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Editorial

In the recent Summer North American Bridge Championships in New Orleans, an unusual appeal arose. See what you think of the players', the tournament director's and the committee's actions. (*From the Daily Bulletin.*)

CASE 2: Unauthorized Information; 0-5000 Life Master Pairs, first qualifying session

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

Table result: Making four, plus 420 NS.

Director ruling:
Four spades doubled, plus 790 NS.

Committee ruling:
Four spades doubled, plus 790 NS.

West	North	East	South
4658 MP	2152 MP	3440 MP	1678 MP
—	—	Pass	Pass
I ♣	I ♠	I NT	4 ♣
Pass ¹	Pass	Pass	

1. Agreed fast pass

Opening lead: ♦K

Facts: North-South called the director after the auction, alleging that West passed immediately after South's jump to four spades. The director determined that West did pass immediately after the jump to four spades (East-West agreed).

The Ruling: The director found that the fast pass after four spades conveyed unauthorized information to East that suggested passing because his opening bid was weak in third seat. The director ruled that double was a logical alternative to pass because half of the players polled indicated that they would double with the East hand. The director adjusted the score to four spades doubled, plus 790 North-South.

The Appeal: East-West appealed the director's ruling, asserting that double was not a logical alternative to pass with the East hand. East-West admitted that there was unauthorized information available to East from the fast pass. East-West asserted that while there was unauthorized information from the fast pass of four spades, they felt that there was authorized information available to East that suggested the final pass, i.e., West's third-seat opening bid and failure to double four spades.

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OZ BRIDGE

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(From the Sydney
Morning Herald)



Through a Glass Dykely

One of Australia's most talented players is Kieran Dyke of Sydney. Here he is in action as declarer at a local duplicate:

Dealer East. Neither Vul.

♠ Q J 5 4

♥ A K 9

♦ A K Q J

♣ K 4

♠ A K 9 3 2

♥ 8 7 2

♦ 10 8 2

♣ A 10

♠ —

♥ Q J 10 6 5 3

♦ 5 4

♣ Q J 7 6 3

♠ 10 8 7 6

♥ 4

♦ 9 7 6 3

♣ 9 8 5 2

West

North

East

South

Liz Adams

Kieran Dyke

—

—

2 ♥¹

Pass

4 ♥

Dble²

Pass

4 ♠

Double

Pass

Pass

Pass

1. Weak two

2. Double primarily for takeout

Lead: Heart seven

South won the heart ace and led the queen of spades to West's king. East pitched a heart. West returned the heart eight: nine, ten, spade six. South switched to a club. West took the ace and played a third heart to the ace. South let a diamond go and cashed the diamond ace, king and queen, leaving:

♠ J 5 4

♥ —

♦ J

♣ K

♠ A 9 3 2

♥ —

♦ —

♣ 10

♠ —

♥ Q J

♦ —

♣ Q J 7

♠ 10 8

♥ —

♦ —

♣ 9 8 5

When East showed out on the third diamond, his hand pattern was known to be 0=6=2=5. Dyke now cashed the club king and played the diamond jack, ruffing it with the ten of spades. West was helpless. He could

make only one more trick and no doubt rued his lack of more trump leads earlier.

Triple – Ron Klinger

Here declarer created a triple squeeze at one table and the defence produced a triple squeeze at the other. At the second table West was Matt Mullamphy and Ron Klinger sat East. The deal arose in Round 13 of the 2010 South-West Pacific Teams:

Round 13. Board 11. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

♠ 8 3

♥ J 7 3 2

♦ Q 8

♣ A Q 7 5 3

♠ J 9 5

♠ K 10 7 6

♥ 6 5 4

♥ K 10 9 8

♦ K 10 9 7 6 3

♦ 2

♣ 6

♣ K J 8 4

♠ A Q 4 2

♥ A Q

♦ A J 5 4

♣ 10 9 2

West

North

East

South

Jacobs

Thompson

—

—

Pass

I ♣

Pass

I ♦¹

Pass

I NT²

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

1. Hearts

2. 15-17

Lead: Diamond ten

Dummy's queen of diamonds won trick one and South pulled a low club. East took the jack and switched to the seven of spades: two, nine, three. West returned the spade jack, taken by the queen, and South's club ten was allowed to hold. South continued with the heart ace and queen. East won with the king and returned the spade king, taken by the ace. This was the position:

♠ —

♥ J 7

♦ 8

♣ A Q

♠ —

♠ 10

♥ 4

♥ 10 9

♦ K 9 7 6

♦ —

♣ —

♣ K 8

♠ 4

♥ —

♦ A J 5

♣ 9

South had taken five tricks and had the heart jack, diamond ace and club ace as three more winners. Where was the ninth trick to come from?

South cashed the ace of diamonds and East was squeezed in three suits. To ditch the spade ten would

make the spade four high, while a heart or a club discard would give declarer two tricks in that suit. South now had nine tricks for plus 400.

At the other table, South was also in three no trump and West also led the diamond ten, taken by the queen. The heart two went to the queen and South switched to the ten of clubs: six, three, four. South continued with the club nine and when West showed out declarer won with the ace. A low spade to the queen held and South cashed the ace of spades, followed by the spade two to West's jack and East's king. These cards remained:

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

The king of spades was the first trick for the defence and East's spade ten was the second. This squeezed dummy in three suits. If dummy throws a heart or a club, East would cash two tricks in the suit discarded, followed by the winner in the other suit. Declarer therefore threw the eight of diamonds from dummy, but East continued with the king and ten of hearts. Dummy's heart jack won, but East's clubs took the last two tricks for one down.

