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The shortlist for the Master Point Press Book-of-the-Year award has been finalised. Our distinguished jury (Patrick Huang, Taiwan; Fernando Lema, Argentina; David Morgan, Australia; Barry Rigal, USA; PO Sundelin, Sweden) will decide the winner in time for the award to be presented in São Paulo during this year's World Championships. The finalists for 2009 are a varied and interesting collection:

Wielding the Axe - The Vanishing Art of the Penalty Double by Augie Boehm, HNB Publishing, New York, 2008, 162 pp. Boehm details the ways in which a penalty double can reap tons of points for the doubler's side – he tells us when to double, and just as importantly, when not to double, and how the double can affect declarer's play. This attractive book is presented classroom style, with 25 short lessons, including a final exam. The style is informal, as you would expect from this *ACBL Bridge Bulletin* and *The Bridge World* contributor. There's something for nearly everyone here, with the focus on intermediate players.

Right Through the Pack Again by Ron Klinger, Ron Klinger Bridge, Sydney, 2009, 222 pp. Like Julian Pottage before him, Klinger has revisited *Right through the Pack*, the 1948 classic on every expert's shortlist of all-time favourites, but with a difference. Klinger incorporates tales of the Old Master, a character he portrayed in a series of *The Bridge World* articles, into the book. Not only are the deals themselves fascinating, but the cards' and the Old Master's struggles add a dimension absent from the original. A book for everyone, from beginner to expert and a very enjoyable read.

The Setting Trick – Practical Problems in Bridge Defense by Ian McCance, Master Point Press, Toronto, 2008, 159 pp. McCance, long one of Australia's top players, presents a series of defensive problems with a bit of a difference – declarer almost always plays perfectly! The problems are all from real life and the emphasis is on beating the contract, thus IMP or rubber bridge strategy prevails. Occasionally, the declarer makes an error for you to take advantage of. The problems range from intermediate to expert.

The Devil's Tickets by Gary M. Pomerantz, Crown Publishers, New York, 2009, 289 pp. is an unusual bridge story. It tells the interleaved

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THE CAVENDISH INVITATIONAL

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This year's Cavendish Invitational tournament took place from May 6 to May 11 at the Green Valley Ranch Resort in Henderson, Nevada, on the outskirts of Las Vegas.

There were 16 entries for the first event, the John Roberts Teams. It was won by Jim Mahaffey, Mike Passell, Sam Lev, Jacek "Pepsi" Pszczola, Zhong Fu and Jie Zhao. The full story of the amazing last round can be found at: www.cavendishinvitational.com/2009/FRIBULL2009.pdf.

The Cavendish Invitational Pairs was affected slightly by the economy. The auction for the 48 pairs did not quite raise one million dollars, 'only' \$958,500. The easy winners were Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein, their fourth success in 11 years. They ended with 4,783.59 International Match Points. (Each score was compared with 23 other results, which greatly affected the IMP totals. Divide by 23 to get a 'realistic' IMP score.) Second were Geoff Hampson and Eric Rodwell, the defending champions, with 2,337 IMPs. Third were Roy Welland and Chris Willenken with 1946.41 IMPs.

The secondary World Bridge Production Pairs had 16 entries, the winners being Californians Leo Bell and John Jones with 549 IMPs, 244 ahead of Wafik Abdou and Gaylor Kasle, with Leonard Ernst and Fred Hamilton third another 85 IMPs back.

Now for a selection of the best deals, starting with the first session of the teams.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Meckstroth	Bertens	Goren
1 ♦	1 ♠	Double	2 ♥ ¹
2 NT ²	Pass	3 ♦	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. A good spade raise
2. Weaker than three clubs

West	North	East	South
Hurd	Goldberg	Wooldridge	Eisenberg
1 ♦	1 ♠	Double	3 ♦ ¹
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. A bad limit raise in spades with three-plus trumps

Ton Bakkeren won the first trick with his diamond ten, then made the fatal error of cashing his second diamond trick. He shifted to the club jack, but Jeff Meckstroth ducked this trick and played his ten on West's low-club continuation. North ruffed the diamond return, drew trumps, played a club to his king, and led the heart queen, covered by the king and ace. Then the heart jack dropped West's ten, establishing declarer's nine for his contract. If Bakkeren had switched to a high club at trick two, he would have had an entry to give East a club ruff regardless of Meckstroth's play.

At the other table, John Hurd judged well to balance with four clubs, reaching the unbeatable four diamonds. Plus 140 and plus 130 gave the Goren team 7 IMPs.

On the final board, Bertens had a chance for a big gain:

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Huib Bertens and Joel Wooldridge were both in four spades. Against Wooldridge, Eisenberg started with three rounds of clubs, North ruffing. Later, Connie Goldberg took the heart king for down one.

At the other table...

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakkeren</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Goren</i>
—	—	1 ♠	Double
Redouble	2 ♦	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

This persuaded Goren to lead the diamond four, which was covered by the ten, jack and ace. Now declarer could have drawn trumps and established clubs to take five spades, one heart, one diamond and three clubs. Because South had the diamond king and both club honours, the defence could not have tapped out declarer. Even if North could have taken the first club and returned a low diamond, declarer could have discarded a heart and lost only one diamond and two clubs.

However, because of the opening lead, East placed North with one of the club honours and, therefore, South with the heart king. So East ran the heart queen at trick two. Disaster! North won with the king, shifted to his club, and got his ruff for down one and a flat board. Note also that even with a dummy reversal, a successful heart finesse yields only nine tricks.

