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Editorial

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The Cavendish Invitational is a wonderful event which started in New York City in 1975, moved to Las Vegas in 1997, and then, in 2012, moved again, this time to Monte Carlo. The original idea for the tournament was the brainchild of John Roberts who, incidentally, produced and bankrolled the Woodstock Music Festival in 1969. The tournament is not quite unique in the world of bridge as there have been many imitators, though all on a smaller scale.

When the Cavendish Club in NYC closed its doors in 1991 for lack of membership, the tournament hung on there for a few years before packing up and moving to Las Vegas. Unspecified problems there caused World Bridge Productions (then the organisers) to seek other locations and with the assistance of Pierre Zimmermann and Jean-Charles Allavena, Monte Carlo was selected. The original idea was to alternate between Las Vegas and Monte Carlo, but that plan seems to have gone by the wayside.

Since coming to Monte Carlo, the Cavendish has introduced two great innovations. They added a third event, the Women's Pairs (okay, they call it the Ladies Pairs, a throwback to the past century) and they introduced a qualifying/final format (three sessions, then two, with partial carryover) to reduce the impact of 'shooting' by pairs out of or just-barely in contention.

Interlude: no mention of the Cavendish would be complete without noting Stevie Weinstein, a single-handed Blue Team/Aces in the event. He has won the Pairs seven times and has come second twice and third once. After the John Roberts Teams was introduced in 1983, he won that four times and had three second-place finishes. These placings have been earned with three different partners, Bobby Levin (chiefly), Fred Stewart and Zia Mahmood. It is an incredible feat in an event more geared to big boards than any format since total scoring. That Stevie is an extremely-successful poker player may have something to do with that. Or vice versa.

This was a segue into the issue of the composition of the most-recent field in the 2014 Cavendish, just completed and reported on next month. Although the field was very strong, there was not a single American pair in it. Additionally, there were no Asian, South American, African, or ANZ pairs. There were a few players from some of those Zones, but no pairs. From Europe, none of the top Italian pairs competed (Fantoni/Nunes took part, playing for Monaco), none of the top Swedish pairs entered, and only one of the top Dutch pairs (Brink/Drijver) took part. This means that the field included just two world champion pairs since 2008, Fantoni/Nunes and Brink/Drijver.

If the Cavendish is to survive as the prestigious event it has always been, this situation needs to be rectified. Money seems to be the driving force at the top of the bridge world. The Cavendish needs to make it more attractive for Americans to fly to Monaco to play. Even more problematic is that the Italians are within easy driving distance. Whether this means reduced entry fees or increased prize money for the players, as opposed to the auction bidders, is an issue that needs to be discussed with players such as Stevie Weinstein, Norberto Bocchi, Jeff Meckstroth, Peter Bertheau, Fred Gitelman and Bauke Muller. Find out what it would take for the top pairs to compete. It might also be beneficial to contact Nick Nickell and Maria Theresa Lavazza, among other sponsors, for their opinions. Pierre Zimmermann and J-C Allavena have not yet put a foot wrong in their association. Let's hope this continues.

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The WBF's World Youth Championships now comprise four categories: Junior (U-26); Girls (U-26); Youngsters (U-21) and Kids (U-16). The medallists were:

JUNIORS

Gold: **Norway** - Harald Eide, Kristian Ellingsen, Tor Eivind Grude, Kristoffer Hegge, Kristian Stangeland, NPC Lars Eide

Silver: **Netherlands** - Joris van Lankveld, Tom van Overbeeke, Tobias Polak, Ernst Wackwitz, Chris Westerbeek, Ricardo Westerbeek, NPC Wubbo de Boer

Bronze: **Poland** - Maciej Bielawski, Pawel Jassem, Michal Klukowski, Slawomir Niajko, Piotr Tuczynski, Jakub Wojcieszek, NPC Marek Markowski

GIRLS

Gold: **France** - Anne-Laure Huberschwiller, Anaïs Leleu, Jennifer Morgues, Jessie de Tessières, Aurélie Thizy, Mathilde Thuillez, NPC Jérôme Rombaut

Silver: **China** - Chen Li, Fu Bo, Li Hanxiao, Li Xinyi, Wu Qihao, Zhao Bing, NPC Zhang Guoqiang

Bronze: **Italy** - Gerogia Botta, Caterina Burgio, Federica Buttò, Margherita Chavarria, Margherita Costa, Michela Salvato, NPC Emanuela Capriata

YOUNGSTERS

Gold: **Sweden** - Ida Grönqvist, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt, Johan Säfsten, NPC Per Leandersson

Silver: **USA** - Nolan Chang, Christofer Huber, Oren Kriegel, Benjamin Kristensen, Kevin Rosenberg, Cole Spencer, NPC Barry Goren

Bronze: **Norway** - Christian Bakke, Espen Flått, Joakim Sæther, Marcus Scheie, NPC Lars Eide

KIDS

Gold: **Poland** - Michal Kaleta, Kacper Kopka, Michal Maszenda, Jakub Patreuha, Patryk Patreuha, Tomasz Pawelczyk, NPC Laszek Novak

Silver: **France** - Luc Bellicaud, Théo Guillemin, Romaric Guth, Victor le Lez, NPC Christophe Oursel

Bronze: **China** - Cheng Zhiyu, Fang Dongke, Jiang Bao Zhuo, Randy Pan, Shen Jiahe, Wang Zihan, NPC Hu Jichao

The Joan Gerard Awards are presented to the players in each category who are rôle models and best exemplify friendliness, aptitude, diligence, good behaviour and international spirit. The winners this time, voted upon by their peers, were the whole Botswana Team (Juniors), Jessica Brake, Australia (Girls), Ida Grönqvist, Sweden (Youngsters) and Jakub Patreuha, Poland (Kids).

There were two memorable things about these Youth Championships: firstly, they were characterised by being a family affair. If many of the names seemed familiar, it was because they were! Pawel Jassem, Piotr Tuczynski, Michal Klukowski, Dennis Bilde and Kevin Rosenberg all have famous bridge-playing parents. Mikael and Ola Rimstedt's sisters Sandra and Cecilia preceded them in the Junior ranks. There were also many other sibling acts playing in Istanbul, but not always with their brothers or sisters or even on the same team: Grönqvist, Eide, Grossack, Edgtton, Buus Thomsen, Jepsen, Bilde and Westerbeek were all families with more than one player. There were also four NPCs who were fathers of players, though not necessarily NPCs of their offspring: Michael Rosenberg, Lars Eide, Morten Bilde and Emil Jepsen.

Secondly, much of the play was excellent, and there seemed to be a lot (for a youth event) of well-executed deals. Here are some of them.

Youngsters RR2 USA1 v USA2 (Alder)

Board 17. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kriegel	Snowden	Huber	Hunt
—	1♣	2♦	Double
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Double	5♣	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

1. Enquiry

2. Three hearts and a maximum

Hunt could not have responded two hearts, because that would have been non-forcing (a negative free bid). Now it was down to the declarer play. What's the best play for six hearts? Both declarers (Ben Kristensen, South and Burke Snowden, North) set about establishing their own hand.

Dhir led the king of diamonds. Kristensen won with dummy's ace and played a spade to his queen. West won with his king and led another diamond. South ruffed, cashed the ace of spades, ruffed a spade high in the dummy (East discarded a club), then played a trump to his hand.

