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Editorial

The opinions expressed here are those of the editor, and do not necessarily represent those of the IBPA Executive or its members.

This year, we have five superb titles on the shortlist for "Master Point Press Book of the Year". As for last year, they are wide-ranging in their subject matter; we think all will appeal to IBPA members. They are:

- *Master Class, Lessons from the Bridge Table* by Fred Gitelman is a distillation of eight years of the author's "Deals of the Week" from his website Bridge Base Online. Many were played by Gitelman himself and all are interesting, with many personal touches. Gitelman is a jack-of-all-trades when it comes to bridge: player, coach, captain, author, programmer, website owner, businessman (although, unlike Jack, he seems to have mastered them all).
- *Building a Bidding System* by Roy Hughes is unique in bridge literature in that it is not a description of a particular bidding system, but rather an examination of the principles involved in constructing a bidding system. The author is a mathematician, computer programmer and classical pianist as well as a bridge player, and to these talents can now be added accomplished writer. What could have been a dry subject is brought to life by Hughes's excellent, conversational writing style. This is a book every serious partnership should examine.
- *The Principle of Restricted Talent and Other Bridge Stories* by Danny Kleinman and Nick Straguzzi is a collection of the authors' articles from *The Bridge World* and six new chapters, all featuring the bridge-playing computer Chthonic, whose scorn for humans, especially his programmer/keepers, knows no bounds. The withering sarcasm and invective Chthonic heaps on his human antagonists is very witty in this offbeat and delightful book. The bridge deals are exceptional, with some unusual twists and turns along the way.
- *I Fought the Law of Total Tricks* by Mike Lawrence and Anders Wirgren is an indictment of the Law of Total Tricks, or simply "The Law" as it has come to be known since Marty Bergen and Larry Cohen first publicised its principles and the ramifications of its application in the 1980's and 1990's. As is usual with Lawrence's books, this one is well-written, well-reasoned and highly readable. Wirgren's voice, wry and modest, is evident as well.
- *Modern Constructive Bidding* by Marshall Miles is an exposition of twenty-first century American constructive bidding methods. Miles has been writing excellent bridge books since "All Fifty-Two Cards" appeared in 1963. There are a lot of solid, common-sense principles and mainstream expert practice here. But there are a few wrinkles as well (it is Marshall Miles, after all): he offers a chapter on Precision, which in Miles' view, if played with Blue Team responses, is the best system yet developed; his help-suit slam tries do not mesh with common expert practice. As always, though, Miles' opinions are certainly worth considering.

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The Bank Indonesia Governor's Cup

Jakarta, 12-18 September 2005

Jos Jacobs, Amstelveen, Netherlands

(From the Daily Bulletins, with additional material by Nigel Rosendorff, Perth, WA & the IBPA editor.)

Twenty teams from the Netherlands, Australia, Chinese Taipei, Turkey, Denmark, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, Sweden, Germany, Thailand, Russia, Chinese Hong Kong, USA and Indonesia (six teams) were invited to the inaugural Bank Indonesia Governor's Cup, held in Jakarta in September, to compete for prize money worth US\$74,000.

Sweden's Anders Morath, Bengt-Erik Efraimsson, Johan Sylvan and PO Sundelin won the main event and collected \$30,000. Runners up Chinese Taipei (Yeh Cen, Patrick Huang, Jerry Huang, Shen Chin Kuo, Shih Juei-Yu and Chen Chi-Hua) won \$20,000. Third BNI Indonesia Seniors (Denny Sacul, Munawar Sawirudin, Budirahand, Henky Lasut, Eddie Manoppo and Amiruddin Jusuf) won \$10,000.

If there is a more gracious and friendly people than the Indonesians, the guests of the Bank Indonesia Governor's Cup are not aware of it. As hosts, they took every pain to ensure that their visitors were extremely well cared-for. Even the scores of bandit taxi drivers hoping for fares at Soekarno International Airport were unflinchingly polite.

It is difficult to reconcile this beautiful and diverse country with terrorist activity, but because of this reality, today's world requires extraordinary security when staging international events. The visitors were indeed conscientiously looked after by their hosts, and safety played a large part in this care. Security at the host hotel and the playing site (the Bank Indonesia complex in central Jakarta) was efficient and thorough, and included airport-type metal detection, inspection of all bags, and ensuring that identification badges were worn at all times - the players all accepted this scrutiny with good humour, with the realization that it was for their own safety. Additionally, all vehicles entering either site were inspected inside and out, including mirrors for the undercarriage.

The field was carefully seeded into two sections of ten teams each. There would be a three-day round robin of 9x20-board matches, with the top four in each group going through to direct knockout matches. It was like a mini Bermuda Bowl.

The Round Robin

In round 2, Poland met Russia.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gromov	Jagniewski	Dubin	Pazur
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	Double
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Double	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Gromov, West, led a low heart. East won the king and returned a diamond. Pazur won his king in hand, unblocked the clubs and led a diamond to the queen to leave East helpless. If he wins this, he has to open up spades and present declarer with an entry to dummy, if he ducks, the clubs will be cashed and a spade returned to mainly the same effect, with the help of the diamond tenace in dummy. Poland +430. At the table, East won the diamond ace and returned a spade.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Khven	Krupowicz	Khohlov
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	Double
1 ♥	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Here, North was declarer and East led a low diamond which ran to declarer's jack. Instead of unblocking the clubs first and playing along the same line as his Polish counterpart, Khohlov led a heart first. East won his king and played the diamond ace, spade ace and another spade. Left to his own resources, declarer could no longer manage the hand. The defence thus came to three hearts and two aces, as the heart ace-jack would score in the end. Poland +50 and 10 IMPs.

And next:

Board 17. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gromov	Jagniewski	Dubin	Pazur
—	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Gromov led a club, which cost both a trick and a tempo. Declarer won the nine in hand, finessed in diamonds successfully, unblocked the top clubs and led a heart up. This was the end of the defence on the actual layout: Poland +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Khven	Krupowicz	Khohlov
—	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Here, East led the diamond eight to the ten, king and ace and declarer led a heart to the jack which was allowed to hold! Declarer now crossed in clubs and led another heart, the ten losing to the queen. Lutostanski exited with his diamond to further disrupt declarer's transportation. When the clubs failed to break, one down was the deserved result to Poland after this fine defence. 10 IMPs to Poland.

