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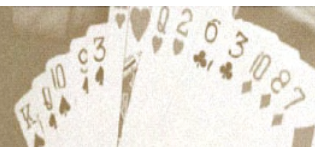
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The Event: The third edition of this important international series of bridge challenge matches will be held at the Miskin Manor hotel, near Cardiff in Wales, from September 13th to 16th, 2010. The Buffett Cup is once again being held to coincide as closely as possible with the biennial Ryder Cup of golf, which is being held at the nearby Celtic Manor in Newport, south Wales.

Unlike the Ryder Cup, which was dominated by the USA for the first half century of its duration, and latterly by Europe, the Buffett Cup promises to be hotly contested each time out, with the teams very evenly matched. The first event, held in 2006 in Dublin, Ireland, was won by America, while the return encounter, in Louisville, Kentucky in 2008, was won by Europe. Will Europe continue to be the good hosts and allow North America to take a 2-1 lead in the series? This year's Buffett Cup promises to be the most exciting yet, with a raft of world-class players battling it out over four days to win the event for their team.

The Teams: The idea behind the Buffett Cup is that the two teams should include many of the world's finest players from either side of the Atlantic. The teams for the 2010 match are very strong, with four members of the United States team that triumphed at last year's World Championships in São Paulo and two of the pairs who finished second in that match. The teams:

Europe: Sabine Auken and Daniela Von Arnim, Germany; Boye Brogeland and Espen Lindqvist, Norway; Giorgio Duboin and Antonio Sementa, Italy; Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes, Italy; Jason and Justin Hackett, England; Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness, Norway; Non-Playing Captain Paul Hackett, England.

North America: David Berkowitz and Alan Sontag, USA; Bob Hamman and Zia Mahmood, USA; Geoff Hampson and Fred Gitelman, Canada; Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein, USA; Jill Levin and Jill Meyers, USA; Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell, USA; Non Playing Captain Donna Compton, USA.

Details and Information: Patrons wishing to support the event, or to stay at the Miskin Manor while the Buffett Cup is taking place, should contact the organiser Patrick Jourdain at pdjourdain@hotmail.com or on (44) 29 2062 8839. Journalists, please mention the Buffett Cup in your columns.

Internet Broadcasting: The Buffett Cup will be broadcast live on Bridge Base Online. BBO provides an opportunity for spectators to follow the action in many of the matches as they happen.

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IBPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Monday morning, October 11th, 2010
Philadelphia, PA

AGENDA

- Remembrance** of members deceased since last AGM.
- Minutes** of the AGM held on 7th Sep, 2009 in Sao Paulo (see Bulletin 538, page 12) and matters arising.
- Officers' Reports:** President, Secretary.
- Appointees' Reports:** Editor, Liaison Officer, Membership Secretary.
- Treasurer:** Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2009, budget and proposal regarding subscriptions for the year 2011. Auditor's report for 2008 and 2009.
- Elections:** Officers nominated for a two-year term to 2012 are: President: Patrick Jourdain (Wales); Chairman: Per Jannersten (Sweden); Exec Vice-President: Jan van Cleeff (Netherlands); Organisational Vice-President: Dilip Gidwani (India); Secretary: Herman de Wael (Belgium); Treasurer: Heather Dhondy (England).
Proposed for annual election are: Hon. General Counsel: Bill Pencharz (England); Hon. Auditor: Julius Butkow (Republic of South Africa)
Automatically continuing without election are the Presidents Emeritii: Tommy Sandsmark (Norway); Henry Francis (USA).
- Election of Executive members:**
For a 3-year election to 2013: David Stern (Australia); Brent Manley (USA); Todashi Yoshida (Japan).
Already elected to 2011: John Carruthers (Canada); Barry Rigal (USA); Pietro Campanile (Israel).
Already elected to 2012: Geo Tislevoll (Norway); Nikolas Bausback (Germany); Ron Tacchi (France).
Note: Appointees in post: Awards Chairman: Barry Rigal (USA); Editor: John Carruthers (Canada). Membership Secretary: Jeremy Dhondy (England).
- The IBPA Annual Awards**
- Any other competent business.

Patrick Jourdain (President)

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The Victor Champion Cup

Most declarers went down on this deal from the Victor Champion Cup, held in Melbourne over the June long weekend...

Round 2. Board 13. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

Forty of 62 North-South declarers failed in three no trump. Thirteen declarers in five clubs also went down. If the opponents do not touch hearts you can survive in three no trump even if you misguess clubs by taking three spades, two diamonds and four clubs.

One of the successful declarers was Kieran Dyke.

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

1. Inverted raise: 10+ points, forcing

East won with the heart seven opening lead with the king and returned the two. West cashed the jack and ace and played the fourth heart, taken by South, who had discarded two diamonds and a club from dummy. South continued with a diamond to the ace, followed by the club five: six, king, ace. West exited with a diamond, taken by the king.

Dyke paused to take stock. West had led from a four-card suit; if he'd had a five-card suit, that would have been a preferable start. Therefore, West had either some 4-4-3-2 pattern or a 3=4=3=3. With 4-4, West might have led the other four-card suit. Therefore, it was likely that West began with a 3=4=3=3 pattern and so finessing West for the club jack was indicated. The reasoning is similar to that applied to restricted choice situations.

This was also from the Victor Champion Cup:

Round 8. Board 3. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

There were 18 East-West pairs in three no trump, five successful. Datum: North-South plus 10. Thirty Souths were in four spades, usually doubled, and three made it. One of these was young Melbourne expert, Jeff Fust. This was the auction:

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1 ♠
2 ♣	2 ♠	3 ♥	4 ♠
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Lead: Heart ace

South ruffed, played the diamond two to the ace and led the club seven. East took the ace and switched to the seven of spades: four, ace, three. West returned a spade (continuing a red suit is better). South won and ruffed a low club. After a heart ruff, West cashed one more spade, leaving this position:

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

When Fust led the spade nine, West was finished. If he threw a club, South would play the king of clubs and another club. When West let a diamond go, South cashed the king of diamonds and played the nine of clubs. West had to give South the last two tricks.

