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The Editor and Production Editor send seasonal greetings to all our members.

With this Bulletin you will find the Renewal Form for the year 2002. It has been redesigned. On it you will find all the personal details about yourself that we have on file. They will appear in the Handbook currently going to print. We intend to have the file accessible to members on our website. So please check the Form carefully and correct any errors or omissions as instructed.

When you have checked the Form, return it by Fax or post to our Membership Secretary together with your Annual subscription if due. The subscription is unchanged at £40 (forty pounds sterling).

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The 4th IOC Grand Prix is in Salt Lake City from Saturday 2nd February to Wednesday 6th. Details are expected on the WBF website, and teams can already be found on www.ecatsbridge.com.

The WBF is expected to put on a professional display to convince the non-bridge players of the Olympic Assembly that bridge is worthy of inclusion in the Winter Olympic Games. Our members, particularly the American bridge journalists, have a contribution to make. We must encourage a Viewgraph audience that can supply the ingredient usually missing in demonstrations..... passion.

Of the IOC members only Marc Hodler will have seen those thrilling matches in Paris, often going to the wire... Norway v. Italy, the first half of USA I v. Italy, the Bermuda Bowl final, and, of course, the Women's Final for the Venice Cup. How I wished non-bridge-playing journalists and politicians had witnessed the Women's final between France and Germany. What they would have seen, but not expected, was the passion. Five hundred enthusiastic spectators, standing room only, Mexican waves, football chants, roars and groans as the players found the winning Pass or missed an open goal. And, at the outcome, the tears of joy and despair (and that was just the husbands). This was the passion seen in major sports, but too rarely in bridge. It was the proof that the result mattered deeply, not only to the players, but to their supporters.

It is easy to spot an artificial atmosphere, and a demonstration cannot generate this passion to the same degree. But our members can play a role in encouraging by advance publicity an enthusiastic attendance of spectators at Salt Lake City. If the observers from the Olympic Assembly see an audience that minds about the result, they will recognise it from their experience of other sports. And that can have as much an influence upon the doubters as any professionally-produced video or lecture.

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Welland wins Reisinger on Appeal; Zorlu & Assael win Blue Ribbon for Turkey

From Daily Bulletins edited by Henry Francis & Paul Linxwiler, Las Vegas Nov 17-27th 2001

The team led by **Roy Welland** (Bjorn Fallenius, Howard Weinstein, Steve Garner, Brad Moss, Fred Gitelman) won the Reisinger for the first time. At end of play they lay second, but a successful Appeal put them ahead of **George Jacobs** (Ralph Katz, Alfredo Versace, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Lorenzo Lauria). The Bermuda Bowl champions, led by **Rose Meltzer** (Larsen, Martel, Stansby, Weichsel, Sontag), were third.

It was an unlucky week for Jacobs who earlier had lost the Board-a-match teams by the smallest legal margin .01 to Meltzer.

Reisinger Final (14 teams)

1. Welland (USA, Sweden, Canada)	31.65
2. Jacobs (USA, Italy)	31.19
3. Meltzer (USA)	31.00
4. Rita Shugart (Andrew Robson, Boye Brogeland, Tony Forrester) USA-GB	30.85
5. Richard Schwartz (Mike Becker, Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz, Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg) USA	29.15
6. Gerald Sosler (Kay Schulle, Massimo Lanzarotti, Andrea Buratti) USA-ITA	28.50
7. Ata Aydin (Gokhan Yilmaz, Nafiz Zorlu, Salvador Assael) TUR	27.45
8. Richard Zeckhauser (Geir Helgemo, Michel Abecassis, Barnet Shenkin) USA-FRA-NOR	26.25
9. Nick Nickell (Dick Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell)	26.05
10. Jack Coleman (Bob Crossley, Aleksander Petrunin, Andrej Gromov)	25.45
11. Walter Schafer (USA)	25.00
12. David Mossop (GB)	24.95
13. Michael Moss (USA, Austria)	21.25
14. Steve Zlotow (USA)	19.82

The North American Swiss was won by **Richard Coren** (Billy Eisenberg, "the other" Larry Cohen of Las Vegas, Drew Casen) of the USA.

The Life Master Open Pairs was won by **Jacek Pszczola & Piotr Gawrys** of Poland. The Life Master Womens Pairs was won by **Mildred Breed & Shawn Quinn** of USA

The Womens Board-a-match Teams was won by **Hjordis Eythorsdottir** (Valerie Westheimer, Carol Simon, Rozanne Pollack) ahead of **Lynn Deas** (Beth

Palmer, Kerri Sanborn, Irina Levitina, Randi Montin and Jill Meyers)

Blue Ribbon Results

1. Nafiz Zorlu & Salvador Assael (Tur)	2106
2. Steve Landen & Pratap Rajadhyaksha	2100
3. Kenneth & John Kranyak (USA)	2097
4. Dan Gerstman & Allan Graves (USA)	2057
5. Robert Levin & Steve Weinstein (USA)	2049

Zorlu & Assael are the first players from Turkey to win a North American major title. Zorlu has played in six Europeans and three Olympiads for Turkey, Assael in 5 and 2. The partnership began 17 years ago.

IBPA Editor: I was dining with Nafiz at the European Mixed in Aachen, when he offered to make me a millionaire ... and gave me a million-Turkish-lire note. I still have it, unwisely some may say, as it is now worth a fraction of the ten dollars it fetched at the time.

*The United States Bridge Federation, set up early this year jointly by the ACBL and the American Bridge Association for the purposes of selecting teams to represent the USA particularly in Olympic events, has set a subscription of US \$50 for its "Active" members. All US citizens who are members of the ACBL and ABA are automatically deemed to be members of the USBF without further payment of dues, but only "Active" members will be permitted to compete in the Trials or take part in elections for the Board.

*The table number of 16,818 over 39 sessions of bridge was a Fall record. The maximum number of players at any one session was about 3000.

*The ACBL Charity Foundation presented a \$100,000 check to the National Hospice Foundation, its Charity of the Year, and \$5000 to the Nathan Adelson Hospice of Las Vegas, a local charity.

*Steven E. Furman of Wesley Hills NY apparently was the only tournament bridge player who was killed in the Twin Towers disaster on Sept. 11. Steven, married with four children ranging from 5 to 11, worked for Cantor Fitzgerald on the 105 th floor of One World Trade Center. He was 40 years old.

