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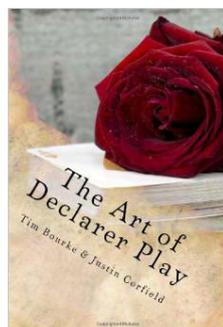
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## 2014 Master Point Press Book of the Year Shortlist

In bridge-book publication, some years are more fertile than others. This year, for example, we have a plethora of great works by the world's best bridge authors. Thus, the competition for this year's Master Point Press Book of the Year award will be fierce: three of the authors (Mark Horton, Roy Hughes and Julian Pottage) of the seven shortlisted books (the most we've ever had shortlisted) have previously won the award. In other years, at least two of the books that didn't make this year's shortlist would undoubtedly have done so. Here are the candidates ...

### ◆ *The Art of Declarer Play* – Tim Bourke & Justin Corfield

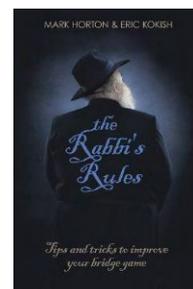


The lead author is of course familiar to IBPA members as the Column Service guru of the past 11 years. Additionally, Bourke writes problem columns for most big Australian bridge tournament Daily Bulletins, such as those for the Canberra Festival and the Gold Coast Congress. There's no doubting that he has an eye for a problem deal and has a wealth of material in his files. *The Art of Declarer Play* is about how to handle non-straightforward contracts. This book is for players who already have a good grasp of declarer-play technique, the blocking and unblocking plays,

the eliminations and the squeezes. Bourke and Corfield reveal what goes on inside the mind of an expert, explaining how to anticipate the likely distribution, how to use logic and visualization, how to listen to the cards, and many other ways to make 'impossible' contracts.

### ◆ *The Rabbi's Rules* – Mark Horton & Eric Kokish

The rabbi of the book's title is Leonard Helman of Santa Fe, New Mexico, a great friend of bridge, who died last year. The Rabbi's Rule, not attributed to Helman, was due to kibitzer Milton Shattner of New York City, who earned his nickname "The Rabbi" by his pontificating as a kibitzer. Among other



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The 9<sup>th</sup> White House Junior Internationals in Amsterdam (30 March till 4 April) comprised 26 youth teams from 17 European countries as well as one team from Japan, two teams from China (ShengXing & Teenage Bridge Club Shanghai) and four teams from the host country. The organisers were somewhat reluctant to accept the very young Chinese teams (average age less than 14), out of fear they would be overwhelmed by the more-experienced juniors. The Chinese officials insisted that this was no impediment and the two Chinese teams won 14 of their 40 matches.

The junior team event consisted of a three-day (17 ten-board matches) Swiss with the top four going through to the KO. Norway, Israel and Germany qualified with one match to spare. The competition for the fourth semifinal place was severe. Eight teams were in contention, the ranking changing every board. Denmark and Poland U-20 finished at 190 VP, the Danes advancing because of the win in the head-on match. Austria and Hungary, both at 189, regretting one or two boards. The Dutch teams, as good hosts, did not mingle in this battle.

**Dealer West. Both Vul.**

<p>♠ Q 9 7 3 ♥ 10 4 3 ♦ 9 2 ♣ 9 8 5 3</p> <p>♠ 4 ♥ A K Q J 7 5 2 ♦ Q J 3 ♣ K 4</p>	<p>♠ A K J 8 ♥ 9 ♦ K 6 5 ♣ A Q J 6 2</p>
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Zhi Zhou	Polak	Yijum Wang	v. Overbeeke
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	7NT	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The bidding sequence Zhi Zhou (14) and Yijum Wang (13) produced probably will not get the approval of their teachers. Dutch junior Tom van Overbeek could see what was wrong with this contract. It is, however, far from certain what the double asked for. Hearts and clubs being out of the question. Tobias Polak, North, thought the normal lead would be a diamond so he selected a spade, only to see the young Chinese pair write plus 2460.

The all-Scandinavian battle in the semifinal between Denmark and Norway was tight until the end. When you bid them up, you have to make them.

**Dealer East. NS Vul.**

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

Presumably there was some Danish confusion about the forcing nature of two hearts after the classical two-diamond reverse.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Hegge	E.Thomsen	Bakke	S.Thomsen
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Christian Bakke of Norway invented a fourth spade with one spade and refused to stop after the splinter of four clubs agreed spades as trumps. South led the ten of spades against six spades and declarer won with his jack. Declarer played a heart to the ace, ruffed a heart and cashed the ace of spades. He went to dummy with a club ruff and drew the last trump with the king of spades, then split out the hearts for plus 980.

That match was exciting until the last board, with Norway leading 98-97. A matter of overtricks. Denmark scored plus 490 in three notrump when an opponent on lead failed to cash all three of the ace-king-queen of hearts. At the other table, with Norway also in three

notrump, but declared from the other side. The heart lead now was less obvious and after the diamond lead declarer chalked up all the tricks for plus 520 and Norway carried on to the final, 99-97. In the other semi-final Germany had the best over Israel, 112-84.

Norway started off flying in the final (42 boards) against Germany, with a lead of 61-16 after 23 boards. Then came an opportunity for the German juniors.

**Dealer West. Neither Vul.**

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Vikord</i>	<i>Eide</i>	<i>Grünke</i>	<i>Ellingsen</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5NT
Pass	7♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

While Germany rested in six notrump, Norway went all the way to the pretty good seven hearts, which needed only hearts 3-2 or 4-1 and diamonds 3-2 or 4-1 with no club lead. So if East found the entry-killing club lead it would be a handsome plus 14 IMPs to get back in the match. Sadly for the German juniors, Paul Grünke thought that leading from the king of clubs could present declarer with a trick, so he chose the safe trump lead.

Practically speaking, this ended the match, and with a final score of 151-36, Norway (Harald Eide-Kristian Ellingsen, Kristan Hegge-Christian Bakke and NPC Lars Erik Eide) ran away with the Carrousel Cup, named after a frequently-visited discothèque during the years (1993-2004) the event took place in 's-hertogenbosch. Marie Eggeling-Rafael Braun and Paul Grünke-Vemund Vikjord, with NPC Hartmut Kondoch. were fierce runners-up. The play-off for third place was won by Israel. Dutch junior Carla Groenland and Martin Bell (former junior, now coach of England) won the closing pairs tournament. Li Hangchang(12) and Yingqi Wang(11) were cheered by all participants for their 57.69% and fourth place.

The White House Junior Internationals has been made possible with the support of Herman Drenkelford and Max Abram of the foundation 'Het Witte Huis', NBB (Dutch Bridge Federation), 'Bridge Beter' (Dutch bridge magazine) and co-sponsors, many of them active in the pro-am on the day before the junior event. Co-sponsors Andries van der Vegt and Geert Nieman took first prize in this Patton tournament assisted by Dutch juniors Merel Bruinsteen and Bob Donkersloot.



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PAKISTAN DAY  
INTERNATIONAL  
BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

The Pakistan Bridge Federation (PBF), in collaboration with the Mind Sports Association of Pakistan (MSAP), organised an international bridge tournament in Karachi in March. It was contested by no fewer than 35 teams, including two from the UK, two from China and one each from Jordan and Turkey. All six foreign teams and one pair from UAE (which was included in the team INBOX), were subsidized expenses and provided with free entry. The matches were broadcast on BBO.

From the Pakistan side, almost all of our national stars participated in this historic event. Among the local hopefuls, Miran, Talpur, Data Steel, Bilal Sindh and Karachi Gymkhana were prominent. They were given a tough time by the sophisticated foreign teams, who played well, with refined bidding systems.