Round 2. Denmark v USA

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bjarnarson	Carruthers	Askgaard	Weinstein
—	—	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

This is one of those deals where it is easy to see the winning play, double dummy, but not so easy at the table. Bjarnarson led the heart three and Weinstein faced a tough decision. Should he try to ruff a spade in dummy, or draw trumps? It was clear to him that if West held only one of the top three spade honours he would be able to ruff his third spade in dummy, East being unable to continue trumps. However, it was also clear that East would play a club when in with a spade honour, putting declarer to a guess he'd prefer to delay, even though, if he had to play clubs himself, no guess would be involved.

In any case, Weinstein won the trump and played off four more rounds. Again double-dummy, East must throw a spade honour, to keep from being end-played right now.

Naturally, neither the East defender nor declarer South could see this, and the position at the top of the next column was achieved. Weinstein now had the option of trying to drop the diamond jack, and if that failed, leading a club to the king. Instead, he played off all four diamonds, ruffing the last, and West threw a card each from clubs and spades.

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

With everyone down to two cards in each of the black suits, Weinstein simply played a spade to let the opponents break clubs for him. When East won the first spade and led the club ten, Weinstein guessed correctly by ducking, and the club king was his tenth trick. This was a scrambling par worthy of Seve Ballesteros.

Round 5. BNI 46 v USA

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Watulingas	Weinstein	Waluyan	Carruthers
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

South had a difficult choice of opening lead. Carruthers resolved it by leading the diamond nine, Rusinow. Ferdy Waluyan didn't like his chances much until the queen held in dummy. He played a heart to the five and jack, won the diamond continuation, and ruffed dummy's remaining diamond.

Waluyan then played off three rounds of clubs ending in the dummy before continuing with the next round of trumps. Carruthers took his two trump tricks, but then had to lead a spade from the queen, ducked to the jack for the game-going trick. BNI 46 +620. (*The Daily Bulletin* called this a 'double-dummy line'. — Ed.)

At the other table, Compton-Pszczola achieved a push when South led a spade against four hearts and Pepsi judged accurately to duck this to his jack.

Australia v Russia

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Courtney	Gromov	Wyer	Dubin
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Playing four-card majors, the Australian pair had no trouble in placing the declaration in the wrong hand, so they were quickly one down on the lead of the spade eight, covered all round. Russia +100. At the other table, the Russians found a better solution:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Khokhlov	Gue	Khven	Brown
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Gue also led the spade eight, covered all round, but this time it did not beat the contract. Declarer ducked a heart to South, ducked the spade return and just conceded two more hearts, finessing the diamonds in the process. Nine tricks, very well done by Russia.

In Round 6, a real defensive beauty occurred, reminiscent of Géza Ottlik's classic *Adventures in Card Play*.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

The bidding was easy enough: North opened one no trump and South raised to three. East leads a spade. You duck West's queen and win the continuation of the spade nine with the jack. A diamond goes to the ace and a heart to the king is taken by East, who clears the spades.

You play a diamond to the king and you concede a diamond:

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

Now, if West simply cashes his spade king, he will take away East's only safe discard on the jack of diamonds. Teramoto (for Japan, v BNI 46) thought about it for some time, but then found the winning play of a low club! Very well done and the only way to break the "fratricide squeeze" as Ottlik would have called it. Now, if North cashes the last diamond, East can throw his winning spade but there will be two more tricks for him in the rounded suits, enough to set the contract. If West does not play a club, declarer will be able to play on hearts to set up his ninth trick.

In the Poland v. Germany match, play started the same way, but when Krupowicz (East) was in with the heart ace, he immediately returned the suit. Declarer ducked this (winning it would have been better) and now West could clear the spades and cash the setting spade trick after being given his diamond queen. If declarer wins the second heart and concedes a diamond, it will be easy enough for East to see that he has to stick to two hearts and three clubs and thus throw all his spades as a consequence.

Phil Gue as West played perhaps the hand of the tournament against Germany in the round robin.

Australia v Germany

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

The German West played in four spades making 11 tricks. This was Phil Gue and Terry Brown's auction, playing Polish club.

West	North	East	South
Gue		Brown	
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

One no trump was a relay promising 6+ HCP, two spades showed a six-card suit, two no trump was a game-forcing relay. Three no trumps denied a singleton, five spades asked how good are your trumps and six spades said "good".

North led a low heart, dummy's queen winning. One possible line is to take two more hearts, pitch a club from dummy and plan to ruff out clubs, hoping that clubs split 3-3 and the diamond queen is an entry to the long clubs. Gue, however, had other ideas. He next led the five of spades from dummy to the queen and noted North's ten.

This looked like a singleton, and hence clubs were now more unlikely to break. At trick three he led the eight of diamonds from hand, North playing the ten and dummy winning with

the queen. Next Gue played the spade jack, overtaking, and ran all his trumps, coming down to this position:

<p>♠ — ♥ J ♦ A J ♣ K 9</p> <p>♠ — ♥ 10 ♦ K 9 ♣ Q 4</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ A K ♦ 7 ♣ A 10</p> <p>♠ — ♥ 9 ♦ 6 5 ♣ J 8</p>
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Next came two top hearts, Phil discarding the diamond nine and North the club nine. Reading the position accurately Phil cashed the ace of clubs dropping the now bare king to land his slam.

**Poland v Germany
Board 7. Dealer South Both Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Schroeder	Jagniewski	Marsal	Pazur
—	—	—	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The Daily Bulletin reported that when Dirk Schroeder led a trump to the king and ace, Pazur had to go one down. That this was false was shown at the table by Michael Courtney, who also received a trump lead. Courtney won, ruffed a heart, came to the ace of diamonds and ruffed another heart. Now ace and another club exhausted East of that suit. Trumps were drawn and the position was:

<p>♠ — ♥ — ♦ Q 5 3 ♣ 9 8</p> <p>♠ — ♥ A ♦ 9 7 ♣ K 7</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ K J ♦ K J 10 ♣ —</p> <p>♠ 8 ♥ Q 10 8 7 ♦ — ♣ —</p>
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Declarer has yet to lose a trick – he needs two more. Courtney simply exited with a heart, ruffed the diamond return and exited with another heart. East could win the diamond king but then had to give dummy the queen. Sadly for his side, Courtney had been in only *three spades*.

