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Editorial

The opinions expressed here do not necessarily represent those of the IBPA Executive or its membership.

We wish all members and their loved ones a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

We have two appeals to make. The first is regarding membership and it is twofold: firstly, if you've not yet renewed your membership, please do it now. Instructions have been sent with the email containing the link to this Bulletin. Secondly, we are a membership organisation and, as such, are suffering from similar ailments to those afflicting some other bridge organisations, that is, an ageing population. Lately, we've been enlisting new members at a rate approximately equal to the rate of attrition but we'd like to increase that new membership rate and thus enlarge the organisation. If each member brings in one new member, that would be an enormously healthy increase in our rolls.

The second appeal is for Bulletin material. Most of our submissions are from Europe, North America and Australia. We occasionally receive a piece from Asia or South America and we scour Daily Bulletins worldwide for suitable material, but would love to receive more material from the other, under-represented, WBF Zones.

The debate over the new WBF Victory Point scale rages on. That the scale produced such a debate in the first place in an indication that all is not quite right with it. The WBF has done as it promised in Bali that it would do, that is, conducted a survey among interested parties to see what the overall reaction to the scale is. Without the survey, there is always a danger that a few opinionated souls could skew the results simply because they are the only ones heard from and the WBF wanted a wider opinion base than the one represented by our membership. We eagerly await the results of the survey questionnaire.

Curiously, a lot of the debate has been among Australians, one supposes due to Ron Klinger's passionate, cogent and well-publicized opposition to the new scale. As well as the Membership Renewal Instructions sent (via email) with this Bulletin, we include a link to a learned treatise by Ian McKinnon, top Australian TD and winner of the 2013 Truscott Award for his extraordinary book, *Duplicate Bridge Schedules, History and Mathematics*, detailing his own research and views on Victory Point scales.

Our chief objections to the new scale are that (i) it is too complex for easy reference and (ii) it is completely unnecessary. In the November Bulletin we analysed six other scoring methods, all simpler than the one used in Bali. All six of those scoring systems (including win/loss/draw) produced the same eight qualifiers except in one instance: USAI would have qualified instead of Canada if IMP differential were used as the determining factor. Every other sports league that we know of, including chess, uses win/loss/draw as a method of determining its winners and/or qualifiers. The equivalent to Victory Points in chess would be a Victory-Point scoring system based on the number of moves to checkmate or resignation. Does it not seem awkward (at best) when a team scores up a match and does not know the VP score without reference to what appear to be logarithm tables?

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Correction

The winners of the North American Swiss Teams at the Fall NABC in Phoenix last month were Peter Boyd, Diego Brenner, Rose Meltzer, John Mohan, Carlos Pellegrini and Steve Robinson. An early version of the IBPA Bulletin did not have all the winners correctly listed.



Ahmedabad, the site of the 55th Winter Nationals, is a mix of ancient and modern city, with a population of six million. It is situated on the Sabarmati River and is the judicial centre and former capital of Gujarat state. Archeological evidence suggests that the area has been inhabited since the eleventh century, with the name Ahmedabad having been adopted in 1411, when Sultan Ahmed Shah named the city after himself.

Ahmedabad has a tradition and history of civil unrest, Indian nationalism and independence movements and was the home of the Father of the Indian Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Many of its buildings were designed by Le Corbusier, the great Swiss architect influential in urban planning. Ahmedabad was named by *The Times of India* as the best Indian city in which to live.

**Ruia Gold Open Teams,
Quarterfinal, Session I
Indian Railways v Formidables**

The Ashok R. Ruia Gold Trophy is the flagship event of Indian bridge. Ninety teams were divided into 'Gold' and 'Silver' divisions, with 33 and 57 teams respectively. In the Gold division, knockouts follow a Swiss qualifying with 16 teams going through to the next phase. In the Silver, the top eight teams play a round robin format.

This year, two of the favourites, Formidables (the defending champions) and Indian Railways (perennial contenders) met in the quarterfinals of the Gold event.

INDIAN RAILWAYS vs. FORMIDABLES

Open Room:

NS: Amarnath Banerjee – Rana Roy (Indian Railways)
EW: Keyzad Anklesaria – Sunit Chokshi (Formidables)

Closed Room:

NS: B. Prabhakar – Rajeshwar Tewari (Formidables)
EW: S. Dutta – Sumit Mukherjee (Indian Railways)

West led the five of diamonds (see top of next column). Declarer won with dummy's ace to play a low spade to his king and West's ace. West continued diamonds, East winning with the king and cashing the ace of clubs, then reverting to diamonds, ruffed by declarer.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Double	1♦	1♠
Double!	2♠	2NT	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Three-card diamond support

Now the contract depended on picking up the spades. Considering this an application of the adage, "Eight ever, nine never", declarer took the percentage play of cashing the queen rather than finessing the ten. The contract was thus one down for plus 100 to the Railways East/West.

Open Room

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

1. 12-14/18-19 balanced or natural
2. Puppet to 1 NT if West has 12-14 balanced

Here the contract was played by North and East led the ace of clubs and continued with another club. Declarer ruffed and played a low spade to the king and ace. West correctly shifted to a diamond. Declarer played the ace of diamonds and another spade to the queen. Here, however, when the spades did not behave, declarer had time to opt for the heart finesse and was able to discard his diamond loser on a heart to score his contract. That was 12 IMPs to Indian Railways.

