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## World Bridge Series Special



## THE ROYALTY OF SANYA



### The Queen



Marion Michielsen won two  
World Championships: the Mixed  
Teams and the Women's Teams.

### The Princess



Meike Wortel won the Women's  
Teams for the McConnell Cup and  
came second in the Mixed Pairs.

### Le Dauphin



Michal Klukowski (the "Heir  
Apparent") won the Rosenblum  
Cup, becoming, at 18, the  
youngest player ever to win a  
major World Championship.

### The Princes Regent



Reese Milner and Hemant  
Lall won the Rand Cup for  
Senior Teams and placed  
second in the Senior Pairs,  
capturing the silver medal.

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You hold: ♠ 9 3 2 ♥ Q J 9 7 5 ♦ J 7 5 ♣ 9 5

With no one vulnerable, you are in first seat and pass with that trash and so does your LHO. Your partner opens in third seat with one heart and RHO overcalls one spade. What do you bid?

Here is the deal ...

**Qualifying Round 8. Board 24. Dealer West. Neither Vul.**

## ROSENBLUM OPEN TEAMS

One hundred and twenty-three teams entered the Open Teams Championship for the Rosenblum Cup. They would play a two-day Swiss to determine the 32 qualifiers for knockout play, but with a wrinkle: after one day the field would be divided into two halves, top and bottom. The top, "A", group would qualify 27 teams while the "B" group would produce 5 teams. (These were called Semifinal A and B.) Carryover to Day 2 was 60% for Group A and 50% for Group B, meaning most teams still had a chance to make the K.O. after Day 1. In this scheme, it can seem a bit more advantageous to finish at the top of Group B rather than at the bottom of Group A (along with the fact that, in theory at least, all the best teams are in A).

### SWISS QUALIFYING

#### Play Bridge with a World Champion by Micke Melander

Gunnar Hallberg, winner of gold medals in both São Paolo and Philadelphia in the Senior Teams, has long been known for his grasp of the psychological aspects of the game. Here he presents a problem.

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

West	North	East	South
Hallberg			
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
INT!	2♠	Double	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

"It's the most natural and obvious one-notrump bid you can make", Gunnar says. "You have to remove the opponents' interest in bidding spades over your eventual game in hearts. You don't have a clue to which level they can afford to bid. But you would like to buy the board in game or as cheaply as possible."



**2014 Rosenblum Cup Winners** - (l. to r.) Krzysztof JASSEM, Stanislaw GOLEBIOWSKI, Piotr GAWRYS, Michal KLUKOWSKI, Włodzimierz STARKOWSKI, & (front) Marcin MAZURKIEWICZ, (All of Poland)

This board was from the Round 8 in the Rosenblum qualifying Swiss and earned Hallberg and his BLACK team 4 IMPs when his teammates sacrificed in four spades at the other table for minus 300.

### Little Fish Are Sweet by Barry Rigal

In the semi-final phase of the qualifying event, when DIAMOND met MARK GORDON, this board was played in two spades by North/South for Gordon, down 100. At this table, Pepsi played in one notrump as East on the auction shown below.

#### Semifinal Swiss Round 7. Board 1. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Diamond	Pepsi	Platnick
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	1NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Brian Platnick led the heart eight, and Pepsi put up the jack, ducked by John Diamond. A second heart went to the king for a shift to the jack of spades, around to the queen. Now a club to the queen, and a club back saw Platnick put up the jack – a card he was soon to be known to hold. Diamond ducked the king of clubs, so Pepsi led a diamond to the queen, and Platnick made his second nice play when he ducked that. Now a diamond to the ten and jack saw this ending reached:

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

Diamond exited with the ten of spades, overtaken by Platnick with the king. At this point, South's distribution appeared to be 5=1=5=2, so Pepsi took the ace and exited with a club, expecting to get a heart trick in the ending. But the defenders took one club and two tricks in each of the other suits for down one. Nicely done.

There were a few surprises in the qualifying stage, notably the fiftieth place finish of the CAYNE team (Cayne/Seamon, Lauria/Versace, Zmudzinski/Balicki), 16

Victory Points adrift of the twenty-seventh and final qualifying spot. They had been one of the pre-tournament favourites. They were not the only team to go out unexpectedly early.

## THE KNOCKOUT ROUNDS

The knockout matches were rather short by World Championship standards, 42 boards in length until the final, which was 56 boards long.

### Master Play by Mark Horton

Piotr Gawrys is one of Poland's superstars. A WBF Grand Master, he has won three World Championships, the 1984 World Team Olympiad, the Transnational Mixed Teams 2000 and the Transnational Open Teams 2005. His other first-place finishes include the Generali World Masters Individual in 1992, the European Teams Championships 1993, and the European Open Pairs 1995. On this deal from the Rosenblum round of 32 he afforded us a glimpse of his skill.

#### Round of 32. Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

East led the three of clubs and declarer took West's nine with the queen, pitching a diamond from dummy and played a heart to the jack. When that held, he played a heart to the king, a spade to the ace and cashed the ace of hearts pitching a club. So far, so good but when declarer exited with a heart, West won and returned the seven of clubs. With East holding the ace of diamonds the contract was doomed, one down, minus 50.

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Play started in identical fashion, East leading the three of clubs, declarer taking West's nine with the queen, pitching a diamond from dummy and playing a heart to the jack, a heart to the king, a spade to the ace, then cashing the ace of hearts, pitching a club.

Rather than playing another heart, declarer played a diamond to his king. East took the ace and returned the king of clubs, but declarer ducked, discarding one of dummy's hearts, won the spade switch with dummy's king, cashed the queen of diamonds and exited with a heart. West won with the nine, but had no good move. If he exited with a club, declarer would win and return a spade, forcing West to surrender the game going trick. Saving time, West cashed the queen of spades and declarer claimed the last two tricks, plus 400 and 10 IMPs to MAZURKIEWICZ.

### The Mighty Gawrys by Brent Manley

In 1888, Ernest Thayer wrote a poem that is famous in American lore. It's called *Casey at The Bat*. It's the story of Mighty Casey, a fictional baseball player who is called upon in the late stages of a baseball game to come through for his team. In the NICKELL–MAZURKIEWICZ match in the Open Teams Round of 16, Piotr Gawrys found himself in a position not unlike that of the Mighty Casey. Gawrys was in a touchy four-spade contract, the final board of the match. If Gawrys made it, MAZURKIEWICZ would move on to the quarterfinal. If he went down, it'd be on to the pairs.

#### Round of 16. Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

At the other table, Levin and Weinstein had played in two spades after a Flannery auction, making nine tricks for plus 140.

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Against the spade game, Meckstroth started with a trump. Gawrys played low from dummy and Rodwell took the king. At trick two, concerned about dummy's hearts, Rodwell played a diamond, taken by Meckstroth

with the jack. Meckstroth cashed the ace of diamonds and continued with a trump. Gawrys won in dummy and played the ace of hearts, followed by a low heart. Rodwell discarded a club and Gawrys ruffed. He then ruffed a low diamond with the jack of spades and called for another low heart, ruffing again as Rodwell discarded another club. Gawrys, now out of trumps in his hand, entered dummy with the king of clubs. This was the position:

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

Gawrys cashed the ace of spades to pull the last trump, declarer discarding a club and South a heart.. On the play of the king of hearts, Rodwell could not find a good discard. The squeeze brought the contract home for a 6-IMP swing. Had four spades gone down, plus 50 would have resulted in a 5-IMP swing for NICKELL, good enough for them to be victorious.

### MONACO v. LEBRON Quarterfinal by Mark Horton

There were some tough deals in the second session of the Rosenblum quarterfinal between MONACO and LEBRON. This was one of them:

**Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	3♠	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

East led the king of diamonds and, when West followed with the two, he switched to the king of clubs. West overtook it with the ace and tried the ace of diamonds. Declarer ruffed and ducked a club to West's queen.

He ruffed the diamond return and now does best to exit with the king of hearts, which might allow him to escape for three down. However, declarer instead exited with the king of spades and East took the ace and returned a diamond. Declarer ruffed and played the jack of spades. West won with his queen and played another diamond, leaving declarer without resource. He tried pitching hearts on the diamonds, but West cashed the ace of hearts and played another heart, ensuring a trick for East's nine of spades, five down, minus 1400.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
—	2♠	2NT	Pass
4♠ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>2</sup>	Pass
5♣ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	5♠ <sup>4</sup>	Pass
6♦ <sup>5</sup>	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Diamonds; may have slam interest
2. Likes diamonds; even number of key cards (Turbo?)
3. Ace of clubs
4. Ace of spades
5. No grand slam interest

Here North's more conservative action left East/West with much more room and they quickly reached a slam that appeared to be doomed. However, when North elected to lead the four of hearts, the situation changed dramatically, as at a single stroke the contract became unbeatable.

Declarer won with dummy's queen of hearts, drew trumps, played a heart to the ace, eliminated the clubs and exited with a heart. North won with the king and had to lead into the split spade tenace. It would not have helped North to unblock the king of hearts, as although it would then be possible for South to win with the jack, he would be the one to be endplayed.

You can imagine how it went at the scoring up – “Board 21, plus 920.” “Well done, lose 10 IMPs.” “By the way, would a double by South in this type of situation ask for a spade lead (imagine South held a likely trick in addition to the spade void)?

Turbo may be new to you. This convention was originally designed to be employed with Neapolitan cue bids, which show a first- or second-round control after a fit has been established. It became part of the Blue Club system developed by Benito Garozzo. The fundamental concept of Turbo is that the partner bids four notrump to show an even number of key cards. A bid higher than four notrump promises an odd number of key cards and also first-round control in the suit bid.

### The Barry Rival Collection By Mark Horton

During the course of a major championship, Barry Rival keeps an eye open for deals that might be in

contention for one of the IBPA's annual awards. A couple of days ago he remarked that he has never collected so many deals from any other tournament, such has been the quality of play.

The Red Bull Rosenblum semifinal between MONACO and DIAMOND witnessed another deal that will surely not escape Barry's attention.

**Board 25 Dealer North. EW Vul.**

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

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	1♥	Pass	2♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

It was a pity that North did not raise to three notrump as then we would have had a chance to see if West would have found the lead of the ace of spades. (I am confident declarer would have negotiated the diamond suit after a low spade lead.)