DRAMATIC DISCARDS

Mark Horton, Bath, UK



While researching deals for a new book I spotted this gem from the semi final of the USBF Trials.

Dealer South. Neither Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Martel	Zia	Stansby
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Double	2 ♦	3 ♠	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	

If declarer had spotted the best line he might have been in line for one of those hard-to-come-by IBPA awards, but in the end it was a defender who played the starring role.

As a defender you have to be able to see a throw-in coming. This time both defenders had to consider that they might be thrown in at some point.

West led the spade two and declarer put up the king, East winning with the ace and switching to a trump to the queen and king. Declarer ruffed a spade, crossed to the diamond king and ruffed another spade. West, worried about a possible throw-in, threw the queen.

Declarer drew trumps, discarding a club, and then played off his last trump. Forced to keep the master spade and unable to part with a diamond, East must throw a club. But if he discards the eight, declarer plays the ten of diamonds, forcing East to cover. Dummy is reentered with the diamond nine and now declarer exits with a club. West can't overtake the king of clubs and after cashing the jack of spades East must give declarer the last trick.

However, East saw it coming and pitched the king of clubs. Declarer played the ten of diamonds, covered by the jack and queen and then went to dummy with the nine of diamonds to play a club. That meant the defenders scored two clubs and another spade for one down.

There are several points of interest:

- West's passed-hand double suggested that East would have the diamond length.
- Declarer's play to the first trick is questionable – it looks more natural to retain the king of spades as a potential threat.
- West's decision to unblock the queen of spades might have turned out badly if declarer had found the winning line that then becomes available.

It's not easy to see, but after the second spade ruff, declarer must exit with a club. Declarer is essentially rectifying the count for a squeeze/throw in. The defenders can't allow him to ruff another spade in hand, so say East wins and exits with a trump. Three rounds force East to discard his remaining club and now declarer plays the ten of diamonds, jack, queen, returns to the nine of diamonds and exits with a spade, using East as a stepping stone.

In the other room, Rodwell opened a 14-16 one no trump and Meckstroth responded two clubs, doubled by West, and passed North's two hearts, for plus 140.

TIMES BRIDGE

Phillip Alder,
Hobe Sound, FL
(From the NYTimes)



BRAVO, BOBBY

Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1 ♦
I ♠	Double	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

On this deal from the quarterfinals of the USBF Trials for the 2011 Bermuda Bowl, the auction was the same at both tables, North's double being negative, showing four hearts (or perhaps five with only 6 to 9 points). The play also began identically, with West cashing two spade tricks before shifting to a trump. At one table, Steve Robinson (South) took the third trick in the dummy, played a diamond to his queen, crossed back to the dummy with a heart and ran the club ten. Lew Stansby (West) took the trick with his jack and safely exited with a diamond. Now declarer had to lose a second club trick to go down one.

At the other table Bobby Levin (South) won the third trick with dummy's heart ten and cashed the heart jack to learn about the bad break. Then declarer ran dummy's diamond ten, played a diamond to his queen, returned to the dummy with a trump, and played a third diamond, picking up the king with his ace to give this position:

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

Declarer felt sure that spades were 6-3 and that West was marked with the club king. First, without that king, Adam Wildavsky (West) might have made a weak jump overcall. And Doug Doub (East), with two kings, would surely have raised to two spades.

So, in the above position, Levin led his club queen. West won with his king but was endplayed. If he led a club, declarer would get two tricks in the suit. And if West played a spade, Levin would ruff in the dummy and sluff his club deuce.

That was a beautifully-played partial elimination. Plus 100 and plus 620 gave Levin's team 12 IMPs.

MAGNIFICENT, MEL

Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1 ♥
2 ♦	2 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

At the United Jewish Appeal Federation of New York pro-am charity game, Mel Colchamiro made a brilliant defensive play. He was East in the diagrammed deal, partnering Norma Parker of Manhattan.

South might have opened one no trump, which would have resulted in a spade contract. The defenders could have taken four tricks if they were careful, but it would have been easy to drop a trick, especially with South as the declarer after a transfer bid.

When South opened one heart and West overcalled two diamonds, North bid an aggressive, because it was forcing, two spades. (A few pairs play what are called negative free bids, when two spades would show this type of hand. More would start with a negative double, planning to bid spades on the next round. And still others would make a weak jump shift of three spades.)

After South jumped to three no trump, the amateur sitting North decided to let the stronger player be the declarer. West led the diamond four.

It looked as if South would make his contract with five spades (by ducking the first round and finessing dummy's queen on the second round), two hearts and two

diamonds, unless East, after winning trick two with his spade ten, was psychic and shifted to a club.

However, when South took the first trick with his diamond king and ran the spade eight, Colchamiro did not win the trick; he smoothly played his three!