Note that the alternative play of ruffing down the queen of hearts does not secure the contract as East can overruff the club entry. Even if he could not do so, he could ruff the established heart, leaving declarer with a club or diamond loser.

**Semifinal, Session I
Shree Cement v Hemant Jalan**

Formidables went through to the semifinals, to meet Maya Meera Sneha. The other semifinal pitted the fancied Shree Cement team against underdog Hemant Jalan.

SHREE CEMENT vs. HEMANT JALAN

Open Room:

NS: Anil Padhye – Vinay Desai (Shree Cement)

EW: Sandeep Thakral - Kaustubh Bendre (Hemant Jalan)

Closed Room:

NS: Anindya Bhattacharya – Kaustabh Nandi (Hemant Jalan)

EW: Ashok Vaidya – Arun Bapat (Shree Cement)

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ Q 8 7

♥ A 9 8 4

♦ —

♣ Q J 8 7 5 2

♠ 10 9 6 4

♥ J 7 6 2

♦ 3

♣ A K 10 3

♠ A K 5 3 2

♥ 3

♦ K Q 10 6 4 2

♣ 6

♠ J

♥ K Q 10 5

♦ A J 9 8 7 5

♣ 9 4

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

1. Four-card spade support, limit-plus values

Declarer got the favourable nine-of-clubs lead. He won it with the club ace and discarded his heart loser on the king. Then he played the singleton diamond from dummy, North discarding a club, and South won the diamond king with his ace and if he shifts to a trump or a heart, the contract is surely down. But, eager to give his partner a ruff, he gave declarer a chance to make the contract by playing the nine of diamonds. Declarer correctly discarded a club and North ruffed and returned the queen of clubs. To make the contract now, declarer must ruff this with the ace or king of spades and play the other high trump, then ruff the three losing diamonds in the dummy.

The defenders have taken two tricks to this point and North can take his spade queen whenever he wishes, but the contract will be through. Unfortunately for declarer, he ruffed the queen of clubs low and South could overruff with the jack and take the contract down when North made the queen of spades. That would have been a huge swing, as the same contract was played in the closed room and was also down one for no swing.

Final, Session I, Formidables v Shree Cement

Open Room:

NS: Keyzad Anklesaria – Sunit Chokshi (Formidables)



Akshardam Temple, Ahmedabad

EW: Anil Padhye – Vinay Desai (Shree Cement)

Closed Room:

NS: Arun Bapat - Ashok Vaidya (Shree Cement)

EW: B. Prabhakar – R. Tewari (Formidables)

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

♠ A Q 9 7 2

♥ 10

♦ A K 10 2

♣ Q 9 7

♠ J 6 4

♥ K 8 2

♦ 9 6 5 4 3

♣ K 4

♠ K 10 8 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ J 7

♣ J 6 3

♠ —

♥ A J 9 6 5 3

♦ Q 8

♣ A 10 8 5 2

In the closed room, the North/South pair bid to three notrump and made ten tricks. But the open room North/South had other ideas:

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

After four clubs and four diamonds, North/South were on the path to slam.

The opening lead was the six of diamonds and declarer won East's jack with the queen. The eight of diamonds was led to the ace and the spade ace was played, declarer discarding a heart. Declarer ruffed a spade and played the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart in dummy. Declarer now played the king of diamonds and East discarded his queen of hearts, declarer also discarding a heart, leading to this position:

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

Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Martel	Wolpert	Zia
—	—	—	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

When declarer played dummy's last diamond, East ruffed it with the six of clubs and declarer overruffed with the eight. Declarer ruffed a heart with the queen of clubs and played a club to the ace and another club, splitting the remaining clubs out 2-2. He had a trump and a good heart at the end.

East denied South the opportunity to achieve an interesting ending. Suppose, in the diagrammed position, East discards again. So does South. Declarer then would have ruffed a spade low and ruffed the last heart with dummy's queen of clubs. Declarer can then lead any card from the dummy and cover East's forced trump play. West can win the king of clubs but then has to lead into declarer's ace-ten. That was a massive 12 IMPs to Formidables.

Formidables went on to successfully defend their title. Well done to Kiran Nadar/B. Satyanarayama, B. Prabhakar/Rajeshwar Tewari and Sunit Chokshi/Keyzad Anklesaria.

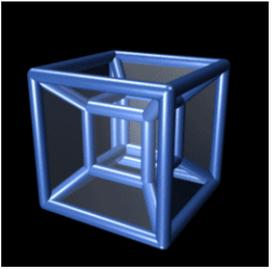
In the Closed Room, where Zia reasonably chose to play for only nine tricks with 4-3-3-3, declarer played dummy's queen of spades on the spade opening lead. Wolpert won with the ace and returned the ten of spades to Zia's king. We mere mortals would now have played the ace and another heart, hoping, if no honour appeared, to make a good guess in the suit. A wrong guess would lead to defeat if the spades were five-three, as expected, since West would have an entry on the third round of hearts. Instead Zia crossed to dummy's ace of clubs and led a low heart.

This seems baffling until you notice that *Wolpert flew with the king of hearts*. Look at the situation from East's point of view. Suppose Zia had jack-third of hearts and compensating strength elsewhere, but only eight winners outside of hearts. Then it would be necessary for Wolpert to win the first defensive heart trick in order to preserve his partner's late entry; furthermore, Zia would play exactly the same way he did, in order to make it more difficult for East to win the trick.