In the third round of the teams, Lou Ann O'Rourke's team took on Seymon Deutsch's. The first big swing came here:

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cheek</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>
—	2 ♠	3 ♥	4 ♠
Double ¹	Pass	Pass	Pass
1. Card-showing			

West	North	East	South
<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Deutsch</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
—	Pass	1 ♥	Double
2 ♣ ¹	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1. Diamonds			

Weinstein was happy to open two spades despite his four hearts, Deutsch was not. Curtis Cheek felt he had to do something over four spades, and there was nothing other than double. Joe Grue, with a quasi-balanced hand, saw no reason to remove.

The play and defence started the same way at both tables. East led the diamond ace and cashed his heart ace before playing his second diamond. North won with dummy's king and called for a trump, West winning with his ace and leading the diamond queen, ruffed high by North.

Now Weinstein demonstrated the correct line of play, that of establishing a long club in the dummy. He had to ruff three clubs in his hand, so needed four dummy entries, which had to be the club ace and three spades. Realizing he could not afford to draw the missing trump yet, Weinstein played a club to the ace, ruffed a club in his hand, led a spade to the jack, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, and cashed the club jack for a heart discard. He took five spades, one diamond, two clubs and two heart ruffs.

In the other room, Deutsch decided to crossruff home. This would have worked if he had started with a club to the ace and a club ruff, but he began with a heart ruff. Then, after club ace, club ruff, heart ruff, club ruff and heart ruff, this was the position, with the lead in the South hand:

	♠ K 8		
	♥ —		
	♦ —		
	♣ —		
♠ —		♠ 9	
♥ —		♥ Q	
♦ 9		♦ —	
♣ K		♣ —	
	♠ —		
	♥ —		
	♦ —		
	♣ J 10		

Declarer could not stop East's spade nine scoring the setting trick. Plus 620 and plus 100 gave O'Rourke 13 IMPs.

The top placegetters:

2009 JOHN ROBERTS TEAMS

- \$43,450** **181 VP**
Jim **MAHAFFEY**—Mike Passell; Sam Lev—Jacek Pszczola; Jie Zhao—Zhong Fu
- \$31,350** **180 VP**
Lou Ann **O'ROURKE**—Marc Jacobus; Geoff Hampson—Eric Rodwell; Bobby Levin—Steve Weinstein
- \$21,450** **166 VP**
Seymon **DEUTSCH**—John Kranyak; Billy Cohen—Ron Smith; Curtis Cheek—Joe Grue

4. \$13,750

163 VP

Romain **ZALESKI**—Paul Chemla; Chris Compton—
Brian Glubok

Now we turn to the Cavendish Invitational Pairs, in which the auction generates as much interest as the game itself. The top ten auction prices:

1. Bobby Levin—Steve Weinstein \$61,000
2. Geoff Hampson—Eric Rodwell \$55,000
3. Tor Helness—Geir Helgemo \$50,000
- 4.= Fu Zhong—Zhao Jie \$35,000
- 4.= Sam Lev—Jacek Pszczola \$35,000
6. Björn Fallenius—Peter Fredin \$32,000
7. Curtis Cheek—Joe Grue \$29,000
8. Gary Cohler—Michael Seamon \$27,000
- 9.= Fred Gitelman—Brad Moss \$26,000
- 9.= Ton Bakkeren—Huub Bertens \$26,000

Try your hand at the following two quiz questions:

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ 10 9 5
♥ A K J 4
♦ A K 9 7 2
♣ K

♠ A J 8 4 2
♥ Q 10 7
♦ J 8 6 4
♣ J

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Kurkowski</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Lord</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1 ♦	1 ♠	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West, your partner, leads a fourth-highest club five. Declarer takes it with dummy's king, cashes the diamond ace, unblocking his ten, and plays a diamond to his queen, West discarding a club. South leads a diamond to dummy's king and a diamond to your jack, West throwing a heart and a club. That leaves these cards on view:

♠ 10 9 5
♥ A K J 4
♦ 9
♣ —

♠ A J 8 4 2
♥ Q 10 7
♦ —
♣ —

What would you lead next?

And...

You get to six notrump after an uncontested auction. West leads the spade five. What would be your plan? (see top of next column...)

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ A Q J
♥ Q 7
♦ A Q 7 3
♣ J 4 3 2

♠ K 9 7 6
♥ A K 5 4
♦ K 9
♣ A 9 8

Solutions to the quiz questions:

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ 10 9 5
♥ A K J 4
♦ A K 9 7 2
♣ K

♠ K 3
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ 5
♣ Q 10 7 5 4 3

♠ A J 8 4 2
♥ Q 10 7
♦ J 8 6 4
♣ J

♠ Q 7 6
♥ 6 5
♦ Q 10 3
♣ A 9 8 6 2

If West had started the defence with the king and another spade, declarer would have had either to get the diamonds right or to guess the endgame to catch East in an endplay. But West decided to go with his long suit. After winning with dummy's club king, declarer played four rounds of diamonds, putting Josef Piekarek (East) on play. He found the only lead to defeat the contract: the spade jack. If East instead leads a low spade, South plays low from his hand. West wins with his king and shifts to a heart, but declarer has several winning lines.

After the spade-jack lead, though, South had to succumb. If he had played low from his hand, East would have continued with a low spade to West's king, and West would have shifted to a heart. When South covered with his queen of spades, West won the king, played a spade to his partner's ace, and East led a third spade, endplaying the dummy. The defence took three spades, one heart and one diamond.

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ A Q J
♥ Q 7
♦ A Q 7 3
♣ J 4 3 2

♠ 8 5 4
♥ 10 9 3 2
♦ 6 2
♣ Q 10 7 5

♠ 10 3 2
♥ J 8 6
♦ J 10 8 5 4
♣ K 6

♠ K 9 7 6
♥ A K 5 4
♦ K 9
♣ A 9 8

The six-notrump slam was interesting, with declarer having to guess which squeeze to play. Now you can see the full deal, what lead defeats six notrump?

