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**Editorial**

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The United States Bridge Federation (USBF) has decided that its teams will not contest the Olympiad or any other event held in Istanbul. The USBF is the mechanism by which the ACBL and ABA declare the US representatives for the WBF's championships. The reason given is the US State Department's warning to American citizens about travel to Turkey. The message below is taken directly from the USBF website at [www.usbf.org](http://www.usbf.org).

**A MESSAGE FROM THE USBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Recent Action Regarding Istanbul**

In response to information received in a letter dated February 7, 2004, from WBF President José Damiani reconfirming Istanbul, Turkey, as the site of the 2004 WBF World Team Olympiad, we surveyed the USBF Membership and the ACBL BoD concerning our possible participation in the Championship. The memo inquired to what extent the USBF BoD should heed an adverse US Travel Warning Advisory - as well as what other issues the USBF BoD should consider in making its determination on Istanbul.

Given:

- The overwhelming position indicated by the membership response;
- The severity of the State Department Travel Advisory Warning;
- Additional warnings issued by private security firms; and,
- The overlap of the US Presidential Elections with the second week of the Olympiad,

the USBF BoD has decided not to send US teams to Istanbul, and to pursue assisting the WBF with efforts to relocate the Olympiad.

Following is the text of the travel warning issued by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, on November 20, 2003, and current as of March 9, 2004.

This Travel Warning is being issued to alert U.S. citizens to security concerns in Turkey. In light of the recent terrorist bombings, the Department of State recommends US citizens defer non-essential travel to Turkey. The Embassy in Ankara and Consulates in Istanbul, Adana, and Izmir remain open to provide services to American citizens. The potential for violence and terrorist actions against U.S. citizens and interests continues. (These) incidents represent a significant change from prior attacks in Turkey, which have previously involved small-scale, random bombings and small numbers of casualties. The investigations of the recent incidents in Istanbul remain in their initial stages and it is currently unclear which group is responsible for these actions.

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The USBF goes on to cite efforts by the ACBL to work with the WBF to relocate the Championships, the effect this decision will have on Turkey, the US Team Trials, and so on.

It is evident that the decision was by no means unanimous among American players: Bobby Wolff, Tobi Sokolow, Larry Cohen, Adam Wildavsky, Richard Freeman, Sue Picus and Hugh Ross, to name a few, argued strongly against this position. Supporting the USBF's decision not to go to Turkey was an equally strong cast of characters: Bob Hamman, Howard Weinstein, Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel, Chip Martel, Rose Meltzer, Gail Greenberg and Lew Stansby.

It is difficult to imagine any World Bridge Championships without the Americans. Similarly, it was difficult (until Moscow in 1980) to imagine an Olympics without them. However, the Olympics survived and so will the World Bridge Championships. Fifty years from now, it will be the medal winners who will be remembered, not those who failed to take part. Indeed, *some* Americans will go to Istanbul in any case: for example, the ACBL's representatives to the WBF and other officials such

as Vugraph Commentators and Daily Bulletin Editors. It will be the *players* who will be absent.

Richard Freeman made a telling point: "I have no problem at all with Istanbul. After last November, it should be safer than the US." Indeed, after the Oklahoma City bombing, the September 9, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Washington, DC, and Ohio Turnpike sniper attacks, the Unabomber and Columbine, it could be argued the US Department of State should issue a travel warning to US citizens about avoiding unnecessary travel in the USA.

Perhaps the players winning their respective Trials could have been offered the opportunity to accept or reject the trip to Turkey, although that could have caused difficulty if there was disagreement within a particular team. In any case, there was no easy solution for the USBF.

We have also been informed that at least one European nation is attempting to gain support from the others for moving the event to either Estoril or Verona, the next two venues for World Championships. At the moment the ball seems to be in the Americans' court, but it may soon be volleyed to the WBF's side.



## ATTENTION IBPA MEMBERS ! THE 47<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEANS

### Registration

If attending the European Championship or Bridge Festival as a journalist (or just as a spectator), register by 15th May to [www.bridgefestival.net](http://www.bridgefestival.net). Register as Press even if you are also a player or official, but when registering say you are a player as well. Badges will be pre-printed and each badge will show the various categories.

IBPA will check the list of those registering as Press and inform the Swedish Bridge Federation if any are not paid-up IBPA members. Pre-registered persons can obtain their badge at the Hospitality Desk next to the sole entry point to the Massan Centre, but otherwise there will be no entry to the premises without a badge.

### The Press Room

The Press Room is adjacent to the Vugraph Theatre in the Massan Centre. There will be no entry to the Press Room for people who are not IBPA members. The Press Room will have 10 computers and 6 connections for personal computers, all with access to the Internet. The Press Room Manager will be Jan Swaan of the Netherlands (Elly Ducheyne's brother). The other Press Room staff member will be Anders Wirgren of Sweden. Some Internet access points will be available on Sunday morning July 4, the day AFTER the Closing Ceremony.

Several thousand people attending the European Championships and Swedish Bridge Festival who are NOT IBPA members will have a further 10 Internet access points in the public area of the Centre.

### Press Room Phone Numbers

Press Room telephone numbers will be e-mailed to all members shortly before the championships.

### IBPA Outing

This will be on Thursday June 24 to Copenhagen, sponsored by Carlsberg Breweries. The outing will include lunch and return in time for the last match of the day. If the maximum number of teams competes in the Open series there will be three matches that day, but if there is a smaller entry there will be fewer matches that day.

### IBPA European Journalist Pairs for the Rona Trophy

It is expected that this will be a single session event early in the second week of the Championships. Details will be announced later.

### Arrival in Malmö

There will be no transfer facilities on arrival. If arriving at Copenhagen Airport you are advised to take a train (cost about 11 Euro) to Malmö Central. Trains are frequent (every 20 minutes) and the journey takes about 20 minutes. The Massan Centre is located in the docks area (the opposite side of the Station from the Town Centre) and is a good 15 minute walk from the Station. In Malmö, only green bus no. 15 goes to the Massan Centre. There is ample parking at the Massan Centre, but parking in the city is not easy.

## AUSTRALIA'S 2004 SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE, January 14-26, 2004

By Tim Bourke, Canberra

(Consider this as Tim's 1-2 punch: tournament report plus IBPA Column Service.)

The Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra, superbly organised by John Scudder, and beginning in mid-January, is the premier event on the Australian calendar as well as one of the great events in the world of bridge. It has open, women's, mixed and senior teams championships as well as a variety of pairs events.

Also, a few days before it begins the Youth players of Australia also trek to our national capital for their major competitions of the year. This was perhaps the big deal of these events:

### 265. Dealer South. EW Vul.

<p>♠ 6 ♥ A 8 7 4 ♦ K 7 6 3 ♣ K J 8 5</p> <p>♠ Q 10 5 3 ♥ K 10 6 2 ♦ 10 9 5 ♣ 7 3</p> <p>♠ A K J 9 8 7 4 ♥ — ♦ A Q 4 2 ♣ A 2</p>	<p>♠ 2 ♥ Q J 9 5 3 ♦ J 8 ♣ 10 9 6 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
—	Geromboux	—	Ware
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	5 NT
Pass	7 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

After Gremoboux raised two diamonds to three, Ware launched into an enthusiastic exclusion Blackwood. He found one key card outside of hearts and then issued a grand slam invitation with five no trumps. As the three diamond bid was not forcing, Geromboux judged he had more than enough to accept and bid seven diamonds.