On the lie of the cards, only an overtrick was at stake, since Kranyak's jack of hearts would have popped up on the second round. But suppose Kranyak had held three hearts. Wolpert would have made the same play from king-doubleton. So, if declarer saw East play a low hearts, he would have had the likelihood that winning with the ace and then leading to dummy's queen was the best "guess," a highly-educated guess. Even if Kranyak turned up with king-jack-fourth of hearts, as long as spades were in fact five-three, declarer would have been in good shape. After winning with dummy's queen of hearts, he could have passed the ten of clubs, taken the spade return, and cashed the diamond king and ace: If West turned up with a singleton diamond, clubs would have been three-three;

**ZIA IN
 THE 4TH
 DIMENSION**

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Sixteen teams entered the 2013 United States Bridge Federation Championship with the hope of representing the U.S. in the Bermuda Bowl in Bali. In the final of the battle to determine USA1, Fleisher (Fleisher-Kamil, Martel-Zia, Rosenberg-Willenken) played against Kranyak (Kranyak-Wolpert, Bathurst-Dwyer). The second segment of the match featured a run of very flat boards but included what may have been the best declarer play:

otherwise, declarer could have run the nine of clubs, exited with a diamond, and expected East to concede a club trick at the end.

One must be thinking in the fourth dimension to find a move like this, putting oneself in the opponent's shoes. It is a shame that the play gained only an overtrick.

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Dwyer	Willenken	Bathurst
—	—	—	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠ ¹	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Smolen: 5 hearts and 4 spades

In the Open Room, Dwyer imaginatively psyched a Smolen bid in order to try to fend off a spade lead against three notrump. This was not without risk, but it was an interesting idea. As it was, Bathurst did not think he was facing 5-3-3-2, so he chose four hearts, took the opening lead with the jack of diamonds, played the ace and another heart, and easily captured 11 tricks.

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Men's Series, Round 4, Monaco v Poland

Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Helness	Mazurkiewicz	Helgemo
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣ ¹	Pass	1♥ ²	Pass
2♦ ³	Pass	2♠ ⁴	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Polish Club: 12-14 balanced; 15+ natural; any 18+
2. 4+ hearts; 7+HCP
3. 18+; 3-card heart support; FG
4. Minimum, only 4 hearts

South led the queen of clubs and when that held he continued the suit. Declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the top spades followed by the king and queen of hearts. The ten of hearts was covered by the jack and ace and declarer played a diamond to the king and ace. North cashed the queen of spades and exited with the king of clubs. Declarer had to lose a diamond, one down, minus 50.

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Buras	Fantoni	Narkiewicz
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣ ¹	Pass	1♦ ²	Pass
2♥ ³	Pass	3♥ ⁴	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. 14+ (good 12/13) with 4+ clubs or 15+ balanced
2. Hearts, 0-11 HCP
3. 19-20 balanced HCP, 3 hearts
4. Spades

Here it was North who led a club and declarer ducked South's jack, won the spade switch, took a second round of trumps, cashed the ace of clubs, ruffed a club and played three rounds of hearts to arrive at the position reached at the other table. Declarer ruffed a heart and exited with a spade and North was endplayed – a beautiful plus 420 and 10 IMPs for Monaco.

Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♣ ¹	3♥	4♦ ²	5♥
Pass	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

- Mixed raise
- Control

South led the seven of diamonds and declarer won, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond with the seven of spades, ruffed a heart, played a club to the king, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond high, ruffed a heart, cashed the ace of clubs and played a club, claiming when North discarded, plus 1460.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
4♦ ¹	4♥	5♣ ²	5♥
Pass ³	6♦	Pass ³	6♥
6♠	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

- Heart void, spade fit
- Cue bid
- Forcing

Here, too, South led his diamond. Declarer won, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond with the seven of spades, ruffed a heart, played three rounds of clubs and claimed, this time plus 2210 and 13 IMPs to Monaco.

It was suggested that a trump lead would make life awkward, but declarer wins in hand with the five, cashes the ace of diamonds, ruffs a heart and ruffs a diamond. When South discards, declarer crosses to dummy with a trump and plays the jack of diamonds. North has to cover and declarer ruffs, ruffs a heart and plays the ten of diamonds.

Men's Series, Round 5, USA v Monaco Dealer North. Neither Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Doub</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Wildavsky</i>
—	1♦	1♠	Pass
3♣	5♦	Double	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

It's a matter of taste as to how you should deal with the North hand – the obvious alternative being a gung-ho five diamonds. Having forced with three clubs, West had a problem on the next round (which is generally the case when the bidding escalates rapidly). With time and space at a premium, I'll leave you to consider the merits of alternatives such as five hearts and six diamonds compared to Helgemo's choice of five notrump, which looks like 'pick a slam'.

When you have solved that conundrum, notice that North did not double six spades, which would classically have asked for a club lead. South led the nine of diamonds and declarer ruffed with dummy's four, overtook the king of spades and cashed the queen. He was hoping the jack would be doubleton, in which case he could play a third trump and then try to get rid of his diamonds on dummy's clubs before South could ruff in, but as it was he could only switch to clubs, North ruffing and cashing the ace of diamonds. The contract was three down, minus 150.

Men's Series Final, Segment 3, Monaco v Poland

Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
2♥	Double	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

When West led the king of hearts, declarer appeared to be in trouble, but he quickly demonstrated how to overcome the problem of avoiding a heart loser. He won with the ace and played three rounds of clubs. When West ruffed, he overruffed, ruffed a spade and played a fourth club. When West discarded, the losing heart went from dummy and declarer claimed, plus 920.