**Chinese Taipei v USA
Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Shih Juei-Yu	Pszczola	P.Huang	Compton
—	—	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

This went one down, but what happened to the spade suit?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Carruthers	Chen	Weinstein	Kuo
—	—	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♥	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led a trump, won in North. A heart was taken by East's ace and the jack of clubs returned to king and ace. West cashed the club queen and exited in clubs. Declarer next drew the last trumps and, realising that East must have the diamond king for his opening bid, played accordingly. Contract made, Chinese Taipei +620 and 9 IMPs.

The final round robin standings were:

Group A		
1	Netherlands	183
2	Turkey	153
3	Indonesia Open	150
4	Chinese Taipei	146
Group B		
1	Poland	189
2	Sweden	164
3	Australia	152
4	BNI Indonesia Seniors	151

The conditions of contest dictated that the group winners choose their quarterfinal opponents from between the third and fourth place finishers in the other group. Netherlands duly picked the Indonesia Seniors, for many years their Open team, and Poland chose Chinese Taipei, leaving Turkey to do

battle with Australia and Sweden to play the new Indonesia Open Team.

Quarterfinals

Poland v Chinese Taipei

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

<p>♠ 9 7 6 4 ♥ 7 3 ♦ A J 7 3 ♣ 9 6 3</p> <p>♠ J 8 ♥ A Q 9 6 ♦ K Q 10 9 4 ♣ 8 4</p>	<p>♠ A K Q 10 3 2 ♥ 8 ♦ 6 ♣ A Q 7 5 2</p>
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<p>♠ 5 ♥ K J 10 5 4 2 ♦ 8 5 2 ♣ K J 10</p>	
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Jagniewski guessed extremely well here:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pazur	Shih Juei-Yu	Jagniewski	P.Huang
—	—	1 ♠	2 ♥
3 NT	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

On a diamond lead, he inserted dummy's nine which lost to the jack. A club came back but declarer went up with the ace, cashed the spade ace and crossed to the spade jack in dummy. The diamond king was covered and ruffed, trumps were drawn, and with the help of the heart finesse declarer was able to pitch all his club losers on dummy's heart ace and good diamonds. Well done, Poland +1430.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pazur	Shih Jui Yu	Jagniewski	P.Huang
—	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Chinese Taipei stayed out of slam so their +430 looked a losing score, but...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kuo	Krupowicz	Chen	Lutostanski
—	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

When East led a trump, North, the declarer at this table, was in trouble. He took a reasonable shot by taking the finesse, but when a trump came back he thought he could no longer make the contract as there is no quick entry back to hand. Double dummy he might have won the return, cashed the spade ace, crossed to the heart king, ruffed a spade felling the king(!), ruffed a heart and thrown three clubs on the two remaining diamonds and the spade queen. As it was, Chinese Taipei recouped 10 IMPs.

The quarterfinal (40-board matches) results:

Chinese Taipei 71 – Poland 70	Australia 88 – Turkey 78
BNI Indonesia Seniors 93 – Netherlands 88	Sweden 104 – Indonesia Open 61

For the 60-board semifinal matches, Sweden would play BNI Indonesia Seniors and Australia, Chinese Taipei.

Semifinals

Chinese Taipei v Australia

Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rosendorff	J.Huang	Kanetkar	P.Huang
—	—	—	1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Rosendorff led a diamond, won in dummy, and declarer immediately played a heart to the ten, which held the trick. He then crossed to the king of spades and led another heart to West's queen. A club was returned to dummy's ace and a third heart cleared the suit. Nine tricks, Chinese Taipei +400. Setting up the hearts looks the proper way to play the hand as this plan works whenever one minor heart honour is

inside. If this initial plan fails, the spade finesse is still in reserve.

At the other table, declarer won the club lead in hand, crossed to the spade king and played a spade to the jack. When this lost to the queen, the defence was a tempo ahead. One down and 10 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.

Semifinal Results:

Sweden 118 – BNI Indonesia Seniors 104
Chinese Taipei 205 – Australia 136

Swiss Teams

The non-qualifiers from the Bank Indonesia Governor's Cup played a Swiss Teams (7x20 board matches), joined by about 30 Indonesian teams. The quarterfinal losers would also join the Swiss after one day (two matches), with a score equal to the average of the top four teams.

In Round 4 of the Swiss, Turkey met BNI 46.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
—	Atabey 1 ♦	Double	Yilmaz 1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

East led the ace of hearts and switched to a diamond. Declarer, Yalcin Atabey, won his jack and led a club. East won the king and persisted with diamonds, though a low spade at this point beats the contract. He was not to get a second chance: declarer won in hand, cashed his clubs and the diamonds ending in dummy. The position was:

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

East had to discard another spade on the fourth diamond. So when the spade two was led next, the defence had no answer. If West wins and returns a spade, declarer will make two more tricks in either major. If West ducks, East is helpless too. If he wins the jack and cashes the ace, dummy will get the last two hearts, if he wins the ace and exits with the jack, declarer will get two more spades. Well done for +400 and 7 IMPs; at the other table North/South scored +120 in one no trump.

Denmark v Turkey

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ 10 9 5 2 ♥ — ♦ J 9 8 ♣ A K 8 5 4 2</p> <p>♠ A Q 6 ♥ K 10 7 5 4 3 ♦ 3 ♣ Q J 3</p>	<p>♠ K 8 4 ♥ A 8 6 ♦ A K Q 7 6 2 ♣ 7</p> <p>♠ J 7 3 ♥ Q J 9 2 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ 10 9 6</p>
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Henrik Røn had a difficult task as West in five hearts (North bid two clubs after West's one heart opening, and East-West stopped the train in five hearts). The same contract went one down at the other table, but Henrik managed to make 11 tricks.

After the ace of clubs lead, he ruffed the club continuation, and the heart ace brought the bad news. Now he cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club and ruffed another diamond. The spades had to be divided nicely, so he took three spade tricks ending in dummy. With three cards left South and West had each three trumps. South ruffed the diamond lead from dummy with the heart jack, but Henrik ducked, and South had to surrender.

Poland triumphed in the ICBA President's Cup Swiss Teams, narrowly pipping USA. Marcin Krupowicz, Piotr Lutostanski, Rafł Jagniewski and Boguslaw Pazur were the form team. They won all their round robin matches by an average of 21 VPs, just losing the semi-final by 1 IMP, then won all their Swiss matches. USA were second in the Swiss and the Netherlands third.