West led the queen of clubs against three diamonds. Declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the king and ace. West switched to a trump and declarer took East's nine with the ten and played to ruff two clubs, finishing with plus 130.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	1♥	Pass	2♦
2♠	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The Dutchmen pursued the sound policy of ensuring that, with an opening bid facing an opening bid, they got to game. West led the queen of clubs. Declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the king and ace. West returned the queen of spades and declarer ruffed, cashed the king of clubs, ruffed a club with the jack of diamonds, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club with the king of diamonds, played a diamond to the ten, cashed the ace of diamonds and exited with a diamond. East had to win and, exhausted of black cards, he had to lead into the split tenace in hearts, giving declarer a beautifully played plus 400 and 7 IMPs.

**Ramblin' through the Rosenblum –  
The Final by Barry Rigal**

**Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.**

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

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
—	—	1♣ <sup>1</sup>	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Polish: 2+ clubs; natural, balanced or strong

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
—	—	1♦	1♥
2♦	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Zimmermann did not have enough to move over Multon's only mildly-invitational jump in spades, Klukowski stretching to make a cue-bid raise of Gawrys' bid in the other room.

While Multon contented himself with nine tricks, Gawrys received a friendly club lead and found a nice way to come home against an adverse break in either major. He won the club lead and finessed in hearts, ruffed a heart, played the ace and king of spades, ruffed another heart, and exited with his penultimate spade. This way, he lost two clubs and a spade but would have brought home ten tricks if hearts had split and spades had not.

**Ramblin' through the Rosenblum Part II  
by Barry Rigal**

**Board 45. Dealer North. Neither Vul.**

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

♠ A 9 4 2  
♥ 10 8  
♦ A Q 10 8 3  
♣ 9 3

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

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Helness</i>
—	Pass	1♣	5♥
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>
—	Pass	1♣	4♥
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Where Gawrys had opened (a typically-weak, balanced) one club, he would have done more than bid four spades over his partner's double of four hearts, had the auction gone that way. Fantoni was in a different position: he had shown 15-plus already, so did not have so many extras. Thus, defending four hearts was more attractive. This looked likely to be 7 IMPs away, but whereas Helgemo escaped for minus 800 on a trump lead to five hearts doubled (losing six tricks), the defence to four hearts doubled was surgical. A club to the queen, two diamonds, the spade ace, then a second club to the ace. Now a third club forced declarer to ruff high and a top heart to the ace saw the fourth club promote a trump for West. That was seven tricks for the defence and a push. Bien joué!

**Board 46. Dealer East. NS Vul.**

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Helness</i>
—	—	2♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
4♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4♥ <sup>3</sup>	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Weak 2 in either major
2. Bid the suit under your major
3. Spades

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>
—	—	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Four spades, when played by West, is certainly a measurably-superior contract to when it is played by East, but Fantoni was harshly punished here. After a club lead, declarer won and played a trump. Starkowski won the ace to play ... a low diamond. Fantoni played the deal very well – he rose with the ace of diamonds,

reasoning there were decent chances to develop a diamond if South had a doubleton diamond honour; so up went the ace and down went the contract. He pitched his diamond on the hearts, ruffed a diamond, and cashed the second top club, before ruffing a diamond back to hand. Had this stood up, he would have exited with a club and been sure of two trump tricks in the three-card ending. But South overruffed and cashed a club, with a spade to come at the death.

The results of the knockout matches from the quarterfinals onward were:

**Quarterfinals**

MONACO 95 – LEBRON 87
DIAMOND 151 – YUETAO OF GUANGZHOU 43
MAZURKIEWICZ 88 – FLEISHER 75
VENTIN 105 – LAVAZZA 88

**Semifinals**

MONACO 83 – DIAMOND 70
MAZURKIEWICZ 90 – VENTIN 76

**Final**

MAZURKIEWICZ 131 – MONACO 80
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## THE WORLD OPEN PAIRS

**Bridge Magic by David Stern**

If Jack Zhao says he has an interesting deal to report, you should listen. Board 12 of the second round of the Open Pairs qualifying was one such deal.

**Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.**

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Luo</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♥
3♦	3♥	4♣	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Zhao's bid of four diamonds was intended to let partner know that the hand belonged to them. West led the three of diamonds and Zhao decided that it was unlikely that West held the king, so he rose with the ace and immediately ruffed a diamond in hand.



**2014 World Open Pairs Winners:**  
(l. to r.) Inon LIRAN &  
Ehud FRIEDLANDER (Israel)

Seeing four likely losers, Zhao had to conjure up something special to make the contract – and he did, albeit with a little help from the opponents, something we all need in pairs tournaments. After ruffing the diamond, Zhao played the ace, king and a third spade. It was a critical moment for the defence. East must ruff his partner's spade winner with a 'useless' trump and play either his second trump or the ten of clubs to break up the ending that Zhao achieved when East did not find the key play. West continued with a diamond, ruffed by Zhao to follow with a club to the ace and a spade through East. It made no difference what East did, whether he ruffed or discarded with declarer on play in this ending:

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

At this point, Zhao had lost only one trick. When he exited with a club, the defence was helpless. If West had held the lead, he'd be endplayed in trumps or forced to lead a diamond, allowing Zhao to discard one of dummy's club losers and ruff in hand. If East had overtaken with the king of clubs, Zhao would then have had only one club loser. West would have made a trump trick, but Zhao would have secured his contract.

Well done by Zhao, who already has one gold medal for winning the Red Bull Mixed Pairs. He finished his Open Pairs session with 55.6%.

### You Be the Judge! by Barry Rigal

I was brought this fine deal by the person on the receiving end of the story, Janusz Makaruk. He and his partner Pawel Niedzelski were in great shape in the pairs, but their compatriots (Jagniewski and Gawel) handed them a near-zero on this deal.

#### Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

Wojciech Gawel led a trump against two hearts, letting Rafal Jagniewski win and return a trump. On this trick South could hardly signal for a spade since if declarer had the king he didn't want his partner underleading the ace, so he followed with his low trump as declarer won in hand. Makaruk led a club to the two, king and ace, and Jagniewski underled his ace-king of spades! That let Gawel win and play a third heart; plus 110 was an 8% board for East/West and 92% for North/South.

### A Delightful Irish Power Play by Micke Melander

John Carroll and Tom Hanlon scored 100% on this board in the first session of the Open Pairs final.

#### Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	Hanlon	Pass	Carroll
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

“How did you manage to bid to six notrump?” was my first question for the Irishmen.

“Well, the auction went very fast,” they explained: “One club was two-way with either a weak balanced hand (11-13) or any 17+HCP. One spade was still two-way. South jumped to game, assuming partner was balanced with the weak hand. Then five notrump was pick a slam with the stronger version, and there we were.”

“How on earth did you manage to make it then?” was my second question.

“Easy,” they said.

“Really?” I replied, looking unconvinced.

“Sure. West led his longest and strongest, a heart to East’s ace, and we had 13 tricks ... had it not been for the fact that the defence had already won a trick.”

Added Hanlon, “He would have made it anyway,” laughing.

“How?” I asked.

“We haven’t figured that out yet.”

Here is the solution with West leading a passive spade:

Win the opening lead in hand with the ten and play the king of hearts, discarding a diamond from dummy. East will probably duck this trick, but suppose he captures the second round of hearts (club from dummy) to return a third. Declarer wins with the jack of hearts, discarding another diamond from dummy. Now unblock the queen of spades, cash the king of diamonds, play a diamond to the ace and win two rounds of spades to reach the following position:

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

Cashing the jack of spades squeezes East in three suits: a heart leads to immediate failure; a club exposes partner’s jack to a finesse. So East must discard a diamond and South lets go the now-useless heart eight. West is then squeezed in turn in the minor suits.

The defence might discard otherwise and set it up for West to guard hearts. In that case, another double squeeze will be reached, when East has to hang on to his jack of diamonds and West will be forced to discard himself down to doubleton-jack in clubs.

I’m sure that’s how John Carroll would have played it!

Since you are probably trying to defeat the contract, you are wondering what would happen if the defence also ducks the second round of hearts. How to play then?

With three tricks in the bag, you play your queen of spades and overtake it in dummy with the king. Then, when cashing out the remaining spades, you will reach the following position:

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

West has been forced to discard all of his hearts to retain the minor-suit guards. East has to keep his two hearts to ensure that the defence retains two tricks in the suit. Now you play a diamond to the king, a diamond to the ace and throw West in on a third round of diamonds to force him to open up the frozen club suit. That gives you the remaining tricks through the finesse in clubs.

I’m sure John Carroll would have played it like this if they had ducked twice in hearts!

### Oops! by Mark Horton

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lanzarotti</i>	<i>Su</i>	<i>Manno</i>	<i>Li</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	3♣	Pass	4NT <sup>2</sup>
Pass	5♥ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Fourth suit forcing
2. RKCB
3. 2 key cards

I'm not sure what the bridge version of "Oops" might be – perhaps it is this deal from the seventh session of the Open Pairs final.

West led the five of hearts (at first the BBO operator had West leading the three of clubs – the only lead that is sure to defeat the contract – with East withholding the ace!). Declarer won with dummy's ace and missed the chance for immortality when he played the four of clubs from dummy. When East failed to rise with the ace, declarer eventually came to twelve tricks by taking a spade finesse. Rather than run the risk of losing two tricks in clubs, declarer might have considered the possibility that East might come under pressure.

Cashing four hearts followed by running the diamonds would have forced East down to king-jack-four of spades and ace-nine of clubs before the last diamond. When declarer plays dummy's last diamond East must part with a club. Declarer then plays a spade to the ten and exits with a club to endplay East. Oops!

The top positions in the Open Pairs went to ...

1. Ehud FRIEDLANDER – Inon LIRAN (Israel)
2. Jacek KALITA – Michal NOWOSADZKI (Poland)
3. Thomas BESSIS – Cédric LORENZINI (France)
4. David BERKOWITZ – Chris WILLENKEN (USA)
5. Przemyslaw JANISZEWSKI – Marcin KRUPOWICZ (Poland)

## THE McCONNELL WOMEN'S TEAMS

Only 22 teams entered the Women's Teams for the McConnell Cup. They played a round robin with eight teams qualifying for knockout play. The quarterfinals were 42 boards in length; after that, 56 boards were played.

### The Day after Tomorrow by Mark Horton

This deal comes from the Round 2 match in the McConnell between POLLACK and CHINA RED. It has taken me so long to key it in that its appearance in the Bulletin might well coincide with my title.

#### Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

1. Precision
2. Values
3. Asking for a stopper

East led the ace of diamonds: three, seven, jack. When she continued with the queen, declarer ruffed, crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs, ruffed the third diamond, drew the outstanding trump and played three rounds of hearts. That was sure to endplay whoever won the trick for plus 400.