Balicki/Zmudzinski had an accident at the other table, declaring four diamonds. (See list of winners on page 15.)



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693. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West led a passive trump. Declarer cashed his trump honours, noting the 4-1 break. He saw that it would be fatal to cash the ace of hearts and ruff a heart in order to draw West's last trump; most of the time, the defenders would come in with the ace of clubs and cash three heart tricks.

After some thought, declarer decided to rely on the diamond finesse for his contract and so played on clubs. West signalled his doubleton and was given a club ruff on the third round of the suit with the nine of clubs. West exited with a heart and declarer had to lose two diamond tricks.

Declarer complained about his bad luck but dummy was, as ever, unsympathetic. "At trick four, just play a low heart. Say East wins and plays a diamond, you play low from hand and West wins the trick with the jack. A heart exit is as good as anything and you would ruff, draw the last trump, throwing the queen of diamonds from hand, and then play on clubs. All the defence would make is a trick in each of the side suits."

694. (see top of next column.) East thought that one notrump was the best choice on his hand but, after South doubled, he realised that discretion was in order and ran to two diamonds.

Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West led the two of diamonds (fourth-best). East won the first trick with the king of diamonds and continued with the ace of diamonds. Declarer paused to form a plan.

The opening lead suggested that East started with at least six diamonds. Declarer counted nine winners and the extra trick had to come from either hearts or clubs. As there were only 16 points outstanding, the heart finesse was destined to fail. If East had begun with four hearts, then given his presumed six diamonds he would have a 6-4-2-1 or a 6-4-3-0 shape, both of which would have been inconsistent with the one-notrump overall. Consequently, declarer was confident that he could ruff out the king of hearts.

Declarer ruffed the second diamond and drew trumps with the ace and king. His next move was to duck a heart. West was surprised when he won the trick and he exited with the five of clubs. When declarer ducked in dummy, East won the trick with the king and returned a club. Declarer tried a hopeful nine but West played the ten and dummy's ace took the trick. Declarer continued with the ace of hearts and a heart ruff, bringing down East's king. Finally, declarer used dummy's ten of trumps as an entry to dummy to discard his last club on the established queen of hearts.

695. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West led the queen of spades against this routine contract. East played the king and declarer ducked. East returned a spade and declarer won the trick with ace.

Declarer saw that five club tricks were required to make the game. The only issue was to avoid plays that would block the suit. As the cards lay, playing the three of clubs at trick three would have brought about just such a fate, as dummy's top clubs would have been needed to take care of East's clubs and declarer would have been left with a club higher than any in dummy, thereby finishing one trick shy of his contract. The other issue to consider was the possibility that West had the four outstanding clubs. In that case, declarer saw that he would then need to come back to hand and use the ten-nine of clubs to finesse against West's jack.

Consequently, declarer led the seven of clubs at trick three to dummy's queen. Luckily both defenders followed. Declarer's next move was to play the ace and king of clubs, unblocking the nine and ten from his hand. Next, declarer played dummy's four of clubs, which was high enough to take care of his three. The two of clubs was the crucial fifth trick in the suit and so the game was made.

696. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

The final contract was a touch on the thin side, but the declarer managed it with quite some skill. West led the three of spades and declarer made the key move of winning the first trick with dummy's jack of spades, as a prelude to unblocking dummy's three diamond honours.

After the diamonds were cashed, declarer played a spade to his king to cash the ace of diamonds. West had to find two discards and chose his two low clubs. This suggested to declarer that West began with a 5=2=2=4 distribution. Declarer placed West with a doubleton ace of hearts and so led a low heart next. West saw the endplay coming and so rose with the ace of hearts and exited with the queen of spades. Declarer cashed the king of hearts, to remove West's last card in hearts and then exited with a spade. West scored two spade tricks but at trick twelve, he had to lead from his ace-queen of clubs. The king of clubs was sure to score for the declarer's ninth trick.



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The Austrian Open Pairs was played over the last weekend of November in Vienna; 59 pairs participated. Most of the field had the rank of Lifemaster or higher. Some Grandmasters were absent (Andreas Babsch played in Phoenix, Jovanka Smederevac was ill, Feichtinger, Bamberger and Berger did not compete).

The standard of play was not the highest, as some competitors explained on Facebook. Three sessions of 26 boards were played. The tournament was won by Doris Fischer/Bernd Saurer, who had also won in 2010 and 2011. Second were Arno Lindermann/Franz Terraneo who had won in 2012. They had started with a mediocre first session (53%) and could not recover.

Some players believe that it pays to disturb pairs playing Blue Club (or any other Strong Club system) at every opportunity. One weapon they use is the weak jump overcall. But how weak is the weak jump? Was this really an opportunity?

Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1♣
2♠	Double ¹	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Two or three controls, no good suit

West was a high-ranking Grandmaster, the opponents two Super Seniors (together 160 years old; they've each played bridge for 50 years or more).

North led the two of hearts to the ace. South returned a heart to the king, then North gave South a heart ruff. The Oldies made two hearts, two clubs, a diamond and five trumps: five down, TWO STICKS & TWO WHEELS (*Minus 1100. - Ed.*).

Half the field played in six notrump and went down. (One declarer made the contract when East failed to

cover the ten of diamonds, having failed to notice his partner's nine on the first round of the suit.) The other half of the field scored 460. These pairs were lucky because the slam has a more-than-70% chance and should be bid.

