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## Editorial

We have always been puzzled by the infatuation bridge organisations have with carryover and the arcane formulae used to calculate them. In the WBF, the basic situation is this: If Team A plays Team B in a knockout match in the latter stages of a World Championship, the qualifying match between A and B has a direct bearing on their KO match, as follows (paraphrasing the Conditions of Contest)...

*There will be a carry over in all matches of the knockout phase. The carry over will be one-half or one-third of the IMP difference in the meeting of the teams in the qualification phase. It will be one-half if the higher-ranked team in the qualification phase won the match against their opponents and one-third if the higher-ranked team in the round robin lost the match to its knock-out opponent. The maximum carryover used in any event will be:*

- 16 IMPs for a 96-board match
- 20 IMPs for a 128-board match.

The reason for carryover is apparent – to try to make every match in the qualifying phase as important as any other, and to prevent, in the words of the immortal Edgar Kaplan, 'sportsmanlike dumping'. One wants to prevent, for example, a team with first place locked up losing badly to an inferior team, allowing it to qualify in place of another, superior, team, then being able to pick the inferior team as its first knockout opponent. While this is certainly a noble aim, the chances of that happening are small compared to the inequities that can be produced with the current formula. The available carryover can assist, even dictate, the choice of opponent for a match in which such a choice is available, as it was for quarterfinal matches in Brazil. Thankfully, only one of the 24 knockout matches in any of the three events was decided by the margin of the carryover, England versus Egypt in the quarterfinals of the Ernesto d'Orsi Senior Bowl. You might say it was a key factor, since England then went on to win the title.

However, there is no logical reason that that one Round Robin match rather than any other should have any influence on the carryover in a knockout match. There are at least two more equitable ways to determine carryover, if you decide it to be a legitimate criterion at all. First, you could determine it solely by position in the Round Robin. For example, You could say that the first-place team has a carryover of 14 IMPs if it plays the eighth-place team, 12 IMPs against seventh and so on, until it receives 2 IMPs against team no. 2. Similarly, the second-place team would receive 12 IMPs vs. no. 8, and

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# OZ BRIDGE

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## Beauch's and Cream

*Sydney Morning Herald, September 17, 2009*

The Swan River Swiss Pairs (Perth) was held in August. Quite a few interstate pairs competed, including members of current Australian teams, but the event was won by a powerful local pair, Henry Christie and Nigel Rosendorff. Full results are on the [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au) website.

The Swan River took place at the same time as the concluding weekend of the Coffs Gold Coast Congress, which is going from strength to strength. As both events were almost fully subscribed, the conflict did no damage. Still, why hold these two very popular events at the same time?

### Coffs Gold Coast Results:

Open Swiss Pairs: Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn  
Open Swiss Teams: Ervin Otvosi, Kennet Christiansen, Nabil Edgton, Paul Gosney

Dave Beauchamp shone on this deal from the Swiss Pairs:

#### Round 8. Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

*Marlene Watts*

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

*Kim Morrison*

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

*Marilyn Chadwick*

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

*Dave Beauchamp*

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

How would you like to be in four hearts with a 6-0 trump break? West led the club four: queen, king, ace and the heart ace revealed the bad break. How to proceed?

South finessed the spade queen and cashed the ace, discarding the club loser. To set about reducing his trump length, South ruffed a club and led the diamond four: two, king, six. Another club ruff was followed by a second diamond. West took the ace and this was now the position: (See top of next column).

♠ 10 9 7 6

♥ —

♦ J

♣ —

♠ K 4

♥ —

♦ 8 5

♣ J

♠ —

♥ Q 9 8 7 6

♦ —

♣ —

♠ —

♥ K J 10

♦ Q 10

♣ —

West played a diamond, ruffed by East. On the forced heart exit, South finessed and exited with his last diamond. East had to ruff and give South the last two tricks. That was plus 620, worth 9 IMPs as the datum was NS plus 210.

After the early play, the defence had a chance to defeat the contract. When South led the first diamond, West had to rise with the ace and play the spade king. This allows East to shed the second diamond and now the trump coup fails.

## Splitting Headache

*Sydney Morning Herald, September 18, 2009*

In Round 8 of the Coffs Gold Coast Open Swiss Pairs, on the very next board, it was Kim Morrison's turn. He brought home a small slam despite a 5-0 trump split.

#### Round 8. Board 16. Dealer South. NS Vul.

♠ A Q 10 9 7 5

♥ 9

♦ J 4

♣ A Q 9 4

♠ K 6 3

♥ K 8 6 3 2

♦ 10 9 8 7 6

♣ —

♠ 8 4 2

♥ Q 10 7

♦ K 2

♣ J 10 7 6 3

♠ J

♥ A J 5 4

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ K 8 5 2

| West  | North            | East      | South            |
|-------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Watts | Chadwick         | Beauchamp | Morrison         |
| —     | —                | —         | 1 ♦              |
| Pass  | 1 ♠              | Pass      | 2 ♣              |
| Pass  | 2 ♥ <sup>1</sup> | Pass      | 3 ♥ <sup>2</sup> |
| Pass  | 4 ♣ <sup>3</sup> | Pass      | 4 ♦ <sup>4</sup> |
| Pass  | 4 ♠ <sup>4</sup> | Pass      | 6 ♣              |
| Pass  | Pass             | Pass      |                  |

1. Fourth-suit
2. Natural, four hearts
3. Sets clubs as trumps
4. Cue-bids, with clubs set

Trick 1 went diamond ten: jack – king – ace. The bad trump split was revealed when West pitched a heart on the club two at trick two. How to continue?