UK2, comprising the Hackett twins Jason and Justin, sons of Paul Hackett, himself a world-renowned player, and Mike Bell/Alex Hydes, displayed brilliant play, bidding and defence in winning the team event. UK2 dominated the ten-round team contest from start to finish, mustering a total of 162.31 Victory Points (VP). Barmy Army – Sandra Penfold, Edward Jones, Thomas Paske and Brain Senior – finished runners-up after collecting a total of 134.56 VP. Pakistan's team Talpur – having in their fold Nawab Yousuf Talpur, President of the Pakistan Bridge Federation and a renowned parliamentarian, Shahin Iqbal, Parvez Mirza, Rashidul Ghazi and Syed Hasan Jawad – secured third position

with a score of 129.72 VP. The winning team UK2 won all ten of their matches, while the UK's other team Barmy Army won seven, lost two and drew one.

The pairs event, with 92 pairs competing, was won by the Pakistani pair of Shahab Khan and Ghufuran Ashraf, who outscored runners-up Brian Senior and Sandra Penfold.

PBF President Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur presented the glittering trophy and cash award of \$7000 to the UK2 team. MSAP Chairman Khurshid Hadi, Director Tariq Rasheed Khan, PBA Secretary General Bilal Gulzar and Chief Tournament Director Ihsan Qadir were also present on the occasion. Pakistan's charismatic bridge star, Rashid-ul-Ghazi, who has won more championships than anyone else in Pakistan, was presented with a 'Lifetime Achievement Award' for his outstanding performances and services for the country.

In the fourth-round match of the teams, when the two UK teams faced each other, the following deal played a vital role in deciding their fate ...

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

♠ 9 6 4 2  
♥ 9 5 2  
♦ Q 10 7 5 2  
♣ Q

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Paske</i>	<i>Justin</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Jason</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

The opening lead was the queen of clubs, ace, six, two, and back came a club to the king. South played a third club, North pitching hearts on the second and third rounds of the suit. Declarer next played the heart ace and another to the king, establishing a loser there when North discarded a diamond. Declarer's remaining chance was to establish a third spade trick on which to park dummy's heart loser. So he played the ten of spades from the closed hand and let it run to South, convinced that North's discards revealed vulnerable holdings in diamonds and spades. Both major-suit queens in the South hand meant two off. In the other

room, UK2's pair of Bell and Hydes stopped at three notrump, so it was a 13-IMP swing to UK2

In the UK2 vs. Talpur match, the opening bid and later bidding judgement mattered on the following board.

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

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

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

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Rashid</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Pervez</i>	<i>Hyde</i>
—	2NT	Pass	3♠ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	3NT <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4♣ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	4NT <sup>4</sup>	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Minor-suit slam try, puppet to 3NT
2. Forced
3. Club slam try
4. Regressive

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Justin</i>	<i>S. Iqbal</i>	<i>Jason</i>	<i>Talpur</i>
—	2♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Game Force

Two clubs was a bit of a stretch with the North hand and when South rebid four clubs, North believed South had four spades as well. Declarer could not avoid losing to the trump king and the diamond ace.



The tournament was much bigger than in 2013 (attendance was up 25%) as the new venue in a fashionable country club was much better than last

year. The weather was beautiful and even the snow was excellent, at least in the morning. This is usually not the case at the end of March.

Did you ever think how low the par of a hand could be? You will easily find a par of 2220, maybe in every set of 32 boards. Most of the time, these slams are not easily biddable or can only be made by some strange play. But how low can the par be?

I have examined thousands of deals and have found quite a lot where the par is one notrump and a few where it is one spade. In Kitzbühel, I came across this deal where the par is one heart!

**Dealer South. EW Vul.**

<p>♠ 8 5 4 ♥ A K Q 10 ♦ J 6 3 ♣ J 9 7</p> <p>♠ J 9 2 ♥ 8 3 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A Q 8 6 3</p> <p>♠ K Q 7 3 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ 10 5 2</p>	<p>♠ A 10 6 ♥ 9 6 5 ♦ K Q 10 4 2 ♣ K 4</p>
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East/West can make one club or one diamond, but North/South can make one heart. Of course this contract was never played. The board was played at 24 tables, with these results:

Contract	Frequency
1 ♠	2
INT (E/W)	12
1 NT (S)	1
2 ♥	4
2 ♠	1
2 NT (N)	1
3 ♥	3

If you had a hand with only two losers you would expect to buy the contract ...

**Dealer East. NS Vul.**

<p>♠ A J 8 6 2 ♥ K Q J 10 ♦ K J 8 3 ♣ —</p> <p>♠ K Q 10 9 ♥ A 6 ♦ A ♣ A K Q 8 6 3</p> <p>♠ — ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ Q 10 9 7 6 5 4 2 ♣ J 2</p>	<p>♠ 7 5 4 3 ♥ 9 4 3 2 ♦ — ♣ 10 9 7 5 4</p>
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Deals with a void in three suits are rare, but are usually full of surprises. Here, it was West who was surprised when he opened with two clubs third in hand:

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

This happened twice and the score was plus 1070 for the opponents (“The Seljuks conquer Jerusalem”). More frequent was a score of plus 750. At two tables, North/South did not bid at all and West made three notrump on a heart lead!

The par score on the deal is plus 300 for North/South; would you dream of this sad end for West’s hand?

Results:

**Opening Tournament:** Loek Fresen/Waltraud Vogt (NED/GER)

**Mixed Pairs:** Renate Hansen/Andreas Babsch (AUT)

**Teams:** Robert Franzel, Wolfgang Lauss, Tilman & Wolf Seidel (AUT)

**Pairs:** Jan Fucik/Gunther Purkarthofer (AUT)



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**Do the Right Thing**

Tony Nunn, one of our most talented players, has a habit of doing the right thing at the right time. This deal is from the Gold Coast Teams semifinals. Cover the East/West cards, consider the auction below and plan your play on the lead of the ten of diamonds.

**Board 25. Dealer East. EW Vul.**

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

You can see that declarer has no genuine hope of making four spades. The defence can always take a spade, a heart and two clubs. Declarer won the ten of diamonds with dummy's ace and led the queen of clubs: two – nine – ace. Back came the six of diamonds, taken by the king. Nunn now played the three of clubs: a smooth four from East – six – five! When was the last time you saw a six win the trick on the second round of a suit with everyone following? You cannot blame East. Playing low could have been essential if South has started with the club nine singleton. That was the illusion Nunn created. He went on to make ten tricks, plus 420.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
—	—	1♣	1♠
2♥	3♥ <sup>1</sup>	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Strong spade raise

Lead: Diamond ten – ace – eight – three

North, Tony Burke, did well to sacrifice, since West will make four hearts. At trick two, declarer played the three of clubs: two – nine – ace. West continued with the four of diamonds to the king and declarer played the heart seven, won by East's king. East switched to a spade. West won with the ace and returned the queen of diamonds, ruffed. In due course, the defence collected another club for plus 100 and 11 IMPs.

On the next deal cover all but the West cards, study the auction below and decide on your lead against three hearts doubled.

### GCC Teams Final. Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

		♠ J 10 9 7 4 3	
		♥ Q 8 4	
		♦ K 3	
		♣ 9 6	
♠ Q 6 5		♠ A K 8	
♥ 10 3		♥ J 9	
♦ A 8 5		♦ Q 10 4 2	
♣ J 10 4 3 2		♣ A K Q 5	
	♠ 2		
	♥ A K 7 6 5 2		
	♦ J 9 7 6		
	♣ 8 7		
West	North	East	South
Jiaxing	Brown	B'xiang	Nunn
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
Double	2♥	Double	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♥
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

One of the principles that comes out of *Winning Suit Contract Leads* by David Bird and Taf Anthias is that it is safer to lead from a jack-high suit than from a queen-high suit. On that basis a club lead is best for West.