The Final

Sweden v Chinese Taipei

Board 17. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
J.Huang	Morath	P.Huang	Efrainsson
—	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

As you can see, the defence have four tricks: three diamonds and the inevitable ace of trumps. How to get them all might be a problem...

Efrainsson hit upon as good a lead as any: the spade ace. Morath contributed the four, possibly suggesting a diamond switch, as Efrainsson could see that the two was missing. Next, he cashed the diamond ace, Morath encouraging with the three and Patrick Huang following suit with the eight! So the two was temporarily missing. Diamonds were continued, Morath winning the king and seeing the two appear from declarer's hand now. As Efrainsson had returned the fourth-best six it was clear to Morath now that there would be one more diamond to cash. Well done, Sweden +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Chen	Sundelin	Shih
—	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

PO also opened four spades and Shih led the diamond ace, getting the three from North and the eight from declarer. He too continued the six of diamonds, North winning the king and declarer following suit with the nine. North returned a trump to South's ace and what now?

The trump return might well have suggested that there was another cashable diamond trick, but when Shih tried to cash the club ace as the setting trick the hand was suddenly over. Sweden +420 and 10 IMPs.

Sweden had a relatively easy time of it in the final, dispatching Chinese Taipei 161-72 over the 60 boards. In a somewhat closer affair, BNI Indonesia Seniors defeated Australia in the playoff for third place, 120-108.

There were so many brilliant things about the 1st Bank Indonesia Governor's Cup that it is difficult to emphasize some to the exclusion of others. Nevertheless, the wonderful Liaison Officers, the cordiality of the Indonesian people, the enthusiastic sponsorship and the event organisation itself were truly magnificent. There was not a single player who would not eagerly return for the second installment.

Also of particular note to the participants was the "Bridge Goes to School" program, demonstrated at the Opening Ceremonies, in which Indonesian schoolchildren are taught bridge as part of the school curriculum. The program is just entering its third year, and to date, more than 26,000 elementary and high school students have learned bridge. Of these, more than 9000 are still actively involved in bridge. The program will serve as a model for any nation wishing to expand its bridge programme to young people. Information can be obtained from Arifin Halim at arifinhl@dnet.net.id

The 2005 Bank Indonesia Governor's Cup is truly a feather in the cap of GABSI, Bank Indonesia and the other sponsors (of which 12 were banks!) and the Organizing Committee.

Column Service

Tim Bourke, Canberra

(Members may use these deals as they wish, without attributing either the author or the IBPA.)

333. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West leads the jack of diamonds and declarer should try dummy's queen of diamonds. However, when East produces the king of diamonds, what should you do now?

You want to keep West out of the lead as you don't want a spade led through dummy's king; if you win the ace, when East wins the king of clubs he puts West on play with a diamond and takes two spade tricks on the inevitable shift.

The simple avoidance play of ducking the first diamond, to cut communications between the defensive hands, is the winning one, as East cannot play spades without reducing your losers there to one. After winning the diamond or trump return, you draw trumps, ending in hand, and then run the queen of clubs. It does not matter when East takes his king for no matter how he continues you only lose one spade trick.

334. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	6 ♦
Pass	7 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The two no trump response to the opening promised a forcing raise in hearts and South's jump rebid of four clubs promised a good five-card club suit. Cue bidding, and a little bit of partnership faith, soon saw South in a grand slam.

How should declarer play seven hearts when West leads the ten of clubs? Unless East ruffs the first club, declarer has twelve tricks. Also, when trumps are 2-2 or 3-1, declarer can discard one of dummy's diamonds on a club winner and ruff a club for his thirteenth trick.

When trumps are 4-0 South needs to find another approach to dispose of his diamond loser. While no squeeze can succeed, a dummy reversal will bring in an extra trick whenever declarer ruffs two spades in hand; he scores four trump tricks, two spade ruffs and seven winners in the minors. There is another trap on this layout; if declarer wins the club in hand then cashes a trump, only to discover that East has four, when he tries to use the queen of clubs as an entry to ruff a spade it will be East who ruffs for a one trick set.

By now you have seen that the only way to make the contract is for declarer to take the ten of clubs with dummy's queen and immediately ruff a spade. Next he plays the queen of trumps, a trump to dummy and takes a second spade ruff. He uses his last trump to cross to dummy and draw East's two remaining trumps, discarding the three of diamonds from hand.

335. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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♠ 9 6 5
♥ Q 7 5
♦ A J 10 7
♣ 7 4 2

♠ Q 8 2
♥ 9
♦ K 9 8 6
♣ 10 9 8 6 3

♠ J 7
♥ A K J 8 6 4 2
♦ 4
♣ Q J 5

♠ A K 10 4 3
♥ 10 3
♦ Q 5 3 2
♣ A K
  
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West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	3 ♥	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West leads the nine of hearts, taken by East's jack when declarer calls for a low card from dummy. After West discards a club on the ace of hearts, East plays the king of hearts next. How should you plan the play?

The best approach is to ruff low, with the three or four, hoping that West over-ruffs from a three-card holding. Suppose West over-ruffs with the eight and exits with the ten of clubs. You take this in hand with the ace and draw the remaining trumps with the ace and king.

Clearly it is best to play West for the king of diamonds. As usual, to gather more information before you tacking the diamonds, you cash the king of clubs. Once East follows, you know he began with either 2=7=1=3 or 2=7=2=2 shape. So the best play now is to lead the queen of diamonds, which West covers with the king. After winning this with dummy's

ace, and the four appears from East. The key move now is to ruff dummy's last club low.

When East follows to this trick, you know that he started with a singleton diamond and that West still holds nine-eight-six there. So you lead a diamond, hoping that West will play the six so that you can finesse dummy's seven. What will you do if West splits his nine and eight of diamonds? You win with dummy's jack and return to your hand with the carefully preserved ten of trumps to finesse the seven of diamonds!

Now perhaps you see why ruffing the third heart with the ten of trumps wasn't such a good idea as it only gains when East began with queen-jack third of trumps but deprives you of a necessary late entry on this layout.

If West does not over-ruff, the game you're in is too tough!

336. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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♠ Q 10
♥ K J 10 6
♦ Q J
♣ Q J 7 6 4

♠ A K J 9 2
♥ 9 5
♦ K 7 4 2
♣ A 5

♠ 8 7 6 4
♥ 3 2
♦ 10 6 3
♣ 10 9 8 2

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

West took the ace and king of spades then shifted to a trump. At the table, declarer took this in hand with the queen then drew the remaining trumps with the king. Next he played a club to the king. West took this with the ace and exited with the five of clubs, taken in dummy with the queen. After West discarded a spade on the jack of clubs, South could only get rid of two diamonds on the clubs and so he had to fall back on the diamond finesse for his contract.

However, in view of West's opening bid, it was no great surprise to anyone at the table that West produced the king of diamonds for the fourth defensive trick.

"It was a good game," opined South. "All I needed was clubs 3-3 or East to hold the king of diamonds."

North was unsympathetic. He pointed out that the game should have been made in any event. "You must win the second trump in hand and lead a low club. If West takes his ace, you make the king of clubs and then throw your three low diamonds on dummy's three club winners. It does him no good to duck for when you lead a low club back to the king and ace West is end-played. If he exits with a diamond, dummy's queen of diamonds scores a trick and you have your game. On a spade exit you ruff low in either hand and discard a diamond. Then, after a club is ruffed in hand, either dummy is high, or you ditch your remaining diamonds on dummy's jack and seven of clubs."

Brighton 2005

Patrick Jourdain, Cardiff

Each year the English Bridge Union stages its Summer Meeting in Brighton, the quintessential British seaside resort, on the English Channel. A wide variety of events is held - this deal is from the Swiss Pairs, the kickoff event.

The Swiss Pairs

Match 10. Board 17. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

My partner found the best lead of a heart against three no trumps. Those who relied on the club finesse generally failed, but Paul Belsten played very well when he began by cashing all four diamonds, ending in dummy. This squeezed East in three suits. He cannot throw a club without conceding the extra trick in the suit (declarer can simply take the club finesse), and has to keep both spades, so is compelled to ditch two hearts.

West also has to make a discard and does best to throw a spade. Declarer now followed with a spade to East. East needs to knock out the ace of hearts before declarer sets up a spade. (For example, if East leads a club declarer rises and plays a second spade, if East then plays a second club, South guarantees his ninth trick by rising again and playing a third spade.)

I actually played the heart first, won the next spade, cashed the good heart, and then played a club. No good! Belsten won the ace and exited with a spade, end-playing West.

The defence's best chance is for East to play a club when in with the first spade, and a heart when in with the second. Provided West has kept the third heart he can use it to exit to East.

The Senior Pairs Championship

Board 24. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Mattsson		Rand
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The Seniors Congress was opened by Nissan Rand, Chairman of the WBF Seniors Committee, and Göran Mattsson, Chairman of the EBL Seniors Committee who partner each other in the event. Dr. Rand had a good result on this deal.

Looking at all four hands, you might imagine that South went two off in two clubs, one off if he guessed well. That was not the case, however. West led the ace of spades and continued with the jack. Declarer won the spade, took the ace and king of diamonds and a diamond ruff and then led a heart. West went up with the ace and exited with a heart to dummy's king.

The next diamond was ruffed and over-ruffed. West played two more rounds of hearts. Rand ruffed and played his losing spade. Poor West had to ruff his partner's winner and lead away from the king of trumps.

The Mid-Week Knockout

Eddie Lucioni found a good switch in defence against three no trumps, but better technique from declarer would have saved the day:

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	Lucioni	—	Moir
Pass	Pass	1 ♣ ¹	Pass
1 ♥ ²	Pass	1 NT ³	Pass
2 NT ⁴	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Strong Club
2. 6+ HCP, fewer than 3 controls
3. 18-20 balanced
4. Game forcing

East was declarer in three no trumps and David Moir, sitting South, led a club to the nine and ace. The major suit bids had shown four card suits, so Lucioni knew his partner had four cards in hearts. Relying on them to be good enough, Lucioni switched to the queen of hearts.

Declarer covered with the king. This lost to the ace, a small heart picked up dummy's nine and was won by North's ten.

A third heart saw South holding the jack-seven over East's eight-three, enough to guarantee two more tricks and defeat of the game.

Well defended, indeed, but declarer had erred. It is correct to play low on the first heart and if North continues with the ten, cover that with the king. Then South will be on lead, and eight-three is now good enough to protect declarer from the defence cashing four tricks in the suit.

The Senior Pairs Final "A"

Two of the leading pairs, the Goldenfields and Holland-Slatcher, met on the last round and the destiny of the trophy hinged on the play of three no trumps by West here.

It is only fair to cover up the North-South cards and think how you would tackle the deal on the lead of the six of spades to the eight and your bare ace. You have to decide which suit is lying favourably for you.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Holland	Bernard	Slatcher	Rhona
—	—	Pass	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Rhona Goldenfield as South had done very well at trick one to put in the eight. Declarer was known to have one high card. If this was the jack or ten the queen wins but declarer still has two slow stops, whereas if it is the ace, then playing the eight leaves declarer with only one further stop.

For declarer, these are infuriating hands. Holland decided to play for the club king onside and the diamond king offside rather than as they lay.

At trick two he played ace and queen of diamonds. South won and continued with the queen of spades, and when the club finesse lost declarer was two light and the Goldenfields had won.

One might say that the diamond king onside is a better chance than diamonds 3-3, and the advantage of starting ace and queen of clubs is that you get an extra entry to dummy to take the diamond finesse twice. But such comments are often influenced by seeing the layout. *(Additionally, a singleton diamond king does not help, whereas a singleton club king does help, and is the more likely of the two. – Ed.)*

Senior Swiss Teams

The team led by Nissan Rand had a fairly clear win in the Senior Swiss. This deal from the second match of the second session certainly accounted for some of the victory points they achieved:

Match 6. Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

1. Jacoby, game force with 4-card support
2. Minimum opening
3. Roman Keycard Blackwood
4. 0 or 3 of 5
5. Working on the assumption partner has 3

This looks a pretty hopeless slam, but Göran Mattsson gave it his best shot. East led the jack of diamonds, and a finesse of dummy's queen succeeded. Mattsson drew two rounds of trumps and led a diamond towards dummy. East was forced to split his honours, and the ace won. Now declarer drew the last trump, cashed the king and ace of clubs, and ran the nine of spades.