West	North	East	South
Rang	Picus	Wang	Berkowitz
—	1 ♣	Double	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

It's hard to know what went wrong here. It reminds me of the occasion when a lady asked Terence Reese, 'Mr Reese, how should I have bid that last hand?' to which he replied, 'Differently.'

Declarer lost a spade to West and a heart and a diamond to East for plus 130 and 7 IMPs to CHINA RED.

### Dodging the Bullet by Mark Horton

When I asked Barry Rival to look out for a deal where a defender had avoided a fatal pitfall, thereby dodging the bullet, he almost instantly suggested this deal from Round 13 of the McConnell qualifying phase:

#### Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

<p>♠ A 9 7 ♥ Q ♦ Q J 10 3 2 ♣ K Q 7 6</p> <p>♠ 10 5 2 ♥ K 10 3 2 ♦ 4 ♣ A 10 9 5 2</p>	<p>♠ J 4 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ A K 7 6 ♣ J 8 4 3</p> <p>♠ K Q 8 6 3 ♥ A J 7 6 5 ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ —</p>
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In the match between CHINA RED and DEZHOUQUIAOXIE (Pushi), four spades was rapidly reached at both tables (as it was virtually everywhere else). In the Open Room, West led her diamond and East won, cashed a second diamond and gave her partner a ruff. When West tried to cash the ace of clubs declarer was home free, plus 620. Four spades was defeated only four times out of 22, once where



**2014 McConnell Cup Women's Teams Winners:** (l. to r.) Meike Wortel (Netherlands), Lynn Baker (USA); Karen McCallum (USA), NPC Cenk Tunkok (USA). Sally Brock (England), Nicola Smith (England), Marion Michielsen (Netherlands)

North was the declarer, making it much easier to avoid playing the ace of clubs. In the Seniors, four spades was defeated only twice in 18 attempts.

Clearly, the West players were worried that declarer might discard one or more losing clubs on dummy's diamonds, but did they miss something?

Suppose declarer held ♠KQ863 ♥AJ76 ♦985 ♣3? It is safe to exit with a trump, as declarer cannot cover all the losers. It is only when declarer has something like ♠KQJ863 ♥AJ7 ♦985 ♣3 that it is essential to cash the ace of clubs after taking the ruff.

It's hard to resist the temptation to lead the singleton diamond, but leading a trump at trick one puts the defenders in charge, even if declarer has six trumps, so whilst the few who resisted the temptation to try and cash the ace of clubs get an honourable mention, the winner of my award for the best opening lead of the Championships is Wei Wang of CHINA ORANGE, as she was the only one in the McConnell to start with a trump and defeat the contract.

### From the McConnell Cup Qualifiers by Barry Rigal

Sylvie Willard declared six clubs on a top diamond lead. She won in hand and tried the ace of clubs, believing her LHO's play of the queen. So she played the ace of spades and ruffed a spade, crossed to the king of diamonds and ruffed another spade.

### Board 23. Dealer West. Both Vul.

♠ K 10 9 7

♥ 8 5

♦ 10 9 6

♣ J 9 5 2

♠ 8

♥ A K 2

♦ Q 5 2

♣ K 10 8 7 6 3

♠ 5 4 3

♥ J 10 7 3

♦ J 8 7 4 3

♣ Q

♠ A Q J 6 2

♥ Q 9 6 4

♦ A K

♣ A 4

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

North missed her chance to deceive declarer by failing to unload the king of spades. Then came two top hearts, and Willard decided that the suit was not 3-3 – and yes, maybe, South might have dropped one of the jack or ten under the king to try to generate even more deception. This was the ending:

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

Willard ruffed her diamond winner to dummy, then got the ending absolutely right when she ruffed a spade to hand and exited in hearts, forcing North to ruff and lead away from her trump trick. Plus 1370 meant Willard was the only declarer to make her slam in the McConnell while, for the record, only one declarer made slam in the Seniors. (It was X. Shen playing with M. Shen for XINYUAN Senior Team against HUBEI QIAOXIE on the lead of the eight of hearts, which made counting the hand somewhat easier). Perhaps not surprisingly, this team was leading the Seniors after day one. As indicated above, North could certainly have made Willard's life far harder by dropping the king of spades on the third round of spades. In that case, declarer would surely have played for hearts to break, allowing North to ruff in and exit with the fourth spade.

And yes, one has to sympathize with the ROSENTHAL team in the open event, who went down in slam to lose 9 IMPs after their opponents bid 1♣-1♠-2♣-2♥-All Pass. At least two tables in the open event played partscore here with the East/West cards.

### Disa-ppearing Defensive Tricks by Barry Rigal

From Round 23 of the Women's round-robin qualifying phase of the McConnell, MOSS v. BAKER ...

**Board 1. Dealer North. NS Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
—	Disa		Deas
2♥	Pass	1♥	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass

Hjördis (commonly known as Disa) Eythorsdottir won the lead of the heart five with the queen in hand and led a diamond to the king, a club to the king and a diamond to the queen. With two diamond tricks in the bag, she now needed only four club tricks so she led a club from the dummy. Had West ducked, declarer would have reverted to diamonds, but West accurately rose with the queen of clubs and played back a heart. Disa ducked, pitching a diamond from dummy, won the next heart, discarding a second diamond, and led a spade to the ten, producing this ending on the lead of the spade:

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

When West won her spade king she had to lead either black suit and give dummy an extra winner, thereby conceding the ninth trick.

The results of the KO matches in the McConnell Teams were ...

#### Quarterfinals

CHINA RED 105 – COFCO YALONG BAY 77  
 PERTAMINA EP 133 – NETHERLANDS 113  
 MOSS 157 – CHINA ORANGE 139  
 BAKER 153 – DEZHOUQIAOXIE (PUSHI) 118

#### Semifinals

CHINA RED 122 – PERTAMINA EP 80  
 BAKER 139 – MOSS 118

#### Final

BAKER 129 – CHINA RED 64



The Red Bull Booth



**2014 Women's Pairs Winners:**  
LIU Shu, ZHOU Tao (China)

## WOMEN'S PAIRS

1. LIU Shu – ZHOU Tao (China)
2. HUANG Yan – GAN Lin (China)
3. Suci Amita DEWI – Kristina Wahyu MURNIATI (Indonesia)
4. Cathy BALDYSZ – Anna SARNIAK (Poland)
5. WU Shaohong – ZHANG Yu (China)

## SENIOR TEAMS

Unlike in the Rosenblum, the Rand Cup comprised few enough teams (26) for them to play a complete round robin, with the top eight qualifying for knockout play, 42 boards in the quarterfinals and 56 in the semis and final.

### The Seniors Final by Micke Melander

Let's have a look at some of the boards from the Rand Cup final between MILNER and STERNBERG.

#### Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Kowalski	Chambers	Romanski
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

On the first board of the match, John Schermer led the king of spades to cut down potential ruffs in dummy and to see what was going on. We have all crashed partner's doubleton queen in this situation, so Schermer continued with the two of spades, ignoring the danger of discards on dummy's formidable minor-suit holdings. Jacek Romanski won with his jack over Neil Chambers' ten and finessed in diamonds for a heart pitch. When the clubs were 3-3 he could throw a second heart loser on the fourth club to claim an unlikely plus 420, losing just two trump tricks and the ace of hearts.

West	North	East	South
Lall	Hamilton	Milner	Fisher
—	1♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

In the Closed Room, Lall started by collecting the ace and king of trumps before he switched to a heart. East won his two heart tricks, but that was the end for the defence. That was a great start for the MILNER team, who took an immediate lead with the 7 IMPs this board gave them.

#### Board 13. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Kowalski	Chambers	Romanski
—	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Schermer led the ten of clubs (Rusinow). Declarer covered with the queen from dummy and East won the trick with his king when declarer ducked from hand. The eight of clubs followed – this won the trick when all played low. East shifted to the six of hearts, queen, king, nine. West exited with the ten of hearts to dummy's ace. Dummy entries were now scarce and declarer tried the queen of spades, but East won with the king and played his low heart to West's eight.



**2014 Rand Cup Senior Teams Winners:** (l. to r.) Jacek Pszczola (Coach, USA), Jacek Romanski (Poland), Hemant Lall (USA), Gigi Simpson (NPC, USA), Reese Milner (USA), Philippe Cronier (France), Apolinary Kowalski (Poland), Michel Bessis (France)

Schermer played a club to declarer's ace and South in turn played a spade to East's ace. Unfortunately for the defence, that ended play East and he had to give declarer an entry to the dummy with the queen of diamonds. Exiting with the jack of diamonds would have worked better than the jack of clubs. Still, it was one off, plus 100 to East/West.

West	North	East	South
Lall	Hamilton	Milner	Fisher
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the other room, North could have defended against one diamond, a contract that might not have been made, but he balanced with one spade, East's strongest suit. Lall, who probably believed the opponents were in at least a seven-card fit, raised to two diamonds. Milner was left to play there.

The eight of spades was led to the three, ten and king. A heart to the ten and ace now followed from declarer. North, who couldn't see what was really going on, returned the queen of spades. East won with the ace and continued with the seven, ruffing low in dummy when South discarded a club. It was now time for declarer's next finesse: a club to the eight, which drew South's ace. South realized it was time to play trumps,

but when he played the two that went to the jack, queen and declarer's king it was almost all over.

East, with four tricks in, cashed the king of clubs, played a heart to the king and called for the nine of clubs from dummy. North, who probably couldn't believe that partner held the ace of diamonds saw no reason to ruff with the nine of diamonds, so he ruffed with the three and declarer could over-ruff with the six. Declarer could then play his last spade and score the ten of diamonds 'en passant' for his eighth trick, to make this almost-impossible contract. Not all plus 90 pushes are uninteresting.

**Board 14. Dealer East. Neither Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Kowalski	Chambers	Romanski
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

There was lots of noise in the Open Room from East/West, Schermer/Chambers finally crashed in six spades, which was an impossible contract to make. The king of hearts was led from South and declarer went four down.

West	North	East	South
Lall	Hamilton	Milner	Fisher
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

There was a more successful auction from the Closed Room. Maybe West should have tried with four diamonds to steer the contract right and make a mild slam-try with his great hand. Fisher led the king of hearts, which was won in dummy with the ace. Milner now played well when he led a low club to the ten, still keeping his spade transportation between the two hands open. A diamond to the jack followed. When that held, declarer cashed the ace and king of diamonds and set up his fifth diamond by playing a fourth round to South. With five tricks won for declarer, nothing could stop him from winning two spades, a diamond and two more clubs, for ten tricks. That was 12 IMPs to Milner, who eventually won the first segment 27-11.

