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## Patrick David Jourdain 1942-2016



IBPA President Patrick Jourdain died on July 28 at the age of 73 after a short battle with inoperable pancreatic cancer. Jourdain was the bridge correspondent for London's *The Daily Telegraph* since 1992 and had been editor of the IBPA Bulletin from 1982 to 2002. He had been president of the IBPA since 2003

and was named IBPA's Personality of the Year in 2002.

As a player, Jourdain had represented Wales in international competition more than 80 times between 1965 and 2016. He won the 2014 Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship playing for Wales and, while living in, and playing for, Scotland, the 1974 Camrose Trophy. Jourdain also won the 1976 Gold Cup, Great Britain's premier championship.

Jourdain was known for his gentlemanly demeanour. A friend for more than 30 years, Barry Rigal, described Jourdain as genuinely nice and a suave, debonair Englishman. "There are few people in bridge – you can probably count them on two hands and Patrick was one – whom no one has ever heard a bad word about," Rigal said. "He was a throwback to an earlier era of politeness."

Born on Nov. 1, 1942, in Woking, England, Jourdain founded a bridge club at St. Edward's School in Oxford. He graduated from Peterhouse College at the University of Cambridge in 1964. In 1977, he left his career designing computer systems for British Steel to write about and teach bridge.

Jourdain got his start in international competition when, on the morning of the 1965 trials for the Welsh national bridge team, a player fell ill and Jourdain was asked to be a last-minute substitute. With only a few minutes to prepare with partner Roy Griffin, their team won the trials. Jourdain, at 23 years of age, became the youngest-ever person to play for Wales.

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When Jourdain took over as editor of the IBPA Bulletin in 1982, he made it a professional product. He also improved conditions for bridge journalists everywhere. "He redefined the role of the journalist in the modern era," Rigal said. "He left a positive influence in everything he did."

Jourdain broke news and brought public attention for the game. "He had more success than any other journalist I can think of in getting real stories about bridge into the newspapers," said Shireen Mohandes, a writer for the UK's *Bridge* magazine. "He really loved the game. He would seek nice plays the same way a botanist would seek rare plants."

Jourdain also served bridge in administrative roles. WBF secretary Anna Gudge recalled serving as secretary for the former British Bridge League while Jourdain was its chairman. "He was one of the best chairmen I ever worked with," Gudge said. "He let everyone have their say, but cut the waffle, and then presented a clear synopsis so a decision could be made. Every secretary's dream."

As recently as a month ago, Jourdain was fit enough to play golf and tennis. He also played for Wales in the European Bridge Team Championships in Budapest in June. Fellow Welsh internationalist and author Julian Pottage reported that, the week he died, Jourdain did not want to stay in hospital because that meant he would have to miss his regular Thursday evening bridge game.



**The International Bridge Press Association**

## **IBPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & AWARDS**

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2016, Wroclaw, Poland**

### **Proposed Agenda**

1. Remembrance of members deceased since last AGM, notably Patrick Jourdain.
2. Minutes of the AGM and Awards held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 in Chennai, India (see Bulletin 611, pages 20-23) and matters arising.
3. Officers' reports: President pro tem, Chairman, Secretary.
4. Appointees' Reports: Editor, Membership Secretary.
5. Treasurer: Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, budget and proposal regarding subscriptions for the year 2017. Auditor's report for 2015 (Richard Fleet).
6. Elections.  
Officers proposed for election to the 2018 AGM: President: Barry Rigal (USA); Chairman: Per Jannersten (Sweden); Executive Vice-President: David Stern (Australia); Organisational Vice-President: Dilip Gidwani (India); Secretary: Herman de Wael (Belgium); Treasurer: Richard Solomon (New Zealand).  
Proposed for annual election are: Honorary General Counsel: David Harris (England); Honorary Auditor: Richard Fleet (England).  
Automatically continuing without election are the Presidents Emeriti: Tommy Sandsmark (Norway); Henry Francis (USA).  
Election of Executive Members (to 2019): Jan van Cleeff (Netherlands); Brent Manley (USA); Tadashi Yoshida (Japan).  
Already elected to 2017: John Carruthers (Canada); Gavin Wolpert (USA).  
Already elected to 2018: Geo Tislevoll (New Zealand); Jerry Li (China); Ron Tacchi (France).  
Note: Appointees in post: Awards Chairman: Barry Rigal (USA); Editor: John Carruthers (Canada); Membership Secretary: Herman de Wael (Belgium).
7. The IBPA Annual Awards.
8. Any other competent business.



## Master Point Press IBPA Book of the Year Shortlist

This year, a diverse selection of books by English, Turkish, American, Canadian and Australian authors make up our shortlist.

**Bird, David:** *The Abbot, the Parrot and the Bermuda Bowl* (Orion).

Bird continues the entertaining series about the insufferably-pompous Abbot, Hugo Yorke-Smith (“*Make sure you note the ‘e.’*”), and the other monks of St. Titus. In this volume, the Abbot travels to their mission in Upper Bhumpopo to encounter the Parrot, the Witchdoctor and the other brilliant bridge players of the Bozwambi tribe. There he discovers that Upper Bhumpopo has finished second in the African Championships to qualify for the Bermuda Bowl in Chennai. The Abbot naturally inveigles himself into the team with predictable results. This time, the author weaves in a selection of real-life players who represented their countries in Chennai.

**Kaban, Tugrul:** *A Complete System for the Tournament Bridge Player* (Master Point Press).

Kaban presents a complete, ready-made, system of agreements and conventions for tournament bridge players. The framework is a two-over-one system with many user-friendly treatments and competitive agreements. Most of these will be familiar to regular tournament players, but most will find something new to digest. The author also presents a few of his own pet conventions. Included in the book are completed WBF, EBU and ACBL convention cards. There are also 20 pages of supplementary notes which can serve as a system summary. For casual, new or infrequent partnerships, this book can serve as a valuable tool.

**Kauder, James:** *Bridge Philosopher 4* (KD Publishing).

“*The Bridge Philosopher*” was published in 1972 and cost \$3.00. It might have been more accurately entitled “*The Bridge Curmudgeon*” (The protagonist declares, “After considerable research, I discovered that there were half a million bridge players in California, three of whom freely admitted they were not experts.”) “*The Return of the Bridge Philosopher*” followed a few years later, but it was not until 2012 that we were treated to “*Bridge Philosopher 3*” and now we have the fourth in the series. The deals are, as ever, instructive and interesting and the protagonist is as crotchety as ever.

**Kimelman, Neil:** *The Right Bid at the Right Time* (Master Point Press).

This book explores the delicate process of making more winning decisions in the auction, especially in competitive situations. Examples are taken from high-level events and are presented in quiz format so that the reader can make his own choice before exploring the options and analysis presented by the author. Kimelman attempts to change the readers’ mindset from one of what (conventions) to one of why (judgement). This is the third in the trilogy of books by Kimelman on bidding judgement.

**Parrish, Adam:** *When to Draw Trumps* (Bridge Winners Press).

This volume bills itself as “the ultimate guide to playing a trump contract”. It begins with a discourse on how to think about a bridge deal and follows with topics such as counting losers, eliminating losers, making a plan, trick one, how to draw trumps, reasons not to draw trumps and when to stop drawing trumps. Quizzes throughout the text and at the end of the book allow the reader to assess his progress and learning.