The Victor Champion Cup is going from strength to strength. The Open Teams has risen from 61 in 2007 to 84 this year and the Restricted Teams from six to ten. All the pairs events have increased significantly from 2007: the Women's from 36 to 44, the Restricted from 14 to 38 and the Seniors from 28 to 47. Well done to the organizers and the Victoria Bridge Association.

The McCance Trophy

Round 2. Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	2 ♥ ¹	2 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Weak, both majors

Lead: Heart ten

Margaret Bourke of Canberra, winner of the McCance Trophy (Seniors' Pairs), did well on this deal. Bourke won the lead with her queen and played the club queen: king, ace, nine. She then tried the two of spades and ducked East's eight. East continued with the spade king, taken by the ace. South cashed the ten of clubs and then played the ace of diamonds, followed by the two to East's king. East cashed the queen of spades, leaving:

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

When East continued with the spade jack, South discarded the eight of hearts and West was triple-squeezed. He let a club go. South now had four club tricks, two hearts and two spades for her contract. To defeat two no trump East needed to switch to a heart in the diagrammed position.

Tom Moss of Sydney strutted his stuff on the following board, also from the McCance. (see next page.)

The diamond ace lead was ruffed and a heart to the queen lost. West played another diamond, ruffed, and South drew the missing trump. After the spade ace, king and a spade ruff, West was down to minor-suit cards only. Moss therefore led the club queen and ducked when West covered with the king. As East was known to have started with a singleton club, declarer was home.

Round 6. Board 22, Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Rena Kaplan</i>		<i>Tom Moss</i>
1 ♦	2 ♦ ¹	4 ♣ ²	4 ♥
5 ♦	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

- Both majors
- Splinter: 4+ diamonds, 0-1 club

The Watermark Classic

Frank Budai and John McIlrath have run the Watermark Classic over the last three years in conjunction with the North Shore Bridge Club Super Congress. The Watermark is a teams event by invitation only. Eight teams of the best players available are invited to play a 7-match round robin, followed by a final and a playoff for third position. Prize money for the top four teams is \$8000, \$4000, \$2000, \$1000.

The winners this year were all members of the current Australian Open Team: Sartaj Hans – Tony Nunn, Peter Gill – Paul Gosney. They finished second in the qualifying stage, but won the final easily, by 143 Imps to 59, against Arjuna De Livera – Ian Robinson, Richard Brightling – Ian Thomson. The playoff for third was won by Barry Noble – George Bilski, Kieran Dyke – Ishmael Del'Monte, Michael Prescott – Stephen Burgess, by 135-68.5, against Bob Richman – Matthew Thomson, Terry Brown – Avi Kanetkar.

This deal arose in the final of the Watermark Classic. Ian Robinson thought he'd executed a successful pin.

Board 9. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sartaj</i>	<i>Arjuna</i>	<i>Tony</i>	<i>Ian</i>
<i>Hans</i>	<i>de Livera</i>	<i>Nunn</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣ ¹
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Fourth-suit forcing

Lead: Club five

When the discussion turns to the best players in Australia, one name that is on everyone's list is Tony Nunn. Take a look at his deceptive defence here.

Declarer discarded a spade from dummy on the club lead and captured East's jack with the queen. Next came the diamond jack: three, four . . . and, with no break in tempo, the ten! Taken in, declarer continued with a diamond to the nine and Nunn won with the queen. Now declarer had no access to dummy's diamonds.

East returned the nine of clubs, which held, followed by the club four to West's ten. The ace of clubs was cashed, followed by a heart to the king and ace. South exited with a spade. East won and cashed the nine of clubs (dummy pitching a heart) and the spade king. With dummy down to the spade jack and diamond ace-king, East played a diamond to use dummy as a stepping-stone and so give West the last trick with a spade. That was four down, East-West plus 400.

At the other table a similar auction led to 3NT by Paul Gosney. Trick one was the same, and then the diamond jack was run to East's queen. The defence now took three clubs, the spade ace, the spade queen and the last club for three down, plus 300.



2010 PABF CHAMPIONSHIPS

John Evitt & Alan Taylor, Auckland
 (with an assist from Ron Klinger,
 Northbridge, NSW where noted)

Results of the 2010 PABF Championships, held in Hamilton, New Zealand, in late May, were:

Open Pairs

1. Ishmael Del'Monte-Michael Prescott 739; 2. Justin Howard-Mike Whibley 723; 3. Barry Jones-Jenny Millington 678

Open Teams

1. Chinese Taipei 243; 2. Indonesia 242; 3. Australia 236

Senior Teams

1. Australia (Klinger) 203; 2. Japan 175; 3. Indonesia 143

Women's Teams

1. New Zealand 82; 2. Japan 79; 3. Australia 62

Under-26 Teams

1. Australia 270; 2. Singapore 262; 3. New Zealand 244

Under-21 Teams

1. Chinese Taipei 178; 2. Australia 157; 3. Japan 129

Here are a few of the more interesting deals which occurred. First, a few from the Pairs...

The Exuberance of Youth

NZ Youth player Sam Bailey picked the eyes out of this hand against NZ Bridge board member Julie Atkinson and her partner, NZ international player Patrick Carter after Bailey's partner Rebecca Wood shot an exuberant three no trump.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

North led the seven of clubs which ran to declarer's ten. A small heart followed to the jack and South's queen. Nothing looked very attractive, so Carter advanced the spade nine to the ten, king and ace. The king of hearts saw Patrick take his ace and have another problem. Probably, South would have been better to duck and leave declarer to find the best line after South won a third and fourth heart, then exited with a spade.

In the event, South switched to a spade, which declarer ducked. He took the spade continuation, and finessed the club jack and cashed the ace. The winning heart was cashed and the last heart exited to South's nine. He had then to lead from the diamond queen to give declarer his ninth trick.