I liked the line of winning the first trick in the dummy and playing a club to the nine, losing the trick to rectify the count. Then you try to smell out who to squeeze in which suits.

On BBO, Brad Moss won with the spade jack, played a diamond to his king, and led the club nine, which was covered by the ten, jack and king. East shifted to the heart jack - too late. A trick-one heart lead and heart continuation, when declarer rectifies the count, would have defeated the contract.

Moss won with dummy's queen, cashed the two top spades, crossed to his club ace, and took the spade king, throwing a club from the dummy while both defenders pitched diamonds. Now a diamond to dummy's queen and the diamond ace squeezed West in the round suits. Plus 1440 was worth 239 IMPs.

This was the favourite deal of the winners. It had strong elements of poker, a game at which both Steve Weinstein and Brad Moss excel.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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♠ 10 6 4
♥ K J 10 6 3 2
♦ 3
♣ K 10 5

♠ 8 3
♥ A 9 7 4
♦ A 2
♣ A 8 7 6 2

♠ A Q J 7 5 2
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 10 5
♣ Q 3

♠ K 9
♥ Q
♦ K J 9 8 7 6 4
♣ J 9 4

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West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Gitelman	Levin	Moss
—	2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Fred Gitelman led the heart six, declarer ducking South's queen. Moss shifted to the diamond eight, which ran to dummy's ten. Now Weinstein called for the spade queen and South played low smoothly! He could see that if he won the trick, declarer would have at least five spades, one heart, two diamonds and one club.

Declarer played a diamond to his ace and led his second spade and – you guessed it – went up with dummy's ace, dropping South's king!

Weinstein then turned to Gitelman and said that if he held the club king, he was going to be squeeze-end-played in the rounded suits by the run of the spades. Being brought down to four cards, if Gitelman kept king-

doubleton in hearts and clubs, West would play the ace and another heart, forcing a lead away from the club king. This was only a six-trick swing since Weinstein would have been down four if he'd put in the spade jack.

Plus 660 earned Levin and Weinstein 212 IMPs. They would also have had a shared top in a matchpoint event with Jill Meyers and Jill Levin (Bobby's wife). Meyers took 11 tricks in a similar fashion.

If you do not belong in a suit, it is easier if you never bid it. This was the dynamite opening board from the final session of the pairs.

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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♠ 5
♥ Q J
♦ J 8 7 6 5 4
♣ 10 7 4 3

♠ K 10 9 4
♥ A K 9 8 2
♦ 10
♣ A K 8

♠ A Q
♥ 10 6 5 4
♦ A K Q 3
♣ Q 9 5

♠ J 8 7 6 3 2
♥ 7 3
♦ 9 2
♣ J 6 2

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West	North	East	South
Lev	Wigoder	Pszczola	Zia
—	3 ♦ ¹	3 NT	Pass
4 ♣ ²	Pass	4 NT ³	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 NT	Pass
7 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Probably not everyone's choice
2. Inquiry
3. Nothing particular to say

Most of the field played in hearts, winning 12 tricks. After cashing West's ace and collecting an honour from North, everyone knew that the percentage play was a second-round finesse.

Lev and Pepsi did better, never showing their hearts. In seven notrump, Pepsi had the luxury of leaving his decision until he had cashed all of his winners in the other suits.

South led the diamond nine. East won in his hand, cashed another diamond and played a heart to the ace, North dropping his queen. Now came a spade to the ace, the spade queen, a club to the ace, the club king, the spade king, and a club to the queen. What had Pepsi learned about South's hand?

South had shown up with six spades, two diamonds and at least three clubs. He could not hold three hearts. So Pepsi played a heart to the king and claimed. Plus 1520 was worth 236 IMPs.

The top ten finishers with their and their owners' prizes were:

2009 CAVENDISH LEADERBOARD

	AUCTION / PLAYERS' POOL	+ IMPs
1.	\$214,228 / \$26,460 Robert Levin-Steve Weinstein	4783.59
2.	\$137,718 / \$17,010 Geoff Hampson-Eric Rodwell	2337.00
3.	\$91,812 / \$11,340 Roy Welland-Chris Willenken	1946.41
4.	\$68,859 / \$8,505 Sam Lev-Jacek Pszczola	1942.87
5.	\$61,208 / \$7,560 Josef Piekarek-Alex Smirnov	1745.54
6.	\$53,557 / \$6,615 Curtis Cheek-Joe Grue	1656.59
7.	\$45,906 / \$5,670 Fred Gitelman-Brad Moss	1640.50
8.	\$38,255 / \$4,724 Geir Helgemo-Tor Helness	1490.54
9.	\$30,604 / \$3,780 Michel Bessis-Thomas Bessis	1187.46
10.	\$22,953 / \$2,835 Gunnar Hallberg-Michael Moss	911.37

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS

Ron Klinger, Northbridge, NSW

The ANOT final was won easily by David Lilley-Zoli Nagy, Arjuna De Livera-Ian Robinson by 162-95. This cute deal was one of the few bright spots for our team in the final.

Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Fruewirth	Nagy	Del'Monte	Lilley
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♣ ¹	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Heart raise, 6-9 points

North led the ace of diamonds and switched to a trump. Declarer won in hand and led a diamond. North won and led another trump. Declarer won in dummy and ditched a club on the diamond queen. Then came a spade to the king and ace. Back came another trump. The result was three down for minus 150.

At the other table, the good shape lured me into a characteristic overbid:

West	North	East	South
De Livera	Mullamphy	Robinson	Klinger
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	2 ♠ [?]
Pass	3 ♥ ¹	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass

1. Strong spade raise

Lead: Heart king

Facing a two-spade overcall at unfavourable vulnerability, one cannot blame North for insisting on game. It was lucky to find North with strong trumps and strong diamonds.