**Zines, Dennis:** *Everyday Bridge Adventures* (Austin Macauley Publishing).

The author, a long-time bridge player from Sydney who declares that he thought about doing something useful with his extra time, but instead wrote this book. He chronicles a series of real-life occurrences at the table that he found exotic, instructive or simply entertaining. According to its author, the book is not intended to be instructional but is one you can pick up at any time for a diversion. Nevertheless, there are quiz-format deals. The deals are grouped according to themes such as, “Who Said Bridge Is Fair?”, “Slamming Along”, and “Exotica”.

The jury members are Tim Bourke, John Carruthers, Dilip Gidwani, Fernando Lema, David Morgan, Barry Rigal, P.O. Sundelin, Ron Tacchi, and Paul Thurston.



## 2016 INDIAN OPEN TEAM SELECTION TRIALS

**T.C. Pant, New Delhi**

The trials for selecting the Indian Open team for the upcoming 16<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Games in Wroclaw, Poland, September 3-17, 2016 were held at Clube Tennis De Gasper Dias, Panaji, Goa from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, 2016.

The three participating teams had won national-level tournaments to qualify for the trials. The teams were: **FORMIDABLES** (Kiran Nadar/B. Satyanarayana (Satya), Rajeswar Tewari/Jaggy Shivdasani, and Sunit Choksi/Keyzad Anklesaria)

**DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS** (DSM), represented by Ashok Goel/K.R. Venkatraman (Venky), Prithvi Kushari/Anil Padhye, and Sumit Mukherjee/Debabrata Majumder

**SAMADHAN** (Ravi Raman/Subhash Bhavnani, Finton Lewis/Ivan Alphanso, and Arvind Vaidya/ T.V. Ramani.

FORMIDABLES had earned a bye to the finals as winners of two of the national-level tournaments. DSM and SAMADHAN thus played a four-session (15 boards each) semi-final on 11<sup>th</sup> June. DSM won the first set, 80-14, the second 50-20, and the third 24-21 to lead 154-55 with one stanza to play, whereupon SAMADHAN conceded the match.

Open Final: FORMIDABLES vs. DSM

The two top Indian teams played a two-day, 120-board, match in the final. It was expected to be a cracker of a match and the teams did not disappoint.

### Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

In the Open Room, Choksi/Anklesaria for FORMIDABLES had a sensible auction. Choksi, with his sixth heart, showed the queen of hearts; when on five notrump, Choksi did not show the king of diamonds, they settled for six hearts.

West	North	East	South
Choksi	Majumder	Anklesaria	Mukherjee
—	—	1♦	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♠	4♠
Pass	Pass	4NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass
5♠ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	5NT <sup>3</sup>	Pass
6♥ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Key card ask
2. 2 key cards plus the queen of hearts
3. King ask
4. No kings

North led the five of spades. Declarer drew trumps and took the diamond finesse. When it lost, he had 12 tricks.

In the Closed Room ...

West	North	East	South
Padhye	Tewari	Kushari	Shivdasani
—	—	1♦	1♠
3♦ <sup>1</sup>	3♠	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Transfer to hearts

In the Closed room, East raised West's six hearts to seven, even though West could have bid six diamonds over five spades had he had the king of diamonds. But West compensated for the bidding by taking the right finesse. He received the five-of-spades lead, won in dummy, took trumps in two rounds. Padhye then played the ace of clubs and rolled the jack. His losing diamond was chucked on the king of clubs and declarer was through, ruffing his losing spades in the dummy. That turned out to be lucky 13 IMPs in for DSM rather than 13 out.

Cashing the ace of diamonds before taking the club finesse would have increased declarer's chances by a little more than 5%.

The first swing of set three was created on the third board and it went in favour of FORMIDABLES. It was obvious that the trailing team (DSM led 86-37) had come prepared for a fight back.

### Board 33. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Padhye	Tewari	Kushari
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

In the Open Room, Tewari doubled with his strong diamond holding and Shivdasani duly obliged by leading one. Declarer put in the ten, which was won by East with queen. Tewari shifted to the eight of hearts to dummy's ace, receiving encouragement from Shivdasani. Declarer played the ace and king of diamonds, getting the bad news there, and got off dummy with a low club. East cashed the top three clubs and exited with his fourth club. With the spade finesse needed for the ninth trick, the contract went one down.

Ironically, with a diamond lead (or a heart), the contract can always be made. However, declarer must win trick one with the ace or king for that to be so. To ensure the defeat of the contract, West must lead any black card. However, once declarer puts in the ten of diamonds, the simplest road to defeating the contract is to win with the queen, take the three top clubs and exit with a heart, locking declarer in the dummy. Nevertheless, on the actual shift to a low heart at trick two, Tewari still retained the option of cashing three clubs and endplaying dummy with a diamond, waiting for a spade trick in the end.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Venky	Satya	Goel	Nadar
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Here, West led the eight of clubs. After cashing the three top club honours, East shifted to the eight of hearts to dummy's ace. Declarer played a low spade toward her hand and East hopped up with the king and returned a club. With three tricks each in major suit, one in clubs and two in diamonds, declarer was through with the contract, gaining 11 IMPs on the board for FORMIDABLES.

### Board 35. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Padhye	Tewari	Kushari
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Double	1♠	3♣ <sup>1</sup>
Double <sup>2</sup>	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Hearts, but with fewer values than three hearts (constructive, invitational) would have shown
2. Good clubs

South led the king of hearts and declarer ducked the trick. South shifted to the seven of diamonds and declarer rose with the ace and played the king of clubs. North went in with the ace to play the nine of hearts to declarer's ten and South's queen. Declarer discarded a spade from the dummy. With three tricks already in, South now had to shift to a spade to ensure the contract's defeat. Instead, South played another diamond and the contract was made.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Venky	Satya	Goel	Nadar
—	—	—	2♦ <sup>1</sup>
2♠ <sup>2</sup>	3♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Weak in either major
2. Clubs

In this room, South led the king of hearts, ducked by declarer, and shifted to the ten of spades. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played the king of clubs. As at the other table, North won with his ace and played the nine of hearts to the ten and queen, declarer discarding a diamond from the dummy. South now shifted to the seven of diamonds and when declarer played low, North could cash the king of diamonds and the king of spades for one down. That was 12 IMPs to FORMIDABLES.

It was interesting that, after the first heart trick to the defence, South could shift to either a spade or a diamond to defeat the contract. In both cases, declarer won with the ace in dummy and played on clubs. In both cases, North won and continued the attack on hearts. Both Souths won declarer's ten with their queen and declarer had to discard from the suit the defence had not shifted to from the dummy to keep his transportation intact.

Then, both Souths had to shift again, in either case to the suit they had not previously played. FORMIDABLES got it right and DSM got it wrong.

On the following deal, In the Closed Room, North/South for FORMIDABLES had bid to six notrump, needing the queen of hearts to fall in three rounds, assuming five diamond tricks. On the actual lie, 12 tricks were always there.