West chose to lead the five of spades. That was fatal and Nunn took full advantage. East won with the king of spades and returned the nine of hearts to the ace. The six of diamonds went to the king and declarer ruffed a spade. He exited with the seven of diamonds: eight – three – ten. East cashed two clubs and reverted to the jack of hearts, won with the queen in dummy. Declarer ruffed another spade, which established the suit, with the eight of hearts as an entry. That meant nine tricks, plus 730.

West	North	East	South
McGann	Xin	Thomson	Xinli
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West led the jack of clubs. East overtook and switched to the nine of hearts to the king. To defeat three hearts, East should cash another club and switch to a diamond. After winning trick two, South can succeed by playing a spade. Instead, he led the seven of diamonds to the king and returned a diamond. West won with the eight and played another heart. South now lacked the entries to set up the spades and lost a spade, another diamond and another club for one down, minus 100, and 12 IMPs away.

### East Side Stories

Try this problem:

#### Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
David	Avi	Bruce	Terry
Wiltshire	Kanetkar	Neill	Brown
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
	1. 15-17		

West leads the diamond ten: four – king – six. How would you continue as East?

This and the following deal come courtesy of David Wiltshire of Sydney. The first is from a practice session on BBO:

**Dealer West. Both Vul.**

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

West led the ten of diamonds: four – king – six. East switched to the queen of spades! – ace – two (low encouraging) – five. After the club three to the king, South ran the club jack to West's queen. West played the three of spades to South's jack. When the hearts did not break, South had to play a diamond. East won with the ace and returned a spade. The defence took two spades, two diamonds and a club for one down.

Note East's great play at trick two. If East continues with ace of diamonds at trick two and a third diamond, South will take the club finesse into the safe hand. A low spade at trick two is not good enough either, as it uses up West's late entry.

This deal arose at rubber bridge. The hero is Callin Gruia, East.

**Dealer East. Both Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Andrew Schwartz	Michael Courtney	Callin Gruia	David Wiltshire
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Double	3♠	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	4♥
4♣	5♥	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

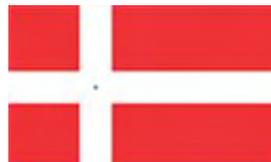
Lead: Ace of spades – heart six – spade seven – spade two.

After a club to the queen and a heart to the ace, South played the ace and king of clubs, pitching a diamond. Then came a low club, jack, ruffed, leaving this position:

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

Wiltshire continues: "I can get home by playing a diamond to the ten - and later leading to the queen - or I can ruff a spade with the heart jack or ten.

However, my choice of ruffing a spade low was fatal! After the low spade ruff, I played the last club and Callin ruffed with the queen of hearts! I was forced to overruff with the king and then led a diamond toward dummy's queen-ten: five, ten, king. Callin now played a trump and I was in the wrong hand and had to play a diamond away from the queen to go one down."



## THE LAST HURRAH

Charles  
(Jens Otto Pedersen),  
Odense, Denmark

Dennis Bilde of Denmark was no doubt one of the best junior players in the world, if not the best, but that was yesterday. In the Danish Junior Teams tournament, Dennis played his last Danish event as a junior, as he is now too old.

Dennis' team lost a very close final to Signe Buus Thomsen by 138 IMPs to 158, but on the ultimate deal (Board 64) of his junior career, he showed just what he can do.

**Dealer East. EW Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Majka	Niclas	Peter	Dennis
Bilde	Raulund	Jepsen	Bilde
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4♣ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	4♥ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	5♦ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. At least invitational with 4-card spade support.
2. Invitational only
3. Control-showing bids

The opening lead was the nine of hearts. Bilde suspected that his team needed a swing and, on the way to the small slam, he cue-bid five diamonds, hoping that his little sister Majka would not lead a diamond. He hoped that, from the bidding, on a non-diamond lead, he could pitch the king of diamonds on dummy's king of hearts. Majka might have cashed the fatal diamond ace without the five-diamond control bid, but after the heart lead, Dennis gave the defence no chance.

Bilde won the first trick with the ace of hearts, drew trumps, then discarded his diamond on the third heart. He ruffed a diamond in hand and then had to handle the clubs.

The normal percentage play in the club suit is, of course, first to lead the jack, but Dennis suspected from the plays in the suit that hearts were 5-3. With six or seven diamonds, East would undoubtedly have opened two or three diamonds, so diamonds were likely to be 5-5. Since Majka had also followed to two spades, it looked as though she had only one club.

Dennis crossed to dummy in trumps, ruffed the eight of diamonds and led a low club. He was pretty certain that his sister's nine of clubs was a singleton. East did his best by winning the club jack with the king, but he did not fool Dennis, who finessed against the club queen and claimed 12 tricks.

Note that if West had had a stiff queen or king of clubs, she would have been endplayed!

That was 11 IMPs for Dennis on his last junior deal when the usually-very-bold-bidding Signe Buus Thomsen, playing with her younger brother Emil, stopped in four spades, making 11 tricks.

The deal is an obvious candidate for a Junior award.

Dennis will play his last international Junior tournament in the World Championships in Istanbul in the Danish U-25 Team this August. His partner Niclas Raulund, sister Majka, Peter Jepsen, and Signe and Emil Buus Thomsen will also be part of that team.



## DALLAS NABC

**Ana Roth, Buenos Aires**  
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**Sartaj Hans, Sydney**  
**Sue Munday, Southaven, MS**  
**Erdal Sidar, Istanbul**  
**Tim Bourke, Canberra**  
**John Carruthers, Kingsville, ON**

Here are a few more deals from the Spring Nationals in Dallas.

### Goulash Time (AR)

The No. 3 seed, captained by John Diamond, exited from the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams after being trounced by the Paul Fireman squad. This deal – Board 6 – contributed to Fireman's success.

**Dealer East. EW Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Greco	Kranyak	Hampson	Demuy
—	—	1♦	1♠
2♥	3♠	5♦	5♠
Double	Pass	6♦	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Declarer made 11 tricks for one down. At the other table ...

West	North	East	South
Fireman	Diamond	Wolpert	Platnick
—	—	6♦	6♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pas	Pass		

Gavin Wolpert decided that since he intended to bid to the six level in any case, he took the short cut and opened six diamonds. This gave him the advantage of the first move, and the enemy was left with a guess. Platnick, in the dark, decided to compete with six spades, and now it was double time for Wolpert. Declarer made ten tricks for two down. The board produced 11 IMPs for the Fireman squad.

### Put Them to the Test (BR)

Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

East-West really belong in a partscore. Naturally, few people bid the East-West hands to game, but at one table:

West	North	East	South
—	—	1♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
2♦	Double	2♥ <sup>2</sup>	Double
2♠	3♥	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

- 5+ diamonds, unbalanced
- Game try with an unspecified short suit.

Declarer won the trump lead in hand and immediately played a low club from hand at trick two. The best chance was to find South with a doubleton club honour or a doubleton nine, so perhaps the tempo would help declarer decide on the winning line. South played low without a flicker and North took dummy's jack of clubs with the king and returned the ace and another heart. Declarer ruffed, drew two more trumps, ending in dummy, then came to the critical decision. But who were the opponents?

A quick look at the convention card revealed van Prooijen to the right and Drijver to the left. "Are you the famous Bas Drijver?" asked East. "No," said South, laughing. Reassured by that, declarer ran the ten of clubs to try to pin the nine, losing to South's doubleton queen.

"I should have told you that I'm his more-talented brother Bob," said South. I guess it runs in the family.

### Order and Method (BR)

Sherlock Holmes and Hercule Poirot believed in order and method plus the application of the "little grey cells." See if you can apply yours to this situation.

Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1♦
1♠	Double	2♥ <sup>1</sup>	3♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Hearts and a fit for spades

On lead against three diamonds, West starts with the king of hearts. You, East, follow with the five, the highest-suit preference heart you can afford in case partner has a singleton heart. South follows with the four. West continues with the jack of hearts to your ace, South dropping the queen. You cannot play a third heart now, high or low. Declarer would ruff with the jack of diamonds, draw two rounds of trumps, then run clubs via the finesse. You can ruff in on the third club, but one of declarer's spades goes away and South scores plus 110.