The heart lead was ruffed, followed by the diamond six to the jack and queen. I was hoping to find the diamond queen with West and the club king with East. The heart return was ruffed. As the opening lead placed East with the ace of hearts and East had shown up with the diamond queen, the club king figured to be with West. After the nine of diamonds to the ace, a club went to the ten. No luck there, as West won with the jack and continued with another heart, ruffed.

This was now the position:

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

When the ten of diamonds was led, West was stymied. If he declined to ruff, then the club ace and a club ruff, heart ruff, and another club would be easy. So West ruffed with the spade two and continued with the spade nine. Dummy's spade queen won, followed by a heart ruff, the club ace, a club ruff, the spade ace and finally, the diamond king, for plus 620 and 10 IMPs.

THE BRAZILIAN TRIALS

John Carruthers, Toronto

The following deal, from the final of the Brazilian Trials for the South Americans in Santiago, did not contribute to Captain Ernesto D'Orsi's win in that qualifying event. D'Orsi's team was Gabriel Chagas, Mauricio Figueiredo, Miguel Villas-Boas, João-Paulo Campos, Marcelo Castello-Branco and Diego Brenner. At this point in the match, the score was D'Orsi 134-Brum 124.

Board 74. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ 9 7 4
♥ A 9 7 3 2
♦ —
♣ 9 8 7 6 4

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

♠ Q 3
♥ K 8 4
♦ Q J 10 9 8 4 2
♣ J

West	North	East	South
<i>Figueiredo</i>	<i>Mello</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>B. Brum</i>
<i>B. Barbosa</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>P. Brum</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>
—	—	1 ♠	3 ♦
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

The auction and opening lead, the spade ten, were identical at both tables.

In the Closed Room, Chagas won the spade king, cashed the ace and shifted to his club. Figueiredo won and played another club, ruffed by declarer, who commenced trumps with the queen. Chagas won and continued the attack on spades, declarer having to ruff with the eight. Brum continued with the diamond jack to Chagas' ace – this was the position:

♠ —
♥ A 9 7
♦ —
♣ 9 8 7

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

♠ —
♥ K 8 4
♦ 10 9 4
♣ —

With Figueiredo having no more trumps, Chagas could see that another spade would be hopeless, so tried to break up any impending squeeze on West by shifting to the heart jack. Now with a complete count on the hand,

Brum could win the king of hearts, draw trumps and claim on the round-suited squeeze on West. Down one was plus 200 to East-West.

Pedro Brum timed the defence more accurately in the Open Room, shifting to his club immediately after winning the king of spades. Barbosa could win that and continue spades to Brum's ace, producing the vital tempo to force declarer to ruff high earlier than at the other table. Villas-Boas did indeed ruff with the eight of diamonds and continued with the queen. Brum won the king and continued spades, Brum having to ruff with the nine.

The jack of diamonds now went to the ace and another spade came back. This was now the position at this table:

♠ —
♥ A 9 7
♦ —
♣ 9 8 7

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

♠ —
♥ K 8 4
♦ 10 4 2
♣ —

Villas-Boas could ruff low, West discarding the club ten, but the seven of diamonds was now a trick. Or was it? Also with a complete count on the hand, Villas Boas had three ways to neutralise that pesky seven of diamonds. He could:

- i. play three rounds of hearts, effecting a trump end-play, or
- ii. cash the heart king, heart ace and play a club from dummy, to trump coup Brum, or
- iii. cash the diamond ten, play heart, heart to dummy and lead a club, scoring the diamond four *en passant*!

Villas-Boas chose line two. Nevertheless, with the losing heart and the losing trump clashing at trick thirteen, this was still two off for minus 500 and a match score of 134 (D'Orsi)-131 (Brum). The set ended 144-143 for Brum, their high-water mark. Chagas et al steamed to a 46-6 final set to win going away.

Upcoming BBO Transmissions

May 31-Jun 3	African Championships, Egypt
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Jun 6-7	German Team Championship
Jun 6-15	US Open Team Trials
Jun 12-13	Canadian Team Championship
Jun 18-28	PABF Championships, Macau
Jul 2-9	Norwegian Festival

IBPA Column Service

Tim Bourke, Canberra

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475. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	3 ♦	Pass
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

This was a fairly instructive and revealing auction. North correctly decided to show that he had a pronounced two-suiter by bidding four diamonds. When South bid four hearts he did not imagine that a few seconds later he would be the declarer in six hearts.

West led the four of diamonds. Declarer ruffed in dummy and then played the ace of trumps. When East discarded, the deal moved into the 'interesting' category.

After some thought, declarer showed how to make twelve tricks. His first move was to lead the jack of hearts, which gave West a problem. If West took his queen of hearts, declarer would then be able to cross to his hand with the nine of hearts and pick up the spade suit by leading the nine from hand.

When West ducked, albeit somewhat reluctantly, declarer countered by playing the queen of spades next. If this had been taken, the nine of spades would have become an entry to pick up West's remaining queen-eight of trumps. Declarer now went with the odds by continuing with the jack of spades and now West had no answer. As he would lose his king of spades if he ducked, West took his king of spades and forced dummy with a diamond. Declarer ruffed, crossed to his hand with the nine of spades and then picked up West's trumps.

Notice that it would have been a mistake to play on spades before leading the jack of trumps. West would

be able to win his king of spades and force dummy with a diamond to guarantee a trump trick (as it creates a one-suit squeeze in the trump suit).

476. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

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

After North's splinter bid in diamonds, South used Roman Key-card Blackwood to discover that his partner held the ace of hearts but no king. Consequently, he was content with a small slam in spades.