This lost to West's jack. Seeing that dummy held the ace-queen-ten of spades, and having no diamonds left, West played back a third club. Mattsson ruffed in hand and discarded the diamond from the dummy. Now he had the luxury of choosing between two ruffing finesses to make his twelfth trick, both of which work.

Actually, of course, it was the diamond position he knew for sure, so he led the eight of diamonds from hand, and when East did not cover, let it run. Six hearts made!

West was guilty of not counting declarer's tricks. When he was on lead with the jack of spades, he had already seen that declarer had five trumps in hand, two diamonds, two clubs, and one spade so far, ten in total. So returning a spade into dummy's tenace would only give declarer his eleventh trick, not his twelfth. If West plays back a spade, declarer can throw one diamond from hand on the third spade, but must still lose a diamond at the end.

The Afternoon Knockout Teams

Frances Hinden lost a close semifinal, and was hard on herself for not finding the obscure winning line here:

Board 14. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

♠ K J 7 2 ♥ A K 10 6 ♦ J 4 3 2 ♣ 6 ♠ 9 5 4 ♥ 8 5 ♦ K 7 6 ♣ Q 9 8 4 2 ♠ A 10 8 6 ♥ 9 ♦ A Q ♣ A K 10 7 5 3	♠ Q 3 ♥ Q J 7 4 3 2 ♦ 10 9 8 5 ♣ J
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West	North	East	South
Smith	Allerton	Youngs	Hinden
—	—	2 ♥	Double
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Bryony Youngs opened a weak two hearts as East and Hinden doubled. The three heart response showed a heart stop and four spades. Hinden reached six spades on a heart lead from West. She won in dummy and led a club to the jack and ace. That jack was ominous, but Hinden continued with a club ruff, was over-ruffed, a diamond came through, and the slam went a couple off.

The post-mortem suggested that declarer can succeed if she takes East's club honour at face-value and draws trumps, playing East for the queen. It goes, trump to the king, trump to queen and ace, small trump to jack, heart king, ruff a heart. If West throws a club, the club seven throws him in and he is end-played into conceding the rest. Similarly, if he throws a diamond, ace and queen of diamonds endplay him into leading a club allowing dummy to ditch the remaining losers.

The Swiss Teams

Rex Anderson and David Greenwood of Northern Ireland have teamed up with Micheal O'Briain and Pdraig O'Briain of the Republic of Ireland. They found plenty of interest in Board 2 despite the swing being small:

Match 1. Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul

♠ 9 3 ♥ K J 10 3 ♦ Q 8 6 ♣ J 9 5 2 ♠ Q 7 2 ♥ 8 7 6 5 ♦ A 10 9 7 ♣ 8 6 ♠ A K J 10 8 5 ♥ Q 4 ♦ K 5 4 2 ♣ A	♠ 6 4 ♥ A 9 2 ♦ J 3 ♣ K Q 10 7 4 3
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West	North	East	South
—	Greenwood	—	Anderson
—	—	1 ♣	Double
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
West	North	East	South
Pdraig	—	Micheal	—
—	—	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	2 ♣	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Against David Greenwood's three no trumps, East led the club king. Greenwood won and led a heart to the ten. East won and returned a heart to dummy's queen. Now Greenwood found the excellent shot of the king of diamonds. West took this and played a second club. East won and only a diamond now would beat the game. He actually switched to a spade, and declarer simply gave up a trick in the suit, and East's winning club withered.

Had East cashed his club and switched to a spade, declarer rises in dummy, and plays off his four winners in hand to squeeze West in the ending.

At the other table the contract was the more normal four spades, and Pdraig led a club from the West hand. Declarer laid down a top trump, and played a heart to the ten which Micheal allowed to hold. Declarer duly took the spade finesse, losing to West and a second club was ruffed by South. Declarer drew trumps and played the heart queen. East won and later, when declarer entered dummy with the queen of diamonds to discard two diamonds on the hearts, realized he had erred.

If East lets the heart queen win, the defence don't make their heart trick, but they would make two more diamond tricks (as well as the ace) in return. Perhaps declarer's best play in four spades, on a club lead, is to forget about the spade finesse. If you lay down two top spades and play on hearts, then you make if the spade queen falls or there is a diamond entry to dummy for the hearts.

The Championship Winners

Swiss Pairs

Andrew Robson, David Bakhshi

Senior Pairs

Bernard Goldenfield, Rhona Goldenfield

Mixed Teams

Liz Hoskins, Matthew Hoskins, Jon Williams, Andrew Southwell

Senior Teams

Nissan Rand, Göran Mattsson, Derek Rue, Keith Stanley

Mixed Pairs

David Greenwood, Diane Greenwood

Swiss Teams

Ian Monachan, Brian Callaghan, Terje Aa, Glenn Groetheim

European University Championship

Christer Andersson, Uppsala

The 9th European University Teams cup was arranged in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, at the end of August. No less than twenty-nine universities attended, some with aspirations to climb the podium, others to fight in the spirit of Baron de Coubertain. If any competition fulfils the motto 'Bridge for Peace', this is the one.

The gold medals went to Uniwersytet Łódź, Poland, with Andrej Kozikowski, Marta Maj, Tomasz Spondenkiewicz and Marek Popielarczyk on the team. The silver medals went to Paris Polytechnique (Thomas Bessis, Godefroy de Tessières, Paul Séguineau and Adrien Vinay), and the bronze medals to Norges Tekniske og Naturvitenskaplige Universitet in Trondheim (Tor-Ove Reistad, Åsmund Forfot, Karl Morten Lunna and Ivar Berg).

The championship clearly showed once again where the centre of European youth bridge is today. Of the nine (!) Polish teams attending the championship, the top teams finished first, fourth, fifth and ninth. The favourites, Warsaw I, with three reigning European Junior champions and one Schools Teams champion, complemented with one previous European Junior champion and one previous European Schools Teams champion, only managed to finish ninth. A very strong Italian team finished twenty-first.

