult problem, what to do now? The President decided, almost single-handed, to switch the venue to Paris and hold the event at the planned time. The decision was courageous - if it had failed he knew it would be called foolhardy.

Three weeks to plan a World Championship. Impossible! The equipment was in a boat headed for Bali that had reached Singapore. Playing accommodation and a hotel for 400 people had to be found, the teams had to be persuaded to come to Paris, a hundred staff had to be re-aligned.

We know the result. Last Monday, every team but, for very understandable reasons, Pakistan, was present in the Stade de France on time. In particular, to their very great credit, Indonesia came to Paris. The WBF President had achieved three of his goals: the Championships would go ahead; bridge was seen to be "for peace"; and as the venue was a rugby stadium, bridge was clearly a sport!

There must have been little sleep for the organisers in the three weeks before the championships began. There is a saying "Cometh the hour, cometh the man". That is why we are breaking tradition and making our Personality for the Year, for the second time, **Jose Damiani**.

The IBPA Sportsmanship Award

An occasional award made for acts away from the table that earn the admiration of fellow bridge-players

Andrew Robson (GB)



In January this year Zia Mahmood and Andrew Robson retained their title in what many rate to be the world's toughest Pairs tournament, the Cap Gemini. Robson, happily married with a young child, a successful bridge club in London, and a bridge column in one of the world's most respected newspapers, the London Times, was a man to be envied. Less than a month later fate dealt a cruel blow.

Hill-walking was one of Andrew's favourite pastimes. Relaxing in England's beautiful Lake District, he left his wife and child at the hotel, and went for a walk on his own. Slipping on black ice, he fell some thirty feet down a ravine. He was too badly injured to use his mobile 'phone. After some hours, he was fortunately seen by another walker, who called the Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team. He was flown by RAF helicopter to the Lake District hospital.

The list of his injuries was horrific. It would be quicker to name the bones which were not broken! His future was in jeopardy. But the good news was that the brain was undamaged. To a bridge-player that meant the other problems had a longterm solution.

After five months of intensive and courageous recuperation, Robson's recovery confounded the medics. He took to the bridge-table again at the American Nationals in July with distinction. He has renewed a partnership with Tony Forrester that, ten years ago, was Britain's best-known. Their team has reached the last four of the England's Trials to determine England's representatives for next year's Europeans.

For his spectacular recovery from adversity we give our Sportsmanship Award to Andrew Robson.

Robson became World Junior Champion in 1989, and won the Macallan Pairs in 1990 with Tony Forrester. In 1991 he was European Team champion.

The Digital Fountain Hand of the Year

Digital Fountain is a new sponsor for IBPA. It is a computer company specialising in data delivery. Its Chief Executive Officer and President is Cliff Meltzer, the husband of Rose Meltzer who in Paris became the first woman to win the Bermuda Bowl. Further details about Digital Fountain can be found on their website: www.digitalfountain.com

Player: David Berkowitz (USA)

Journalist: Jody Latham (USA)

ACBL Nationals, Birmingham, Alabama Nov 2000
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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:

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vulnerable

♠ Q J 10 6 5 4 3 2
♥ J
♦ 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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cohen</i>		<i>Berkowitz</i>	
		1NT(a)	Pass
2♠(b)	4♠	5♣(c)	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

- (a) 14-16 HCP. (b) Transfer to clubs.
(c) See IBPA Editor's comments later

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 ♣7-4.

IBPA Editor: *Following a query from Anders Wirgren of the 5♣ call (see 432.16) Berkowitz gave his logic in 434.16. Responder, holding four hearts and long clubs, starts with Stayman. The bidding suggests responder has at most four,*

say three, cards in the majors and so no losers there. You make 5♣ opposite a hand as weak as:

♠ - ♥ xxx ♦ xxx ♣ Kxxxxx

Others on the shortlist were: Boye Brogeland (Nor) by Tommy Sandmark (435.14); Geir Helgemo (Nor) by Patrick Jourdain (437.8); Kerri Sanborn (USA) by Drew Cannell (437.13); Henrik Caspersen (Den) by Svend Novrup for e-bridge (438.7)

The Romex Award for Best Auction

Players: Henry Mansell-Craig Gower (S Afr)

Journalist: Mark Horton (England)

African Zonal Championships, Cairo Feb, 2001
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Dealer: North. E/W Game.