West led a heart, taken by dummy's ace, while a spade was discarded from hand. Ware, the medal winner last year in fourth year honours mathematics at the Australian National University, proceeded to show that analytic prowess is not his only talent. He cashed the ace and king of trumps, breathing a sigh of relief when all followed, then played a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade. If spades had been three-two, he would have been able to claim thirteen tricks immediately. However, when East discarded he was still alive (unless his RHO was playing a deep game). He returned to hand with the ace of clubs and ruffed another spade, setting up the suit. A heart ruff back to hand allowed him to draw the last trump with the queen then place the king of spades on the table, felling North's queen, and claimed his contract.

This was a big swing as the pair at the other table stopped in the spade game. It would have been an even bigger swing in most matches for the majority of pairs bid to six spades, failing by one trick.

The major events of the first week of the Festival of Bridge were the National Seniors Teams and the National Women's Teams. As I acted as house manager for my wife and three of her team members staying with us, I don't recall much of the bridge. However, this deal from the Seniors final caught my eye:

### 266. Dealer North. Both Vul.

<p>♠ J 10 6 ♥ A 10 9 3 ♦ A 8 5 3 ♣ Q 3</p> <p>♠ A ♥ 8 7 ♦ K Q 9 7 4 2 ♣ K 10 8 7</p> <p>♠ Q 8 4 ♥ K J 6 5 4 2 ♦ J 10 ♣ A J</p>	<p>♠ K 9 7 5 3 2 ♥ Q ♦ 6 ♣ 9 6 5 4 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
—	Seres	—	Nagy
Pass	Pass	2 ♦	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

After the European multi two diamond opening, Zoli Nagy decided to believe that East had spades and bid his hearts. Seres raised to game and West led the spade ace then shifted to the king of diamonds, taken by dummy's ace.

Nagy drew trumps with the king and ace, then led a low diamond from dummy to the jack. When West took this with the queen, he was endplayed to give Zoli his tenth trick on any return.

The defence of shifting to the king of diamonds at trick two was a lame effort. Suppose West plays a low diamond instead. There is little chance that declarer will run this to his hand. He will surely rise with the ace, draw trumps and rely on the club finesse. Further, West's king of diamonds would have cost the contract if his partner had held a singleton jack, leaving declarer with ten-small.

This was a major swing. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Klinger	—	Neill	—
4 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass

The opening bid promised a preemptive five-five with clubs, making a three heart overcall less attractive and allowing Klinger to buy the hand and make ten tricks. However, despite these 13 IMPs the **Klinger** team lost to **Noble** by 2 IMPs.

This deal was from the Women's final:

267. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

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

♠ A Q 10 9 6 5 2  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ Q 9 4  
 ♣ Q 2

West	North	East	South
	Lusk		Tully
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the three of diamonds, ducked to East's king. At the table East now tried the jack of clubs and Tully had no problems after the queen held.

It struck me that a trump shift might work for it would be easy to be careless and play low. Then West wins and shifts to a club - down one. So declarer must rise with the ace and lead the five of hearts - perhaps not so amusing if it turned out that East had king-eight-seven-four-three of spades, I suppose.

This proved to be a major swing to the Bourke team as the other table stopped in three spades.

This deal from the quarterfinals caused a great deal of discussion:

268. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
R Oshlag	Del'Monte	M Oshlag	Fruewirth
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Fruewirth bid four diamonds (keycard) over three diamonds. After the four spade response (one key card) he asked for the queen of diamonds with four no trumps, and five diamonds promised it.

Another of my teammates, Richard Oshlag, led the jack of trumps, taken by declarer with dummy's ace to lead a club. West won the ace and continued with the five of trumps. Rob Fruewirth took this with dummy's queen, noting that East's discard robbed him of twelve certain tricks. The only thing he could do was to play his major suit aces, ruff a club and then cash the spade king and the heart king and queen.

Richard Oshlag followed to the former with the queen of spades and the latter with the jack and ten of hearts. Fruewirth could make his contract by ruffing a heart but as the chance of West holding four hearts was far less than the chance of him holding three or more spades, he went with the odds and ruffed a spade. However, he was one down when Richard overruffed with the ten of diamonds.

Ron Klinger argued that this was not the best line as it pretty much relies on hearts being four-three when trumps are three-one. He believes that instead, declarer should win the trump lead in hand with king and cash the major suit aces. Next comes a diamond to dummy's queen. If trumps were two-two, South has twelve tricks. However, once West has three trumps, this is no longer possible. So declarer ruffs a heart, crosses back to dummy with the ace of trumps and throws four club losers away on the spade king and the heart king, queen, and nine to make twelve tricks.

What are the odds? Well, on the lead of the jack of trumps, one can assume West has two or three diamonds. (Who would lead a singleton jack of trumps?) Also, as few would make such a dangerous lead from jack-small, we can assume West has jack, ten alone or jack, ten, small. Then, the line Klinger suggests is the slight favourite - by 1%. On other leads, the odds in favour of Klinger's line drop to about 0.5%. Too close to call!

This was a hand from our losing semi-final match against the eventual winners, the Walyuan team from Indonesia:

269. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ K  
 ♥ A K J 4  
 ♦ K 8 7 5 3 2  
 ♣ J 4

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

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	Pass
3 ♣	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the six of clubs, which was not an immediately fatal move. Declarer rose with the jack and called for a low diamond from table. West took the ten of diamonds with the jack and made the seemingly obvious shift to the ten of spades. After winning with dummy's king, perforce, declarer played the king of diamonds, hoping that either diamonds were 3-3 or there was a doubleton jack, nine or queen, jack

originally. East took his ace of diamonds and had no winning option.

When he tried a spade, South took the ace, crossed to the king of hearts and led a diamond. When East won with the queen and West followed with the nine, declarer had three diamonds, a club, two spades and two hearts for eight certain tricks. As East only had major suit cards remaining, a ninth would come no matter which major suit was played.

The reason West needed to shift to the nine of hearts when in on the jack of diamonds was that it disrupts communications. Declarer wins with the ace and again plays a diamond. East takes the ace and queen of diamonds and exits with a transportation-cutting spade. Declarer has the choice of winning with the dummy's king then losing a heart and a late club or taking the ace and queen of spades and losing two tricks at the end.

In the other room South bid three spades over three diamonds and eventually played in four no trumps doubled, down two on the deadly lead of the nine of hearts (East doubled four hearts when North bid it over three spades).

This was another swing to our team in the semi-final that had some interest:

**270. Dealer South. Both Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
—	Smith	—	Bourke
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	5 NT	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	7 ♦

David's jump shift was fit showing and after I revealed two key cards plus the queen of diamonds, his five no trumps was a general grand slam try. I accepted primarily because I held the heart king.

West led the six of spades. I won the ace and noted that I had four tops outside of trumps. Alas, the diamond pips in my hand made a cross ruff plan too dangerous to seriously contemplate. A better plan was to try and set up the hearts. So I cashed the heart king and led a low trump to the ten. The heart ace (an unnecessary risk – Ed.) followed by another heart revealed the four-two heart break. Next I led another trump to dummy. When both opponents followed I could claim the rest by setting up

the hearts with a ruff, crossing back to dummy with a club ruff and ruffing a spade, making dummy high.

If trumps had been three-one, I would have needed the club finesse so the overall chance of success was in the low 70 percent range.

Finally let me say something about our opponents, who won this match by 8 imps. My team played 20 boards against them in the preliminary rounds of the South West Pacific Teams (SWPT) and a further 64 boards in a losing semi-final of the National Open Teams. We believe it should be recorded that all members of the Indonesian team displayed wonderful sportsmanship. They all played a fair, fast and no-nonsense game. This made it a distinct pleasure to play against all members of the team, despite losing to them. They are wonderful ambassadors for their country and our game. Indeed, a good many experts could learn from them that nice guys can finish first.