Not a Book Situation

One of the less-explored areas in bridge literature is the subject of handling bids out of turn!

Scott Smith faced an interesting bidding decision on the following board when New Zealand Open Team member Alan Grant made a bid out of turn...

Board 17. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ A K Q 9 8 2 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ 9 3 ♣ 5 3</p> <p>♠ 10 6 5 4 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ J 5 ♣ K 9 8 2</p>	<p>♠ 7 ♥ A 8 7 4 ♦ Q 7 6 4 ♣ A J 6 4</p> <p>♠ J 3 ♥ K J 9 ♦ A K 10 8 2 ♣ Q 10 7</p>
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Smith held the North hand as dealer when Grant (East) opened one diamond, which systemically showed a three-suited hand, out of turn. The tournament director offered Tom Jacob (South) the choice of accepting this, which he declined.

The auction then reverted to North, with Anthony Ker (West) silenced for the entire auction unless East was able to bid one diamond after a pass from North. Smith was NOT going to pass in this situation and eventually opted for a one-spade opener. The auction proceeded as follows:

West	North	East	South
<i>Ker</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Jacob</i>
—	1 ♠	Pass ¹	2 ♦
Pass ²	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass ²	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass ²	Pass	Pass	

1. After 1 ♦ out of turn was rejected
2. Forced by law

The diamond four was led and taken on table. Four rounds of spades followed before declarer crossed to dummy's second high diamond. He continued with the diamond ten, pitching a club from hand. The heart king remained in place to give access to the two winning diamonds without the need to find the queen of hearts.

Smith was very confident that the heart king would do its job as Alan would surely have led a club had he held both the ace and king, and so needed the heart ace to make up his opening bid. South, meanwhile, had liked his hand in the auction, knowing that there was a three-suited opener to his right. All in all, a very revealing bid out-of-turn.

From the Pen of Ron Klinger

The following deal comes from the second round of the finals of the Pacific Asia Bridge Federation Open Pairs.

Kieran Dyke from Sydney felt the noose tighten when he made a simple balancing overcall after West's weak two-bid.

Dealer West: Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Toni Sharp</i>		<i>Kieran Dyke</i>
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥ ¹	Double	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Strong spade raise

Lead: Heart queen

East took the ace of hearts and returned the five: jack, king, seven. West continued with the heart eight: spade seven, spade jack, heart three. East switched to a club, won by the king. South's spade king went to the ace and East continued clubs. Dummy won and South played two rounds of trumps to leave this ending:

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

When South led the spade nine and discarded the diamond nine from dummy, East was helpless. If he throws a club, South plays a diamond to the ace, ruffs a club and dummy is high. If East discards a diamond, then the diamond ace and king, a club ruff and the jack of diamonds give South nine tricks.

From the Teams events...

Japan v New Zealand – Open

The Closed Room saw Peter Newell (North) and Martin Reid play Hiroki Yokoi (West) and Kazuo Furuta while Makoko Kohno (North) and Hiroshi Kaku faced Anthony Ker (West) and Alan Grant in the Open Room.

Some accurate declarer play (and some not so accurate) and some defensive slips allowed both declarers to get home here...

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yokoi</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Reid</i>
—	—	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	2 ♣	4 ♠	Pass
Pass			
Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ker</i>	<i>Kohno</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Kaku</i>
—	—	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	2 ♣	4 ♠	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Furuta declared four spades and received the four of clubs lead. This was ruffed and declarer cashed three rounds of spades. He then led a diamond towards dummy and South took his ace and continued the suit. On table with the king of diamonds, East ruffed a club while South discarded a diamond.

Furuta now gave Reid his trump trick. The position was not clear to Reid and he chose to cash the queen of diamonds, concerned that a heart would give the contract when declarer had queen-ten-nine to four hearts remaining instead of two cards in each red suit. This established Furuta's diamond ten as the decisive trick and 620 to Japan.

In the Open Room, Kaku doubled and led his singleton club which Grant ruffed. He led a small diamond and South took his ace to return a diamond. On table with the diamond king, declarer ruffed a club with the ace of trumps (South erring by not discarding a heart, but instead a diamond) and led the heart queen. South covered and dummy's ace scored. He returned to hand with the heart jack and ruffed a diamond with dummy's solitary trump.

Declarer then ruffed a heart (no overruff) and cashed the king of spades to leave the East cards as: ♠ Q 10 8, ♦ 10 and the South cards as ♠ J 9 6, ♦ Q. The defence

had only taken one trick and, when Grant exited with his diamond, that restricted them to two more. Four spades doubled and making for a 5-IMP pickup.

George Smolanko of the Australian Seniors also made four spades on a similar line. When South did not lead his later-revealed singleton club, Smolanko reasoned that he had a natural trump trick and thus went for the endplay as well.

Bobby in Form

Round 9. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Richman</i>		<i>Klinger</i>
Pass	1 ♠	5 ♥(!)	Double
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The ace of clubs was led, was led but the heart ace was then ruffed by Richman. Declarer drew trumps and then played the king of hearts, on which he discarded a diamond. He ruffed dummy's last heart and played the queen of diamonds, overtaken by dummy's ace when East failed to produce the king. The spades in dummy were then cashed to squeeze West in the minors.

Richman was again in action here:

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Richman</i>		<i>Klinger</i>
—	—	2 ♦	Double
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The king of diamonds was led and Richman ducked. The diamond continuation saw declarer win on table to continue with a club to the king. The third diamond was played and, when East played the ten, declarer discarded a club, as did West. The club queen was ruffed on table, dropping West's ace, and then Richman ran the eight of spades. The logic behind this is that East is known to hold ten minor-suit cards and the spade eight caters for the singleton two, five or seven in East's hand.

Now a heart to the ace, a club ruff with the trump ace, a spade to the nine, a heart to the king and a spade to the jack produced ten tricks.

Play of the Week?