To make his contract, South could have run his trumps to squeeze West in the black suits. Or, more realistically, he could have played a club to dummy's king and continued with the ace of clubs. If East had discarded, South could have thrown a spade and crossruffed home. Or, if East had ruffed, South could have overruffed, trumped a spade in the dummy, returned to his hand with a club ruff, drawn West's last trump, and claimed. However, declarer ruffed another spade, on which East was able to throw his last club. So now when East ruffed the ace of clubs, the contract was one down. Perhaps East's first club discard should have sent up the warning flag.

In the other room, declarer Snowden won the spade-five lead with dummy's ace, played a club to his ace, ruffed a club with the ace of hearts, led a low heart to his nine, ruffed another club high, cashed the queen of hearts, played a heart to his jack and claimed, conceding only one spade. He took one spade, six hearts, one diamond and four clubs. That was very well done - had trumps been 4-0 or clubs 5-1, he'd still have had chances in spades. The result was 14 IMPs to USA2.

Juniors RR3 Netherlands v Turkey (Alder)

Good play went unrewarded here ...

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Koclar	Westerbeek	Suzer	Wackwitz
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣ ¹	Pass	2♥ ²
Pass	2♠ ¹	Pass	2NT ³
Pass	3♣ ¹	Pass	3♦ ⁴
Pass	3♥ ¹	Pass	3♠ ⁵
Pass	4♦ ⁶	Pass	4♥ ⁷
Double	Pass	Pass	Redouble ⁸
Pass	4♠ ⁹	Pass	5♣ ¹⁰
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Relays

2. Diamonds

3. A maximum

4. 5-4

5. 5=2=4=2

6. Set diamonds as trumps

7. Control-bid

8. The ace of hearts

9. Control-bid

10. Last Train

West	North	East	South
Overbeeke	Ozen	Polak	Aydogdu
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

In three notrumps, Aydogdu took four spades, one heart, three diamonds and two clubs for plus 630. Six diamonds is an excellent slam, and even seven diamonds has play – until you look at the East-West cards.

West led the king of hearts. Wackwitz won with his ace and drew three rounds of trumps. Now he needed to discard all three of dummy's heart losers before East could ruff in. That required finding East with four spades (or jack-fifth of spades and at least two clubs). And if East had that many spades, he was a favourite to hold the jack. So declarer cashed dummy's king of spades, then played a spade to his ten. Unlucky! West won and cashed the queen of hearts. Later, East's trump

trick meant two down and a fortunate 13 IMPs to Turkey.

Juniors RR9, Youngsters RR8, Girls RR7 (Alder)

Occasionally, along comes a deal that has everyone talking. In Istanbul, it was the following one.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

How do East-West get on in clubs or diamonds and North-South in hearts or spades?

This deal was played at 50 tables. In the 25 matches, the total number of IMPs scored was 231 – an average of 9.24 IMPs per match. And three times the board was flat. In one of the girls matches, both sides made five of a major exactly. In two junior matches, once both North-South pairs went one down in six spades (and both could have made their contract!), and once both declarers made five spades exactly.

In clubs, which would probably be played by West after East's Unusual Two Notrumps, North must lead a diamond to hold the contract to ten tricks. When South gets in with the ace of clubs, he leads a heart to his partner's ace and receives a diamond ruff. What a surprise! No pair found that.

In diamonds, again probably by West, the defenders can take three tricks: the ace of hearts, the ace of clubs and a club ruff. In hearts, the defenders will get one heart and one diamond.

Last, but most definitely not least, in spades, if South is the declarer, West, to defeat the contract, must lead either the king of hearts or a diamond. If a diamond, East must win as cheaply as possible and then either try to cash another diamond or switch to exactly the six of hearts. If six spades is played by North (presumably after a start of one heart-(two notrump)-three diamonds (showing spades), East must lead precisely the six of hearts to defeat the contract!

Now let's look at three matches. First, the women's battle between France and India. First:

West	North	East	South
Tessières		Thizy	
Pass	1♥	2NT	3♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

That was really unambitious bidding by the Indian girls. However, they did defeat five diamonds. North led the ace of hearts, switched to her club, and got her ruff. There was much more action at the other table:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Mourgues</i>		<i>Huberschwiller</i>
Pass	1♥	2♣	2♠
4♣	4♠	5♣	5♠
Pass	6♠	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Against six spades, West led the king of hearts. After South won with dummy's ace, what did she do? Confident that the lead was a singleton, Anne-Laure Huberschwiller seemed destined to lose one trick in each red suit. However, after drawing trumps ending in the dummy, she called for the two of diamonds! As you can guess, East went up with her ace – and it is easy to feel sympathy for her. Here, though, it was a disaster. That wonderful play by Huberschwiller gained 17 IMPs for France.

Now let's turn to New Zealand against Chinese Taipei in the juniors.

In the Open Room, this was the auction:

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>		<i>Chen</i>	
Pass	1♥	2NT	3♣ ¹
4♥	5♥	Pass	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. At least game-invitational in hearts

North led the ace of hearts, so the contract went one down. As an aside, it feels wrong to me for South not to show his spades first. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Tai</i>		<i>Huang</i>
Pass	1♥	2NT	3♠
5♣	5♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the three of diamonds, low from an odd number. What did Hao-Wei Huang do? Yes, he smoothly played low from the dummy and East ... put up his ace. As West said afterwards, he should have led the queen of diamonds. Remember that for the next time you know your side has a lot of cards in a suit. Chinese Taipei gained 16 IMPs on the board. Last but not least, we get to the junior match between Argentina and Sweden.

This was the auction in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Grönkvist</i>		<i>Gullberg</i>	
Pass	1♥	2NT	Pass!
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

North led the ace of hearts, so the contract made for plus 400. This was the far more interesting sequence at the other table:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Hult</i>		<i>Stokka</i>
Pass	1♥	2NT	3♠
4♣	4NT ¹	5♣	5♥ ²
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass

1. Roman Key Card Blackwood for spades
2. Two key cards but no queen of spades

After West led the jack of clubs, what did Adam Stokka do? He saw that he needed the king of hearts to be a singleton and also some sort of squeeze. So he won with his ace of clubs, ruffed his second club in the dummy, and ran his trumps to bring about this end-position:

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

On the last trump, dummy discarded a heart, but what could East spare? Nothing! If he had thrown the jack of diamonds, Stokka intended to duck a diamond to take the last three tricks with the ace of hearts, the king of diamonds and the queen of hearts. And when East pitched a heart, that suit ran. Brilliant!

Those were three great pieces of declarer play.

Juniors RRI9 Australia v Sweden (Melander)

In round 19 of the junior teams, almost all tables played in three notrumps on Board 14. If you check the 22 results, you will see that half the field made the contract while the other half went down, some by two or three tricks. This was declarer's mission:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>N. Edgtton</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>A. Edgtton</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣ ¹	Pass	2♦ ²	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Any 16-plus points or six-plus hearts
2. 8-plus points, game-forcing opposite 16-plus

West	North	East	South
<i>Williams</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Thompson</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Against Simon Ekenberg, the defenders started with three rounds of diamonds. Declarer won the third round with the ace, discarding a club from dummy. The king-queen of spades and ace of clubs were cashed by declarer, everyone following suit. Ekenberg led a heart to dummy's queen and South's ace. Adam Edgtton in South now returned a club. Ekenberg went up with the king and had virtually nothing left to play for except for the jack of hearts to fall under his king. When it did, he had his nine tricks.

