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## Editorial

Every year, the ACBL has a Player-of-the-Year award. The winning player is the one who accumulates the most platinum points (won in unlimited NABC events) in the calendar year.

On page one of Daily Bulletin #7 from the NABC Fall Nationals in Orlando, we read, "**Meckstroth Leads Player of the Year Race.** Jeff Meckstroth is maintaining his lead in the 2016 Player of the Year contest ..." Paraphrasing the rest of the article, we read that Meckstroth had more than 630 platinum points and led Eric Rodwell, his closest competitor, by 20 and was more than 100 points ahead of Eric Greco, in third place. Rodwell could gain no ground as he was playing with Meckstroth for the whole tournament.

When Meckstroth and Rodwell won the Senior Knockout (106 points) and the Blue Ribbon Pairs (190 points) – Greco came in third (107 points) – and came ninth in the Reisinger (67 points) to Greco's second (150 points), it looked like Meckstroth was an easy winner. Thus it came as a big surprise to read, in the final Daily Bulletin: "**Greco Is 2016 Player of the Year.** Greco's total of 800.94 puts him just ahead of Jeff Meckstroth with 778.26. The Daily Bulletin incorrectly reported earlier this week that Meckstroth had the contest wrapped up following his wins in the Baze Senior KO and the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs. But because Meckstroth was allowed by the conditions of contest to drop into the semifinal round of the Blue Ribbon Pairs, he is allowed to keep the higher of the masterpoint awards from the two events, not awards from both."

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## BREV FRA NORGE

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### The Norwegian Bridge Festival 2016

After last year's visit to Tromsø, our festival returned to Fredrikstad this summer. One of the highlights of the festival is the Marit Sveaas International Tournament, which brought together 160 pairs from all over the world. It is worth mentioning that the Italian legend Benito Garozzo, now 89 years old, was one of the prominent participants!

It turned out to be a close race for victory but, when the last of the 120 boards was played, our world superstar Tor Helness, playing with his son Fredrik, came out on top, strongly indicating that the apple does not fall far from the tree. Fredrik showed his skill on this board:

**Dealer South. Both Vul.**

<p>♠ J ♥ 7 ♦ A K J 7 5 4 3 ♣ 10 6 3 2</p> <p>♠ 6 2 ♥ J 3 ♦ 10 9 8 6 2 ♣ A K 9 5</p> <p>♠ 9 7 5 4 3 ♥ A 10 9 5 4 ♦ Q ♣ Q 7</p>	<p>♠ A K Q 10 8 ♥ K Q 8 6 2 ♦ — ♣ J 8 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Fredrik H.</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Tor H.</i>	<i>Wojcieszek</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	3♦	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North kicked off with the knave of spades, taken by dummy's ace. A heart went to the knave and a second round of trumps went to the king and ace. South played the queen of diamonds, ruffed in dummy. The king of spades revealed that North had started with two singletons and South with 5-5 in the majors. Fredrik cashed the queen of spades, the queen of hearts and the ace, king of clubs. That left the position at the top of the next column.

Fredrik led a club to dummy's jack. South ruffed, and could draw dummy's last trump, but then had to lead into dummy's spade tenace.

<p>♠ — ♥ — ♦ A K ♣ 10 6</p> <p>♠ — ♥ — ♦ 10 9 ♣ 9 5</p> <p>♠ 9 7 ♥ 10 9 ♦ — ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 ♥ 8 ♦ — ♣ J</p>
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Plus 790 rendered 67 out of a possible 79 matchpoints to the Helnesses.

Per Bryde Sundseth handled the bad trump split on this deal to perfection:

**Dealer West. Both Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

South led the nine of hearts, taken by the ace. The club king was covered by the ace and ruffed. A diamond was led to the ace, two hearts were discarded on the queen and knave of clubs and a heart was ruffed in hand. Sundseth played a diamond to South's king, and South returned a club, ruffed by declarer. South had to ruff diamonds twice and each time had to lead trumps into East's tenace. South had to unblock the king of diamonds to hold Sundseth to nine tricks.

Boye Brogeland and Espen Lindqvist are among the top-ranked pairs in the world, and here they found a way to beat East's doubled contract:

**Dealer West. Both Vul.**

♠ K J 4 3 2 ♥ 4 ♦ A 10 9 7 6 ♣ K J  ♠ 10 8 7 ♥ 10 3 ♦ K Q J 4 ♣ 10 8 5 4	♠ A Q ♥ A J 8 7 5 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ Q 7 6  ♠ 9 6 5 ♥ K Q 9 6 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A 9 3 2
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Boye was South, Espen North, and the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Lindqvist</i>		<i>Brogeland</i>
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Brogeland led the eight of diamonds to the knave and ace. It is easy to see that Lindqvist could have beaten the contract by cashing the king of clubs and continuing the suit, but he persevered with diamonds. Dummy's queen won and East played, first a spade to the queen, then a low heart. Brogeland won with the queen and led a low club to Lindqvist's king. North then led the only card to beat the contract – a diamond – which secured Brogeland three heart tricks.

Some players have an agreement about "the Beer Card": if you take the thirteenth trick with the seven of diamonds (though not if it's trumps), you are entitled to receive a beer from partner. I would have qualified for the beverage on this board:

**Dealer East. Both Vul.**

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

Tom Johansen led the seven of spades to the queen and my ace. A diamond went to the knave and queen and Norwegian international Tor Hoftaniska returned the ten of spades to my king. I led a diamond to North's

king. Johansen cashed his knave of spades and led the king of hearts to my ace. Hoftaniska declined to take my ten of hearts, so I led a club to the ten. When it held, I cashed the ace of clubs and played a club to my king. I cashed the nine of spades and, at trick twelve, played the ten of diamonds to pin South's eight. Johansen had to surrender the thirteenth trick to my seven of diamonds.

## The Norwegian Bridge Awards

Our prizes for 2015/16 have now been awarded and, for the first time, the grand prize went to a bidding sequence. During the World Bridge Games in Wroclaw in September, Liv Marit Grude was North against Brazil, with these cards:

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

The bidding started with her partner, Bodil Øygarden, South:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Grude</i>		<i>Øygarden</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3♦ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	3♥ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	3♠ <sup>4</sup>
Pass	4♦ <sup>5</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>6</sup>
Pass	5♥ <sup>7</sup>	Pass	5NT <sup>8</sup>
Pass	?		

1. Game force with 4+ hearts
2. Natural, positive hand
3. Asking for singleton
4. Singleton spade
5. Control bid
6. RKCB
7. 2 key cards without the queen of hearts
8. Grand slam invitation

Grude now made the master bid of seven diamonds to suggest an alternative grand slam contract, accepted by Bodil. They were the only pair in the whole tournament to reach a makeable grand slam when this was the entire layout:

♠ A K 10 ♥ 10 8 4 2 ♦ A Q 6 2 ♣ 9 6  ♠ 7 5 4 2 ♥ J 6 3 ♦ 7 5 ♣ Q J 8 7	♠ Q J 9 6 3 ♥ 7 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ K 10 4 3  ♠ 8 ♥ A K Q 9 5 ♦ K J 8 3 ♣ A 5 2
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The award for best play by a junior was earned by Christian Bakke for his defence on this board from the Junior World Teams Championships:

Bakke was West, and the opponents bid:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Bakke led the three of spades from the following collection and North displayed:

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

East covered dummy's eight with the knave, and declarer won with his ace. He played a second spade to the ten and a diamond to the knave. Bakke won with his king. He now found the only way to beat the contract by placing the king of hearts on the table!