To defend correctly, you must underlead your ace of spades to partner's king. His failure to compete further in spades with the king-jack of hearts, or to overcall two spades initially, marks him with only five spades. After cashing both spades, you can now lead a third heart to arrange the trump promotion when partner comes through with the nine of diamonds for you!

### A Fine Accomplishment (PDA)

The following deal is from the quarterfinal match between Lynch and Fleisher in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams. (See the following page.)

At one table, Chip Martel, under no pressure in two spades, had made nine tricks, losing one spade, two diamonds and one club.

At the second table, Cezary Balicki, who, like Martel, is known as one of the world's great declarers, displayed some wizardry in winning ten tricks.

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# IBPA Column Service

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## 709. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West led the king of clubs. Declarer won this in hand with the ace and played the seven of diamonds to dummy's king and East's ace. The expected trump return was made and declarer paused to consider how the rest of the play would proceed: he had three side-suit winners and so would have to make seven trump tricks, the one at trick three and six on a crossruff.

The question declarer asked himself was, "Where should I win this trump return?" Clearly, he needed to ruff three clubs and two diamonds, leaving a high trump in hand as his tenth trick. Declarer saw that if he ran the trump to dummy he would go down because he would no longer have the entries to ruff three clubs, so he took the trump return in hand with the nine and ruffed a club. As the standard plan when crossruffing is to cash the side winners, declarer played the queen of diamonds and the ace of hearts next. Then he crossruffed the minor suits for a total of nine tricks, with the ace of trumps still left in his hand as the tenth trick.

One final point is that, as the cards lay, West could have defeated the contract by leading his singleton trump.

**710.** (See top of next column.) North's weak major suits deterred him from responding with one notrump - he upgraded his hand a little due to the aces and doubleton heart and made a limit raise. West led the four of hearts. East took the trick with the ace and returned the queen, holding the lead. When West followed with two of hearts, declarer expected a third heart from East followed quickly by three more heart winners from West.

## Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

However, instead of a third heart, the pleasant surprise of the queen of spades hit the table in its place. Declarer won this with the king of spades and realised that the hearts had been 6-2 originally, with the suit blocked. The task now was to take advantage of this unexpected twist.

Declarer counted eight top tricks and saw that there would at least nine tricks if one of the minor suits broke 3-2. As his pips in clubs were weaker than those in diamonds, declarer cashed the king and queen of clubs next. After noting East's spade discard, declarer could place West with 6-4 in the round suits. Thus the key to playing the diamonds was to discover how the other three cards in West's hand were distributed. So he cashed the ace of spades: if West had discarded on this trick, the diamonds would have been 3-2 and no special strategy would have been required to make four tricks in the suit. Once West followed to the ace of spades, however, he could have had at most one diamond: he must have begun with either 3=6=0=4 or 2=6=1=4 shape.

So declarer led his four of diamonds to dummy's queen, noting West's five. Next he led the three of diamonds and finessed the eight after East followed with the seven. This gave declarer four diamond tricks and the contract.

Obviously, it would have made no difference if East had split his jack-nine of diamonds. Declarer would then have won the trick with the king of diamonds and crossed back to dummy with the thoughtfully-preserved ace of clubs to finesse the eight of diamonds.

**711. Dealer South. Both Vul.**

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Rather than perpetrate a reverse with 4-4 in the suits, South decided to take the slight risk of North's insisting on a spade contract and rebid two notrump. West led a fourth-highest two of diamonds to East's ten. Declarer decided to win the trick with his king of diamonds. This was a good move, for a heart shift would have defeated the contract as the cards lay – the defenders would then have made two spades, two hearts and a diamond.

Declarer could count seven winners in top cards and planned to gather two more from the spade suit. So, at trick two, he led the ten of spades of spades, which held the trick. Next, declarer cashed the ace of clubs and played the nine of clubs to dummy's jack, noting that the suit was 3-2. Then he called for dummy's queen of spades. East rose with the ace of spades and continued with the jack of diamonds to South's ace.

Declarer took advantage of the known 3-2 break in clubs to create an extra entry to dummy in clubs by leading the queen of clubs to dummy's king. Next he led the jack of spades and threw a heart from hand. West took this with the king of spades and cashed his two diamond winners, with dummy throwing hearts. When West exited with the ten of hearts, declarer took this in hand with the ace and led the three of clubs to dummy's five to cash the contract-fulfilling nine of spades.

Declarer would have succeeded if it had been West who won the second round of spades too, even if he had shifted to the ten of hearts. On that development, declarer would have played low from dummy and won the trick in hand with the ace of hearts and then led the queen of clubs to the king. As it would have been East who would win the next spade, the queen of hearts would've been safe from attack and again declarer would have made nine tricks.

Finally, if clubs had been 4-1 then declarer would have led up to dummy's queen of hearts in the hope that West had begun with the king of hearts.

**712. Dealer South. Neither Vul.**

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led a low trump. Declarer won the trick in hand with the queen and then drew the remaining trump with his ace. Next, he played the king and ace of clubs followed by his remaining club towards dummy's jack. While this was the best play in clubs, it did not work here as East was able to take the trick with the ten and continue with the queen of clubs. Declarer ruffed this and led a diamond to the queen which lost to East's king. Declarer's last chance to make the contract was the finesse of the ten of diamonds and when that failed he had to concede defeat.

"That was really unlucky," said South. "My line had better than a 90% chance of making ten tricks."

"Luck had nothing to do with the matter," said North. "There was a 100% line available. You started well by drawing trumps and cashing the ace and king of clubs. However, instead of playing a club at trick five you should have led the queen of hearts next. The defender who wins this cannot touch either minor without giving you a trick. So, he has to play a second round of hearts and, instead of ruffing, you discard the last club from your hand."

"After this, if East had been on lead and he had exited with a low club, you'd have discarded a diamond (intending to discard your remaining diamond on the jack of clubs if West were to win the trick with the queen). On the other hand, if it had been West who'd been on lead after the second heart as the cards lay, he would have had to play a diamond or give you a ruff-and-discard. (If West could have exited with a low club, you would cover the card with the jack and either win the trick, or East would have won and clubs would have been 3-3. If West had instead played the queen of clubs it would be a simple matter from there. So, no matter how the cards lay, you would have made ten tricks."

Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

♠ K  
♥ K Q 10 8 6 4  
♦ A 10  
♣ K Q 6 2

♠ Q 9 3 2  
♥ 7 5 2  
♦ J 9 5  
♣ 9 8 5

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Zia	Zmudzinski	Garner	Balicki
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Double	Pass	1♠
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
Double	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass

At Balicki's table, West led the king of hearts to dummy's bare ace. Declarer now found the only winning play: the ten of clubs (or the jack, of course). West won with his queen and returned a low club, but South put in dummy's jack and continued with the king of diamonds. West won and returned his second diamond to declarer's queen. Balicki ruffed a heart, discarded his last diamond on the ace of clubs and cashed the ace of spades to give this position:

♠ 7  
♥ —  
♦ 8 7 6  
♣ 4

♠ —  
♥ Q 8 6 4  
♦ —  
♣ K

♠ Q 9 3  
♥ 7  
♦ 9  
♣ —

♠ J 10 8 5  
♥ J  
♦ —  
♣ —

Declarer ruffed a diamond in his hand, ruffed the jack of hearts in the dummy and called for any card, to restrict East to one trump trick. A beautifully-timed piece of play for 10 tricks – pity it wasn't in a pairs event. With all 52 cards on view, a low-heart lead defeats four spades.