Australia's Tony Nunn and Sartaj Hans were hugely impressed by the play of the Philippines Open player Francisco Alquiros on this one from their round 19 match.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunn</i>	<i>Alquiros</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Manalang</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥
3 ♣	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Hans led the five of clubs and Alquiros took that with his singleton ace. He led the ten of diamonds, which Hans took to play another club, taken by dummy's king, declarer discarding a spade. Declarer then gave up a second diamond, this time to Nunn's king and West played a further club which Alquiros ruffed with the ace of trumps! He then led a spade towards dummy's king and East stepped in front with the ace. Hans played the diamond queen which Francisco ruffed in dummy. He then ruffed a spade in hand.

Alquiros assessed the evidence. On the play to date, West had started with six clubs. He surely had the ace of diamonds left, and he had followed to two spades — he had to have a singleton trump.

Alquiros led the heart ten from hand and, when East ducked, he ran it! Now a trump to dummy's queen enabled him to shed his diamond loser on the king of spades before ruffing a spade and claiming.



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529. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

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

West led the nine of hearts, which was taken in hand by declarer with the ace. The contract appeared to depend upon managing the diamond suit without loss. However, rather than relying on playing the suit directly, declarer decided to try and get a count on the East hand.

After cashing the king of trumps, declarer crossed to dummy with a club to the ace and ruffed a club. Next he led a low trump to dummy's ace and was delighted when the suit broke 2-2. After throwing a heart on the king of clubs, he ruffed dummy's remaining club. When both opponents followed to the fourth round of clubs, this suggested that East began with 2=6=1=4 shape. So, declarer crossed to the ace of diamonds and exited with a heart.

If East won the trick he would have to play a heart next and this would see declarer ruff in hand and throw a diamond from dummy. Then after cashing the king of diamonds, dummy would take the last two tricks with trumps. If West won the trick, he would have to lead a diamond into declarer's tenace. Either way declarer had his contract.

530. (See top of next column.) West led the seven of spades. At the table, declarer played low from dummy and, using the Rule of Eleven to determine that declarer

had exactly one spade higher than the seven, so did East! Declarer won the trick with the king and led a low heart to the king. East took this with the ace of hearts to play and another spade, defeating the contract by one trick.

Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

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

"The king of clubs was onside and spades were 5-3 - just my luck" muttered declarer. Dummy, was as usual, unsympathetic. "All you had to do was apply the Rule of Eleven and play dummy's nine at trick one. If East ducks you can finesse in clubs. If he plays the ace, then you unblock the king. No matter what the defence does, you will be ahead in the race for tricks."

531. Dealer West. Nil Vul.

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

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

West led the king of spades and the original declarer placed West with six spades for his opening. So, as there was little point in a hold up, he took the first trick with the ace of spades. All he needed now was to score at least three diamond tricks while keeping West off lead. He saw that cashing the ace of diamonds would not be a good idea. As the cards lay, East would unblock the king and West would win the second round of diamonds with the queen.

Declarer found a neat avoidance play. He crossed to the ace of clubs and led a low diamond. If East played the king declarer would duck, and the safe hand would be on lead. At the table East followed with the five and declarer then played ace and another diamond. East had to win the defender's diamond trick with the king and, as he had no spade to play, the contract made with an overtrick. This plan would also succeed if East held both the king and queen of diamonds as he could do no damage with a heart or club return and declarer would clear the diamonds.

You should note that declarer avoided a neat trap by taking the ace of spades immediately. If he ducks, East could discard the king of diamonds on the next round of spades, thereby creating an entry to his partner's spade suit.

532. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

North decided not look for a spade fit with such a poor suit and so just potted the small slam in no trump. West led the queen of clubs and declarer saw that five diamond tricks would be enough to make his contract. The difficulty was finding out which was the correct high honour to cash first when diamonds proved to be 3-0.

So, declarer decided to do a little digging for distributional information. He took the first trick with the ace of clubs and played a spade to the ace followed by the four of spades towards dummy. When West discarded, East took the trick and returned a club to declarer's king. Next declarer cashed the three top hearts. As West held only one spade, it was extremely unlikely that he had a diamond void, which would give him a highly unlikely original distribution of 1=5=0=7. Consequently, declarer cashed the king of diamonds next, which was then better than a 95% chance of bringing home five diamond tricks. When West followed, declarer claimed twelve tricks.

Declarer's approach might have failed when a defender had a doubleton queen of spades, when even a diamond misguess would not have been fatal, but it certainly worked well on the actual deal.



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IBPA President's Report - Ostend

By Patrick Jourdain



IBPA had a successful time at the European Championships in Ostend.

Two former members rejoined (Johan de Grave, photographer, and Jan Serras both of Belgium) and we welcomed seven new members. These included our youngest member: Rob Donkersloot (Netherlands), aged 15, reporting for the Dutch Junior magazine and some local newspapers. The others are: Pyttsi Flodqvist (Sweden), Tomas Fort (Czech Republic), Justin van der Kam (Netherlands), Henrik Kruse Petersen (Denmark, editor of the Danish Bridge Federation magazine), Patrick Shields (living in England but reporting for Welsh Bridge Union website), and Wojciech Siwiec (Poland). Simon Cope (England) is a new member who joined before Ostend. They all joined for the period to 31st December 2011. Badges were presented to the new members. There were insufficient 2008 Handbooks to present them all with a Handbook. Please send a request to Per Jannersten (ibpa@jannersten.se) if you have not received a Handbook.

Subscriptions were also collected from 15 late payers for 2010 who should have received their missing Bulletin codes for 2010. This takes our paid-up membership over the 300 mark.

A Press Trip was organised for more than 30 members including a very pleasant lunch at Fort Napoleon, preceded by a boat trip. Thanks were expressed to the City of Ostend, the EBL and the Royal Belgium Bridge Federation for this break from our duties.

The Press Room was spacious and well managed, as always, by Jan Swaan. We were delighted to see his sister, our former Press Room Manager, Elly Ducheyne, at the Championships.

An Open Forum was organised in the Press Room for members to ask questions or air any complaints they had, but none were received.

There was a well-attended Press Conference with minutes in the Daily Bulletin.