The results:

**National Open Teams**

- 1 Ferdy Waluyan; Giovanni Watulingas; Julius George; Jeldy Tontey; Madja Bakara; Bert Polli
- 2 Paul Marston; Matthew Thomson; Gabi Lorentz; Stephen Burgess; John Lester; Ashley Bach
- 3= Matthew McManus; Sartaj Hans; Michael Ware; Khokan Bagshi; Avi Kanetkar
- 3= Tim Bourke; Margaret Bourke; Arjuna De Livera; David Smith; Richard Oshlag; Mary Oshlag

**National Women's Teams**

- 1 Margaret Bourke; Meredith Woods; Felicity Beale; Diana Smart; Sue Lusk; Therese Tully
- 2 Val Cummings; Candice Feitelson; Alida Clark; Jan Cormack; Jillian Hay; Linda Stern

**National Seniors Teams**

- 1 George Bilski; Barry Noble; Chris Hughes; Wally Malaczynski; Apolinary Kowalski; Mirek Milaszewski
- 2 Ron Klinger; Bruce Neill; John Lester; Gabi Lorentz; Zolly Nagy; Tim Seres

**Australian Open Pairs**

- 1 Sartaj Hans; Michael Ware

**Australian Swiss Pairs**

- 1 David Lilley; George Smolanko

**Australian Mixed Pairs**

- 1 Terry Strong; Janeen Soloman

**Australian Men's Pairs**

- 1 Paul Gosney; Niek Brink

**Stop Press !!**

**Travel to Turkey OK'd by U.S. State Dept.**

The U.S. State Department lifted its travel advisory to Turkey on Tuesday, March 23, reversing a policy that had encouraged U.S. citizens to defer non-essential travel to that country. The advisory played a role in the decision of the USBF Board of Directors to vote earlier this month to decline to send any U.S. teams to the World Teams Olympiad in Istanbul later this year. Reconsideration of that decision will be on the agenda for the USBF Board of Directors meeting on May 3.

## The 9<sup>th</sup> NEC Festival, Yokohama, February 9-15, 2004

# NEC

By Eric Kokish, Toronto  
Richard Colker, Wheaton, MD  
Pietro Campanile, Tel-Aviv  
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The impeccably-run NEC Bridge Festival is a welcome fixture on the bridge calendar, providing a top-flight event for those fortunate enough to be invited. This year, the morning line favourites for the flagship event, the NEC Cup, were a Polish-Russian quartet who had experienced much glory as pairs, and some previous combined success – Cezary Balicki (Wroclaw) - Adam Zmudzinski (Katowice) and Alexander Petrunin (St. Petersburg) - Andrei Gromov (Moscow).

Nevertheless, there were fiercely competitive teams from Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, China, England, Iceland, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Taiwan and the USA who were not quite ready to concede the title and prize money without a fight. As in previous years, Pablo Lambardi was still being held Prisoner-of-War from the Falklands conflict, being forced to play with Brian Senior in the English team as penance for his side's losing the war. Sabine Auken had the pleasure of playing with Kerri Sanborn and the Molsons, Janice and Mark, on a combined USA/Germany (or was it USA/Denmark?) team.

As in previous years, the competitors were housed in the ultra-modern and luxurious Yokohama Grand Inter-Continental Hotel. Playing quarters were in the Pacifico Yokohama, an enormous but marvelous convention centre adjacent to the hotel. The best Daily Bulletins in the world of bridge (*IBPA Editor's opinion*) were, as usual, under the stewardship of Eric Kokish, abetted by Rich Colker and Pietro Campanile.

Eight 20-board Swiss matches would decide the eight qualifiers for the knockout phase. The top 26 teams were drawn randomly against the second 26 for the first round of the event.

### Match 1. China Women v. Gryffindor

#### Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

<p>♠ Q 7 ♥ Q 9 6 5 ♦ 5 2 ♣ K J 10 6 3</p> <p>♠ A K ♥ K J 10 7 4 3 ♦ Q J 10 ♣ Q 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 6 5 2 ♥ A 2 ♦ K 6 3 ♣ A 7 2</p> <p>♠ J 8 4 3 ♥ 8 ♦ A 9 8 7 4 ♣ 9 8 5</p>
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Both Wests declared four hearts, Dong after opening a strong club. Both North players led the five of diamonds, their best choice. Dummy followed low, and in the Open Room Wang won the ace to switch to the club nine. That allowed North to cash a club when she gained the lead with the trump queen, but declarer had no other losers: plus 620.

In the Closed Room, Banno found a stronger defense by withholding her diamond ace at trick one. Although Dong

could have succeeded at double dummy by passing the heart jack at trick two, this would be abnormal.

She played 'normally' with three rounds of trumps from the top. Sekiyama won the heart queen and returned her remaining diamond to obtain a third-round ruff. Banno had followed with the diamond seven to the first trick and returned the eight for the ruff, which put her black suits in accurate perspective, and Sekiyama duly exited with the seven of spades, leaving Dong with a club loser for one down: minus 100 and 12 IMPs.

Dong could have succeeded at single dummy by cashing the ace and king of spades when the adverse heart layout came to light. Then a heart honour to North's queen and a diamond to South's ace would give South an unpalatable choice. She could give her partner a diamond ruff, but then North, left with only clubs, would have to lead away from the king and erase the loser in that suit. Conversely, South could lead a club, but West could counter that stroke by putting up the queen and ducking the king, denying South a later entry to deal the diamond ruff to North.

### Match 2. Bulgaria v. Iceland

#### Board 14. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Anton	Stamatov	Sigurbjorn	Tsonchev
—	—	1 NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass
2 ♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
1. 9-12			
2. Stayman or Relay			
3. Scramble			

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karaivanov	Ingimarsson	Trendafilov	Einarsson
—	—	1 NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
1. 12-14			

Would you rather be in three no trumps or two spades with the East-West cards? Well, two spades looks okay, doesn't it? Not this time. Sigurbjorn covered the lead of the spade queen with the king and later misguessed hearts. He was forced in the long hand in diamonds for minus 50.

Meanwhile, things were going swimmingly for Trendafilov in three no trumps. When he ducked the lead of the spade queen, Ingimarsson made the expert play of the ace to return the four. Unfortunately for him, this time declarer had the nine and was able to build a second spade trick. After a diamond switch he needed only to guess the hearts correctly to make his game.

That *thoughtful* spade play paid a huge dividend as Trendafilov thought it consistent with North placing South with a sure entry for his spades. Accordingly, he led a heart to the king and the diamond continuation led to one down, minus 50. No swing.

#### Match 4. England/Argentina v. USA/Germany

“Three-peat, three-peat,” they were chanting in Buenos Aires and various counties in England (and perhaps in Ulster as well). Strange bedfellows, these adversaries in the Falklands War, but success at bridge covers a lot of historical slights. The first deal of this spectacle...

#### Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Callaghan	Auken	Armstrong	Sanborn
—	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♥
2 ♣ <sup>1</sup>	2 ♦ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	2 ♥
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
1. Diamonds			
2. Hearts			

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M. Molson	Senior	J. Molson	Lambardi
—	1 ♦	Double	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

There was a time when everyone opened the North hand, and that day may be dawning again as we speak. Whether this idea will be embraced as strongly as the pet rock, the beanie baby or the Tamagauchi remains to be seen, but the effect of Senior's opening bid and practical three-card raise was to propel his side to a playable game that was missed at the other table.