The tragedy leaves his wife Chava with the task of raising Nisan, 11; Rachel, 10; Naomi, 8, and Menashe, 5. This of course will be a major financial and emotional burden.

Steven was the son of Joyce Lilie and the stepson of Harold Lilie, two ACBL players who have won many events at the North American level.

Steven's family has set up a trust fund for the children's education and support. All donations are tax-deductible. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so by sending it to:
The Steven E. Furman Memorial Trust

Barry Rigal sent these Daily Bulletin hands

The hero and the goat By Barry Rigal

Irina Levitina reported what happened at her table on this hand when she and Gail Greenberg were playing against Larry Cohen and David Berkowitz

Board 9	♠ 9 7 6		
Dlr: North	♥ K		
Vul: E-W	♦ A K Q 10 9 8 3		
	♣ 8 4		
	♠ K Q 8 5 4	♠ A J 3 2	
	♥ 10 9 6 2	♥ Q J 5	
	♦ 6	♦ B	
	♣ J 9 6	♣ A K Q 5 3 2	
	♠ 10		
	♥ A 8 7 4 3		
	♦ J 7 5 4 2		
	♣ 10 7		
West	North	East	South
<i>Levitina</i>	<i>Cohen</i>	<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>
1♦ (1)	Dble	1♥	
1♠	2♦ (2)	4♦	5♦
5♠	6♦	Pass	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

(1) Precision

(2) Diamonds with fewer than three hearts

Berkowitz doubled 6♦ to persuade his partner to lead a heart, and Larry led the ♥K. He had already denied holding as many as three hearts. David decided to play Larry for a singleton, (risking being a "super-hero" or a goat) so he overtook and gave his partner a ruff to defeat the contract. As he did so, he remarked that Larry was such a great player that he might have led low if he held king-small. Larry retorted, "Don't ever play me to be such an expert again!"

When we played against Paul Soloway in the Life Master Open Pairs finals, we did not present Steve Catlett with the opportunity, but it would have been a tough call for him.

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Rigal</i>	<i>Catlett</i>
1♦	Dbl	1♥	
2♠	3♦	4♦	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♠	6♦
Dble	All Pass		

Twin peaks By Barry Rigal

Unquestionably the hand of the event from my perspective was the following Reisinger deal (Board 12 from the first qualifying session). First of all let's watch Jason Hackett of England, sitting East, at work.

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

West	North	East	South
		<i>Jason</i>	
INT (1)	Pass	2NT (2)	Pass
3♣ (3)	Pass	3♦	All Pass

(1) 14-16 HCP.

(2) Conditional transfer to diamonds.

(3) Does not have a good fit for diamonds

The defense started with the ♣A-K and a third club to the queen. North shifted to a trump, the queen losing to the king followed by a shift to hearts. Since South had passed and so far had shown 10 HCP, Jason knew the heart finesse would lose, so he rose with the ace and ran the trumps. This was the four-card ending, with North still to make a pitch:

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

North can't do anything here. If he pitches a spade, declarer takes trick 13 with the ♠9. If he sluffs a heart, the ♥Q takes the last trick B a classic ruffing squeeze.

Jason's maneuver was equaled if not surpassed by Bob Lipsitz, West, who reached 3NT after 1♦ - 3♦ - 3NT-Pass

After the ♠Q was taken by the ace, declarer ran the ♦10, which was ducked. On the second diamond North pitched a middle heart while South took the king to play the ♣A. North sensibly realized that it was not clear to encourage a club shift (if declarer has 3-3-3-4 shape three rounds of clubs would give him his ninth trick), so he discouraged. South shifted back to spades, and Lipsitz knew the finesse was wrong from North's earlier plays. He won the ♠K and ran the diamond suit to reach this position on the final diamond:

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

On the last diamond South pitched a club, West his spade and North had to throw a club. Next came a club from dummy. What was South to do? If he hopped up with the king, Lipsitz's ♣J would be good. If he ducked, North could cash his black winners and then be end-played to lead a heart at trick 12. That one is a wrinkle!

Queen's gambit By Barry Rigal

One of the side benefits of failing to qualify for the finals of the Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon finals is that you get to sample the delights of the Stratified Pairs. When that happens, you get a horde of "well-wishers" coming up and asking solicitously if you are in the wrong room.

Unperturbed by that, Tony Forrester of England played with James Mates (*IBPA Editor: Britain's ITN - Independent Television News - Washington Correspondent, and son of Tory MP and former Minister, Michael Mates*) and concocted the following gem.

Dlr: North ♠ Q J 10 9
 Vul: None ♥ A Q J 4 2
 ♦ A Q
 ♣ 10 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Mates</i>		<i>Forrester</i>	
1♥	Pass	2♦	
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Mates did very well to start with a spade, and Tony's ace was ruffed away. Declarer placed the ♣A-K and ruffed a club . . . not so fast! On the second top club Tony dropped the queen! That persuaded declarer to table a diamond to the queen, losing to the king. Back came a spade and declarer ruffed. He cashed the ♦A, and when the 4-1 split came to light declarer was dead. He could not get off dummy without forcing himself again, and he finished four in the glue. Had Tony removed the losing option in trumps, declarer would have 12 tricks easily.

A ticklish slam By Barry Rigal

I was very surprised to discover how many of the field failed to find their way in a ticklish slam here. It's Board 2 from the second semifinal session of the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Dlr: East ♠ K Q 6
 Vul: N-S ♥ A J 4
 ♦ A Q 10 8
 ♣ A 8 7

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

♠ A J 8 3
 ♥ K Q 7
 ♦ K 4 2
 ♣ Q 9 5

You play 6NT as South on a heart lead. The right play is the ♦A and the ♦K early, learning the bad news. Then cash a top heart in dummy and take three spade tricks. When East turns up with nine spades and diamonds, give up on the club finesse and play West to be squeezed.

This is the ending:

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

When you lead the last spade, West pitches a club painlessly. Throw dummy's diamond and cross to the ♦Q, and that squeezes West. If he pitches a heart, you lead a low club, covering East's card, and West is endplayed. If he pitches a club, play the ♣A and another club and dummy is high.

I know Zia played the hand essentially in this fashion to make the hand. We actually scored 26 of 64 matchpoints for going down one. Why did we go down? Well, the devilish person sitting East opened 1♦ against us. I doubled (yes, I could have bid INT, so sue me!), and West leaped to 3♣. Can you blame Ralph Cohen for bidding 6NT? East led a club and that broke up the tenace and caused us to go down one.