There was a meeting of the IBPA Executive in Ostend which confirmed the following: Bulletins following European and World Championships would contain four extra pages as a service to members with the extra cost being absorbed by IBPA. The Bulletins should record all medal winners.

The WBF would be offered one page in black & white each year to advertise that year's World Championships. The WBF News in future would only be sent via e-mail to members.

Two officers indicated they would not be re-standing for election at the 2010 AGM, namely Maureen Dennison as Secretary and Mario Dix as Treasurer. We are most grateful for their service to IBPA. Panos Gerontopoulous, our Liaison Officer with the EBL and WBF has indicated he can and is willing to continue in this role without being a member of the Executive. The Nominations Committee chaired by Per Jannersten has made nominations for these three vacancies (see AGM report elsewhere).

On the matter of sponsors for 2010 three have confirmed their sponsorship, namely Rose Meltzer for Hand of the Year, Dilip Gidwani for Defence of the Year and Ray Lee for Book of the Year. However, two have indicated their sponsorship is not continuing, namely, Ernesto d'Orsi for the Junior Award and George Rosenkranz for the Best Bid Award. These Awards are now vacant and available for sponsorship. We are most grateful to both Ernesto (five years of Junior Awards) and George (more than thirty years of Bidding Awards) for the support they have given IBPA. If you have a sponsor for either the Junior Award or the Best Bid Award please contact either Barry Rigal our Awards Chairman or myself as President.

The WBF has contributed its annual grant to IBPA for 2010 for which we are most grateful.

Patrick Jourdain, IBPA President
8th July 2010

BIARRITZ 2010

Hervé Pacault, Bordeaux

An innovation in this year's Biarritz International Festival was the addition of a fourth session in the Lavazza Patton Teams. The format of the Patton is very original, partway between a teams and a pairs competition. Each match distributes 16 Victory Points between the two teams – 8VP from the IMP differential and 8VP from the board-a-match scores of each deal (2 VP for a win on the board and 1 VP for a push).

For this first edition of the four-session teams, the Lavazza team did well overcoming the handicap to win both the handicapped and scratch sections of the Patton!

The winners of the 2010 Festival events were:

- Ville de Biarritz Open Pairs – Bernard Cabanes-Patrice Fouillet
- Lavazza Patton - Norberto Bocchi, Maria Theresa Lavazza, Agustin Madala, Alfredo Versace
- Casino Barrière Mixed Pairs – Sylvie Willard-Michel Bessis
- Whisterie.com IMP Pairs – Lionel Sebbane-Jérôme Rombaut

Complete results, photographs and the 2011 programme can be found at the website www.biarritz-bridge.com.

In the first session of the IMP Pairs, Frédéric Chapot of Bordeaux, who finished second in the championship, made a slam in clubs on the following deal.

Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

The bid of five clubs guaranteed a strong double; with an ordinary double and a four-card spade suit, North would content himself with four spades.

After the ace of hearts won trick one, the play followed smoothly: heart ruff, king of clubs, club to the ace, heart ruff, spade to the king and a club to West's queen. West shifted to a diamond, won with the ace. Declarer played his remaining trumps and East was finished – he was squeezed between diamonds and spades.

A board from the Patton:

Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

West having led the jack of diamonds, how did Fivo Paladino make three no trump?

Paladino's main hope was to find hearts 3-3, but he found an extra chance. Declarer took the lead with the diamond ace in hand and played the ace of spades. Seeing the fall of the spade nine, he then followed with the spade two to the king, making the eight and ten equals against the queen.

When East won the spade queen, he shifted to the king of clubs, which was allowed to hold the trick. East went back to diamonds, declarer winning the king in dummy and depositing the eight of clubs upon the now-high eight of spades. A heart from dummy ensured his nine tricks with three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and one club.



Bord-de-Mer-Plantey, Biarritz

THE 10th EUROPEAN JUNIOR PAIRS

14-17 July, Opatija, Croatia
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A Bit of Geography and History

Opatija is situated in the gulf of Kvarner, which is between the peninsular and coastal areas of Croatia. The peninsula is called Istria, and although Opatija is geographically on the peninsula, it is not within the county of Istria itself, but rather in Primorje-Gorski Kotar county, which is the region around Rijeka. Opatija has about 13,000 inhabitants, the greater Rijeka area has around 220,000.

The area has been inhabited since Neolithic times but the first known settlement was Celtic. Since then, it has come under the control of the Romans, the Croats and the Austrian Habsburgs, who kept control until the end of World War I, when the region was under dispute. In November 1920 the treaty of Rapallo created the "Free State of Fiume". Its area of only 28 km² proved not to be viable and by the treaty of Rome in 1924 the territory was annexed to the "Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes". That country changed its name to Yugoslavia in 1945. Croatia declared its independence in 1991 and this area has been part of that country ever since then.

Dutch Elegance (KT)

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

	♠ 2		
	♥ K J 10 9 8 2		
	♦ 10 9 7 5 3 2		
	♣ —		
♠ Q 4		♠ A K J 9 8	
♥ Q 7 4 3		♥ A 6	
♦ J		♦ A K Q 6	
♣ A J 10 9 8 7		♣ 6 4	
	♠ 10 7 6 5 3		
	♥ 5		
	♦ 8 4		
	♣ K Q 5 3 2		
West	North	East	South
Polak		Schols	
—	—	—	Pass

Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣ ¹	Pass	2 ♦ ²	Pass
3 NT ³	Pass	4 NT ⁴	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Drury
2. Maximum opening bid, with five spades and four-plus diamonds, game forcing
3. Minimum
4. Quantitative

We have all seen Juniors open something on a hand as weak as South's and are astonished that North, with that nice 6-6, never took any action!

In the second session of the final of the Youngsters' (participants up to 20 years of age) competition, Michel Schols and Tobias Polak (both 16 years of age) of the Netherlands reached the good six clubs. Tobias made his slam, overcoming the bad breaks in elegant fashion.