As North was known to be short in diamonds, West led the jack of trumps. What seemed a simple hand became more problematic when East discarded a diamond at trick one. The original declarer finessed the queen of hearts intending to discard his club loser on the ace of hearts if the finesse won.

Unluckily, East took the queen of hearts with the king, leaving declarer one off. Once West was known to have four trumps and East one diamond, he had only nine places for the king of hearts compared to East's twelve. So, the finesse had only a 43% chance of succeeding. Further, this plan relied on West having at least two clubs, reducing its overall chance of success to 32%.

The best plan is to try and establish a second heart trick by ruffing hearts in hand. This will pay off whenever the king of hearts is tripleton or shorter, and West has at least two diamonds. So, declarer should have won the trump lead with the ace, played a heart to the ace

and ruffed a heart. After ruffing a low diamond, declarer then ruffs another heart, ruffs his last diamond and throws a club on a good heart. The overall chance of success for this plan is a touch over 50%.

477. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Hugh Kelsey used the phrase “a cow flew by” to explain away what happens when an experienced player becomes distracted and puts a cold contract on the floor. This is what happened on this simple deal after West led the jack of spades. Declarer won with dummy’s queen and finessed the jack of diamonds, which was taken by West with the king. This persuaded declarer to place East with queen of diamonds and try for an overtrick.

After taking the spade continuation with dummy’s ace, declarer finessed the ten of diamonds. When West produced the queen and cleared the spades, there was no longer any way to make nine tricks.

Now you and I would never go down here. We would have taken the second round of spades in hand, with the king and then played the ace and ten of diamonds. It would not matter who had the queen of diamonds for either the ten would win or dummy’s nine would be established, with the ace of spades as entry.

478. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	Pass	3 ♠	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

After East’s pre-emptive opening in second seat, South made the practical choice of trying for nine tricks in notrump.

Not wanting to give a club trick away on a deal that looked to be breaking badly for declarer, West led the two of spades, which was an obvious singleton. Declarer took this immediately with the ace and cashed two top diamonds, finding the unpleasant news that East had a diamond guard when West discarded a club.

As he had only seven top winners, declarer needed the ace of clubs to be on his left. As a result, he led a low club to dummy’s king. When East threw a spade it marked his original distribution as 7=2=4=0 and West’s as 1=5=1=6. Next, declarer cashed his queen of diamonds and continued by cashing his three heart winners. Rather than conceding the rest, declarer played a fourth round of hearts. As West had not discarded a heart, he was able to make two heart tricks. His remaining cards were the ace-queen-ten of clubs and declarer had jack-nine-seven of the suit left. So, West could do no better than cash the ace and queen, bringing the defenders’ total to four tricks. However, as declarer had made eight tricks already and still had the jack of clubs, he made his contract.

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VICTOR GOLDBERG

(1923-2009)



Victor Goldberg has died in Glasgow Scotland aged 86. He played top-level international bridge most of his life and was one of Scotland's finest players ever. Scotland's most capped player, with 54 matches, he was in the first Scottish team to win the Camrose Trophy. He played for Scotland between 1956 and 2004. He also won the Scottish trials in 2008. Victor was in the first Scottish team to win the Gold Cup, Britain's leading team competition. Also a winner of the prestigious Sunday Times Invitational in 1980, his countless trophies are too numerous to list. He represented Great Britain in the European Championships in Oslo and Lausanne. He won a silver medal in The Common Market Championships in Salsomaggiore.

Goldberg was a successful importer and distributor of toys and branched out to form his own business.

On a personal note, Victor was my first bridge mentor and partner when I was 19. He taught me much about bridge and how to conduct oneself at the table. He always behaved impeccably and had an iron will to win. Later, in 1978, we formed a second-time-round partnership until 1981, in which year,

under Victor's guidance, we were fortunate to have some success. Victor was such a fine player that whoever his partner was they would be strong enough for the Scottish international team – he had 10 of them. He was a master card player both in the area of play and defence.

Scotland's first professional bridge player, Albert Benjamin, said of Victor, "It's almost a dull business to kibitz Victor Goldberg: brilliance – meaning fireworks – was unlikely to occur; he just kept on doing the right thing."

One of his longest partnerships was with Sam Leckie, who was much more temperamental than Victor. On one occasion Victor decided to get his own back. In a vital match Sam had doubled Kenneth Konstam in six hearts. Declarer won the opening lead and, with only five small hearts in the dummy, produced the heart jack. Konstam was quite capable of having ace-queen-jack to five. Sam agonized in a long trance and finally played the king only to see Victor produce the ace. Sam was visibly shaking in his seat until much later in the hand Victor took a trick with the heart queen!

Barnet Shekin, Boca Raton, FL

Victor Goldberg of Glasgow, who has died aged 86 after a short illness, represented Scotland in six successive decades and was their most-capped player when appearing in his last match in 2004. He won the Scottish Trials for the 2008 season only to find his partner was unable to play when selected.

Goldberg's international career began in 1956 and he had more than fifty Camrose matches for Scotland. In 1964 he was on the first Scottish squad to win the Camrose Trophy, the Home International series, a success he repeated the following year and on five subsequent occasions.

Goldberg represented Great Britain in the 1969 European Championships in Oslo, partnering Sam Leckie, and in 1979 partnering Barnet Shenkin in the Europeans and the Common Market Championships, where they took silver. After Scotland was upgraded to a National Federation, Goldberg had a further Europeans in 2002 partnering Miroslav Dragic. Goldberg won the Gold Cup, the British knockout championship, on four occasions.

Goldberg ran a toy importing business in Glasgow. He leaves a widow, Ann, and three children.