### Making Sure (BR)

The Swiss Teams threw up this technical problem, on what looks like everybody's four-spade contract after a one notrump opener and transfer, so that South is declarer. The defenders lead a top club and shift to the heart jack – a normal but unchallenging defence.

You win with the queen of hearts, play the ace of spades, then a second spade. West follows with the ten the first time, then discards a club on the next. How should you take it from there?

It looks natural to try to find West with the queen of diamonds, but this is not much better than a 50% chance. If you misguess diamonds, the defenders will clear hearts, and then East may be able to ruff the third diamond to prevent you from getting the discard you need.

The solution is simple: cash the third top trump, win the king of diamonds and lead towards the ace of diamonds. If East ruffs in, you have no diamond loser. If East follows suit or discards, you win with the ace of diamonds and play a third diamond. The defenders cannot stop you from winning the ace of hearts and pitching the losing heart on the remaining high diamond. The full deal:

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

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

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

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

### Cute Little French Boy (SH)

(From [bridgewinners.com](http://bridgewinners.com))

Take my seat to declare three notrump on this deal from the first final session of the Platinum Pairs:

Board 21. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

♠ A 8 2  
♥ A J 5  
♦ 10 3 2  
♣ K 10 8 4

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Partner of CLFB	Peter Gill	CLFB	Sartaj Hans
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	2♣	2♥	3♣
3♥	Double	Pass	3NT

On the lead of the four of hearts, what are your thoughts?

The most crucial aspect of the deal will be whether or not you have two heart stops. You play low from dummy and win the trick with the ace over East's king. Clearly, you must make something of the clubs, so you cross to dummy with a diamond to start on clubs. Do you like the jack or the seven?

It is often right to call for the highest possible card from dummy in an attempt to induce a cover from RHO. Here, that would be a clear error if East held the singleton or doubleton queen of clubs since it is slightly more likely to be East who is short in clubs with hearts apparently 5-3. Giving up on fancy smothering/finessing plays involving the nine of clubs, you try a simple low club. East promptly rises with the ace, crashing his partner's queen. He next tables the ten of hearts. Do you cover or duck?

It is possible that East could be up to some mischief with the the king-queen-ten-nine to five hearts.

However, some other factors are ...

- Trusting the trick one king-of-hearts play suggests ducking the heart.
- Trusting the trick one heart spot lead (the four) also suggests ducking the heart (many partnerships lead top from three low after supporting partner and West cannot have two lower hearts).
- The last determinant in a situation like this is a look at the opponents. East looks like a cute little French boy. He doesn't look like the mischievous type.

That sways me, so I play low ...

Cute Little French boy was actually Cédric Lorenzini, who promptly claimed the next three tricks with his hearts. The full deal was:

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

While Cédric and partner Thomas Bessis soaked in the congratulations for finishing second in this tough event (you're welcome, Cédric), I was left to ponder ... should I have got it right?

### Knockout Punch (SM)

From a knockout match in Dallas comes this knockout of a deal. Cezary Balicki was declarer against Paul (West) and Linda Lewis.

Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Paul L.	Zmudzinski	Linda L.	Balicki
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Paul Lewis led the eight of clubs to the two, king and nine. Back came the three of clubs: queen, five, seven. Balicki knew from the suit preference overtones that West had the ace of hearts. It appeared that his only chance was that West was 2-2 in the black suits, which would have allowed him a tenth trick with a heart ruff in dummy.

Balicki cashed the ace and king of spades ... Linda Lewis (East) followed with the jack. Oh well! Balicki continued with clubs and West, after much thought, pitched the three of hearts on the third club. What was going on?

Realization dawned. West must have begun with 3=5=3=2 distribution and the ace-queen of hearts and is worried that declarer may be able to ruff out the diamonds if he ruffs in. (If he ruffs in and plays a diamond, you win with the ace, pitch a diamond on the fourth club, ruff a diamond and exit with a low heart to endplay West, who has to either set up diamonds for you or give you a heart trick.)

In practice, Balicki cashed another club, pitching a diamond, and West discarded again. Declarer took the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, crossed to the ten of spades, drawing the last trump, ruffed a diamond and then led a heart towards the jack. West won with the queen of hearts and had give Balicki the heart king at trick 13.

## Two Deals (ES)

Here are two deals from the Dallas NABC. I hope you enjoy them. The first is from the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams Round of 32 match between CAYNE and ASSAEL (spot cards approximate).

### Dealer West. Neither Vul.

	♠ —		
	♥ A K Q		
	♦ A Q 10 6 4		
	♣ K 8 7 3 2		
♠ K Q 7 6 5 3		♠ A 2	
♥ 7 6 4		♥ J 10 9 3	
♦ K 7		♦ 9 8 5 3	
♣ J 6		♠ A 10 5	
	♠ J 10 9 8 4		
	♥ 8 5 2		
	♦ J 2		
	♣ Q 9 4		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Cayne</i>	<i>Gur</i>	<i>Seamon</i>	<i>Yilmaz</i>
2♠	3♠	Double	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Because the cards were shuffled at the table in the early rounds, we can't remember all the spot cards. North's three-spade bid was takeout for the minors.

Jimmy Cayne led the king of spades which was ruffed with a low trump in the dummy by declarer, Turkish national team player Gokhan Yilmaz. Declarer played a low club from dummy at trick two, five, queen, six. He needed to find a favourable club position if diamonds split 4-2 to allow him to safely ruff the third round of diamonds in hand with the nine of clubs.

When Michael Seamon followed to the first club with the five, a second round of trumps became necessary. A doubleton ace with East or a doubleton jack with West would do.

Yilmaz played the jack of diamonds, covered with the king and taken with dummy's ace. Declarer then played a second club from dummy - East could not play the ace and another club without sacrificing his side's second trump trick, so he played the ten, forcing West to win the trick with the jack. The contract was then safe because declarer could ruff a diamond successfully in hand.

If West had played the jack of club under the queen, declarer could still have made the contract by ruffing a diamond before playing a second trump.

At the other table, North/South contrived to defend three spades doubled, collecting a penalty of 500 and thereby winning 2 IMPs for CAYNE.

My second deal is from the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams final group and was played by Suleyman Kolata, another national team player.

### Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

West started with the ace of clubs and continued the suit, declarer Kolata discarding the five of diamonds on the king of clubs. Declarer then ruffed the last club and played a low spade from hand. West won with his bare king and exited with another club, a ruff and discard. Declarer discarded a diamond from dummy and ruffed in hand. When declarer played a spade toward the queen, West discarded his last club. When declarer returned to hand with a diamond, these cards remained:

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

But when Kolata played the ace of spades, West was caught in a kind of trump squeeze without the count. If West gives up a heart, declarer will make four heart tricks, allowing East to ruff in with the master trump whenever he wishes. Instead, if West gives up a diamond, declarer can go to dummy with a heart and can ruff a diamond to establish the suit. At the table, West discarded a heart. Declarer crossed to dummy with the nine of hearts and cashed the ace and king. East ruffed in, but declarer claimed the last two tricks with his last trump and the established heart.

Note that West had a number of chances to beat four spades, most of which involved him leading hearts. However, it was easy to see that he thought weakening declarer's trumps might be the winning defence.

At the other table, when North/South played in three notrump, they were two down. The Turkish team gained 11 IMPs from this board.

### Counter-Intuitive (TB)

This deal from the Vanderbilt Teams final has some interest:

#### Board 55. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣ <sup>1</sup>	1♠	Pass <sup>2</sup>	Pass
Double	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠ <sup>3</sup>	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Strong, usually 16+ HCP
2. 0-4 HCP
3. Maximum with heart support

Fantoni cashed two spades and shifted to a trump. Rodwell won, took both high diamonds and ruffed a diamond, drew trumps and conceded a diamond for plus 620.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Levin</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Weinstein found a stronger defence, playing three rounds of spades, allowing Levin to discard a diamond. Helgemo ruffed, played the ace of diamonds, then ruffed a diamond and drew trumps, intending to surrender a diamond if trumps were 3-2. When they were 4-1 and he lost a diamond to North, Levin had a spade to cash for one off, minus 100, and 12 IMPs to Nickell.