### Final, Set 4 by John Carruthers

Board 45. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Cronier	Chambers	Bessis
—	Pass	1♣	4♥
Double	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Chambers was very conservative over Schermer's double of four hearts: the doubleton heart and poor spot cards argued for caution against the expected bad breaks. Declarer made 12 tricks with the aid of the black-suit finesses after the king-of-hearts lead.

West	North	East	South
Romanski	Hamilton	Kowalski	Fisher
—	Pass	1♣ <sup>1</sup>	4♥
Double	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Polish Club: 12-14/18-19 balanced; natural; or strong

We can see that slam is makeable on the friendly lie of the black suits and with the help of the opponents' bidding. That it is makeable regardless of the position of the king of clubs was adroitly demonstrated by Romanski.

After North's singleton deuce-of-hearts lead against six spades by West, Romanski won with dummy's ace, led to the ace of spades, then ran the nine of spades (not covered). Another finesse picked up North's queen of spades and declarer drew the last trump, then ran the diamonds. In the three-card ending, South came down to a high heart and jack-low of clubs, so was thrown in with the heart to lead into the club tenace. Would Romanski have tried to drop an offside king of clubs had South come down to two hearts and a club? Remember that this pair had been very much on form throughout the tournament, so my guess is that he'd have made it anyway.

The results from the Knockout phase of the Rand Cup were as follows:

#### Quarterfinals

STERNBERG 146 – LYNCH 108  
MILNER 143 – IMAX 88  
HACKETT 192 – MARKOWICZ 86  
LEWIS 170 – INDONESIA 123

#### Semifinals

STERNBERG 127 – HACKETT 80  
MILNER 121 – LEWIS 96

#### Final

MILNER 112 – STERNBERG 74

## SENIOR PAIRS

The top place-getters in the Senior Pairs were:

1. Henky LASUT – Eddy M.F. MANOPPO (Indonesia)
2. Hemant LALL – Reese MILNER (USA)
3. Apolinary KOWALSKI – Jacek ROMANSKI (Poland)
4. Jurek CZYZOWICZ – Dan JACOB (Canada)
5. Miklos DUMBOVICH – Mihaly KOVACS (Hungary)



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### 733. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West led the three of trumps, suggesting that he might have held a doubleton in the suit. Declarer took East's nine of spades with the ace, then played without much thought, crossing to dummy with the king of clubs to run the queen of diamonds. West won this with the king and exited with his remaining trump. Declarer took East's jack with his king and cashed two diamond winners, discarding a club from the table. Next, he cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. All would have been well if clubs had proved to be 3-3, but they were not and, after East had discarded a diamond, declarer could do no better than to play the ace and another heart. East took the trick with the queen of hearts and cashed the queen of spades, leaving declarer with a losing club as the fourth defensive trick.

When South complained about his bad luck, North was unsympathetic. "You should have played a low heart to the jack at trick two. East would have won to play a second trump to your ace. Next, you'd cross to dummy with the king of clubs to run the queen of diamonds to West's king. Having no more trumps, West could have done no better than to exit with a heart to dummy's ace. You would continue with the ace and jack of diamonds, discarding a club from dummy. Then you'd play the ace of clubs and ruff a club in the dummy, on which East would discard a diamond as there would be no advantage in overruffing with the jack of trumps. Then you would get back to hand by cashing the ace of hearts and ruffing a heart. Lastly, you could ruff your fourth club in the dummy. All you would have lost would have been a trump, a heart and a diamond."

### 734. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West led a trump and declarer was allowed to win the trick with his nine. Declarer saw that ruffing clubs would not be successful after the trump lead and that it would be better to try to set up the heart suit. When declarer played the ten of hearts, West took it with the ace and exited with a second trump to dummy's king. Next, declarer ran the queen of hearts, discarding a club from hand. While this gave up a trick, declarer was now in control in the race to set up and enjoy winners in hearts.

After some thought, West exited with a low club. East covered dummy's queen of clubs with the king and this was won by declarer's ace. Declarer saw that he needed two more entries to dummy, one to establish the hearts if they were 4-2, and the other to reach any heart winners. He achieved this by leading a low diamond to dummy's queen, which left East with no winning option.

If East let the queen of diamonds hold, declarer would ruff a low heart high and return to dummy with a trump to run the hearts. So, East took the trick with the king of diamonds and exited with a club. Declarer ruffed this in dummy, ruffed a low heart with the jack of spades and drew East's last trump with his queen. Declarer returned to dummy with the jack of diamonds to throw his remaining club on the jack of hearts. Declarer made five trumps, one heart, two diamonds, one club and one club ruff for ten tricks.

**735. Dealer North. EW Vul.**

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

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

West led the king of spades, taken by declarer with the ace. Declarer saw that with two losers outside trumps, the contract would be in danger only if the trumps broke 4-0. If that were the case, the only hope would be to make an extra trick in clubs before the defenders gained the lead. To enjoy that trick, declarer saw that he would need a quick late entry to the table, and that this could only be the king of trumps.

Thus declarer played an exploratory ace of trumps at trick two. When West discarded a spade, declarer put his backup plan into action by leading the queen of clubs, with the intention of running it if West had played low. However, West covered the queen with his king and dummy's ace of clubs won the trick.

Next, declarer led dummy's ten of clubs, planning to throw his spade loser if East had played low. In practice, East covered the ten of clubs with the jack and declarer ruffed. After returning to dummy with the king of trumps, declarer threw his spade loser on the established nine of clubs. Declarer could claim the contract then, losing only two trumps and the ace of diamonds.

**736. Dealer East. Both Vul.**

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

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

North's cue-bid of two clubs promised a sound simple raise or better in spades. West led the queen of clubs and

continued the suit to East's king. Declarer ruffed in hand, then drew trumps with the ace and king. At trick five, appreciating the value of his eight of diamonds, declarer led a heart to the ace and ruffed dummy's third club. The he returned again to dummy with the king of hearts and ruffed dummy's last club.

The stage was set. Declarer exited from dummy with the jack of hearts, not caring who won it: he could afford one diamond loser. Had East won with the queen of hearts, he'd have been immediately endplayed, as happened in practice. However, had West won the jack of hearts with the queen, he'd also have been forced into leading diamonds. If he'd led the jack or ten, declarer would have covered with the queen, then won the king with the ace. The nine and eight would then have been equals against the other low honour. Had West exited with a low diamond, declarer was planning to let East's ten or jack hold the trick, effectively endplaying that defender. Declarer lost just one trick in each side suit.



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**2014 World Senior Pairs Winners:**  
(l. to r.) Henky Lasut, Eddy M.F. Manoppo (Indonesia)

## MIXED TEAMS

Eighty-nine teams entered the Mixed Team Championship, the first event on the agenda. The format was basically the same as for that of the Rosenblum, 32 teams qualifying for knockout play, but with all KO matches being 28 boards except the final, 56 boards in length.

### THE SWISS QUALIFYING

#### Blitz Brigade by Mark Horton

Blitz Brigade is an online multiplayer game based on WWII. There are two teams, the Allies (the good guys) and the Axis of Evil (thank you G.W. Bush – the baddies). At the end of the first round in Semifinal A, team GANZER may have concluded that they had been up against the Axis of Evil when they faced RIVERS.

#### Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 5 ♥ 9 6 ♦ K Q 10 9 8 6 5 2 ♣ J 2</p> <p>♠ Q 8 6 4 3 ♥ 8 2 ♦ 7 ♣ K 10 8 7 5</p> <p>♠ K J 10 9 ♥ K 10 7 3 ♦ A 3 ♣ A Q 3</p>	<p>♠ A 7 2 ♥ A Q J 5 4 ♦ J 4 ♣ 9 6 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Bakkeren	Rogers	Arnolds
Ganzer	Cappelletti	Picus	Rivers
—	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

What to lead from the East hand? Becky Rogers went for the ace of hearts and then switched to the nine of clubs. Ton Bakkeren put up dummy's ace and then treated East to eight rounds of diamonds. This was the position when the last of them hit the table:

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

East could not afford to discard from either major, but parting with her last club meant declarer could throw a heart and lead a spade, a very well-played plus 400.

At the other table, Sue Picus selected the four of clubs and declarer, Mike Cappelletti, Jr., had no choice but to finesse. Craig Ganzer, West, won with the king and returned the four of spades, East's major suit aces producing a rapid one down, minus 50 and 10 IMPs.

#### Mixed Teams Semifinals Round 6 by Barry Rigal

#### Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

<p>♠ J 10 3 2 ♥ Q 3 ♦ K 8 5 4 ♣ A 3 2</p> <p>♠ K 8 7 5 ♥ — ♦ A Q 10 9 7 6 ♣ K J 6</p>	<p>♠ A Q 6 4 ♥ K 9 7 6 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ 8 7</p> <p>♠ 9 ♥ A J 10 8 5 4 2 ♦ — ♣ Q 10 9 5 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
Gang	P. Cronier	Seet	D'Ovidio
Zimmermann	Lou	B. Cronier	Wu
—	Pass	Pass	4♥
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

D'Ovidio received a spade lead (a third/fifth seven) to the ace and a friendly shift to the eight of clubs, covered



**2014 Transnational Mixed Team Winners:** (l. to r.) Zia Mahmood (USA), Anita Sinclair (England), Nafiz Zorlu (Turkey), Sabine Auken (Germany), Roy Welland (Germany), Marion Michielsen (Netherlands)

all round. I was sitting behind her as she pondered the play to the next trick and, after extracting the heart ace from her hand, she eventually led dummy's queen of hearts. When she saw the seven on her right, she went back into the tank, checked her opponents' leading methods – which surely suggested that RHO had the ace-queen-to-four spades – and finally played the ace of hearts, to doom herself to down one.

So far so bad, and when I tell you that, at the other table, against the same contract, Pierre Zimmermann led the ace of diamonds, one could be forgiven for assuming the worst. Declarer's natural move seems to be to lead the queen of clubs from hand now, and thus emerge with plus 990? No, South led a low club to the ace, pitched her spade on the king of diamonds, and took the ace of hearts. Now she had two clubs to knock out, and was forced every time she lost the lead, so she ended up scoring just six trumps, one diamond and one club for minus 500.

That was 7 (very surprising) IMPs to PZIM.

