



## BULLETIN

[www.ibpa.com](http://www.ibpa.com)

### President

Barry Rigal (USA)  
+1 212 366 4799

[barryrigal@mindspring.com](mailto:barryrigal@mindspring.com)

### Chairman

Per Jannersten (Sweden)  
[ibpa@jannersten.se](mailto:ibpa@jannersten.se)

### Executive Vice-President

David Stern (Australia)

[david.stern.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:david.stern.bridge@gmail.com)

### Organizational Vice-President & Bulletin Production Manager

Dilip Gidwani (India)  
+91 98214 53817

[dilipgidwani@hotmail.com](mailto:dilipgidwani@hotmail.com)

### Secretary

Elisabeth van Ettinger  
(Netherlands)  
+31 655 680 120

[e.ettinger@chello.nl](mailto:e.ettinger@chello.nl)

### Treasurer

Richard Solomon (NZ)  
+64 9 232 8494

[rksolomon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rksolomon@xtra.co.nz)

### Awards Secretary

Brent Manley (USA)

[brentmanley@yahoo.com](mailto:brentmanley@yahoo.com)

### Membership Secretary

Katie Thorpe (Canada)  
+1 519 981 9248

[thorpe.katie@gmail.com](mailto:thorpe.katie@gmail.com)

### Honorary Auditor

Richard Fleet (England)  
[richardjfleet@gmail.com](mailto:richardjfleet@gmail.com)

### Honorary General Counsel

David Harris (England)

[davidrharris@ntlworld.com](mailto:davidrharris@ntlworld.com)

### President Emeritus

Tommy Sandmark (Norway)  
[tommy@sandmark.org](mailto:tommy@sandmark.org)

## THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION

Editor: John Carruthers

*This Bulletin is published monthly and circulated to members of the International Bridge Press Association, comprising the world's leading journalists, authors and editors of news, books and articles about contract bridge, with an estimated readership of some 200 million people who enjoy the most widely-played of all card games.*

Bulletin No. 644

September 10, 2018

## Message from the President



I briefed you in Bulletin No. 638 about how we intend to ensure our organization's future by broadening its appeal to members – current and future alike. A step in that direction is to move the IBPA Awards presentation to the Hainan Bridge Festival (HBF).

Most of this year's awards will not be presented at the World Championships in Orlando but later in October at the Hainan Bridge Festival (HBF).

Candidates and shortlists will be available to all at that point and in this Bulletin. I'm pleased that we are currently expecting that the Personality of the Year, the Best Declarer Play, Defence, Bidding and Junior winners will be able to make it to the presentation. I trust that everybody will be happy with the outcome since flights and entry fees for the HBF tournament are subsidized and the generous prizes from HBF, in addition to our sponsored IBPA awards, go to the writers as well as the players.

Please bear in mind that you increase your chances of winning an award if you contribute to the Bulletin; although all deals could be considered for the awards, only those that are submitted to the Editor are considered for sure! I can confidently say that this year's winners (both writers and players) will be far more generously rewarded than any other that I have seen because of the additional awards provided by the HBF; so it will be worth your while to submit candidates in the future.

Looking ahead to 2019, we plan to have the awards ceremony just before, or just after, the World Championships (using the same venue, i.e., Sanya, on Hainan island). I hope that will make it easy for the winners to attend the ceremony.

Another attempt to revitalize our organization is to further encourage members to contribute to the Bulletin. To that end we intend to reward regular contributors to the Bulletin, on a trial basis, by waiving those contributing members' dues. That will affect all members, since everybody will be rewarded by having a wider range of material.

What will it cost? It depends on you! I'd guess that we have 15-20 contributing members today. I'd like to get to at least 50, since the revenue would be bigger than the cost. We hope to continue with this plan as long as our budget will support the scheme.

Barry Rigal, New York, September 10, 2018

*The shortlists for this year's awards can be found on page 18; the schedule for the Hainan Bridge Festival is on page 19. – Ed.*

Address all IBPA Bulletin correspondence to: JOHN CARRUTHERS  
1322 Patricia Blvd., Kingsville, Ontario, N9Y 2R4, CANADA  
Tel: +1 519-733-9247 email: [ibpaeditor@sympatico.ca](mailto:ibpaeditor@sympatico.ca)



**New Delhi, August 9-14, 2018**

[www.hcl-bridge.com](http://www.hcl-bridge.com)

**John Carruthers, Kingsville, ON**

Fifty-two teams teed off in this year's HCL International, 15 of them international. Many teams were sponsored in one way or another. They played a two-day, 10-match Swiss teams to qualify the top 16 for full-day knockout matches. The Holy Grail was the three-million rupee (about US\$ 43,000) first prize. There were also a major Pairs Championship and secondary events for players on teams not going through to the knockout stage and for players not wishing to butt heads with the stars.