Actually, there is a winning line here: ruff a second diamond in dummy. If South overruffs the contract makes easily. So South does best to discard. The

winning play now is a low club (as the hearts are proved not 5-0). East began with 2=3 in the pointed suits and so is likely to be 3=5 (45%) in the round suits but has a 38% chance of being 4=4 there. However, South is a 2:1 favourite to have king of clubs. The issue declarer faces is to guess whether the third club will survive or not.. If North has a doubleton club and a doubleton heart (hearts 3-2), declarer can ruff a black card and draw trumps. If hearts are 4-1, he must take the other club and is left with high trumps.

It seems to be a counter-intuitive plan.

### All the Marbles (JC)

You are East, Tor Helness, with both sides vulnerable midway through the fourth quarter in a tight Vanderbilt final, Bobby Levin to your left, Geir Helgemo across from you, and Stevie Weinstein to your right. You hold:

♠ 7
♥ K 8 7 5 4 3 2
♦ 7 4
♣ K 8 3

This is the auction perpetrated by you, your partner and the opponents:

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Levin</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
Double	1♠	4♥	4♠
5♦	5♠	Pass	6♠
7♦	Pass	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

What do you lead? Relax, only 30 IMPs and the title are at stake.

After trailing by 19 IMPs after 48 boards, Nickell powered home to win the Vanderbilt final 127-125 over Monaco, largely due to a grand slam made on this board after Tor Helness led a heart. Did you lead partner's suit or your own? Here is the full deal:

#### Board 58. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

In the absence of a Lightner Double from Helgemo to suggest a club lead and with Weinstein's pass of seven diamonds promising first-round control, Helness led

a heart.. When Weinstein ruffed the two of hearts lead, drew trumps and took the club finesse, that was 2210 to Nickell. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Fantoni	Rodwell	Nunes
—	—	2♥	4♣ <sup>1</sup>
4♦	4♥	Pass	4♠
5♦	5♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

On the ace of hearts lead, Nickell won 17 IMPs. A diamond lead at the other table would have meant 13 IMPs to Monaco. Nickell won the match by 2 IMPs.

## NEWS & VIEWS



### 2015 World Championships

The Bridge Federation of India has announced that Chennai will host the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Trophy and Transnational Teams next year. The tournament dates are September 26-October 10, 2015 at the ITC Grand Chola Hotel in Chennai.

### German Bridge Federation Takes Action

The DBV (Deutscher-Bridge-Verband) has announced that Michael Elinescu and Entscho Wladow have been provisionally suspended from playing in national and international events pending the outcome of their appeal against the 10-year-ban imposed by the World Bridge Federation for "reprehensible conduct" at the World Championships in Bali in 2013. The DBVV has created a five-person panel to examine the evidence and report.

### Joe Grue Convicted

American player Joe Grue, former Junior World Champion and Bermuda Bowl runner-up, has been convicted by the Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal (Daytona Beach) of "possession with intent to distribute" the amount of >3<15 (actually 6) grams of oxycodone pills. The conviction carries a minimum sentence of three years' imprisonment (and a maximum of 30 years). A notice of appeal has been filed by Grue's attorney based upon the legality of the search, which was conducted by an officer of the Orange County Sheriff's Department working with a sniffer dog at the FedEx sort line in the Lake Buena Vista Palace Hotel near Orlando, Fla. The search evidence was initially thrown out in court, but then was allowed after an appeal by the state Attorney

General. Grue is being detained until the disposition of the appeal is decided. Grue's detention will prevent him from playing on the Diamond team in the USBF Trials, which started on May 9. He has been replaced on the team by Kevin Bathurst.

### Early Cavendish Details

Monaco will again host the Cavendish in 2014, with the Teams on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Pairs on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and the Invitational Monaco Teams on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Entry fees for the Cavendish Teams remains at 7,500 Euro, but to encourage wider participation, this will be reduced to 3,500 Euro for teams of Juniors, Seniors and Women. For the Juniors, the entry fee includes accommodation during the Teams event.

### Seniors Final on YouTube

Parts of the Germany versus USA d'Orsi Trophy final can be found on You Tube. Little can be gleaned from these videos other than the tediousness of watching bridge in this fashion. Thank goodness for BBO. See [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm3\\_D45DxIw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm3_D45DxIw).

The rest of the Internet is awash with details, facts and rumours about the competition, the WBF hearing and the fallout from the suspension of Michael Elinescu and Entscho Wladow of the victorious German Seniors team. For those who are interested in such matters, here are some of the relevant websites.

<http://bridgewinners.com/article/view/cheating-in-bali/>  
<http://www.bridge.nl/documenten/Hearing21-22March2014.pdf>

<http://newinbridge.com/system/files/news/pdf/excel-sheet.pdf>

<http://www.bergedorfer-zeitung.de/schwarzenbek/article126500035/Bridge-WM-Husten-oder-Kartentrick.html>

<http://www.faz.net/aktuell/gesellschaft/betrug-bei-kartenspiel-wm-auch-bridge-ist-nicht-mehr-sauber-12880360.html>

<http://neapolitanclub.altervista.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Brief-DBV-13.3.-1.pdf>

<http://neapolitanclub.altervista.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/brief-DBV-20.3.-2.pdf>

### A Plan for a New European Bridge League

Panos Gerontopoulos has authored what could be an important document in the history of the EBL, arguing cogently for a new direction focussed on development. He states that, currently, the League is mired in everyday details and does not plan for the future and that this must change. The document can be found on the IBPA website at ... <http://www.ibpa.com/archive/A%20Plan%20for%20a%20New%20EBL.pdf>

## Pro-Bridge Launched

Sally Brock, Simon Cope and Ben Green have launched a professional bridge agency called ProBridge. The idea is that bridge professionals in all areas of the game (be it playing professionally or teaching, both online and face-to-face) sign up to the site and then potential clients can browse and find a professional to match their needs. Visit [www.pro-bridge.co.uk](http://www.pro-bridge.co.uk) for more information.



## Correspondence

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John,

The deal allegedly played by Dormer in the Daily Telegraph Cup of 25 years ago was indeed exceptional – one of his opponents (Adam Meredith) had been dead for over 10 years!

Richard Fleet, Berkhamsted, U.K.

*One of the problems when writing topical articles is using phrases such as “25 years ago”. I expect that when the article was actually written, the deal was 25 years old. When it was published in the IBPA Handbook and subsequently in the Bulletin, another ten years or more had undoubtedly passed. The author would have done better to say “In 1970 ... “ or whatever year it occurred. - Ed.*

JC,

I was born Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000. That was no doubt my birthday, my first. In 2001, one would assume that I could celebrate my second birthday, right? I would then be one year old.

Here is an extract:

1. Players competing in Junior and Girls events must not have achieved their 25th birthday by 31st December of the year prior to the year in which the competition is to take place. In case of special events (e.g. for younger players or University events) the Supplementary Conditions of Contest shall detail the age requirements. Players competing in Youngster events must not have achieved their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year prior to the year in which the competition is to take place

On my 25<sup>th</sup> birthday I will turn 24, right? So, to be accepted for a Junior event in 2014 I must not have turned 24 during 2013 - 23, yes, not 24. In other words, I can play in the event if I turn no more than 24 during the event year.