These were the top ten:

1. Uniwersytet Łódź, Poland	529
2. Paris Polytechnique, France	527
3. Norges Tekniske og Naturvitenskaplige Universitet (Trondheim), Norway	504
4. Akademia Górniczo Hutnicza Krakow, Poland	503
5. Politechnika Gdansk, Poland	493
6. École Normale Supérieure Paris, France	486
7. Universiteit Tilburg, Netherlands	481
8. University of London, England	479
9. Uniwersytet Warszawa, Poland	479
10. Technische Universiteit Delft, Netherlands	466

At the individual level there were prizes for the best performance by a man and a woman player. The prizes were nothing less than a bridge date with Zia Mahmood and Sabine Auken, respectively. This performance in the match between Paris Polytechnique and Trinity College, University of Dublin, rendered Thomas Bessis the opportunity to play a competition with Zia:

Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tessières	Barton	Bessis	McNaugh
—	—	—	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 NT	Pass
7 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Ronan McNaugh led the spade king and Thomas had to win. He cashed the ace and king of hearts, crossed to the trump ace, ruffed a heart low and cashed the trump jack. A diamond followed to the king and Thomas cashed his remaining clubs. South had to discard the spade queen to keep his diamonds but declarer was not unduly pressed to finesse the diamond ten to make his grand slam. To defend in this way with four small diamonds would instead have given McNaugh the prize.

Marion Michielsen of Universiteit Tilburg, the Netherlands, was the lucky girl to win the prize to play a tournament with Sabine Auken. This board was not only nominated by the kibitzer Kees Tammens, but also by her opponent Miran Macura from Prague:

Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Macura	Bruggeman	Beran
—	—	Pass	1 ♣
1 ♥	Double	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The Czech pair bid their way to the club game using Polish Club. West found the interesting lead of a small spade. Declarer naturally tried the jack and ruffed East's queen. The trump ace revealed the trump position. Declarer tried a high diamond, West following with a low card and East signalling an odd number of cards. Marion won the diamond continuation. Feeling end-played she tried the spade ace. Declarer gave her the opportunity to provide an entry to the dummy. Marion thanked him for the opportunity but refused to use it. She continued with the heart king, creating an entry to the table, but one which was useless. Vladimir Beran had to try hearts, but Jeroen Bruggeman was able to ruff the queen for the setting trick. Very well defended by Marion.

If declarer had ruffed the spade ace and cashed the heart ace before playing a top trump and another, the game can be made. East is end-played and has to give declarer entry to the table. On the other hand, West could have defeated the contract by winning the first diamond and either continuing the suit or switching to a heart honour.

Next year, the University Championship will be a World Championship for national university teams. This will take place in Tianjin, China, October 21-27, 2006.



Hang Lung Properties
Hong Kong Inter-City
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One of the pearls of Asian bridge, the Hang Lung Properties Hong Kong Inter-City Bridge Championships, was contested this year at the Excelsior Hotel from August 16-21.

The championship winners were:

Open Teams: AIA - CH Kuo, Derek Zen, Samuel Wan, Edmund, Tse. Morris Chang, Patrick Huang

Ladies Teams: Yunan – Lei Si, Zhu Ai Ping, Hu Tong Hua, Yu Ping

Youth Teams: Our Future – Chris Fung, KC Li, Tiffany Tse, Lo Wing Ho, Eric Tang, Wilson Mok

Youth Pairs: Eric Tang, Wilson Mok

Transnational Teams: Makiko Hayashi, Horoshi Morimoto, Hitomi Araki, Atsuyo Miyaki, Mark LaForge, Sung Kyung Hea

Open Pairs: Patrick Choy, Fu Zhong

IMP Pairs: KL Hui, LT Pang; Lin His Chi, Ho Tzung Hsun

Continuous Pairs: Chen Reide, Zeng Xianming

Swiss Teams: Ambassador – Simon Chang, David Chan, Patrick Choy, Fu Zhong, Jack Zhao

Mixed Pairs: Jenny Millington, Barry Jones

Defender Ruthlessly Punishes Declarer

We ran across DM Chui at a café near the hotel during a dinner break. Besides recommending the congee, he reported a great play from Mitsutaka Takemura of the Amigos team.

Open Teams. Round 2. Board 31. Dealer South. NS Vul.

♠ K 5 3
♥ A 10 5
♦ A 9 6 2
♣ J 5 4

♠ Q 10 9 7 2
♥ J 7 4
♦ K 8
♣ A 3 2

♠ J 6 4
♥ K 8 6 2
♦ J 10 7 3
♣ 9 8

♠ A 8
♥ Q 9 3
♦ Q 5 4
♣ K Q 10 7 6

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♣
1 ♠	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Takemura sat West. Her partner did the right thing and led her suit, spades. Declarer Chui made the hasty play of winning the king, making the play more difficult. If he had ducked the first or second spade, he could have shut West out before establishing the ninth trick in hearts.

At trick two, declarer played a club. West won the ace and returned a spade to the bare ace in dummy while East played the jack. Declarer ran the clubs. West pitched two hearts so declarer came to the ace of hearts to leave the cards as follows:

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

Now declarer correctly played a spade. But West, Takemura, had made the good play of keeping the two of spades so she was able to leave her partner on play to give declarer a losing option. East played the diamond jack and declarer made the fatal mistake of winning the ace to lead a heart. East won the heart king and played a diamond to her partner's king and the good spades.

If East does not keep the two of spades she is forced to win the spade exit and her eventual diamond play gives declarer a certain path to nine tricks.

The Hazards of the San Miguel

The San Miguel Continuous Pairs is a unique event. Where else is the beer free and the prizes are for the man and woman who drink the most beer?

Just in case you think this is all fun, consider the problem faced by Nobuyuki Hayashi of Japan. With ten San Miguels under his belt, he picked up:

♠ 5 ♥ A 7 4 3 ♦ A 10 9 7 6 ♣ A K 9

He opened one diamond and his partner bid one spade. Some might reverse, some might even rebid two clubs, but at match points, Nobuyuki decided to quietly bid one no trump. His partner passed, he left-hand-opponent made his lead, and Hayashi's partner put the following hand down in dummy:

♠ Q 8 7 3 ♥ 8 2 ♦ Q 4 ♣ A K 9 5 3

"That's very strange," thought Nobuyuki, "we both have the ace-king-nine of clubs!"

A quick look at his own hand and a re-sorting of his cards revealed that he really held:

♠ A K 9 5 ♥ A 7 4 3 ♦ A 10 9 7 6 ♣ —

One no trump making three wasn't worth many match points!

2005 Chairman's Cup Jönköping, Sweden Patrick Jourdain, Cardiff

Late in July, three British teams (de Botton of England and two teams from the Wales national squad) entered the prestigious Chairman's Cup run during the Swedish National Congress. (Sweden runs several of its national finals during that same ten-day period.)