South won with the club queen and played a diamond to his queen. Next came the spade jack: three – queen – two. South cashed the spade ace, followed by the heart to the ace, a heart ruff and a spade ruff. These cards remained, with South on lead:

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| ♠ —     | ♠ —        |
| ♥ K 8   | ♥ Q        |
| ♦ 9 8 7 | ♦ —        |
| ♣ —     | ♣ J 10 7 6 |
| ♠ —     |            |
| ♥ J 5   |            |
| ♦ 5     |            |
| ♣ K 8   |            |

A heart was ruffed with the club nine, followed by the spade ten. East ruffed with the club ten and South over-ruffed. The diamond five was ruffed with the club queen, as East helplessly under-ruffed. South had already taken the first eleven tricks. At trick 12 South played another spade and East could not prevent South scoring the club eight *en passant* for the twelfth trick. That was worth plus 1370 and 13 IMPs as the datum was NS plus 610.

*A pessimist is one who thinks all trump splits will be bad. An expert is one who hopes they are.*

### Anticipation

*Sydney Morning Herald, October 11, 2009*

Michael Courtney of Sydney found an ingenious deceptive play to divert East from the winning play on this deal from rubber bridge:

**Dealer North. Neither Vul.**

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| —    | 3 ♦   | Pass | 3 NT  |
| Pass | Pass  | Pass |       |

West led the spade six: ten, jack, king. Courtney now took the losing diamond finesse. East thought it a good

idea to cash the heart winners before returning a spade and so he led the king of hearts. West was keen to deny possession of the heart queen and so he followed with the jack.

Because the spade six opening lead was fourth-highest and Courtney could see the three and four, he was aware that West had at most six spades and so East had another spade.

Courtney was naturally eager to inhibit a spade switch by East and so when East continued with the heart ace, he followed smoothly with the queen! West continued to unblock by playing the ten.

Completely taken in, East played a third heart. Surprise, surprise, South's nine won the trick. Suddenly a contract which would under normal circumstances be three down was made easily. Well done, Mr. Courtney.

## IRISH EYES

**Paul Lamford, London**

Ireland (Tommy Garvey, John Carroll, Adam Mesbur, Nick Fitzgibbon) won this year's Lederer invitational teams, held at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, convincingly on 249.5 points. They were followed by the English Premier League Champions (Espen Erichsen, Tom Townsend, David Gold, Nick Irens, Norman Selway) with 231 and the Young Chelsea Bridge Club Knockout Winners (Richard Hillman, Jon Green, Keith Bennett, Paula Leslie, Neil Rosen) with 229.

The event is scored as a combination of IMPs-to-VPs and Point-a-Board.

The popular "Play with the Stars" event for the Teltscher Cups was held at the Andrew Robson, Roehampton and Hurlingham Bridge Clubs. Pairs played the first 24 Lederer boards on Saturday and then scored up as teams-of-four with selected Lederer pairs in their direction, which this year were Zia Mahmood and David Bakhshi for the Holders, and Adam Mesbur and Nick Fitzgibbon for Ireland.

The winners were: North-South - Juliet Scott & Aline Sandberg (Hurlingham BC) on +32 and East-West - Patti Gamble & Denis Bennett (Andrew Robson BC) on +43 IMPs. Andy Robson had offered a glass of champagne to anyone at his bridge club who performed better than he did in the "Play with the Stars" event. "How many bottles?" he was heard asking the TD who ran the event at his club.

### Duck Soup

Brian Callaghan and I had to wait until round 7 for the best-defended hand. The defenders have at least 100

international caps between them so I am sure the following defence was duck soup to them, but it still had to be found.

**President's Team (NS) v. YCBC KO Winners (EW). Dealer South. EW Vul.**

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

| West           | North           | East         | South        |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Bennett</i> | <i>Matheson</i> | <i>Rosen</i> | <i>Coyle</i> |
| —              | —               | —            | Pass         |
| 1 ♥            | Pass            | 2 ♥          | Pass         |
| 4 ♥            | Pass            | Pass         | Pass         |

A simple auction brought the Young Chelsea pair, who were in contention for second place, but not realistically the trophy, to the normal game. North avoided giving the tenth trick immediately with a pointed suit lead and led a small club. West won and advanced the king of hearts, intending to use his only certain entry to the dummy for a spade or diamond finesse rather than a heart finesse, which would need the doubleton queen onside. South ducked, denying declarer a second entry to the table, and North won the next trump to play a second club. Declarer won with the king in dummy and ran the queen of spades, and Matheson again ducked smoothly. Now declarer must guess well to succeed, by finessing diamonds rather than spades, but he repeated the spade finesse and North now won. There was no further entry to dummy, and declarer was one down.



Barkston Gardens, Kensington, the YCBC neighbourhood

Apart from Zia's All Stars, the other team to disappoint was Norway, who included three World Champions and a strong sponsor who is the current holder of the European Mixed Teams title. They only really looked the part when beating the winners convincingly.

**Endplay Either**

The best-played hand was also a candidate for the best-defended hands at some tables, and a missed opportunity at another:

**Dealer East. NS Vul.**

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

| West           | North        | East            | South        |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <i>Furunes</i> | <i>Small</i> | <i>Austberg</i> | <i>Cooke</i> |
| —              | —            | Pass            | Pass         |
| 1 ♦            | 1 ♠          | Double          | 2 ♠          |
| Pass           | 3 ♣          | Pass            | 3 ♠          |
| Pass           | Pass         | Pass            |              |

Cameron Small, for the TGR Super League Winners, contented himself with a game-try on the North cards which Jon Cooke was quick to decline (indeed he would have folded if that had been an option). East led a diamond and West won and switched to the ten of spades to the jack, queen and king. A heart went to the king and ace and a second trump was won in dummy with the nine. Now Small ruffed a heart and exited with the queen of diamonds to the king. West was endplayed; a heart or diamond was clearly fatal, so he exited with a club. Small covered and pitched a diamond from dummy to endplay East for nine tricks.