Now declarer led his second spade and saw the jack from his left-hand opponent. South knew that if West had begun with king-jack-ten-five of spades, the contract was unmakable. And obviously, if West had started with king-jack-five, East would have won the first spade trick with his ten. The only logical explanation was that West had jack-ten-five and East, with king-three, had made a clever duck to try to kill dummy's suit. So declarer went up with dummy's spade ace and down in his contract.



GREAT, GREG Bobby Wolff, Las Vegas

Try the following hand as a declarer-play problem in three no trump after West leads a fourth-highest club six. Your first decision is whether to win the ace when East plays the king.

♠ 7 3 2
♥ A K J 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ 9 8 2

♠ A Q 5
♥ 9 5
♦ A Q J 6 3
♣ A J 4

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

Suppose you win the ace and travel to dummy in hearts to lead the ten of diamonds, king, ace, two. When you cash a second diamond, West pitches the six of spades. What now? Finesses in hearts and spades would see you home.

When Greg Hinze played the hand at a Regional tournament in Texas, he cashed a third diamond and West discarded a heart. Hinze believed West would not discard a heart from a holding including the queen, so instead of taking the heart finesse and trying to endplay West to give up a black-suit trick, Hinze exited with the jack of clubs. This was the full deal:

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

West won the club and if he had cashed his club winners, his partner would have been squeezed to death in three suits. So West exited with a heart without cashing the last two clubs, whereupon declarer rose with the ace, finessed the queen of spades, and exited with the fourth diamond. East could win the diamond and cash a heart, but declarer then had the rest!

DELUSIONS & ILLUSIONS REVISITED



Simon Cochemé, London

The July Bulletin reported the following deal (Round 16, Board 12) from the European Championships where 63 of the 86 pairs, including the seniors, bid to a slam in hearts or diamonds.

Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

The July IBPA Bulletin described how Justin Hackett made six hearts for England and reported that Nevena Senior also made six hearts for the English Women. The third English result was not quite so successful; in the England v. Netherlands Seniors match Paul Hackett held the North cards and thought he could risk a double of West's six clubs with his three aces.

With the field playing in 23 different contracts at every level except the two level, stories about the deal could

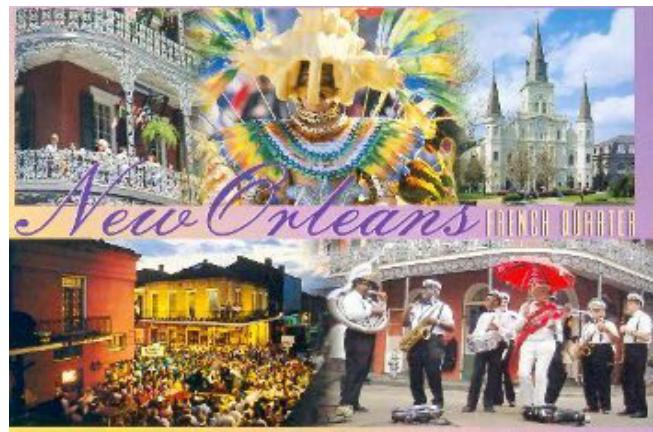
fill a small book. Two of the more interesting were written up in the Ostend bulletins.

Patrick Jourdain wrote up the events in the Open match between Cyprus and Switzerland.

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♦	Double	Pass
Pass	3 ♦	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Frangos Philippos of Cyprus opened two diamonds, game forcing, and he felt obliged to bid again over the double because he was not yet in game. When East's second double was passed out, he was content. Plus 1070 meant that he was very content. East thought his doubles were for take-out; West thought the first double showed diamonds and saw no reason to remove the second one.

Rex Anderson reported first-hand from the Ireland-Denmark Seniors match where he played in six spades doubled as West. How did he end up in spades? He saw the bidding start one heart-three clubs (Ghestem for spades and diamonds) when actually the bidding had started two hearts-three clubs. Peter Lund led the diamond ace and Anderson cross-ruffed in the red suits to make the first seven tricks. Steen Möller was then able to claim the last six tricks. What makes this deal special? All thirteen tricks were won with trumps!



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Too High? Not at All! (BR)

Dealer North. Neither Vul.

♠ 7 6 3 2

♥ K 7 3

♦ 10 6 5 4

♣ A 5

♠ Q J 5 4

♠ 9 8

♥ J 8 4

♥ 10 9

♦ 9 8 3

♦ K 7 2

♣ 7 6 2

♣ K Q 9 8 4 3

♠ A K 10

♥ A Q 6 5 2

♦ A Q J

♣ J 10

At a few tables on this deal, North-South got overboard when East preempted in clubs. Not, however, Milan Macura and Michal Kopecki. Macura opened the South hand with a strong club after two passes. When North was able to make a positive response with his three controls and East came in with a simple overcall in clubs, the youngsters bid themselves to six hearts. How would you play this contract on a club lead?

Macura won the ace of clubs and immediately took a diamond finesse. Playing very accurately, declarer cashed the heart ace at trick three, crossed to the heart king, and repeated the diamond finesse. He then cashed the diamond ace, the spade ace and the spade king, and exited with his club jack.

East was left with only clubs and had to return one for a ruff-sluff. South pitched the spade ten from hand, ruffing in dummy, then ruffed a spade to hand to pull the last trump and claim. Ta-da! (Continued on page 10...)

