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Editorial

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There has never been a more-respected and influential person in North American bridge than Edgar Kaplan. As Chairman of the ACBL and WBF National Laws Commission and publisher and editor of *The Bridge World*, as well as a top player, writer and administrator, Kaplan had unprecedented influence. Kaplan was the single person instrumental in convincing the authorities (of which he was the unchallenged leader) to modify the scoring table so that penalties for doubled, non-vulnerable, undertricks went from 100 for the first undertrick and 200 for each subsequent undertrick (100-300-500-700) to the current 100-300-500-800 penalties.

According to Jeff Rubens, editor and publisher of *The Bridge World*, Edgar had been aware of the issue for quite some time, but other more-pressing concerns prevented his taking action. As I recall, there was a specific deal which eventually prompted Kaplan to embark on his quest to have the scoring table penalties changed. The undertrick penalty, doubled and not vulnerable, for 11 down, for example, used to be 2100, a profitable sacrifice against a vulnerable grand slam. Under the current scoring rules, down eight (minus 2000) would still show a profit, but down nine (minus 2300) would not.

The deal in question had a young upstart by name of Eric Rodwell 'balancing' with seven spades against a confidently-bid seven hearts by his opponents, Edgar Kaplan and Norman Kay. Rodwell was merely using his knowledge of the scoring table to his advantage, but Kaplan's sense of fair play was offended; their elegant and accurate auction to the grand slam was negated when Rodwell's down ten save gained IMPs. Kaplan was thus at last moved to pursue having the scoring table updated. Ironically, Rodwell himself has since been appointed to the ACBL National Laws Commission.

Perhaps it's time to revisit this change. There are lots of anomalies in bridge scoring, starting with trick values for the minors, majors and notrumps. No one has started a campaign to equalize major-suit trick values with those for the minors, or make every notrump trick worth 40 points. One could argue that these are just as inequitable as the old doubled, non-vulnerable, undertrick penalties. So why was it felt necessary to increase the value of those undertrick penalties? To my mind, the old penalty scheme made the game more interesting when a large number of doubled undertricks could still generate a profit.

In a similar vein, doubling the opponents in game when they are cold for slam can also show a profit, if your teammates bid the slam. Is that reasonable? Of course, the declaring side can redouble to further increase their dividend, perhaps chasing the doubling side to a safer haven. Reasonable or not, it adds to the interest and excitement of a deal when a Stripe-Tailed Ape Double occurs, just as sacrificing in seven spades, down 11, against a cold vulnerable grand slam, adds to the excitement of a deal.

I miss the days of scoring up when one could anxiously announce, "Minus 2100," and your teammate proudly replied, "Win one." As one of my early bridge mentors, Irving Litvack, was wont to expostulate, "We play two different games: (i) bridge and (ii) favourable vulnerability." Let's go back.

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THE GRANT BAZE SENIOR KNOCKOUT TEAMS

The ACBL's Grant Baze Senior Knockout Teams, much as the WBF's d'Orsi Senior Trophy, has developed over the years into a very tough event. This year, the 64-board final at the Phoenix NABC was between GUPTA (Vinita Gupta/Billy Miller, Bart Bramley/Lew Stansby, Jeff Meckstroth/Eric Rodwell); and LYNCH (Carolyn Lynch/Mike Passell/Garey Hayden, Cezary Balicki/Adam Zmudzinski).

To begin, here is a short bidding quiz.

1. With only your side vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ J 7 5 3
♥ 9 3
♦ A 9 7
♣ A 9 7 4

The auction starts:

West	North	East	South
You			
—	—	1♣ ¹	Pass
1♥ ²	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
??			

1. Precision: 16-plus points.
2. Any 8-11 points, but fewer than five spades.

What would you do now?

2. With only your side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 8 4
♥ K 5 4
♦ A J 8 2
♣ K J 9 2

Your partner opens three spades and the next player passes. Would you pass or raise?

3. With only the opponents vulnerable, you are dealt:

♠ A 10 4 3
♥ K Q 10 9 7 6 3
♦ —
♣ K J

After two passes, your right-hand opponent opens one notrump (strong). What would you do?

This report is going to show that most bridge matches are decided not by great play but by errors. The team

that made the fewer mistakes would win. The match started well for Lynch. This was Problem No. 1:

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

1. 5+ diamonds, unless 1=4=4=4, 4=1=4=4 or 4=4=4=1

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Passell	Bramley	Lynch
—	—	1♣ ¹	Pass!
1♥ ²	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Precision: 16-plus points
2. Any 8-11 points, but fewer than five spades

The auction went well for Zmudzinski. He could show some diamond support, then suggest penalizing the opponents. However, when Balicki ran with his club void, Zmudzinski was happy to take a shot at three notrump.

Miller led the three of clubs. Declarer won with his ace, strangely cashed only one round of hearts, then played a diamond to his ace and finessed in diamonds. When that won, West claimed an overtrick. At the other table, it is very surprising that Lynch did not intervene over Bramley's strong club – but what a winning decision when Bramley debatably bid on over three notrump, especially given that West had not bid three spades over three hearts.