The results:

1. Doris Fischer/Bernd Saurer 60,49%
2. Arno Lindermann/Franz Terraneo 58,92%
3. Michael Knoll/Michael Palitsch 57,83%
4. Jan Fucik/Gunther Purkarthofer 57,23%



This deal is from the Final of the 2013 USBF Trials for USA1, sixth segment ...

Board 27. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Rosenberg	Wolpert	Willenken
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	2♣ ¹	2♠ ²	3♥
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Michaels, 5-5 in the majors
2. Decent hand with diamonds

I particularly liked John Kranyak's imaginative leap to six diamonds. Some purists might fling their hands up in horror at the bid, especially since the Kranyak team had a big lead at this time. However, a Blackwood/Redwood bid looking for the key cards (club ace, diamond king and diamond queen) could have led to a five-heart bid from North and a DOPI/DEPO-type bid from partner Gavin Wolpert, reaching the same contract from the other side.

West knew that East should have a singleton or void in the heart suit, but the heart queen needs some protection, so it is better to take the pressure off partner and bid six diamonds yourself, ensuring that the declaration comes from the correct hand. Not

only does the bid take the pressure off partner Gavin Wolpert, it puts it on Michael Rosenberg, who kicked off with the heart ace, followed by the heart jack. After ruffing in dummy, drawing trumps and cashing the club suit, Kranyak ruffed out Willenken's heart king and claimed 12 tricks.

Maybe Rosenberg feared a squeeze-plus-elimination ending where he is thrown in at trick ten with the ace of hearts and is then forced to lead from the queen-jack-five of spades, which would have been fatal if dummy had held king-ten-low. Also, he might have reasoned that the bidding suggested that it was West who possessed the worthless singleton.

(On this deal, there is no really 'correct' side from which to declare six diamonds. The contract can be defeated from either side with a spade lead and made from either side on a trump squeeze with a non-spade lead. - Ed.)

In the Closed Room things went quite differently:

West	North	East	South
Zia	Dwyer	Martel	Bathurst
1♣	1♠	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Despite having Michaels Cue Bids on his system card, Kevin Dwyer elected to make a simple one-spade overcall. Maybe he only bids Michaels on stronger or weaker hands than this one or maybe he took into account that partner was a passed hand and using Michaels would give Zia-Martel too much information in the likely event of them playing the contract. Maybe he did not want to give his partner the chance to give preference to hearts, since hearts is the suit with the top controls.

Zia's jump to three notrump looks entirely reasonable given the information available to him, but it turned out disastrously. Dwyer led the heart ten, Bathurst overtook with the king and fired the eight back. The first five tricks went to the defence and a swing of 14 IMPs virtually sealed the fate of the Fleisher team.

However, there was a happy ending to this debacle: the Fleisher team beat the Nickell team in the playoff to decide the team for USA2 for the Bermuda Bowl in Bali.

It may be that Zia's reputation as the world's top bridge psychologist worked against him on this deal. Kranyak probably assumed the bidding in the Closed Room had mimicked the bidding here and that Zia had been faced with the identical problem. There might have been a 'Taking out insurance' element in the six-diamond bid. It still takes courage to bid like that.

Possibly Dwyer could also have reasoned that it is usually good tactics for the less-fancied players to vary their options and disturb the control that the world-class experts seek to achieve. Hence the offbeat one-spade overcall.



In Round 7 of Stage II of the French Open Team Trials for their 2014 team, Michel Bessis had an interesting slam to play, one that reminded me of the Decision Tree, an analysis technique we used in the early days of computer systems design. Starting at the top of the tree, each decision depends upon the answer to a question as you cascade down the tree, the end result becoming more complicated the further down the tree you go. The Decision Tree looks somewhat like an Organisation Chart, with questions instead of people

Bompis v Duguet

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Michel B.	Bompis	Thomas B.	Quantin
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Marc Bompis found what turned out to be the neutral lead of the three of spades, third best. How would you play? So far, no decision! We shall assume the defenders are good enough to win the first diamond in the hand that gives you the most difficulty and that they will not to give you a trick by leading into a black-suit tenace.

Question 1 is:

- (a.) Lead the queen of diamonds from dummy?
- (b.) or come to hand and lead a diamond toward the queen?

If (a.) what do you do if North wins the diamond and leads:

- (i.) a club?
- (ii.) a heart?

If (i.) do you play

- (I) the ace
- (II) the jack
- (III) the six?

- If (ii.) you win and then, do you play
- (I) spade king
 - (II) spade jack
 - (III) club king

(IV) low club

(V) trump?

If (b.) what do you do if South wins the diamond and leads:

(i.) a spade

(ii.) a diamond

(iii.) a heart?

If (i.) do you play the

(I) king

(II) the jack?

If (ii.) do you ruff ...

(I) low i.e., the ten,

(II) or high, i.e., the queen?

If (iii.) you win and play

(I) spade king

(II) spade jack

(III) club king

(IV) low club

(V) trump?

I shan't follow the tree down any more branches, but you get the idea. This illustrates why bridge players make good computer analysts and programmers and vice versa.

Suppose you assume that North would have led a diamond with either a singleton or with both the ace and king. Then the queen of diamonds from dummy at trick two, giving away no other information, becomes a rather attractive play. The defence does its best by winning with the ace of diamonds in the South hand and leading a spade. Now what?