Patrick Jourdain, Cardiff

WHEN IN ROME

David Bird, Eastleigh, UK

On April 17th and 18th the event 'China Hosts Europe in Rome' featured an 80-board match between Italy and the Netherlands, staged in the splendid setting of the Chinese Embassy. On Board 15, Alfredo Versace had to play this four-spade contract against a hostile trump break:

Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Angelini	Muller	Versace
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1 ♣	2 NT	Double
3 ♦	Double	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Bauke Muller chose to overcall the strong club with the Unusual Notrump rather than a lead-directing bid in diamonds. Nevertheless, Simon de Wijs found a diamond lead against four spades. Versace won with the bare ace and advanced the jack of trumps, which would cater for a singleton ten or nine with East. West won with the trump ace, East showing out, and forced declarer with another diamond.

A heart finesse lost to the king and East persisted with a third diamond. At this stage declarer had already lost two tricks and was down to the spade queen-eight in hand opposite the king-seven in dummy, with West holding ten-nine-four-two. Only one more trick could be lost. Versace played a club to the queen, followed by the heart ace and the king of clubs. He continued with the jack of hearts, overtaken with the queen, and these cards remained: (see top of next column...)

Versace led the last heart, threatening to score his tenth trick by ruffing with dummy's spade seven. West prevented this by ruffing with the nine and Versace overruffed with dummy's king. When the ace of clubs

was played, West had to ruff and lead into declarer's queen-eight tenace. A fine piece of cardplay!

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

At the other table the Netherlands North opened one no trump and East did not enter the bidding. Jan Jansma played in four spades on the South cards and again a diamond was led. With no warning from the bidding, declarer played a trump to the king at trick two and no recovery was possible.

THE POLISH PREMIER LEAGUE FINAL

John Carruthers, Toronto

"The five-level belongs to the opponents," has reached the status of aphorism in the bridge world. Two recent deals in the 2009 Polish Premier League Final between DWORAN (Buras-Narkiewicz, Chmurski-Puczynski, Gawrys-Lesniewski-Pszczola) and SYGNITY (Balicki-Zmudzinski, Golebiowski-Jassem, Olanski-Starkowski) proved that each deal must be handled on a case-by-case basis and that even aphorisms are sometimes fallacious. Dworan won the match 187-142, denying twice-defending champion Sygnity the hat trick.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
1 ♥	2 ♥	2 NT ¹	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Game forcing with a heart fit

West	North	East	South
<i>Olanski</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>
1 ♥	2 ♥	2 ♠	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

In the Closed Room, Buras doubled four spades and collected the obvious five tricks for plus 500. In the Open Room, Starkowski, perhaps encouraged by West's pass of four spades, went on to five hearts, a very precarious spot indeed.

Pepsi led a spade and declarer won, drew trumps, took the other spade, and led a club, Gawrys giving count with the four. Upon winning the ace, Pepsi unerringly found the only card in his hand to defeat the contract, the diamond queen. That was 12 IMPs to the winners.

The last board of the segment featured more fireworks.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Olanski</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>
4 ♣	4 ♥	5 ♣	5 ♥
Pass	Pass	6 ♣	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Four clubs may be the 'book' bid, but five clubs worked a treat when the whole world passed. Both North and East had uneasy moments, North thinking he may have missed the boat and East thinking something similar. But with diamonds four-two and the spade ace offside, East was chuffed to discover that the good slam fails; North was rather despondent. Change the position of the spade ace or king and their emotions would have been flip-flopped.

The Closed Room table achieved par when Starkowski again took the push, this time to six clubs. Since five

hearts was making, this delicate decision, in theory, stood to gain 11 IMPs. In practice he lost 11 IMPs against five clubs; had he allowed North-South to declare five hearts, he'd have lost 14 IMPs. It's a cruel game sometimes.

In a match in which Dworan led by 6 IMPs with 24 boards to go, after Sygnity had fought back from 58 down in the fifth segment, the match was more or less settled in this stanza as Dworan outscored Sygnity 55-15.

SURPRISE PACKAGE

Mark Horton, Bath, UK

The Turkish Women's team achieved a magnificent fourth place in last year's Mind Sports Games in Beijing, thereby taking a lot of people by surprise. In the recent Turkish Women's Team Championship this deal, which featured several members of the successful team, demonstrated why they are rapidly becoming a force to be reckoned with.

Dealer East. Neither Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozgur</i>	<i>Tercan</i>	<i>Erdogan</i>	<i>Carfi</i>
—	—	1 ♦ ¹	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Precision

West might have passed three no trump, but once clubs had been supported she was interested in higher things. Although the bidding appeared to indicate that East/West lacked a spade control North led the nine of hearts and declarer was soon claiming 11 tricks for 400.

West	North	East	South
<i>Yavas</i>	<i>Zaim</i>	<i>Babac</i>	<i>Atalay</i>
—	—	1 ♣	Double
3 ♥ ¹	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Splinter in support of clubs

Once again West was not prepared to pass three no trump. Although the bidding had not been quite as revealing as in the other room, Belis Atalay knew that West was short in hearts and interested in a slam. A diamond, hoping partner held the ace and could play a spade through declarer was a possibility, but she led the ace of spades! North did the best she could to encourage by following with the four and South continued with the queen of spades and a third spade for a well-earned 10 IMPs.



Correspondence ...

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Dear Patrick,

I did not have much time to talk to you during my short visit to Beijing last year, but I would like to congratulate you and all who work for the International Bridge Press Association. It is thanks to people dedicated like you are to the game that it has grown over the years, and I am proud to have been associated with it for many of those years.

I enjoy reading your Bulletin, and wish you all the very best for the coming years.

Yours sincerely, Jaime Ortiz Patiño, Geneva

Dear John and Per,

My husband, Pierre Philogene, long-time IBPA member from Mauritius, has passed away earlier this year. Pierre was the Chairman of the Mauritius Bridge Association and Personnel Manger of l'Express.