North led the diamond ten and declarer took the ace to start trumps from East: club four, two, seven, heart two. Now the four of spades was played to the jack, followed by the second trump, South again playing small. It wouldn't help South to split – declarer forces out the other high honour and has enough discards for the losing hearts.

So, after the eight of clubs won the trick, declarer overtook the spade queen with the king, and then played the spade ace and nine, throwing two hearts when South did not cover with the ten of spades (covering does not help).

After the spade winners, declarer played the diamond king, discarding a third heart, and then the diamond queen, South and West both discarding hearts (South ruffing does not help).

In the four-card ending, with only trumps left, declarer played the ace of hearts and ruffed it with the nine of clubs. Then, with the ace-jack-ten of clubs in hand, the trump endplay did the job: club ten to the queen, and South had to concede the last two tricks to West for a well-earned 1370.

The Extra Chance (BS)

Carole PUILLET of France spotted an extra chance in the Girls second qualifying session. It came on this deal against the Dutch Spangenberg sisters:

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

♥ A J 10 9 7
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ K 9 3

West	North	East	South
Sigrid S.	Chaugny	Jamilla S.	Puillet
—	—	Pass	1 ♥
2 ♦	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West kicked off with three rounds of diamonds, ruffed low by East and overruffed. Puillet crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs and led the heart queen for the king and ace. She drew a second round of trumps, then paused to take stock. She knew that West had eight red cards. If clubs were 3-3, a club could be established by playing king and another. But if the clubs were 4-2, then East would return the fourth club and declarer would have to open up spades herself, with the honours almost certainly split between the two defenders. That would lead to one down.

There was a small extra chance and Puillet found it. She led the nine of clubs away from the king. Caught with the now-bare queen of clubs, West had no choice but to win it and was forced to either open up the spades or give a ruff and discard, either of which would give the contract.

Had East been able to win the club from a four-card holding, she would have returned the suit and the contract would have failed, with declarer forced to open up the spades herself - but then there was no winning line.

If clubs had been three-three, the defence would have won and exited with a club to the king. With no entry to dummy's thirteenth club, declarer would now have to open up the spade suit - no problem, as West would now be marked with a doubleton, leading low to the queen would ensure a spade trick.

Very well done, and it helped the French pair to finish top of the qualifying stage and win the bronze medal.

The medal winners...

Junior Pairs

- 1 Vassilis Vroustis – Konstantinos Doxiadis, Greece
- 2 Janis Bethers – Martin Lorencs, Latvia
- 3 Artur Wasiak – Joanna Taczewska Poland

Girls Pairs

- 1 Magdalena Holeksa – Izabela Weinhold, Poland
- 2 Magdalena Ticha – Katerina Ticha, Czech Republic
- 3 Carole Puillet – Claire Chaugny, France

Youngsters Pairs

- 1 Daniel Gullberg – Johan Karlsson, Sweden
- 2 Lukasz Nierzwicki – Roman Kowalewski, Poland
- 3 Michal Klukowski – Maciej Bielawski, Poland

New Orleans



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Sensational Ifs and Buts (RJ)

The 64-board final of the Spingold Trophy played out on 31st July at the Marriott in New Orleans between teams captained by John Diamond and Rose Meltzer will go down in bridge history as a true nail-biter. Meltzer came back strongly in the third segment to overtake their opponents to forge ahead 96-78, the last segment yet to come. Diamond then inched back by the end of the 54th board to come within a point.

OPEN ROOM

N/S: Geoff Hampson/Eric Greco (Diamond)
 E/W: Claudio Nunes/Fulvio Fantoni (Meltzer)

CLOSED ROOM

N/S: David Berkowitz/Alan Sontag (Meltzer)
 E/W: Fred Gitelman/Brad Moss (Diamond)

Then came Board 55, the final contract of which in the Open Room made world class players and BBO commentators of the likes of Larry Cohen, David Burn and Joey Silver wince. After ten bids, Fulvio Fantoni-Claudio Nunes (Meltzer) reached six hearts on a 4-4 fit, bypassing a 5-3 fit in the other major, with an outside ace and king-ten to five in trumps missing. The Italian gods smiled. The American gods did not smile for Brad Moss-Fred Gitelman (Diamond) who after eleven bids stopped at five hearts. Everything worked for Nunes and he romped home with his contract for 13 IMPs. This board accounted for the lead Meltzer had at the end of Board 62: Meltzer 115, Diamond 103.

Board 63. Dealer South, NS Vul.

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

This penultimate board decided, well, almost decided, the outcome.

In the Open Room, Greco opened a strong club with the South hand and when Hampson showed a negative

response, bid cautiously to stop at two spades. He made the contract when he was allowed to ruff three clubs in hand and made two each in the red suits and the trump ace for eight tricks - 110 points to Diamond.

In the Closed Room, Sontag opened a Precision one spade which was passed to Gitelman (East) who, after some thought, reopened with one no trump. Sontag now jumped to three hearts, corrected to three spades by Berkowitz. Two more passes followed and then...Brad Moss (West) took almost an eternity to finally muster enough courage to double.

Moss led a small diamond, taken by dummy's queen. A heart to the queen was won by Moss, who shifted to the jack of clubs, ducked to Sontag, who ruffed. Now Sontag went into a trance and ultimately played the seven of spades to Gitelman's nine. Back came the ace of clubs, ruffed again by Sontag. He was now getting into dangerous territory, and compounded it by cashing the ace of spades and then playing on hearts, without even cashing the diamond ace! Moss ruffed the fourth heart with the ten, drew Sontag's jack and played his third club to a grateful Gitelman who cashed out for down three! Dummy was unnecessarily holding on to the jack of diamonds, and had come down to queen and just one more in clubs.

Fourteen whopping IMPs accrued to Diamond, who had now gone ahead by just 2 IMPs. In the very last board while Fantoni played in one no trump making, Gitelman-Moss played in the more sensible two hearts, also making, to increase the margin by 1 IMP. Diamond 118, Meltzer 115 was the final score.