♠ 8 3 2
♥ A Q 5
♦ Q J 10 7
♣ 10 8 2

♠ J 9 7 5
♥ 7 3
♦ 5 3
♣ 9 6 5 4 3

♠ K Q 10 6 4
♥ 9 8 4
♦ 8 6 4
♣ Q 7

♠ A
♥ K J 10 6 2
♦ A K 9 2
♣ A K J

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Blanc</i>	<i>Mansell</i>	<i>Drieux</i>	<i>Gower</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♣*
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

North's first response was two-way and when he bid Three Hearts at his next turn he showed a positive with heart support. Three Spades was a serious slam try and Four Diamonds was a feature. Then RKCB established that North held the top hearts, no side king and the queen of diamonds. South suggested that Seven Diamonds might be the top spot and North was happy to agree.

That was a brilliant effort after hearts had been agreed. It earned South Africa 10 IMPs when Vidal-Telgone in the Closed Room reached Six Hearts on this unopposed auction:
Pass-2♦*-3♦*-3♥-4♥-4♠*-5♥-6♥-Pass

The problem for North/South is to find a way to play in diamonds, where, providing the trumps break 3-2, 13 tricks are available irrespective of the position of the ♣Q.

North's first response promised a red ace but diamonds were never in the picture.

Others on the short list: Sigsgaard-Hagen by e-bridge (Maastricht.7); Charlsen-Saelensminde (Nor) by Lederer staff (433.8); Hanlon-McGann (Ire) by Seamus Dowling (438.9)

The Carey Limousine Award for Best Defence

Players: Jan Jansma-Louk Verhees (Net)

Journalist: Jan van Cleeff (Net)

Dutch National Teams Semifinal, 2000

Consolation mention: Erik Kirchhoff (Net)

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Onstein v. Lombard

Dealer North. N/S Game.

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

After Ruud von Seida's inspired raise to 3♣, Onno Eskes pushed on to game, a contract that in fact depends more or less on reasonable breaks in diamonds and spades. Even with both spade honours offside the contract appears to have chances.

East led a heart for the Ace and declarer immediately passed the ♠10 to East's Queen. Louk Verhees recognized the problem -how to win two club tricks- and found the answer to the puzzle. He returned the ♣Q! This gave declarer an unexpected club trick, but it also cost him his game. If he cashes the ace of trumps and then tries to get a discard on a diamond, East will ruff and cash two club tricks. If declarer crosses to dummy for another trump finesse, Verhees would win, lead a club to partner's Jack and win the setting trick with ♣A.

On the actual layout a low club lead would have worked equally well. However, leading the ♣Q is a much better play as it caters to a possible ♣10 in declarer's hand. In that case, had East led a LOW club to the Jack and King, declarer would return a club, which East would have to win. East can now not prevent declarer from ruffing a club in dummy without sacrificing his second trump trick. Thus, leading the ♣Q created an essential entry in West's hand for a trump return, as well as establishing a second defensive club trick. At the other table the NS pair stopped at a partscore which they made.

The deal is a double IBPA award candidate because Erik Kirchhoff, player of Hok Transfer Solutions, defending the same contract in the other semi-final match versus Modalfa, led exactly the same brilliant card as Louk Verhees did! Kirchhoff gained for this team 13 imps since the declarer at the other table went one down in the same contract.

Others on the short-list were: Pavo Marinkovic (Croatia) by Maastricht staff (Maastricht.14); David Berkowitz (USA) by Larry Cohen (431.4); Zia Mahmood (USA) by Anders Wirgren (433.2); Kyle Larsen (USA) by Alan Truscott (439.13)

The okBridge Award for a Junior

Player: Jan Einar Saethre (Norway)

Journalist: Knut Kjaernsrød (Nor)

Norwegian Bridge Festival, August 2000

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This last board is really the icing on the cake and was played in the Open teams final:

Dealer North. Love all.