Bramley, of course, thought four clubs was a control bid, but Stansby believed his partner was describing a good 0=4=5=4 hand. Opposite the latter, Stansby's two aces and double fit looked excellent – hence his leap to six clubs. Passell led his singleton spade against six diamonds, resulting in down two and 13 IMPs to Lynch.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ K ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ 10 9 8 4 ♣ A Q J 8 4 ♠ J 10 8 7 5 4 ♥ 9 5 ♦ J 7 5 3 ♣ 6	♠ Q ♥ K J 10 8 7 ♦ A 2 ♣ K 9 7 3 2 ♠ A 9 6 3 2 ♥ A 6 2 ♦ K Q 6 ♣ 10 5
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West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Miller	Balicki	Gupta
—	1♣	1♥	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
West	North	East	South
Stansby	Passell	Bramley	Lynch
—	1♦ ¹	1♥	1♠
Pass	INT	2♣	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Precision: 2+ diamonds and 11-15 points

Both Easts led a heart honour, Balicki the ten and Bramley the jack. Both declarers won with the queen and led the four of diamonds.

Balicki, who knew he had two entries from the bidding, jumped in with his ace of diamonds and continued with the king of hearts. Miller won with dummy's ace, played a spade to his king, took dummy's two diamond winners and the ace of spades, then exited with a heart. East took three tricks in the suit, then had to lead a low club. Since North had retained the ace-queen-jack of clubs, East took the setting trick with his king of clubs.

In the other room, Bramley, unaware of declarer's club suit, played low on the diamond at trick two. Passell needed no more help. He won with dummy's king, played a spade to his king, and continued with a low club.

Had East taken his king of clubs and continued with another heart at this point, North would have won the heart with dummy's ace and cashed the ace of spades. This would have squeezed East in three suits. That would have been a very unusual squeeze without the count, declarer having lost just one trick.

Instead, North ducked the king of clubs as well, and declarer won with dummy's ten. He took dummy's ace of spades and ace of hearts. Then he could have exited with a heart or a diamond to endplay East; he chose a diamond. That was another 10 IMPs to Lynch, now up by 26-0.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

♠ Q 4 2 ♥ Q ♦ K Q 3 ♣ A K J 10 7 2 ♠ J 10 ♥ K J 9 6 5 ♦ 4 2 ♣ Q 8 5 4	♠ A K 3 ♥ A 8 7 4 2 ♦ A 10 6 ♣ 9 3 ♠ 9 8 7 6 5 ♥ 10 3 ♦ J 9 8 7 5 ♣ 6
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West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Miller	Balicki	Gupta
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
West	North	East	South
Stansby	Passell	Bramley	Lynch
Pass	1♣ ¹	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Precision: 16+ points

Perhaps Zmudzinski did not have a three-club mixed raise (to show four-card heart support, some 7-9 high-card points and eight losers) available. Balicki, with his balanced hand, passed. Bramley, though, with a much stronger hand than he might have held and prime cards, raised to four hearts. And right he was. Both declarers took 11 tricks, giving Gupta 10 IMPs and leaving the score at 42-23 to Lynch.

Bramley was in a precarious position as declarer after Gupta started with her singleton club. Miller won with the ten of clubs, cashed the king and exited with the two. Bramley considered ruffing with the eight of hearts and relying on the spade finesse, but eventually ruffed with the ace and played a heart to dummy's king. When the queen fell, he was able to make five. He had been planning to rely on the spade finesse to pitch a diamond from dummy had the king of hearts not dropped the queen.

This was Problem No. 2:

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ K Q 10 7 5 3 2 ♥ — ♦ K 9 3 ♣ 10 6 4 ♠ A ♥ Q 9 8 7 3 2 ♦ Q 10 4 ♣ A 8 7	♠ J 9 6 ♥ A J 10 6 ♦ 7 6 5 ♣ Q 5 3 ♠ 8 4 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ A J 8 2 ♣ K J 9 2
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West	North	East	South
Miller	Balicki	Gupta	Zmudzinski
—	3♠	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West	North	East	South
Passell	Meckstroth	Lynch	Rodwell
—	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Miller's balancing double looked strange, especially with the ace of spades making it unlikely that partner could have a penalty pass. But it worked out all right. Declarer could have escaped for down two, but she erred and was heading for down three when Zmudzinski also misjudged, so down two it was.

Rodwell did well to bid four spades, which was unbeatable. Lynch led the five of diamonds: jack, queen, king. Meckstroth led the queen of spades, Passell winning and shifting to a low heart. North ruffed, cashed the king of spades, and ran the ten of clubs to make his contract. That gave Gupta 11 IMPs.

Even more points went the same way three boards later.

Board 24. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Miller	Balicki	Gupta	Zmudzinski
Pass	1♣ ¹	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣ ²	Pass	2♦ ³
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6NT	Pass	7♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Polish: usually a weak notrump, but can be any 19-plus pointer
2. 15-plus points, forcing
3. Artificial game-force

West	North	East	South
Passell	Meckstroth	Lynch	Rodwell
Pass	1♣ ¹	Pass	1♥ ²
Pass	2♣ ³	Pass	3♥ ⁴
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦ ⁵	Pass	4NT ⁶
Pass	5♦ ⁷	Pass	5♥ ⁸
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. 16-plus points
2. 8+ points and five-plus spades, or 11-13 balanced
3. Natural, asking
4. At least 5-5 in the majors
5. Roman Key Card Blackwood in clubs
6. Two key cards, no queen of clubs
7. Asking for extras
8. No side kings

With the heart finesse losing, seven clubs was one too high. Lynch led a diamond against six clubs. Meckstroth won with dummy's ace, drew trumps, cashed his ace of hearts, and played another heart, claiming. That gave Gupta a huge 14 IMPs and the lead by 8 IMPs.