When David Bakhshi was North, he just bid game when Zia raised, and East, Andrew McIntosh, for the Gold Cup team, raised the stakes by doubling. Again East led his singleton diamond, and West, Nick Sandqvist, won and continued with the king and jack of diamonds, fatally in theory. Now North ruffed with the jack and went off. The winning line was to ruff with the ace, cross to dummy with the king of trumps, and discard the king of hearts on a diamond. This line succeeds if the opposing trumps are 2-2 or if West has queen to three.

**Grand Rapids**

The following auction did not win the Best-Bid Prize, possibly because others bid the grand slam, but not with the confidence of Graham Osborne and Frances

Hinden of the TGR Super League Champions team.

**Dealer North. Neither Vul.**

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

| West              | North   | East              | South  |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------|--------|
| Osborne           | Allfrey | Hinden            | Robson |
| —                 | Pass    | Pass              | Pass   |
| 2 ♣               | Pass    | 2 ♦               | Pass   |
| 2 ♥ <sup>1</sup>  | Pass    | 2 ♠ <sup>2</sup>  | Pass   |
| 2 NT <sup>3</sup> | Pass    | 3 ♥ <sup>4</sup>  | Pass   |
| 3 ♠ <sup>5</sup>  | Pass    | 4 ♣ <sup>6</sup>  | Pass   |
| 4 ♦ <sup>7</sup>  | Pass    | 4 NT <sup>8</sup> | Pass   |
| 5 ♦ <sup>9</sup>  | Pass    | 5 ♥ <sup>10</sup> | Pass   |
| 7 ♠ <sup>11</sup> | Pass    | Pass              | Pass   |

1. Hearts or 24+ balanced
2. Forced
3. Balanced
4. Transfer
5. 3 spades
6. Natural, slam try with 4+ diamonds
7. Cue bid, slam suitability
8. RKCB
9. 1 or 4 key cards
10. Queen ask
11. We must have 13 tricks

Gold (East) and Townsend (West) had a similar sequence with different meanings, when East cue bid four clubs over three spades, and West cue bid four diamonds. East asked for key cards and then asked for the queen of trumps with five hearts. Now West bid six hearts, showing either the king of hearts or both minor suits kings. East was pretty sure it was the latter, although there was (barely) room for the former with some stray jacks, and bid the grand with only slightly less confidence than Osborne and Hinden.

**Promotion Opportunity**

An interesting defensive issue appeared on the following deal: (See top of next column...)

A simple auction from Erichsen and Irens, the Premier League winners, led to a reasonable game. East made the natural lead of his singleton diamond, and Erichsen won in dummy and finessed the queen of hearts. East won with the king and switched to a low club. West won with the king, and now needed to play a second

club to get his club ruff.

**Dealer North. Neither Vul.**

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

| West  | North    | East  | South |
|-------|----------|-------|-------|
| Small | Erichsen | Cooke | Irens |
| —     | 1 ♠      | Pass  | 1 NT  |
| Pass  | 4 ♠      | Pass  | Pass  |
| Pass  |          |       |       |

Instead he played for East to have the nine of spades and switched to a diamond. However, if East had had that card, he should have continued with the ace and then king of clubs, so that West would have no choice but to play a diamond. When West played a second diamond, Erichsen ruffed with the nine and drew trumps, shortly afterwards recording plus 420.

In the other room Scoltock was in three no trump as South, but on the diamond king lead and with the heart finesse offside, that was one off, with the defence winning the king of hearts and four minor-suit winners. Ten IMPs to the English Premier League winners.

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# 8th EUROPEAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONS' CUP



**Mark Horton, Bath, UK**  
**Jos Jacobs, Maarn, Netherlands**

Overlooking the Seine and offering a clear view of the Eiffel Tower, the headquarters of the French Bridge Federation provided a magnificent setting for the latest edition of the European Bridge League's Champions Cup.

The 12 club teams which qualify comprise the national club champions from the top 10 finishers in the previous European Team Championship, the holders and the host. Thus for this version, both Italy and France had two entrants.

Italy's domination continued when ASD Angelini Roma (Francesco Angelini, Fulvio Fantoni, Valerio Giubilo, Lorenzo Lauria, Claudio Nunes, Alfredo Versace) swept to victory against the only non-Italian club to disturb their reign, Germany's BC Bamberger Reiter (Michael Elinescu, Michael Gromöller, Helmut Hausler, Josef Piekarek, Alexander Smirnov, Entschow Wladow) when they met in the final. It was the Italian team's sixth victory in this annual contest. Third place was secured by Sweden's Bridgeklub S:t Erik (Peter Bertheau, Per-Ola Cullin, Fredrik Nyström, Johan Upmark, Arvid Wikner, Frederic Wrang) who defeated Denmark NC (Freddie Brondum, Jacob Ron, Steen Schou, Ulrik Zeeberg) in the play off for third place.

The teams were divided into two groups with the winners from each group meeting the second-place finishers from the other group in semifinals.

## Match 2. France Host vs. Iceland National Champions

Though board 5 did not produce a sizeable swing, both sides had their chances:

### Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

| West    | North     | East   | South        |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------------|
| Quantin | Magnusson | Bompis | Valdimarsson |
| —       | Pass      | Pass   | 1 ♦          |
| 1 ♠     | 1 NT      | 2 ♠    | 4 ♥          |
| Pass    | Pass      | Pass   |              |

Quantin led a top spade and continued with the king of clubs. Declarer won and led two top trumps, getting the bad news. He was forced now to guess right in diamonds now or he'd be shortened by more club leads. When he next led a diamond to the ace and a diamond back to the king, West ruffed and the two red queens put the contract one down. France Host plus 100.