IFs and BUTs: There can be no doubt that, on any other day, Sontag would have scored eight tricks on Board 63; 110 plus 200 is only 7 IMPs, and Meltzer would have won the Spingold by 4 IMPs.

However, if he had cashed the ace of diamonds before playing on hearts, that still would have given 12 IMPs to Diamond, tying the match at 115 each at the end of Board 63. Then, Board 64 would have been the decider; two hearts made is better than one no trump made, by 1 IMP, which would have been the margin of Diamond's victory!

What a match! The wonderful thing is that the match was won (or lost) at the table, not in any Appeals Committee meeting.

The board is very remarkable on a number of levels. First, in the bidding, there were five decisions made by all four players that might have been resolved otherwise: Sontag might have opened a strong club, Gitelman might have not bid one no trump, Sontag might have bid two hearts, Berkowitz might have passed three hearts, and finally Moss might have passed three spades out.

Secondly, on the actual play, Sontag could have made his contract, as follows: diamond to the queen, heart to the king, club jack ruffed, spade to the nine, high club ruffed. At this point, Sontag has been forced twice and has played one round of trumps. He could then have played ace of hearts, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club with the jack of spades, then cashed the spade ace, extracting Gitelman's last trump. Then heart plays would have left Moss to win his two remaining trumps and lead away from his king of diamonds for nine tricks.

However, Sontag felt that the slow double by Moss indicated that spades were 3-3 and that he would get out for one down by playing as he did, the defence not being able to extract his last trump. He would score four trumps, two hearts and two diamonds. – Ed.

Champion at Work (BR)

Billy Eisenberg provided the details for this outstanding deal played by Steve Garner in the first qualifying session of the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs.

When a good player does not overcall but backs in later, he tends to have real length in the suit you opened. Garner knew his lefthand opponent was a great player, so he played accordingly. Mind you, the auction took an odd turn. Garner and Howard Weinstein were playing against Tor Helness and Connie Goldberg.

Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Garner	Helness	Weinstein	Goldberg
—	—	—	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	2 ♥	3 ♥	4 ♥
5 ♣	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

On a heart lead, Garner ruffed, ran the seven of clubs successfully, ruffed a diamond and played the club queen to Helness's ace. Back came a heart. Garner ruffed again, then ran his trumps. South had to keep four spades and the guarded king of hearts, thus no more diamonds.

Garner ran spades, throwing Goldberg in to lead into the heart tenace. Beautifully done!

Correspondence



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Dear John,

Deja vu all over again...

Others may have reported this problem to you, or it may be just me.

But if you (as I do) religiously update Acrobat Reader every time it tells you to do so, you may have encountered this difficulty: the latest version (9.3.3) does not allow you to read the IPBA Bulletin or any bulletins downloaded from WBF or EBL websites.

Instead, it complains that such-and-such an “embedded font” cannot be read, and that there is “insufficient data to create an image”, and other such nonsense.

This is not actually a new problem – Adobe had it with version 7 of the Reader, and fixed it so that versions 8 through 9.1 were OK. Of course, it blamed “third-party products” for not producing PDFs that it could read, but this is standard operating procedure and just meant that Adobe couldn’t be bothered to work out what was really going on.

If other IPBA members are having the difficulties I have, what they need to do is uninstall the latest version of Acrobat and install version 8.2, which is currently still available on the Acrobat site. They may need to move quickly, though – that version may not be there for much longer.

With best wishes, David Burn, London

NEWS & VIEWS



Aubry Is EBL President

Yves Aubry of France has been elected President of the European Bridge League by acclamation. The election took place at the EBL General Assembly which convened in Ostend on 27 June 2010. Aubry takes over from Gianarrigo Rona, who retired in Ostend after 11 years in office. Rona will be the new President of the World Bridge Federation and is to assume his duties in October 2010.

2011 World Championships

The WBF has announced that the 40th World Team Championships will be held in Veldhoven, The Netherlands, from the 15th to the 29th of October 2011.

Pendergaffe

Calls for an ACBL investigation into its Educational Foundation’s dealings are being made to determine what has happened to the bequest of Peter Pender, who died in 1990, and why his wishes are not being honoured. Pender left the ACBL \$50,000 (which ended up in the Educational Foundation coffers) to endow its VuGraph with the name Pendergraph to perpetuate his name.

Pender also donated \$27,500 to the ACBL to provide The Peter Pender Trophy (and individual replicas) to the winners of the biennial Junior Team Trials, a practice apparently discontinued in 1995. ACBL CEO Jay Baum has vowed to rectify this oversight.

Winners in the New Orleans NABC

Morehead Grand National Teams

Walter Johnson-Doug Simson
Jerry Clerkin-Dennis Clerkin

Von Zedwitz Life Master Pairs

Boye Brogeland-Erik Sælensminde

U.S. College Championship

University of Pennsylvania:
Naijia Gue, Zhiyi Huang,
Zhue Wang, Kendrick Chow

Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams

Ken Cohen, Rick Rowland,
Neal Satten, Thomas Weik

Wagar Women’s Knockout Teams

Lynne Baker-Karen McCallum
Lynn Deas-Beth Palmer
Kerri Sanborn-Irina Levitina

Spingold Master Knockout Teams

John Diamond-Brian Platnick
Fred Gitelman-Brad Moss
Geoff Hampson-Eric Greco

Wernher Open Pairs

Beatrice Kemp-Richard Burton

NABC Fast Pairs

Dan Jacob-Nagy Kamel

Freeman Master Mixed Board-a-Match Teams

Jill Meyers-Gary Cohler
JoAnna Stansby-Lew Stansby

Roth Swiss Teams

Martin Fleisher-Michael Kamil
Bobby Levin-Steve Weinstein
Lew Stansby-Chip Martel