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

In our National Pairs Championships, Rune Brendeford Andersen went down in his four-heart contract, but did well to limit it to one down which earned him 60% instead of 40%:

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

With both sides vulnerable, the bidding was simple:

West	North	East	South
1♦	Double	1♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West started with the ace and king of diamonds, then led a club to the ace and ruffed the club return to put the contract one down. West returned a trump and Anderssen reeled off his trumps to reach this situation:

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

When Anderssen played his last trump and discarded dummy's six of spades, East had to surrender, being subjected to a criss-cross squeeze.

Bjørn Helgeby earned himself a clear top here:

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

East/West were vulnerable and the bidding went:

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

West led the four of hearts, taken by declarer's jack. Helgeby cashed his clubs. West discarded a heart and two diamonds and East discarded the queen of diamonds, a spade, two hearts and finally another diamond. Helgeby led the knave of spades and played by Zia's rule: "If they do not cover, they do not have it." He rose with the king when West did not cover and played a spade to the ten. When the ace of spades was cashed, West had to bare his ace of diamonds with which he was thrown in and had to lead into Helgeby's split-heart tenace for 12 tricks.



## The Ruia Gold Trophy

### John Carruthers, Kingsville, ON

The Winter Nationals is India's top tournament, not least because it features both their most-prestigious team event, the Ruia Gold Trophy, and their best pair event, the Shree Cement (formerly the Holkar) Pairs. This year, the Winter Nationals was played in Jaipur, India's first 'planned' city (in 1726), nicknamed "The Pink City", and well-known as the backdrop for "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" films.

The Ruia Gold Trophy Teams format is as follows: a Swiss League qualifying 16 teams for knockout play; 36-board Round-of-16 matches; then 56-board quarterfinal, semifinal and final matches. Most of the top teams are commercially sponsored, with exotic-sounding (to Western ears) names such as Indian Railways, Poddar Housing, Dhampur Sugar Mills, Trambak Rubber and the aforementioned Shree Cement.

### Round of 16. Cogito (G/P & S/T) vs. Poddar Housing (S/S & P/A). Set 2 of 3.

#### Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Shah	N.K. Gupta	Solani	Purushottam
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♣
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Seven clubs is a very good contract but is difficult to diagnose with the controls, shortness and trumps

divided evenly between the two North/South hands and the opponents both in the bidding early. Andrey Purushottam might have done more with such good trumps and diamond controls opposite N.K. Gupta's strong bidding.

Anal Shah led a high heart. Declarer won, played a trump to his ace, then led three rounds of diamonds, discarding dummy's heart loser and ruffing the third with the five of clubs. After that start, and when the ace of spades survived, he could ruff both losing hearts high to make all of the tricks. Plus 640.

West	North	East	South
A.K. Sinha	Poddar	Todankar	Athavale
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♥	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	7♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. 0 or 3 key cards

Dipak Poddar's bidding fit beautifully with Milind Athavale's hand. South was sure to find ten black cards and extra values opposite, in addition to the three key cards promised, so he was on firm ground in bidding the grand slam, knowing that the combined red ace, ace-king would cover North's three cards in the red suits. The play went similarly for plus 2140 and 17 well-deserved IMPs for Poddar Housing.

### Quarterfinals. Shree Radhey (A/S & V/L) vs. Poddar Housing (S/S & P/A). Set 1 of 4.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Shah	R.A. Agarwal	Solani	Samant
Vaidya	Poddar	V.M. Lal	Athavale
—	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

This board produced a swing in both BBO matches.

Shah, for Poddar Housing, led the king of clubs. Anand Samant won with his ace, led a heart to the ace and another trump back to his king. With a difficult discard, West decided upon an encouraging deuce of spades. Declarer led the ten of clubs, won by West with the queen. West shifted to a spade, leery of discards on the clubs. Declarer won with his queen of spades, cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. With the spade in his hand established and the clubs in dummy all high, declarer could run the clubs through East to force out a high trump. East's other high trump was the last trick for the defence, plus 620 for Shree Radhey.

Had West led a diamond or another club when in with the queen of clubs, declarer would have had to go down, provided East shifted to a spade when he made his first trump trick (not cashing the second, which was needed to ruff another good club).

Arvind Vaidya, for Shree Cement, also led the king of clubs. The first four tricks were identical, except that West discarded a club on the second heart. Vaidya continued with his last club, ruffed by V.M. Lal with the jack of hearts and declarer, Athavale, threw a spade. East then cashed the queen of hearts and led a spade. From declarer's point of view, he had to decide (he thought) whether to (a.) take the spade finesse and discard two diamonds on the clubs, or (b.) take the diamond finesse and discard two more spades on the clubs. When he chose to take the spade finesse, declarer was one off, minus 100. That gave 12 IMPs to Shree Radhey.

Declarer should have realised that, had the king of diamonds been offside, a diamond switch from West at trick five would have inevitably led to his defeat in four hearts. West's failure to shift to a diamond indicated that the diamond king was onside. Against that was the fact that East had mis-stepped by cashing his queen of hearts. If East had misdefended, why should West not have done so too?

In the other BBO match:

#### Quarterfinals. Dhampur Sugar Mills (B/S & P/D) vs. Hemant Jalan (T/B & M/B). Set 1 of 4.

West	North	East	South
Thakral	Basak	Bhand	Saha
Padhye	Malhotra	Devadass	Bendre
—	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Double	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The auctions at both tables in this match were identical as well. However, in this match, both Wests ventured a takeout double over two hearts, whereas in the other match both Wests passed.

Hemant Jalan's Sandeep Thakral also led the ever-popular king of clubs. Bhabhesh Saha won with his ace and returned the ten of clubs immediately, revealing less about the deal than the declarers in the other match. West declined to win with his queen, preferring to allow declarer to take two club tricks now rather than four club tricks later. However, that duck also reduced the defensive tricks precariously. Declarer took a diamond finesse and played a club from the dummy, ruffing low in hand as East discarded a diamond. Declarer led a diamond to dummy's ace and led a spade to his ace. He ruffed the queen of diamonds in the dummy and led another club. East ruffed with the nine of hearts and declarer overruffed with his king. A spade went to East's jack and East's spade continuation was ruffed in the dummy. This was the position:

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

Declarer led the jack of clubs. At that point, East had to hope that West held the vital eight of hearts, so ruffed the club with the three of hearts. Declarer overruffed with his eight and West checked to make sure he really had the singleton seven. The ace of trumps was declarer's eleventh trick for plus 650, and a universal top, had it been matchpoints.

Anil Padhye and Vijay Devadass of DSM showed the way to be certain of defeating four hearts. Padhye led the king of clubs. Kaustubh Bendre won with his ace, cashed two hearts ending in the dummy and led the jack of clubs: six, ten, queen. West shifted to a diamond, won by dummy's jack. Declarer led a club, but East ruffed in and shifted to a spade without cashing his other high heart. Declarer was forced to finesse the queen of spades and thus went one off, minus 100 and 13 IMPs to DSM.

Sunit Choksi, West, found the killing lead of the king of diamonds on the following deal – at least in theory. However, his partner, Keyzad Anklesaria, failed to recognise the situation for what it was.

**Quarterfinals. Formidables (C/A & S/N) vs. Shree Cement (B/G & D/B). Set 2 of 4.**

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

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

West	North	East	South
Choksi	Bapat	Anklesaria	Goenka
—	—	—	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Keyzad Anklesaria followed suit with the jack and won the next diamond with the ace. Declarer followed with the nine, then the seven. Since West could have had (East thought) king-queen-ten-six of diamonds, East cashed his ace of spades to beat the contract. There was a slight problem with this line of defence, though: declarer ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps (coming back to hand with another spade ruff) and claimed 10 tricks and plus 420.