**Malinowski & Popova  
by Mark Horton & Micke Melander**

Anna Malinowski and Dessy Popova of the HAUGE team needed to exercise a modicum of care in declaring their respective contracts here:

**Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Hauge	Voltaire	Malinowski	Avon
—	Pass	Pass	4♥
Double	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Avon attempted to cash the ace of hearts, but declarer, Malinowski, ruffed in dummy, cashed the king of spades, played a spade to the ace and ran the jack of diamonds to North's king. Winning the spade return with the queen, declarer played on diamonds, pitching a heart when North ruffed in with the ten of spades. Taking the heart exit with the king, declarer played a club to the jack for plus 620.

West	North	East	South
Romanowski	Gunev	Rossard	Popova
—	Pass	Pass	4♥
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Ignoring Edgar Kaplan's dictum that "take out doubles are meant to be taken out," East elected to play for penalties. West led the six of clubs and declarer won with the nine and played the ace of hearts and another heart. East won, cashed the ace of spades and played another spade. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps and advanced the queen of clubs, covered by the king and ace. There was a club to lose, but that was plus 790 and a monumental 16-IMP swing.

## THE KNOCKOUT ROUNDS

### Switching Horses by Micke Melander

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Aronov	F.Wang	Zobu	Liu
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Zhuang	Atabey	W.Wang	Semerci
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Double	Redouble
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Both teams did extremely well to avoid playing in six spades, a contract that would depend on whether declarer could find the queen of trumps. Switching the trump suit after setting another suit and using that one for Blackwood isn't always that easy. But they did it brilliantly at both tables, so there was no swing.

## Classical Themes by Mark Horton

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Welland	Miszewska	Auken
1♦	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

East led the two of diamonds (low from a doubleton) and declarer went up with dummy's ace and played the king of clubs. East won with the ace, West pitching the four of hearts, and continued with diamonds. West won and cleared the suit and declarer had only eight tricks, minus 100. Notice that if declarer plays low from dummy at trick one and West is tempted to make the expert play of ducking, leaving East with a diamond to play when she gets in with the ace of clubs, then there is a risk. East might duck the first round of clubs, then declarer will realize that it is necessary to play on hearts to drive out West's potential entry to the diamonds (the heart ace).

Best for West would be to win the diamond lead with the king and switch to spades, leaving declarer no chance.

Finally I should point out that if declarer had guessed to play on hearts at trick two he would have made the contract. In the other room...

West	North	East	South
Mahmood	Vainikonis	Michielsen	Gulevich
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	1♠ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Transfer to INT if opener has 12-14

West led the five of spades and declarer won with the king and played a heart. West went in with the ace and played a second spade, but now declarer could force out the ace of clubs and come to nine tricks, plus 600 and 12 IMPs to VITAS, too little too late, and SALVO advanced to the semifinals.

In the ROSSARD/MOSS quarterfinal match:

West	North	East	South
Voltaire	Zhao	Avon	Sanborn
B.Pollack	Gawel	R.Pollack	Brewiak
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	INT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Avon led the seven of diamonds and Zhao ducked in dummy. Voldoire played the eight in an effort to maintain transportation between the defenders' hands. Declarer won with his jack and led a club. When this was ducked by Avon, dummy's king won. Zhao shrewdly realised the situation as it existed with the defenders' aces, so he shifted his attention to hearts, leading one to the jack. When that held he could safely knock out the ace of clubs for his nine tricks.

At the other table, Rosanne Pollack also led a diamond and Gawel also ducked in dummy. Bill Pollack then made the first of three fine plays. He rose with the king of diamonds, then shifted to a spade (second). When declarer won with the king of spades in dummy to lead a heart, Pollack rose with the ace (third) and continued spades, dooming the contract to one off and earning 12 IMPs for the MOSS team.

### Big Comeback by Brent Manley

#### Board 24. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Voldoire</i>	<i>Zia</i>	<i>Avon</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
2♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♠ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Strong hand, game force
2. Major-suit ace

System and misjudgement got the French too high and the contract played from the wrong side to boot. Michielsen found the killing lead of the queen of clubs. When that held, she cashed the ace of diamonds and continued with the jack of clubs. With the assistance of Michielsen's order of cards, Zia read the position correctly, overtaking with the ace to give his partner a ruff. That was two down, plus 100 for Salvo.

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Gawel</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Gawel led the eight of hearts. Welland won in dummy, pitching a club from hand. He had to lose the ace of diamonds and two club tricks, but he had plus 420 and 11 IMPs for his side. (After a diamond lead and club shift, declarer might still have been thinking.)

### Thrust and Parry by Barry Rigal

In the semifinals of the World Mixed Teams, Wojciech Gawel as North found the most challenging defence against Sabine Auken's slam, but she was able to overcome his best shot.

#### Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Gawel</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>
—	—	1♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
1♠ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	3♣ <sup>3</sup>	Pass
3♦ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	3♥ <sup>5</sup>	Pass
3♠ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	3NT <sup>6</sup>	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. 11-13/17-19 balanced, including any 5-3-3-2/5-4-2-2 OR natural
2. Relay, game-forcing
3. 4=3=1=5 minimum
4. Relay
5. Fewer than 15 HCP
6. 1 or 4 key cards, assuming clubs is trumps

The relay silenced North at unfavourable vulnerability (which certainly worked to the defence's benefit in not pinpointing their cards, though it may have facilitated getting to slam). Auken showed a 4=3=1=5 minimum hand and Welland found a Sandra Landy slam-try: "I'll bid it, you make it."

How would you play slam on a diamond lead? My guess (agreed to by the bulletin team – not necessarily the equivalent of the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval!) is that one should lead a club to the jack, and if it holds, lead a spade to the jack, planning to pitch a diamond and club on the good spades should the jack of spades lose to the king. But Auken actually received the more testing trump lead and won cheaply in hand to pass the club queen.

Had Gawel taken this to return a trump, declarer could have ruffed one diamond and come to 12 tricks via six trump tricks and six plain winners. But he defended well by ducking, and was in a sense unlucky that his side's clubs were too good for Auken to repeat the finesse. Instead she led a low club to the ace and a third club, hoping her LHO would win this, whereupon the route to 12 tricks would be secure enough. But when Gawel took the third club he found another

good play. Instead of shifting to his diamond sequence, or returning a trump, he played back a spade. As this took out declarer's last entry to hand, Auken needed the spade finesse, in order to come to two spades, two clubs, five hearts, one diamond and two ruffs. She made no mistake and came to 12 tricks, generating a swing of 13 IMPs, enough to win her semifinal encounter with ROSSARD.

### Symphonic Variations by Mark Horton

The final of the Red Bull World Mixed Teams Championships consisted of four sets of 14 boards each with SALVO (which was truly transnational) facing GEELY AUTOMOBILE (an all-Chinese team). Early in the first set ...

#### Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Yang	Zorlu	Wang	Sinclair
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

North's jump to three clubs was preemptive and was intended to keep East/West out of the bidding. Given that East/West can make eleven tricks in diamonds, it was not without merit, although it is hard to see how they might have come into the auction anyway.

West led the five of hearts to East's ace. She switched to the queen of clubs, declarer winning with the ace and playing another club to dummy's eight. East discarded the five of diamonds. The jack of spades went to West's queen and two rounds of clubs exhausted everyone's supply. When declarer played a heart, East followed with the seven and declarer put up the king only to see West pitch the seven of diamonds. East took the heart continuation and switched to diamonds, so that was four down, minus 200.

West	North	East	South
Welland	Dai	Auken	Zhang
—	—	—	1♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass
1. Precision			

On this deal, Sabine Auken showed why she is on everyone's shortlist for the best female player on the planet. Roy Welland's reopening double yielded a rich dividend when Auken passed for penalties and led the queen of clubs, which declarer won with the ace.

Waiting for declarer to play to the next trick, I considered what might happen if declarer crossed to hand with a diamond to play a trump. To secure four down, East must go up with the ace and play a spade. West wins, cashes the king of clubs (East pitching a spade) and gives East a club ruff. A spade puts West in to deliver another club ruff, and then West wins the diamond return and plays a spade, allowing East to overruff declarer.

In practice, when declarer played the three of hearts from dummy at trick two, East took North's eight with her jack and switched to the three of spades. West won, cashed the king of clubs (spade away by East) and gave East a club ruff. Now Auken made a very good play, shifting to a diamond for the jack, king and ace. When she won the next heart with the ace, she was able to cash the queen of diamonds, then play a spade to West to obtain another club ruff. That was plus 500 and 7 well-earned IMPs for SALVO.

### Coming Down to the Wire – Mixed Teams Final Stanza 4 by Barry Rigal

#### Board 55. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gui	Zia	Liping	Michielsen
—	—	—	INT
2♣ <sup>1</sup>	3♦ <sup>2</sup>	Double	3♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. One-suiter
2. Hearts, invitational plus

West	North	East	South
Welland	Dai	Auken	Zhang
—	—	—	INT
2♠	Double	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Zia has never been afraid to take a position, and here he elected to play partscore despite his ten-count, knowing spades and diamonds were offside. After a

top spade lead and diamond shift Michielsen rose with the ace and drew trumps then established a spade to pitch a club for plus 170.

Welland found the potentially-more-accurate defence of three rounds of spades. Declarer pitched a club from dummy, and Auken ruffed in to play back a heart. Zhang won, drew the last trump, then advanced the queen of clubs, covered all round. Now she could run the trumps, pitching a diamond from hand. Auken was squeezed on the last trump, and though she might have given declarer a nasty guess had she bared her king of diamonds, she chose to pitch a club, and now declarer finessed in clubs and ran the suit for ten tricks and 6 IMPs.

Note that to execute the squeeze successfully, declarer had to pitch a diamond, not a club, from dummy at trick three.

Last board ... all to play for, with SALVO leading 102-90.

### Board 56. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gui</i>	<i>Zia</i>	<i>Liping</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Dai</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Zhang</i>
2♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
pass			

One could just about imagine North/South in search of a swing bidding to six clubs and guessing trumps. But Welland's preempt made life impossible for the Chinese while that one-spade response deservedly made sensible bidding with the North/South cards next to impossible.

Zia made 630 after the ten-of-diamonds lead by guessing clubs, then sneaking a low diamond through to the nine.

Dai carefully ducked Auken's low heart lead to Welland's ten. The defenders cleared hearts, and Dai went to

the ace of diamonds to lead a club to the eight. Nice play, but an IMP to SALVO.

Scores from the quarterfinal matches onward ...