Would Bompis have preferred to bid two clubs rather than two spades with the 3=1=2=7 shape Valdimarsson played him to have? Perhaps.

At the other table, events were even more dramatic...

| West         | North   | East         | South  |
|--------------|---------|--------------|--------|
| Sigurjonsson | Zaleski | Vilhjalmsson | Chemla |
| —            | Pass    | 3 ♣          | 4 ♣    |
| 5 ♣          | 5 ♠     | Pass         | 6 ♦    |
| Pass         | 6 ♥     | Pass         | Pass   |
| Double       | Pass    | Pass         | Pass   |

The French were more ambitious and Zaleski converted six diamonds, which showed a big red two-suiter, to six hearts, which had the advantage that East was on lead. When the club queen came out, the losing spade quickly disappeared and now, all declarer had to do was draw trumps and guess the diamonds. He too, however, did not so the slam was just one down, plus 200 and 3 IMPs to Iceland after all.

Zaleski had less information from the bidding than had Valdimarsson at the other table. Nevertheless, Sigurjonsson might have tried four spades with as many as six of them, and might not have bid five clubs with only two clubs, but these were slender threads. Sigursson might have tried four spades as a lead-director in any case.

## Match 3 France Host vs. Norway Topbridge Bridge Club (See top of next page...)

East led the queen of spades and declarer won that in hand and played on clubs. West won the second round; declarer retained the queen in hand and the king in dummy. The spade return went to dummy's king and West went in with the ace of hearts on the first round

and played a third spade, ducked to East's jack. Hantveit simply cashed his heart winners for one down.

**Board 17. Dealer North. Neither Vul.**

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

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

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

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

| West           | North         | East            | South       |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| <i>Hoyland</i> | <i>Mouiel</i> | <i>Hantveit</i> | <i>Levy</i> |
| —              | 1 NT          | Pass            | 2 ♦         |
| Pass           | 2 ♥           | Pass            | 3 ♣         |
| Pass           | 3 NT          | Pass            | Pass        |
| Pass           |               |                 |             |

If declarer instead cashes a couple of diamonds before playing on clubs (a better line) he has to discard hearts from dummy and now East-West can cash four heart tricks when they get in with the ace of clubs. However, on a 3-3 heart break or blocked hearts, declarer would have had nine tricks. His actual line opened up five winners for the defence.

| West          | North            | East              | South          |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <i>Multon</i> | <i>Lindqvist</i> | <i>Zimmermann</i> | <i>Rekstad</i> |
| —             | 1 NT             | Pass              | 2 ♦            |
| Pass          | 2 ♥              | Pass              | 3 NT           |
| Pass          | Pass             | Pass              |                |

East led the queen of spades and declarer decided to rely on a 2-2 club break. (As the cards lie, the only winning view, and a better chance than 3-3 hearts.) He won dummy's king and played clubs. West took the second round and played another spade so declarer simply claimed 10 tricks, plus 430, 10 IMPs to Norway.

**Match 3. ASD Angelini Roma vs. Bridgeklub S:t Erik Stockholm**

**Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.**

♠ K 8 3  
♥ 8 7 4 2  
♦ Q 9 7 3 2  
♣ 8

♠ Q 10 6 5  
♥ A  
♦ A 6  
♣ Q J 5 4 3 2

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

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

| West          | North         | East          | South          |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Cullin</i> | <i>Lauria</i> | <i>Upmark</i> | <i>Versace</i> |
| 2 ♣           | Pass          | 2 ♦           | Pass           |
| 2 ♠           | Pass          | 3 ♣           | Pass           |
| 3 ♦           | Pass          | 3 NT          | Pass           |
| Pass          | Pass          |               |                |

This board had a very delicate entry position in an everyday three no trump contract. The choice of opening lead was critical for the defence.

Versace led a heart to dummy's blank ace and a club was played to declarer's ten which held the trick. The next club went to Versace who continued a diamond to the queen and king. At this point, declarer had lots of tricks available but not sufficient entries to enjoy nine of them.

He tried the effect of cashing the heart queen, throwing a spade, before unblocking the the diamond ace and exiting in clubs. South could win this, however and exit safely by playing ace and another spade. North won the king and played a red card to lock declarer in his hand for one down. Angelini plus 100.

Fantoni, at the other table, got a friendlier defence:

| West         | North           | East           | South          |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Nunes</i> | <i>Bertheau</i> | <i>Fantoni</i> | <i>Nystrom</i> |
| 1 ♣          | Pass            | 1 ♦            | Pass           |
| 1 ♠          | Pass            | 3 NT           | Pass           |
| Pass         | Pass            |                |                |

South led a spade which ran to Fantoni's nine. It was already over - with a spade trick in the bag, declarer could now establish clubs with two entires to the dummy. The defence could win the second round of clubs and lead a red suit but, provided declarer wins a diamond return in dummy immediately, he is completely safe as another diamond return would bring you an extra trick, after which only one heart trick is required. So, plus 600 and 12 IMPs to Angelini.

**Semifinal: Bridge Club Bamberger Reiter vs. Bridgeklub S:t Erik Stockholm**

A subtle defensive error saw the Swedes win a game swing here:

**Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.**

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

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

♠ J 7 4 2  
♥ A 6 5 4  
♦ 3  
♣ A Q 5 2

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

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## 495. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

| West | North  | East | South |
|------|--------|------|-------|
| —    | —      | 2 ♠  | Pass  |
| Pass | Double | Pass | 3 ♥   |
| Pass | 6 ♥    | Pass | Pass  |
| Pass |        |      |       |

As South's three hearts promised a hand in the 8-10 point range, North drove to slam, hoping that South would have no wasted values in spades.