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

East	West
Jan Einar Sæthre	Gunnar Harr
1♣	2♣
2♦	2♥
3♥	4♣
4♦	4NT
5♦	5♥
6♣	Pass

2♣ was Forcing and allowed East to describe his hand.

Everybody gathered round the table thought it would be impossible to land the contract but the junior Jan Einar Sæthre of Tromsø played brilliantly to prove the opposite.

He took the queen of spade lead with the ace and cashed the king and ace of trumps. (North showed three by contributing the knave and three). On two rounds of spades Jan Einar shed two diamonds and South one. North was placed with only three unknown cards and, Jan Einar cashed the ace of hearts and ran the knave to leave this position:

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

North's last unknown card was revealed when East cashed the ace of diamonds. North was put in with the queen of clubs as South came down to two cards in each red suit.

North had to continue spades on which East shed a diamond and West, dummy, trumped. In this process South was criss-cross squeezed. If he bared his queen of hearts, Jan Einar

would cash dummy's king before trumping a diamond, and baring his diamond king would do no better. Brilliant !

IBPA Editor: Another report of this deal was submitted later by Tommy Sandmark.

Others on the short-list were: Steve de Donder (Bel) by e-bridge (Maastricht.7); Augustin Madala (Argentina) by Matt Granovetter (429.16 and 8); Jeroen Bruggeman (Net) by Patrick Jourdain (437.10); Niek Brink (Net) by World Junior staff (439.6/7).

The World Transnational Teams

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

Here is a typical effort by Zia from Round 5:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North <i>Rosenberg</i>	East	South <i>Mahmood</i>
2♦	Pass	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West opened a Multi and Zia reached Four Spades. West found the best lead of a heart. East won and returned a heart. Now West switched to a low club won by dummy's king. Zia led the jack of trumps and East covered easily with the queen.

Most people would now lay down another top trump, discover the bad news, and then try running diamonds. East ruffs the third round. Declarer must either lose a trump and a club or two clubs for one off.

But Zia is not most people. That spade cover had been made so easily Zia sensed East might have four. He went back to the bidding. With 3 cards in both majors East might have pre-empted Three Hearts over his partner's Multi. Perhaps East was 4-2.

In the end Zia, as so often, backed his instinct and without cashing a second trump switched to diamonds. When East ruffed the third round Zia could be sure that West had no more trumps. He over-ruffed and led the queen of clubs from hand. West could not prevent Zia from ruffing his third club in dummy. He lost only two hearts and a club. Bravo!

World Transnationals

This deal features one of the legends of French bridge, Henri Szwarc.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North <i>Romik</i>	East	South <i>Szwarc</i>
Pass	2♣	2♥	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led his singleton heart and declarer put up dummy's ten and took the jack with the ace. The queen of clubs was covered by the king and ace and declarer took two more rounds of the suit. He then played a spade to the ace and exited with the seven of clubs, discarding a heart from his hand.

West took the trick and switched to the queen of spades. Declarer ducked that, so West tried a diamond for the ten and queen. Declarer cashed the king of spades to leave this position:

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

Now declarer exited with a heart to endplay East. Amusingly he could also have exited with the ten of spades, although that depended on West holding the nine of diamonds.

French Slam

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

This slam, made with a squeeze by Catherine D'Ovidio is described on the French page by Guy Dupont, but it deserves a wider audience, so here is another report. It arose in the third session of the semifinal between France and USA II.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	Dble	6♠	All Pass

3NT was a serious slam try. This was followed by cuebids.

South, Petra Hamman, led her singleton diamond. North won and returned a heart to declarer's ace.

There are several lines now which work. Drawing trumps and ruffing out the clubs succeeds because the trumps are 2-2 and the clubs 4-3. Very lucky!

D'Ovidio quite naturally looked for something better. She began by leading a second diamond. South ruffed with six and dummy over-ruffed with the queen. Declarer returned to hand with a round of trumps. Both defenders followed, but who had the last trump?

If this was North declarer could cash the king of diamonds and cross-ruff safely. But did she need to take this risk?

D'Ovidio realised there was an alternative line that required only that South, who had shown up with the singleton diamond, held the long clubs, a heavy odds-on shot.