Lynch recouped 3 IMPs over the next seven boards, but the final deal of the second quarter featured a big swing (Problem No. 3).

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Miller	Balicki	Gupta	Zmudzinski
Pass	Pass	INT	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Passell	Meckstroth	Lynch	Rodwell
Pass	Pass	INT	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Zmudzinski bought a dreadful dummy. Miller led the seven of spades and South went down two, losing one spade, two hearts, one club and a spade ruff by West.

Rodwell's double worked nicely, but I expect he was surprised when it was passed out. The contract should have gone down one, but declarer erred and went down two. This gave Gupta another 12 IMPs and the lead by 83-66.

Board 41. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

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

♠ K J
 ♥ 4
 ♦ K Q 9 8 6 4
 ♣ J 10 4 3

West	North	East	South
Passell	Meckstroth	Hayden	Rodwell
—	Pass	Pass	3♦
3♥	4♣	4♥	5♣
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Balicki	Bramley	Zmudzinski
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	2♣	2♥	3♣
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Passell, hoping his partner's assets were outside clubs, jumped to six hearts. Unlucky! And Meckstroth found the killing diamond lead. Passell guessed spades to go down one. Stansby made his slam try, then respected partner's four-heart signoff. He also took 11 tricks to give Gupta 13 IMPs.

There was one more sizable swing to Gupta, who led by 140-67 with 16 boards to go. The match was effectively over, and the last set was less exciting. In the end, Gupta, Miller, Bramley, Stansby, Meckstroth and Rodwell won by 156-81. This is the first North American win for Gupta. It made Miller a Grand Life Master, and it is the first Senior national title for Meckwell.

John Gerber tells his beginning class that after the first series of ten lessons he will play a few hands with the best table. So the series is over and he picks out the best table and deals the first hand playing with his star pupil. He opens one notrump and his partner replies "two no spades".

TURKISH DELIGHTS

Erdal Sidar, Istanbul



My first deal features Sarper Uslupehliyan (World Junior BAM Champion in Atlanta) at the Turkish Junior Pairs Championship in Istanbul.

Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

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

♠ A 9 8 4
 ♥ K J 9 7
 ♦ Q 8 3
 ♣ 4 3

West	North	East	South
Gokce	Suzer	Gobekli	Uslupehliyan
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Suzer (North) led the king of clubs. Uslupehliyan gave inverted count with the three and declarer took the club with his ace to play a low spade to dummy's king. When South ducked his ace, declarer played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing the third. (North gave count). When declarer played a low spade from dummy, Uslupehliyan ducked again, but took the next round with his ace.

At this point, the ace of hearts was declarer's only entry to the diamonds, so Uslupehliyan led the king of hearts. This seemed to be a sacrifice, but if declarer then plays a diamond to try a discard from dummy, Uslupehliyan would ruff and will play the suit of the discard and would have gained two more tricks. However, declarer took the trick with his ace of hearts and played a club. North did not err and took the trick with his queen of clubs and played a third one. Uslupehliyan ruffed and played back the jack of hearts (declarer's original hearts may have been ace-ten). At the end, North's ten of hearts won the setting trick. That was worth 67% of the matchpoints.

The second deal is from the Istanbul team-of-four round-robin matches, in which 98 teams competed. It was played by Salim Yilankiran (many times Turkish national champion).

Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

1. Multi, weak two in a major or a strong balanced hand
2. Bid your suit

West led the queen of spades. Yilankiran took the trick in dummy with the ace and cashed the ace and king of diamonds. When he saw the bad trump break, he played the ace of clubs and another to the king, then played a heart. When the finesse of the queen won, declarer cashed the ace of hearts and ruffed a third one (the king falling from West). Then he ruffed a club with the queen of diamonds, ruffed a heart and played king of spades. When, fortunately, that was not ruffed, Yilankiran played one more spade and gained his twelfth trick en passant with his ten of diamonds.

If Yilankiran had taken a spade ruff earlier in the play, East could have set the contract by ruffing with his jack of diamonds and continuing with a trump.

The third deal was played by Engin Uzun, from Samsun City, at the Assael Izmir Open Pairs Championship in December 2013, where 228 pairs competed.

Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ Q 7 3 ♥ K 10 8 ♦ A Q J ♣ A 6 5 3 ♠ A J ♥ 9 4 ♦ K 9 7 4 ♣ Q 10 9 8 7	♠ K 8 5 4 ♥ A J 5 3 ♦ 8 6 5 ♣ J 2 ♠ 10 9 6 2 ♥ Q 7 6 2 ♦ 10 3 2 ♣ K 4
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Uzun opened one notrump with the North hand and played there. East led the spade four to West's ace

and West returned the eight of clubs. Declarer took the club in dummy with the king, played a diamond to the queen, and when that won, he played the king of hearts. When East didn't take his ace, Uzun continued with the ten of hearts. This time, East took the ace and returned the jack of clubs to the queen and ace. Declarer crossed to the dummy with the heart queen and played another diamond, winning the trick with his queen. He cashed the ace of diamonds and played the queen of spades. East was helpless. He could win the with king of spades and take the jack of hearts, but then had to surrender two spade tricks to Uzun for plus 150.