Had the defense started with four rounds of spades, even the resourceful Lambardi would have succumbed (if he ruffs with the seven, East can ruff diamonds high at every opportunity to promote a trump trick), but Mark Molson started

with the diamond king. Declarer won, finessed the club queen, cashed the ace, ruffed a club low, and led a diamond, East discarding a spade.

When Lambardi ruffed his last club with the queen of hearts, cashed the heart ace, and led another diamond, Janice did not have a winning countermove. If she ruffs, declarer discards a spade, and knows enough about the hand to ruff the third spade low; if she discards, declarer scores the seven of hearts directly. In practice, she discarded another spade: plus 420, a wonderful result for England.

Callaghan managed one off in three diamonds: minus 50 and 9 IMPs to the Falklands.

#### Match 5. Bulgaria v. Slam Dunk

#### Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shimizu	Stamatov	Miyakuni	Tsonchev
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♦
3 ♦	Pass <sup>1</sup>	3 ♥	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. I would like a diamond lead

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karaivanov	Hirata	Trendafilov	Chen
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♦
2 NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Good raise in spades

It is very tempting for South to bid on to five diamonds over four spades, especially if he hears any kind of promising noise from partner. Taking insurance is often an easy way out but here it could have cost a double-digit swing as the play in four spades is not at all straightforward.

One possible line is for declarer to try to slip by a heart to the king and endplay South holding a doubleton ace into giving him a ruff and discard to make the club loser disappear. An alternative and more likely plan would be to play a low club from hand, hoping for the suit to split three-three and thus to pitch a heart on the fourth club. That was actually the line followed by Trendafilov after he received a diamond lead, ruffed the continuation and drew trumps in two rounds.

Trendafilov carefully cashed one top club, noting the fall of the nine, and immediately played the club two from hand, taken by Chen with the jack, and leaving him with no option apart from playing the ace of hearts and a heart. Trendafilov's line would win whenever clubs were three-three but would also have the additional chance of squeezing North in hearts and clubs, which is actually what happened at the table. A very good declarer effort by the Bulgarian which saved the board after Tsonchev took the inevitable save in five diamonds on the strength of Stamatov's promise of diamond values.

**Match 6. Midori-Kane v. Canada**

**Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.**

<p>♠ K Q 10 6 ♥ 9 ♦ 10 8 6 4 ♣ A 9 8 5</p> <p>♠ A J 8 4 ♥ 8 3 ♦ Q 7 2 ♣ 10 6 4 2</p> <p>♠ 9 7 3 ♥ K J 10 5 4 2 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ 7</p>	<p>♠ 5 2 ♥ A Q 7 6 ♦ A K 9 ♣ K Q J 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
Sakamoto	Silver	Yamada	Carruthers
—	—	1 ♣	2 ♥
Double	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

The declarers who received a heart lead had an easy time in three no trumps. But it was a tough board for most declarers after a spade lead. Yuko Yamada, however, rose to the challenge and showed how the hand could be made after the lead of the spade three (yes, the nine works better for the defence).

Yamada made the key play of ducking the three in dummy and the spotlight was on Joe Silver. He knew the opening leader had three spades, but only if they were precisely the nine-seven-three would the six win the trick, so Silver played the ten. Yamada took the heart return with the ace, knocked out the ace of clubs, won the club return, cleared the clubs and cashed the diamonds ending in her hand.

Next she played a spade, covering South's card and North, wishing he had played the six at trick one, was now forced to give away the ninth trick in spades after cashing his fourth diamond.

**Match 7. Poland/Russia v. England/Argentina**

**Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.**

On the following deal (see top of next column), Cezary Balicki found himself in three no trumps from the East side on the lead of the spade ten to the queen and ace. At trick two, he played a club to the eight and ace. Would you now bet on declarer or the defenders? How about if we guaranteed that Balicki would take only two club tricks?

On general principles, it's usually right to back Balicki as declarer, and this deal will do nothing to change that opin-

ion. Please observe. After the normal club play (he couldn't afford to let North gain the lead), Balicki demonstrated that bad breaks mean nothing to a player with vision. He played ace of hearts, heart to the king, and a club, ducking South's queen. What can South do?

<p>♠ 3 ♥ A Q J 8 ♦ K 8 ♣ A K 10 6 3 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 6 4 ♥ 10 7 4 2 ♦ 10 7 6 5 3 ♣ —</p> <p>♠ A J 2 ♥ K 5 3 ♦ J 9 4 2 ♣ 7 5 4</p> <p>♠ K 10 9 7 5 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A Q ♣ Q J 9 8</p>
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At best, South can play diamond ace, diamond queen to delay the inevitable. Then, king of clubs and another club forces a spade return for the ninth trick. Pretty would be an understatement. Not you, Cezary – your declarer play.

**Swiss Qualifying Standings**

1. USA	154
2. Poland/Russia	151
3. Indonesia	150
4. Israel	147
5. Canada	144
6. USA/Germany	143
7. China Women	140
8. England/Argentina	136

Another 16 teams were within 15 Victory Points of England and could quite reasonably feel they were 'almost there'. The Conditions of Contest mandated that the Swiss winner would pick from the fourth through eighth placers for the quarterfinals. The USA chose the Chinese women, the Warsaw Pact picked Israel, and Indonesia chose USA/Germany, leaving the Imperialists to play the Colonists.

Another unique feature of the NEC Cup is the fact that the higher-ranking team in the Swiss has a half-IMP carryover against its opponent in the knockout matches. It's in effect a 'no ties policy.' Not a bad idea.

**Quarterfinals. Canada v. England/Argentina**

**Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Callaghan	Graves	Armstrong	Mittelman
—	—	—	1 ♠
1 ♠	2 ♥	4 ♥ <sup>1</sup>	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	6 ♠	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Splinter raise

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Carruthers	Senior	Silver	Lambardi
—	—	—	2 ♣
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	4 ♠	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Every once in a while a layout like this is generated, providing the gladiators with opportunities to defeat the lions.

That not every two-loser hand is a strong two-bid was illustrated by Mittelman, a graduate of the School of Hard Knocks who has learned through bitter experience that the opponents' spades always outbid his suits and that there is nothing more humiliating than opening two clubs and having to save against the opponents' vulnerable game or slam. Hence, a gentle one heart.

Allan Graves, a classmate of Mittelman's in the aforementioned institute, emulated his partner in trying to slow down the dangerous auction. Hence his gentle two hearts. Despite the Canadians' best efforts, Armstrong competed to six spades. Graves led a trump. Mittelman cashed the diamond ace when he won the ace of clubs, down 500.

If that result, thoroughly infused with tactics, deception and insurance as it was, was interesting, consider the sandbagging efforts of our man Silver, who walked the dog with minimum bids until the music stopped at six spades doubled. So what's all the excitement about? Watch.

By now I hope you can trust me (*Kokish*) to report only the truth. Here's what happened. Brian Senior appreciated that a heart lead was not only pointless but also potentially dangerous. Hoping to know more after seeing dummy and thinking it might be important to hold the lead, Brian made the expert lead of... the king of diamonds. Unfortunately for him, he was in no position to lead to trick two!

Pablo Lambardi, who had been bestowed with that privilege, was not keen to cash the club ace at the potential cost of a 300-point undertrick, and saw no pressing need to worry about dummy's diamonds. Accordingly, he decided to exit passively with a heart to force dummy.