The opposite of a Bath Coup By Barry Rigal

Lou Levy showed me this neat hand from the Blue Ribbon qualifying where you have to take the opposite of a Bath Coup.

Dir: East	♠ K 9 3	
Vul: None	♥ A J 4	
	♦ A 5 2	
	♣ A K 9 3	
♠ A J 8 4 2	♠ 10 6 5	
♥ 8 7	♥ K Q 10 9 5	
♦ K Q J 7 3	♦ 10 8 4	
♣ 4	♣ 10 7	
	♠ Q 7	
	♥ 6 3 2	
	♦ 9 6	
	♣ Q J 8 6 5 2	

West	North	East	South
	Levy		
1♠	INT	Pass	Pass
3♦	3NT	2♥	3♣
		All Pass	

3NT would be easy on a spade lead, but East unkindly leads the ♥K. If you take this, then West gets in with the ♠A to play a heart through. Curtains. If you duck, East is a heavy favorite to obey his partner's lead-directing instruction and shift to a diamond. Once again your contract goes down the tubes.

Lou found an imaginative route to deflect East when he followed with the ♥J at trick one! Can you blame East for continuing the suit? (Yes, West's signal should clarify the position, but who trusts partner any more?) Lou could win the second heart and drive out the ♠A for a peaceful nine tricks.

The youngest competitor was Shivam Shah, 9, of London who partners his father, Nalin, an actuary. Shivam, who attends St. Mary's School, London learned bridge aged 5 and played in his first tournament aged 5 years and 303 days, an entry in the Guinness Book of Records. The Shahs also played in Toronto.

IBPA Editor: Michael Rosenberg has taught his 4-year old son the hand shapes. If Michael tells him he held five spades, three diamonds and one club, his son will add “.. and four hearts”. This allows Michael to urge the students in his classes: “Count the hand. My 4-year old can.”



The ebridge Clippings Competition

The deadline for entries has been extended to the end of January, and the Draw will be conducted at the European Mixed Championships in Ostend. Send your Clippings to our Clippings Secretary, Maureen Dennison (details on front of Bulletin)

Each clipping submitted mentioning e-bridge earns a ticket in the draw. Two prizes will be determined on merit by Maureen. The remainder will be by random draw.

Please give the name of the publication where the clipping appeared, the date of publication, the approximate circulation of the publication, and the name of the IBPA member who authored the clipping. If you have an electronic version of the clipping please send it to Eric Kokish at:

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

Paris, 30th October 2001

40 Members Present including : Andersson C (Swe); Arthur J. (UK); Benjamin A. (UK); De Groot L. (Net); Damiani J. (Fra); Dennison M. (UK); Diment C. (Australia); Ducheyne E. (Net); Dupont M (Fra); Gidwani D. (Ind); Gitelman F. (Can); Gordon A. (UK); Grosfils C. (Bel); Horton M. (UK); Jannersten P. (Swe); Jourdain P. (UK); van Cleeff J. (Net); D'Orsi E. (Bra); Lee R. (Can.); Manley B. (USA); Meyer J.P. (Fra); Moller S. (Den.); Pas M.van der (Net); Rand N. (Isr); Rigal B. (USA); Robson A. (UK); Rosenblum M. (Rus); Schipperheyn T. (Net); Serras J. (Bel); Tacchi R (Fra); Trent L. (USA); Truscott A. (USA).

1:Election of Chairman: Jean Paul Meyer was elected Chairman of the meeting and he introduced the members of the Executive to the meeting.

2:Apologies for absence: President Henry Francis due to a car accident: (Meyer reported that the news is satisfactory) Anna Gudge: pressure of work.

3:Homage to deceased members: Jourdain reported that, as far as he knew, the only deceased member since Maastricht is Peter Littlewood who had an accident at home. He was a British player who, with Graham Jepson, won several UK Pairs Championships and represented UK in Warsaw in the European Pairs reaching the final. The meeting stood in memory of past members.

4:Acceptance of minutes of Maastricht: The minutes had been published in the Bulletin. The meeting passed the motion of acceptance nem con

5:Officer reports: Reports from the officers were attached to the agenda and are summarised as follows:

President's report: Henry Francis:- He expressed sorrow not to be in Paris due to his accident but congratulated José Damiani on moving the Championships to Paris showing the world that terrorists will not stop bridge players. He thanked David Rex-Taylor for his services to I.B.P.A. and welcomed Anna Gudge as his replacement. He assured members that we are working to keep the 2002 budget within reason, helped by lower travel costs and cheaper printing costs.

Organisational President's report: Per Jannersten reported that he is working hard to introduce new technology and to modernise communication and organisation within I.B.P.A. and that members will see results next year.

Secretary's report: Maureen Dennison introduced herself to the meeting and hoped she would be a worthy successor to Evelyn Senn. Reporting on the E-bridge Clipping Competition, due to the lack of entries, the deadline has been extended to January 31st 2002 and the draw will be made at the Mixed Championships in Ostend in March. She requested that members send all clippings mentioning E-bridge to Dennison and an electronic copy to Eric Kokish of E-bridge

Treasurer's report: Christer Andersson reported that, as there were two major Championships in 2000 (Bermuda and Maastricht) a loss had been expected on the budget but due to savings on the Bulletin, the loss was half of that expected.

However, savings lost value because of the low value of the Euro and Swedish Krona. He recommended that the subscription remain at £40 and, with closer scrutiny of our expenditure and expected savings, he viewed 2002 with optimism.

Editor's report: Patrick Jourdain thanked all the members who had contributed to Bulletins. He reported on the problems of production and distribution due to the sudden illness of Rex-Taylor and the unavailability of the main computer file. He apologised to the few members who had thereby missed one or two Bulletins due to incorrect addresses. He reported that Anna Gudge had been formally appointed the new Production Editor.

Liaison Officer's report: Panos Gerontopoulos reported that there had only been some minor problems this year, which were in Tenerife, and they were quickly solved. Otherwise we continue to get excellent support from the EBL and WBF. (Meyer thanked the

WBF for their support.)

Membership Secretary's report: Stuart Staveley reported a slight decline in membership, due mainly to pruning the sponsored members but there are 26 fewer paying members since 1999. He is encouraged that we continue to attract new members. He listed 25 who have joined since summer 2000 and 12 who have renewed. (N.B. a further four journalists have joined in Paris)

6:Election of Officers: Panos Gerontopoulos (Gre), Jan van Cleeff (Net) and Chris Diment (Aus) were nominated for a further three-year term. There being no other nominations they were elected Nem Con.