Declarer took three tricks in diamonds and two tricks in each of the other suits, and gained 82% of the matchpoints.



MADALA MAGIC

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Toward the end of the final of the 2013 Bermuda Bowl in Bali, with Italy leading Monaco by a wide margin, the following deal arose ...

Board 86. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 8 5 2 ♥ 8 3 ♦ Q 8 5 4 ♣ J 4 3 ♠ 10 6 3 ♥ K 4 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ K 9 7 6 5	♠ J 9 7 4 ♥ A Q J ♦ K J 7 6 ♣ 8 2 ♠ A K ♥ 10 9 7 6 5 2 ♦ 10 9 ♣ A Q 10
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West	North	East	South
<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Madala</i>
—	—	INT ¹	2♦ ²
Double ³	2♥ ⁴	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	—	—
1. (11)12-14	—	—	—
2. Spades or hearts	—	—	—
3. Values	—	—	—
4. Pass or correct	—	—	—

When two hearts came around to him, Fantoni competed with three clubs and it seems that Nunes took this to be forcing – or maybe he just took a punt

because the match situation was desperate, though that seems a bit wild holding a minimum with no club fit.

Madala led a heart to the jack and Nunes led a club up, Madala putting in the queen. Nunes won the king and led a second club, which Madala won with the ace. Madala cashed the ace and king of spades before exiting with the ten of diamonds and, when Nunes conceded another club trick, Bocchi could win it and cash the queen of spades for the setting trick; down one for minus 100.

What a nice defence from Madala. Had he not unblocked in clubs, Nunes would have had the winning diamond finesse for his contract. But Nunes could have succeeded, even against this defence. To make his contract he must duck the queen of clubs, and now there is no entry to the spade queen.

THE BELGIAN TRIALS

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Eight pairs participated in the Belgian open team trials for the 2014 European Championships in Opatija (Croatia). The trials were played over 14 sessions, where each session counted for three matches, was IMP'ed against every other table, then was converted to Victory Points. The top three pairs would qualify.

With one day (two sessions) remaining, everything seemed settled as Philippe Coenraets and Steven De Donder, in third place, had a 43 VP margin over fourth place. Patrick Bocken and Olivier Neve, however, did manage to come back in a direct encounter with Steven and Philippe. Neve, sitting South, brought home the following contract in an elegant way (spots approximate).

Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

After the king-of-diamonds lead, followed by the ace (East showing an odd number), West switched to the queen of spades. Olivier took that with the ace, cashed a top club, played the ace and queen of hearts and finessed the ten of hearts. He then cashed the king of hearts throwing a spade, ruffed a spade and, finally, took the marked trump finesse: plus 600 to North/South. The Belgian open team will consist of Caputo/Van Middellem, Dehay/Dewasme and Bocken/Neve.

PSYCHOLOGY

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PSYCHOLOGY 401
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My husband Steve and I played in the Las Vegas Regional recently and encountered Stevie Weinstein and Bobby Levin in one of the Knockouts. With the match on the line, this deal arose:

Dealer East. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ A K 7 5 ♥ A K J 2 ♦ K 4 2 ♣ A 3</p> <p>♠ 9 4 2 ♥ Q 6 3 ♦ J 10 7 5 ♣ K 5 4</p> <p>♠ Q 10 ♥ 10 9 5 4 ♦ A Q 8 6 3 ♣ Q 6</p>	<p>♠ J 8 6 3 ♥ 8 7 ♦ 9 ♣ J 10 9 8 7 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Steve C.	Levin	Kitty C.
—	—	3♣	Pass
4♣	Double	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Although I'd bid only four hearts the first time, that was a wide-range bid, and it's hard to fault Steve for

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697. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West led the ten of spades and East played the jack. Declarer won the trick with the ace, drew three rounds of trumps and exited with a spade. East won the trick with the queen and shifted to a diamond. Declarer played the nine and West won the trick with jack of diamonds, then exited with the ten of clubs. Declarer could do no better than play the ace, king and another club. Upon winning the third round of clubs, East led through a second diamond. When declarer's queen of diamonds lost to West's king, declarer was down one.

"What rotten luck: both diamond honours were wrong and East had the club length," complained South.

"Luck had nothing to do with it," said North. "You were on the right train when you exited with the spade at trick five, but it was too early. You should have cashed the ace and king of clubs beforehand. East can win, cash a club and exit with a diamond, but West will then be endplayed when he takes your ten of diamonds with his jack. Essentially, you gave East two opportunities to lead diamonds instead of just one."

698. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West judged correctly that East's four-club bid could not be forcing as he'd had a three-spade call available to him. With clubs 4-1 and both diamond honours wrongly placed, his discreet final pass was the prudent call at the prevailing vulnerability.