Could East have recognised what was going on? Yes, perhaps. Place West with king-queen-ten-six of diamonds. Which diamond would he have played at trick two? Perhaps the ten and not the six. Had West held the king-queen-six of diamonds, he might have played the queen next (since East did not overtake, he could not have held ace-doubleton), although this is less certain.

West	North	East	South
Desai	Satya*	Bagadia	Nadar
—	—	—	2♥ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2NT <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4♥ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	4♠ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. 5+ hearts and 5+ any other suit
  2. Inquiry
  3. Undefined, but 3♥ would have shown poor spades, 3♠ good spades
  4. Believing South had 5=6 in the majors
- \* Satyanarayana

Vinay Desai had less of a problem against five hearts, since only a miracle would have allowed it to make. He led the ten of clubs. Kiran Nadar took her best shot, winning with the ace of clubs, cashing the heart ace, ruffing a spade and leading out the king and another heart. When the miracle heart holding of doubleton queen-jack declined to put in an appearance, declarer had to hope for a singleton ace

or king of diamonds in either hand and clubs 3-3. It was too much to hope for. East, Ajay Bagadia, won the third round of hearts and played the ace and another diamond; the ten forced the king, but that was one off for 10 IMPs to Shree Cement.

**Quarterfinals. President's Friends (S/K & R/S) vs. Rampage (R/H & J/B). Set 2 of 4.**

**Board 27. Dealer South. Neither Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Raj	Shree*	Hegde	Krishnan
Rele	Joseph	Sen	Bahuguna
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

\* R. Shreekrishnan

Although four hearts has only three apparent losers, it is not so easy to come to ten tricks.

R. Shreekrishnan led the queen of spades. Animesh Raj won with the ace in hand and led a club to the queen and king. South shifted to the three of diamonds, ducked by declarer to North's king. North returned his other diamond to declarer's ace, South falsecarding with his ten. Declarer led a second club, this one to North's ace, South following with the seven. It appeared to North that the missing nine of clubs was in declarer's hand, so he led another club. South followed and declarer pitched a spade.

We can see that all declarer needed to do to make his contract at that point was to draw trumps ending in the dummy. However, the carding had alerted declarer to the possibility of South's being 3=4=3=3, so he catered for this possibility by cashing the ace of hearts. North fostered this illusion by following suit with the jack. Declarer then tried to engineer a trump coup on South's presumptive ten-eight-seven-four of hearts, suffering an overruff in diamonds in the process of doing so. That was minus 50.

Amod Rele received a slightly-different defence. Vikrant Joseph led the spade queen. Rele won and played a club. Maneesh Bahuguna won with his king and continued with spades. Declarer won with his king and led another club. North won that with his ace

and shifted to the king of diamonds. Declarer won with his ace and led a heart to dummy's ace. He led a third club from the dummy and discarded his losing diamond. Declarer then ruffed a diamond in hand, ruffed a spade in the dummy, cashed the king of hearts and led the fourth club. When South discarded, declarer did too. However, when declarer led a diamond from dummy, North's heart jack was promoted into the third defensive trick, but that was all; plus 420 and 10 IMPs to President's Friends.

**Quarterfinals. Formidables (T/S & C/A) vs. Shree Cement (G/B & M/B). Set 4 of 4.**

**Board 53. Dealer North. NS Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Goenka</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Bagadia</i>	<i>Shivdasani</i>
<i>Choksi</i>	<i>Machhar</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Bapat</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

It's difficult to see a way for declarer to get to nine tricks. Equally, though, it's problematic for the defence to defend passively enough to defeat three notrump.

Shivdasani made a good start for Formidables when he led his fourth-best diamond. Bagadia won with his ace over the ten and led a low spade. South's ace fanned the air. South continued with the deuce of diamonds, putting an early decision to East. Not willing to bank on the jack-nine being onside and preserving an exit card in diamonds for a potential throw-in, declarer rose with the queen. He continued with the ten of spades, which North had to cover with the jack. Declarer won with the king and, flushed with his success in the spade suit, tried a low club from hand. Not so much luck there: six, eight, three, nine. With diamonds and hearts out of the question, North tried the jack of clubs (it was possible South had a doubleton king). That plan failed, however, when declarer won with his king and returned another club, putting North in again.

This time, North had to open up the hearts and led the six. Declarer put in the jack: queen, ace. Declarer cashed the thirteenth club and led a low heart. When the ten appeared, declarer had ten tricks: two spades, three hearts, three diamonds and two clubs. Not bad for a

guy who had started out with six (counting the king-queen of spades as one). Plus 430 to Shree Cement.

At the other table, Bapat preferred to lead a heart. That was disastrous. Anklesaria beat the ten with the jack, then finessed the nine at trick two. Declarer tried the ten of spades from the dummy: jack, king, ace. A heart to the ace and a spade to the eight gave declarer nine tricks: two spades, four hearts and three diamonds. The defence had the last three tricks; plus 400. "See, it was not such a bad lead after all," Bapat thought, after winning an IMP.

In the other BBO match ...

**Quarterfinals. President's Friends (M/G & S/S) vs. Rampage (R/H & J/B). Set 4 of 4.**

West	North	East	South
<i>Raj</i>	<i>Moorthy</i>	<i>Hegde</i>	<i>U. Gupta</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Uttam Gupta led a diamond. Prakash Hegde won with the ace and led the king of spades to the ace. South continued with diamonds, leading the nine to dummy's king. Declarer led the ten of spades to the jack and queen and a diamond discard from South. Declarer ducked a club to North's nine. North paused to count: declarer had shown up with the king-queen of spades, the ace of diamonds and must have the king of clubs to play the way he did. Thus, he could not have the king-queen-jack of hearts (that would have given him 18 HCP) or the jack of diamonds, and had, at most, one spade trick, three heart tricks and three diamond tricks.

So, North could afford to set up the spades with the ace of clubs as an entry, knowing his partner had a heart stop. That was well-reasoned. Consequently, North simply gave East a spade trick, leading the deuce to make sure South knew he had the ace of clubs, and not wanting to apply undue pressure to his partner by playing the jack and another spade. Declarer won with his four(!) of spades, led a heart to dummy's ace, cashed the queen of diamonds and led a heart to the jack. When that lost to the queen, the defence had the rest; three down, minus 150.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sen</i>	<i>Joseph</i>	<i>Shree</i>	<i>Bahuguna</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West's search for a 5-3 heart fit resulted in the defence knowing declarer's shape at trick two. Bahuguna led a diamond. Declarer won with the king in dummy to lead a spade: five, two, king, ace. South continued with a diamond to declarer's ace. Declarer led a heart to the ace, cashed the queen of diamonds and led a heart

to the ten, jack and queen. South cashed two diamonds and led a heart to dummy's nine. Declarer led a club to the king for one off, minus 50 and 3 IMPs to President's Friends.

It was rather amazing that, of the three declarers who received a diamond lead, one made ten tricks, one made eight and one made six.