West led the two of spades, an obvious singleton. Unless the ten of hearts were doubleton, allowing two club ruffs in the dummy, declarer was trick short.

Declarer took the opening lead with dummy's ace of spades and then drew three rounds of trumps, pleased to see that they were 3-2. Next came four rounds of diamonds, discarding spades from hand. West had to win the trick and lead a club, as he had only clubs left in his hand. So, declarer fulfilled his contract with a spade trick, five trump tricks (one with a ruff), three diamonds and three clubs.

## 496. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

| West | North | East   | South |
|------|-------|--------|-------|
| 1 ♥  | Pass  | Pass   | 1 ♠   |
| Pass | 2 ♥   | Double | 3 ♦   |
| Pass | 4 ♠   | Pass   | Pass  |
| Pass |       |        |       |

West led the jack of hearts. There were three certain losers in spades and diamonds, and declarer had to avoid a club loser. One chance was that West began with a doubleton ace of diamonds - declarer could take advantage of such a layout by leading towards the queen of diamonds and ducking the second round of the suit, setting up the king-jack of diamonds for two club discards from dummy.

There was a better chance available. Declarer took the heart lead with the king, cashed dummy's ace of hearts and ruffed the seven of hearts. Next he led a low diamond to dummy's queen and then led a trump. West could do no better than take the ace and king of trumps. Then: a heart would be ruffed in dummy while a club was thrown from hand; a diamond would see declarer make three diamond tricks; while a club from the king would see the queen make a trick.

It is often a good move to cash a singleton ace of trumps when on opening lead, to avoid a possible endplay. The same applied here - West needed to cash the ace and king of trumps immediately to defeat four spades.

## 497. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| —    | —     | —    | 2 ♣   |
| Pass | 2 ♦   | Pass | 2 ♥   |
| Pass | 2 NT  | Pass | 3 ♠   |
| Pass | 4 ♠   | Pass | Pass  |
| Pass |       |      |       |

South, who was a bidding pessimist, was pleased when dummy came down: if North had held the queen of spades, slam would have had a reasonable play.

West led the queen of clubs, which held the trick, and continued with the jack of clubs. Alas, declarer's pessimism did not continue into the play. He ruffed the second club and cashed the ace and king of trumps. This saw West ruff the first heart, draw declarer's last trump and score a club trick for down one.

"You should have abandoned trumps after the first round and played on hearts!" North offered. "West ruffs the first heart and forces you with a third round of clubs. You ruff with the seven and play the king of trumps. You then continue with the king and queen of hearts. It won't matter whether West chooses to score his master trump with a ruff, you would establish the hearts with a ruff. All you would lose is a club and two trumps."

"Also, you would play the same way if the hearts were 2-2 or 3-1. You ruff the second club, draw one round of trumps and play on hearts until a defender ruffs (or you get rid of dummy's third club on the hearts)."

**498. Dealer South. Both Vul.**

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| —    | —     | —    | 2 NT  |
| Pass | 6 NT  | Pass | Pass  |
| Pass |       |      |       |

A simple auction carried South to the best contract. After West led the jack of clubs, declarer counted ten winners, meaning that he needed only two additional tricks from diamonds to make his slam.

After winning the club lead, declarer crossed to dummy with a heart to the king and led a diamond towards his hand. When East produced the three, he covered with the eight. When this held, declarer had his slam; he gave up a diamond and claimed. If the eight of diamonds had been taken by West, then the suit would be breaking either 3-1 or 2-2 and declarer would have the rest of the tricks.

Notice that declarer's decision to lead towards his hand would allow an overtrick when East had a singleton queen in diamonds or had queen-nine or queen-ten doubleton.

**European Champions Cup, continued...**

| West           | North         | East            | South         |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>Smirnov</i> | <i>Cullin</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Upmark</i> |
| —              | —             | 1 ♣             | 1 ♠           |
| Pass           | 2 ♣           | Pass            | 2 ♠           |
| Pass           | 4 ♠           | Pass            | Pass          |
| Pass           |               |                 |               |

Against this fair-enough contract, West led the club jack. East won the ace and returned the suit, declarer ruffing in dummy. The spade king was cashed and a low heart was called for. Once East hopped up with his ace and returned yet another club, declarer's problems were over. He could win the king of clubs and continue trumps. East could win his jack but the king of hearts would still be there as an entry to hand, needed to draw the last trump. Sit Erik plus 620.

| West            | North            | East           | South          |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bertheau</i> | <i>Gromöller</i> | <i>Nyström</i> | <i>Häusler</i> |
| —               | —                | 1 ♦            | 1 ♠            |
| Pass            | 2 ♦              | Pass           | 2 ♠            |
| Pass            | 4 ♠              | Pass           | Pass           |
| Pass            |                  |                |                |

Here too, the jack of clubs was led to East's ace and a club came back, ruffed in dummy. Next came the king of spades, followed by the heart queen but at this table, East ducked. The next heart was taken by East's ace and, rather than playing another club, Nyström continued a heart.

Now, declarer could play on trumps but Nyström could win the jack and lock declarer in dummy by playing a diamond. This way, he would obtain a second-round diamond ruff to beat the contract and win 12 IMPs for his team. Well done!

**Final: Bridge Club Bamberger Reiter vs. ASD Angelini Roma**

**Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.**

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

| West           | North           | East          | South          |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Versace</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Lauria</i> | <i>Smirnov</i> |
| Pass           | Pass            | 1 NT          | 2 ♣            |
| 3 ♣            | 3 ♥             | Pass          | 4 ♥            |
| Pass           | Pass            | Pass          |                |

Over Lauria's one no trump, Smirnov could show his majors by bidding two clubs, and game was easily reached. Lauria led the ace of diamonds and shifted to the only card that might cause trouble to declarer, the queen of clubs. Piekarek ducked this and the spotlight was back on Lauria again. Had he continued the suit, declarer would have been forced to take the first-round trump finesse to land his contract.