PO Sundelin, Stockholm

*Oh boy. This seems to be the month for nit-picking. Firstly, one could say that Jan. 1, 2000 was your **birth date**, not your **birthday**. (You can also make a distinction between **birth day** and **birthday** if you wish - note the space in the former.) This follows common convention, similar to that for anniversaries. Your first birthday occurs one year after your birth date (or your birth day), your second birthday is two years after, and so on. Similarly, your first wedding anniversary occurs when you've been married for one year.*

*This reminds me of the world-wide confusion over Y2K being erroneously declared the beginning of the new millenium. It was not. A millenium has 1000 years - there is no Year Zero - thus the year 2000 was the last year of the second millenium. The new millenium began on Jan. 1, 2001. Likewise, each decade and century begins with a year ending in one. - Ed.*



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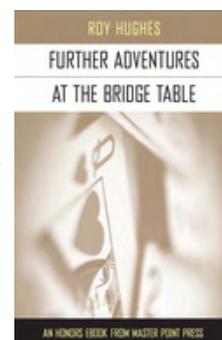
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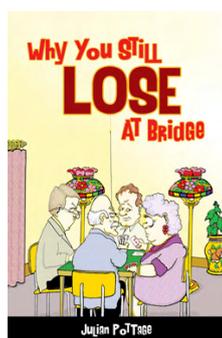
gems was his, “If the king is singleton, play the ace.” Horton formed a trans-Atlantic partnership with Rabbi Helman (a genuine rabbi) for many years, and their adventures at and away from the table form the basis for the book. Horton was assisted by one of the best bridge writers never to have authored his own book (not counting the World Championship books, which he and edited and wrote portions of for many years), Eric Kokish. The book is subtitled *Tips and Tricks to Improve Your Bridge Game*, so it’s not simply a book of bridge stories. Some of the tips are more serious than others: for example, the Helman Variation states that suits break 3-3 in the afternoon and 4-2 during the evening.

◆ *Further Adventures at the Bridge Table* – Roy Hughes

This is Hughes’ fifth bridge book. All five have been shortlisted for MPP Book of the Year and two have won; a third was a close runner-up. He’s the closest thing we have to a Mr. Automatic in producing brilliant books. This book takes the reader further along the path traversed by *Card by Card*. Hughes presents intriguing problems in declarer play and defence and follows them with comprehensive analysis, given with a light touch and the occasional entertaining diversion. Sami Kehela says, “I think it is fair to say there will be something here for everyone interested in card play, for those who wish to improve as well as those who wish only to enjoy.”



◆ *Why You Still Lose at Bridge* – Julian Pottage



Pottage is another current writer who’s produced an impressive number of terrific bridge books and has won the MPP Book of the Year award twice. A few years ago, he authored a book called *Back Through the Pack*, a sequel to the 1957 classic by Darvas and Hart – now, he’s done it again with a sequel to S. J. (Skid) Simon’s 1940 masterpiece, *Why You Lose at Bridge*. It takes nerve and confidence in one’s abilities to attempt this feat and Pottage’s results justify the risks. Simon’s original work dispensed advice to the improving player through archetypal bridge characters such as Futile Willie, the Unlucky Expert, and Mrs. Guggenheim. In this follow-up book, Pottage uses the same approach to discuss common failings of modern club players such as mis-describing your shape, overvaluing your hand, bidding the wrong slam, playing a flawed system, giving the wrong signal, making losing leads, and many more.

◆ *More Breaking the Rules: Second Hand Play* – Barry Rigal & Josh Dunn

Lead author Barry Rigal is a familiar figure all over the bridge world as a Daily Bulletin editor, VuGraph commentator, player and writer. He has championed ‘breaking the rules’ with the first book in this series and a number of articles on the topic in the U.K.’s *Bridge Magazine*. Rigal’s collaborator is an American World Junior Champion. The current work goes beyond the basic rules that, in a vacuum, provide helpful advice to players. It is for advanced intermediate players and deals exclusively with second hand play, both by declarer and the defenders.



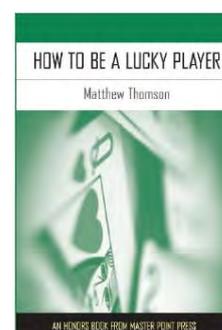
◆ *Bridge on a Shoestring* – Michael Schoenborn



Thirty years ago, Michael Schoenborn wrote a series of sparkling articles for *The Kibitzer*, Ontario’s bridge magazine. When asked to write a book on his theme of extraordinary and amusing characters and occurrences at the local bridge club, he promised to do so. A man of his word, here is the promised book, three decades later, a thinly-veiled, fictionalized account of ‘The Shoe’s’ own experiences as a young player in Toronto in the 1960’s and 70’s. After a Bermuda Bowl appearance in 1987, The Shoe entered semi-retirement to focus on his young family and burgeoning legal career, emerging again in the new millennium as a formidable presence on the Canadian Senior bridge scene.

◆ *How to Be a Lucky Player* – Matthew Thomson

Matthew Thomson is one of Australia’s top international players. It is Thomson’s premise that the best players are lucky players and that this is no coincidence. You can become a ‘better’ player by improving your bidding system with your partner and by improving your declarer play and defensive technique. However, this will not make you a lucky player. In this book, illustrated with deals from actual play, Thomson demonstrates how to become a lucky player. Lucky players evaluate their trick-winning potential, recognise and grab their opportunities and maximize their scores over all the likely distributions of the cards. They know how to evaluate the potential of a bridge hand, and then how to apply and execute that evaluation to the bidding and play.



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Events		Registration Fees (USD)
Open Teams	Team	1500
Women Teams	Team	1500
Senior Teams	Team	1500
Mixed Teams	Team	1200
Open Pairs	Pair	600
Women Pairs	Pair	600
Senior Pairs	Pair	600
Mixed Pairs	Pair	600

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- MGM Grand Sanya
- Sheraton Sanya Resort
- Sanya Marriott Resort&Spa
- Sanya Huayu Resort & Spa

**Location Airport**

**Transport and Taxi fares**

- Sanya Phoenix International Airport, approximately 40 kilometers away from MGM Grand Sanya
- The driving distance will take about 40 minutes and the taxi fare is around 100RMB



**Provisional Programme for 2014 World Bridge Series, Sanya**

a) the exact format and timing of the day-to-day schedule will be published nearer the time when numbers are known  
 b) For all pairs events, players will participate throughout the event  
 c) It is anticipated that play will start daily at 10.00 am and end at approximately 19.30 / 20.00 hours

Calendar Days	Schedule	Calendar Days	Schedule	Calendar Days	Schedule	Calendar Days	Schedule
<b>Day 1</b> Friday 10 October	Registration Desk Open Official Meetings Opening Ceremony followed by a buffet	<b>Day 2</b> Saturday 11 October	Mixed Teams - Qualification Swiss	<b>Day 9</b> Saturday 18 October	Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand Teams - Qualification Swiss	<b>Day 10</b> Sunday 19 October	Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand Teams - Qualification Swiss
<b>Day 3</b> Sunday 12 October	Mixed Teams - Qualification Swiss	<b>Day 4</b> Monday 13 October	Mixed Teams - Knock-Out Mixed Pairs	<b>Day 11</b> Monday 20 October	Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand Teams - Qualification Repechage - Knock-Out	<b>Day 12</b> Tuesday 21 October	Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand Teams - Knock-Out Open, Women's & Senior Pairs
<b>Day 5</b> Tuesday 14 October	Mixed Teams - Knock-Out Mixed Pairs	<b>Day 6</b> Wednesday 15 October	Mixed Teams - Knock-Out Mixed Pairs Awards Ceremony - Mixed Teams	<b>Day 13</b> Wednesday 22 October	Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand Teams - Knock-Out Open, Women's & Senior Pairs	<b>Day 14</b> Thursday 23 October	Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand Teams - Knock-Out Open, Women's & Senior Pairs Awards Ceremony - Rosenblum, McConnell & Rand Teams
<b>Day 7</b> Thursday 16 October	Mixed Pairs	<b>Day 8</b> Friday 17 October	Mixed Pairs Awards Ceremony Mixed Pairs Mixed Teams & Pairs Closing Cocktail	<b>Day 15</b> Friday 24 October	Open, Women's & Senior Pairs	<b>Day 16</b> Saturday 25 October	Open, Women's & Senior Pairs Awards Ceremony - Open, Women's & Senior Pairs Closing Ceremony followed by a cocktail