### Semifinals. Formidables (A/C & S/T) vs. President's Friends (G/M & S/S). Set 1 of 4.

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

<p>♠ 6 5 ♥ A 9 3 2 ♦ 10 4 2 ♣ J 8 4 2</p> <p>♠ Q 10 7 4 2 ♥ J ♦ A J 5 3 ♣ K 9 3</p>	<p>♠ J 9 ♥ Q 10 8 ♦ K Q 8 ♣ A 10 7 6 5</p> <p>♠ A K 8 3 ♥ K 7 6 5 4 ♦ 9 7 6 ♣ Q</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>U. Gupta</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Moorthy</i>	<i>Choksi</i>
—	—	1♦ <sup>1</sup>	1♥
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. 11-15, 2+ diamonds

Four spades is a very interesting contract to defend. If the defence assumes that West has only five spades, probably necessary to beat it, North/South have a big problem: to wit, the necessity of playing hearts at every opportunity. That plan will give declarer a heart trick, but will allow the defence to tap declarer twice, creating an extra trump trick for South, even if declarer guesses clubs. What happened in real life?

Anklesaria led the ace of hearts. When it went: eight, four, jack, he shifted to a club to the queen and king. Choksi, looking at those spades, could see the defence in front of him, but could not convey that information to Anklesaria. Declarer led a spade to the jack and king. South continued with hearts, leading the king for declarer to ruff. Declarer did so, then led a spade to the nine, ducked by South. Declarer crossed to hand with a diamond to the jack and led a high spade; South won with the ace and continued the attack on hearts. Declarer won in dummy, pitching a club, then led the queen of diamonds, overtaking it with the ace to lead the ten of spades to draw South's last trump. With an inferential count on South's hand, declarer could finesse the ten of clubs and claim with the top diamond and club in dummy. That was a pretty good plus 420 to President's Friends.

West	North	East	South
<i>Shivdasani</i>	<i>Sen</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Shree</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♦ <sup>2</sup>	2♥
2♠ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Puppet to 2♣
2. Forced
3. Invitational in spades

It was ironic that Sen/Shreekrishnan found the defence to beat four spades; however, they were defending only two spades. They led hearts at every opportunity, establishing South's fourth spade as a trick; when they did so, South also had a heart to cash to hold declarer to eight tricks and plus 110. Nevertheless, that resulted in 7 IMPs to President's Friends.

### Semifinals. Poddar Housing (T/B & M/B) vs. Hemant Jalan (S/S & S/D). Set 2 of 4.

#### Board 17. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ 10 8 6 3 ♥ K 9 3 ♦ J 10 9 8 ♣ Q 2</p> <p>♠ K J 4 ♥ 8 7 6 4 2 ♦ K 7 4 3 ♣ 3</p>	<p>♠ 9 7 2 ♥ Q 5 ♦ 6 ♣ K J 10 9 8 7 4</p> <p>♠ A Q 5 ♥ A J 10 ♦ A Q 5 2 ♣ A 6 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Thakral</i>	<i>Solani</i>	<i>Bhand</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Sadhu</i>	<i>Malhotra</i>	<i>Das</i>	<i>Bendre</i>
—	Pass	3♣	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Both Shah and Bendre declined to invite partner to the party. There was some justification for that with a club stopper they could hold up twice. Thakral, for Hemant Jalan, led his club. Shah, the Poddar Housing declarer, won at once, knowing that the three was a singleton. That was shrewd; not so shrewd was his play at trick two, running the jack of hearts to Bhand's queen. Declarer managed to take all four of his aces and one other trick; down four, minus 200.

Bendre, for Hemant Jalan, was more circumspect. He ducked one club and won the second, just to see what West would discard. When West discarded the six of hearts, declarer led the jack of hearts to the king, then ran the eight of diamonds. When that held, he led a diamond to the queen and West's king. West knew that a heart could not cost at this point, so exited in that suit, solving one of declarer's problems when the queen popped up from East. Declarer was up to eight tricks.



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## 837. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

The auction was the same at both tables in a team game. Each West began with the three top hearts. Both declarers ruffed the third heart, then cashed the ace and king of trumps. Thereafter their paths diverged.

This first declarer correctly placed the king of clubs with West, so he played the ace and another club. After West followed with the three and nine of clubs, this declarer played dummy's queen because this would make the contract whenever clubs were 3-2. Alas, East threw a diamond and so West made two club tricks to defeat the contract.

At the other table, the declarer found the 100% line to make his contract as long as West, as expected, held the king of clubs. After drawing trumps, since they were 2-2, declarer continued by cashing the ace and king of diamonds. He then led a low club from hand. When West followed with the three, declarer played dummy's queen of clubs. When it held, he returned to hand with a trump to lead a second low club. West played his jack of clubs but was now endplayed, forced either to concede a ruff-and-discard or to lead away from his king of clubs. No matter which option West chose, declarer would have made ten tricks, as he would have done even had West held a singleton club king or East a singleton club jack.

**838.** (See top of next column.) West began with the ace, king and queen of spades. Declarer counted ten tricks: four in trumps, four in diamonds and two in clubs. He saw that the main danger was West's having two diamonds and four hearts to the jack. If that were the case, and

declarer played three top trumps, West would ruff the third diamond and the contract would go down, declarer being left with a club loser and no way to get rid of it.

## Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Declarer's initial idea to cater for that possibility was to lead the ten of trumps. After a moment's further thought he decided to keep the prospect of an overtrick alive by crossing to the dummy with a diamond to the jack and then leading the two of trumps to his ten. If the ten had held he would have made an overtrick as long as the trumps were divided no worse than 4-2. On this layout, however, West took the ten of hearts with the jack and played a hopeful fourth round of spades. Declarer ruffed this on table with the nine of trumps and discarded the five of clubs from hand. After crossing back to hand with a club to his ace, declarer drew the outstanding trumps and claimed ten tricks.

## 839. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

1. Two key cards without the queen of spades

West led the jack of diamonds. Declarer took this with the ace and crossed to dummy with a heart to the ace, then ran the ten of trumps. After it held, he continued with the two of trumps from dummy, East following suit with the six. Declarer was not tempted to finesse for a second time, for that would rely on the king of trumps being on his right, still only a 50% chance. Instead he rose with the ace of trumps because he saw that he could guarantee the contract if the trumps were 3-2 (a 68% chance) and that he would have quite promising residual chances if East did have four trumps to the king.

After West followed for a second time in trumps, declarer cashed the king-queen of diamonds and discarded the two of clubs from dummy. Next, he crossed to dummy with a club to the ace then discarded a club on dummy's the king of hearts. All that remained was to cross to his king of clubs and ruff his remaining club with dummy's nine of trumps. He lost just one trick, to the king of spades.

Note that a second trump finesse would have seen the contract fail as West would have won the trick with the king and returned his last trump. Declarer would then have been reduced to relying on the failing club finesse.

#### 840. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	1♣	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT <sup>1</sup>
Pass	4♠ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Forcing enquiry
2. Four-card support

West led the seven of trumps and, after dummy appeared, declarer could count ten top tricks. He saw

that any plan he made would likely depend on whether trumps were 2-1 or 3-0. So he played the queen of trumps from dummy and was pleased to see that East followed. This made attempting to establish a trick in clubs more attractive than trying to cash three diamonds and ruff three red cards in dummy.

As he had only four more entries to establish and enjoy a club winner when the suit was 4-4, declarer ruffed a club at trick two. A low trump to dummy's jack provided a second entry to ruff another club. A diamond to the ace saw a third club ruffed. Next he cashed the king-queen of diamonds, discarding a heart from dummy. He was pleased to see that East had started with two trumps and two diamonds, since this meant that the ruffing-red-cards plan would have failed, and that East's likely original shape was 2=5=2=4.

Declarer ruffed his fourth diamond in the dummy, then ruffed a fourth club, felling the remaining clubs. He cashed the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart in dummy. The king of clubs was his thirteenth trick. Declarer made six trumps, two ruffs in dummy, a heart, three diamonds and a club.