Jourdain asked the meeting to approve the Executive's nomination of David Rex-Taylor to be an Honorary Member in recognition of his long service and this was so ratified.

7:Approval of the Budget for 2002: Bulletin costs will be lower and extra savings are expected in that, as the European Championships are so close to the World Championships, your Executive decided there would be one meeting only each year, reducing the costs of travel and expenses. The Treasurer therefore recommended that the subscription remained at £40.

The Executive proposed that: - a) juniors under 21 who apply for full membership should have a reduced subscription of £25. b) That with effect from 1st January 2002 the joining fee should be waived. New members will pay to the nearest quarter for the remainder of the year in which they join and, after March, for the whole of the following year. Members who should have renewed will be asked to make their membership continuous by paying the whole of the current year and receiving the back numbers. If they lapsed for more than a year they would be treated as new members. The number of Bulletins received by existing members who failed to renew would be reduced to January and February at most.

When questioned from the floor, Meyer explained this is to stop journalists joining just for a Championship. The AGM were asked to approve these matters and they did so Nem Con.

Ron Tacchi asked about savings for taking the Bulletin from the Internet. Meyer reported that it was under discussion and the Executive would present a proposal in Montreal. He expected the saving to be in the order of £4 on the annual subscription.

8:Handbook: Ron Tacchi has updated the Handbook. It will be updated with this year's awards and then printed by Jannersten Forlag and Cap Gemini and then distributed by Chess & Bridge. Members should receive their Handbook within the next 8 weeks.

9:Awards: The awards were presented as reported elsewhere in the November Bulletin. Accepting his award as I.B.P.A. Personality of the year, Jose Damiani said he accepted the award with honour but he did not deserve it alone. Whilst deciding whether or not to cancel or to move to Paris, he took advice from Journalists, Officials and players but it had to be his decision. However he shared the award with his colleagues and workers and he will tell them so.

He thanked journalists for their help and stressed we need articles and, whilst it is difficult, preferably as front-page news.

10:Any other business: As no other business was raised, the meeting was closed. The next AGM will be held at the World Bridge Championships in Montreal.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

	2000	1999	Budget 2000
INCOME	\$35,178	28,681	35,800
Subscription dues	24,926	25,634	28,000
Sponsored award monies	1,930	1,003	4,000
Interest received	896	1,118	1,300
Advertising	4,282	649	1,000
WBF grants for 1999 & 2000	2,054		1,000
European Bridge League grant		80	
IBPA championship	148	197	
Clippings service	895	-	500
Donations	47	-	
LESS EXPENDITURE	\$37,691	32,883	41,000
Bulletin - 13 issues	22,301	22,069	26,500
Printing costs	12,980	12,628	14,000
Postage	7,354	7,192	9,000
Sundries	1,967	2,249	3,500
Bulletin Editor's expenses	5,614	4,966	5,900
Fee	2,304	2,561	3,000
Faxes, telephones and other expenses	1,057	1,026	700
Secretarial fee and expenses	1,253	1,379	1,200
Travel	1,000	-	1,000
Membership Secretary's expenses	2,140	2,020	2,300
Fee	1,044	1,149	1,150
Expenses	972	700	800
Inland revenue - Scotland	124	171	350
President's expenses	1,998	1,741	2,000
Sundries	1,194	507	1,000
Travelling	804	1,234	1,000
Secretary's expenses	1,563	427	1,750
Sundries	1,442	427	1,750
Fax costs	121	-	-
Treasurer's expenses	200	205	200
IBPA Championships	89	120	-
IBPA website	35	217	-
Bank charges	918	1,118	1,450
Hand Book	373	-	-
IBPA Awards	1,960	-	900
Clippings prizes	500	-	-
DEFICIT	2,513	4,202	5,200
 ADD: LOSS/LESS: GAIN ON EXCHANGE (Note 1)	 4,981	 -2,849	
	\$7,494	\$1,353	
Made up by a reduction in cash available as follows:			
CASH BALANCES	31.12.99	31.12.00	
Treasurer, bank	28,011	23,770	
Membership secretary, bank	16,998	14,020	
Membership secretary, petty cash	52	103	
Secretary, petty cash	126	-	
Liability	-	-200	
	<u>\$45,187</u>	<u>\$37,693</u>	<u>\$7,494</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS at 31 December 2000

- 1) **Loss on Exchange** The amount of \$4981 arises from the fluctuation of the rate of Swedish Kronor, British sterling, Dutch florin and Eurodollar to the United States Dollar.
Exchange Rates Utilised: Swedish Kronor - \$0.10471; Dutch Florin - \$0.42179; British Sterling - \$1.49110; Euro - \$0.92984
- 2) **Expenditure** All expenditure appears reasonable when compared with budgets. All vouchers were submitted.
- 3) The assets of the Association viz computers, printers and fax machines have all been written off to no value and as such do not appear in the financial statement.

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185.

Overkill in Bridge is frequently used to describe the phenomenon of both pairs in a team having excellent results on the same deal. However on the following deal at Board-a-match the excellent board can sometimes be as little as making an overtrick in one room and saving one in the other room.

Dir: North	♠ A K J		
Vul: None	♥ J 10		
	♦ K Q 8		
	♣ 10 9 7 4 2		
	♠ 9 7 6 5 2	♠ 8 3	
	♥ 8	♥ Q 9 7 5 4 3 2	
	♦ 10 7	♦ J 6 3 2	
	♣ A K J 6 3	♣ —	
	♠ Q 10 4		
	♥ A K 6		
	♦ A 9 5 4		
	♣ Q 8 5		

West	North	East	South
	1♣	2♥	3NT

All Pass

On this deal from the Mixed Teams at Anaheim Sue Picus and Alex Ornstein from the winning team had done their bit to take the point on the deal by holding declarer to nine tricks on a heart lead. South made the

mistake of tackling diamonds before clubs, and misguessing the suit as well. After all that, declarer could still have set up a club as the cards lay, but he cashed out for 400.

This would not be a tragedy at Teams, but at Board-a-match, every trick matters. In the other room on the same auction Judy Radin was fortunate enough to receive a low club lead and thus took a cheap club trick. She won in dummy and finessed in hearts, then cashed all her major suit winners to discover that East had nine cards in the majors. So now it was simple arithmetic to cash North's two top diamonds and finesse the nine for her eleventh winner.