The format is unusual: a two-day Swiss teams (20 matches of 6 boards) followed by knockouts where the finishing position in the Swiss determines who gets to choose their opponent in the knockout, and in what order. The winner of the Swiss chooses any team from the bottom half of the qualifiers, then seed two chooses, and so on. If you beat a higher seed you take over its number and choosing rights. When you are in the bottom half it is a compliment not to be chosen early!

These stories from the first day of the qualifier all featured a Michaels Cue Bid. The first was a declarer problem that fell to our opponent sitting East in the first match:

Chairman's Cup Qualifier

Match 1. Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	Ratcliff		Jourdain
4 ♥	4 ♠	1 ♥	2 ♥
5 ♥	5 ♠	Pass	Pass
6 ♥	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

My Michaels Cue Bid showed five spades and a five-card minor, and at the adverse vulnerability is normally quite sound. This allowed my partner Tony Ratcliff first to bid the spade game and then to press on somewhat dangerously to five spades. Happy when West took one more, Ratcliff doubled.

You might think West should have splintered earlier and left the later decision to East, but concealing the spade shortage now paid off. Jourdain, of course, failed to find the diamond lead, and began with the king of spades. Now can you make your partner's bidding pay by bringing home your doubled slam? I will give you a clue by telling you that positive thinking helps!

Our opponent ruffed the lead in dummy and played a trump to hand, after which there was no successful line, as you will see in a moment.

This is the argument that would have helped: "Twelve tricks cannot be made if the clubs are 5-1 or the trumps 4-0, yet South has shown at least ten cards in spades and a minor. So there is only one distribution that gives me a chance. South has to have precisely five spades, one heart, five diamonds and two clubs." Now look at the full diagram (See *top of next column*):

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

The desired layout exists. After ruffing the opening spade lead, the key play is to draw one round of trumps with dummy's ace. Then club to hand, ruff a second spade, club to hand, ruff a third spade, and cash two more clubs throwing two losing diamonds. North has to follow suit all the while. Now comes the fifth club. North is forced to ruff this, or it is the twelfth trick for declarer. But when he ruffs, declarer can over-ruff and safely ruff his last spade, 'eloping' with a small trump. Six hearts doubled and made!!

Now here is a lead problem from Match 7 related to me by a mournful East who I cannot possibly name, but he comes from Wales. You hold:

Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ 2
♥ J 2
♦ A J 10 8 6 5 2
♣ A J 9

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	3 ♦	4 ♠	4 NT
5 ♦	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Three diamonds was a Michaels Cue Bid, showing both majors, so your four spades was a splinter agreeing diamonds.

Have you have made your choice? Then I will give you a chance to change your mind, by telling you that if you lead the ace of diamonds, you give declarer a ruff and discard at trick one that allows him to ditch his only losing club. Now what you lead?

Our man did not lead the ace of diamonds, he chose instead the ace of clubs, and this was the full layout:

Chairman's Cup Qualifier

Match 7; Board 39; Dealer: South; Game All

♠ J 9 8 7 6 3
♥ A K Q 9 7 4
♦ —
♣ 7

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

The ace of clubs held the first trick and now East switched to a spade. Declarer won, ruffed a club on which the king fell, drew trumps in two rounds, crossed to dummy's ten of trumps, and ran the clubs, ditching all five spades from his hand! Six hearts doubled and made.

Note that if you had given declarer a ruff and discard at trick one, he could still not make the slam. An original spade lead leaves him two off. The contract at the other table was six spades doubled two off and the loss on the board was 19 IMPs. For a 6-board match a maximum 8-0 win was achieved by a margin of 18 IMPs so East's final remark was, "I must be the only person who has lost a match 0-8 in Victory Points by the play of one card!"

The three British teams all qualified in comfort for the round of 32 with my team Wales A (Jourdain-Ratcliff, Tedd-Salisbury) in 5th spot, de Botton (Justin & Jason Hackett, Nick Sandqvist-Artur Malinowski, Gunnar Hallberg-Janet de Botton) in 7th, and Wales B (Rees-Thomas, Denning-Shields) in 9th spot. I had the sixth choice of team from the bottom half, and clearly did a poor job as we lost. Wales B did slightly better, choosing a team they could beat in that round, but losing in the next.

Only de Botton kept winning. With the captain leaving for home before the semifinals, they could only manage a squeaker 140-138 against the holders, led by Mats Nilsson, in the semifinal but a more comfortable 153-107 win in the final against another former winner, the Poland A team, Chlodnia.

This deal played by Justin Hackett from the semifinal was crucial:

Semifinal. Board 52. Dealer West. Both Vul.

<p>♠ 7 6 ♥ K Q 9 8 4 ♦ K 6 2 ♣ Q 10 3</p> <p>♠ K J 9 ♥ J 10 2 ♦ 8 5 ♣ J 8 5 4 2</p> <p>♠ A 10 2 ♥ 5 ♦ A J 7 3 ♣ A K 9 7 6</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 5 4 3 ♥ A 7 6 3 ♦ Q 10 9 4 ♣ --</p>
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West	North	East	South
Larsson	Justin	Helmertz	Jason
Pass	Pass	2 ♦	Double
2 ♠	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Double	Pass	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

East's opening of two diamonds showed at least 5-4 in the majors with 7-10 high card points. After a complicated auction in which Justin's two no trumps showed positive values and Jason showed a spade stop, Justin reached three no trumps as North.

East led a low spade and Justin held up to the third round, discarding a heart from hand. The ace of clubs revealed the bad break. He followed with a club to the ten, and the queen of clubs. East threw all his small hearts. Justin now made the

key play of a low diamond to the jack, followed by the king of clubs. On this declarer discarded a heart, but East was in terrible trouble. A diamond discard would concede the suit, to throw the heart ace would give declarer two tricks, and so East had to dispose of a winning spade. But now Justin simply played a heart to set up his ninth trick and reach it with the king of diamonds.

The contract and play were similar at the other table, except that declarer erred by cashing the king of diamonds before taking the finesse. Now, when the fourth club was cashed East could safely discard a spade. Declarer could set up a heart trick but had no way to reach it, and had to concede a diamond at the end. 12 IMPs and the match to de Botton.

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