West led the nine of hearts, which was clearly from a doubleton or singleton. Declarer saw that he had a fine dummy; the task before him was to keep partner happy by making the game.

The main issue was that there was an apparent loser in each suit and that the only way to avoid a heart loser was to make two diamond tricks, with the ace being onside. Thus declarer won the heart lead with his ace and led a diamond at trick two (although a club would have worked as well). West played low and dummy's queen won the trick.

Declarer now paused to consider the rest of the play. If East had the ace of trumps, there would be no way to prevent the defenders from make a heart trick. If he played a trump next and West had the ace he would win and play a heart next; then when West makes his ace of diamonds he would put East in with a club to cash a heart trick.

As result, declarer saw that he had to cut the link between the defensive hands by leading a club at trick three. On this layout, East won the trick with the king of clubs and exited with the queen of hearts. Declarer took this in dummy with the king of hearts then played a trump to the king and West's ace. West exited with a hopeful club, as he had no heart left. Declarer ruffed, drew the outstanding trump and then led a diamond, taken by West with the ace. As the nine of trumps remained in dummy as an entry to cash the king of diamonds, West had to concede the contract.

699. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

♠ Q
♥ K J 10 6 3
♦ K Q 10 2
♣ K 8 2

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

North's cue bid of two spades promised a limit raise or better in hearts, as an immediate three hearts would have been pre-emptive.

West began with the ace of spades and followed with the king of spades, which declarer ruffed. After drawing the trumps in two rounds ending in dummy, declarer ruffed dummy's remaining spade to eliminate that suit from his combined hands. Declarer saw that crossing back to dummy leading towards the king of clubs would be a weak move, relying entirely on the ace of clubs being onside. Instead, declarer decided to combine his chances in the minors. His first move was to cash the king and ace of diamonds in that order. When he led a third round of diamonds towards his hand East followed with a low card and the decision point of the deal was reached. After a little thought, declarer decided to finesse the ten of diamonds. When this won declarer discarded a club on the queen on the ace of diamonds, crossed to dummy with a trump and led a club to the king. West cashed two club tricks but the contract was safe.

"That was a lucky guess in diamonds," West offered.

"Not at all," said South. "If the ten of diamonds had lost to your jack, you would have been endplayed. You would have been forced to lead a club or give a ruff-and-discard and either way I would have made the contract. So, it wasn't a guess; it was finesse that was certain to win, even if it lost."

700. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♠!
2♥	3♥ ²	4♥	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All pass	

1. 5+-card suit
2. Promises a good raise in spades

As the opponents had competed freely to four hearts, North placed South with at most a singleton heart and consequently made a slam try. South was happy to cooperate and the slam was bid.

West expected that one of his opponents was short in hearts and so found the best lead of a trump. Declarer saw that if trumps were 2-2, he could draw trumps and ruff the fourth round of diamonds if necessary. Similarly, the contract would be made easily if the diamonds split 3-3.

As neither of these favourable breaks was particularly likely, declarer was relieved when East followed to the trump lead. He aimed to make twelve tricks on a dummy reversal, ruffing four hearts in the South hand. After taking the first trick with dummy's nine of spades, declarer ruffed a heart. He returned to dummy with queen of trumps and ruffed a second heart. As the trumps were 3-1, declarer crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds to ruff a third heart. After playing a club to the ace to ruff dummy's last heart, all that remained was to lead a club to dummy's king and draw West's remaining trump. Declarer made three trumps in dummy, four ruffs in hand and the five minor suit winners for a total of twelve tricks.

his optimistic seven-heart bid in the face of my two encouraging diamond bids.

For all his hand's power, seven hearts is not a trivial contact. One needs trumps 3-2 with the queen onside, as well as four diamond tricks, the last for a club discard. After drawing trumps, one needs to play on diamonds before spades, retaining the queen of spades as an entry to the established diamond. Then the fourth spade can be taken care of by declarer's last trump.

Steve Weinstein led the three of trumps! I fully realise that Steve is a great poker player as well as a great bridge player, but would he really lead a trump if he had the queen? Since I posted the deal on Bridge Winners, lots of opinions have been expressed both ways. Needless to say, I rose with the ace, then played the king.



Brent Manley, Memphis, TN
Sue Munday, Horn Lake, MS

Leveraging the Opponents' Strength (BM)

Doug and Sandra Fraser of Victoria, BC left the host hotel Thursday night as the newly-crowned Senior Mixed Pairs champions. A subsequent scoring change removed them from the winning slot and dropped them to second by 0.99 matchpoints. Board 20 in the second final session was in no way responsible for the drop. Here is Doug Fraser at the helm playing one notrump. With an entryless dummy, he needed the opponents to do some of the work for him.

Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

North led a low heart: three, jack, ace. Hoping to create an entry to dummy, declarer played the ten of spades from hand. South cooperated, winning with the queen, and led back a spade. Fraser won with the jack in dummy and led a diamond to his king. He cashed his spades and exited with a low diamond. North, in with the queen of diamonds, led another heart to South's nine and West's ten. Declarer threw South in with the last diamond. South was able to cash a heart, but then had to break the club suit. Fairly certain that South had the king-queen of clubs for his double (else he would have balanced with one notrump), Fraser played South for both honours and, when the three of clubs was tabled, inserted a confident jack. He made three spades tricks, two hearts, a diamond and two clubs for plus 120 and a 70.6% score.