186.

Going into the fourth session of the Cavendish pairs Weinstein and Garner had a big lead over their challengers. Out of the pack emerged Fleisher and Rodwell, the eventual winners, aided by results like this:

Dir: South	♠ A 7 2		
Vul: E/W	♥ 10 7 5 4 2		
	♦ K 8		
	♣ 9 8 6		
	♠ K 6 3	♠ J 10 8 5	
	♥ A 9	♥ K 8 6 3	
	♦ A 9 6 5 3 2	♦ J 7 4	
	♣ 7 3	♣ K 5	
	♠ Q 9 4		
	♥ Q J		
	♦ Q 10		
	♣ A Q J 10 4 2		

Whatever range no trump NS were playing, that South hand seems to fit it. At the table I was watching Brad

Calendar	Event	Venue	IBPA Contact
2002			
JAN 17/20	Cap Gemini Invitation,	Hotel des Indes, The Hague	henk.van.dalen@capgemini.nl
FEB 02/06	4 th IOC Grand Prix	Salt Lake City	
FEB 22/24	The Forbo,	Scheveningen Kurhaus, nr The Hague	e.mswaan@freeler.nl
MAR 7/17	ACBL Spring Nationals,	Houston	ACBL
16/22	EBL Mixed Pairs and Teams,	Ostend	EBL
29/Apr 1 st	Easter Festival,	London	EBU +44 1296 394 414
APR 23/28	Portugese Open,	Estoril	Portugese BF
JUN 16/30	European National Teams,	Salsomaggiore	EBL
JUL 4/14	European Youth Team Championships	Torquay	youthcmte@bridge.gr
15/20	Commonwealth Games Bridge,	Manchester	EBU 44+ 1296 394 414
18/28	ACBL Summer Nationals,	Washington	ACBL
AUG 4/13	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
2003			
MAR 6/16	ACBL Spring Nationals,	Philadelphia	ACBL
JUN	European Open Championships		EBL
JUL 17/27	ACBL: Summer Nationals,	Long Beach, CA	ACBL
AUG 8/17	England Summer Nationals,	Brighton	EBU 44+ 1296 394 414

Moss elected to pass Gitelman's opening bid, and collected 120 for his pains, but not all NS pairs did so well. Where Fleisher Rodwell were sitting E/W and playing Zia, Hamman as North transferred to 2♥. Fleisher led ace and a second diamond and Zia won the king and led a heart to the jack and ace. Fleisher continued the good work by leading a third diamond and Zia ruffed in dummy and led a club to the king and ace and then led a second trump.

Rodwell won this and could see that he might need to take two spade tricks quickly if the clubs were going to run. So he shifted to the ♠10, hoping for this precise layout.

Zia covered with the queen and when Fleisher played the king Zia ducked it, assuming Fleisher held the king jack. Back came a second spade and Zia was down whatever he did now. Had Rodwell shifted to the jack of spades, Zia would surely have wrapped up eight tricks by covering the jack and playing him for the jack-ten.

187.

It is always embarrassing to make a technical error, and to perpetrate it on Vugraph, in front of a large audience, makes the experience even more painful. Consider the play as South in Six Spades very carefully on a club lead from the 2000 Venice Cup if you want to avoid humiliation and the turnover of a significant number of IMPs.

Dlr: West ♠ A 2
 Vul: Both ♥ A J 10
 ♦ Q 10 8 7 4 3
 ♣ A 5

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

♠ K 8 7 6 5 4 3
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ A K
 ♣ J 6

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

What happened in the real world was that declarer won the club lead and cashed the top spades, discovering the loser there, then took the ace and king of diamonds before going to dummy in hearts. When she tried to cash the queen of diamonds East ruffed, and there was still a club or heart loser for declarer, as there was no longer an entry to dummy.

The correct line is not only a real improvement on that line, but it happens to make the contract as well. Win

the club lead and cash the king of spades, and then take the top diamonds. While you might fail to a 4 1 diamond split, that is considerably less likely than a 3 1 spade split of course (although East would do well to drop the jack of diamonds on the first round to worry declarer!).

At this point, cross to dummy with the ace of spades, and cash the queen of diamonds, to discard your club loser. East can ruff in of course, but you still have the priceless re entry to dummy in the ace of hearts, and can discard your heart loser at your leisure.

188.

Here is a neat declarer play hand of Barnet Shenkin's from a Pairs game in the USA.

Dlr: North ♠ J 9 8 5
 Vul: Both ♥ K J 5
 ♦ 7 5 2
 ♣ Q 7 6

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

♠ K Q 6 4
 ♥ A 7 6 4 2
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ A J

West	North	East	South
	<i>Levinson</i>		<i>Shenkin</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The bad breaks in the majors would seem to make life very difficult for Shenkin, but he shrugged off the nasty splits to bring home the contract.

West led the ♦K to Shenkin's ace (as the cards lie it might be better to duck this trick). Barnet played the ♠K at trick two to East's ace. The ♦J came next, followed by a third round of the suit, ruffed by Shenkin, who got the bad news in trumps when he cashed the ♠Q. Undaunted, he continued with a heart to dummy's king (it would not have profited West to ruff) and a club to his jack. Shenkin then cashed the ♣A, and played a spade to dummy's nine. East was already starting to feel the pressure; he pitched one club and one heart, but was really under the gun when Shenkin cashed the ♠J.

A heart discard was out of the question, so he had to let go of a club. Shenkin then played the ♣Q, leaving East on play with the ♣K in the two card ending with the ♥Q 10, to lead into dummy's tenace. Contract made; but have you noticed the defensive slip? East should win his ace of spades and return the ten of hearts suit preference to let West ruff. Now a diamond to the jack allows the defence to take a second ruff and set the hand. That is why ducking the first trick is necessary.

In Memoriam = Pietro Bernasconi

Pietro Bernasconi died in Geneva on 2nd October 2001 after a short but terrible illness that he bore with immense courage.

Pietro Bernasconi was unfamiliar to most of the bridge public but was well-known to the champion players. He was a world-class player himself who, for many years, partnered Jaime Ortiz-Patino, the WBF President Emeritus, as part of the Swiss national team together with the late Jean Besse.

For many years he was the custodian of master points for the World Bridge Federation. He and his computer recorded the performances of players in eighty-odd countries, and noted when they advanced in rank. Virtually none of them thanked him, or were aware of his effort.