World Bridge Calendar

DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
2010			
Jul 30-Aug 8	16 th Swedish Bridge Festival	Orebro, Sweden	www.svenskbridge.se
Jul 31-Aug 7	Norwegian Bridge Festival 2010	Lillehammer, Norway	www.bridgfestival.no
Aug 1-7	Wachauer Bridgewoche	Loiben, Austria	www.bridgeaustria.at
Aug 1-7	IX Bridge Bolivarian	Lima, Peru	www.confsubridge.org
Aug 2-9	5 th World University Championships	Kaohsiung, Taiwan	www.worldbridge.org
Aug 6-9	Pesta Sukan Asian Championship	Singapore	www.scba.org.sg
Aug 6-15	Summer Congress	Brighton, England	www.ebu.co.uk
Aug 6-15	20 th Solidarity Festival	Slupsk, Poland	www.polbridge.pl
Aug 10-15	China Resources Inter-City	Hong Kong, China	www.hkcba.org
Aug 12-15	10 ^o Eduardo Gold Tournament	Campos de Jordao, Brazil	www.confsubridge.org
Aug 13-15	City of Barranquilla	Barranquilla, Colombia	www.confsubridge.org
Aug 14-`5	Selangor Congress	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	www.pabf2010.co.nz
Aug 15-28	52e Festival Mondial de Bridge	Deauville, France	www.deauville-bridge.com
Aug 18-22	4 th "Riga Invites to Jurmala"	Jurmala, Latvia	www.rigainvites.com
Aug 20-28	38 th Warsaw Grand Prix	Warsaw, Poland	www.polbridge.pl
Aug 29-Sep 4	Greek Islands Bridge Festival	Rhodes, Greece	chris948@otenet.gr
Aug 30-Sep 4	34 th Festival International Grande Motte	La Grande Motte, France	www.ffb-competitions.net
Aug 30-Sep 5	First Asia Cup	Ning Bo, China	www.mcba.org.my
Sep 4-5	Torneo Open de Bridge	Barcelona, Spain	www.tennispremia.com
Sep 4-15	49 th International Bridge Festival	Pula, Croatia	www.crobridge.com/pula
Sep 4-23	25 th Mamaia Festival	Mamaia, Romania	www.frbridge.ro
Sep 5-16	49 th International Bridge Festival	Pula, Croatia	www.crobridge.com/pula/eng
Sep 9-12	Isle of Man Congress	Douglas, Isle of Man	www.ebu.co.uk
Sep 9-15	5th Nanning International Invitational	Nanning, China	tiyuinfo@nanning.gov.cn
Sep 13-16	3 rd Buffett Cup	Cardiff, Wales	www.buffettcup.com
Sep 16-19	37 th Vilnius Cup	Vilnius, Lithuania	erikas.vainikonis@gmail.com
Sep 17-26	Guernsey Congress	Guernsey, Channel Islands	www.ebu.co.uk
Sep 18-24	28 th International Bridge Festival	Beirut, Lebanon	bridgeliban@cyberia.net.lb
Sep 20-23	European Small Federations Trophy	Ptuj, Slovenia	www.eurobridge.org
Sep 24-17	Bridge & Whales	Puerto Madryn, Argentina	www.confsubridge.org
Oct 1-16	13th World Bridge Series	Philadelphia, PA	www.worldbridge.org
Oct 8-10	International Teams Tournament	Monte Carlo, Monaco	www.federation-bridge.mc
Oct 13-18	EBU Overseas Congress	Crete, Greece	www.ebu.co.uk
Oct 19-23	21 st Sun, Sea & Slams	Barbados, West Indies	www.cacbf.com
Oct 24-29	3 rd Commonwealth Nations Cup	New Delhi, India	www.hcl-bridge.com
Oct 29-Nov 1	HCL Teams and Pairs Tournament	New Delhi, India	www.hcl-bridge.com
Oct 30-31	Lederer Memorial Trophy	London, England	www.metrobridge.co.uk
Nov 1-7	12 th Madeira Open	Madeira, Portugal	www.bridge-madeira.com
Nov 11-14	9 th European Champions Cup	Izmir, Turkey	www.eurobridge.org
Nov 18-28	16 th Red Sea International Festival	Eilat, Israel	www.bridgeredsea.com
Nov 20-24	32 nd ASEAN Club Championships	Bangkok, Thailand	www.cblthailandbridge.com
Nov 25-Dec 5	ACBL Fall NABC	Orlando, Florida	www.acbl.org
Dec 10-12	Geologi Cup	Bandung, Indonesia	www.gabsi.or.id
Dec 10-12	Citta di Milano	Milan, Italy	www.federbridge.it
2011			
Feb 9-14	EBU Overseas Congress	Antalya, Turkey	www.ebu.co.uk
Feb 26-Mar 5	50 th Anniversary Gold Coast Congress	Broadbeach, Australia	gttully@bigpond.net.au
Mar 10-20	ACBL Sping NABC	Louisville, Kentucky	www.acbl.org
Mar 20-25	White House Junior International	Amsterdam, Netherlands	keestammens@email.com
Apr 18-22	Yeh Bros. Cup	Wuxi, China	pat_hwang2002@hotmail.com.tw
Apr 29-May 8	Lambourne Jersey Festival	St. Helier, Channel Islands	www.ebu.co.uk
May 10-19	USBF Open Team Trials	Las Vegas, Nevada	www.usbf.org
Jun	PABF Championships	Kuala Lumpur, Malasia	www.mcba.org.my
Jun 6-11	USBF Women's & Seniors Trials	Detroit, Michigan	www.usbf.org
Jun 17-Jul 2	5 th European Open Championships	Poznan, Poland	www.eurobridge.org
Jul 1-13	Festival International de Bridge	Biarritz, France	www.biarritz-bridge.com
Jul 21-31	ACBL Summer NABC	Toronto, Ontario	www.acbl.org
Aug 12-21	Summer Congress	Brighton, England	www.ebu.co.uk
Oct 15-29	40th World Team Championships	Veldhoven, Netherlands	www.worldbridge.org
Nov 24-Dec 4	ACBL Fall NABC	Seattle, Washington	www.acbl.org