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533. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

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

I. Game forcing enquiry

After North showed three-card support for responder's first suit with two spades, South enquired about key cards and bid the slam after North admitted to two key cards plus the queen of spades.

West led the king of clubs. Declarer won with the ace and tested the trump suit by playing the ace and queen. When West discarded a heart on the second round, declarer had a trump loser. The trick was to avoid a heart loser. Declarer saw that all he needed to make the slam was for East to have at least one heart and not be able to discard a singleton diamond.

So, he cashed the ace of hearts and led a low heart towards the king-queen-ten. As the cards lay, if East ruffed he would be wasting his trump trick on a heart loser. After he discarded a club, declarer won the trick with the queen of hearts and returned to dummy with the ace of diamonds to lead another heart. Again East could not ruff profitably, so he discarded a second diamond and declarer took the trick with the king of hearts. Next, declarer ruffed the ten of hearts with dummy's last trump. This fixed East, for all he could do was make a trump trick.

534. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North's two no trump was a Jacoby game-forcing raise in spades. South's leap to game promised a minimum hand without a shortage, typically some 5-3-3-2, or perhaps 5-4-2-2, shape.

West led the jack of clubs, taken in dummy with the ace. Declarer drew the trumps in two rounds and then finessed the queen of diamonds. West took this with the king and exited with a second club. Eventually declarer had to play the heart suit himself and lost three tricks in the process.

"It was on either the diamond finesse or the same defender holding both heart honours. Unlucky," offered declarer.

"For you, perhaps" said a somewhat scornful North. "All you had to do was draw trumps and play off your club winners. Then you should play the ace of diamonds followed by the queen. This gives up the chance of a successful finesse in diamonds, but it guarantees the contract! It will not matter whether it is East or West who holds the king of diamonds, the defender who wins with the diamond king will have to either break the heart suit or concede a ruff-and-discard. So, you would lose only two hearts and a diamond."

535. Dealer South. EWVul.

♠ A K 9 4 3	♠ J 10 7 6 5
♥ A 6 5	♥ J 3
♦ I 0 6 4	♦ K J 2
♣ K Q	♣ 10 6 2
♠ 2	♠ Q 8
♥ 10 9 8 7 2	♥ K Q 4
♦ Q 9 8	♦ A 7 5 3
♣ 9 7 5 4	♣ A J 8 3

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

I. Quantitative

West led the ten of hearts and declarer counted eleven winners, twelve if spades were no worse than 4-2. So, declarer considered what would happen if the spades turn out to be 5-1? If he cashed the queen of spades, this would only save the day if the jack or ten was singleton; the eight would then drive out the missing honour and declarer would make the four spade tricks he required. If either defender held a low singleton in spades, then this approach would leave declarer with no recourse.

Declarer saw that a better line was to cross to dummy with a club at trick two to lead a low spade towards the queen-eight. If East played an honour at trick three, then declarer would win the queen and pass the eight of spades, guaranteeing four spade tricks no matter how the cards lay. If East played low, declarer planned to play the eight. This plan succeeds when the spades are 4-2 and when they are 5-1 and West holds a non-honour singleton or when East holds a singleton honour. This only fails when West has five spades headed by the jack-ten or when he has a singleton honour; overall this offers a 91% chance of success.

536. Dealer North. EWVul.

♠ A	♠ 9 6 5
♥ K 6 2	♥ I 0 8 5
♦ I 0 8 7 5 2	♦ A J 9
♣ A 9 6 5	♣ K Q J 7
♠ Q J 10 8 3	♠ K 7 4 2
♥ Q 9 4 3	♥ A J 7
♦ 4 3	♦ K Q 6
♣ 8 2	♣ 10 4 3

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

West led the queen of spades to dummy's ace and the original declarer played a diamond to the king, which held. Returning to dummy with the king of hearts, he led a second diamond towards his hand. East anticipated the danger of playing low on this trick; declarer would win with the queen and clear the diamonds, scoring four diamonds to go with the five top winners in the other suits. So, East went in the ace of diamonds and switched to the king of clubs, attacking the entry to dummy while the diamond suit was blocked.

Declarer ducked the first club and East persisted with the queen of clubs, which declarer ducked while unblocking the ten of clubs from hand. This left dummy's ace-nine as a tenace which he hoped would deter East from continuing clubs. However, East continued his good work by playing another club. While declarer scored two club tricks, he could make no more than eight tricks, for when the heart finesse failed, there was no ninth trick.

"All you had to do to make the contract was to use the ace of clubs as the entry for the second round of diamonds" North pointed out later. "East can rise with the diamond ace and cash three clubs but he cannot prevent you from making two spades, two hearts, four diamonds and a club. This only fails if East began with the ace of diamonds and all three tops in a five-card suit, quite a small chance really."

Editorial (continued)

The Decision: The committee polled six players with between 3000-5000 masterpoints. Four players bid one no trump and then doubled four spades with the East hand. The other two players passed the one-spade overcall, but would have doubled four spades if they had bid one no trump. One player thought partner's pass of four spades was forcing. The committee decided that East had unauthorized information pursuant to Law 73C (Communication: Player Receives Unauthorized Information from Partner). The question then became whether double was a logical alternative to pass with the East hand. The committee decided as a result of the polling data that double was clearly a logical alternative to pass in this auction. Therefore, since the fast pass demonstrably indicated that West had a weak hand, Law 16B1 (Authorized and Unauthorized Information; Extraneous Information from Partner) required that East double four spades.