She started on clubs to isolate the menace. At trick five she led the queen of clubs, covered by king and ace, ruffed a club, drew the last trump, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club, laid down the king of diamonds and then played the last trump. North was known to be keeping the last diamond, so would not be able to keep hearts. Provided South had the club guard, as she did, she would be squeezed. It was a double squeeze ending, though as the cards lay, only South was squeezed.

D'Ovidio's line was an excellent one. It was unlucky perhaps to find that other inferior choices were also working.

At the other table USA II made 12 tricks in Four Spades, so France won 11 IMPs.

Germany's Pony Nehmert also made this slam on a similar line – which goes some way to the Venice Cup finalists.

Venice Cup Round Robin

Germany v. USA II

This deal features Daniela von Arnim

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klar</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Schulle</i>	<i>Farwig</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Hackett led a trump and declarer could do no better than 11 tricks. At the other table, the Germans had higher ambitions.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Breed</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Quinn</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Breed didn't find the killing trump lead – she started a sneaky low club – but Von Arnim still had to play perfectly to land the ambitious slam. She considered the contract for a long time before playing to trick one, but she was flawless from there: Club ace, spade ace, spade ruff, diamond ace, diamond ruff, spade ruff, diamond ruff, club king, spade ruff, diamond ruff, followed by a club from dummy. North, down to all trumps, was forced to ruff her partner's club winner and lead into von Arnim's heart tenace. Twelve tricks and 11 IMPs Germany.

Queens Count

By Maureen Dennison (Eng)

In the first set of the Senior's semi-final, Kit Woolsey found a quiet defensive play to put declarer, John Onstott, off his stroke. This was the hand:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q 6 5 ♥ A K Q 7 ♦ Q 6 2 ♣ 10 7 6 ♠ K 10 3 ♥ 5 4 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ A K Q J 9 ♠ 8 4 2 ♥ 10 9 8 6 ♦ A 4 ♣ 8 5 4 3	♠ A J 9 7 ♥ J 3 ♦ K J 10 9 8 7 ♣ 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Woolsey</i>	<i>Onstott</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
1♣	Dble	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	2♠	All Pass

South led ♥10 and Woolsey carefully took with ♥K, cashed the ♥A and switched to a low diamond. Well, of course, with only seven points in the heart suit, he had to have the diamond ace for his double. Declarer put up the king – wrong! I know it was only worth 1 IMP but what a nice way to earn it!

Soloway Shines in Defence By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

Bermuda Bowl Round Robin

Round 3 USA I v. Japan

This deal saw a spectacular false-card by Paul Soloway. It will be an early entry for next year's International Bridge Press Association's Defence Award. This is what happened in the Bermuda Bowl match between USA1 and Japan:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Hanayama</i>	<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Nickell</i>
2NT	3♠	2♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
6♦	Pass	6♥	5♠
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Takano</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Shimizu</i>
1♥	1♠	4♥	4♠
5♦	Pass	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

In the Open Room East opened Two Hearts and West could have made things much more difficult for North. When West simply started with an enquiry Freeman was able to come in with Three Spades and that allowed the Americans to push East-West to Six Hearts doubled. This went two off for 300 to the USA.

In the Closed Room the final contract and the start of the play was as in the Ladies match. That was until declarer ruffed the second diamond.

Paul Soloway was sitting East. He could see that declarer had enough entries to dummy to set up the nine of diamonds, and was likely to guess the suit successfully, as Nicola Smith had done. When you feel declarer is on the right track, desperate measures may be required to deflect him.

On the second round of diamonds Soloway dropped the ten! Can you see how this affected declarer? East was marked with at least three diamonds. Why had the ten fallen? Obvious answer: East held Q 10 x. So declarer went back to dummy, and when Hamman played low on the next diamond, declarer ruffed, expecting to see the queen fall. When Soloway produced a small diamond, declarer knew he had been fooled, but it was too late. Not long after Soloway was recording +200 on the scorecard. The swing was 11 IMPs to the USA.