You should assume that the queen of spades is over the jack as South had easy alternative exits otherwise. The problem now is that if you win with the king of spades, discarding a club, you give up on the queen of clubs falling in two rounds, but that would allow you to draw a round of trumps immediately. On the other hand if you play the jack of spades and ruff North's queen in dummy, do you now risk a diamond ruff or play a heart-club-spade combination in some order?

It seems best to delay the club discard until the ace and king have been taken, as that accounts for doubleton queens, but takes the mild risk of the third round of spades being ruffed. Also it seems prudent to ruff one diamond in hand, in case the diamonds are doubleton honour with North. This line is a bit safer than the a priori odds if we assume North does not have a singleton diamond as either (a.) he would have led it or (b.) South might have led a second diamond when in with the ace to attempt a ruff/promotion.

So, how about: ace of spades, queen of diamonds (won by South), spade jack, queen, ruffed in dummy, diamond ruff (with the ten), heart ace, club ace, club king, spade king (discarding club jack), club ruff. This would make the contract whenever North wins the first diamond, or either the second high diamond falls from North in two rounds or the club queen is doubleton in either hand or

finally, when clubs are 4-3 and spade no worse than 6-3. The jack of hearts singleton would be good too.

Another attractive line of play might be to ruff the jack of spades in the dummy at trick three, ruff a diamond, play a high heart, ruff the king of spades in the dummy and ruff another diamond with the ten of hearts. Then, if nothing good had yet happened, you still have squeeze and club finesse chances. This, however, risks a diamond overruff.

It's quite a complicated deal to declare, and Michel Bessis took a fairly simple line: he won the ace of spades at trick one and led the queen of diamonds. Jean-Christophe Quantin won with the ace and led another spade. Bessis won with his king, discarding a club from dummy, ruffed the jack of spades, played off the ace and king of clubs and the ace of hearts (both North and South followed low to all three tricks), then ruffed his third club in the dummy. Quantin overruffed with the jack and Bessis was one off:

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

The defence had done as well as they could, but Bessis could have made it by ruffing down the king of diamonds.

At the other table ...

West	North	East	South
<i>Toffier</i>	<i>Duguet</i>	<i>Pilon</i>	<i>Sabanne</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Michel Duguet led the two of clubs and Philippe Toffier took the opportunity to put in the jack. That was plus 1430 for him.

What's the best line on a spade lead? The line I think gives you the most chances is to lead the queen of diamonds at trick two, but finesse the jack of spades at trick three, ruffing the queen in the dummy. Then, since South has not led a second diamond, ruff one with the ten of hearts, draw a trump and play off the ace and king of clubs. If neither the second diamond honour nor the queen of clubs has fallen, only then play to ruff a club in the dummy. As it happens, when the diamond king falls on the second round of the suit, you are home.



The ACBL's Fall NABC was held in Phoenix, Arizona in early December. Here is a handful of the more entertaining deals from those championships. More will appear next month. Results appeared last month.

Bringin' It All Back Home Brent Manley, Memphis, TN

On this deal from the first semifinal session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, Li-Chung Chen of Cupertino CA took advantage of a subtle error by the defence to land a difficult contract in spectacular fashion. Chen, East, was playing with Ari Greenberg of Menlo Park CA.

Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

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

1. Three-card heart support

South started with the ten of diamonds, ducked to North's king. At this point, North must switch to a club to defeat the contract, but that is far from clear – and his partner did overcall spades, making a switch to that suit at trick two perfectly normal. Chen went up with the ace of spades and played a low heart from hand, South pitching a spade. North took dummy's queen with his king and continued with a spade to South's king. When South exited with a diamond, Chen won the queen and played dummy's six of hearts to the seven, eight and a low diamond from South. Chen played a club to dummy's jack, followed by dummy's last heart, covered by the nine and ten, South

discarding his last diamond. Chen then played his third diamond to the ace in dummy. This was the end position:

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

When Chen played the jack of spades, North had no answer. If he discarded a club, Chen would also pitch a club, cash the ace of clubs and catch North in a trump coup at trick 12. In practice, North ruffed with the two of hearts, and when Chen overruffed and cashed the ace of hearts, South was squeezed in the black suits!

Plus 790 was good for 75 out of 77 matchpoints for Chen and Greenberg, who qualified for the Blue Ribbon final and finished twentieth overall. Switching to a club allows the defenders to play the suit twice, breaking up the squeeze that caught South in the end.

Sickly Dogs Marshall Lewis, Cleveland Heights, OH

For decades, one of the most successful brother acts in American bridge has been the partnership of Dennis and Jerry Clerkin from southern Indiana. Growing up in a small town in a predominantly rural part of the state, Jerry has amassed a dazzling repertoire of colourful expressions. One of them has become his patented assessment of any contract whose chances are distressingly slender but not entirely hopeless: "I've seen sicker dogs get well."

This deal is from a knockout event. The Clerkins were playing with Bob Hollman and Bruce Ferguson.

Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

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

- 10–15 HCP; various three-suited shapes with diamond shortness and at least 4–3 (or 3–4) in the majors
- Artificial enquiry
- 4=3=1=5 non-minimum; establishes game force
- Natural, slam try
- Cuebid

In the late stages of a KO match that was not going particularly well, Dennis and Jerry bid aggressively to slam.

West led the six of spades. Jerry, declarer, suspected it was a singleton. He played low from dummy, East contributed the encouraging three and the ace took the trick. Jerry led the jack of clubs to dummy's ace, then passed the jack of hearts to West's king. West returned a diamond, and after coming to hand with the ace of hearts, Jerry floated the nine of clubs, played a club to the ten and cashed the king of clubs, extracting the outstanding trumps.