When Lauria instead played another top diamond, dummy could ruff and lead a heart up to the queen and ace with the club ace still there as the entry for the trump finesse. Bamberg plus 620.

In the other room, Wladow's two-diamond opening, showing various types of strong hands, made life much more difficult for the Italians:

| West            | North          | East          | South        |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Elinescu</i> | <i>Fantoni</i> | <i>Wladow</i> | <i>Nunes</i> |
| Pass            | Pass           | 2 ♠           | 2 ♥          |
| Pass            | 2 NT           | Pass          | 3 ♠          |
| 4 ♣             | 4 ♥            | Pass          | Pass         |
| Double          | Pass           | Pass          | Pass         |

Elinescu quite rightly introduced his suit but his final double possibly backfired a little, though both the defenders and Nunes showed excellent card play. Elinescu led a club which was ducked in dummy, Wladow winning the queen. A diamond was cashed, and now Wladow made the very good move of returning a second club. Dummy's jack won and Nunes cashed the club ace, Wladow discarding a diamond.

The moment of truth had come: Claudio Nunes quickly played a heart from dummy to the ten in his hand, claiming the contract two seconds later. This was plus 790 and 5 IMPs to Angelini who thus went into the final set of boards with a 48-IMP lead, more than enough to win the Cup for the sixth time.

**SALZBURG 2009 – IN  
MEMORY OF KARL ROHAN**  
Fritz Babsch, Vienna

Salzburg has always hosted a Pairs Tournament in the autumn, but a few years ago it had to be cancelled for lack of participation – the players did not like the venue. Karl Rohan was very popular in Salzburg and always dreamed of reviving the tournament. Unfortunately, he died last year before plans for a new tournament were realised, but his friends in Salzburg and the Austrian Bridge Federation tried hard and were able to organise a fine tournament in the Casino of Salzburg, which is situated in Schloss Klessheim. With 82 pairs (and guests from Germany and Hungary) the participation was much better than we had expected.

Sometimes the 'normal' slam does not lead to the best result.

**Dealer North. EW Vul.**

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

A grand slam cannot be made in hearts but can be made in diamonds. However, six hearts was the normal contract (apparently most players realised that the trump suit was not solid) and was reached by half the field; it was worth about 71%.

In diamonds, 13 tricks can be made on a simple squeeze against West, or a trump squeeze if East leads a heart. For the simple squeeze, declarer finesses in clubs, cashes the king of spades, ruffs a club and ruffs a spade. Then on the run of the diamonds, West is squeezed in hearts and clubs. For the trump squeeze, declarer wins the heart in hand, engineers his spade ruff while drawing trumps, then runs all the trumps but one, keeping all four clubs in the dummy with the heart king. In the five-card ending, West cannot keep four clubs and two hearts.

No pair played in diamonds; but also no pair tried six no trump, certainly a fine contract if you play it from South! Declarer can afford the standard safety play in hearts which is certainly not good play in six hearts.

The winning scores were very high when the 81 boards were completed:

1. Andreas Gloyer/Hubert Obermair 66.6%
2. Andreas Babsch/Renate Hansen 65.4%
3. Michael Barnay/Ernst Pichler 64.5%

**San Diego NABC  
Major Event Winners**

**LM Open Pairs** – Helness-Andresen; **LM Women's Pairs** – Picus-Quinn; **Open BAM Teams** – Gromov-Dubin-Blass-Zaremba-Zmudzinski-Balicki; **Women's BAM Teams** – Hampton-Wolpert-Cronier-Willard-Auken-von Arnim; **Senior KO Teams** – Lynch-Passell-Hayden-Lair-Ozdil; **Blue Ribbon Pairs** – Bramley-Fallenius

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## AUDITORS'REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION

We have audited the annual financial statements of International Bridge Press Association set out on pages 4 to 7 for the year ended 31 December 2008. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management board. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

### Scope

We conducted our audit in accordance with statements of South African Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes:

- examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement,
- assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and
- evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### Qualification

In common with similar organisations, it is not feasible for the association to institute accounting controls over cash collections from donations, subscriptions and fund raising prior to initial entry of the collections in the accounting records. Accordingly, it was impracticable for us to extend our examination beyond the receipts actually recorded.

### Qualified audit opinion

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the matter referred to in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association at 31 December 2008 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

**Chartered Accountants (S.A.)**

**Registered Auditors**

**Johannesburg**

**13 October 2009**

Partners: S. Berger, M. Carrol, F. Sharief, J. Butkow. Consultant: A. Sharp.

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**INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION  
BALANCE SHEET  
as at 31 December 2008**

|                                     | 2008<br>\$    | 2007<br>\$    |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                       |               |               |
| <b>Current assets</b>               |               |               |
| Trade debtors                       | 80            | 35            |
| Cash and cash equivalents           | 64,484        | 73,091        |
| <b>Total assets</b>                 | <u>64,564</u> | <u>73,126</u> |
| <b>Capital and liabilities</b>      |               |               |
| <b>Capital</b>                      |               |               |
| Capital                             | 61,528        | 72,898        |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>          |               |               |
| Trade and other payables            | 3,036         | 228           |
| <b>Total equity and liabilities</b> | <u>64,564</u> | <u>73,126</u> |