Bermuda Bowl Round Robin Norway v. Poland

Board 10. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 8 7 2 ♥ 7 6 ♦ 3 ♣ A K Q 9 7 5 ♠ J 4 ♥ K J 10 9 ♦ A J 10 6 ♣ J 4 2 ♠ A 9 ♥ A Q 8 5 4 2 ♦ K 8 5 ♣ 10 3	♠ Q 10 6 5 3 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 9 7 4 2 ♣ 8 6
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Poland reached Five Clubs, reasonable, but no chance on this layout and two down, -200.

A conjuror was at work at the other table.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	4♦

3NT would have been a simple affair, but Helgemo could en-

visage a slam if helness had the right cards, so he cue bid his diamond control which led to the apparently doomed heart game.

Before he led the four of clubs Martens asked a number of questions – this may have raised some suspicions in declarer’s mind.

Helgemo took the club in dummy and tried a diamond to the king and ace. He took the next club and played a third round, ruffed by East and overruffed by declarer. Now he ruffed a diamond, crossed back to hand with the ace of spades and ruffed his last diamond. Now he cashed the king of spades and ruffed a spade, overruffed by West who played a diamond. Declarer ruffed and was down to ♠AQ8.

He made no mistake, exiting with the eight of hearts to end-play West. The VuGraph audience broke into applause, as did a smiling Martens, who recognized a piece of conjuring from a fellow member of the magic circle. That would get the Editor’s award for sportsmanship.

IBPA Editor: Board 15 from this match was perhaps the most interesting deal of the championship, but as no-one found the solution it is being held over to next month.

Duck Or No Dinner By Barry Rigal (USA)

The fourth round match in the VC and BB qualifier produced a classic position for the defence; how to create a second trump trick when God had only created one/

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ 6 5 ♥ J 10 ♦ J 9 8 7 5 2 ♣ 10 4 2</p> <p>♠ K 10 9 8 ♥ K 6 5 4 3 ♦ — ♣ Q 8 6 5</p> <p>♠ Q J 4 3 ♥ A 8 7 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ A K 3</p>	<p>♠ A 7 2 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ A K Q 4 ♣ J 9 7</p>
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By far the most common contract on this deal was to play 4♥ here. And the contract made at almost every table, although in abstract the contract appears to be a terrible one because of the wasted values in diamonds. But at almost all tables a transfer auction enabled East to declare 4♥ and on the defence of three rounds of clubs declarer was in hand and chose to lead a heart to the king. Now there was no defence to the game, since declarer could hardly misguess hearts from here on in!

But there were some honourable exceptions – the game was beaten at five tables. When the Indonesian ladies, Sofyan and Bojoh were defending against 4♥, Bojoh as South broke Rigal’s first rule. When you have an ace-king combination, your problem will be what to lead at trick two, not what to lead at trick one! She chose to lead a trump, thereby present-

ing declarer with a valid alternative to the winning choice in the trump suit. When she chose to duck the second trump she was down off the top.

The four defensive partnerships worthy of a Gold Star are Arrigoni/Oliveira of Italy in the Venice Cup, and Brenner/Chagas, Sontag/Weichsel and Kwiecen/Pszczola of Brazil, USA2 and Poland respectively. The first named player in each case was defending to 4♥ as South and led three rounds of clubs. And in each case declarer manoeuvred his way to dummy (by using the king of spades, a diamond ruff, and the ♣Q respectively) to play a trump to the queen. All three Souths impassively played low on the ♥Q, and obtained their reward when declarer elected quite reasonably to play North for the doubleton A-10 of hearts, and ducked the second trump. That let North score his ♥J, and defeat the contract. Of course if South had taken his ♥A declarer would have had no winning position in the heart suit but to find North with the bare ♥J10.

Bermuda Bowl Round Robin USA I v. Argentina

Board 11. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 6 ♥ Q J 9 7 2 ♦ K J 7 4 ♣ A Q 5</p> <p>♠ A J 9 7 5 4 3 ♥ — ♦ 6 5 3 2 ♣ 10 9</p>	<p>♠ 8 ♥ A K 5 4 3 ♦ A 10 ♣ K 8 7 6 4</p> <p>♠ K Q 10 2 ♥ 10 8 6 ♦ Q 9 8 ♣ J 3 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Hamman	Ravenna	Soloway	Madala
3♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass			

You can’t blame Madala for passing. If he could made 3NT (a possible alternative to passing), then Three Spades should go down. Unfortunately for his side, Three Spades doubled could not be defeated.