Grand Bidding (SM)

Joshua Donn and Adam Kaplan found their way to the top spot twice in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, producing sophisticated auctions to get there each time. This one was from the second qualifying session.

Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

1. Non-serious 3NT: mild slam try
2. Roman Key Card Blackwood for hearts
3. 1 or 4 key cards
4. Heart queen and diamond king
5. Grand slam try
6. Focus on diamonds

Having already denied five diamonds to the king-queen – with that hand he would have bid seven diamonds – Kaplan could infer that he was facing at least three diamonds and probably four, or his partner would not have been looking for a grand slam. So he went for all the marbles.

This one was from the first semifinal session.

Dealer North. Both Vul.

♠ Q J 10 3
 ♥ Q 8 7 5 4
 ♦ 7 5 2
 ♣ 8

♠ A 4
 ♥ A K J 3
 ♦ J 10 8
 ♣ A K 7 3

♠ 8
 ♥ 10 9 6
 ♦ A K Q 9 6
 ♣ Q J 4 2

♠ K 9 7 6 5 2
 ♥ 2
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ 10 9 6 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Donn</i>		<i>Kaplan</i>	
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦ ¹	Pass
4♥ ²	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Double
Pass	Pass	5NT	Pass
6NT	Pass	7♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Roman Key Card for clubs.
2. One or four key cards.

When Kaplan saw his partner deny the king of spades by the pass of five spades doubled and deny the queen of hearts by the six-notrump bid, he knew that his partner had to have a diamond holding equivalent to a doubleton or tripleton jack or he would have bid six clubs. So Kaplan could see the spade ruff for the thirteenth trick, while notrump could never be better than on a heart finesse.

Taking a Zero (BM)

Dealer North. Neither Vul.

♠ 3
 ♥ J 5 4 3
 ♦ Q J 9 5
 ♣ A K 10 8

♠ 5 4 2
 ♥ A 8 7 6
 ♦ 10 2
 ♣ 7 4 3 2

♠ Q 10 8 7
 ♥ Q
 ♦ A K 8 3
 ♣ J 9 6 5

♠ A K J 9 6
 ♥ K 10 9 2
 ♦ 7 6 4
 ♣ Q

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

Bridge players are wont to report fine play, even if it's not by them. That was the case on this deal from the first final session of the Nail Life Master Pairs. It was reported by Nikolai Demirev, who was West.

Demirev led the ten of diamonds to the queen and king, East switching to a low spade. Declarer went up with the ace and desperately played the king of hearts from hand. Demirev won the ace of hearts and was disappointed to see his partner follow with the queen. A second diamond went to the jack and East's ace and a low club put declarer in hand with his singleton queen. Declarer then cashed one of his heart winners and played a diamond to dummy's nine. Declarer then cashed the top two clubs to arrive at this position:

♠ —
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ 5
 ♣ 10

♠ 5
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ —
 ♣ 7

♠ Q 10
 ♥ —
 ♦ 8
 ♣ J

♠ K J
 ♥ 10 2
 ♦ —
 ♣ —

When declarer cashed the jack of hearts, East was squeezed in three suits. Discarding a spade would allow declarer to enter his hand with the ten of hearts to take two spade tricks. The discard of either minor would allow declarer to discard the jack of spades on dummy's winner in that minor. Ten tricks for declarer on this deal meant no matchpoints for Demirev and his partner.

Good Judgement (BM)

Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

♠ K J 7 5
 ♥ K 9 8 4
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ 4 3 2

♠ Q 4 3
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ Q 8 3 2
 ♣ Q J 8 5

♠ 10 9 6 2
 ♥ 5
 ♦ A 10 9 6 5 4
 ♣ K 6

West	North	East	South
—	Del'Monte		Cheek
Pass	1♣ ¹	Pass	1♥ ²
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass

1. Strong, artificial and forcing.
2. 8-11 HCP without five spades.

Curtis Cheek and Ishmael Del'Monte have played in team games together, but until they sat down to play in the Nail Life Master Open Pairs at the Fall NABC in Phoenix, they had never played in that format together. They made the most of their debut in pairs, winning the event by more than a board. This deal from the second final session helped them to a pile of matchpoints.

Del'Monte judged correctly that the contract would play better in a suit than in three notrump. In fact, many players were down two or three tricks in three notrump.

Against Cheek's four hearts, West led the four of clubs to the ten, jack and king. Cheek played a club to dummy's ace, cashed the king of diamonds, ruffed a club and cashed the ace of diamonds, pitching dummy's last club. When West discarded on the ten of diamonds, Cheek ruffed in dummy and followed with the ace of hearts and a low heart. The appearance of the queen meant Cheek had only two heart losers to go with one spade. Plus 420 was good for 96.8%.

On the following deal, Del'Monte took advantage of a defensive slip to score a precious overtrick.

Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

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

(Alert explanations at top of next column)

1. Strong, artificial and forcing
2. Asking
3. Showing 5-3-3-2 pattern with 12+ HCP
4. Natural
5. Pick a slam

West led the two of hearts. Del'Monte played low from dummy and took the king when East inserted the jack. He cashed four rounds of clubs, pitching two spades from dummy, but he didn't want to disadvantage the dummy by cashing more clubs, so he turned his attention to diamonds. On the third and fourth clubs, West had discarded a diamond and a heart, East two diamonds. Reading the situation correctly, Del'Monte played a diamond to the ace and a diamond back to his jack. When that held, he cashed his minor-suit winners before taking a successful spade finesse for all the tricks and most of the matchpoints.

Imagine Leading Out of Turn (BM)

When David Berkowitz says he's never seen something before, it must be worth a look. This is board 25 from the second set of the Reisinger qualifying round.

Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

"If West plays six spades, North can lead any card in his hand and beat it. If East plays six spades, South can lead any card in his hand and cannot beat it. Wow!"



As usual, BBO provided some instructive and entertaining bridge deals for us in the past month. Here is one.

On Board 23 of the semi-final of the Australian Summer Festival Senior and Women's Teams, all four tables arrived at the contract of four spades. Three declarers failed and one was successful. You may judge for yourself who handled the deal best.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

In the Women's ...

West	North	East	South
<i>Creet</i>	<i>Ichilcik</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Kalmin</i>
—	—	—	1♣
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North led the queen of diamonds. Creet won that with dummy's king and drew two rounds of trumps with the king and ace, South discarding the five of clubs. Declarer tried a heart to the king and ace, then ducked the diamond return to North's eight. North shifted to the four of clubs, won with dummy's ace.

At this point, declarer had a choice of evils: draw the last trump and lose another diamond trick, or; ruff the diamond loser and set up a trump trick for North's jack. Either way, with two heart losers and the diamond already lost, that was one off, minus 100.

Not yet knowing diamonds were 4-2, declarer drew the last trump and later lost two more red-suit tricks.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Tully</i>	<i>McLeish</i>	<i>Rankin</i>
—	—	—	1♣
2♠	Pass	3♣	Double
3♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

As Rankin had availed herself of the opportunity to double three clubs, Tully started with the club jack. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps, tried the diamonds, and lost two tricks in each red suit.

In the Seniors ...

West	North	East	South
<i>Lilley</i>	<i>Lavings</i>	<i>Nagy</i>	<i>Krochmalik</i>
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	Pass	2♣	Double
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Lilley won the queen-of-diamonds lead with his ace, drew trumps and ducked hearts to South twice, trying to drop the ace doubleton while he still had an entry to the dummy should that happen. South led first a

diamond to dummy's king, then the king of clubs to dummy's ace when in with his two heart tricks.

When the ace of hearts did not drop and diamonds were 4-2, Lilley was also minus 100.

All three of those declarers would have made four spades if trumps had been 2-2 or diamonds 3-3. Lilley would also have been successful if the ace of hearts had been doubleton. It was pretty much guaranteed to be offside after South's opening bid.

West	North	East	South
<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Hinge</i>	<i>Haughie</i>	<i>Morrison</i>
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Ron Klinger demonstrated the successful way to handle the deal. Klinger received the queen of diamonds lead and made the key play at trick one - he ducked the diamond lead in both hands. Klinger won the diamond continuation with dummy's king, drew two rounds of trumps with the king and queen, then reverted to diamonds. Neither spades nor diamonds broke favourably, nevertheless he was able to ruff the fourth round of diamonds in the dummy as North helplessly followed suit. That meant plus 620 and 12 IMPs to the Klinger side in the Seniors semifinal.

The only danger in ducking the queen of diamonds at trick one seems to be if spades are 2-2 and diamonds 5-1, and the defence engineers a diamond ruff.

Klinger gave himself the extra chance of finding the hand with three spades also to have the diamond length, allowing the ruff of his losing diamond in the dummy. But was it that simple?

If we place at least five clubs in the South hand (no raise from North), on the queen of diamonds lead, South must have the ace of hearts, and probably the queen as well, for his opening bid (these days, perhaps the jack instead). So, with seven South cards accounted for on the bidding, there is not room for him to be the one with four diamonds and three spades.

So, the obverse situation must exist if a defender is to have four diamonds and three spades; that is, that player must be North, leaving South with the putative singleton spade and doubleton diamond. In effect, that is the situation Klinger protected against. He'd have failed if South had been 2-1 the other way in spades and diamonds and the other declarers would all have succeeded. Of course, spades are more likely to be 3-1 than diamonds 5-1, so South is more likely to have one spade and two diamonds rather than the other way around. On the other hand, Lilley might have dropped the ace of hearts

Do you like Lilley's or Klinger's play better?

JENS AUKEN 1949 - 2014



Jens Auken of Denmark, top bridge player and leading administrator of the game, passed away after a long illness on 18 January 2014. He was yet to celebrate his 65th birthday.

Jens was one of the six children of doctors Gunnar and Kirsten Auken. His older brother Svend was a prominent member and eventual leader of the Danish Socialist party, while his sister Margrete, who is a priest, is still serving in the European Parliament. Jens opted to attend the Law School of the University of Copenhagen and he received a 'Master of Laws' degree in 1979.