### Quarterfinals

ROSSARD 62 – MOSS 58

SALVO 69 – VITAS 63

GEELY AUTOMOBILE 81 – HUOCHETO BLUE 34

SAIC 67 – ATABEY 42

### Semifinals

SALVO 81 – ROSSARD 62

GEELY AUTOMOBILE 89 – SAIC 51

### Final

SALVO 103 – GEELY AUTOMOBILE 90

For Sabine Auken and Roy Welland of Team SALVO, this was merely a continuation of the hot streak they've been on since winning the 2013 Vanderbilt. For Anita Sinclair and and Nafiz Zorlu it was a fairytale ending to their first World Championship. Zia makes winning old hat. One gets the feeling this is merely the first of many World Championships for Marion Michielsen

## MIXED PAIRS

### Looking for Action by David Stern

#### Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Pepsi</i>		<i>Wortel</i>	
—	—	—	1♣ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Precision

Wortel led the queen of spades, won by declarer's ace. Looking at all four hands, it's easy to see that declarer can cash the ace-king of diamonds, cross to the ten of diamonds after the queen drops, cash the king of spades, then finesse hearts for at least 10 tricks.

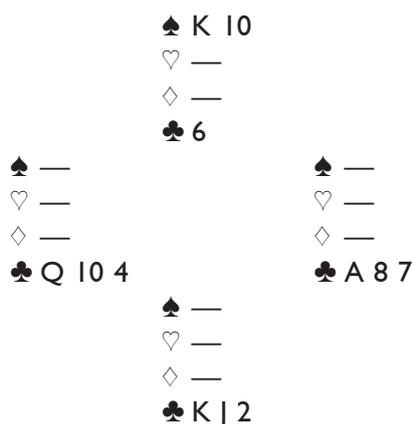
Declarer wasn't blessed with a hand record, however, and tried the ten of diamonds, which Wortel covered with the queen to lock declarer in the dummy. Declarer,



**2014 World Mixed Pairs Winners:**

Jie (Jack) Zhao (China) & Kerri Sanborn (USA)

now desperate to get back to his hand to enjoy the king of spades, tried the queen of hearts, ducked by Wortel, and continued with the jack of hearts, again beautifully ducked by Wortel. Declarer then played a low heart to the ten, which Wortel won. She put declarer back into dummy with the last heart. Declarer cashed the diamonds to come down to this ending:



Note that Pepsi had unblocked the nine of clubs to allow a low club to go round to East so that she could play a low club and force declarer to the king-jack guess. Declarer guessed right, playing the king, but holding declarer to 10 tricks earned Pepsi-Wortel a fine 65.7% score.

**Kerri and Jack in Sanya by Barry Rigal**

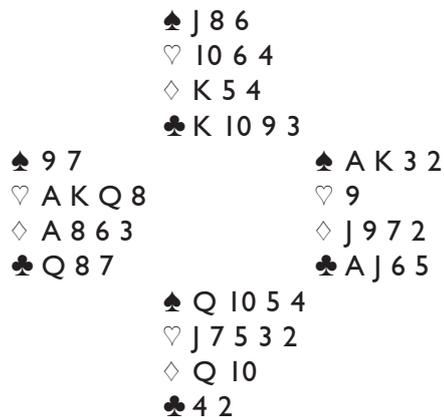
Before last session of the Mixed Pairs final, I had the chance to talk to Kerri Sanborn and Jack Zhao, to ask them how their partnership had come about, and for any other thoughts.

Kerri said that Jack was the nicest mixed partner she had ever played with. They had first played in Mike Becker's game in Florida (Jack has moved to Boca Raton from Nanjing) and had recognised that they had a similar approach to the game. Kerri is famous for wanting to keep things simple but she said Jack had some excellent bidding wrinkles which they had added to a basic framework and that they had largely avoided misunderstandings in the auction. Jack said

that in case anyone was in doubt, Kerri had assumed the male role in the partnership!

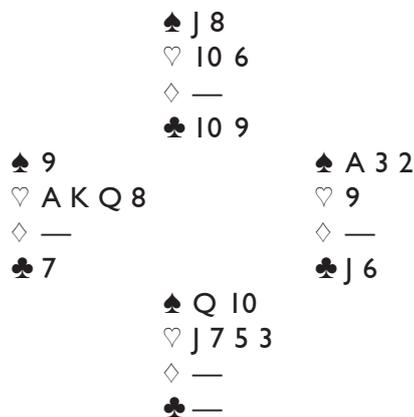
Here is Jack at work.

**Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.**



West	North	East	South
<i>Zhao</i>		<i>Sanborn</i>	
—	—	—	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

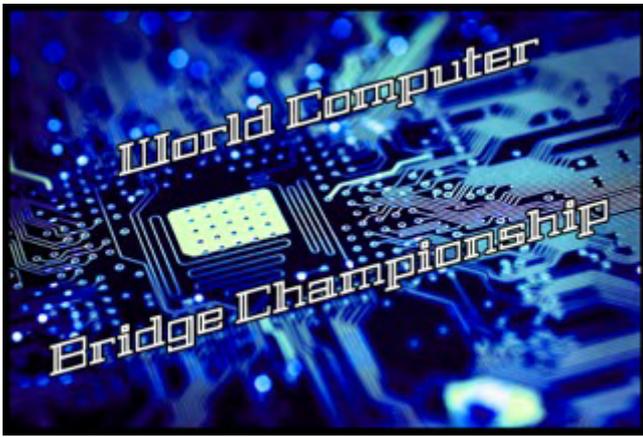
Zhao was favoured with the three of clubs lead and ran it to his hand to advance a low diamond. When North fell from grace and put up the king, declarer was in excellent shape. He won the spade shift, advanced the diamond jack, covered all round, took the club finesse, then cashed off the diamond nine to reach this ending:



The club jack squeezed a spade out of South, and three rounds of hearts then caught North in a non-simultaneous double squeeze since he then was the sole protector of both black suits.

Here are the top place-getters in the Mixed Pairs:

1. Kerri SANBORN (USA) – ZHAO Jie (China)
2. Meike WORTEL (Netherlands) – Jacek PSZCZOLA (USA)
3. WANG Nan (China) – ZHANG Bangxiang (China)
4. Jessica LARSSON (Sweden) – Peter BERTHEAU (Sweden)
5. Sabine AUKEN (Germany) – Roy WELLAND (Germany)



## The 2014 WORLD COMPUTER BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

### Robot Championship Goes to Shark Bridge by Al Levy

The 18<sup>th</sup> World Computer Bridge Championship, sponsored by OurGame, ended with Shark Bridge narrowly defeating Micro Bridge in the 64-board final match. With three boards to play and Micro Bridge up by 5 IMPs, John Norris, developer of Shark Bridge, was rooting for his robot to bid a slam on board 62, even though it goes down on best defence, as he could see that the last two boards would be flat. At the other table, Micro Bridge had bid to five hearts and made 450 on a club lead.

#### Board 62. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Micro	Shark	Micro	Shark
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	INT	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The slam is reasonable and will make even on a diamond lead, which seems to take away a key entry for ruffing a couple of clubs and pulling trumps. A finesse of the eight of hearts will be required, but East's one notrump (takeout for the black suits) gave the critical clue. In practice, East led the ace of spades and the title went to Shark Bridge.



*Everybody in  
Sanya Loves  
Bridge*

# Tony Priday 1922-2014



Richard Anthony Priday was born in 1922 and died in Marbella in 2014, aged 92. Tony learned to play bridge at Seaford Preparatory School, when aged just 11. Upon leaving, Tony continued playing bridge enthusiastically, reluctantly acting as a caddy at his father's golf club, where he joined the bridge section. After Winchester School, he joined the King's Royal Rifle Corps rising to the rank of major.

In 1947 he joined the family timber business, and would spend his mornings at the docks, inspecting and selling timber. In the afternoons he frequently attended English Bridge Union meetings before returning to work at the office. The evenings were mostly reserved for bridge.

In 1966 Tony married Jane Juan, a famed player in her own right, she having won the World Women's Teams Olympiad in 1964 and the World Women's Pairs in 1966, as well as several European Women's Teams titles. Jane died in 1994 and Tony married Vivian the following year.

Tony was the Bridge Correspondent to the Sunday Telegraph from 1961-1997, and in 1997 was made a Life Member of the English Bridge Union, the governing body for bridge in England. His bridge achievements are too numerous to list. Notable amongst them was winning the European Bridge Championship Teams in 1961. He also won the bronze medal in the World Championship Teams in 1962 and bronze again in the World Teams Olympiad of 1976.

Tony won most of the English and British national tournaments, some several times, the most important being the Gold Cup, which he won seven times and was runner-up four times. He gained 30 Camrose Caps (Home Internationals) – the first in 1955 and the last in 2002. Tony also took on the role of non-playing captain to several British teams, gaining a silver medal in 1987 when Britain finished as runners-up to the U.S.A. At various times Tony was Chairman of the

British Bridge League as well as Vice-President and Vice-Chairman of the English Bridge Union.

Tony was renowned for his courtesy at the bridge table, being quick to congratulate an opponent on a good play or defence, even if it was to his detriment.

In recent years, Tony lived in Marbella where the climate suited his tastes rather more than London, playing at Desmond Deery's bridge club.

Maureen Hiron, *The Independent*

*Maureen published several deals played by Priday in the Independent. This was one of them.*

**Dealer West. Both Vul**

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

When one opponent pre-empts and the suit is raised by the other, the suspicion is that you are being talked out of something. In spite of the vulnerability, Tony Priday, seated South, came in with three spades after West opened with a weak two hearts and East raised. North, with some useful-looking cards, raised to four spades, and West led the ten of hearts to East's king. South ruffed the ace of hearts continuation, then played a spade to dummy's ace. Priday now ruffed dummy's last heart, then cashed the king of spades.

Everything was going well, and all that remained was to find the king of clubs onside, and with a reasonable break in that suit as well, the game would make. Dummy was accessed with the ace of diamonds and the queen of clubs played. It held, but when South followed with the club jack, East covered and West showed out. Now the reason for Priday's precaution in ruffing dummy's third heart became evident. He cashed his king of diamonds then made the key play, exiting with his last diamond.

If West had won that with the queen he'd have been endplayed. On the forced red-suit return, declarer would have ruffed in dummy, while discarding his losing low club in hand. On the other hand, if East had taken the trick with the jack, he would have been able to cash the queen of spades, removing both declarer's and dummy's last trumps, but would have then had to lead a club, giving declarer the last two tricks – and the contract.

The man could play.