In the open room, Stephen Williams declared the same contract and received a devilish defence against him. Again three rounds of diamonds were played, and declarer cashed the king-queen of spades and ace of clubs before leading the four of hearts. By playing in this way, Adam Stokka (South) was pretty sure that declarer held the king of hearts and the king of clubs. And that placed partner with the jack of hearts because declarer had promised a balanced 18-19 in the bidding and had already shown 19. Stokka also knew that if declarer got his hearts running, he would have nine tricks. So when declarer called for the queen of hearts from dummy, Stokka ducked in tempo!

Declarer then cashed dummy's ace of spades, hoping for a 3-3 break. When that didn't work, he ran the ten of hearts, finessing South for the jack. The devilish duck by Stokka hit the jackpot for Daniel Gullberg (North), who now was able to cash his diamonds. Later, South got a trick with the ace of hearts to bring the contract two down.

Juniors RR21 Poland v USAI (Alder)

The last two rounds of the juniors round robin could not affect who qualified for the quarterfinals, only the selection of opponents (first place choosing among fifth through eighth, then second, then third). But that did not stop an interesting couple of boards arising in the final round.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

♠ J 8 7 4
 ♥ Q 3
 ♦ K 9 6 5 4
 ♣ A 2

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

♠ 3
 ♥ K 10 9 7 6 2
 ♦ A 2
 ♣ Q 9 7 6

West	North	East	South
Z. Grossack	Jassem	A. Grossack	Wojcieszek
—	—	1♦	1♥
1♠	INT	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Kaplan	Tuczynski	Brescoll
—	—	1♣ ¹	1♥
Double ²	Redouble	1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Natural or balanced outside the range for a one notrump opening up to 23 points
2. Four or five spades

Piotr Tuczynski, under no pressure, took eight tricks in two spades. As a BBO commentator mentioned, it was surprising to see Zach Grossack making a game-try (with three clubs) rather than a game try (by bidding four spades immediately). But, admittedly, the opponents had been noticeably active. Against four spades, Pawel Jassem led the queen of hearts. Declarer won in the dummy and played a diamond to his queen. North won and led another heart. West ruffed, played a low club to dummy's king, and continued with the jack of clubs. North won and returned a diamond to his partner's ace, giving this position:

♠ J 8 7 4
 ♥ —
 ♦ 9 5 4
 ♣ —

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

♠ 3
 ♥ K 9 7 6
 ♦ —
 ♣ Q 9

When South led the nine of hearts, playing perfectly, Zach ruffed with his queen of spades, led a low trump to dummy's nine, discarded a club on the ten of diamonds, ruffed the eight of diamonds, and crossruffed

the last three tricks for a magical plus 620 and 11 IMPs to USA1.

That was beautifully played, but did you spot the defence's one chance? When declarer led the first club from his hand, North had to win with his ace and play a diamond to his partner's ace. Then a heart through declarer gives him two losing options. If he pitches or ruffs low, North overruffs for one down; or if West ruffs high, North discards his remaining club.

Juniors RR21 Australia v Turkey (Alder)

There are some deals where Deep Finesse tells you a specific contract can be made, but only if you play with X-ray vision. On more deals, you will seem to be going down, but can occasionally suddenly snatch success from the jaws of defeat. This deal was played during the last round of the juniors round robin.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

♠ 10 9 3 2
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ Q 8 2
 ♣ K Q 10 3

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

♠ A 8
 ♥ J 10 6 3
 ♦ J 10 9 5 3
 ♣ 9 8

West	North	East	South
Koclar	N. Edgtton	Suzer	A. Edgtton
—	1♣	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Williams	Altindag	Thompson	Kapusuz
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	Pass	—	—

The auction to one notrump in the closed room probably happened several times. And Jamie Thompson won seven tricks exactly.

Two aggressive actions, Nabil Edgtton's 11-point opening and Ugurcan Suzer's one-notrump overcall, led to East being in three notrumps at the other table. Adam Edgtton led the jack of diamonds, which declarer ducked. East took the next diamond and played a spade to dummy's jack. Deep Finesse will tell you that to make the contract, declarer must lead a low spade from the dummy and play low from his hand, bringing down the ace. Right!

Now back to the real world. Suzer led a club from the dummy and took North's king with his ace. Then a

low spade brought out the ace. East took the third diamond with his king and unblocked his queen of spades to give this position:

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

Now declarer, knowing from the bidding that North had the ace of hearts, went for his one chance: He played a heart to dummy's eight. When that pulled out the ace, the contract was home. Suzer took three spades, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. Very nicely done, and not surprisingly, Suzer was the only player to take nine tricks in the whole field.

Finally, to stem the flood of e-mails, no doubt you noticed how South could have defeated the contract. When in with the ace of spades, he had to lead his second club, with North playing low. Then the defenders would have taken five tricks. That play is not impossible to find, I guess, especially if presented on a piece of paper, but tough at the table.

Youngsters Quarterfinal Set 2 Norway v Hong Kong (Rigal)

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ng	Bakke	Chan	Flått
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♠	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West	North	East	South
Sæther	Tsang	Scheie	Wan
—	—	2♦	Pass
2♠	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Both Norths followed route one to goal, but in the Open Room Flått (South) passed, worried that his partner might have a skewed pattern and hoping that his spade honour would bolster his side's holding on a spade lead. Right up to a point, but East was less likely than usual today to lead a spade ... after a diamond lead and continuation, declarer needed only the queen of hearts to fall to bring home his game. But when it didn't, the defenders ran diamonds and held declarer to five tricks. Down 400.

In the other room, Wan scored a goal when he decided his partner rated to be balanced, and transferred to hearts (four hearts by South goes down on the spade ruffs). After two rounds of diamonds Tsang won and played three rounds of hearts. East won to lead a third diamond, ruffed in dummy. This was the position:

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

What would you discard from hand on the third diamond, and what is your plan? Jackson Tsang counted out the deal and established to his satisfaction that West had six spades, three diamonds and two hearts, thus a doubleton club. He pitched a spade from hand and led a club to his jack. When Scheie ducked, Tsang saw his plan through by continuing with the king of clubs to pin the queen. Beautifully done, since had he pitched a club from hand, he could have been defeated. And had he run the ten of clubs, West would have played low, and then, when he followed low (yes, the jack would have allowed him to recover), East would have won and played back a club to lock declarer in his hand. That was 14 IMPs to China Hong Kong.

Youngsters Semifinal Set 1 Sweden v Norway (Melander)

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

♦ 5 2
 ♣ Q 8 7 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Flått</i>	<i>Grönqvist</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>M. Rimstedt</i>
Pass	1♥	3♣	Pass
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Ida Grönqvist from Sweden in the Youngsters semifinal played four hearts beautifully. She received the ace-of-clubs opening lead, then a shift to the jack of hearts. Grönqvist won with dummy's queen, led a diamond to the jack, then cashed the ace of hearts, discovering the bad break in trumps. Next came the ace of diamonds and the king of spades, ducked by West. Grönqvist then cashed the king of diamonds and played a spade to dummy's ten. West won with the ace and returned his last club – ruffed by declarer to leave this end-position, with declarer needing three of the last four tricks:

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

Grönqvist led the nine of diamonds, ruffed by West, who found himself endplayed! On the nine of spades return, declarer discarded her good diamond, winning in dummy with the queen of spades. The king-nine of hearts were poised over west's ten-eight for the ensuing trump coup. Well done.