**Board 94. Dealer East. NS Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Choksi</i>	<i>Padhye</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Kushari</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3♦ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	4♣ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠ <sup>4</sup>
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠ <sup>5</sup>
Pass	7♦	Pass	Pass

1. XYZ artificial game force
2. Good diamonds, denies three hearts
3. Control bid for diamonds; to confirm spades as trumps, North would have bid three spades
4. 2 key cards and the queen of diamonds
5. King of spades

In the Open Room, North had other ideas, coolly bidding the grand slam in diamonds. Curiously, seven diamonds is a slightly-better contract than six notrump. The fall of the queen of hearts in three rounds of the suit would also have ensured that contract (excepting a singleton queen), along with five diamond tricks, but there were tiny residual squeeze chances if the hearts did not behave.

In practice, all was favourable and it was 12 important IMPs to DSM in a very tight match (now 222-221 in favour of FORMIDABLES).

The turning point of the match came ten boards from the end ...

**Board 111. Dealer South. EW Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Padhye</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Kushari</i>	<i>Shivdasani</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

North led the jack of diamonds (Rusinow) and declarer won in dummy with the king and played the ten of clubs. Shivdasani, South, thought for a long time before putting the queen of clubs on the ten, which declarer won with the king. Declarer crossed to dummy with a low spade, North putting up the queen and declarer winning with the ace. The two of clubs was pulled from dummy and South put on the seven. Declarer thought for a while and inserted the eight, which North won with the nine, then cleared diamonds. The contract had no chance now and went two down for minus 200. My personal view is that with the queen-nine-seven of clubs, a player of South's calibre would not have taken so long to play the queen on the ten, hence when the seven was played on the second round of the suit, he could not have held the nine, so declarer should have gone up with the jack, rather than putting in the eight.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Choksi</i>	<i>Majumder</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	2♦ <sup>1</sup>	Double <sup>2</sup>	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Diamonds and a higher-ranking suit
2. Values

North led the queen of diamonds, won in dummy by the king. Again, the ten of clubs was played. When South played low, declarer allowed it to run. Once that worked, declarer continued with clubs and had nine tricks for plus 600.

This board cost DSM 13 IMPs and the lead. With nine boards left to play FORMIDABLES led 257-245. DSM failed to recover enough IMPs on the remaining boards and FORMIDABLES won the match by 8 IMPs (260-252 IMPs) after a gruelling 120 boards. Here is the full scoreboard, with running scores:

Day 1	1	2	3	4
FORMIDABLES	12	37	72	132
DSM	52	86	110	130
Day 2	5	6	7	8
FORMIDABLES	151	215	236	260
DSM	165	197	232	252

FORMIDABLES (Kiran Nadar/B. Satyanarayana, Rajeswar Tewari/Jaggy Shivdasani and Sunit Choksi/Keyzad Anklesaria) will represent India in the Open team event in Poland.



## ACBL Summer NABC

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This year's Summer North American Bridge Championships were held in Washington, DC, always a popular destination.

## Major Championship Winners

### Spingold Knockout Teams

Sabine Auken/Roy Welland;  
 Marty Fleisher/Chip Martel; Joe Grue/Brad Moss

### Grand National Teams

Doug Doub/Frank Merblum;  
 Adam Grossack/Zachary Grossack

### Open Swiss Teams

Drew Casen, Chris Compton, Josh Donn,  
 John Onstott, Mike Passell

### Wagar Women's Knockout Teams

China Yellow: Ling Gan/Juyu Wang;  
 Ling Gu/Tao Zhou; Wen Hu/Jingrang Ran

### Senior Swiss Teams

Geoffrey Brod/John Rengstorff;  
 Glenn Eisenstein/Richard Reitman

### Mixed Board-a-Match Teams

Sheila Gabay/Victor King; Linda Lewis/Paul Lewis

### Collegiate Bridge Bowl

University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign):  
 Yewen Fan/Ziyang Liu; Brad Sevcik/Peter Yeh

### Life Master Pairs

Chris Compton/Mike Passell

### Open Pairs

Kamel Fergani/Frederick Pollack

## Grand National Teams

### The Tipoff (CB)

The following deal was played by one of our opponents, Fred Upton, in our Round of 16 match in the GNT Flight B, when our District 5 team lost to Upton's District 23 squad.

### Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

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

Upton was South and received the lead of the eight of hearts, ducked in dummy and won with the queen. He played a sneaky nine of spades and passed it when our West erred by not covering. Another spade finesse was followed by the ace of spades and four rounds of diamonds, ending in dummy, as West pitched three clubs. Declarer then ran the ten of clubs to West, who won with the jack and cashed the ace. This was the ending:

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

West was forced to exit with a black card. Declarer ruffed low in dummy, as East overruffed with the nine. Upton undertruffed with the five, leaving East — me — on lead and endplayed in trumps. Plus 790 was good for a 7-IMP gain for District 23 as West declared five clubs doubled at the other table, down two, for plus 500 to North/South.

Note that had I simply passed instead of doubling four hearts, declarer would likely have not gotten the layout right. Had the contract failed, as it would have had West covered the nine of spades, our District 5 team would have gained 12 IMPs instead of losing 7. The final margin of victory for District 23 in the match? Twelve IMPs.

## Semifinal: District I (Smith) vs. District 25 (Merblum) (JC)

Down about 70 IMPs nearly halfway through their GNT semifinal match, Jeff Smith of District I picked up this average collection:

### Board 30. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

Smith saw the following auction:

West	North	East	South
<i>Merblum</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Doub</i>	<i>Zaluski</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
3♣	?		

Here was a chance to cut into the lead or hammer the final nail into the coffin. How would you handle it?

Smith swung for the fences – seven hearts – and all passed. At the other table ...

West	North	East	South
<i>Fergani</i>	<i>A.Grossack</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Z.Grossack</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
4♣	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Which action, if either, do you like? Perhaps you prefer a more devious route to six or seven hearts, hoping to attract a double so that you can redouble to increase the stakes.

Here was the full deal:

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

Seven hearts earned the District I team a fine, leisurely, dinner and a lovely bottle of wine or two after conceding defeat. Having to play the final the next day, the District 25 team had to be more circumspect.

## Final: District 21 (Martel) vs. District 25 (Merblum) (JC)

How would you play six diamonds from the East seat on the following deal?

## Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Z.Grossack</i>	<i>D.Rosenberg</i>	<i>A.Grossack</i>	<i>Grainger</i>
—	—	1♦	2♣
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Both Adam and brother Zachary Grossack bid what they thought they could make. One diamond promised four unless 4=4=3=2, that possibility having been eliminated by the failure to raise hearts. South led the queen of spades. Over to you.

A simple line is to win trick one with the king of spades and finesse in hearts. Should that lose, you'd need to pick up diamonds without loss, a pretty good parlay on the auction. However, if South does indeed have the king of hearts, it rates to be short, given that clubs are likely to be 6-2, or so thought Adam Grossack ...

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

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

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

Grossack took the spade king at trick one, led a heart to the ace, ruffed the queen of hearts when it was not covered, led a spade to the ace and led the jack of hearts. It was a bit of a surprise when Debbie Rosenberg discarded the eight of clubs. We can see that Grossack also needed to discard a club on the jack of hearts, win the king of clubs shift with his ace, cash one high diamond, ruff a spade and lead the jack of trumps. Supposing that North did not cover this, declarer would run it, then use the established hearts to draw out North's queen of diamonds.