# NEWS & VIEWS



## German Seniors Stripped of Title

The WBF Executive Committee has removed Germany from eligibility for all awards in the 2013 d'Orsi Trophy. Revised medal winners are:

**Gold - USA2:** Roger Bates, Garey Hayden, Marc Jacobus, Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, NPC Donna Compton

**Silver - Poland:** Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romanski, Jerzy Russyan, NPC Włodzimierz Wala, Coach Andrzej Biernacki

**Bronze - France:** Patrick Grenthe, Guy Lasserre, François Leenhardt, Alain Levy, Philippe Poizat, Philippe Vanhoutte, NPC Philippe Cronier

The complete WBF EC statement resulting from this action can be found on page 31 and on the WBF website at:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/Data/Sites/1/1/medialdocuments/official-documents/ECStatement13-10-2014.pdf>

## DBV Defends

Ulrich Wenning, President of the German Bridge Federation (DBV - Deutscher Bridge-Verband), states that the DBV will defend, alongside and in cooperation with, the WBF, the civil suit brought in a German court by Drs. Wladow and Elinescu.

## Press Conference in Sanya

In the WBF Press Conference of Friday, October 10, 2014, in Sanya, Xu Zhenling, Vice Mayor of Sanya, addressed the assembled media representatives.

Vice Mayor Xu outlined the preparations that the city of Sanya has been working on since the announcement last year that the city had been selected to host the 2014 event. She said the city worked with the WBF, the CCBA and the National Sports Bureau to make sure the city was ready for the influx of players. "We have worked hard to make the championship succeed," she said.

In all, Xu noted, 17 city departments have been involved in the preparations for the championship and seven new departments were established for marketing and promotion of Sanya and the tournament. The city also recruited and trained 100 university students as volunteers to assist with the tournament. The 14<sup>th</sup> Red Bull World Bridge Series, she said, is "a good chance for promotion of the city's image."

## Future World Championships

### 2015

World Youth Open Bridge Championship, Opatija, Croatia, 20-29 August.

World Teams Championships, Chennai, India, 26 September-10 October.

### 2016

World Youth Teams Championship, Salsomaggiore, Italy, 3-3 August.

World Bridge Games, Wroclaw, Poland, 3-17 September.

### 2017

World Youth Open Bridge Championship, Lyon, France, 16-25 August.

World Teams Championship, Lyon, France, 12-27 August.

### 2018

World Youth Teams Championship, Shanghai, China 1-11 August.

World Bridge Series, Orlando, USA, 22 September-6 October

## WBF Committee of Honour

The WBF has elected four new members to their Committee of Honour: Patrick Choy (Singapore), Marc De Pauw (Belgium), Alvin Levy (USA) and Anna-Maria Torlontano (Italy).

## Marathon Man

Brent Manley, recently-retired Editor of the ACBL Bulletin and 2014 Co-editor of the World Championship Daily Bulletins from Sanya, just recently completed a marathon in his 50<sup>th</sup> state. That's a complete set.

## The President Is Golden

IBPA President and former Editor Patrick Jourdain was on the gold-medal winning team in the recently-completed Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship in Glasgow.

## Loek Verhees

Sad news from The Netherlands was that Loek Verhees, father of World Champion Louk Verhees, many-times member of the Dutch Senior Team and NPC and Coach of Dutch international teams, had died at home while the World Championships in Sanya were taking place.

## A Sense of History

Those of you with long memories will recall that the winners of the Mixed Pairs at the first Rosenblum/World Open Pairs Championship in New Orleans in 1978 were Kerri Shuman and American matchpoint maven Barry Crane. In 2014, in the 14<sup>th</sup> quadrennial edition of these championships, the same Kerri Shuman (although now known as Kerri Sanborn) won the Mixed Pairs, this time with Jie (Jack) Zhao of Nanjing and Boca Raton.

More synchronicity: in 1978, Poland won its first World Championship when it defeated Brazil in the final of the inaugural Rosenblum Cup. The champions were Marian Frenkiel, Andrezej Wilcosz, Andrezej Macieszczak and Janusz Polec. Lukasz Lebioda, originally slated to play on the team, had to leave the tournament due to illness.

## Budapest

It was reported in Sanya that the next European Team Championships (2016) will be in Budapest.

## In the Bank

Marc De Pauw, WBF Treasurer, reports that the WBF will have an estimated 1.123M Euro in the reserve fund by the end of 2014. The goal is to have enough on hand to cover one major championship.

## Appeal of the Appeal

The ACBL has announced that the controversial appeal from the final of the Wagar Women's Knockout Teams will be reviewed by a select committee of ACBL Board members during the Providence NABCs.



## Correspondence

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In Daily Bulletin #15 was this extraordinary message:

### Registration Process Error

A mistake in the registration process caused great inconvenience to the Indonesian Senior pair of Bert Toar Polii and Tanudjian Sugiarto. We apologize for this circumstance. At the same time, Philippe Cronier and Michel Bessis were mistakenly registered in the Open Pairs when they had qualified to play in the Seniors. They have been entered in the correct competition.

— Maurizio di Sacco, Championship Manager —

*Initially, 11 pairs qualified for the final of the Senior Pairs from the semifinal, to be joined by three (pre-registered) pairs from the Rand Cup final. When the Cronier/Bessis registration error was discovered, they became a fourth pair, and that meant that to keep the movement in the Senior final for 14 pairs intact, the eleventh-place pair, Toli/Sugiarto had to be disqualified.*

*However, there was an extenuating circumstance: two pairs originally qualified for the final (in fourth and ninth place) announced they were withdrawing to keep their original airline flight plans (three of the players were from Thailand, all booked on the same flight home). So, the twelfth- and thirteenth-placed pairs were elevated to replacement status and were informed (the evening before the event started) that they were now eligible to play. The thirteenth-place pair was the aforementioned Polii and Sugiarto.*

Let's read what Bert Toar Polii has to say ...

Dear JC,

I regret very much the decision of Maurizio di Sacco as the Championship Manager. For me, that decision was very unfair. He disqualified my partner and me from the final of the Senior Pairs after I was already seated for the first session at Table 6 East/West, in accordance with the instructions on the assignments monitor.

The day before, there had been an announcement from the TD that the finalists in the Senior Pairs would be the top 11 pairs from the semifinal qualification plus 3 pairs from the Rand Cup final. We discovered that we were to play in the final in the following fashion: Manolo Eminent, the assistant manager for scoring, contacted the Indonesian women players, who were staying at the MGM Hotel, asking them to contact the two senior pairs from Indonesia who had finished twelfth and thirteenth to tell them they were eligible to play in the final because there were two pairs of seniors who withdrew. I was staying in another hotel. We are not called as a reserve pair, but a replacement pair, since two pairs from Thailand withdrew from the final stage.

In WBF Tournaments there are no reserve pairs: if pairs want to play, they must register at least one day before. After WBF called our pair to play in the final and put our name on the board and our table assignment was made, we must have the right to play in final.

The next day, about ten minutes before the final was to begin, the pairs from the MILNER team arrived to play the final of the Senior Pairs.

I think the right decision would have been to make the Senior Pairs final 16 pairs. The decision to punish us was not fair because we were called to play, not as a reserve pair, but as a replacement pair, a big difference. In this way, innocent players were punished and humiliated.

A question: Had no one withdrawn, would a different decision would have been taken? There are two other ways it could have gone:

(i.) Cronier-Bessis might not have been allowed to play because of the wrong registration, if it was their own fault, or;

(ii.) If the registration error lay with the tournament administration, 1 or 2 pairs could have been added to the Senior final.

This was made more embarrassing for me as I had already made a Press Release for my newspaper in Indonesia ( I am member of International Bridge Press Association) that we would play in the "A" Final of the Senior Pairs. And it was made more painful because Maurizio told us that we were not qualified and were just called as a reserve pair. Hopefully this unfair decision did not happen to anyone else.

By the way, there were apparently other registration problems as well. The night before, when the Indonesia Pertamina EP team finished the semifinal of the McConnell, Maurizio came and asked whether the pairs wanted to play in the Ladies Pairs. They said yes, they wanted to play, and told Maurizio that they had already registered. Maurizio said they should register again. But that did not apparently happen for the pairs on the Milner team.

Regards, Bert Toar Polii, Jakarta

*Maurizio di Sacco explains:*

Hi John,

Philippe Cronier and Michel Bessis were mistakenly registered in the Open Pairs instead of the Senior Pairs, thus we were not aware they would drop into the Senior Pairs Final. They could not drop into the Open Pairs as it was specifically forbidden by the Conditions of Contest, since neither of them was a World Grand Master.

Now: two of the qualified pairs withdrew from the Senior Pairs final, and we alerted as reserve pairs the next two in the rankings. However, when the French showed up, we had to let them in to play, instead of the thirteenth-placed pair, Bert Toar Polii and Tanudjian Sugiarto. Thus, sad as it was, the circumstances, in which the French, who were the rightfully-qualified pair, took over from a pair which was just a reserve, since they

hadn't qualified for the final in the top 11. To compensate the two upset Indonesians, I published apologies in the Daily Bulletin, and they were offered a free entry fee in the next World Pairs Championships (in two years' time, in Wroclaw).

Any blame rests solely with the administrators (at some point in the registration process) and, since it is all under my aegis, I take the responsibility.

Adding two pairs to the final would have caused additional inconvenience to the whole field, not so much to the officials. For us, it would have just meant working an extra hour or so in a day that is normally 12 to 14 working hours. The movement was a Barometer Howell, something that takes quite a lot of time to be properly organized. We are talking here of a delay of no less than an hour, probably more, since in these days there is a lot of technology involved, and you cannot just put a few table guide cards and some boards down like happened years ago. Nowadays, setting the whole thing up requires time, and there were two other events going on at the same time, playing the same boards, that are duplicated for each table. In other words, as obvious as it may look at first glance, the solution of adding pairs was almost impossible.

As for the pairs that withdrew, that is indeed a very bad practice, but they were at least considerate enough to tell us before leaving. In the Mixed Pairs, the same thing happened with three pairs, but only one warned us.

So, once more: I fully apologize for the mistake. Mr. Polii should at least appreciate that there were people working until after midnight trying to get him on the phone to let him know that he was in. Sadly, after having been lucky at first, he was then unlucky.

Ciao, Maurizio di Sacco, Championship Manager

*Two things: (i.) The WBF will introduce a World Open Pairs for national pairs in 2016, and (ii.) Perhaps it is simplistic, but could the event not have been started with 16 pairs, with two tables sharing boards until the directing staff duplicated another set and looked up the appropriate movement? I asked Maurizio ...*

Hi John,

Not so easy. You need to set up the movement in the scoring system, which means starting from importing players from the database, importing the right movement, and matching them up. Then reprogramming the Bridgemates. You should also reseed the whole event (all movements are seeded in a way to avoid late meetings among pairs of the same country, as required by the Conditions), and one pair more messes everything up. You have to simply redo it. You should then show seating, get all your players

seated, print guide cards, personal score cards and all the other various stuff needed. Playing the same boards as the others is now no longer possible, thus you should also reshuffle and redeal a few boards. As I said, one hour is a reasonable estimation.