John Carruthers, after picking his jaw up off the table, was pleased to accept that force, but was even more pleased to discard one of his four clubs. The other three went on dummy's diamonds after trumps were drawn and JC chalked up plus 1660. I am incapable of making up a story as good as this one (*I think you underestimate yourself, Kokes - Ed.*); 19 IMPs to Canada.

A tourniquet! A tourniquet! My kingdom for a tourniquet!

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Callaghan	Graves	Armstrong	Mittelman
Carruthers	Senior	Silver	Lambardi
—	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

It's fair to say that the East-West hands are not easy to bid, but how would you feel about never being able to mention diamonds in a natural sense facing a strong hand that might contain some support for the suit? Three no trumps is far from cold as declarer needs a ninth trick and both minor-suit finesses lose while the hearts break badly.

Graves led the diamond queen against Brian Callaghan, who cashed three tricks in that suit, discarding a spade and a club from dummy as North released a club. Four rounds of hearts followed, South discarding the spade four and the king. Declarer took the spade jack with dummy's ace and conceded the last heart to North, South discarding a club. Graves exited with a club but Callaghan played the ace and king, dropping the queen, for plus 430.

It started less well for Carruthers, who tried dummy's jack on the lead of the club five from Senior. Lambardi won the queen and returned a club. Declarer played four rounds of hearts, South discarding a spade and a club, and Carruthers ducked Senior's club continuation. Lambardi threw a diamond, then the spade king when Senior cashed the heart jack. The jack of spades knocked out the ace, but the count had been rectified for declarer, who cashed dummy's club ace to extract another diamond from South. When he led a diamond toward his hand, South was known to have only two diamonds remaining and almost certainly the spade queen. Therefore Carruthers played the ace, king of diamonds and claimed his game when the layout was as he envisioned it.

The Chinese women made their opponents regret picking them when they beat USA by 71 IMPs in their quarterfinal match. Israel did likewise to Poland/Russia, albeit in much more dramatic fashion, winning by 1/2 IMP. Indonesia survived a late rally to beat Molson and his collection of three of the world's best female players by 14 IMPs, thereby becoming the only quarterfinalist to triumph over the team they'd chosen to play. The Falklands adversaries nipped the Canadians by four. Indonesia would face Israel and England/

Argentina would play China Women in the semis. Who would have guessed?

**Semifinals. China v. England**  
**Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.**

♠ Q 9 4  
 ♥ Q 8  
 ♦ Q 8 7  
 ♣ K Q J 5 4

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Callaghan	Lu	Armstrong	Hou
—	—	1 NT	Pass
2 ♥ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Spades

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Senior	Yan	Lambar di
—	—	1 ♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
1.	Strong		

“Those who speak too much end up with flies in their mouths.” This Italian saying could easily serve as the caption for this board: the three heart call from Armstrong, ‘en passant,’ will come back to haunt him as Hou was dissuaded from leading her five-card heart suit. What on paper looked like a great plus position for England with the Chinese playing the contract from the ‘wrong side’ was thus cancelled out.

Without a heart lead, declarer’s task is considerably more difficult: Hou found the lead of the club ten and Armstrong ducked twice, took his ace on the third round, and played the heart ten, queen, ace. He continued with the diamond ace, hoping for something to happen and then ended up playing for a magic layout in spades with queen third onside. When that failed, Lu could collect all of her clubs and play a heart to Hou’s king. Declarer could not avoid losing another diamond for three down, minus 150.

Wang got the club king lead. Trusting Lambar di’s signal, she took the second round of clubs and started playing on hearts, Senior covering the ten. The fall of the eight on the second round meant that she could develop a third winner on power. South switched to a diamond to the queen and ace and declarer drove out the seven of hearts, South exiting with his last heart.

As Senior had discarded a diamond and followed to the king of diamonds, it appeared safe for declarer to play a third diamond to establish the long card in West. Wang took two spades, three hearts, three diamonds and the ace of clubs for plus 400 and a 10 IMP gain.

Neither semifinal had the excitement of the quarterfinal matches, three of which had been decided by a total of 19 IMPs. Israel and China Women would face each other in the final. Who would have guessed?

**Final. China Women v. Israel**  
**Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.**

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

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	D. Yadlin	Yan	I. Yadlin
—	—	1 NT	Pass
2 ♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Game forcing Stayman

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Barel	Lu	Campanile	Hou
—	—	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Yan received a spade lead against four hearts. She rose with the ace (not best), passed the nine of diamonds to Israel’s king, won the heart return in dummy and played a second diamond to the jack and ace. A heart to dummy now revealed the bad trump split and when she shifted back to spades her spade play at trick one came back to haunt her. Doron rose with the spade king and tabled a third round of trumps, leaving Yan a trick short. One down, minus 50.

Barel received a trump lead. He won in hand and played the diamond ten to the jack (not best), queen and king. Hou shifted to a spade and Barel ducked, won the spade return, and ruffed a spade. With the nine of diamonds an entry to ruff his fourth spade with the heart jack, Barel had the necessary communications to draw trumps and cross back to dummy with the ace of clubs to cash his last two diamonds. Losing only a spade and a diamond meant plus 450 and 11 IMPs to Israel.

China Women won the final 163-130, and with it the NEC Cup. Who would have guessed? Their bridge was practical, enterprising, and technically quite good. They are worthy winners of this great event.

## The 2004 Icelandair Open

By Stefan Gudjohnsen, Reykjavik



The 2004 Icelandair Open was held in the usual setting, with February storms raging outside while the bridge stars competed inside. As Zia was busy making babies, he declined the invitation to play, but many other stars accepted. To name a few, Mark Feldman and Sharon Osberg came from the States, Tony Forrester, Gunnar Hallberg and Justin Hackett came from England, Peter Fredin, Lars and Knut Blakset made the trip from Scandinavia, and a strong team from Bulgaria was present.

The Open Pairs was won by an Icelandic pair, Gudmundur Pall Arnarsson and Asmundur Palsson, the former being one of the world champions who won the Bermuda Bowl in 1991 and the latter a former international and the oldest player in the tournament. Second place was taken by Peter Fredin and Lars Blakset and then it was natives most of the way. Boye Brogeland and Simon Gillis were 9<sup>th</sup>, while Justin Hackett and Nick Sandquist took the last of the prize-winning places.

The Teams-of-Four was also a domestic victory, with a team spearheaded by three world champions and sponsored by a large building contractor, winning comfortably. Congratulations to Baldursson, Jorgensen, Thorlaksson, Armannsson, Hermannsson and Sverrisson. The foreign stars were unusually discreet and did not make any attempt to wrest the prize money from the natives.

Finally, a deal from the Open Pairs. It is well-known that the worst nightmare of all match point players is sitting with the bad cards, as the players holding the good cards have a much better chance of obtaining good scores. Arnarsson is one of Iceland's most imaginative players and sometimes creates an opportunity out of thin air. Take a look at this.

Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

The bidding was not very interesting: East-West got to four spades in four bids. Perceptive readers will soon see that due to the favourable lie in trumps and diamonds, it is easy to make six. However, Arnarsson spotted an opportunity to make declarer take a losing option.

North led the ace of hearts and declarer ruffed. He then played the eight of trumps, finessing the queen, with Arnarsson ducking smoothly. Declarer now spotted a chance to make

all the tricks if North held the trump king doubleton and South three diamonds to the king. He therefore led the jack of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. Next came nine of trumps and of course declarer was disappointed when the king didn't appear. But still the diamond ten could be with South, so he passed the nine.