This is quite a departure from the usual appeal, where the recipient of some Unauthorized Information from a hesitation takes some questionable positive action. It does seem that here, East is forced to make a bad bid just because a cross-section of his Master Point peers does so. However, on the evidence of his own hand, East cannot beat a grand slam, let alone a game. Is it possible to sanction West without actually penalizing East-West in the result of the board?

Grand Design (BM)

On this deal from the second semifinal session of the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, Debbie Rosenberg and JoAnna Stansby had an expert auction to the top spot for most of the matchpoints.

Dealer North. Both Vul.

♠ K 9 8 5 2

♥ A 3 2

♦ A 5

♣ 5 4 3

♠ J 3

♥ Q 8

♦ K Q 9 7 6 3 2

♣ J 6

♠ Q

♥ J 10 9 7 6 5 4

♦ 10 4

♣ 9 8 7

♠ A 10 7 6 4

♥ K

♦ J 8

♣ A K Q 10 2

West	North	East	South
—	Rosenberg	Pass	2 NT ¹
3 ♦	Pass ²	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦ ³	Pass	6 ♣ ⁴
Pass	6 ♠ ⁵	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Game-forcing spade raise
2. Neutral
3. Zero or three key cards
4. Third-round control of clubs?
5. No

Rosenberg did very well not to jump to four spades over three diamonds. Stansby finagled a diamond control from her partner, used Key Card, then asked for third-round control of clubs. When none was forthcoming, she was confident that seven no trump could be no worse than finding spades 2-1 with the clubs 3-2 or the jack in partner's hand or being pickupable, and so it proved. Six clubs was a truly inventive bid.

The Euphoria Effect (FS)

I came to NOLA from Alabama (no questions, please, as to whether I had a banjo on my knee during the trip) to revive old friendships and to deliver what was billed as an "expert" lecture in the Intermediate-Newcomer speaker series.

I've heard an expert defined in many ways: someone who knows why he lost; someone who knows just when to panic; someone who has guessed right more than once; someone brought in at the last minute to share the blame. The best definition I know of a bridge expert is "someone from out of town," so I guess I qualify on that count if on no other.

I also arranged to play one session with an old friend – I would find out whether my game has a light coating of rust or a terminal case of corrosion – and we sat down on Friday evening in a side Swiss. Writing and playing tough cards are two far-removed worlds – time spent away from the table dulls judgment, focus and desire – and this deal proved to me that I'd best stick to writing. As South, with neither side vulnerable, I picked up:

♠ J 9 8 6 2 ♥ K 10 5 ♦ K 10 4 ♣ A 7.

My partner opened one diamond, I responded one spade and West doubled. My partner raised to two spades and East passed. I knew the king of hearts might be worth nothing if West held the ace-queen, but I had a fifth spade, a diamond fit and a side ace. If partner had a minimum such as ♠ K Q 10 x ♥ x x ♦ A Q x x x ♣ x x, I would have a reasonable play for game. So I bid four spades, and everybody passed.

The opening lead was a trump, and when my partner began to table the dummy by proudly producing the ace-king-queen-four of trumps, I knew I was in trouble...

Dealer North. Neither Vul.

♠ A K Q 4

♥ Q 8 7 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ J 4

♠ 10 5

♠ 7 3

♥ A J 4 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A Q 8 2

♦ J 9 6

♣ K 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8 3 2

♠ J 9 8 6 2

♥ K 10 5

♦ K 10 4

♣ A 7

West	North	East	South
—	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Double	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Indeed! Off a club, at least two diamonds and maybe two hearts. Well, I wasn't giving up. East probably had a club honour since West hadn't led one, so I judged to play West for the heart ace-jack. I took the spade king and led a heart to my king. West won and led another trump, and I won with the jack and led the heart ten: two, three, nine. Eureka!

I was now cold for ten tricks. All I have to do next is cash my club ace, lead a heart to the eight, discard my losing club on the queen of hearts and ruff dummy's last club. Then I can lead a trump to dummy and return a diamond to my ten, and when West takes the queen, he is endplayed, forced to give me my diamond king or concede a ruff-sluff.

I know the technique. I have written hundreds of columns about it. But alas... Many writers – Mike Lawrence comes to mind – have discussed the adverse effect of "euphoria" at the table. In a session of bridge,

you will make good plays and, no matter who you are, you will make mistakes. Winning players are thoroughly impassive. They have the discipline to stay in the present. They know that an emotional response to any result – even to the play of one trick – can sabotage their concentration on the next deal or the next trick.

My game is corroded, and I floated (descended?) into euphoria. I was so overcome with joy at the success of my play in hearts that, like an idiot, I forgot to get my ace of clubs out of the way before I led the third heart. Now I couldn't strip the clubs and wind up in dummy with a trump remaining in both hands, so my endplay vanished and I had to go down one.

Maybe next time my focus will be better. Don't let euphoria get you.

Disappearing Trick (BM)

Sometimes a sure four tricks turn into three, as Billy Miller demonstrated on this deal from the Sunday evening pairs game. He was playing with Fran Dickman.