**INCOME STATEMENT  
for the year ended 31 December 2008**

|                                    | Notes | 2008<br>\$      | 2007<br>\$   |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Income</b>                      |       |                 |              |
|                                    |       | 19,723          | 29,100       |
| Interest received                  |       | 1,677           | 997          |
| Sponsor award money                |       | 4,000           | 5,050        |
| Subscriptions dues                 |       | 10,225          | 13,026       |
| Subscriptions paid in advance      | 3     | 2,886           | 5,200        |
| Surplus on exchange rates          |       | -               | 3,827        |
| WBF grant                          |       | 935             | 1,000        |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                 |       |                 |              |
|                                    |       | 31,093          | 23,949       |
| Bank charges and credit card costs |       | 364             | 1,099        |
| Bulletin editor's fee              |       | 7,823           | 9,750        |
| Bulletin hands                     |       | 936             | 954          |
| Bulletin printing & postages       |       | 4,464           | 7,142        |
| Filing fee                         |       | 60              | 60           |
| General expenses                   | 5     | 1,548           | -            |
| IBPA awards and website            |       | 1,600           | 1,300        |
| Loss on exchange rates             | 4     | 11,313          | -            |
| Membership secretary's expenses    |       | 1,000           | 1,650        |
| President's expenses               |       | 500             | 500          |
| President's travel                 |       | 1,000           | 1,000        |
| Secretary's expenses               |       | 485             | 494          |
| <b>(Loss)/profit</b>               |       | <u>(11,370)</u> | <u>5,151</u> |

**INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION  
CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
for the year ended 31 December 2008**

|   | <b>2008</b>          | <b>2007</b>          |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
|   | <b>\$</b>            | <b>\$</b>            |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                 |                      |                      |
| Cash receipts from customers including currency adjustments | 18,046               | 28,103               |
| Cash paid to suppliers and employees                        | <u>(28,330)</u>      | <u>(23,756)</u>      |
| Cash (utilised in)/generated by operating activities        | (10,284)             | 4,347                |
| Interest received   | <u>1,677</u>         | <u>997</u>           |
| Net cash from operating activities                          | <u>(8,607)</u>       | <u>5,344</u>         |
| (Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents            | (8,607)              | 5,344                |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year          | <u>73,091</u>        | <u>67,747</u>        |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year                | <u><u>64,484</u></u> | <u><u>73,091</u></u> |

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 31 December 2008**

**1. Exchange rates**

We used exchange rates (31 December 2008): As per the financial statements US\$ = 1.47 GBP; = 1.40 Euro.

**2. Assets**

Computer, printer editor, and fax machines are all written off to NIL during the year of purchase.

**3. Subscriptions paid in advance**

Subscription paid in advance according to the Income Statement confirms there are some liabilities for the year ended 2009 to the extent of \$ 2,886.

**4. Surplus**

An apparent small operating loss of \$ 57 was made in addition to the \$ 11,313 loss on exchange rates.

**5. General expenses**

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
|                             | \$                  |
| Jean Butler's salary        | 750                 |
| Presidents dinner subsidies | 368                 |
| Lapel Badges                | <u>430</u>          |
|                             | <u><u>1,548</u></u> |



## Correspondence ...

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### **NOT APPEALING – An open letter to the EBL**

My impending trip to San Remo for the 4<sup>th</sup> Open European Championships was full of expectations. Fighting cancer may not be considered conducive to playing good bridge but, nevertheless, I was determined to give it my all and because the list of famous players attending seemed endless I knew it would be an amazing opportunity to pit my wits at the highest level.

Both the venue and location were superb, not to mention the local cuisine, sparkling blue sea and delightfully warm weather (apart from the occasional glitch when there was a sudden downpour). Whilst all these factors contributed to making this holiday so delightful there were, unfortunately, a number of issues which detracted from the overall pleasure of this event and to such an extent that many players, as I have heard, may choose not to repeat such an expedition.

A few of the problems became glaringly apparent early on and the organisers could be congratulated on overcoming some of them on site.

We loved the daily bulletins giving us a mix of serious and comic issues to read at breakfast each morning and there were many other areas where the committee could be praised. However, there were far too many issues which caused discontent. The early morning sessions must have been a nightmare to organise and this was clearly an area where the players themselves could have been a lot more helpful by turning up on time. Issues relating to the late starts and software problems were highlighted in the bulletin and addressed mid-tournament with promises to surmount these, and other shortcomings, in the future.

However, two areas that remained unaddressed throughout involved the total disrespect for people's health and comfort when, for one, cigarette smoke billowed into the playing areas every single round of the event via the verandah doors and, secondly, lack of security allowed players from the same country to converse mid-session. Some players even left the playing room to smoke when they became dumpy despite repeated requests from the directors to remain seated during play, yet they were not penalised. In the end the Tournament Directors all but gave up trying to implement these rules which surely perpetrated serious violations of the laws.

Whilst, perhaps, these factors were unappealing to only a minority of players there seems little point in having rules that are not enforced. That said, the occasional melody of a mobile phone (at least one would serenade us each session) and players who innocently wore shorts and open-toed shoes (deemed to be illegal as per the

conditions of contest) did not detract from either the excellence of the event or its wonderful ambiance.

For future events the EBL will, no doubt, be taking all of these issues, and more, on board, but there is one more point that definitely requires someone to ensure that the chosen venue has sufficient toilet facilities. My sympathy for the male players was stretched to the limit when they decided to avail themselves of the ladies washrooms. This disrespectful regard for the women's privacy and hygiene was totally ignored by both the bridge staff and the cleaners making some of the playing sessions particularly unpleasant for the female players.

I have participated in all four of the Open European tournaments since their inauguration in Menton, at great expense. In fact, in this particular tournament my partner and I not only played in ALL four of the competitions open to us we also played every single board as we were just a foursome in both team events. In this respect I feel fully justified in writing an article which incorporates several complaints as well as notes of praise. After all, when entry fees and hotel costs are exorbitant (especially for those of us who do not receive sponsorship), one is entitled to expect perfection.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Brunner, Stockport, UK

Dear John,

An uninformed reader might have drawn the wrong conclusion from your November Editorial.