At the other table, Norway overreached to five notrump. Strangely enough, the defence can only come to three tricks against this dreadful contract, but that was enough for Sweden to gain 12 IMPs.

Youngsters Semifinal Set 2 USAI v France (Carruthers)

One of the best pairs in the Championships was Kevin Rosenberg-Benjamin Kristensen of the USA. As they played in the Youngsters event this time, we shall expect to see them three more times after graduating to the Juniors. On the following deal from the second of four sets, Rosenberg took a slight chance that the partnership was lacking a spade control. At the time, USAI led by 9 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Deheeger</i>	<i>Kristensen</i>	<i>Boulin</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦ ¹
Pass	2NT ²	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠ ³
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT ⁴
Pass	5♣ ⁵	Pass	5♦ ⁶
Pass	6♦ ⁷	Pass	7♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Neutral
2. 22-23 HCP balanced
3. Slam try in hearts
4. RKCB
5. 1 or 4 key cards
6. Queen ask
7. Heart queen and diamond king

It was possible (albeit unlikely) for North not to have a spade control at the point when South bid Blackwood. However, it was worth the risk when all the key cards, the trump queen and the diamond king were located. That was an easy 13 tricks for USAI – plus 2210.

At the other table, the first seven bids were the same. At that point, the French South bid four hearts. With all his controls and great trumps, North carried on (South had made a slam try with three spades), but a grand slam was never in the picture. Plus 1460 to France and 13 IMPs to the USA.

In the fourth quarter of the match, Kevin Rosenberg demonstrated very mature declarer-play technique.

Board 48. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Marie	Kristensen	Vincenot
1♥	Pass	3♦ ¹	Double
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. 4-card limit raise in hearts

Marie led out the ace and another diamond. Rosenberg ruffed the second, drew trumps, and ran the nine of clubs to the ten. Vincenot shifted to the six of spades, won by declarer's ace. Rosenberg had two chances: clubs 3-3 or the spade queen onside. Could he combine those chances? To do so, he'd need to keep South out of the lead, lest a second spade through forced a premature guess.

There was an avoidance play available. When declarer led a second club toward the dummy, North played low, so Rosenberg went up with the ace and got out with a third club. Luckily for him, North was forced to win and could not continue the attack on spades effectively. When the clubs proved to be 3-3, declarer had a parking spot for his spade loser and plus 620.

At the other table, in the same contract but, without the double of an artificial three diamonds, North led a trump, so South was able to win the first diamond and push through a spade. The tempo then belonged to the defence, who were able to score a spade trick in addition to their diamond and two clubs, for plus 100. That was 12 IMPs to USAI and the final nail in the coffin for France, down 53 with eight boards to go.

Juniors Semifinal Set 3 Poland v Norway (Rigal)

It was pure coincidence that the match was on Vugraph at all – the commentators had picked the other junior match to watch but, commentators propose, Baldi dispoth, as the old saying so nearly goes. And a brilliant decision it was too, as the Norwegians came rushing back from a 34-IMP deficit.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ellingsen	Klukowski	Eide	Tuczynski
Jassem	Grude	Wocjieszek	Hegge
—	—	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Both Souths played in three notrump after an unrevealing auction, and both Wests elected to go after clubs. Declarer ducked the opening club-queen lead, won the next club in hand, and led a spade to the queen and king. When the defenders cleared clubs, Tuczynski won in dummy and led a spade to the ten, and a diamond to the ten, queen and ace. The defenders played a third spade, and declarer could take eight tricks from here on in but no more.

Hegge instead, at trick five, led a diamond to the king and ducked a diamond to the bare ace. (His rationale was that West appeared to have no four-card major and only four clubs thus was much more likely to have four diamonds). Declarer finessed on the spade return, cashed all of his diamond and spade winners, and threw East in with a spade to lead hearts. Nine tricks and 10 IMPs.

Youngsters Final Set 3 Sweden v USAI (Di Sacco)

Board 34. Dealer East. EW Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Grönkvist	Kristensen	M. Rimstedt
—	—	1♥	2♦
2♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass
West	North	East	South
Rimstedt O.	Huber	Säfsten	Kriegel
—	—	1♥	2♦
2♠	4♦	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Oren Kriegel earned his side a huge swing when he found the textbook surround defence to beat Johan Säfsten's four-heart contract, while his teammates were scoring 500 against five diamonds doubled, a non-vulnerable save by Grönkvist-Rimstedt. Kriegel led the ace of diamonds: four, five, six. What next? It didn't take Kriegel much time to identify the deal as one that appears in newspaper columns. He tabled the jack of clubs and hit the jackpot.



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725. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

While both players stretched in the bidding, the final contract proved to be a good one. West began with the ace and king of hearts. Declarer ruffed the second heart and played the king of spades, which held the trick. West took the low trump continuation with the jack and forced declarer with a heart, reducing declarer to two trumps, the same number as West had. Now, no matter how declarer played West would make both of his remaining trumps and so defeat the contract.

As ever, dummy was critical of the line chosen. "If trumps had been 3-2, then almost any plan would have succeeded," he offered. "So, you should have thought about overcoming a 4-1 break in trumps. You had to ruff the second round of hearts, but you should have continued with a low trump at trick three. Suppose West had played his jack – you would still have had a low trump in dummy to take care of a heart continuation. It would have been no better for West to have played low, for then dummy's ten would have won the trick. The continuation of a trump to the king would have left West in a position where he could have done no better than to have won and forced you with a heart.

After discarding a club from dummy, you would have ruffed in hand and played the queen of trumps. This would have left West with just the master jack in trumps, which he could have taken whenever he pleased while you ran the diamonds and, if necessary, the top clubs. You would have made ten tricks by way of four trumps and six tricks in the minors."

726. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

After the Jacoby conventional response to his opening bid, showing at least a game raise in spades, and some control bidding, South drove to the small slam in spades. West led the jack of clubs and it was covered by the queen, king and ace. Declarer continued with the ace and king of trumps, getting the news that there was an unavoidable trump loser when West discarded a heart at trick three.

Declarer now paused to consider what he needed to make his slam with this turn of events. Obviously, he needed to play four rounds of diamonds with East following suit so that he could discard two of his club losers. If this came to pass, the fifth diamond would see his last club disappear; restricting the defenders to just East's certain trump trick. Declarer realised that if East started with four diamonds then he would be twice as likely as West to have the jack of diamonds. So, South finessed the nine of diamonds next. After it held, declarer cashed ace of diamonds, crossed to dummy with the king of hearts and played the king and queen of diamonds, discarding clubs from his hand as East helplessly followed suit. When East ruffed the next diamond it was a trick too late as declarer discarded his last remaining club. This was the only trick declarer lost.

You should note that if it had been West rather than East who had the trump trick, declarer would have

started diamonds by cashing the ace and then finessing dummy's ten.

727. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West began with ace, king and another heart. Dummy threw a low diamond while East parted with a spade and a diamond. After winning with the jack of hearts, declarer counted the six tricks in the red suits and saw that he needed three tricks from the black suits. As West was marked with both black aces, declarer took advantage of this by leading the two of spades from his hand at trick four. This caught West in a Morton's Fork: he could not afford to rise with the ace of spades as that would give declarer have three spade tricks and his contract.