Ravenna started with the heart queen, which Hamman ducked in dummy to ruff, shortening his trumps. At trick two, Hamman played the club 10 and Ravenna won the ace, continuing with a club to dummy’s king. Hamman then cashed the top hearts, discarding diamonds from his hand, and ruffed another heart. He played a diamond to dummy’s ace and ruffed a fifth round of hearts before exiting with his losing diamond. At that point, Hamman and Madala were both down to four trumps. Madala won the diamond queen and got out with his spade deuce, but Hamman, who already had seven tricks in, inserted the jack and was home with plus 530.

Madala couldn’t know it at the time, but the board was a push as Muzzio also brought home nine tricks in Three Spades doubled. Madala, with the demeanor of a veteran, seemed unfazed by the minus score.

Bermuda Bowl:
Indonesia v. Poland

The deal of the match was next, as Pszczola showed his considerable skill as declarer.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ J 6 4 3 ♥ — ♦ Q J 10 9 8 4 ♣ 9 5 3</p> <p>♠ A Q 9 ♥ 10 8 4 3 ♦ K 2 ♣ 8 7 6 2</p> <p>♠ K 7 ♥ Q J 7 2 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ K Q 10 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 5 2 ♥ A K 9 6 5 ♦ A 5 ♣ A J</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Balicky</i>	<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	2♦	2♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Zmudzinski led the diamond six, taken by declarer, who then cashed a high heart, discovering the bad break. His next play was a spade to the nine – and school was out. The contract could not longer be made and Sacul went one off. Here’s what happened at the other table, and it brought applause from the appreciative Vugraph audience.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecen</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Lasut</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	3♦	4♥	All Pass

Lasut started with the club king, taken by Pszczola with the ace. He cashed the heart ace and stopped to think when North showed out. After a brief pause, Pszczola exited with the club jack. Lasut won the queen and played a diamond. Pszczola won in dummy, ruffed a club, played a spade to the queen and ruffed dummy’s last club. Now the diamond ace was followed by a spade to the king and ace. A third round of spades left this position:

<p>♠ — ♥ 10 8 4 ♦ — ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ 6 ♥ — ♦ J 10 ♣ —</p> <p>♠ 10 ♥ K 9 ♦ — ♣ —</p> <p>♠ — ♥ Q J 7 ♦ — ♣ —</p>
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Whether Manoppo played his spade or a diamond, Lasut could take only one more trick. Plus 420 was good for 10 IMPs to Poland.

Bermuda Bowl
Italy v. France

The deal features Norberto Bocchi:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ 9 2 ♥ A 5 3 2 ♦ J 10 ♣ J 9 8 5 3</p> <p>♠ 10 8 6 ♥ 10 8 6 ♦ Q 6 4 2 ♣ A 6 2</p> <p>♠ Q J 7 3 ♥ K J 9 4 ♦ K 8 5 ♣ 10 4</p>	<p>♠ A K 5 4 ♥ Q 7 ♦ A 9 7 3 ♣ K Q 7</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

They say “the old ones are the best”, and this proved the case here. The side-screen showed a string of 3NTs failing by at least one trick, the eventual outcome at the other table in this match. (To digress: when the Closed Room falls behind the Open, the audience does not get to see the auction from the Closed Room, and there are no records of the VuGraph match in the Press Room, making life difficult for the journalists. Memo to VuGraph Commentators, please keep the auction slips, and when no longer needed, they should join the other records in the Press Room.)

But Bocchi succeeded. How did it happen? The defence have four hearts to cash, a trick outside and at least two chances to make them. It certainly did no harm to declarer that Quantin led a low spade, and Bocchi successfully put up the ten, but that does not solve the main problem: the defence still have four hearts and an outside trick to make.

At trick two Bocchi boldly led a low heart off dummy to the queen! The effect was as intended. Quantin won the king and persisted with a high spade. Bocchi won, led a low diamond to the queen, and played ace and another to leave South on lead. A warning bell might have rung when declarer failed to continue the suit he had tackled first, but South had his defence planned and continued with a third spade. Bocchi promptly claimed his game. 12 IMPs to Italy.