# World Bridge Calendar

DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
<b>2014</b>			
May 9-18	USBF Open Trials	Phoenix, AZ	<a href="http://www.usbf.org">www.usbf.org</a>
May 16-18	OECS Bridge Tournament	Rodney Bay, St. Lucia, WI	<a href="http://www.cacbf.com">www.cacbf.com</a>
May 17-24	5 <sup>th</sup> Open S. American Championships	Santiago, Chile	<a href="http://santiago2014.csbnews.org">http://santiago2014.csbnews.org</a>
May 18-25	German Bridge Festival	Wyk-auf-Föhr, Germany	<a href="http://www.bridge-verband.de">www.bridge-verband.de</a>
May 23-Jun 5	International Festival Juan-les-Pins	Juan-les-Pins, France	<a href="http://www.festivalsdusoleil.com">www.festivalsdusoleil.com</a>
May 25-Jun 1	Torneo de Bridge Costa Cálida	Murcia, Spain	<a href="http://www.aebridge.com">www.aebridge.com</a>
Jun 5-9	Grazer Bridge Week	Graz, Austria	<a href="http://www.bridgeaustria.at">www.bridgeaustria.at</a>
Jun 6-8	Midsummer Finlandia Open	Helsinki, Finland	<a href="http://www.midsummerbridge.com">www.midsummerbridge.com</a>
Jun 6-9	Barrier Reef Congress	Townsville, Qld., Australia	<a href="http://www.abf.com.au">www.abf.com.au</a>
Jun 7-13	2014 Calvi Tournament	Calvi, Corsica, France	<a href="http://www.bridgecalvi.com">www.bridgecalvi.com</a>
Jun 12-22	2 <sup>nd</sup> Asia Cup	Jin Hua City, Zhejiang, China	<a href="http://www.zgqpw.com.cn">www.zgqpw.com.cn</a>
Jun 21-Jul 2	52 <sup>nd</sup> European Teams Championships	Opatija, Croatia	<a href="http://www.eurobridge.org">www.eurobridge.org</a>
Jul 1-13	International Festival	Biarritz, France	<a href="http://www.biarritz-bridge.com">www.biarritz-bridge.com</a>
Jul 12-19	12 <sup>th</sup> European Youth Pairs & Camp	Burghausen, Germany	<a href="http://www.eurobridge.org">www.eurobridge.org</a>
Jul 12-24	2014 ANC	Sydney, Australia	<a href="http://www.abf.com.au">www.abf.com.au</a>
Jul 17-27	Summer NABC	Las Vegas, NV	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
Jul 25-Aug 3	20 <sup>th</sup> Swedish Bridgefestival	Örebro, Sweden	<a href="http://www.svenskbridge.se/festival">www.svenskbridge.se/festival</a>
Jul 26-31	Chairman's Cup	Örebro, Sweden	<a href="http://www.svenskbridge.se/festival">www.svenskbridge.se/festival</a>
Jul 30-Aug 3	Hong Kong Inter-City	Hong Kong, China	<a href="http://www.hkcba.org">www.hkcba.org</a>
Aug 1-9	Norwegian Bridge Festival	Fredrikstad, Norway	<a href="http://www.bridge.no">www.bridge.no</a>
Aug 8-17	Summer Meeting	Brighton, England	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Aug 13-17	Coffs Gold Coast Congress	Coffs Harbour, Qld., Australia	<a href="http://www.coffsbridge.com.au">www.coffsbridge.com.au</a>
Aug 13-23	15 <sup>th</sup> World Youth Championships	Istanbul, Turkey	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Aug 16-24	64 <sup>th</sup> International Bridge Festival	La Baule, France	<a href="http://www.bridge-club-labaule.fr">www.bridge-club-labaule.fr</a>
Aug 18/20	WBF Simultaneous Pairs	Online	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Aug 22-24	Festival de la Côte Basque	Biarritz, France	<a href="http://www.biarritz-bridge.com">www.biarritz-bridge.com</a>
Aug 23-31	Festival du Soleil la Grande Motte	La Grande Motte, France	<a href="http://www.festivalsdusoleil.com">www.festivalsdusoleil.com</a>
Aug 27-31	Territory Gold Bridge Festival	Darwin, NT, Australia	<a href="http://www.ntba.com.au/tgbf14.html">www.ntba.com.au/tgbf14.html</a>
Sep 1-5	Cavendish Invitational Teams & Pairs	Monte Carlo, Monaco	<a href="http://www.cavendishmonaco.com">www.cavendishmonaco.com</a>
Sep 5-7	International Teams Tournament	Monte Carlo, Monaco	<a href="http://www.federation-bridge.mc">www.federation-bridge.mc</a>
Sep 5-7	Isle of Man Congress	Douglas, Isle of Man	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Sep 6-17	International Bridge Festival	Pula, Croatia	<a href="http://www.pulabridgefestival.com">www.pulabridgefestival.com</a>
Sep 8-13	4 <sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Bridge Championship	Glasgow, Scotland	<a href="http://www.commonwealthbridge-scotland.com">www.commonwealthbridge-scotland.com</a>
Sep 12-21	Confiance Congress	Guernsey, Channel Is.	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Sep 19-28	XII International Festival	Havana/Varadero, Cuba	<a href="http://www.festivalbridgecuba.com">www.festivalbridgecuba.com</a>
Sep 27-Oct 4	31 <sup>st</sup> NZ National Congress	Hamilton, New Zealand	<a href="http://www.nzcba.co.nz">www.nzcba.co.nz</a>
Sep 30-Oct 3	7 <sup>th</sup> Small Federations Championship	Jurmala, Latvia	<a href="http://www.eurobridge.org">www.eurobridge.org</a>
<b>Oct 10-25</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Series</b>	<b>Sanya, China</b>	<b><a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a></b>
Nov 1-7	FISU World University Championships	Opatija, Croatia	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Nov 6-8	Marbella International	Marbella, Spain	<a href="http://www.marbellabridge.com">www.marbellabridge.com</a>
Nov 13-16	13 <sup>th</sup> European Champions Cup	Milan, Italy	<a href="http://www.eurobridge.org">www.eurobridge.org</a>
Nov 17-20	Buffett Cup V	Monte Carlo, Monaco	<a href="http://www.buffettcup.com">www.buffettcup.com</a>
Nov 27-Dec 7	Fall NABC	Providence, RI	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
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Jan 13-25	Summer Festival of Bridge	Canberra, Australia	<a href="http://www.abf.com.au">www.abf.com.au</a>
Jan 24-30	Bermuda Regional	Southampton, Bermuda	<a href="http://www.bermudaregional.com">www.bermudaregional.com</a>
Feb 21-28	Gold Coast Congress	Surfer's Paradise, Australia	<a href="http://www.qldbridge.com">www.qldbridge.com</a>
Mar 12-22	ACBL Spring NABC	New Orleans, LA	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
Jul 27-Jul 11	7 <sup>th</sup> Open European Championships	Tromsø, Norway	<a href="http://www.eurobridge.org">www.eurobridge.org</a>
Jul 17-25	European Youth Team Championships	Tromsø, Norway	<a href="http://www.eurobridge.org">www.eurobridge.org</a>
Aug 6-16	ACBL Summer NABC	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
<b>Sep 26-Oct 10</b>	<b>World Team Championships</b>	<b>Chennai, India</b>	<b><a href="http://www.bfi.net.in">www.bfi.net.in</a></b>
Nov 26-Dec 5	ACBL Fall NABC	Denver, CO	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>