After dummy's king of spades won the trick, declarer crossed to his hand with a diamond and led a low club, catching West in a second Morton's Fork. Again, West would have given the contract away if he had played his ace and so dummy's queen of clubs won the trick. This brought declarer's trick count to eight and all that remained was to play a low spade his queen and West's ace. Dummy parted with a club on the heart continuation and declarer won the trick with his queen of hearts. After crossing to dummy with a diamond to the jack, declarer cashed the jack of spades and then claimed nine tricks. He made two spades, two hearts, four diamonds and a club.

728. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

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

West led the jack of spades after this straightforward auction. Declarer counted six top tricks. He saw that unless there were a singleton or doubleton ace of diamonds, he would make only two tricks in the diamond suit; otherwise the defender with the ace of diamonds would take it only on the third round of the suit. So, declarer had only eight certain tricks.

The one chance for a ninth trick outside of diamonds was in clubs. Any approach would do if clubs proved to break 3-3. Declarer saw that there was an extra chance available in the suit if he ducked a club at trick two. East took the trick with the nine and returned a spade to declarer's ace. Now declarer cashed the ace of clubs and was please to see the queen fall on his left. Declarer's next move was to play the king of diamonds, which was allowed to hold. A diamond to the queen won and declarer now led dummy's remaining club towards his jack-six. East rose with the king of clubs and declarer's jack of clubs was then his ninth trick.



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Burghausen was the place to be in July. Apart from the European Youth Bridge Pairs Championships, the town also played host to a fantastic medieval festival. The *Burghausen Tourist Office* was one of the sponsors of the Championships and its director, Sigrud Resch told us all about the wonderful opportunities for sightseeing in this part of Germany. Overlooking the town is Burghausen Castle (built before 1025), which, at 1,043 metres in length, is the longest in the world. The town is also known for its International Jazz Week and has a Street of Fame where many of the world's best-known jazz musicians have their names inscribed in the pavement.

It was clear from the start that these Championships would set a new attendance record, with over 220 pairs taking part. This easily eclipsed the total of 172 pairs achieved in Vejle, Denmark in 2012, Twenty-six countries were represented and in terms of participation, Poland topped the table with 58 players. The Netherlands had 48, followed by Germany with 44 and Ireland with 38.

Mixed Pairs

The leaders at the half-way point (and eventual silver medallists) in the Mixed Pairs were Moshe Meyouhas and Adi Asulin of Israel, so your Bulletin reporter decided to seek the reasons for their success. On the following deal, the opponents were Raffael Wadl and Tamara Charkow of Austria.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wadl	Asulin	Charkow	Meyouhas
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

One spade was fourth-suit forcing. West led the jack of hearts. Meyouhas won in hand with his ace and finessed the queen of spades. He next ran the eight of clubs, losing to the ten. When Wadl continued with the king of spades, Meyouhas decided the suit was not breaking, so he won and took another club finesse. This time West won with the queen and tried the three of hearts. Meyouhas gave this a suspicious look but it was quite possible West had originally led from a shorter holding, so declarer eventually played a reluctant king, and continued with a third club to West's ace, upon which East threw a diamond. West continued with hearts.

At this point, declarer had eight tricks in sight but where could the ninth come from? The best chance was a squeeze, so Meyouhas ducked the heart and threw a diamond from hand. Now Wadl had to be careful. If he had exited with a club, East would have been squeezed. South can throw a spade, cross to dummy's diamond and the fourth heart kills East. But Wadl exited with a diamond and declarer did not have the transportation for the squeeze. East made a diamond at the end to defeat the game. Minus 50 was only 7 of 50 for the Israelis. Making three notrump would have scored 30.

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Deheeger</i>	<i>Thomsen</i>	<i>Thepaut-Ventos</i>	<i>Thomsen</i>
—	INT	2♦ ¹	Double
2♥ ²	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
1. One major			
2. Pass or correct			

East led the six of hearts to the nine, jack and queen. Declarer played the ace of diamonds and a diamond to the queen. West took the king and switched to the two of clubs: ace, three and five. Declarer crossed to dummy with a heart and cashed three diamonds. West reduced to the ace-jack of spades and jack-eight-six of clubs, but could not avoid being endplayed on the third round of clubs to surrender a trick to dummy's king of spades. That was excellent card-reading for plus 430 and 44 matchpoints.

To defeat three notrump, East must avoid a heart lead – not at all easy and hardly anyone managed it.

Junior Pairs

The carry-over to the finals of the pairs events, shown handily to seven decimal places, was put on each table. So all pairs knew exactly what fraction of a matchpoint (or more) they needed to close the gap on those in front. The gap between first and twenty-sixth was exactly two tops (48 matchpoints).

Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ivanov</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Yaninski</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣ ¹	Pass	2♠ ²
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- Gazilli: weak with clubs or strong
- Doubleton spade, 6-8 HCP

East led the queen of clubs and declarer won, cashed the ace of spades, crossed to dummy with a heart and took the spade finesse. He drew the outstanding trump, played another round pitching a diamond, then exited with a club. East won with the ten and switched to

the two of diamonds. Declarer knew West had started with the queen of spades and the king of clubs – perhaps that was enough to tip the balance, but he went up with the king of diamonds almost immediately to score plus 420 and 17-7.

From the fourth session of the Junior final ...

Board 2. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bielawski</i>	<i>Erez</i>	<i>Niajko</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

It looked as if East/West were on the way to six hearts but clearly, at some point, confusion set in. North led the king of diamonds (a trump is the killer, but only Brother Hubert from the monastery would find that). Declarer won with the ace of diamonds, played a heart to the queen and cashed the ace of hearts, pitching a diamond.

At this point, declarer can get home by ruffing a heart, cashing the top spades, ruffing a diamond and then cross-ruffing, exploiting the trump position. Instead, declarer played three rounds of spades, ruffing as North correctly disposed of the king of hearts, preventing declarer from reverting to the winning line. Declarer tried a heart from dummy and when South discarded a diamond (a spade is simpler) so did declarer and North ruffed.

Seeing no danger, North missed the winning continuation of a trump and played a diamond, but declarer ruffed in his hand with the five and then cross-ruffed the last five tricks.

The Heroes of Burghausen

Mixed Pairs

Gold: Justyna Zmuda & Lukasz Witkowski, Poland
 Silver: Adi Asulin & Moshe Meyouhas, Israel
 Bronze: Signe Buus Thomsen & Emil Buus Thomsen, Denmark

Junior Pairs

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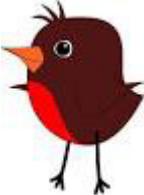
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 Silver: Natalia Banas & Carla Groenland, Netherlands
 Bronze: Justyna Zmuda & Aleksandra Jarosz, Poland

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 Silver: Luc Tijssen & Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Netherlands
 Bronze: Colin Deheeger & Arthur Boulin, France

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Hobe Sound, FL



Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Bridge columns reporting on tournaments tend to feature the top stars. But less-illustrious competitors do produce beautiful plays – as in the diagrammed deal from the Truscott/United States Playing Card Senior Swiss Teams here last month.

Sitting South was Robin Taylor, who has been seven-time world champion Alan Sontag's better half for almost 30 years. Taylor was in five diamonds. How did she avoid losing three tricks?

In the auction, East allowed the unfavourable vulnerability to dissuade him from overcalling three spades. After that, North-South did well to avoid three no-trump, which would have failed after West led the spade jack and East ducked to keep communication with his partner.