Latterly, Pietro will be remembered for his computer wizardry. Not only was he responsible for computerizing the WBF Master Point records, but he also pioneered programs for the random-dealing of hands used in WBF tournaments and defended their integrity during the controversies that were common between mathematicians in the early days of computer-dealt hands. Pietro was also renowned for the exceptional problems he devised for the Par Contest that was held for the first time in Geneva in 1990, and which pitted the wits of the world's greatest bridge players against a machine. Despite his illness, he left us with new problems for the Par Contest which will bear testimony to his brilliant mind.

With his passing, Pietro Bernasconi has left a void in the WBF. He was a very close friend and collaborator and he will be sadly missed by all who had the honour of knowing him.

Carol von Linstow

WBF Secretariat

Alan Truscott wrote in the New York Times of 11th October:

Bernasconi, who had the rank of World Life Master, represented his native Switzerland in five world championships and 15 European Championships. On the diagramed deal he sat West, and defended brilliantly in a match against Austria in 1974.

Dealer: West; Both Vulnerable

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

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♦	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

He led the heart five and dummy played low. East won with the king and returned the suit. When South won with the queen he felt confident. It appeared that he would make five diamond tricks, two hearts, and two tricks in the black suits. He worked on diamonds, and West held up his ace for one round. The position was this:

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

(IBPA Ed: In the Paris Daily Bulletin 3, page 8 in this ending I wrongly switched ♠9 and ♠10, though not in the main diagram)

Can you see how Bernasconi defeated the game?

Playing either major suit offered no hope.

Instead, he led a club, giving South an extra trick in that suit. The declarer was not pleased, for his communications had been attacked with a fatal result. What could he do after winning with the club nine?

Playing a club winner would have squeezed the dummy *(IBPA Ed: If he throws a spade and exits with a spade, West can play three rounds of the suit, endplaying South)*, so he led a spade. Bernasconi promptly grabbed the spade king and led a heart, scoring two tricks at the finish with the spade ace and an established heart.

PARIS Round UP

* *Pony Nehmert reports* Barbara Hackett & Katrin Farwig of the German Ladies team *did* play two sessions in the knock-outs, one set each against USA I and Austria.

* *Soloway Shines in Defence* (page 13) says the play began the same way as at the table where Nicola Smith guessed the diamonds successfully. This was: heart lead, ruffed in dummy, and declarer led a diamond. West rose with the ace, and switched to a club. Declarer won, drew a round of trumps from hand, ruffed a heart, ruffed a small diamond (this is where Soloway false-carded brilliantly by dropping the ten), and ruffed a heart.

At this point declarer has to guess the diamonds. Nicola got it right by leading the jack to pin the ten. The declarer v. Soloway, having seen the ten drop, got it wrong, assuming that the queen must now fall.

*The deal below appeared in the previous Bulletin (page 6) with Sabine Auken making 5♦ despite a heart lead. *Barry Rigal reports the action at other tables, including the one where* Norberto Bocchi found the same play as Auken.

Board 11	♠ A Q 6		
Dealer: South	♥ J 6 3		
Love all	♦ 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		
West	North	East	South
<i>Palau</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Allegrini</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
			3♦
Dble	3NT	4♦	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
<i>Sontag</i>	<i>Abecassis</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Soulet</i>
		Pass	
1♠	INT	3♠	4NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

It is not clear whether Martel meant 3NT as a serious attempt to play there, or whether he would have run if doubled. Allegrini had an irreproachable 4♦ call – after all either game could have been laydown – and Martel a

very reasonable double. +300 was a reasonable result, but Soulet had also done well to manoeuvre Abecassis into 5♦ the right way up. On the predictable spade lead declarer would be able to discard his heart loser and wrap up eleven tricks. But Weichsel had not read the script, and instead found the opening heart lead that sunk the contract. Although we can all see why this was a reasonable shot, in the post mortem, Weichsel really deserves credit for finding it at the table. 8IMPs to USAI rather than 3IMPs the other way, and their lead stood at 25IMPs.

In the match between USAI and Italy Freeman and Nickell justified their stance as the most conservative bidders in the event. Nickell passed as South and Freeman did not overcall INT over Versace's 1♠ opening. That let the Italians bid unopposed to 4♥, and Freeman might have doubled that (for an easy 500) but he did not, and only collected 100 when Nickell failed to play for spade ruffs. No big deal, since Bocchi reached 5♦ as North, and Rodwell found the killing heart lead. 'Killing' did I say? Bocchi had heard Meckstroth overcall 3♦ over Duboin's minor-suited 2NT opening to show the majors. So when Meckstroth shifted to a spade at Trick Two Bocchi took the practice finesse, cashed the spade ace and ruffed a spade, then played off the ♦A and used the top clubs to eliminate the hearts. In the four-card ending he could exit with the second diamond, ending playing Meckstroth to lead a major to let him pitch his club loser for eleven tricks and 7IMPs. Beautifully played – if Bocchi does not take the spade finesse he is short of trumps and entries to make the winning play.

* This was the deal from a great Round robin match between Norway and Poland that stumped the whole of the Viewgraph audience and commentators despite the sight of all four hands. Helness agonised over it, but the winning line depends on relying on West's singleton club being a small one.

Board 15	♠ A 10 8 7 5 3		
Dealer: North	♥ K 8 7		
N/S Game	♦ —		
	♣ A Q 5 2		
	♠ 9 4		♠ —
	♥ A Q J 10 9 6 5		♥ 4 3 2
	♦ Q 8 5		♦ A J 9 7 3 2
	♣ 7		♣ K J 8 3
	♠ K Q J 6 2		
	♥ —		
	♦ K 10 6 4		
	♣ 10 9 6 4		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
	Pass		
4♥	4♠	5♥	6♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The play was essentially the same at both tables.

The opening lead was the ace of diamonds. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a heart. There is no winning line from here and declarer was the same one down. The fatal error had already been made.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
			Pass
4♥	4♠	5♦	5♥
6♦	6♠	Dble	All Pass

Fred Gitelman kindly supplied the following text:

Take a few seconds to admire an auction that included excellent calls by all four players. Don't take too many seconds, however, as you might want to spend considerably more time thinking about how declarer can make 6♠ doubled after the lead of the ace of diamonds (an unfortunate choice for East – declarer would have had no chance after a heart lead).