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Declarer took the ace and ten of hearts and the ace and jack of diamonds. Having reduced West to three spades and one heart, and having lost just two tricks, Bendre led a spade to the queen. Sadhu won and got out with a spade. Bendre completed a masterful performance by putting up dummy's ten for his ninth trick. Plus 400 won 12 non-vulnerable IMPs for Hemant Jalan.

**Semifinals. Poddar Housing (S/D & P/A) vs. Hemant Jalan (T/B & M/B). Set 3 of 4.**

**Board 34. Dealer East. NS Vul.**

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

Having reached three notrump on marginal values, Bhand played it very nicely. He won Sadhu's jack-of-spades lead in the dummy and immediately led a club. To beat three notrump, Das had to rise with the ace and shift to a heart while he still had a diamond entry. That needed his partner to have at least ace-third in hearts after the weak two in spades. When East ducked his ace, declarer won with his king and led the ten of diamonds to the ace and another diamond. East ducked that, so Bhand won with his queen and cashed a high spade just in case East had another, then put East on play with the king of diamonds. Having only hearts and clubs left East had to surrender a ninth trick regardless of the location of the ace of hearts. Declarer had been careful to unblock the nine of diamonds, so still had an entry to his third spade trick.

West	North	East	South
<i>Malhotra</i>	<i>Poddar</i>	<i>Bendre</i>	<i>Athavale</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Here, North did not enter the bidding, even a level lower. North led a heart and declarer made three trump tricks, two hearts, one diamond and one club for minus 50, but a gain of 11 IMPs to Hemant Jalan.

**Semifinals. Formidables (T/S & S/N) vs. President's Friends (R/M & S/S). Set 3 of 4.**

**Board 37. Dealer North. NS Vul.**

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

1. Transfer to diamonds
2. Likes diamonds
3. Spade shortness
4. Quantitative

Six diamonds is an interesting contract to play on a non-heart lead. Tewari/Shivdasani's auction practically begged for a heart lead and Moorthy obliged, leading the ace. That was the end for the defence and Formidables scored up plus 1370. An underlead might have been successful – declaring from South would have protected against that.

West	North	East	South
<i>Satya</i>	<i>Sen</i>	<i>Nadar</i>	<i>Shree</i>
—	1NT	Pass	2NT <sup>1</sup>
Pass	3♦ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	3♥ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	3♠ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>4</sup>
Pass	5♦ <sup>5</sup>	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Transfer to diamonds
2. Likes diamonds
3. Features
4. Roman Key Card Blackwood
5. One key card

At this table, South showed heart values, so Kiran Nadar was less inclined to lead a heart. Here, the auction seemed to cry out for a club lead and she led the jack of that suit. Sen won, crossed to the ace of spades, drew trumps with the ace and king and came back to hand with a club. When he led the queen of spades, Nadar ducked (good!), so declarer ruffed it, came to hand with the third club and cashed the thirteenth club for a heart discard. When the next spade failed to bring down the king, declarer ruffed it, came to the queen of

diamonds and led a heart toward the king. This last chance paid off as well for a push at plus 1370.

**Final. Formidables (C/A & T/S) vs. Poddar Housing (D/S & A/P). Set 2 of 4.**

On the following board, four spades was a pretty delicate contract, but both declarers handled it well.

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

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Choksi	Das	Anklesaria	Sadhu
—	—	—	3♦
3♠	4♣	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

After winning the diamond opening lead, it is tempting to take two high rounds of trump before embarking on a crossruff. For that to succeed, however, the top hearts need to survive, and declarer was warned by the bidding that that might not happen. Accordingly, Choksi won the diamond lead and immediately led another diamond. There was little danger in doing so: if North could ruff, perhaps it would be from a three-card holding and the trumps could be drawn when next declarer gained the lead.

When North did in practice follow to the diamond, declarer ruffed it in the dummy and played the ace and king of hearts. When the second of these was ruffed by the ten of spades, declarer overruffed with his jack and cashed the ace. In this fashion, declarer was able to ruff all three of his diamond losers in the dummy and lose no trump tricks. Eight trump tricks and two red aces made ten for a well-done plus 620 for Formidables. Even had North been able to ruff a diamond high in front of the dummy, declarer would merely have exchanged that ruff for a club ruff.

West	North	East	South
Athavale	Tewari	Poddar	Shivdasani
—	—	—	2♦
2♠	3♦	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Shivdasani (as had Sadhu) also had a weak two available and used the more conservative approach. Athavale won the diamond lead and straightaway tried to cash the top hearts. South ruffed with the ten and was

overruffed by the jack. Declarer here also cashed one high spade, then embarked on the crossruff. Athavale took the same ten tricks as had Choksi for a push.

The final was extraordinary. Formidables outscored Poddar Housing 43-11 and 61-11 in the first two quarters. That 82-IMP lead was impressive to everyone, not least to Poddar Housing, who conceded with 28 boards to play. It was Formidables' seventh win in the last ten years. Just as remarkable, the team has had six runner-up finishes, five of them coming before their first win. Congratulations to Kiran Nadar and her crew: Bachiraju Satyanarayana, Jaggy Shivdasani/Rajesh Tewari, Sunit Choksi/Keyzad Anklesaria. The team has changed composition somewhat over time, but Kiran Nadar and Satya (as he is universally known) have been constants for all 20 years of their run.



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**Beautiful Minds**

Here are two very different deals from recent Australian events. Nevertheless, both declarers were aided by very subtle, difficult-to-see, defensive errors. Can you spot them?

First, from the final of the **2016 New South Wales Interstate Open Teams Selection ...**

**Round 4. Board 3. Dealer North. EW Vul.**

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

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

♠ Q J 4  
 ♥ Q 7  
 ♦ A 7 6 4  
 ♣ A Q 10 4

West	North	East	South
—	Markovics		Rosendorff
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Transfer to spades
2. Game force, 5+ spades, 5 hearts

West led the ten of diamonds. After the diamond jack won, declarer, Nigel Rosendorff (playing with Andrew

Markovics), led the heart two to the queen and king. West shifted to the ace and five of spades. East won with the king and continued with his third spade. That eliminated the possibility of any heart ruffs for South. Declarer crossed to the king of diamonds and played off the spade winners. This was the position:

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

South led the six of clubs and finessed the queen. West discarded the nine of diamonds. When South cashed the ace of clubs, if West threw a diamond, South's diamonds would have been winners; if he instead pitched a heart, dummy's hearts would have been high.

Making four spades for plus 420 gave North-South 7 IMPs. The other two pairs in four spades went one down.

To beat four spades, East had to play a diamond after making the king of spades. A heart shift will not quite do it as a different squeeze operates in that case.

Next, from the **2016 NSW Mixed Pairs:**

**Round 2. Board 12. Dealer South. EW. Vul.**

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

West	North <i>Hellsten*</i>	East	South <i>Lavings</i>
—	—	—	2NT
Pass	3♥ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Transfer to spades  
\* Now Helen Lavings

West led the king of diamonds. Paul Lavings, South, won and played a low club to the ten and king. East switched to a low heart, won by declarer's ace. South returned the queen of clubs to the ace and East played another heart, won with the king. South cashed the jack of clubs, pitching a diamond from dummy and crossed to dummy with a heart ruff. Next came the

jack of spades: three – four – eight, and the two of spades: five – queen – diamond two. South exited with a diamond to the jack. This was now the position:

<p>♠ 10 9 ♥ — ♦ 9 ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ Q ♦ Q ♣ 7</p>	<p>♠ K 6 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 8</p>
<p>♠ A ♥ — ♦ 10 7 ♣ —</p>		

West cashed the queen of diamonds, but whatever came next, dummy ruffed and East's king of spades was doomed, whether by ruffing and being over-ruffed or by under-ruffing dummy. Lavings had pulled off a rare "Smother Coup".