Against five diamonds, West led the spade jack. East won the first trick with his spade king and shifted to a heart. South won with her ace and saw that even if she could draw trumps safely, she would be left with at least two spades and one heart to lose. Or, if she ruffed her last two spades in the dummy, she would presumably be establishing a trump trick for the opponents. Taylor realized that she would probably need a trump endplay.

To reduce her trump length, declarer cashed her club king, played a club to dummy's ace and ruffed a club in her hand (East discarded a spade). South ruffed a spade in the dummy, cashed the diamond ace, ruffed a club in her hand, trumped the spade queen with dummy's diamond king and played a heart to her king to give this position:

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

South led her last heart. West was forced to ruff and lead away from his diamond jack into declarer's queen-ten tenace. That delightful play by Robin Taylor exhibits how bridge can be artistic, not just logical.

SEKs APPEAL
Paul Lamford,
London



ÖREBRO

When David Kendrick and I were invited to make up a team with Michael Byrne and Mike Bell for the Chairman's Cup in Örebro, we jumped at the chance. Sweden was a country I had not spent any time in, apart from flying there and crossing the magnificent Øresund bridge from Malmö to Copenhagen once. It has a reputation for good food and hospitality and that proved to be the case.

One hundred and sixty-six teams from 13 countries entered the event, which had over 300,000 SEKs in prize money. Thirty-two teams qualify for knockout play: 1-16 pick opponents from 17-32. On the next round, 1-8 pick from 9-16, and so on. If you beat a

higher-ranked team you take over their rank. So no bracketing is needed.

The defending champions, Fem på nya äventyr, had the most interesting name. Swedish speakers familiar with Enid Blyton, will recognise the book *Five Go Adventuring Again*. There are plenty of other Famous Five books to use if they keep the same team! They probably had 500 Swedish caps and a dozen Bermuda Bowl appearances in total. Johnny Östberg, Anders Morath, Sven Åke Berregård, Christer Bjäring and Tommy Gullberg were justly the favourites for the event.

This was one of the more interesting boards ...

Scylla and Charybdis

Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lamford	Lantz	Kendrick	Carlsson
1♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

In the other room, on a much different auction to the same contract, Mike Bell led the seven of diamonds and declarer had no problem.

A simple strong-and-four auction led to the normal game here. Lamford faced the more testing lead of the eight of clubs (third and fifth). He rose with the ace, cashed the ace of spades, and played three top diamonds. North ruffed with the eight of spades, but Lamford over-ruffed, and exited with a club. Both opponents were Morton-forked simultaneously. If South won and played a diamond, dummy would ruff and play a trump and North would be endplayed, declarer playing for split minor honours in hearts. Similarly if North won the club, he would have to open up the hearts immediately.

Some strong players, commenting on BBO later, thought that playing three rounds of diamonds immediately was slightly better, but a simulation showed that this would fail to some layouts with king-low of trumps and a low doubleton diamond, and even to a singleton trump with a low doubleton diamond. It is close, but the line chosen at the table was solid enough and had the virtue of bringing home the bacon. Although we qualified for the 32-team knockout in fourth place, we won all of our KO matches to run out winners. This was certainly an event I would play in again.



The second session of the Girls final went very much the way of France. Going into the set trailing by 32.7-35 IMPs, they came out of it ahead by 93.7-50, after taking the set by 61-15.

France earned 10 IMPs on this deal where Aurélie Thizy outplayed her Chinese counterpart to bring home a game contract.

Board 17. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Morgues	Fu	Huber-schwiller	Li
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
West	North	East	South
Wu	De Tessières	Zhao	Thizy
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	2♣	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Both Wests led the six of clubs to the two, jack and ace. Li Hanxiao, for China, crossed to the queen of spades to take the heart finesse. Jennifer Morgues won the heart king and led a second club and, with the diamond honours both offside, the contract had to fail by a trick, declarer losing two diamonds, a heart and a club, for minus 50.

In the other room, Aurélie Thizy also led a spade to the queen at trick two. However, she continued by drawing the remaining trumps, before running the ten of diamonds to East's queen. Back came a heart. It would have been easy to take the finesse without thinking, but that would have cost the contract – West would have won with her king and led a second club through to set up a fourth defensive winner before the diamond had been

established. But Thizy knew exactly what she was doing. Playing safely, she rose with the ace of hearts and led a diamond to the jack and ace. She just had to lose a heart, as the club loser went away on the king of diamonds. That was nicely played for plus 420 and 10 IMPs to France.

That wasn't the only nice play possible on the deal. It was pointed out from the audience that East might have won the first diamond with the ace to play a heart. Now declarer might have relaxed and finessed, playing for 12 tricks. When West won and returned a club, declarer would have hopped up with dummy's king, unblocked the hearts and run the trumps. In the two-card ending she would have had the club ten and a diamond in hand. West would have kept two diamonds and dummy the king-jack of diamonds. East would have come down to the queen of diamonds and the queen of clubs ... and now, could you have blamed declarer for taking the diamond finesse?



Welcome to David Appleton's Nightmare

Nick Fahrer (The Bridge Shop) provided the following deal from the Butler Trials, noting the similarity to the deal from the 1980 Olympiad Teams final in which Bob Hamman led the wrong ace against a French grand slam, losing the title because of it.

Butler Trials, Stage 2, Round 14. Board 18. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ 10 9
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ Q 10 7 6 4 3
 ♣ K 9 3

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

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

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

After the auction, David Appleton was in the Hamman hot seat, on lead with two aces and having to choose the right one against a grand slam. Like Hamman, Appleton chose the one that seemed more logical. Like Hamman's choice, it proved to be wrong. Declarer ruffed the ace of clubs, played the ace of diamonds and set up the spades. He had discards for his heart losers from both hands. That gave Michael Draper/Normand MacLaurin plus 1630 and 15 IMPs against the datum of plus 430 North/South.

Attack of the Jedi

Richard Jedrychowski (Jedi) is a very dangerous opponent. Witness his skill on today's deal from the Butler Trials.

Round 5. Board 19. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ 9 7 6 2
 ♥ Q
 ♦ A 9 7 5 2
 ♣ K 9 7

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

♠ K
 ♥ A 10 9 5 4
 ♦ K J
 ♣ J 8 5 3 2

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

West led the ace of spades and continued with the queen, ruffed by declarer. South played the king of diamonds, the diamond jack to the ace and a third diamond, ruffed low and overruffed. West returned a high spade; East discarded a heart and South ruffed. Next came the ace of hearts and a low heart, ruffed in dummy.

On the nine of spades from the dummy, East ruffed with the ace of clubs and South discarded the five of hearts. East returned the ten of clubs. Declarer tried to entice West to cover by playing the jack, but West followed with the six. Jedrychowski won with the king of clubs anyway! He allowed the queen of trumps to score in order to make two of the last three tricks himself. He ruffed the seven of diamonds, setting up the fifth diamond, and West had no answer. If West overruffed, dummy's nine of clubs and nine of diamonds would have been high. If he did not overruff, South would play a heart from hand and score the nine of clubs *en passant*.

Note that if declarer fails to overtake the jack of clubs with the king, he can ruff a heart with the CK, but

then the defenders will win the last two tricks. Making three clubs was worth 3 IMPs on a datum of plus 10 to North/South.

Doing the Splits

This deal arose in a qualifying round of the Grand National Open Teams at the NSW Bridge Association.