When declarer ruffed the jack of hearts, he could no longer make the contract. Nevertheless, Rosenberg had to be on her toes. With hearts not yet established, declarer led the ace of clubs and ruffed a club with the jack of diamonds. Rosenberg defended alertly by discarding a spade. Grossack ruffed a heart for a third time, finally setting up the suit, cashed one high diamond and ruffed a spade in the dummy. He had reached this endgame:

♠ 10  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ Q 6  
 ♣ —  
 ♠ —  
 ♥ 10 8  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ —  
 ♠ —  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ K Q 7

When declarer led a good heart from the dummy, Rosenberg ruffed in with the six of diamonds, forcing the ace, then made the last two tricks with the queen of diamonds (on an overruff) and the ten of spades. That was down one for plus 100 to North/South.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
J. Stansby	Merblum	L. Stansby	Doub
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

JoAnna Stansby lost just one trick, to the king of hearts, having guessed the diamonds, for plus 680 and 13 IMPs in.

It was not enough, however, as the District 25 team won the final handily, 164-107.

## Pot Pourri

### Punishing Greed (BR)

Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Transfer to hearts

On this deal from the first qualifying session of the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, South led the king of clubs. The best play in four hearts might be to take

diamond ruffs early (*leading trumps?* - Ed.), but declarer got greedy and played three rounds of spades at once, pitching dummy's club. I could ruff and it looked obvious to play a club. Then when declarer ruffs and leads a trump, South can win and kill the discard with a fourth spade. Declarer has to ruff high, then play three rounds of diamonds, ruffing in hand. But whatever declarer does next, North can ruff high and return a trump, killing declarer's ruff and leaving him with a diamond loser.

For the record, Brad Coles did make the contract at trick six by playing on diamonds. He ruffed the third diamond high and was overruffed. Back came a spade and Coles ruffed high in dummy. North pitched a diamond. This was the position:

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

Coles had a complete count of South hand as 5=1=2=5, so he ruffed a diamond low and, when this could not be overruffed, as expected, he gave up just one more trump trick to claim his contract.

Have you noticed the slip on defence? North should have played back a low trump at trick five for his partner to lead a fourth spade. North can later overruff a black suit and play back a trump to kill the second diamond ruff.

### Handle with Care (BR)

Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	1♦	Pass	Pass
1NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	?	
1. 10-15 HCP			

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# IBPA Column Service

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## 817. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

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

West decided not to lead a high diamond, leading instead the two of hearts, clearly a singleton. Declarer counted nine winners and saw that a tenth would come from a heart ruff if trumps were 2-1. If the trumps were 3-0, then he would have to develop a trick in diamonds to make the contract. That would necessitate having the ace of hearts as a late entry to a potential diamond winner.

So, declarer played low from dummy at trick one and took East's nine of hearts with his king. He led a potentially entry-preserving trump to dummy's queen. (On this layout, declarer fails if he cashes the ace of trumps first – West will exit with a trump after winning a diamond trick, leaving declarer an entry short to make and cash a diamond trick.) After East discarded a heart on the first trump, declarer led a low diamond to his eight and West's king. West exited with a trump and declarer played low from dummy to win the trick in hand with his nine. Next he played the queen of diamonds; West took this with the ace of diamonds and cashed the ace of clubs, playing declarer for an original 7=3=2=1 shape.

Declarer ruffed the club continuation and drew the last trump with dummy's king. He led the ten of diamonds and East followed with the seven. Declarer stuck with his original plan and threw the eight of hearts from hand. When that held he claimed the rest of the tricks to make his contract.

Of note is that if West's third diamond had been the jack instead of the three, it would have been good defence to win the first diamond with the king.

Otherwise, declarer would have had no option but to play West for the ace-king-jack alone in diamonds.

## 818. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the king of diamonds. Declarer saw that if trumps were 2-2, ten tricks would be routine: five trumps, two heart ruffs and the ace of diamonds. Similarly, he would make ten tricks if he had a trump loser but the ace of clubs was onside. So he turned his attention to what he could do if he had to lose a trump trick and the ace of clubs was offside. After a little thought, he concluded he would have to make his own low trumps separately. Consequently, after winning the first trick with the ace of diamonds, he ruffed a diamond.

Declarer cashed the ace and king of trumps, discovering that West had a trump trick. Continuing with his plan to make as many low trumps as possible, declarer took the ace and king of hearts and led the eight of hearts. As declarer would throw a club from dummy and later ruff a club if West ruffed in with the queen of trumps, West followed the normal good practice of discarding, this time a diamond. Declarer ruffed the heart in dummy then ruffed a second diamond in hand.

When declarer led the ten of hearts, West discarded a low club as he could not afford to throw his last diamond, the queen, for that would make dummy's ten of diamonds a winner. So declarer ruffed the heart in dummy then ruffed dummy's last diamond to make his contract.

Notice that, on the above layout, declarer would not have made his contract if he had failed to ruff a diamond at trick two.

**819. Dealer South. EW Vul.**

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

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

West led the ace of hearts and, when that held, shifted to the king of clubs. When East played the queen of clubs, West continued with the eight of clubs. East won the trick with the nine and exited with his remaining heart. Declarer ruffed low and drew three rounds of trumps, ending on the table. Next he ran the queen of diamonds and was delighted when it held. Alas, when a diamond was played to the jack declarer was disappointed to see that West discarded a heart. Declarer had to concede a trick to the king of diamonds and finished down one.

“Running into that diamond break was a bit unlucky,” said declarer.

“Luck had nothing to do with things,” retorted the dummy. “You should ruff the second round of hearts high then lead the two of trumps to dummy’s eight to lead a low diamond to the nine. When that holds, you draw trumps ending in dummy and lead the queen of diamonds. Then you would always have made four diamond tricks and your contract.”

**820. Dealer South. EW Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. 0 or 3 key cards

West led the queen of diamonds. Declarer counted nine top tricks and saw that if spades were 3-2 and trumps no worse than 4-1, he could set up the spade suit with one ruff and make all 13 tricks. So, after winning the first trick with the ace of diamonds declarer cashed the king and queen of trumps. The 4-1 break was a minor distraction and declarer’s attention switched to establishing the spade suit.

At trick four, declarer played a low spade to dummy’s king and continued with the jack of spades. When East covered the jack of spades with the queen, declarer was about to play the ace of spades when he asked himself the question, “What happens if I play the ace and West ruffs?” The conclusion he came to was after the ace of spades was ruffed, a trump continuation would leave him one trick short. Accordingly, declarer played a low spade under the queen and was rewarded when West discarded a low club.

East exited with the king of clubs to dummy’s ace. Declarer crossed to his hand with the king of diamonds and ruffed a low spade with dummy’s ace of trumps. After playing dummy’s eight of trumps to his ten, declarer drew West’s remaining trump with his jack. All that remained was to cash the ace of spades and claim balance with the two established spades.



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With the balancing INT range of 10 to a bad 15, it's not easy to bid the East hand intelligently. This is a good sequence to play two clubs as a shape and range query. The responses are:

- 2♦ – 10-12 with or without a four-card major
- 2M/2NT – a good 12 to a bad 14, natural
- 3 of a suit – four-card suits up the line and 14-15

This method has a name: Rigal.