Only now Arnarsson won with the king and played a third spade. North then won the diamond ten and five made was worth only 32 matchpoints out of a possible 132, so the winners collected 100 match points. Nicely done!

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## 1<sup>st</sup> White House International Top Teams, Utrecht

By Jan van Cleeff, Amsterdam

'The White House' derives its name from the playing facility situated amidst sports grounds near the former Olympic Stadium. It hosts several Amsterdam bridge clubs and will undergo extensive renovations in 2004, culminating in an elegant and spacious bridge centre for Amsterdam and surrounding area.

The White House International Top Teams has modeled itself after the successful Forbo, now defunct. For the inaugural event, 32 teams would battle in four seeded groups, playing each opponent in their group. The top four in each group would qualify for the 'A' final, the lower four for the 'B' final. About half the teams were invited internationalists, the other half were local Dutch teams.

### Final Standings

1. Russia/Poland (140) – Andrei Gromov, Alexander Petrunin, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki
2. Lavazza (129) – Maria-Teresa Lavazza, Guido Ferraro, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Massimo Lanzarotti, Andrea Buratti
3. Tennis Club Parioli Angelini (124) – Francesco Angelini, Antonio Sementa, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace, Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes

### The Collaboration

from Guido Ferraro, Torino

#### Match 3. Lavazza v. BCO 1

##### Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

	♠ A 10 8 7 5 3		
	♥ Q 10 9 7 3		
	♦ —		
	♣ 9 5		
♠ K 2		♠ 4	
♥ 6		♥ K J 8 4	
♦ K 10 8 7 6 4 3		♦ Q 9 2	
♣ A 7 6		♣ K J 8 3 2	
	♠ Q J 9 6		
	♥ A 5 2		
	♦ A J 5		
	♣ Q 10 4		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Buratti	Trouwborst	Ferraro	Doremans
—	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
3 ♦	4 ♦	4 ♥	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	5 ♣	Double
5 ♦	5 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Guido Ferraro: "This hand is an example of 'brilliant' defensive collaboration. It occurred when our Lavazza team met BCO 1, a hometown squad from Utrecht. Nico Doremans' immediate four spade bid gave me the opportunity to complete a double lead-directing sequence. Still, Andrea Buratti had to find a lead, but which?"

"Of course, East-West can collect their two club tricks right from the beginning, then wait for the setting trick in hearts. Buratti however, could not resist the temptation to lead his singleton heart. Declarer inserted the ten, I covered with the jack, and now the contract was made, since one club loser vanished on the diamond ace and the trump king was onside."

"I made a stupid mistake by covering the ten of hearts", Ferraro explained after the game was over. "If I had followed low, declarer would have had no chance at all, since he would have been stuck in dummy. Moreover, I could know for sure that the heart six was a singleton, because we play Polish leads: low from a doubleton. So I could be certain that South possessed three hearts and therefore always had to lose a heart, even if the first heart was ducked."

The final word from Guido: "Probably Andrea should try to cash his club ace first and wait for my signal. So you might call this a great collaboration by the defence."

### The Hot Line

By Rosalien Barendregt, Maassluis, Netherlands

#### Match 6. Lavazza v. Team Orange 2

##### Board 15. South Dealer. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Buratti	Verhees	Lanzarotto	Jansma
—	—	—	1 ♦
2 ♣	2 ♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4 ♥
4 ♠	5 ♥	5 ♠	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Takeout with four hearts

Verhees led a heart to Jansma's ace. He cashed the ace of diamonds and then reverted to hearts, ruffed by declarer. Buratti crossed to dummy with a diamond ruff and asked for the jack of spades. When Jansma followed with the nine, declared paused for a while.

All of a sudden music began to play: it was the ring tone of Andrea Buratti's mobile telephone. What exquisite timing! Buratti answered the phone and at the same time Jan Jansma shouted: "BOCCHIIII!!!"

Everybody broke down in laughter since Norberto Bocchi was a member of the Lavazza team, and was playing at the other table. Buratti gave the situation another few moments' thought and finally played the king. Of course, that fine play had nothing to do with the phone call. By the way, the result at the other table was the same.

# NEWS & VIEWS

## The Generali Masters



The 6<sup>th</sup> Generali World Masters Individual Championship will be held September 8-10, 2004 at the Veronafiore Conference Centre, Verona, Italy. Eighty of the top bridge players in the world, most of them the holder of at least one World, European, American or Asian title, will take part.

In the Women's event, a total of 28 women will compete. Invitations have been extended to the American World Champions together with leading women in the WBF Master Point Ranking and other great Champions from previous years.

In the Open series, where 52 players will participate, the Italian World Champions and top-ranked Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff have been invited to compete. Omar Sharif, one of the world's most famous and experienced bridge players has also been invited. In total, nearly 20 countries will be represented. Once the player list is complete, it will be published on the WBF website at [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org).

The event is sponsored by Generali, one of the top insurance companies in the world. The championships will offer US\$70,000 in prizes to the top place-getters. Prizes will go to 30<sup>th</sup> place in the Open Series (plus 8 special prizes) and to 15<sup>th</sup> place in the Women's Series (plus 6 special prizes).

For more information about this exciting and challenging event, please contact Mrs. Christine Francin on 33 1 53 23 03 15, or by email at [cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com)

## Inaugural Baltic Sea Championships

The 1<sup>st</sup> Baltic Sea Bridge Championship will be held in Latvia, in a lovely city by the sea – Ventspils - from August 13 until August 22, 2004. All Baltic Sea region countries are invited to participate in open, women's, senior and junior teams contests. Everyone is invited to participate in the Open Pairs Championship, which is open to all players regardless of nationality.

The championship is organized by the Bridge Support Foundation and supported by the Ventspils Government, and will be held at the Ventspils Olympic Centre in the city center. Chief Director of the Championship will be David Stevenson from Great Britain; Editor of the Daily

Bulletin will be Mark Horton. There is a guaranteed prize fund of 50,000.00 Euro, to be divided proportionally between teams and pairs events.

## Joe Musumeci (1921–2004)

Lt. Col. Joe Musumeci, former coach of the Dallas Aces bridge team and partner with Bobby Wolff in a syndicated bridge column, died Feb. 13 from complications resulting from a heart attack. He was 82.

Musumeci, who retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1960, was a partner with Wolff in a bridge club in San Antonio. Wolff left in 1968 to join the Aces, the team formed by Ira Corn. Musumeci followed six months later as coach, a move viewed as the key to the team's eventual success.

Wolff and Musumeci collaborated on the column, The Aces on Bridge, for more than 30 years. Musumeci and his wife, Lucy, lived in the Dallas suburb of Richardson. He also leaves two sons, Jimmy and Joey.

## Newest EBL Member

Slovakia, the newest member country of the European Bridge League, welcomed EBL officials and young players in a coordinated visit on February 20-22, 2004. The President of the EBL, Gianarrigo Rona, went to Bratislava in order to meet with Slovak Bridge Association (SBA) officials and discuss the prospects of bridge with Slovak government authorities. At the same time, the EBL Youth Committee had a series of meetings to discuss the European youth programme and plan future events.

The occasion was used for preparing the Slovak Junior Team for its first-ever European competition, next August in Prague. Junior teams from neighbouring countries Austria, Czech Republic and Hungary also went to Bratislava and participated in a 4-nation youth event.

## Seniors

Since people tend to live longer and longer, the WBF has decided to raise the age limit for Senior players – currently at 55 years. From 2005, the minimum age for a player to be recognized as 'senior' will increase one year each year, until it reaches 60 years. This means that in 2005 the minimum age will be 56 years; in 2006, 57 years; etc.; until 2009 when it will be stabilised at 60 years. The decision ensures that 55-year-olds who participated in a senior event in 2003 will never become ex-seniors!