As a lawyer, Jens became a partner in Bech-Buun, one of Denmark's top law firms, and was a leading specialist in expropriation and neighbour disputes relating to major construction projects. He was also an advisor on general legal matters for municipalities, public enterprises and the legal framework for harbours.

Jens liked sports and, as a teenager, he was among the top of Denmark's young basketball players. Later on, he became an avid bridge player and represented his country on more than 400 occasions. He won gold medals at the European Mixed Teams in 2000 and in the 2004 European Senior Teams; silver at the 1993 European Teams and 1990 and 1994 European Mixed Teams; bronze at the World Team Olympiads in 1984 and 1996, World Mixed Pairs 1998 and 2002, Generali Masters Individual 2004, World Senior Teams 2005,

and the European Mixed Teams in 1996 and 2003. He was also the winner of over 40 national titles in Denmark.

Jens was also deeply involved in bridge administration and served in numerous positions internationally. He was first elected to the European Bridge League (EBL) Executive Committee in 1987 and was re-elected continuously until his death, serving as Vice President (2003-2007) and Honorary Secretary (2010-2012). As a European delegate, he was a member of the World Bridge Federation (WBF) Executive Council (1993-2012), during which he served as Vice-President (1995-2006).

As a bridge administrator, Jens' areas of interest were Systems, Statutes, Laws, Regulations and Ethics, and he served many times on Appeals Committees in various championships. Ultimately, he represented the world of bridge in the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), where he argued successfully on the differences between physical and mental sports and negotiated the thorny issue of pre-tournament testing in mind sports.

Jens is survived by four sons; the two oldest are with his German-born bridge colleague and World Champion Sabine Auken, while the younger two are with psychologist Anne Kristine Auken.

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Dear John,

Over the past couple of days, I have received many thoughtful and compassionate messages. There was one in particular that struck me as quite possibly the best description of Jens that I have ever seen. It came from Bill Pencharz from England, who for many years was Jens' friend and colleague on the EBL Executive Committee, and I would like to share it with the bridge community. Bill wrote:

"Jens was a top bridge player, a top lawyer, and the father of four wonderful sons.

But I shall remember him most for another quality which is special and very rare. He was the best "non-executive director" I ever had the privilege to work with. In the Executive Committee of the EBL, it was Jens who would always put his finger on exactly the right point. And when he said something was WRONG, it was wrong.

In addition, he was a man of complete integrity. The bridge world is a poorer place for his passing.”

Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund, Denmark &
Bill Pencharz, Piegut Pluvier, France

Dear John,

By chance I have just seen a deal from IBPA Bulletin 410, March 1999, page 11, reported by Ib Lundby, and featuring Jens Auken. Here are the details:

♠ A Q 10 8 7
♥ A 9 7
♦ A 8 6 2
♣ 10

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

♠ 3
♥ K J 8 5 3
♦ Q 9
♣ A J 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
	<i>Koch-Palmund</i>		<i>Auken</i>
INT ¹	Double	2♦	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1. 11-14			

West led the five of diamonds, marking East with the honours and West with the remainder of the high cards. Auken won with the ace of diamonds, came to hand with the club ace, finessed the spade queen, and discarded the queen of diamonds on the spade ace. He then cross-ruffed five tricks: spade, club, diamond, club, spade, leaving a this four-card ending:

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

in which West was all trumps and South was on lead. A club was ruffed with the trump ace (Ib does not say whether West contributed the two or six of trumps) and then the key play was to lead the losing diamond and throw a club on it. West had to ruff East's winner and was endplayed. If declarer instead

had led a winning spade from the dummy, East ruffs with the four of trumps and provided West has retained the two, he can under-ruff, leaving East on lead at trick 12.

Even if West had squandered the two of trumps at trick nine, Jens was right to play the loser (forcing East to follow suit) rather than the winner from dummy in case East had held the six of trumps and West the four.

Patrick Jourdain, Cardiff



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World Bridge Calendar

DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
2014			
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 14-16	CN Metropole International	Grand Canary, Spain	www.cnmetropole.com
Feb 22-28	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 17&19	Pairs for Youth Bridge	Clubs Worldwide	www.worldbridge.org
Mar 20-23	Tasmanian Festival of Bridge	Tainceston, Tasmania	www.abf.com.au
Mar 20-30	Spring NABC	Dallas, TX	www.acbl.org
Mar 21-23	Pakistan Day International	Karachi, Pakistan	kta@super.net.pk
Mar 23-29	XXVII 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 Bridge Week	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 19-23	Indian Summer Nationals	Nashik, Maharashtra, India	www.bfi.net.in
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 9-18	USBF Open Trials	Phoenix, AZ	www.usbf.org
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 Bridge Week	Graz, Austria	www.bridgeaustria.at
Jun 6-8	Midsummer Finlandia Open	Helsinki, Finland	www.midsummerbridge.com
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 12-22	2 nd Asia Cup	Jin Hua, Zhe Jiamg, China	www.abf.com.au
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
Jul 30-Aug 3	Hong Kong Inter-City	Hong Kong, China	www.hkcba.org
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 13-23	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 1-7	FISU World University Championships	Opatija, Croatia	www.worldbridge.org
Nov 6-8	Marbella International	Marbella, Spain	www.marbellabridge.com
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