So Glenn Milgrim relayed with two clubs and, when South doubled, I could not arrange to play that contract doubled, so I bid two diamonds, showing a minimum and a club stopper. Milgrim bid two spades, which was followed by three passes.

South led a diamond, taken in dummy with the king. At trick two, Milgrim led a spade to his queen and a spade to the nine, ten and and North's jack. Back came a top heart. Milgrim won and led a diamond to the jack and queen, a club to the queen and a diamond to the nine, followed by the ace of diamonds for a club pitch from dummy. He had reached this ending:

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

If Milgrim leads the ace of clubs, North ruffs to cash the trump ace and declarer gets just one more trick. However, the play of the jack of clubs put the defenders in a dilemma. If South wins with the king and returns a club, North gets his two trumps but declarer has the rest. If South ducks the jack of clubs and North ruffs to play the ace of spades, East gets a club and a spade. Plus 140 was good for nearly all the matchpoints.

### ... and a Hard Place (BR)

Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North <i>Chen</i>	East	South <i>Yan</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	3♣ <sup>1</sup>	3♥	4♣
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Redouble	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. 4-card limit raise

This deal from the second final session of the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs was played by Rock Shih Yan and reported by his opponents. Yan was playing with Yichao Chen.

Chen's redouble exhibited great trust in his partner's declarer play. Yan rewarded that trust.

The six of hearts went to the king. That was followed by the ten of diamonds: ace, king, five. East exited with a heart to dummy's ace and Yan played the queen of clubs to East's ace. Yan won the club continuation with the king, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond and cashed the jack of clubs. This was the ending:

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

Declarer led a spade up. Winning this would be futile, so West played low. Declarer won with the jack, ruffed a diamond and exited with a club to claim plus 880.

## The Spingold

The Spingold is the premier event in North American bridge. This year, 91 teams contested the knockout over seven days. With byes, the 91 teams were reduced to 64 after one day – all head-to-head matches were 60 boards in length.

### Searching for a Tenth (BR)

Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1♥	Pass	3♣ <sup>1</sup>	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1. Minors			

This is a cool deal Chris Willenken reported from the Round of 64 in which he managed to find a way to bring home a difficult contract.

Willenken was South, and declared four spades on the somewhat unusual, but very revealing, auction. West led the eight of diamonds, covered by the king and ace, and East returned a trump. Willenken could count nine tricks: five spades (the trump return and the auction suggested that East was 1=2=5=5, meaning that West had a natural trump trick with queen-third), two heart ruffs in dummy, a diamond and a club.

Where would trick ten come from? Willenken decided that his best shot – assuming his view of the enemy distribution was correct – was to endplay West into leading a heart in the endgame: West's failure to lead a top heart meant it was likely the heart honours were split. So he won the trump switch, ruffed a heart in dummy, ruffed a low club in his hand and ruffed another heart. When East followed with the king, Willenken was sure he was on the right path as West increasingly looked like a man who started with a 3=6=2=2 pattern.

Next, declarer ruffed another club in hand, cashed the trump king and crossed to the queen of diamonds. This was the position:

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

On the ace of clubs, declarer pitched a heart, and the ending Willenken envisaged had materialized. West, realizing that ruffing the ace of clubs would leave him endplayed, discarded a heart. Willenken then ruffed a club in hand (West again discarding a heart) and exited with the now-singleton jack of spades to West's queen, ensuring a game-going heart trick at the end.

### El Greco (KA)

One of the pleasures of volunteering as a commentator on BBO is that of watching a superb declarer play a hand brilliantly. In this case, Eric Greco, playing with Geoff Hampson in one of the world's great

partnerships, was the hero. This early deal was from the DIAMOND team's quarterfinal match in the 2016 Spingold. The defence slipped ever so slightly and the artist took full advantage.

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

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Moss	Greco	Grue	Hampson
—	Pass	Pass	1♣ <sup>1</sup>
3♦	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. 16+HCP unbalanced, 17+ balanced

Moss's overpreempt was a good example of a style that mixes up preempts, paying little attention to older standards of 'pure hand, no side major.' It is difficult to play against and it put Greco into a shaky four-heart contract as he was reluctant to introduce his weak club suit at a high level.

Joe Grue led the king of diamonds. El Greco won with dummy's ace (ducking allows West to get two club ruffs for down one), Brad Moss following with the nine. Declarer then took a diamond pitch on the high spades, both defenders following up the line, and led a heart to the king and ace. Grue continued with diamonds, leading the six to Moss' ten. Moss returned the five of diamonds, the lowest remaining in the suit. Declarer had to ruff high, promoting a second trump trick for Grue. At this point Grue was subjected to a peculiar squeeze. He could not pitch a club as that would set up the suit for declarer. He could not underruff as that would lose his trump trick. So he was squeezed out of the spade ten, a telling card, as it would have been a cashing trick when he later obtained the lead.

El Greco cashed his two high hearts; now his seven and Grue's eight were the only outstanding trumps. When Greco led the three of clubs, Grue played the seven and Greco paused for thought.

Moss had begged for a club lead at every opportunity. (the two of hearts and five and ten of diamonds were suit preference, shown when he could). El Greco came to the correct conclusion: with a singleton club, Moss would have played middle hearts and diamonds, So, he

put in the eight from dummy! Plus 620.

The defence can prevail if East gives West a club ruff at trick five – then the third round of diamonds promotes the eight of hearts into the setting trick. It may also seem that Grue could have done better by playing the ten or jack of clubs to force a high one from the dummy in the end game, but that is not so. Declarer wins and ruffs a spade – East can overruff but, with only clubs left, must lead one for declarer to finesse.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Platnick	Auken	Diamond	Welland
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
3♦	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

This contract had no play on the lie of the cards when Brian Platnick led the queen of diamonds. Roy Welland won with his ace of diamonds over John Diamond's king, cashed one high club and led a heart. East could win and lead another diamond to West and the third diamond allowed East to discard his third spade, ensuring a second undertrick and plus 200, for 13 IMPs to DIAMOND.

### Tricks with Trumps (TB)

Chip Martel did exceptionally well in the endgame on this deal from his quarterfinal match in the Spingold by pulling off a nice trump endplay. Martel, of Marty Fleisher's squad, was playing with Fleisher against Geoff Hampson and Eric Greco of John Diamond's team.

#### Board 51. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Fleisher	Greco	Martel
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♦	4♣	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Hampson started with the queen of clubs and continued with the king. Martel ruffed low and tabled the ten of diamonds. Hampson grabbed the ace and

persisted with a third round of clubs, ruffed in dummy, as Martel shed a heart. When declarer called for dummy's king of diamonds, Greco ruffed with the eight, overruffed by the queen. Martel next cashed the ace and king of hearts and ruffed a heart with the king of spades as both defenders followed. This was the position:

♠ —		♠ 10 9 3
♥ —		♥ —
♦ Q J 9 6 3		♦ —
♣ —		♣ J 10

  

♠ 4		♠ A 7 6 5
♥ —		♥ 5
♦ 7 5		♦ —
♣ A 4		♣ —

Declarer has lost two tricks and must hold his trump losers to one to make the contract. On the queen of diamonds, East refused to ruff, pitching a club instead, as declarer let go of his remaining master heart. On the jack of diamonds, East again pitched a club, so Martel ruffed it low. He had a complete count of the hand at that point: East had started with a 4=3=1=5 pattern, so Martel exited with a low trump. Regardless of which defender won the trick, Martel had the last two tricks with the ace-seven positioned over East's ten-low (or equivalent) holding. Making four, North/South plus 620.