## Junior Collegiate Championships

The Fifth Chair Foundation, in conjunction with OKBridge, has announced that the eighth annual Junior Collegiate Team Championship is to be held on the weekend of April 3-4, 2004. This annual event pits college and university bridge teams from around the world in online competition. To date, teams from the USA, Singapore and Turkey have enrolled.

## Computer Bridge

The 2004 World Computer-Bridge Championship will start on Tuesday, July 13, 2004, and end no

later than Sunday, July 18. The Event will take place at the American Contract Bridge League's summer North American Bridge Championships, New York City, U.S.A. The playing area will be at the Hilton New York.

## Hall of Fame

Peter Weichsel of California has been elected to the ACBL's Bridge Hall of Fame. Weichsel was an original member of the Precision Team which made a huge impact on US bridge in the 1970s. He has won two Bermuda Bowls with Alan Sontag, in 1983 and 2000, and more than a score of North American Championships with 14 different partners.

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## Correspondence (continued from page 15)

Everyone knows (or should) that the more money we spend to discourage young people from smoking, the more they smoke! So we must ask our Governments for funds to eliminate bridge as a potential addiction to our youth.

I bet that every elected government official knows an old person who is addicted to bridge. Do they want their grandchildren to grow up like that? I hope so.

Bruce Cook, Spokane, WA

### Dear John,

Some years ago Punch magazine ran a satirical "Letter from Uganda" in which Idi Amin purported to solve the Northern Ireland problem and the Middle East crisis with one stroke of the pen. The answer was simple. Tell the Irish about the lovely sunny climate of Palestine and move them all there. Then move the Palestinians to the open spaces and fertile fields of Ireland. That would stop all the fighting!

I was reminded of this by your Editorial in Bulletin 470 which to me appeared naive. Idealistically, there may be something in what you say, but you ignore the practicalities. Let me draw a few things to your attention:

1) Zone 7 may be small in terms of member countries but in total membership it is the third largest zone. In fact, with a membership approaching 50,000, it is, thanks to the efforts of the Australian Bridge Federation, one of the few zones that is growing. In addition, we like to think the Zone punches above its weight in its support of WBF championships, administration, etc. We would not like all this to pass by unnoticed.

2) Two places in the Bowl and the Cup are not automatic. Each Zone has to play in the Olympiad and to get the second place has to have a team finish in the top half.

3) Zone 6, which, incidentally, pre-dates the WBF, has made a conscious decision that it wants things to stay as they are. This is not just complacency. There are very good reasons connected to geography and distances.

4) Like a lot of people in the Northern Hemisphere, you have overlooked the distances involved in what you propose. (*Now you're getting personal! It is ironic that someone from New Zealand takes someone from Canada to task for overlooking distance. John, Canadians routinely travel 6000 km to play in our own championships. - Ed.*) It takes 12 hours to fly from New Zealand to Hong Kong or Singapore and 11 hours or so from Sydney to Tokyo. Zones 6 and 7 are spread over 8 time zones so that contestants cannot arrive one day and start play the next.

What we have at present is not ideal but it is not too bad a compromise.

Regards, John Wignall, Christchurch

### To the Editor:

Some of the things you can do with the free "Fantastic Deal Generator" are:

1. Pick up one or more hands and randomly deal the others.
2. Select the contract strain and level.
3. Keep a hand as a standard for other boards.
4. Exchange the hands (N to E, E to W, etc.)
5. Exchange cards between hands.
6. Display the total HCP or honour points of each hand.
7. See the boards at any time.
8. View the boards in a popup window. So, you can edit, annotate or save the boards.
9. Write and delete cards in hands. This allows you to practice double dummy plays.

You can find this free software at Section 10 of <http://www.bridge7.com>.

Yalcin Pekiner



## Correspondence ...

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**Dear John,**

I have read with great interest the recent exchange of views on Junior bridge, published in the editorial pages of the IBPA Bulletin. Here is my contribution:

Bridge is a mental sport and the Juniors do not play here the role they play in most physical sports. In skiing, for example, all the stars are young; the records are broken by young athletes; new techniques are tried by the young - so skiing, as a sport, depends almost exclusively on the young people. In bridge, none of the above is true: as a rule, the stars shine in their thirties, forties, and beyond; I hardly know of any prevailing technique or convention attributed to a Junior, and all great names are past the age of a Junior, with one or two exceptions. Juniors at bridge are a small minority - and this will never change owing to the cross-age character of our sport. In fact, we would be very glad if 10% of our membership could belong to the Junior category.

Bridge is, of course, very eager to attract young players. This is primarily due to two reasons. Junior bridge is an *investment* for the future; and through Juniors, bridge enhances its *image* with all positive repercussions this may have. Unlike most physical sports, bridge does not expect performance and technique benefits from the Juniors.

Whatever the reasons, bridge tries to gain a place in a young person's life. How can we succeed? As a sport, bridge offers competition - but so do all sports. However, bridge has a big advantage; this is its sociability. Especially among mental sports, bridge is unique in bringing the athletes together, not circumstantially but systematically. So when attempting to conquer the youth, the main arrow in our quiver must be the social element of bridge. Fun is an inherent part of sociability, and it is absurd to consider a pleasant atmosphere as a disadvantage.

The EBL and WBF are responsible for organizing European and World competitions. Today, top Juniors are privileged to enjoy official international championships organized under the best possible conditions. Barring luxury, Junior championships are second to none. They constitute one important part of our youth programme.

However, there are Juniors who do not belong to the top; they too are members of our organiza-

tions, and they too deserve our attention. In addition, these are the people who might drop out of bridge for the sake of other pastimes; therefore, we need to motivate them strongly to stay in bridge.

This is achieved with the other part of the youth programme, which consists of championships with a social character and Junior Camps. These are events which address *all* young players, not just the gifted ones. It is just wonderful that our top Juniors have no problem at all participating in events which involve lesser young players, and many of today's great players started their careers as shy participants in the Junior Camps.

If a certain event succeeds in attracting the young players, providing an incentive to stay under the umbrella of bridge, this is a good event, whether it has a high or a low technical merit. If a certain event succeeds in bringing the young players together, making them happy under bridge, this is a good event, whether it takes place in a city room or in the countryside. It is very much *because* we have campers that we have young bridge players.

One last word about finances. No project can be expected to bear fruit if it is not properly financed. Championships and Camps have expenses, and these are not diminished by our systematic effort to keep the cost to the young participants as low as possible. We should always remember that bridge organizations exist to offer services - not money - to their members. Populating bridge with young people is one of the best ways of serving our sport, as whatever we spend on the youth is a fertilizer in the roots of bridge.

Panos Gerontopoulos, Athens  
WBF Youth Committee Chairman

### **To the Editor:**

Nobody asked me, but, the best way to encourage young people to play bridge is to ban them from playing it! You could even make it illegal for anyone under 21 to own a deck of cards - then there would be more underground card clubs open up than espresso shops in Seattle.

The religious right would be ranting about the devils' tools and the liberals would be raving about the disparity of major and minor suits (shouldn't they be equal?).