The England team that won the Senior Bowl was only provided with minimal funding, the entry fee and the cost of the uniforms. The remaining expenses were borne by the sponsor, Russ Harper, except that the NPC (Peter Baxter) paid his own travel and accommodation costs.

Richard Fleet, Berkhamsted, UK

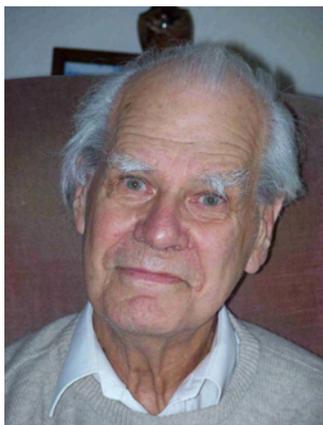
Dear John,

I regret to inform you that Peter Manhardt (73) died in Vienna on November 26. He was found dead in his bed in the morning. He was Austria's first life master and its top player in the 60s and 70s. Peter dominated the Philip Morris Cup and won the 1970 Pairs Olympiad in Stockholm.

Peter is survived by his wife Ingrid, who was his frequent partner. Peter also had two daughters from a former marriage.

Regards, Fritz Babsch, Vienna

## Dr. Eastland Stuart Staveley 1926 – 2009



Stuart Staveley of Ross-shire, who has died at 83, was a code-breaker at Bletchley Park in the last year of the war; he was a rarity, a British teenager who knew Japanese. He later became a key administrator for the game of bridge in England and then for the IBPA.

Eastland Stuart Staveley was born on June 8, 1926 in Birkenhead, where his father taught history. Staveley went to Queen's College, Oxford to read ancient history. He had already volunteered for the navy and was recruited by naval intelligence. His interviewer was Ian Fleming, author of the James Bond books. After the war he completed his studies at Oxford, taking a doctorate. He lectured in ancient history at St Andrew's University and then Bedford College, London.

Dr. Staveley was musical and sang in the Liverpool Philharmonic Choir. He met his first wife, Anne, at the University opera society. From 1965 to 1978 the two of them were the full staff of the growing English Bridge Union. Staveley was a county bridge-player who was in the Oxfordshire team that won the County Championship for the Tollemache Cup in 1974.

Dr. & Mrs. Staveley retired to Shildaig in Scotland in 1978. Anne died in 1985, whereupon Dr. Staveley took over from her the post of IBPA Membership Secretary, from which he retired in 2005. Staveley remarried in 1986.

Staveley was a man who eschewed modern technology. Travel by aeroplane was avoided, and no computer was allowed in the house. Reports were produced on an ancient typewriter but were always precise and accurate.

Staveley had one son who predeceased him and leaves a widow, also Anne, and two grandchildren.

Patrick Jourdain, Cardiff, Dec. 2, 2009

## ...Editorial continued

so on. That would do away with the patently-absurd inequity of a first-place team being potentially minus IMPs to start a KO match against a team that finished in the last qualifying spot. In an extreme example, suppose a first-place team won all its matches but one and faced that team in the final – it would start down by a third of the losing margin. Doesn't that seem unfair?

A second more-equitable method of determining carryover would be to consider all the matches against other qualified teams. Thus, each team would receive a plus or minus 'carryover factor' and that, combined with the factor of the team against which they are competing, would determine the actual carryover.

Yet a third method, call it I.a., could involve assigning a carryover of 16 IMPs if team 1 plays team 8, then calculating the other carryovers based on the differentials in Victory Points among all the qualifying teams. In theory, the maximum of 16 IMPs need not be assigned if the margin between first and eighth was relatively small.

There is a small advantage which can accrue from assigning non-whole numbers as carryover rather than making whole numbers possible, as is now done. It is an innovation of the Japan Contract Bridge League in the annual NEC Cup. The team finishing ahead of its knockout opponent in the Swiss Qualifying phase of the event receives a carryover of  $\frac{1}{2}$  IMP. Thus, no sudden-death playoffs can occur.

Nevertheless, you say, we need to protect the integrity of the event to prevent even the hint of sportsmanlike dumping. We agree, but are of the opinion that the existing carryover formula is ineffective in carrying out that goal. In the scenario where a first-place team deliberately loses to an inferior team, the prospect of that first-place team entering a 96-board knockout match 16 IMPs in arrears of the clearly-inferior team is not daunting enough to prevent said dumping, if the first-place team is so inclined. Besides which, creative dumping could still easily occur under the current scheme. Suppose, for example, Team A, with first place locked up, is playing its chief rival, Team B, currently lying fifth in the final match of the Round Robin. Team A could decide to lose to Team B, allowing it to finish in fourth place, in order to increase the choice of opponent in its own quarterfinal match, of which it has the pick of fifth- through eighth-placed opponents. Our point is that the assignment of carryover to a single match is ineffective in carrying out its evident goal.

There is another reason not to put too much weight on the result of a single Round-Robin match – that is because the goals of a Round Robin are different from those of a knockout. Suppose Team A, in fourth place, is 10 VPs behind Team B, in third place in the standings, with one match to play. Team A may view it a valid goal to swing in its final match to try to achieve that third place spot by blitzing an opponent, Team C, which would allow it the pick of two teams in the quarterfinal, rather than accepting its lot to finish fourth and automatically be assigned the toughest of the fifth- through eighth-placed teams. Is it reasonable that the team (Team C) it swings against (and receives the bounty of its swinging, the usual result) also receives a carryover disproportionate to its own good play/virtue?

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