The WBF Press Conference
11 a.m. 25th October, Stade de France, Paris

Mr. Damiani, President of the World Bridge Federation, introduced members at the head table, including Mr. Marc Hodler, Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee, Mr. Jaime Ortiz-Patino, President Emeritus of the WBF, and members of the WBF Executive Council. Mr. Damiani reported on some of the problems involved in relocating the championships from Bali to Paris. He then introduced the CD Presentation "Bridge is a True Sport", originally created for the presentation to the European Olympic Committee. The meeting was then thrown open to the Press for questions.

Jan van Cleeff (Dutch Press): Three questions for Mr. Damiani. Congratulations for successfully creating the event in Paris at such short notice, but how is the relationship between the WBF and the Indonesia Bridge Federation? What news of the event in Salt Lake City? Any news on the matter of drugs?

JD: When we switched from Bali to Paris only one country did not come to Paris, Pakistan, and that was for very understandable reasons. Indonesia could easily have taken the attitude that if we would not come to their country why should they travel to mine. But, to their great credit, they did not and are here. We have maintained an excellent relationship with them. Who knows what the next two years will bring, but it is our current intention to have the events intended for Bali there in two years time.

In Salt Lake City there will be 8 Mens teams, 8 Womens teams, and 4 Junior Teams.

We are continuing the drugs tests that have now been performed in Bermuda, Maastricht and Rio.

Patrick Jourdain (London Daily Telegraph, 2 million readers), for Mr. Damiani: Did any player fail the drug tests in Maastricht?

JD: We do not have to publish the results of the tests, but I can tell you that no player tested in Maastricht failed, and no player tested at the World Junior Championships in Rio failed.

Patrick Jourdain for Mr. Hodler: Regarding the attitude of the new President of the IOC, Jacques Rogge, towards bridge and chess, has he made any public commitment?

Mr. Hodler: We have made good progress. When I first proposed bridge as a sport Mr. Rogge opposed the motion. Now he has publicly accepted bridge as a sport, and has supported the arrangements we have made for Salt Lake City. The bridge event there will be at the same time as the IOC General Assembly meets, and I expect Mr. Rogge to see for himself that bridge is worthy to be included in the Olympic Games. We still face prejudice that card games are a matter of luck of the deal rather than true tests of skill, as is obvious with chess.

Patrick Jourdain for Mr. Rona, President of the European Bridge League: Regarding the matter of the Spanish Bridge Federation not paying the money it owed for the European Championships in Tenerife, how much money is still owed and does the Federation still face suspension?

Mr. Rona: At a meeting with the Federation in August in Madrid, in the presence of a representative of the Spanish Government's Ministry of Sport and Culture, the matter was resolved. The Spanish BF has already paid more than half the amount owing, and has signed a contract to pay the balance due within the next two years. The EBL has therefore revoked the threat of suspension.

Jean-Paul Meyer (Paris Express): How many people were needed to arrange the championships here in Paris at such short notice?

JD: We have had very little sleep over the last three weeks, but the championships started on time last Monday morning. I am pleased with the rates we negotiated at the Hotel Concorde La Fayette where we will be playing next week. As to the many staff who have worked hard to create the Championships you will find their names in the Championship Brochure.

Maureen Dennison (Secretary, IBPA and reporter, various bridge magazines) How will the teams be chosen for Salt Lake City?

JD: We are making a decision at the end of these championships, and have in mind how it will be done.

Mark Horton (Bridge Magazine, and the Daily News here, 20 million readers, Patrick!) What about Turin in 2006. If bridge gets in, will it be open to every Federation, and if not will there be a Zonal qualification?

Mr. Hodler: All sports are restricted in the numbers permitted at the Games whether Summer or Winter, and bridge will be no exception.

JD: It would be impossible to hold an event the size of our Olympiad at an Olympic Games. We expect a severe restriction in numbers. We are likely to use an existing World Bridge Championship as the qualifying event to have an invitation to the Olympic Games. We are looking into this question at the moment.

There being no more questions, Mr. Damiani declared the Press Conference closed and invited the Press to join them for a drink.

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