Of the 13 pairs in three spades, only two made it. West needed to retain the two of diamonds to give East a diamond ruff.



## The 15<sup>th</sup> European Champions Cup

Zagreb, Croatia, November 10-12, 2016  
**Jos Jacobs, Maarn, Netherlands**

Twelve teams took part. They played a round robin, with the top four reaching the semifinals.

**Round 1 – Villa Fabbriche vs. Allegra**

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

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

West	North	East	South
Madala	Lo Presti	Bianchedi	Mazzadi
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	2♦	Pass	3♦
Double	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North led a top diamond and shifted to the eight of spades, which ran to the queen and declarer's ace. Madala cashed a top heart and continued with the ten of spades, accurately ducked by Mazzadi. Another spade went to Mazzadi's king and when he continued with the thirteenth spade, North was able to discard his club. As Madala was in dummy now, having himself discarded a club, he took a club finesse, but Lo Presti could ruff, for the third defensive trick, and exit in diamonds. Mazzadi's king of clubs was the setting trick in the end. That was nicely done. Villa Fabbriche plus 100.

### Round 5 – 't Onstein vs. Monaco

In Round 5, the big match was between the leaders, 't Onstein, and Monaco. To a certain extent, this match could be considered a replay of the recent World Bridge Games final in Wroclaw. The tournament situation here, however, was not quite the same. In Poland, it was a final, but here, it was Monaco badly in need of some V.P.: they were just average after four rounds and time was beginning to run out for them if they wanted to make it into the semifinals.

First blood in this match, however, went to the Dutch:

#### Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Multon	Muller	Zimmermann
1♣ <sup>1</sup>	2♥	Double <sup>2</sup>	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠ <sup>3</sup>	Pass
3NT <sup>4</sup>	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Tarzan Strong Club: 15+ HCP
2. 9+ HCP
3. More than a minimum raise (min. = 4♠)
4. Choice of games

North led the king of hearts, which was allowed to hold. He shifted to a diamond, which was ducked to

South's king and a heart came back, declarer winning with the ace. De Wijs' next move was to cash the ace of spades. When he continued with a club to dummy and the ten of spades toward his queen-nine, his problems were over when the jack appeared. Plus 420.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Van Prooijen	Helness	Verhees
INT	2♦ <sup>1</sup>	Double	Redouble <sup>2</sup>
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Either major
2. Requests major

When Helgemo won the king-of-hearts lead at trick one and returned the suit, he was soon one down. North took the second heart with the ten and continued with the queen. South overruffed dummy's eight of spades with the jack and shifted to a club. Helgemo won with his king and led the ace and another spade to van Prooijen's king. When North led a diamond, declarer ducked in dummy, losing to Verhees' king. That was one down; plus 50 to 't Onstein and 10 IMPs to them.

The round robin produced these four semifinalists:

1	't Onstein (NED)	147.49
2	Bamberger Reiter (DEU)	133.04
3	Heimdal (NOR)	127.27
4	Monaco (MON)	126.53

Monaco had sneaked in at the last moment, finishing four Victory Points ahead of Allegra (ITA). For the semifinal, 't Onstein chose Heimdal, leaving Bamberger Reiter to battle Monaco.

#### Semifinal. Board 8. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Multon	Fritsche	Martens
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

The lead of the ace and deuce of diamonds did not make life difficult for declarer. Häusler won South's nine with the ten and played off three rounds of trumps. Multon won with the jack and returned the

nine of clubs. Declarer tried the king and ruffed South's ace. On the run of the trumps, this was the position with two trumps to play:

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

On the lead of the eight of hearts, Multon and dummy threw clubs. Martens could see that if he kept two spades and two diamonds for his last four cards, declarer would succeed whether he played the ace and another spade or the king and another diamond; declarer could hardly fail. So Martens discarded the four of spades. Declarer cashed the last heart; this time North and South pitched clubs while declarer let go the jack of diamonds from the dummy, retaining the king-six in hand over South's queen-three. Häusler did well in the four-card ending by cashing the ace of spades, dropping Martens' then-bare king, to make an overtrick; plus 450.

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Gawel</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Double
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Helness saw no good reason to raise with his junk. Helgemo made ten tricks on the same lead and continuation by reducing South to two spades and two diamonds, then guessing the ending (there were no clubs left at that point, so Helgemo did not risk the contract by doing so); Monaco plus 170, but a gain of 7 IMPs to the Germans.

The semifinal scores were Heimdal 87 – t Onstein 77 and Monaco 96 – Bamberger Reiter 68.

In the final ...

**Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Berg</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Austberg</i>
1♣	1♥	2♣	3♣ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Invitational-plus raise in hearts

East led a club to declarer's ace. Next came the five of diamonds on which East contributed the three. Your methods are high-low to show an even number. What should you do as West when declarer inserts dummy's jack?

From partner's three, his lowest, you may well deduce that declarer has a singleton diamond, in which case it is probably best to win the ace, though we can see (double-dummy) that playing low to this trick beats the contract immediately. Trumps are 4-1 and declarer is sort of stranded in dummy at that point.

The problem is, of course, that partner can hold exactly queen-three, in which case ducking your ace is mandatory.

However, if you win with the ace and shift to a spade from your ace, declarer has to believe in his luck. He can draw four rounds of trumps and then (hopefully) enjoy the diamonds. Alternatively, he can play for trumps 3-2 and thus start by ruffing out the queen of diamonds, just in case that were necessary.

At the table, upon winning the spade return, declarer followed the latter line and first played another diamond. The queen duly appeared but from this point, declarer could not both remove the outstanding trumps and enjoy the diamonds any more. One down, Monaco plus 50.

The same contract and the same lead occurred at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Grøtheim</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Tøndel</i>	<i>Martens</i>
1♣	1♥	3♣	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Here too, East led a club and declarer won with the ace of clubs at trick one. At trick two, declarer also led the five of diamonds, East playing the three. The jack was called for and here too, West won with his ace prematurely, facing the same problem as at the other table. A spade came back here, too, but when Multon won the trick with his king, he simply went for diamonds no worse than queen-third with East. Four rounds of trumps and then a diamond produced the queen and an overtrick. That was plus 450 to Monaco and 11 IMPs, to lead 51-17 at halftime. Monaco went on to win easily, 117-40.



## The International Bridge Press Association

### IBPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 9:30 a.m., 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Wroclaw, Poland