Yours truly, M.X. Philogene, Mauritius

RESULTS

Bonn Nations Cup Bad Godesburg, Germany, May 20-21

1. France - Thomas Bessis, Nicolas l'Huissier, Robert Quentin, Frédéric Volcker
2. Estonia - Maksim Karpov, Tiit Laanamäe, Vassili Levenko, Sven Sester

3. Turkey - Bulent Aslan, Salvador Assael, Memet Günel, Nezhik Kubac, Nafiz Zorlu

South American Championships Santiago, Chile, May 16-24

Open Teams

1. Chile – Marcelo Caracci, Joaquin Pacareu, Juan Pablo Robles, José Manuel Robles

2. Argentina – Alejandro Bianchedi, Pablo Lambardi, Carlos Lucena, Carlos Pellegrini, Pablo Ravenna, Juan Carlos Ventin

3.= Brazil – João Paulo Campos, Gabriel Chagas, Mauricio Figueiredo, Guilherme Junquiera, Manoel Peirão, Miguel Villas Boas

3.= Colombia – Francisco Bernal, Jorge Barreira, Jorge Andrés Barrera, Carlos Barrientos, Hebert Jordan, Fernando Vallalba

Women's Teams

1. Argentina – Ana Alonso, Florencia Attaguile, Mónica Baldasare, Ana Blum, Diana Budkin, Marta Tiscornia

2. Brazil – Noemi Castelo Branco, Paula David, Lucia Doria, Agota Mandelot, Heloisa Noqueira Graca Poncioni

3.= Chile – Marcela Corsen, Adriana Deik, Paula Gazzari, Paula Riedel, Odette Yanine, Mónica Yussem

3.= Colombia – Beatriz Angel, Sonia de Barrera, Clara Benedetti, Magda Estrada, Martha Cecliia de Londoño, Ana de Soto

Senior Teams

1. Lerner – Jorge Gueglio, Marcelo Lerner, Adolfo Madala, Carlos de Miguel, Martín Monsegur, Jorge Zanalda (Argentina)

Transnational Teams

1. Sayaca - Rafael de la Barrera, Roberto Garcia, Carlos Hoyos, Willie Mooney, Leda Pain, Luis Palazzo (Argentina)

South American Pairs

1. João Paulo Campos, Miguel Villas Boas (Brazil)

2010 in Philly

The 2010 World Championships will be in Philadelphia October 1-16, details to follow. The Championships were moved to the USA after sponsorship dried up in St. Petersburg.

NEWS & VIEWS

A Lucid Old Age

The New York Times, May 22, 2009, has published an article connecting bridge to a lucid old age. See the article, "At the Bridge Table, Clues to a Lucid Old Age" by Benedict Carey at... http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/22/health/research/22brain.html?_r=1&hp for more details.

Norwegian Suspensions Lifted

The Norwegians (Helgemo, Lund, Mølberg), suspended from play because of entering a false result in a knockout match last year, have been released from their ban as of September 1, 2009. According to the committee, "It had struck harder than was intended," and..."All consequences had not been considered."

This lifting of the ban will allow the suspended players to play in the Transnational Teams in Sao Paulo starting the second week of September.

Horse Racing and Bridge

Vida Bingham, a former England women's bridge international, has been celebrating her win as owner of Mon Mome, the runaway Grand National winner at odds of 100-1. Mrs. Bingham was accompanied to Aintree by other East Sussex bridge players.

Mrs. Bingham represented England in the 1980 and 1981 Women's Home Internationals for bridge partnering the late Dimmie Fleming, a four-times world bridge champion. They were also in the team that won the England Women's Teams championship the same two years.

When asked whether racing was more of a passion than bridge, Mrs Bingham replied that both were, with National Hunt Racing having priority in the winter months. However, last week Mrs Bingham competed in the British Mixed Pairs Bridge Championship for the Portland Cup. She and Nigel Osmer, playing at Tunbridge Wells Bridge Club, took 17th place from a field of over 400 pairs.

Goldberg-Jourdain

Our President, Patrick Jourdain, partnered Victor Goldberg for his 1976 Gold Cup win and for two Camrose matches in the season 1976/77 when Scotland won the Trophy. Jourdain was resident

in Glasgow from 1973, while working for British Steel (and thus eligible for Scotland from 1975) to 1977 when he returned to Cardiff.

The fact that Jourdain beat Wales when playing for Scotland, and beat England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland whilst playing for Wales, allows him the distinction of being the only person in the history of the Camrose to have beaten all five countries in a full-length match.

In November, 2002 as a prelude to his 60th birthday party, Jourdain hosted a two-table individual composed of Jourdain and all 8 of his living Camrose partners, including Goldberg, who came from Scotland for the event.

David Hamilton Reaches 80

David Hamilton of Cardiff, an IBPA member for 40 years, has celebrated his 80th birthday. Hamilton has been bridge correspondent for the Western Daily Press in Bristol for the last 40 years. His weekly column appears in the West Country Life. Hamilton still plays golf several times a week and belongs to the same golf club as the IBPA President.

History of Scottish Bridge

Liz McGowan of Edinburgh, a long-standing IBPA member, has edited the publication of the history of 75 years of the Scottish Bridge Union. Our President reports that it is a great labour of love with biographies of all the leading Scottish bridge-players and detailed international and home records of Scottish bridge covering the 75 years.

History of Irish Bridge

Seamus Dowling of Ireland, a long-standing IBPA member, is author of "Thank You, Partner", a 400-page history of bridge in Ireland, North and South. Our President, Patrick Jourdain, reports "This book contains fascinating stories of bridge in Ireland over the last hundred years. It includes a report on the causes of the political dispute connected with Irish representation within European and World Bridge that led to the Republic withdrawing from the Camrose for 47 years. Anyone interested in bridge politics or Irish bridge in particular will want this book as the authoritative and unbiased account."