At the other table, Fleisher and Martel's teammates, Joe Grue and Brad Moss, bid five clubs over four hearts (before the preference to spades came), and were doubled. The contract failed by one trick on a diamond lead (plus 100 to North/South), so the FLEISHER team picked up 11 IMPs.

## 2016 Spingold Champions



The ecstatic winners: Chip Martel, Brad Moss, Joe Grue, Marty Fleisher, Sabine Auken & Roy Welland



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## Australian Interstate Youth Teams

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New South Wales (Ailsa Peacock/Matt Smith, Lakshmi Sunderasan/Alex Phillips, Charles McMahan/John McMahan, John Newman NPC) dominated the qualifying rounds of the Interstate Youth Teams. They won 18 of their 22 matches and finished nearly 300 Victory Points ahead of second. The best any other team could manage was nine wins.

**Round 11. Board 21. Dealer East. EW Vul.**

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

1. Weak Two
2. One key card

On this deal, there was fine declarer play by Jarrad Dunbar, South, representing South Australia.

West led the ace of hearts. A club switch might have tested declarer, but West switched instead to the eight of diamonds. How would you play as declarer?

The slam seems doomed, unless South can run the eight of clubs: three, five, two. That will give you four club tricks to pitch two diamond losers. As that possibility seemed remote, declarer took a different tack. Figuring the king of diamonds was offside, he rose with the ace, drew two rounds of trumps and cashed the king of hearts to pitch a diamond from dummy. After finessing the jack of clubs, he played three more rounds of trumps to reach the position diagrammed at the top of the next column.

On the nine of spades, South discarded the queen of diamonds from dummy and East was history. Ditching

the king of diamonds would have left the ten high and a club pitch would have allowed South to make three club tricks.

<p>♠ —          ♥ —          ♦ 9 6          ♣ K 10</p>	<p>♠ —          ♥ —          ♦ K          ♣ 7 6 4</p>
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<p>♠ 9          ♥ —          ♦ 10 4          ♣ 9</p>	<p>♠ —          ♥ —          ♦ K          ♣ 7 6 4</p>
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Festival International d'Eté de Bridge de Biarritz

**Barry Rigal, NYC**

For the last five years, Roy Welland and Sabine Auken have been one of the world's top pairs. They represented Germany successfully in the recent European Championships, but this board (spots approximate) comes from Biarritz, where it decided the semifinal of the Teams Championships (won by the Lavazza team).

Welland reached a slam that did not have all that much to recommend it in theory – but as we all know, theory and practice are some distance removed from one another.

Welland held:

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

He opened one spade and saw three notrump from his partner – a balanced four-card spade raise with 12-14 HCP. His four-club continuation was optional key card. Four notrump showed two key cards plus slam suitability, so he tried six spades.

On the lead of a third-and-lowest three of clubs, this unappetizing dummy appeared:

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

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

The six of clubs brought the ten from East, East being a player who might be up to falsecarding in this situation from jack-ten-eight or the like. Welland ran all six of his trumps, keeping all of dummy's diamonds. This was the ending as the last trump hit the baize:

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

On the last spade, West discarded a diamond, dummy the jack of hearts and East the nine of hearts (the

heart king was necessary). Welland read the position perfectly, exiting with a heart. East won and got out with a diamond, letting Welland cash the ace and king of that suit. This forced West to come down to two clubs to keep his ace of hearts, and now dummy's clubs were sure to run.

The full deal:

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

## OPTIMAL SEEDING OF PAIR EVENTS

**Kaj G. Backas, Helsinki**

Pairs bridge contests can never be completely fair. There is always some kind of luck involved. Surely we do not want to force everyone to use the same bidding system, the same carding and the same lead conventions. That, to some extent, would make the bridge game a little bit fairer, but a lot duller.

A real improvement has been made by Ian McKinnon and Olof Hanner by analyzing movements and categorizing them for fairness. When you have (for simplicity of explanation) an even number of pairs, say  $P$ , then you consult the dictionary of good movements and decide to play  $B$  boards (usually  $24 \leq B \leq 28$ ) in  $R$  rounds with  $M$  boards per round, where  $M$  is an integer and  $M \cdot R = B$ . A good movement is one that makes each pair meet all other pairs. A seven-table competition is good because then you can arrange all pairs to meet over 13 rounds. One board per round is also optimal with 14 tables, but pairs do not like it. However, usually you can meet only  $R$  pairs, and you will not play against  $N - 1 - R$  pairs. The pairs' numbers  $n$  are  $1 \dots P$ .

In addition to a good movement, you must obviously have deals generated by a good pseudo-random program. But those requirements are not enough.

As a tournament director, you can let the pairs sit as they wish, which is easiest for you, but not best for all players. In my opinion, you should first decide on the playing strength,  $S$ , of each pair, and then have them sit according to your scheme.

This is a two-phased job. Let us first assume that you have sorted the pairs' abilities (strengths) and given them the consecutive values  $1 \dots N$ , where  $N$  is the strongest pair's value and  $1$  the weakest. The problem is to relate the array  $1 \dots n$  and  $1 \dots N$  in a way that grants all pairs a good mixture of opponents. In effect, this is giving seating assignments to all pairs.

You can calculate this seeding in many different ways. I have investigated the following three scenarios.

- 1: If a pair's strength is  $S$ , then the number of opponent pairs with higher strength should be equal to the number of those with lower strength. Sum up the absolute value of the differences for all pairs. (This is, of course, not very good, because the pair with the highest strength can only meet pairs with lower strengths. Only for pairs near the middle strength does this calculation have any relevance.)
- 2&3: Sum the total strength values  $(N \cdot [N+1]/2)$ , deduct pair  $n$ 's strength  $S$ , then calculate the optimal average. Multiply this difference by the quotient  $Q$  ( $Q = R/[N-1]$ ). This value for pair  $n$  is the optimum  $O(n)$ . Sum up



# NEWS & VIEWS



## ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee Reports

### Lotan Fisher/Ron Schwartz

In the matter of disciplinary charges against Lotan Fisher, Player No. 1906658, and Ron Schwartz, Player No. 1906623, the Ethical Oversight Committee unanimously finds:

1. Overwhelming evidence establishes that charged parties Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz engaged in collusive cheating and gave false information about prior disciplinary convictions when applying for ACBL membership.
2. Pursuant to the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations Appendix B, Part B, E15, Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz are **EXPELLED**, with loss of all membership rights and privileges in the ACBL. Also, pursuant to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations 3.2 and 4.1.8a, Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz hereby **FORFEIT** 100% of their total ACBL masterpoint holdings, with loss of all titles, status ranks and privileges.
3. Also, pursuant to the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations 4.1.8c, the partners and teammates of Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz are subject to mandatory forfeiture of all masterpoints, titles and status ranks earned during the preceding four years calculated from the 2015 Spingold final.