The opening club lead went to the jack, king and ace. With the bad trump split and the layout of the diamonds, it appears that declarer has four inevitable losers. It didn't work out that way, however.

Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Miller		Dickman	
—	—	Pass	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Double
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

At trick two, Miller cashed one top heart, then played the ace of spades, queen of spades and ruffed a club. He pitched a diamond on the king of spades and played the ten of diamonds to South's ace. A low diamond return went to Miller's king, and he followed with the king of hearts, then the queen of clubs, which he ruffed in dummy.

At that point, he had nine tricks: three spades, two high hearts, the club ace, diamond king and two club ruffs in dummy. At trick 11, he played dummy's spade six and

ruffed, North following helplessly. South had a diamond winner at that point, but it fell under one of North's two trump winners.

Wagar Women at Work (BR)

On this deal from the Wagar Women's Knockout Teams, Shawn Quinn and Migry Zur Campanile did very nicely, taking full advantage of declarer's lapse in the middle game.

Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	Campanile	—	Quinn
—	—	1 ♠	2 ♥
2 ♠	4 ♦	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Quinn led the heart ace, ruffed. Declarer cashed the ace of spades and led a spade to the king, North pitching a heart. Then came a diamond. If Campanile had ducked, declarer would have won the king, drawn the last trump with the ten and led a diamond, covering North's card. A low diamond exit would endplay North. So Campanile rose with the diamond ace. This was the position:

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

On the return of the diamond jack, if Quinn had ruffed she would have been endplayed, so she pitched a heart. Declarer could still have succeeded by finding the jack of clubs, but she knew the defenders' patterns and when she played the long hand to hold that card she went down.

Declarer missed a chance. Since Quinn had been reluctant to ruff the high diamond, one could give her another chance by playing the other high diamond. A

refusal to ruff a second time would allow a club discard from dummy. Then a club to the queen and a red-suit crossruff would see you home.

Avoidance Play (BS)

English international Sandra Penfold found a fine avoidance play on this deal from the Open Pairs.

Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Senior		Penfold
Pass	2 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the heart jack. Hopeful of getting two discards to assure her contract, Penfold put in the queen, ruffing East's king. When she led a trump to dummy, West threw a discouraging ten of spades. Penfold threw a spade on the ace of hearts, then led the eight of hearts. When East followed low, she discarded her other spade. Ruffing the heart return, Penfold played a club to dummy, then took the ruffing spade finesse and made her contract for an excellent plus 400, leaving West to rue his revealing discard.

The 100% Line (BR)

Alfredo Versace spotted his 100% line of play on this deal from the Spingold Knockout Teams. Can you do the same?

Dealer North. Neither Vul.

♠ A
♥ A Q 10 5
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ K J 10 4

♠ K 9 5 2
♥ 8 4 2
♦ K J 10
♣ A 9 3

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

On the lead of the eight of spades, declarer wins the ace of spades. With 29 high-card points and so many intermediates, you could be forgiven for thinking nine tricks were easy. Are they?

Say you misguess a minor-suit queen and they clear spades. Now you must either finesse into the danger hand (East) or risk losing a trick to West and have a heart come through dummy with the minors still blocked.

Versace led a diamond to the ten. At the table, this held, so he was comfortably placed. Had it lost he would have won the spade return, pitching a heart, cashed the king-jack of diamonds and crossed to the king of clubs to play a club to the nine. If this lost and a heart came back, Versace would have won the ace, pitched his club ace on the ace of diamonds, and run the clubs for nine tricks. The full deal:

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

Not for Cavemen (BR)

Bill Hall reported this challenging deal from the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams.

The auction was the same at both tables. At Bill's table and at the table where his teammates, Sid Brownstein and John Swanson, were defending, both Easts took the spade queen with the ace and, for better or worse, shifted to the jack of clubs. Both declarers rose with the ace. How should declarer continue?

Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	3 ♠	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The winning line is elegant and remarkably uncomplicated if you can spot it: draw trumps, pitch the two of clubs on a top spade then ruff the spade, and run trumps to reach this ending:

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

When you lead the last trump, West cannot mislead you about the ending. If he pitches a diamond, declarer discards a club from dummy and leads a diamond up. West must duck and is endplayed in diamonds to lead clubs.

If West pitches a club, declarer discards a diamond from the dummy and ducks a club to the now-bare king. He must score a diamond and a club in the ending.

Note that it does not help West to make the imaginative discard of the ace of diamonds in the ending. Declarer pitches a diamond from dummy and East is squeezed. If he pitches his spade or a diamond, declarer plays two rounds of diamonds. If he pitches his club, declarer leads the club queen to pin the ten and establish his nine for the tenth winner.

P.S.: Neither declarer found this line.

LOIBEN 2010 Fritz Babsch, Vienna

The biggest Austrian tournament had increased attendance this year in the smaller events, but not in the two big events (Open Teams & Open Pairs).

Results:

Mixed (170): Sylvia Terraneo/Josias zu Waldeck (Austria/Germany) 64.8%

Open Teams (78): German Seniors 220 VP

Open Pairs (172): Wolfgang Semmelrath/Heimo Stalzer (Austria) 63.6%

Miss Loiben: Waltraud Vogt (Germany)

Mister Loiben: Kurt Feichtinger (Austria)

This deal from the ninth round (of eleven) of the Open Teams created huge swings at all eight tables where duplicated boards were used.

Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

The eventual winner, the German Senior Team from Ostend (Kratz/Sträter, Kaiser/Klumpp) gained 19 IMPs when Kaiser/Klumpp reached six diamonds doubled in the Open Room and Kratz/Sträter four hearts doubled in the Closed Room. Both contracts were made. Their opponents were Fucik/Purkarthofer and Franz & Sylvia Terraneo (with Feichtinger/Obermair not on play in this match), who finished second.

I thought that this hand from the Opening Tournament (176 pairs) would be easy (at least for good pairs) but I was completely wrong!

West	East (Dealer)
♠ 7	♠ A K 5 3
♥ A K Q 7 5	♥ J 10 9 2
♦ K 8 4 3	♦ A Q 5 2
♣ A J 6	♣ 4

The hand was played at 81 tables - 20 pairs reached seven hearts. Five declarers went down (hearts are 3–1, diamonds 4–1). The nine top pairs had rather poor results: once +1510, four times +1010, twice +980 and twice –50! Is it really difficult to see that the sure way to 13 tricks is to ruff two clubs, not to rely on a good break in diamonds?

A CLASSIC BEAUTY Ameer Hasan, Karachi



Karachi Bridge Association holds the Aslam Memorial Bridge Tournament every year. In Pakistan, Aslam Shaikh's name is like a sacred cow - he was a great man indeed. He was the person who carried out the task of development of the game when duplicate bridge had reached its lowest ebb in Pakistan.

Dr. Ilyas and Aslam Shaikh founded the Pakistan Contract Bridge League (now known as Karachi Bridge Association) and your scribe was its first Founding Honorary Secretary. We started regular duplicate bridge programmes at Karachi and one achievement of the KBA must be highlighted here - we have built a permanent place for holding regular duplicate bridge programmes without the help of the treasury, purely with the help of bridge players in Karachi.

From the 15th Aslam Memorial Bridge Tournament, the following classic beauty appeared.

Round 6. Board 17. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

One of the hallmarks of an expert player is his ability to focus on the task at hand and not be distracted by what might have been. Such was the case here. This deal was played as 14 tables - six no trump was a popular contract. However, six diamonds, six hearts, and six spades were other playable contracts.

At one table, it was six hearts. West led a spade. Winning the ace of spades, declarer surveyed his chances. There were two main chances: West holding the heart king three times, or West holding a doubleton minor honour, in which case the intra-finesse would be successful. The king of hearts with West three times was a 10:6 favourite over the intra-finesse. But there was an extra chance: the jack-ten doubleton of hearts with East. That made the heart to the queen play 11:6.

First, declarer cashed the heart ace. He noticed the drop of the heart ten by East with some trepidation, but some hope as well. He played small towards dummy, and again West played low; the queen of hearts won on the table, and the jack gratifyingly dropped. Notice that declarer made the correct play, despite the Law of Restricted Choice: he cannot make the hand if East has the King-ten doubleton.

South continued hearts to West's king. West won and played back a diamond, but it was too late. Declarer won the ace of diamonds, returned to hand via the club king, and drew the last trump, discarding dummy's diamond jack. Five spades, three hearts, one diamond and three clubs made 12.

Fight till the last card!

THE LONG WAY HOME

Marc Smith,
Southampton, UK



Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♣
1 ♥	Double	1 ♠	2 ♦
Pass	3 ♣	3 ♥	3 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Double	Redouble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In this deal from a recent team match, West led the spade ace and switched to the ten of hearts, covered all around. After a club to the king and ace, East exited with a second spade, ruffed. Declarer drew the trumps. The game would be no fun if things always broke favourably, and West duly showed out when declarer cashed the ace and king of diamonds. With East marked with five spades on the auction, declarer still saw a route to eleven tricks. This was the ending with declarer needing all the tricks:

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

Declarer cashed his king of hearts, discarding the ten of diamonds from dummy. When declarer then ruffed his heart loser in dummy, East was caught: if he throws a diamond, declarer cashes the queen of diamonds and ruffs a spade back to hand to reach the long diamond. East actually pitched a spade, allowing declarer to ruff a spade, establishing the ten with the queen of diamonds as an entry.

NEWS & VIEWS



Corrected PABF Results

Ron Klinger notes...

Alas, the results on pages 4 and 5 are incorrect (except for the placings in the Pairs). Whoever supplied them was looking at the carry-forward from the previous stage(s).

(As I replied to Ron, *mea culpa.* - Ed.)

Open Teams. Should be:

1. Chinese Taipei	499
2. Australia	497
3. Indonesia	477

Senior Teams: Although we were leading before the final match, the actual results were:

1. Australia (Bourke)	366
2. Japan	358
3. Australia (Klinger)	356

Women's Teams: The order is right, but not the scores.

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

Under-26 Teams: The order is right, but not the scores.

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

Under-21 Teams: The order is right for first/second, but New Zealand was third. Scores not right.