### Minutes

0. **Attendance:** 26 (see list below)
1. **Remembrance** of members deceased since last AGM: Patrick Jourdain, Mario Dix
2. **Minutes** of the AGM held on 3rd October 2015 in Chennai, India - Approved.
3. **Officers' Reports:** President Pro-tem, Chairman, Secretary (available on request)
4. **Appointees' Reports:** Editor, Membership Secretary (available on request)
5. **Treasurer:** Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 are read out by Per Jannersten. The deficit of \$6,015 was caused by the decline in membership. The accounts are approved.  
Auditor's report for 2015 (Richard Fleet) read out by Per Jannersten – Approved.  
Budget for 2017: Approved  
Proposal regarding subscriptions for the year 2017 : they can remain unchanged – Approved.
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). - Elected  
Proposed for annual election are: Hon. Auditor: Richard Fleet - Approved; Hon. General Counsel: David Harris - Approved
7. **Election of Executive members:** Proposed for a 3-year election to 2019: Jan van Cleeff (Netherlands), Brent Manley (USA), Tadashi Yoshida (Japan) - elected.  
There is a vacancy among the executive members that were elected until 2017. Two candidates were proposed by the floor: Marek Wojcicki (Poland) and Liz McGowan (Scotland). Marek Wojcicki is elected to the executive.
8. **The IBPA Annual Awards:** Barry Rigal presented the awards,
9. **Any other competent business:** There is a reminder to attend, that evening, the farewell party for Patrick Jourdain.  
As a suggestion from the floor, it is questioned whether the book of the year warrants a monetary award, since being named as such carries its own reward. The Chairman and the Award's Chairman both stress that the award is sponsored, and that it is our custom to keep half of the sponsorship but pay out the other half to the recipient(s).  
**List of attendees to the AGM:** Phillip Alder, John Carruthers, Mirek Cichocki, Herman De Wael, Nicolas Hammond, David Harris, Josef Harsanyi, Maureen Hiron, Britt Jannersten, Per Jannersten, Ron Klinger, Fernando Lema, Jerry Li, Brent Manley, Micke Melander, Jean Paul Meyer, George Retek, Barry Rigal, David Stern, Jan Swaan, Ron Tacchi, Katie Thorpe, GeO Tislevoll, Jan van Cleeff, Elisabeth van Ettinger, Marek Wojcicki (26).



## Correspondence

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John:

I wrote the piece about Rodwell snagging 12 tricks in three notrump on a squeeze without the count (*Bulletin 623, December 2016, page 15 – Ed.*). It was attributed it to Barry Rigal.

Brent Manley, Arlington, TN

*(The proper attribution has been made in the online version and a revised version has been uploaded to the IBPA website. – Ed.)*

Hi John:

Regarding the ‘King of Diamonds’ in the Swedish Premier League: Mikael Grönkvist has published an article from the Swedish Premier League (*Bulletin 622, November 2016, page 16: Best Defended Deal – Ed.*). As tournament manager of the event, I would like to add some facts and suggest that partial credit for one particular deal goes to Bertil Johnson who did publish it first, albeit in Swedish. Johnson was the the Swedish Bridge Federation’s official on-site hand-of-the-match reporter, and he published the king-of-diamonds deal as it happened, which was several days before Mikael Grönkvist did. Johnson, by the way, was the third-ever IBPA member. He was employed by Eric Jannersten in the early 60s, so he has been around the bridge block a few times.

Best regards, Tomas Brenning, Stockholm

John,

With regard to the item on page 14 of the November Bulletin (“The Name of the Game” by Bob van de Velde – Ed.), the issue of *Auction Bridge Magazine* was September 1927, not 1925 (ABM did not commence publication until 1926). The identity of the Research Editor was J.B. Chambers. Recording his death in the June 1934 edition, R.F. Manning-Foster commented that he was a “distinguished mathematician and won a Whitworth Scholarship”. It may be worth noting that M-F stated that Chambers spent many years of his life in Russia and worked there as chief engineer and general manager of a number of industrial concerns. It is reasonable to infer from this that he would have had a good knowledge of Russian (i.e., he was writing from a position of familiarity as to how words were pronounced).

BTW, I have a complete set of (*Auction*) *Bridge Magazine* and have read them all! That’s how I knew that Foster wasn’t the research editor.

Richard Fleet, London

*(Bob van de Velde responds ...)*

Hi John,

This is useful additional information! As *Auction Bridge Magazine* is not complete in the Bridge Collection Amsterdam (University Library, Amsterdam) and anyway not available at this moment, I am happy with this news from Richard Fleet. A complete run of ABM is a valuable property! Hopefully, Richard’s letter will be an incentive for other members to react or to publish other historical material. I am sure that there are enough bridge or card game historians and collectors who can contribute at least interesting ‘bits and pieces’ and even articles about the history of our game that will enrich the content of the IBPA Bulletin.

Regards, Bob van de Velde, Amsterdam

Hi John,

I would like to suggest that articles of a human-interest nature might have a place in the Bulletin. If we want the game to appeal to the masses, then the those articles work far better for that than articles with exotic bridge deals. If we are working to increase IBPA membership, then we need to consider who it is that we want before we become extinct.

Regards, Jade Barret, Elk Lake, SD

Hi John,

Thanks for the marvellous article in IBPA Bulletin 622, November, 2016 on the HCL International Team event in India. My question is the sentence on p. 5 re: Swiss Q8, Board 21. As I read it, you said four rounds of spades would make three notrump. I knew you were not double-dummy hooking the spade ten, so, after the club nine lead to declarer’s ace and four rounds of spades to West: when West wins the jack of spades, I think a club to East’s jack and a heart shift from East would defeat three notrump.

Kind wishes, Bob Bambrick, Ottawa

*(Bob is correct if East withholds the jack of clubs at trick one, as he should have done. – Ed.)*

## NEWS & VIEWS



### 2017 Welsh Invitation Pairs

Maggie Pierce reports that the Welsh Bridge Union are going to run the ‘Welsh Invitation Pairs’ in 2017 in Patrick Jourdain’s honour. The date is July 22/23 in Cardiff.

## Sandra Landy (1938-2017)



Sandra Landy, winner of two World and five European Championships for Great Britain, has died in England. Landy won nine other medals in World and European play. She was a graduate of both Oxford and Cambridge and taught computer science at Brighton University. Landy also excelled in administration, having

served on the Board of Directors of the English Bridge Union as well as the EBU's Selection and Tournament Committees.

## Boye Brogeland Receives Rotary Award

Carl Mathiesen reported on BridgeWinners that in October, Tonje Brogeland, Boye Brogeland's wife, persuaded Boye to join her at a surprise reception at his childhood town, Moi, Norway where he received a Rotary medal and diploma for his exposure of cheating among top-level players in the bridge world. The award is consistent with the motto of Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, to promote integrity and advance world understanding and goodwill.

## Lyon 2017

The list of hotels offering special rates arranged by the local Organising Committee can be found at [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org), the WBF's website.

## WBF Women's Online Bridge Festival

The Women's Autumn Online Bridge Festival was played from November 14 to 20, 2016 and we congratulate Virginia Chediak on winning the top prize of free entry to the European Women's Pairs Championship in Montecatini next June. The results, master point awards and other information about this event, inaugurated by Anna Maria Torlontano, can be found on the WBF website. The next Online Festival will be held April 3-9, 2017.

## World Anti-Doping Agency

The 2017 "Prohibited List" comes into force on January 1, 2017. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, WADA published the *2017 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods*; along with, the *2017 Summary of Major Modifications and Explanatory Notes*. The List, which is one of five International Standards that are mandatory for all Signatories of the World Anti-Doping Code

(Code), designates what substances and methods are prohibited both in- and out-of-competition and which substances are banned in particular sports.

## ACBL Disciplinary Actions

The ACBL's Appeals and Charges Committee has upheld the Ethical Oversight Committee's decision to expel Fulvio Fantoni/Claudio Nunes and Lotan Fisher/Ron Schwartz from the League. Both pairs forfeit all titles, masterpoints, ranks and member privileges

In the matter of the two teams who illegally reported a 0-0 tie after their pairs sat in the same direction in a Swiss Teams at the Denver Regional tournament in May 2016, the ACBL's Ethical Oversight Committee ruled on each player as follows:

Cameron Doner – placed on six-month's probation, from December 7, 2016 to June 6, 2017

Marilyn Eber, Kay Enfield, Dana Hastings, Greg Hinze, and Marty Seligman – no charge could be proved; cases dismissed

David Grainger – serving six-month probation ending February 28, 2017

Jan Janitschke – dismissed from the matter in the interest of justice (*Janitschke is very ill and is believed not to have been aware of the transaction – Ed.*)

Mark Lair and Dan Morse – suspended from January 1-30, 2017 and placed on probation from January 31, 2017 until January 30, 2018.