Registration of Systems

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Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl 7 July

Entries must be sent to:
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Systems:

For **Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl**, the conditions of contest will give full details of systems regulations and registration, but players should note that it will be a requirement that all systems are registered in advance via e mail to Anna Gudge: anna@ecats.co.uk.

The Venue:

São Paulo is one of the biggest cities in the world, having over 17 million inhabitants, and it is the most important Brazilian city. The Championships will take place at the **Transamerica Hotel**, a wonderful deluxe five-star hotel, located near the most important business, shopping, and gourmet areas of the city. The hotel has free internet access (wifi and intranet) and offers, together with very comfortable and well equipped rooms: two restaurants, one bar, tennis courts, soccer field, three-hole golf course, jogging lane, fitness centre, heated pool, dry sauna and steam rooms, pool tables, etc.

Hotel Information: at Hotel Transamerica - Double-room (single or double occupancy): US\$180.00 (tax included) per night, breakfast-buffet included. 3 nights payment in advance is required for reservations, refundable for cancellations only until June 30. Reservations can be made directly with the hotel: Group Sales Department by e-mail: grupos@transamerica.com.br or phone (+55 11) 5693-4092/5693-4098/5693-4972 Hotel web-site: www.transamerica.com.br

Economic alternative Hotel: Transamerica Flat Nacoes Unidas - Located at 4 km (2.5 miles) distance from the main hotel (shuttles will be provided) Double-room (single or double occupancy): US\$110 (tax included) per night, breakfast-buffet included. triple room, with rollaway bed, subject to availability: US\$140 (tax included) per night. 3 nights in advance required for reservations, refundable for cancellations only until June 30. Reservations can be made directly with the hotel by e-mail: rsnunidas@transamericaflats.com.br or phone (+55 11) 5187-2955/5693-4952. Hotel web-site: www.transamericaflats.com.br. Alternatively, reservations can be made directly with the organization by e-mail: contact@brazilbridge2009.com.br.

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MPP BOTY Award Shortlist (continued from page 1.)

stories of Ely and Jo Culbertson and Myrtle and Jack Bennett. Myrtle shooting Jack dead is perhaps the most famous incident in bridge history, and it occurred 80 years ago. Ely and Jo need no introduction. The book is an interesting social history of the Roaring Twenties and pre-WWII America and bridge as the latest craze. One need not be a bridge player to enjoy this well-written and lively account of the time.

Frank Stewart's World of Bridge by Frank Stewart, Vivisphere Publishing, New York, 2008, 268 pp. Frank Stewart is one of the world's most prolific bridge writers, with books, columns and articles to his credit. Here he presents some of his opinions on the current state of bridge. These include a couple of controversial ones: viz., the standard of play has declined and system is supplanting judgement. Whether you agree with him or not, Stewart is always entertaining in all his written work and this book is no exception. For all levels of expertise.

North of the Master Solver's Club by Frank Vine, Master Point Press, Toronto, 2008, 183 pp. This is a serious attempt to collect all the bridge writings of one of Canada's foremost bridge authors, Frank Vine, who died at 50 in 1987. Sources include *The Bridge World*, *Canadian Masterpoint* and *The Kibitzer*. Anyone who loved Professor Cornelius Coldbotton and his battles against the dreaded Blue Team from Stoney Creek will love this book. I doubt that anyone other than editor Ray Lee, archivist Tom Dawson and I, as editor of *The Kibitzer*, had read all the stories, letters, and commentary prior to its publication here, so there are undiscovered gems for everyone. For all levels of expertise.

39th World Teams Championships

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Sao Paulo - Brazil from 29 August to 12 September 2009

Information about the World Bridge Championships São Paulo, Brazil – from August 29 to September 12 – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Ernesto d’Orsi Senior Bowl, & World Transnational Open Team Championship.

Headquarters and Playing Area: Hotel Transamerica

Opening Ceremony: August 29 – to be held at the “Teatro Alfa” (connected to the hotel); the ceremony will be followed by a musical show at the theatre and by a cocktail/dinner at the hotel.

The Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl: The Round Robin for all three Championships will start on Sunday 30 August and finish on Saturday 12 September, with the final knock-out stages starting on Sunday 6. The Quarter Finals for each of these events will end before the start of the Transnational Open Teams, thus enabling players eliminated from the main Championships to participate in the Transnational Championship.

The 7th World Transnational Open Teams Championship: is a prestigious and most enjoyable event. Being Transnational, it is open to teams composed of players coming from different countries, nominated by their National Bridge Organisation and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee. Players wishing to compete in this Championship should contact their NBO and request nomination by the end of July 2009. There is no quota, and NBOs may nominate as many teams as they wish to compete in this great tournament. Players eliminated from the Round Robin of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl will be able to enter the World Transnational Open Teams Championship free of charge if they enter as a complete team. The **WTOT** will take place during the second week, starting in the late afternoon on Monday 7 September. The format will be Swiss Teams. It is normally played as 10-board matches (3, 4 or 5 per day) for 15 qualifying rounds (150 boards). The Quarter Final will start on Thursday late afternoon, the Semi Final will be played on Friday 11th September and the Final will end on Saturday 12th September.

Deadlines, Registration and Fees:

Registration of Teams

- Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup/E d’Orsi Senior Bowl 15 May
- World Transnational Open Teams until the start of the Championship, subject to availability

Registration of players’ names

- Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup/E d’Orsi Senior Bowl 1 June
- World Transnational Open Teams until the start of the Championships, subject to availability

Payment of Entry Fees

- Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup/E d’Orsi Senior Bowl US\$4,000 1 July
- World Transnational Open Teams US\$1,500

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