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# World Bridge Calendar

DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
<b>2004</b>			
Apr 3-4	OKBridge Junior Championships	Online	<a href="http://www.okbridge.com">www.okbridge.com</a>
Apr 6-11	109 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Nationals	Toronto, ON, Canada	<a href="http://www.toronto-bridge.com">www.toronto-bridge.com</a>
Apr 9-10	Bridge Pro Tour	San Diego, CA	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Apr 20-26	19 <sup>th</sup> International Festival	Estoril, Portugal	<a href="mailto:np93je@mail.telepac.pt">np93je@mail.telepac.pt</a>
Apr 22-23	Bridge Pro Tour	Lake Geneva, WI	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Apr 23-24	Bridge Pro Tour	Miami, FL, USA	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Apr 23-25	Yeh Brothers Cup	Beijing, China	<a href="http://www.ccba.org.cn">www.ccba.org.cn</a>
Apr 30	Bridge Pro Tour	Cincinnati, OH	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
May 5-9	Cavendish Invitational Pairs & Teams	Las Vegas, NV	Bill Rosenbaum 1-212-725-2135
May 7-9	17 <sup>th</sup> OECS Championships	Anguilla	<a href="http://www.cacbf.com">www.cacbf.com</a>
May 8-16	61 <sup>st</sup> South of Ireland Congress	Killarney, Ireland	<a href="mailto:coolickcottage@hotmail.com">coolickcottage@hotmail.com</a>
May 14-27	55 <sup>th</sup> Antibes International Festival	Juan-les-Pins, France	<a href="http://www.bridgejuan.com">www.bridgejuan.com</a>
May 15-23	XVII Internacional de Costa Calida	Murcia, Spain	<a href="http://www.eurobridge.org">www.eurobridge.org</a>
May 16-22	3 <sup>rd</sup> Eilat Spring Festival	Eilat, Israel	<a href="http://www.bridge.co.il">www.bridge.co.il</a>
May 19-20	Bonn Nations Cup	Bonn, Germany	<a href="http://www.bridge-club-bonn.de">www.bridge-club-bonn.de</a>
May 25-Jun 1	USBF Women's Championships	Raleigh, NC	<a href="http://www.usbf.org">www.usbf.org</a>
May 27-28	Bridge Pro Tour	Cleveland, OH	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Jun 2	Bridge Pro Tour	Sacramento, CA	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Jun 4-5	WBF Worldwide Contest	Clubs Everywhere	<a href="http://www.ecatsbridge.com">www.ecatsbridge.com</a>
Jun 4-13	USBF Open Championships	Memphis, TN	<a href="http://www.usbf.org">www.usbf.org</a>
Jun 5-13	54 <sup>th</sup> Campeonato Sudamericano	São Paulo, Brasil	<a href="http://www.bridgeargentino.org.ar">www.bridgeargentino.org.ar</a>
Jun 7-13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Festival de Bridge Golf	Almeria, Spain	<a href="http://http://bridgegolf.com">http://bridgegolf.com</a>
Jun 17-19	Bridge Pro Tour	Penticton, BC, Canada	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Jun 19-Jul 3	47 <sup>th</sup> European Team Championships	Malmö, Sweden	<a href="http://www.bridgefestival.net">www.bridgefestival.net</a>
Jun 20-24	Chairman's Cup	Malmö, Sweden	<a href="http://www.bridgefestival.net">www.bridgefestival.net</a>
Jun 20-Jul 2	10 <sup>th</sup> Bridge Festival	Malmö, Sweden	<a href="http://www.bridgefestival.net">www.bridgefestival.net</a>
Jun 22-26	USBF Senior Championships	Las Vegas, NV	<a href="http://www.usbf.org">www.usbf.org</a>
Jun 24	Bridge Pro Tour	Cherry Hill, NJ	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Jun 29-Jul 11	19 <sup>th</sup> Biarritz International Festival	Biarritz, France	<a href="http://www.biarritz-bridge.com">www.biarritz-bridge.com</a>
Jul 1-2	Bridge Pro Tour	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Jul 8-18	ACBL Summer NABC	New York, NY	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
Jul 9-10	North American College Championship	New York, NY	<a href="http://http://web2.acbl.org/html/college.htm">http://web2.acbl.org/html/college.htm</a>
Jul 10-18	5 <sup>th</sup> Pacific Asia Bridge Congress	Taipei, Taiwan	<a href="http://www.ctcba.org.tw">www.ctcba.org.tw</a>
Jul 13-14	1 <sup>st</sup> Youth Challenge Cup	New York, NY	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
Jul 14-16	1 <sup>st</sup> World Junior Individual	New York, NY	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Jul 15-28	Mondial de Bridge de Deauville	Deauville, France	<a href="http://www.biarritz-bridge.com">www.biarritz-bridge.com</a>
Jul 16-17	Bridge Pro Tour	New York, NY	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Jul 17-24	World Junior Camp	Nyack, NY	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Jul 20-25	Women's Bridge Festival	Vienna, Austria	<a href="mailto:anna@ecats.co.uk">anna@ecats.co.uk</a>
Aug 1-7	36 <sup>th</sup> Wachauer Bridgewoche	Loiben, Austria	<a href="http://www.noe-bridgesportverband.at">www.noe-bridgesportverband.at</a>
Aug 1-11	19 <sup>th</sup> European Youth Teams	Prague, Czech Republic	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Aug 7-9	Pesta Sukan	Singapore	<a href="http://www.scba.org">www.scba.org</a>
Aug 10-15	Hong Kong Intercities	Hong Kong, China	<a href="mailto:isawc@cityu.edu.hk">isawc@cityu.edu.hk</a>
Aug 11-12	Bridge Pro Tour	Secaucus, NJ	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Aug 13-22	1 <sup>st</sup> Baltic Sea Championships	Ventspils, Latvia	<a href="http://www.balticbridge.lv">www.balticbridge.lv</a>
Aug 24-30	Mind Sports Olympiad	Manchester, UK	<a href="http://www.msoworld.com">www.msoworld.com</a>
Aug 26-27	Bridge Pro Tour	Santa Clara, CA	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Sep 2	Bridge Pro Tour	Pittsburgh, PA	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Sep 8-10	Generali Masters Individual	Verona, Italy	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Oct 8-10	3 <sup>rd</sup> European Champions Cup	Warsaw, Poland	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Oct 16-17	Lederer Memorial	London, England	<a href="mailto:simon@simonx.plus.com">simon@simonx.plus.com</a>
Oct 22	Bridge Pro Tour	Lake Geneva, WI	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Oct 23-Nov 6	12 <sup>th</sup> World Team Olympiad	Istanbul, Turkey	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Oct 24-30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Senior International Cup	Istanbul, Turkey	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Oct 31-Nov 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> World University Teams Cup	Istanbul, Turkey	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Nov 1-6	3 <sup>rd</sup> World Transnational Mixed Teams	Istanbul, Turkey	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Nov 5-7	Monte Carlo International Tournament	Monte Carlo, Monaco	<a href="mailto:jcaconseil@monaco377.com">jcaconseil@monaco377.com</a>
Nov 7-13	4 <sup>th</sup> International Festival	Cuba	<a href="http://www.cacbf.com">www.cacbf.com</a>
Nov 14-21	10 <sup>th</sup> Red Sea International Festival	Eilat, Israel	<a href="mailto:birmand@inter.net.il">birmand@inter.net.il</a>
Nov 18-28	ACBL Fall NABC	Orlando, FL	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
Nov 26-27	Bridge Pro Tour	Orlando, FL	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Nov 29 & Dec 1	European Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs in Europe	<a href="http://www.eblsims.org">www.eblsims.org</a>
Dec 10	Bridge Pro Tour	Indianapolis, IN	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Dec 16-18	Bridge Pro Tour	Palm Springs, CA	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>