Session 3. Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

North led the king of hearts and continued with the queen of hearts. South overtook and switched to the four of clubs. Declarer played the ace of clubs, then the two of spades to the ten and ace, South discarding a heart. Declarer played the two of diamonds to the king, the ten of diamonds to the ace and took a diamond ruff. A club to the queen was followed by another diamond ruff. These cards remained:

<p>♠ Q J 4 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 6</p> <p>♠ K 8 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ K 5</p>	<p>♠ 9 7 5 ♥ — ♦ 7 ♣ —</p>
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<p>♠ — ♥ 10 8 ♦ — ♣ J 9</p>	
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West cashed the king of clubs, pitching the seven of diamonds, and led his last club. North could make only one trump trick. East/West plus 590.

At the other table, Paul Gosney, West, also declared in four spades, but not doubled. He followed the Andrew Peake line, card for card, to make ten tricks, plus 420, but losing 5 IMPs.

Note the necessity of leading a low spade towards dummy, not the king of spades first. If North follows

with the four when West leads the low spade, declarer should insert a spot card from dummy. This is a safety play against North holding all four trumps, even when North has not doubled four spades.

Cool Hand, Look

Simon Andrew of Queensland telephoned me. "Have I got a great deal for you. It's an amazing safety play," he said.

Dealer South dealer. NS Vul.

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

1. Precision, artificial, 16+ points
2. For takeout

West leads the ace of diamonds and switches to the five of clubs: nine – ten – ace. What next?

After the auction above and the play to the first two tricks, the instinctive move is to play the ace of spades to draw trumps. Any time the spades are 2-1, you will be able to use the nine of spades as an entry. If the defence does not play a second club you can play the ace and another heart and use the nine of spades as the entry to the hearts. If they do revert to clubs and it turns out you have a club loser, you can still cross to the nine of spades and take the heart finesse.

However, with spades 3-0, it is fatal to play the ace of spades. Now you cannot reach dummy and will lose two spades and one more trick, either in hearts or in clubs. You can survive if you continue at trick three with any spade other than the ace. You can play the jack or the ten or low to the nine or six.

Suppose you play the two of spades to the six or, equivalent, any low spade to the nine. If East wins, this will be the position (see top of next page).

East is end-played in four suits! A spade return or a heart switch allows declarer to reach dummy for a finesse in the other major. On a club return or a diamond (South pitching a club) declarer comes to dummy and finesses first in hearts and then in spades for eleven tricks.

<p>♠ 9 4 ♥ Q J 10 6 3 ♦ — ♣ J 6 4</p> <p>♠ — ♥ 9 8 7 2 ♦ Q 10 7 4 3 ♣ 3</p>	<p>♠ K 5 ♥ K 5 ♦ J 8 6 ♣ Q 8 2</p> <p>♠ A J 10 8 7 3 ♥ A 4 ♦ — ♣ K 7</p>
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Suppose instead that you play the jack or ten of spades at trick three. If East takes this, the position is equivalent to the one above. However, now East can prevent your reaching dummy by not taking the trick. South can continue with the ace and another spade or with a low spade. If a low spade, East wins and must return a spade, else declarer reaches dummy. If the ace and another spade, East must revert to diamonds. South ruffs and plays out the spades. With one spade to go, this is the ending:

<p>♠ — ♥ Q J 10 ♦ — ♣ J 6</p> <p>♠ — ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ Q 10 ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ K 5 ♦ J ♣ Q 8</p> <p>♠ 3 ♥ A 4 ♦ — ♣ K 7</p>
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On the last spade East cannot afford a heart or a club, so must pitch the jack of diamonds. Now South can play the ace and another heart or the king and another club. In either case, South makes the last two tricks.

Note that, in the worst-case scenario of West having led a singleton club, when you play a low spade to (say) East's singleton honour and East gives West a club ruff (you ducking, of course, West would then be end-played, having only red cards remaining).



Cavendish Winners

Teams: Michel Eidi/Vassili Vroustis,
Michel Bessis/Thomas Bessis
Pairs: Kryzstof Buras/Grigorz Narkiewicz
Women's Pairs: Dana Tal/Noga Tal



IBPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & AWARDS

Monday a.m. Oct. 20, 2014

Sanya, Hainan, China

Proposed Agenda

1. **Remembrance** of members deceased since last AGM.
 2. **Minutes** of the AGM and Awards held on 23rd September 2013 in Bali (see Bulletin 585, pages 20-24) and matters arising.
 3. **Officers' Reports:** President, Chairman, Secretary
 4. **Appointees' Reports:** Editor, Liaison Officer, Membership Secretary.
 5. **Treasurer:** Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2013, budget and proposal regarding subscriptions for the year 2015. Auditor's report for 2013 (Richard Fleet).
 6. **Elections:** Officers for election to 2016: President: Patrick Jourdain (Wales); Chairman: Per Jannersten (Sweden); Exec Vice-President: Jan van Cleeff (Netherlands); Organisational Vice-President: Dilip Gidwani (India); Secretary: Herman de Wael (Belgium); Treasurer: Richard Solomon (New Zealand).
Proposed for annual election are: Hon. General Counsel: David Harris (England); Hon. Auditor: Richard Fleet (England).
Automatically continuing without election are the Presidents Emeritii: Tommy Sandsmark (Norway); Henry Francis (USA).
 7. **Election of Executive Members:**
Proposed for a 3-year term to 2017: John Carruthers (Canada); Barry Rigal (USA); Gavin Wolpert (USA).
Already elected to 2016: David Stern (Australia); Brent Manley (USA); Tadashi Yoshida (Japan)
Already elected to 2015: Geo Tislevoll (Norway); Nikolas Bausback (Germany); Ron Tacchi (France)
Note: Appointees in post: Awards Chairman: Barry Rigal (USA); Editor: John Carruthers (Canada); Membership Secretary: Jeremy Dhondy (England).
 8. **The IBPA Annual Awards**
 9. **Any other competent business.**
- Patrick Jourdain (President)**



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We recently asked Gianarrigo Rona two questions: (1.) What will happen to the Senior medals from Bali? (2.) What is the status of VuGraph in Sanya? Here is his reply ...

Dear John,

Concerning your questions:

1. Being that the decision of the Appeal Tribunal is final and binding, the matter will be discussed and decided by the Executive Council in Sanya.

2. In Sanya, the broadcasting will be, as for the previous event, done by both BBO and OurGame. The only exception is that since OurGame is the Sponsor and Co-organizer of the event with the CCBA, the final will be broadcast by them exclusively: of course, provided the service is of high quality, in English, and perfectly available for free everywhere in the world.

Un abbraccio, Gianarrigo

We also asked Fred Gitelman to comment. Fred's reply was a summary of BBO's letter to the WBF in April. It is worth taking a look at it.

To: World Bridge Federation (WBF)

Attn: Jeff Polisner

From: Bridge Base Online, Ltd (BBO)

Re: Online vugraph at 2014 World Championships

The WBF has asked BBO to submit a bid to obtain the exclusive rights to broadcast vugraph from the 2014 World Championships in Sanya, China. BBO respectfully wishes to suggest that the WBF is making a mistake in trying to monetize vugraph. Furthermore, BBO believes that the very notion of exclusivity in this area is impossible to enforce (both technically and legally) and is contrary to the best interests of both the WBF and the bridge-playing public at large. There are various reasons why we strongly believe in these positions:

1) Online vugraph is the most effective medium ever developed for promoting interest in high-level bridge among casual players and among those who are new to our game. Restricting access to such presentations will adversely affect their potential impact.