East had to find three discards on the clubs. He could painlessly offload a diamond and two spades. Declarer pitched his low spade, resulting in the following five-card ending with the lead in dummy:

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

Crossing to his hand with a heart, Jerry now inflicted the coup-de-grâce on a helpless RHO via the thirteenth heart (throwing a spade from dummy). If East pitched a spade, Jerry would cash the ace of spades and ruff a diamond in dummy to enjoy the now-long spade. If East let go of his diamond guard, Jerry would ruff out the king, then cross to the ace of spades, where the queen of diamonds waited to win a trick.

This trump squeeze is a variant of the criss-cross squeeze: ruffing can either establish a winner or provide an extra mode of transportation between the hands, depending on what East does.

This stylish performance not only healed the ailing canine but also pulled the match back from the brink of oblivion, providing the margin of a narrow victory.

Hard Work Barry Rigal, NYC

Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Rigal		Leong
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Bidding a 4-4 major-suit fit to three notrump is never easy (on this deal, on a spade lead, the defence should prevail anyway), but in the first qualifying session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, I put Eric Leong into four hearts and he had to suffer.

Fortunately for us, with South as declarer, West led the wrong (for him) unbid suit – diamonds. Leong took East's queen in hand and played the queen of hearts, covered all around. West won the second heart to play back a third. East pitched a diamond, a clue that East was guarding an honour in each black suit. Leong took the diamond finesse, then tried a low spade from dummy. Yes, perhaps East should have hopped up with his queen, but he didn't. West took declarer's jack of spades with the ace and returned the suit, but Leong could win the king of spades, cash the king of diamonds and exit in spades for the club endplay on East for ten tricks.



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Jean-Louis Derivery, Mar. 5, 1939 - Dec. 23, 2013

The passing of Jean-Louis Derivery on December 23rd is a terrible loss for the bridge community, where he had many friends, and for the WBF Executive Council, where he was a great figure.

Jean-Louis was born in 1939 and was a brilliant student who graduated from one of the most famous French schools: "The Hautes Etudes Commerciales Paris". He had a very successful career in Guadeloupe as General Manager of a group involved in the car industry and in tourism. He was chairman of the Employer's Association of the region and was greatly appreciated by everybody, recognized as a great personality and at the same time as a wonderful and kind man.

Jean-Louis loved sport, playing football, tennis and bridge. He dedicated a great part of his life to bridge administration, in Guadeloupe, in Zone 5, and in the WBF. He was a member of the Executive Council of the WBF for more than twenty years and served as our Treasurer for eight years. In that position, he demonstrated the same talents as in his professional life and he had great experience, he was always helpful and he always provided good advice.

We had been very close since I met him for the first time in 1978 and we and our wives became more like family. We not only suffer the sorrow of his loss but feel that a part of ourselves has disappeared. On behalf of all of us, Denise, please accept our most sincere and deep condolences and rest assured that we will be there for you and your children Laurent, Agnès, Muriel and Nicolas. Jean-Louis, you will stay in our memory and in our hearts forever.

José Damiani, Paris

NEWS & VIEWS



Women's Online Festival

Anna Maria Torlantano reports the the Women's Online Bridge Festival was a big success. The table count increased 15% to 421 from the previous Festival. The overall winner, Louise Nilsen from Norway, is already planning her prize-winning trip to Sanya to compete in the Women's Pairs; second was Zipora Segal, Israel and third was Maud Khoury from Egypt. Players from 98 countries competed. Australia has asked to organise a Women's Festival in late 2014.

2014 Commonwealth Games

Paul Hackett informs us that the Commonwealth Games will include an Open Transnational Swiss Teams on September 12 and 13 and an Open Pairs on September 14. There will be generous cash prizes in both these events.

Teams from around the world are invited to enter these subsidiary events as this is an opportunity to play against some of the leading players in the Commonwealth. Entry fees for the TNST are £400 per team and, for the Pairs, £80 per pair. Teams entering the TNST will be eligible to play in the pairs at no

additional cost. More information is on the official website for the Championship at: <http://www.commonwealthbridgescotland.com/>

2013 SportAccord World Mind Games Winners

Men's Teams: Monaco – Fantoni/Nunes, Helgemo/Helness, Multon/Zimmerman. **Women's Teams:** China – Dai/Shi, Ju/Shi, Wang/Zhang. **Men's Pairs:** Monaco – Fantoni/Nunes. **Women's Pairs:** China – Feng/Zhang. **Men's Individual:** Poland – Balicki. **Women's Individual:** USA – Bjerkan

World Online University Championships

DEADLINE EXTENDED! To give more time for teams to enter, the deadline for entry to the World Online University Championships will now be 1st February 2014, with the Championships starting on 1st March. This Championship is organized by FISU (International University Sports Federation) and the WBF and will take place on BBO. More information can be found at: <http://www.worldbridge.org/university-online-championship.aspx>