Tor Helness (one of the few declarers on our planet who would have even had a chance to make this contract) gave this problem a great deal of thought. I believe he figured out the layout of the East-West cards and he did come close to finding the winning line, but in the end the solution eluded him.

Tor can be forgiven for missing the answer given that nobody in the VuGraph theatre (where the layout of the East-West cards was certainly known) could think of a way to make 6♠ either. I would like to take credit for the following analysis, but it was Deep Finesse (a remarkable computer program that can solve any double dummy problem) that showed me the light.

This is the solution: declarer must ruff the ace of diamonds and immediately ruff a heart in the dummy. A trump to his hand, ruff another heart, cross back in trumps, and ruff his last heart. Declarer now ruffs a diamond back to his hand, stranding the king of that suit in the dummy! Three more rounds of trumps lead to the following end position:

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

On the last trump East has to throw a diamond and dummy throws a club. Now a low club finishes East who either has to return a club to North or concede an entry to dummy's winning diamonds!

* Barry Rigal reports this deal from Paris where Alfredo Versace, Adam Zmudzinski, Boye Brogeland, and Andrea Rauscheid all made their game contracts with various end-plays:

Board 19	♠ 7 5
Dealer: South	♥ A Q 5
E/W Game	♦ Q J 10 8 4
	♣ 10 9 4
♠ A 10 4	♠ K 9 3
♥ K J 8 3	♥ 10 6 4 2
♦ A K 6	♦ 7 5
♣ A 3 2	♣ K J 8 6
	♠ Q J 8 6 2
	♥ 9 7
	♦ 9 3 2
	♣ Q 7 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Palau</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Allegrini</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
			Pass
1♣	1♦	1♥	1♠
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Sontag</i>	<i>Abecassis</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Soulet</i>
			Pass
1♣	2♦	Dble	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

For many strong club players, catching opponents who step out of line is the best revenge to make up for all those auctions where your bidding space has been stolen. Despite the vulnerability Sontag was well placed to sit out 3♦ doubled (switch the ♣K and ♦K and the hand would have been far harder to judge). Weichsel led a trump of course, and three rounds of diamonds later declarer had his five red suit winners and a tough task in front of him to get more. He actually won the third

trump in hand to play spades and the defence shifted to hearts, then won the next spade to exit in hearts. In the ending Abecassis had to broach clubs for himself, and when he led the ♣10 it was covered by the jack, queen and ace, and a club back meant a well-earned +800.

So it was up to Allegrini to limit the damage. He played the hand by East, avoiding the spade lead that sank 4♥ elsewhere. South led a diamond. It went three rounds of diamonds ruffed and a heart to the jack and queen. Martel exited with an honest ♠7. Declarer won in dummy and played a second heart, and Martel took his ace and played a second spade. Allegrini won in hand and peeled off the trumps, forcing Stansby to bare his ♣Q at once, then pitch a spade. In the three-card ending it seemed that the strip squeeze had forced Allegrini to guess clubs by playing for the drop. After all, could Stansby really have bid 1♠ on ♠QJxxx and out? Allegrini thought so; he finessed in clubs and went two down. 14 IMPs to USAII, back up by 70-59.

In USAI-Italy Meckstroth opened the West cards 2NT (19-20) and puppeted his way to 4♥. On a diamond lead he played three rounds of the suit and finessed in hearts, then won the spade shift in hand and played another heart. When Bocchi won and returned a spade he hopped up with the king and ran his winners, then took the club finesse for a quiet one down. Versace/Lauria use their 2♦ opening as strong balanced and had a similar sequence to 4♥ by West. Versace played the hand in identical fashion to Allegrini, but when Nickell reduced to one spade and ♣Qx in the three-card ending he endplayed him with a spade to lead a club into the tenace. Nicely judged for 12 more IMPs to Italy, now up 63-19.

In Poland-India Martens was one of the few players rash enough to open the South cards, a Multi described systematically as "5-11 with a six-card suit". Narayana bid 2NT, raised to 3NT, and putting Lesniewski conveniently on lead to attack diamonds. Narayan simply played Martens to have a heart honour and that let Lesniewski take his five winners sooner rather than later. In the other room Prabhakar came in over a Polish Club with 2♦, and that let Zmudzinski re-open with 2NT, raised to 3NT. On ♦Q lead (♦5, ♦3, ♦6) and another, the ♦10 to the ♦7 ♦2 and ♦A. Zmudzinski led the ♥K out of his hand. Prabhakar won his ♥A and inexplicably shifted to spades. The echo was discouraging, but would declarer have ducked trick one if a spade shift would hurt him? Whatever the reason, declarer was not yet home. He took the spade in hand and drove out the ♥Q, then took the ♠K and ran his heart winners and ♦K, stripping South down to a bare spade, and endplaying him with it to lead clubs, for the ninth trick. 12 more IMPs to Poland, running away with the set 33-0 after three deals, and leading by 47 IMPs now.

In Poland-Indonesia Karwur opened a strong club but Helness only overcalled 1♦, and Helgemo only raised to 2♦. Now Karwur played 4♥ from the West side on a spade lead. Declarer avoided finessing twice in spades

and running into a ruff, but he had to view clubs at the end of the hand with no reason to place South with the ♣Q. Since Helgemo had bared his ♣Q on the fourth trump, when declarer finessed he could win his ♣Q and cash two spade winners for down two.

Brogeland declared 4♥ on an unsophisticated auction (1♥-2♥-2NT-4♥) and won the diamond lead to play three rounds of the suit and then take the heart finesse. He guessed to win the spade shift in hand and take the club finesse. That put South on lead with nowhere to go. Back came a club but Brogeland simply drove out the trump ace and had ten tricks when the clubs split. Perhaps I am missing something but after the spade switch at trick five playing on clubs before hearts does seem to have a lot to recommend it. Here it had 13 IMPs to recommend it; Norway had regained the lead and were now in front by 10 IMPs.

And in Germany-USAI Sabine Auken produced a raunchy 2♦ overcall of a natural 1♣ opening bid. Montin doubled and Meyers leapt to 3NT (maybe a cuebid would have been more discreet). Meyers guessed the play in 3NT to get out for down one, by winning the second diamond and crossing to the ♠A to finesse in hearts. But that was still 12 IMPs away when Rauscheid played 4♥ unopposed as West. She won the diamond lead and played three rounds of the suit to finesse the ♥J. She won the spade return in hand and exited with a low heart, and Levitina hopped up with the ♥A to play a second spade. Rauscheid won and cut loose with a third spade. What was Baker to do? If she won the trick another spade would give a ruff and discard letting Rauscheid pitch a club from hand and draw North's trump later, and a club would obviously be fatal. If Levitina, North, ruffed her partner's winner to play a diamond the ruff and discard would again give declarer her tenth trick. The best she could do was ruff and lead a club, but Rauscheid could take her fractional extra chance and put in the ♣8. Bingo! The extra chance had come in for a tenth trick.