2) The only viable way for service providers to recoup the money they spend to acquire exclusive rights is through charging viewers a fee to watch online vugraph. That would effectively restrict the vugraph audience to only the most serious players while destroying the promotional potential of online vugraph described in point number one above.

3) Such developments will alienate the NCBOs that

provide much of the WBF's funding. It will be difficult for these NCBOs to continue to justify such funding when one of the primary ways in which the WBF benefits NCBO members is the widespread and free availability of online vugraph from the World Championships.

4) Such developments will alienate the many unpaid volunteers (expert commentators, vugraph operators, and technicians) who generously donate their time and energy to help produce high-quality free online vugraph presentations.

5) Such developments will alienate the hundreds of thousands of bridge fans from all over the world who greatly enjoy the opportunity to learn from watching our game being played by the best of the best.

6) Vugraph data is not subject to copyright law. There is no way for the WBF (or anyone else) to prevent "rogue broadcasters" from creating their own vugraph presentations of WBF events regardless of whether or not some other entity has purchased the exclusive rights to such broadcasts.

Of course we at BBO recognize the substantial costs that the WBF incurs in producing vugraph. We are sympathetic to the position that the WBF is in since we have also invested heavily in vugraph over the years. We believe that this has been (and continues to be) money well spent. The bottom line is that free vugraph is good for bridge.

It is part of BBO's basic mandate that vugraph should be presented for free. We are not willing to even consider changing this position. We strongly believe that there is no place for exclusivity in online vugraph. As such, we are unwilling to offer the WBF any money for something we believe should not exist.

What we are willing to do is to offer various incentives that we believe will increase the value of vugraph for the WBF, especially in terms of potential to attract corporate sponsors. In particular:

- WBF can have all advertising rights during BBO vugraph presentations of their events
- We can arrange for viewers to access live vugraph directly through the WBF's web site and/or the web sites of the WBF's major sponsors
- There are various ways we can promote the WBF to the 100,000+ bridge players who log in to BBO every day (lobby news, automated chat messages during vugraph, etc).

We sincerely hope that this document will result in the WBF reconsidering their position in this area and that the WBF and BBO will continue their longstanding cooperation of working together for the good of bridge.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss these matters further.

Fred Gitelman, President, Bridge Base Online, Ltd.

World Bridge Calendar

DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
2014			
Sep 6-17	53 rd International Bridge Festival	Pula, Croatia	www.pulabridgefestival.com
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 19-21	Grand Prix de Madrid	Madrid, Spain	www.grandprixdemadrid.com
Sep 19-28	XII International Festival	Havana/Varadero, Cuba	www.festivalbridgecuba.com
Sep 26-29	Slovakia Grand Prix	Poprad, Slovakia	www.bridgeclub.sk/en
Sep 27-Oct 4	31 st NZ National Congress	Hamilton, New Zealand	www.nzcba.co.nz
Sep 30-Oct 3	7 th Small Federations Championship	Jurmala, Latvia	www.eurobridge.org
Oct.8-14	EBU Overseas Congress	Becici, Budva, Montenegro	www.ebu.co.uk
Oct 10-25	15th World Bridge Series	Sanya, China	www.worldbridge.org
Oct 24-26	12 th Sergije Poklepovic Memorial	Opatija, Croatia	www.crobridge.com
Oct 29-Sep 6	ABF Spring Nationals	Sydney, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Nov 1-7	FISU World University Championships	Opatija, Croatia	www.worldbridge.org
Nov 3-9	Madeira International Bridge Open	Madeira, Portugal	www.bridge-madeira.com
Nov 6-8	Marbella International	Marbella, Spain	www.marbellabridge.com
Nov 8-9	Bavarian International	Munich, Germany	www.bridge-im-lehel.de
Nov 10-16	Women's Bridge Festival	Online	www.worldbridge.org
Nov 13-16	13 th European Champions Cup	Milan, Italy	www.eurobridge.org
Nov 13-23	20 th Red Sea Festival	Eilat, Israel	www.bridgeredsea.com
Nov 26-30	36 th ASEAN Club Championships	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	www.mcba.org.my
Nov 27-Dec 7	Fall NABC	Providence, RI	www.acbl.org
Dec 10-17	SportAccord Mind Games	Beijing, China	www.worldmindgames.net
2015			
Jan 13-25	Summer Festival of Bridge	Canberra, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Jan 15-18	Copenhagen Bridge Invitational	Copenhagen, Denmark	www.bridge.dk
Jan 16-18	RadissonBlu IMP Pairs	Copenhagen, Denmark	www.bridge.dk
Jan 24-30	Bermuda Regional	Southampton, Bermuda	www.bermudaregional.com
Feb 5-11	EBU Overseas Congress	Lanzarote, Spain	www.ebu.co.uk
Feb 10-15	NEC Bridge Festival	Yokohama, Japan	www.jcbl.or.jp
Feb 20-26	49 th International Bridge Festival	Tel-Aviv, Israel	www.ibf-festival.org
Feb 21-28	Gold Coast Congress	Surfer's Paradise, Australia	www.qldbridge.com
Mar 12-22	ACBL Spring NABC	New Orleans, LA	www.acbl.org
Mar 31-Apr 1	120 th Canadian Nationals	Toronto, ON	www.unit166.ca
Apr 1-7	APBF Youth Teams Championships	Bangkok, Thailand	www.thailandbridgeleague.com
Apr 8-12	Yeh Bros Cup	Shanghai, China	chihuachen2001@yahoo.com.tw
Apr 24-May 3	Jersey Festival of Bridge	Lambourne, Jersey, Channel Is.	www.ebu.co.uk
Apr 30-May 4	ABF Autumn Nationals	Adelaide, Australia	www.abf.com.au
May 15-23	28 th CACBF Zonal Championships	Christ Church, Barbados, W.I.	www.cacbf.com
May 21-25	Graz Bridge Days	Graz, Austria	www.bridgeaustria.at
May 21-31	50 th Asia Pacific BF Championships	Bangkok, Thailand	www.thailandbridgeleague.com
Jun 6-14	17 th German Bridge Festival	Wyk/Fuhr, Germany	www.bridge-verband.de
Jun 27-Jul 11	7 th Open European Championships	Tromsø, Norway	www.eurobridge.org
Jul 11-23	Australian National Championships	Fremantle, WA, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Jul 17-25	European Youth Team Championships	Tromsø, Norway	www.eurobridge.org
Aug 11-18	Coffs Gold Coast Congress	Korora, NSW, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Aug 6-16	ACBL Summer NABC	Chicago, IL	www.acbl.org
Aug 14-23	Brighton Summer Congress	Brighton, UK	www.ebu.co.uk
Sep 4-6	Isle of Man Congress	Douglas, Isle of Man	www.ebu.co.uk
Sep 11-20	Confiance Guernsey Congress	Guernsey, Channel Is.	www.ebu.co.uk
Sep 26-30	NZ National Congress	Hamilton, NZ	www.nzbridgecongress.co.nz
Sep 26-Oct 10	World Team Championships	Chennai, India	www.bfi.net.in
Oct 21-29	ABF Spring Nationals	Sydney, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Nov 26-Dec 5	ACBL Fall NABC	Denver, CO	www.acbl.org