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

The results can be found (with difficulty, I agree) via <http://www.nzbridgecongress.co.nz/pabf2010/index.php>

Fred and Geoff

Members (neither Fred Gitelman nor Geoff Hampson!) pointed out that both Gitelman and Hampson now reside in the USA and are striving to represent that country in World Championships, thus should have been listed on the Buffett Cup team as representing the USA. I have known both since they were teenagers and budding players and captained them in the 1991 World Junior Team Championship for Canada where they won the silver medal, and it is true, they currently reside in

Las Vegas and play on the Diamond Team in the USBF Trials. As I replied to our correspondents, I am aware of the situation, but as Canada has such a dismal recent bridge history, we are grasping at any straw! Yes, since the Buffett Cup is a non-WBF event, we can thus claim them for Canada.

Correspondence



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Dear John,

I fear your July Editorial about membership is somewhat out of date; at least in Europe. Certainly there was a considerable increase in membership in the 1980s, But when I became President of the EBL in 1995 the number of registered bridge players in the EBL was around 380,000. It is now ... around 380,000. I set as one of my Presidential aims, "half a million by the new Millennium". Another missed target!

I don't share your view that professionalism is the biggest change over the last forty years. (There were professionals then - but they were playing rubber bridge.) I do however, very much, share your view that professionals are good for the game; including international teams championships. It is remarkable how a good sponsor (good, that is, as a leader of men) can get the best out of a team.

The biggest change is in the technology - from bidding boxes, through computer scoring, and up to BBO. And continuing improvements in technology will be the saviour of the game after the 60-pluses (who used to deal the cards at the table!) have gone to the green baize in the sky.

Regards, Bill Pencharz, Piegut Pluvier, France

Dear Sir,

I live in the UK and am lucky to visit Kenya for a few months each year. Whilst there, I regularly play bridge at The Oshwal Centre in Nairobi. These events are run by the Kenya Bridge Association. I would like you to know that I am very impressed by the excellent organisation of these sessions which frequently have 24-plus tables. The committee also greatly encourages newcomers to the game by holding teaching classes on a regular basis.

Yours faithfully, Valerie Lacey

World Bridge Calendar

DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
2010			
Aug 30-Sep 5	First Asia Cup	Ning Bo, China	www.mcba.org.my
Sep 1-4	34th International Festival	Grande Motte, France	www.ffb-competitions.net
Sep 4-5	Torneo Open de Bridge	Barcelona, Spain	www.tennispromedia.com
Sep 3-12	Open Brazilian Championships	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	www.confsudbridge.org
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 17-19	Torneo de Bridge	Mendoza, Argentina	www.bridgeargentino.org.ar
Sep 17-26	Guernsey Congress	Guernsey, Channel Islands	www.ebu.co.uk
Sep 18-19	2 nd Bridge-Golf Tournament	Salzburg, Austria	www.bridgeaustria.at
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.confsudbridge.org
Sep 25-Oct 2	New Zealand National Congress	Hamilton, New Zealand	www.nzbridgecongress.co.nz
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	2 nd University Cup	Online	www.worldbridge.org
Nov 1-7	12 th Madeira Open	Madeira, Portugal	www.bridge-madeira.com
Nov 5-7	Kepri Governor's Cup VII	Batam, Indonesia	www.gabsi.or.id
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.brideredsea.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	Città di Milano	Milan, Italy	www.federbridge.it
2011			
Jan 16-16	International Bridge Week	St. Moritz, Switzerland	www.bridgefederation.ch
Jan 22-26	Thailand Women's Bridge Festival	Bangkok, Thailand	chodchoy@inet.co.th
Jan 22-19	52 nd Bermuda Regional	Southampton, Bermuda	www.bermudaregional.com
Feb 9-14	EBU Overseas Congress	Antalya, Turkey	www.ebu.co.uk
Feb 26-Mar 5	50 th Anniversary Gold Coast Congress	Broadbeach, Australia	www.qldbridge.com
Mar 10-20	ACBL Spring NABC	Louisville, Kentucky	www.acbl.org
Mar 11-13	Gstaad Tournament	Gstaad, Switzerland	www.bridgefederation.ch
Mar 20-25	White House Junior International	Amsterdam, Netherlands	keestammens@email.com
Mar 22-27	Kitzbühel Festival	Kitzbühel, Austria	fritz.babsch@tele2.at
Apr 18-22	Yeh Bros. Cup	Wuxi, China	pat_hwang2002@hotmail.com.tw
Apr 19-24	116 th Canadian Nationals	Toronto, Ontario	www.unit166.ca
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
May 14-21	South African Bridge Congress	Mpumulanga, South Africa	www.sabf.co.za
May 18-22	Sri Lanka International Tournament	Wadduwa, Sri Lanka	www.mcba.org.my
May 20-28	CACBF Championships	Havana/Varadero, Cuba	www.cacbf.com
Jun 15-24	PABF Championships	Kuala Lumpur, Mayaysia	www.mcba.org.my
Jun 1-2	26 th Bonn Nations Cup	Bad Godesburg, Germany	www.bridge-club-bonn.de
Jun 1-5	13 th Festival de Palavas	Palavas, France	www.ffb-competitions.net
Jun 3 & 4	Worldwide Bridge Contest	Clubs Everywhere	www.ecatsbridge.com
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 7-13	Loiben Bridge Festival	Loiben, Austria	fritz.babsch@tele2.at
Aug 12-21	Summer Congress	Brighton, England	www.ebu.co.uk
Sep 16-25	Guernsey Congress	Guernsey, Channel Islands	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