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### ... Editorial - continued from page 1.

So Meckstroth was docked the 106 points he won in the Senior Knockout Teams. Ironically, had he lost in the semifinals of the Senior KO, he'd have won 53 points and would have kept them, thus winning the Player-of-the-Year race by 30 points or so. Does this make sense?

There is an historical reason for the rules on winning master points from multiple events being as they are. The genesis of the rule was to prevent fiascos such as occurred in the 1970s, when the illustrious and somewhat-infamous Barry Crane would play in the first session of a Swiss Teams at a Regional tournament in an eastern time zone (thereby qualifying for its master point awards), hop in his private jet, then fly west to another time zone to play the second session of a Swiss Teams there (also qualifying for its master point awards). For example, Crane could fly from Detroit (his original home) to LA (his adopted home) in about four hours.

When the ACBL very sensibly decided to allow dropins from the Senior KO to the semifinals of the Blue Ribbon Pairs, they should also have amended the master point rules to reflect this and other dropin situations.

# World Bridge Calendar

DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
<b>2017</b>			
Jan 10-22	Summer Festival of Bridge	Canberra, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Jan 19-22	IV Copenhagen Invitational	Copenhagen, Denmark	www2.bridge.dk
Jan 21-27	Bermuda Regional	Southampton, Bermuda	www.bermudaregional.com
Jan 23-Feb 1	76 <sup>th</sup> International Tournament	St. Moritz, Switzerland	www.bridge.stmoritz.ch
Jan 26-29	Winter in Vienna	Vienna, Austria	www.bridgeaustria.at
Feb 2-8	EBU Overseas Congress	Lisbon, Portugal	www.ebu.co.uk
Feb 7-12	21 <sup>st</sup> NEC Festival	Yokohama, Japan	www.jcbl.or.jp
Feb 13-18	26 <sup>th</sup> Sun, Sea & Slams Tournament	Christ Church, Barbados, W.I.	www.cacbf.com
Feb 14-16	Cavendish Invitational Teams	Monte Carlo, Monaco	www.cavendish.bridgemonaco.com
Feb 17-19	Cavendish Invitational Pairs	Monte Carlo, Monaco	www.cavendish.bridgemonaco.com
Feb 18-25	56 <sup>th</sup> Gold Coast Congress	Surfer's Paradise, Australia	www.qldbridge.com/gcc
Feb 22-26	Cannes Festival	Cannes, France	www.festivalsdusoleil.com
Mar 9-19	ACBL Spring NABC	Kansas City, MO	www.acbl.org
Mar 16-19	Tasmanian Festival of Bridge	Sandy Bay, Tasmania, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Mar 26-31	25 <sup>th</sup> White House Junior International	Amsterdam, Netherlands	kornelistammens@gmail.com
Mar 26-Apr 1	XXX International Bridge Festival	Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife	www.asociacioncanariabridge.com
Apr 3-11	19 <sup>th</sup> BFAME Zonal Championships	Dubai, UAE	azwer46@gmail.com
Apr 4-9	Kitzbüheler BridgeWeek	Kitzbühel, Austria	www.bridgeaustria.at
Apr 5-9	Amazing Bridge Festival	Bangkok, Thailand	www.thailandbridgeleague.com
Apr 11-16	122 <sup>nd</sup> Canadian Nationals	Toronto, Ontario	www.unit166.ca
Apr 17-23	Gatlinburg Regional	Gatlinburg, TN	www.gatlinburgregional.org
Apr 21-30	Lambourne Jersey Festival of Bridge	Jersey, Channel Is.	www.ebu.co.uk
Apr 27-May 6	29 <sup>th</sup> CACBF Championship	Guatemala	www.cacbf.com
Apr 28-May 2	Schapiro Spring Foursomes	Stratford-upon-Avon, England	www.ebu.co.uk
Apr 28-May 9	USBF Open Trials	Schaumburg, IL	www.usbf.org
Apr 29-May 1	German Bridge Team Trophy	Berlin	www.bridge-verband.de
May 3-8	67 <sup>th</sup> South American Championships	Santiago, Chile	www.confisudbridge.org
May 3-9	USBF Women's Trials	Schaumburg, IL	www.usbf.org
May 4-8	Australian Fall Nationals	Adelaide, Australia	www.abf.com.au
May 5-13	All Africa Zonal Championships	Capetown, South Africa	www.sabf.co.za
May 9-13	7 <sup>th</sup> South American Transnationals	Santiago, Chile	www.confisudbridge.org
May 13-29	South African Nationals	Capetown, South Africa	www.sabf.co.za
May 17-25	USBF Senior Trials	Schaumburg, IL	www.usbf.org
May 19-28	Festival de Bridge de Côte d'Azur	Juan-les-Pins, France	www.festivalsdusoleil.com
May 25	Bonn Cup	Bad Godesburg, Germany	www.bridge-verband.de
May 27-Jun 7	50 <sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Championships	Seoul, South Korea	www.abf.com.au
Jun 10-18	19 <sup>th</sup> German Bridge Festival	Wyk-auf-Föhr, Germany	www.bridge-verband.de
Jun 10-24	8 <sup>th</sup> Open European Championships	Montecatini, Italy	www.eurobridge.org
Jun 30-Jul 2	English Riviera Congress	Torquay, England	www.ebu.co.uk
Jun 30-Jul 6	51 <sup>st</sup> Tel-Aviv Bridge Festival	Tel-Aviv, Israel	koby.shacher@gmail.com
Jul 3-7	Yeh Bros. Cup	Tokyo, Japan	cpc2013228@gmail.com
Jul 8-15	26 <sup>th</sup> European Junior Team	Samorin, Slovakia	www.eurobridge.org
Jul 10-19	Alaska Regional	At Sea	www.acbl.org
Jul 15-27	Australian National Championships	Canberra, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Jul 20-30	ACBL Summer NABC	Toronto, Ontario	www.acbl.org
Jul 28-Aug 6	23 <sup>rd</sup> Swedish Bridge Festival	Örebro, Sweden	www.svenskbridge.se/festival-2017
Jul 29-Aug 3	Chairman's Cup	Örebro, Sweden	www.svenskbridge.se/eng
Jul 30-Aug 5	49 <sup>th</sup> International Bridge Week	Mautern, Austria	www.bridgeaustria.at
Aug 4-13	EBU Summer Meeting	Rastbourne, UK	www.ebu.co.uk
<b>Aug 12-26</b>	<b>World Team Championships</b>	<b>Lyon, France</b>	<b>www.worldbridge.org</b>
Aug 15-24	World Open Youth Championships	Lyon, France	www.worldbridge.org
Aug 18-27	EBU Summer Meeting	Eastbourne, UK	www.ebu.co.uk
Aug 23-Sep 3	Festival La Grande Motte	La Grande Motte, France	www.festivalsdusoleil.com
Sep 8-17	Guernsey Congress	Guernsey, Channel Is.	www.ebu.co.uk
Sep 30-Oct 7	New Zealand National Congress	Hamilton, NZ	www.nzbridge.co.nz
Oct 9-15	EBU Overseas Congress	Halkidiki, Greece	www.ebu.co.uk
Nov 9-11	4 <sup>th</sup> Marbella International	Marbella, Costa del Sol, Spain	www.marbellabridge.com
Nov 23-Dec 3	ACBL Fall NABC	San Diego, Ca	www.acbl.org