### Fulvio Fantoni/Claudio Nunes

In the matter of disciplinary charges against Fulvio Fantoni, Player No. 9682414, and Claudio Nunes, Player No. 9682473, the Ethical Oversight Committee unanimously finds:

1. Overwhelming evidence establishes that charged parties Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes engaged in collusive cheating.
2. Pursuant to the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations 4.1.8a, Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes are **EXPELLED**, with loss of all membership rights and privileges in the ACBL. Also, Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes hereby **FORFEIT** 100% of their total ACBL masterpoint holdings, with loss of all titles, status ranks and privileges.
3. Also, pursuant to the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations 4.1.8c, the partners and teammates of Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes are subject to mandatory forfeiture of all masterpoints, titles and

status ranks earned during the preceding four years calculated from the 2015 Spingold final.

## ACBL Anti-Cheating Commission Press Release

The ACBL's Budge Integrity Task Force has created the Anti-Cheating Commission, the latest weapon in its arsenal against collusive cheating. Serving as commissioners are Boye Brogeland, Norway; John Carruthers, Canada; Eric Laurant, Netherlands; Brad Moss, U.S.A. and Howard Weinstein, U.S.A.

"I cannot emphasize enough the importance of this committee," says ACBL chief executive Robert Hartman. "I am grateful that players and administrators of such high caliber have volunteered to accept this challenge." Brogeland boldly spearheaded campaigns last fall that, among other things, made bridge organizations seriously reevaluate and retool their methodologies for identifying and prosecuting cheats. Moss's bridge analysis was instrumental in supporting Brogeland's investigations. Laurant chairs the European Bridge League's (EBL) investigation committee. Carruthers, a member of the Canadian Bridge Federation Hall of Fame, is a renowned bridge writer and editor of the International Bridge Press Association Bulletin. Weinstein chairs ACBL's Bridge Integrity Task Force.

## Juanita Chambers 1956–2016

Three-time world champion and 18-time NABC winner Juanita Chambers died on July 29 in Dallas TX at age 60. Chambers was slated to play on the U.S. Women's team at the World Bridge Games in Wroclaw, Poland, in September with partner Lynn Deas.

## 2017 Cavendish Details

The Cavendish Invitational will be held in Monte Carlo from Tuesday, February 14 through Sunday, February 19, 2017. The programme:

- Feb. 14-16 Cavendish Teams
- Feb. 16 Pairs auctions
- Feb. 17-19 Cavendish Pairs (Open & Women)  
Monaco Patton

The organisers offer special hotel rates for bridge players and special entry fees for Juniors.

More information can be found at:  
[www.cavendish.bridgemonaco.com](http://www.cavendish.bridgemonaco.com)



# Correspondence

The Editor reserves the right to abridge and/or edit correspondence.  
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Dear John,

In the early hours of 23 September, 1940, an incendiary bomb fell on the East Wing of the British Museum, damaging an important part of the King's Library Gallery and destroying many of the books, including the (claimed) first bridge book, "Biritch, or Russian whist", by John Collinson, published in 1886. At the time, I was an 11-year-old schoolboy, evacuated to Wales from Birmingham.

In 1977, several years before I became IBPA Executive Editor (for the following 19 years), because of the book's destruction and considerable rarity, I decided to make a limited reprint. As 1977 was also Queen Elizabeth's silver jubilee year, during which businesses were sending their products to the Queen as celebration gifts, I dedicated and sent a copy to the Queen and one to the British Library (No.24) to replace their destroyed original.

The Bodleian Library having lent me their copy, I reprinted the book by hand, from zinc plates, on hand-made paper, leather-bound, containing the full 1886 text plus two frontispieces – photographs of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. Each copy was signed by Victor Mollo (whose three bridge folders I had published), who was born in St. Petersburg, my favourite city.

The project brought together all my main interests: bridge, Russian, typography and publishing. I had started learning Russian in 1946 (a necessary A-level language for matriculation at the time, which later obtained me a place at Birkbeck College in London to read philosophy). Having 'graduated' at the Joint Services School for Linguists at Bodmin in the early 1950s, I spent five years in the RAF involving Russian intelligence.

On leaving, I was offered the post of Manager/Interpreter, Russia by British European Airways, in Moscow, to establish the airline there. There I met Anastas Mikoyan, the Kremlin Deputy Premier and the Air-Marshal Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Air Force. As Deputy Premier of the U.S.S.R. and second in command to Nikita Krushchev, Anastas Mikoyan suddenly made an impromptu visit to a shocked U.S.A. in 1959 in his gleaming new airliner, with an interpreter, and spoke only Russian. Actually, as I know from our meeting, he could speak fluent English! This way he was able to listen to what the Americans were really thinking without their knowing!

Last year I attended the Red Square 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the 1945 victory in Moscow. A sobering experience!

I rarely play bridge now (at 87). As for my standard of play, I think Terence Reese's comment to me after one

deal: "Partner, you really butchered that one," aptly sums it up!

Regrettably, I no longer have a copy of 'Biritch' and am interested in a copy should a member have one with which they are prepared to part.

Best wishes and regards,  
David Rex-Taylor  
[davrex@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davrex@hotmail.co.uk)

P.S.: I should mention that biritch is long obsolete; its basic meanings are 'declarer', 'town-crier', and 'herald'. The Russian card-game like auction bridge is also known as 'vint'. (Etymology: Russ., = screw). Biritch is pronounced 'be rich', with the stress on the second syllable.

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Hi Everyone,

In the semifinals of this summer's Spingold, ZIMMERMANN had a big win over LAVAZZA while FLEISHER edged STRUL by 3 IMPs.

The semis used different boards – a blow for journalists. There is absolutely no justification for not using the same boards in the semifinals of such a prestigious event. It shows a complete lack of consideration for those bridge journalists who write about these matches.

Regards, Tim Bourke, Canberra

*The ACBL takes the view that the integrity of the event is more important than making things easier for us scribblers. For them, it is much easier to police the tournament if no match plays the same boards as any other. Agreed, it is no more trouble to duplicate boards for all matches, as is done nearly everywhere else in the world, but doing so increases the need for vigilance to ensure that no player 'cops a board' from another table and increases the amount of space needed (tables need to be further apart). These factors, in turn, require more staff, extra expense, and so on. The problems are not insoluble, are perhaps even easy to remedy. But money, staffing, security and space are the issues. – Ed.*

Dear John,

I shall be selling my extensive bridge library. It includes a full set of *The Bridge World* from 1931, fully bound, many volumes of *Bridge Magazine*, *International Popular Bridge Monthly*, and *Bridge Today* and dozens of books.

Anyone interested in purchasing this trove should contact me by telephone at +1-416-485-7264 or by post at 531 Spadina Road, Toronto ON M5P 2W9, Canada. Thanks.