The Editor with Jean-Paul Meyer, IBPA Executive Vice-President, at the Editor's birthday party in Paris.

All Stars retain Lederer for 4th consecutive time

Young Chelsea Bridge Club, London, 10-11th November 2001

The Lederer Memorial Trophy is an invitational team event run by the London Metropolitan BA in memory of a pioneer of organised bridge in London Richard Lederer, and his son Anthony. Rhoda Lederer was a former IBPA Editor.

This year the All Stars won for the fourth consecutive year, even without their star player Zia Mahmood. The Irish had a spectacular last two matches and rose to second place, just pipping the President's Team, who returned to form after a couple of quiet years, being overnight leaders.

Final Results	Score
1 All Stars Robert Sheehan, Andrew Robson, Gunnar Hallberg, Colin Simpson	240
2 Ireland Tom Hanlon, John Carroll, Pat Walshe, Niall Tobin, Adam Mesbur, Nick Fitzgibbon	228
3 Presidents's Team (Bernard Teltscher, Tony Priday, Willie Coyle, John Matheson, David Edwin, Geoffrey Breskal)	226
4 Tollemache	214
5 North of England	205
6 London	193
7 Juniors	184
8 Young Chelsea	179

Best Played Hand

Ben Handley-Pritchard of the Juniors

Match 1 Board 9; Dealer: West; East-West Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Probst</i>	<i>Fawcett</i>	<i>B H-P</i>	<i>Liggins</i>
2♦	Pass	4♦	
Dble	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♣	All Pass

North's 2♦ showed a weak single-suiter, hearts or diamonds. South's 4♦ was pre-emptive in partner's suit. West's doubles were value showing.

The effect of the N/S gadgetry was to keep E/W out of the normal, but doomed, 3NT. Instead Ben Handley-Pritchard declared 5♣ as East. The heart lead was won by the ace. Declarer ruffed a heart and ran the queen of clubs. This lost and North returned a club. Declarer drew the last trump and played ♦10, run to North's queen. North exited with a third heart, ruffed by declarer. East finessed ♠Q, cashed the ace, returned to ♦K, and ran the rest of trumps to squeeze South in diamonds and spades.

Best Bid Hand

Jon Cooke & Martin Garvey, Tollemache Winners

Match 3 Board 1; Dealer: North; Love all

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Cooke</i>		<i>Garvey</i>
INT	3♥	4♥	
Dble	Redble	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Jon Cooke & Martin Garvey were the only pair to bid this grand slam. INT was 15-17. Over the pre-emptive 3♥, 3♠ by South was non-forcing and the hand was far too good for 4♠, so South temporised with a game-force of 4♥. Cooke's redouble showed ♥A, and Garvey, unwilling just to bid 4♠, forced again. North showed his suit, and South corrected to 6♠. When Garvey revealed that he intended to play in spades all along, Cooke appreciated that his three aces, and three trumps were worth a raise to seven.

The play presented no problem, even on a diamond lead. One diamond went on ♥A, and the other on the fifth club after declarer had ruffed out the suit.

(IBPA Editor: On a diamond lead the 1-1 trump break provides the needed two entries to dummy.)

Best Defended Hand

Joe Fawcett & Ian Payn, London and

Colin Simpson & Robert Sheehan, All Stars

Match 7 Bd 26; Dealer: East; Both Vul.

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

London v. North of England

West	North	East	South
Payn		Fawcett	
1♠	2♠	1♥	Pass
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

An identical defence was achieved by the two named pairs against North's spade contract. (IBPA Editor: No doubt, at some tables E/W failed in 4♥, though 3NT makes when the diamonds come in.)

East led ♦K, holding, and a low diamond to the jack and ace. North exited with a diamond. East won and played ♠10 to North's ace. Declarer exited with ♠7, and West won to switch to ♣Q. When North erred by covering, East won and was careful to exit with a diamond, leaving North to lose a further trump and two more clubs. The penalty was 500.

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How many trump losers?

By Villy Dam – (Denmark)

In the "Casino Royal Aarhus Championship" (Aarhus is the second largest town in Denmark) the participants met this rather outstanding deal:

Dealer: South	♠ K		
Vuln.: None	♥ Q J		
	♦ A Q 10 6 5		
	♣ Q J 10 9 4		
	♠ 9 8 3		♠ Q 10
	♥ 10 6 5		♥ A K 9 7 2
	♦ K 8 2		♦ J 7 4
	♣ K 7 3 2		♣ 8 6 5
	♠ A J 7 6 5 4 2		
	♥ 8 4 3		
	♦ 9 3		
	♣ A		

South and North bid unopposed:

1♠-2♦-2♠-3♣-3♠-4♠-Pass Lead: ♥6.

In 4♠ do you back declarer or the defence? In particular, how many tricks will the defenders make with their trumps?

At most tables the defenders started the battle by cashing two hearts, then playing a third round of the suit. At least one Declarer, Danish International, Steen Schou, trumped with dummy's King of spades thereafter reaching his hand with ♣A to play Ace and another trump. After winning the Queen of trumps East led another heart to promote the ♠9 for his partner. One down.

Let us follow Morten Stege declaring and making the same contract. He simply let West hold the third trick with the 10 of hearts. Now the defence was outgunned, thanks to the friendly lie of the ♠Q and ♦K. No trump losers – only three heart losers!

Now we'll take a trip to a third table to see Morten Bilde as West defend the same 4♠ contract. At the second trick he unblocked ♥10, not an obvious move, as declarer could have had the ♥9. From now on the contract was unmakeable! East put the ♥9 on the table. To avoid the fate of our first-mentioned declarer South would have to let East hold this trick, but now a fourth round of hearts could sink the ship, whether South trumped low or with the jack.

It seemed to the audience that Morten Bilde had no trouble at all finding the fine defence of unblocking the ♥10. Evil tongues whispered that his unblocking play was due to the pair playing middle-up-down!