As for the Indonesians, I have already offered them their money back, and invited them for dinner. Gianarrigo is going to send a letter to their Federation offering the next Senior Pairs (Wroclaw). As for your first question, in Wroclaw the Championship won't be transnational, and will be open to drop-ins from the World Games.

Ciao, Maurizio

Finally, Philippe Cronier replies to inquiries:

We had no idea that we'd been registered in the wrong event. I just saw, the morning of the Senior Pairs final, that we weren't on the list. I advised Maurizio and he fixed it, asking in a very polite manner for Mister Polii and his partner to leave so that we could take their place. The Indonesians didn't seem to be very happy, but they did what they were asked, and it all came out in the appropriate way.

Regards, Philippe Cronier, Paris

*Giannarigo Rona, WBF President, responds to enquiries made of him by Esther Sophonpanich (Thailand), President of the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation and the IBPA regarding this whole affair and its outcomes ...*

Dear John,

I met Maurizio (Di Sacco) in Salsomaggiore and he told me that he has explained you what happened. I am really sorry and I will send a personal letter to Polii and Sugiarto as soon as I come back home from Lausanne where I am attending the International Federations Forum organised by SportAccord. As anticipated by Maurizio and explained to you, we will invite the Indonesian pair to attend the Senior Pairs in Wroclaw for the World Games.

Un abbraccio, Gianarrigo

*As bridge players, we all make mistakes, so perhaps we should be more tolerant of administrator errors. - Ed.*

Hi John,

The first experience of OurGame Vugraph is clearly a blot on the game at the world level. In a business partnership, OurGame has failed on most of their promised deliverables.

The errors we've discovered in the OurGame "export" function are, to me, evidence that the programmer who produced the so-called export function from OurGame was either the worst bridge-playing programmer since the Big Bang or that person had close to zero knowledge of bridge.

Also, to a Western viewer, the OurGame software would be considered primitive and the colour schemes win the headache challenging spectrum (pink on green is too hard on the eyes).

Here are a few of the details. (*Tim gives many more examples in multiple emails. - Ed.*)

Basically the OurGame export function is useless for us. Take the first set of the Rosenblum final:

The first problem is:

No. Open Room Boards = 13

No. Open Closed Boards = 14

This is also fairly common in BBO too, and there I make a dummy room given the actual result.

The player names in the exported file are variously recorded as:

West,North,East,South

West,Multon,East,Zimmermann

G.Helgemo,P.Gawryns,T.Helness,M.Klukowski

Jassem,Multon,Mazurkiewi,Zimmermann

Again, not a great problem, but it shows the wisdom of BBO's storing the names of players in one place for each match (programming 101).

Then we come to the individual deals:

Board 1

All pips are OK!

Each hand has 13 cards!

Error:The deal has 10 Hs

Error:The deal has 15 Ds

Error:The deal has 14 Cs

There is no J96 in Hs

There is no 5 in Ds

There is more than one J96 in Ds

There is more than one 5 in Cs

Each of the 13 other deals has similar problems.

Many consumers of Internet bridge broadcasts of teams matches would undoubtedly say that the individuals involved in the OurGame decision apparently saw the short-term promise of sponsorship money as the overwhelming reason for getting into bed with OurGame, while being oblivious to the flow-on effects – one of which is making it difficult for Bridge reporters to attend to matters journalistic in an efficient manner.

Regards, Tim Bourke, Canberra





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## Executive Council Meeting Sanya, 13 October 2014

The General Counsel reported in detail about the serious cheating by the German pair, Michael Elinescu and Entschow Wladow, during the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy in Bali, September 2013, and the following Disciplinary Proceedings, ended with the Decision 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014 of the WBF Appeal Tribunal. He reminded Council that, according to the Disciplinary Code, the Decision is binding both on the defendants and the WBF. He submitted to the E.C. the Official Request from the USBF, as a consequence of the Tribunal Decision, to revoke the Medals and the Title from the German Seniors Team and to award them to the USA II Senior Team.

After an in-depth discussion among all members attending the meeting, with the examination of all the documents bearing on the subject, The Executive Council:

- ◆ noted the decision 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014 of the WBF Appeal Tribunal, confirming the decision 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014 of the Disciplinary Commission;
- ◆ examined the request of the United States Bridge Federation;
- ◆ heard the report of the General Counsel;
- ◆ noted that Article 9 of the WBF Constitution assigns to the Executive Council the general
- ◆ power to administer the affairs of the federation and refers to administering the affairs of the WBF in a manner consistent with its Constitution and By-laws;
- ◆ noted that the purposes of Article 2 of the WBF Constitution include the pursuit of Olympic goals, the promotion of sports ethics and ensuring that bridge contests take place in the spirit of fair play;
- ◆ considered that the evidence established that, during the final of the 2013 d'Orsi Seniors Trophy between Germany and USAII, there were numerous boards on which bids, leads and plays were clearly influenced by the illegal unauthorized information transmitted by the German pair Elinescu-Wladow which influenced the result of the match in Germany's favor;

Everything above held, unanimously states:

1. Germany results to be disqualified from the 2013 d'Orsi Seniors Trophy;
2. Germany is stripped from any placement in the 2013 d'Orsi Seniors Trophy;
3. The Gold Medals are revoked from Germany and all the members of the German Senior Team and have to be returned to the WBF, together with the d'Orsi Trophy and its Replicas;
4. The title of World Champion is revoked from Germany and all the members of the German Senior Team;
5. The WBF Master Points awarded to any member of the German Senior Team are removed,

And by a majority of votes (18 in favour, 1 against and 4 abstentions), states:

6. The final ranking of the 2013 d'Orsi Seniors Trophy is modified, elevating the teams which finished second (USA), third (Poland) and fourth (France) to respectively first, second and third, awarding them the relevant Medals, Titles, Trophies, Replicas and WBF Master Points, and

Delegates the WBF Secretariat to provide all the necessary executions, including the information to all the interested parties and the publications of the decision on the WBF Web Site and in the Daily Bulletin of the 2014 Red Bull World Bridge Series.



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# 14<sup>th</sup> Red Bull World Bridge Series Roll of Honour



## Open Teams (Rosenblum Cup)

**Gold: MAZURKIEWICZ** - Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Piotr Gawrys, Stanislaw Golebiowski, Krzysztof Jassem, Michal Klukowski, Włodzimierz Starkowski (Poland)

**Silver: MONACO** - Pierre Zimmermann, Fulvio Fantoni, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon, Claudio Nunes (Monaco)

**Bronze: DIAMOND** - John Diamond, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Brian Platnick (USA), Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver (Netherlands)

**Bronze: VENTIN** - Juan Carlos Ventin Camprubi (Argentina), Sabine Auken, Roy Welland (Germany), Johan Upmark, Frederik Wrang (Sweden)

## Open Pairs

**Gold:** Ehud Friedlander, Inon Liran (Israel)

**Silver:** Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki (Poland)

**Bronze:** Thomas Bessis, Cedric Lorenzini (France)

## Women's Teams (McConnell Cup)

**Gold: BAKER** - Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum (USA), Sally Brock, Nicola Smith (England), Marion Michielsen, Meike Wortel (Netherlands), Cenk Tuncok (NPC, USA)

**Silver: CHINA RED** - Lu Yan, Ran Jing Rong, Wang Hongli, Wang Wen Fei, Wu Shaoyong, Zhang Yu (China), Wang Xiaojing (Coach)

**Bronze: MOSS** - Sylvia Moss, Lynn Deas, Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Joann Glasson, Kerri Sanborn, Janice Seamon-Molson (USA)

**Bronze: PERTAMINA EP** - Rury Andhani, Lusje Oha Bojoh, Suci Amita Dewi, Kristina Wahyu Murniati, Conny Sumampouw, Julita Grace Tueje (Indonesia), Veterano Sitompul (NPC)

## Women's Pairs

**Gold:** Liu Shu, Zhou Tao (China)

**Silver:** Huang Yan, Gan Lin (China)

**Bronze:** Suci Amita Dewi, Kristina Wahyu Murniati (Indonesia)

## Senior Teams (Rand Cup)

**Gold: MILNER** - Reese Milner, Hemant Lall (USA), Michel Bessis, Philippe Cronier (France), Apolinary Kowalski, Jacek Romanski (Poland), Jacek Pszczola (Coach, USA)

**Silver: STERNBERG** - James Marsh Sternberg, Neil Chambers, Billy Eisenberg, Arnold Fisher, Fred Hamilton, John Schermer (USA)

**Bronze: HACKETT** - Paul Hackett, John Holland, John Sansom (England), Christian Mari (France)

**Bronze: LEWIS** - Paul Lewis, Ross Grabel, Mark Itabashi, Linda Lewis (USA), Jurek Czyzowicz, Dan Jacob (Canada)

## Senior Pairs

**Gold:** Henky Lasut, Eddy M F Manoppo (Indonesia)

**Silver:** Hemant Lall, Reese Milner (USA)

**Bronze:** Apolinary Kowalski, Jacek Romanski (Poland)

## Mixed Teams

**Gold: SALVO** - Anita Sinclair (England), Sabine Auken, Roy Welland (Germany), Zia Mahmood (USA), Marion Michielsen (Netherlands), Nafiz Zorlu (Turkey)

**Silver: GEELY AUTOMOBILE:** Gui Shen Yue, Dai Jianming, Wang Hongli, Wang Liping, Yang Lixin, Zhang Yu (China), Wang Wen Fei (Coach)

**Bronze: ROSSARD** - Martine Rossard, Danielle Avon, Jean-Michel Voldoire, Jerzy Romanowski (France), Grazyna Brewiak, Wojciech Gawel (Poland)

**Bronze: SAIC** - Hu Mao Yuan, Liu Yi Qian, Wang Weimin, Wang Wen Fei, Zhou Yong Mei, Zhuang Zejun (China), Huang Rong (NPC), Hu Jihong (Coach)

## Mixed Pairs

**Gold:** Kerri Sanborn (USA), Zhao Jie (China)

**Silver:** Meike Wortel (Netherlands), Jacek Pszczola (USA)

**Bronze:** Wang Nan, Zhang Bangxiang (China)