Regards, Sami Kehela, Toronto

# World Bridge Calendar

DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
<b>2016</b>			
Aug 7-13	48 <sup>th</sup> International Bridge Week	Mautern, Austria	<a href="http://www.bridgeaustria.at">www.bridgeaustria.at</a>
Aug 17-21	10 <sup>th</sup> "Riga Invites to Jurmala"	Jurmala, Latvia	<a href="http://www.rigainvites.lv">www.rigainvites.lv</a>
Aug 19-28	EBU Summer Meeting	Eastbourne, England	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Aug 20-27	Greek Islands Bridge Festival	Rhodes, Greece	<a href="http://www.bridgefestival.gr">www.bridgefestival.gr</a>
Aug 20-29	World Open Youth Championships	Opatija, Croatia	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Aug 22-28	FISU World University Teams	Lodz, Poland	<a href="http://www.unibridge.eu">www.unibridge.eu</a>
Aug 26-28	Kibic Budapest Open	Budapest, Hungary	<a href="http://www.kibicbridge.com">www.kibicbridge.com</a>
Aug 27-Sep 4	Festival de Bridge de La Grand Motte	La Grande Motte, France	<a href="http://www.festivalsdusoleil.com">www.festivalsdusoleil.com</a>
Sep 2-14	55 <sup>th</sup> International Bridge Festival	Pula, Croatia	<a href="http://www.pulabridgefestival.com">www.pulabridgefestival.com</a>
<b>Sep 3-17</b>	<b>World Bridge Games</b>	<b>Wroclaw, Poland</b>	<b><a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a></b>
Sep 9-18	Confiance Guernsey Congress	Guernsey, Channel Is.	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Sep 16-18	Grand Prix of Madrid	Madrid, Spain	<a href="http://www.granprixdemadrid.com">www.granprixdemadrid.com</a>
Sep 23, 25	Worldwide Bridge Contest Final	Beijing, China	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Sep 24-Oct 1	NZ National Congress	Wellington, NZ	<a href="http://www.nzcba.nz">www.nzcba.nz</a>
Sep 30-Oct 4	International Azores Festival	Azores Is., Portugal	<a href="http://www.fpbridge.com">www.fpbridge.com</a>
Oct 5-11	EBU Overseas Congress	Cardone, Lake Garda, Italy	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Oct 28-Nov 1	Festival de Bridge d'Avignon	Avignon, France	<a href="http://www.festivalsdusoleil.com">www.festivalsdusoleil.com</a>
Oct 29-Nov 6	Brazilian Open	Salvador, Bahia, Brazil	<a href="http://www.bridge.esp.br">www.bridge.esp.br</a>
Oct 31-Nov 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Yeh Online Invitational World Cup	Online	TBA
Nov 7-13	Madeira International Festival	Madeira, Portugal	<a href="http://www.fpbridge.com">www.fpbridge.com</a>
Nov 10-12	3 <sup>rd</sup> Marbella International Tournament	Marbella, Málaga, Spain	<a href="http://www.marbellabridge.com">www.marbellabridge.com</a>
Nov 10-20	22 <sup>nd</sup> Red Sea Bridge Festival	Eilat, Israel	<a href="http://www.bridgeredsea.com">www.bridgeredsea.com</a>
Nov 14-20	WBF Women's Online Festival	BBO	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Nov 21-16	UAE National Day Bridge Festival	Dubai, UAE	<a href="mailto:amr.mekky@hotmail.com">amr.mekky@hotmail.com</a>
Nov 24-Dec 4	ACBL Fall NABC	Orlando, FL	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
<b>2017</b>			
Jan 10-22	Summer Festival of Bridge	Canberra, Australia	<a href="http://www.abf.com.au">www.abf.com.au</a>
Jan 19-22	IV Copenhagen Invitational	Copenhagen, Denmark	<a href="http://www2.bridge.dk">www2.bridge.dk</a>
Jan 21-27	Bermuda Regional	Southampton, Bermuda	<a href="http://www.bermudaregional.com">www.bermudaregional.com</a>
Jan 23-Feb 1	76 <sup>th</sup> International Tournament	St. Moritz, Switzerland	<a href="http://www.bridge.stmoritz.ch">www.bridge.stmoritz.ch</a>
Feb 2-8	EBU Bridge Overseas Congress	Lisbon, Portugal	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Feb 7-12	21 <sup>st</sup> NEC Festival	Yokohama, Japan	<a href="http://www.jcbl.or.jp">www.jcbl.or.jp</a>
Feb 14-16	Cavendish Invitational Teams	Monte Carlo, Monaco	<a href="http://www.cavendish.bridgemonaco.com">www.cavendish.bridgemonaco.com</a>
Feb 17-19	Cavendish Invitational Pairs	Monte Carlo, Monaco	<a href="http://www.cavendish.bridgemonaco.com">www.cavendish.bridgemonaco.com</a>
Feb 17-25	56 <sup>th</sup> Gold Coast Congress	Surfer's Paradise, Australia	<a href="http://www.qldbridge.com/gcc">www.qldbridge.com/gcc</a>
Feb 22-26	Cannes Festival	Cannes, France	<a href="http://www.festivalsdusoleil.com">www.festivalsdusoleil.com</a>
Mar 9-19	ACBL Spring NABC	Kansas City, MO	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
Mar 26-31	25 <sup>th</sup> White House Junior International	Amsterdam, Netherlands	<a href="mailto:kornelistammens@gmail.com">kornelistammens@gmail.com</a>
Apr 24-30	Lambourne Festival of Bridge	Jersey, Channel Is.	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Apr 28-May 2	Schapiro Spring Foursomes	Stratford-upon-Avon, England	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Apr 28-May 9	USBF Open Trials	Schaumburg, IL	<a href="http://www.usbf.org">www.usbf.org</a>
May 3-8	67 <sup>th</sup> South American Championships	Santiago, Chile	<a href="http://www.confsubridge.org">www.confsubridge.org</a>
May 3-9	USBF Women's Trials	Schaumburg, IL	<a href="http://www.usbf.org">www.usbf.org</a>
May 9-13	7 <sup>th</sup> South American Transnationals	Santiago, Chile	<a href="http://www.confsubridge.org">www.confsubridge.org</a>
May 17-25	USBF Senior Trials	Schaumburg, IL	<a href="http://www.usbf.org">www.usbf.org</a>
May 19-Jun 1	Festival de Bridge de Côte d'Azur	Juan-les-Pins, France	<a href="http://www.festivalsdusoleil.com">www.festivalsdusoleil.com</a>
May	29 <sup>th</sup> CACBF Championships	Guatemala	<a href="http://www.cacbf.com">www.cacbf.com</a>
May 27-Jun 7	50 <sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Championships	Seoul, South Korea	<a href="http://www.abf.com.au">www.abf.com.au</a>
Jun 10-18	19 <sup>th</sup> German Bridge Festival	Wyk-auf-Föhr, Germany	<a href="http://www.bridge-verband.de">www.bridge-verband.de</a>
Jun 10-24	8 <sup>th</sup> Open European Championships	Montecatini, Italy	<a href="http://www.eurobridge.org">www.eurobridge.org</a>
Jun 30-Jul 2	English Riviera Congress	Torquay, England	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Jul 3-7	Yeh Bros. Cup	Tokyo, Japan	<a href="mailto:cpc2013228@gmail.com">cpc2013228@gmail.com</a>
Jul 20-30	ACBL Summer NABC	Toronto, ON	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
Jul 30-Aug 5	49 <sup>th</sup> International Bridge Week	Mautern, Austria	<a href="http://www.bridgeaustria.at">www.bridgeaustria.at</a>
<b>Aug 12-26</b>	<b>World Team Championships</b>	<b>Lyon, France</b>	<b><a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a></b>
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