World Bridge Calendar

DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
2014			
Jan 14-26	Summer Festival of Bridge	Canberra, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Jan 20-25	WBF Pairs for UNICEF	Clubs Everywhere	www.worldbridge.org
Jan 23-16	Reykjavik Bridge Festival 2014	Reykjavik, Iceland	bridge@bridge.is
Jan 24-31	XXXVII International Festival	Budapest, Hungary	www.bridzs.hu/ibbf2014
Jan 25-31	Bermuda Regional	Southampton, Bermuda	www.bermudaregional.com
Feb 4-10	EBU Overseas Malta Congress	Sliema, Malta	www.ebu.co.uk
Feb 7-9	V Open Internacional de Bridge	Barcelona, Spain	www.aebridge.com
Feb 11-15	24 th Sun, Sea & Slams	Bridgetown, Barbados	www.barbadosbridge.org
Feb 11-16	19 th NEC Festival	Yokohama, Japan	www.jcbl.or.jp
Feb 22-1	Gold Coast Congress	Surfer's Paradise, Australia	www.qldbridge.com
Feb 24-Mar 2	Winter Festival	Biarritz, France	www.biarritz-bridge.com
Feb 28-Mar 2	Festival International des Jeux Bridge	Cannes, France	www.festivaldesjeux-cannes.com
Mar 9-16	Dead Sea Festival	Dead Sea, Israel	birman@inter.net.il
Mar 20-23	Tasmanian Festival of Bridge	Tainceston, Tasmania	www.abf.com.au
Mar 20-30	Spring NABC	Dallas, TX	www.acbl.org
Mar 23-29	XXVIII International Festival	Tenerife, Canary Is., Spain	www.aebridge.com
Mar 24-30	11 th Meeting of Bridge Morocco	Agadir, Morocco	www.bridgeagadir.com
Mar 25-30	Kitzbüheler BridgeWeek	Kitzbühel, Austria	www.bridgeaustria.at
Mar 30-Apr 4	White House Junior International Teams	Amsterdam, Netherlands	keestammens@gmail.com
Apr 5-9	Bangkok Bridge Festival	Bangkok, Thailand	chodchoy7@gmail.com
Apr 7-13	Women's Online Bridge Festival	Online	www.worldbridge.org
Apr 15-20	119 th Canadian Nationals	Toronto, ON	www.unit166.ca
Apr 25-May 4	Jersey Congress	Jersey, Channel Is.	www.ebu.co.uk
Apr 27-May 4	SABF National Congress	Port Elizabeth, South Africa	www.sabf.co.za
May 2-4	German Bridge Team Trophy	Berlin, Germany	www.bridge-verband.de
May 17-24	5 th Open S. American Championships	Santiago, Chile	http://santiago2014.csbnews.org
May 18-25	German Bridge Festival	Wyk-auf-Föhr, Germany	www.bridge-verband.de
May 23-Jun 5	International Festival Juan-les-Pins	Juan-les-Pins, France	www.festivalsdusoleil.com
May 25-Jun 1	Torneo de Bridge Costa Cálida	Murcia, Spain	www.aebridge.com
Jun 5-9	Grazer BridgeWeek	Graz, Austria	www.bridgeaustria.at
Jun 6-9	Barrier Reef Congress	Townsville, Qld., Australia	www.abf.com.au
Jun 7-13	2014 Calvi Tournament	Calvi, Corsica, France	www.bridgecalvi.com
Jun 21-Jul 2	52 nd European Teams Championships	Opatija, Croatia	www.eurobridge.org
Jul 1-13	International Festival	Biarritz, France	www.biarritz-bridge.com
Jul 12-19	12 th European Youth Pairs & Camp	Burghausen, Germany	www.eurobridge.org
Jul 12-24	2014 ANC	Sydney, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Jul 17-27	Summer NABC	Las Vegas, NV	www.acbl.org
Jul 25-Aug 3	20 th Swedish Bridgefestival	Örebro, Sweden	www.svenskbridge.se/festival
Jul 26-31	Chairman's Cup	Örebro, Sweden	www.svenskbridge.se/festival
Aug 1-9	Norwegian Bridge Festival	Fredrikstad, Norway	www.bridge.no
Aug 8-17	Summer Meeting	Brighton, England	www.ebu.co.uk
Aug 13-17	Coffs Gold Coast Congress	Coffs Harbour, Qld., Australia	www.coffsbridge.com.au
Aug 13-24	15 th World Youth Championships	Istanbul, Turkey	www.worldbridge.org
Aug 22-24	Festival de la Côte Basque	Biarritz, France	www.biarritz-bridge.com
Aug 23-31	Festival du Soleil la Grande Motte	La Grande Motte, France	www.festivalsdusoleil.com
Aug 27-31	Territory Gold Bridge Festival	Darwin, NT, Australia	www.ntba.com.au/tgbf14.html
Sep 1-5	Cavendish Invitational Teams & Pairs	Monte Carlo, Monaco	www.cavendishmonaco.com
Sep 5-7	Isle of Man Congress	Douglas, Isle of Man	www.ebu.co.uk
Sep 8-13	4 th Commonwealth Bridge Championship	Glasgow, Scotland	www.commonwealthbridge-scotland.com
Sep 12-21	Confiance Congress	Guernsey, Channel Is.	www.ebu.co.uk
Sep 27-Oct 4	31 st NZ National Congress	Hamilton, New Zealand	www.nzcba.co.nz
Oct 10-25	15th World Bridge Series	Sanya, China	www.worldbridge.org
Nov 13-16	13 th European Champions Cup	Milan, Italy	www.eurobridge.org
Nov 17-20	Buffett Cup V	Monte Carlo, Monaco	www.buffettcup.com
Nov 27-Dec 7	Fall NABC	Providence, RI	www.acbl.org