BRIDGE PLUS (Angel Vanchev/Zahary Zahariev, Jerry Stamatov/Diyan Danailov), a Bulgarian squad, led the Swiss qualifiers, ten international and six Indian. Of those, six international teams and two Indian teams made it through their first KO match to reach the quarterfinals.

In the quarterfinal match between FORMIDABLES (Rajeshwar Tewari/Jaggy Shivdasani, Sunit Chokshi/Keyzad Anklesaria, Kiran Nadar/Bachiraju Satyanarayana) and RUSSIA (Yury Khiuppenen/Vadim Kholomeev, George Matushko/Dmitry Rogov, Sergey Orlov/Evgeny Rudakov), both declarers handled their four-heart game on this deal with aplomb ...

**QF. Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.**

	♠ A J 9 8 6 4 2		
	♥ 9 2		
	♦ 9		
	♣ Q 6 3		
♠ Q 5		♠ 10 7	
♥ A J 6 4		♥ K Q 7 3	
♦ K 8 7 6		♦ A Q 4 3	
♣ 10 9 4		♣ A K 5	
	♠ K 3		
	♥ 10 8 5		
	♦ J 10 5 2		
	♣ J 8 7 2		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Khiuppenen	Tewari	Kholomeev	Shivdasani
Pass	3♠	Double	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Shivdasani started with the nine of diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's ace, drew trumps and led the seven of spades. South rose with the king and shifted to the seven of clubs: ten, queen, ace. Declarer led dummy's other spade: ten, three, queen, ace. Tewari continued with clubs, but Kholomeev won with his king, exited with his third club to South's jack, and claimed. Shivdasani was left with the jack-ten-five of diamonds and a club, and was endplayed. Had North won the third club, he also would have been endplayed. Well done for plus 620.

West	North	East	South
Chokshi	Rogov	Anklesaria	Matushko
Pass	2♠	Double	Pass
3♥ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Lebensohl; value-showing

Once again, Lebensohl proved its worth as one of the most useful conventions in the game. Rogov also led the nine of diamonds. Chokshi won with dummy's queen, drew trumps ending in hand and led the queen of spades. With no adverse consequences of doing so, North won with his ace and continued with the jack of spades to South's king. Matushko also shifted to a club: two, ten, queen, ace. Declarer tested the diamonds and, when they proved to be 4-1, played the fourth round to South, who found himself endplayed as well, but two tricks later than at the other table, and in another suit. This endplay was not as certain as the one at the other table though. Still, it was plus 620 for an almost-noble push.

**FORMIDABLES** defeated **RUSSIA** quite handily, 164 – 114. The other semifinalists were:

**BRIDGE PLUS** (winners by 10 over **BRIDGE24PL** – Bartosz Chmurski, Piotr Tuczynski, Piotr Nawrocki, Piotr Wiankowski, Wojciech Gawel, Dominik Filipowicz);

**LALL** (Hemant Lall/Reese Milner, Sabine Auken/Roy Welland, Linlin Hu/Yinghao Liu), who defeated **LUPIIGALBENI** (Gehta Mihai, Eugen Chelu, Radu Mihai, Viorel Micescu) 162 – 100; and

**SOUTH SWEDEN** (Alon Apteker/Craig Gower, Anders Morath/Sven-Åke Bjerregård), which won convincingly over **MAAYA MIRA** (Sukamal Das, Abhijit Chakraborty, Satyabrata Mkherjee, Pranab Roy).

**FORMIDABLES** drew **LALL**, leaving **BRIDGE PLUS** to contend with **SOUTH SWEDEN**.

**SF. Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Welland	Satya	Auken	Nadar
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
1NT <sup>1</sup>	3♠ <sup>2</sup>	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Clubs
2. Weak

Nadar led the ace of clubs, then shifted to the four of spades to the ten, king and ace. Auken led the ace and two of diamonds, bringing down the king from South. She ruffed, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond and ruffed another club, setting up the suit. Declarer ruffed her remaining low diamond with the nine of hearts and discarded her spade loser on a good club. South ruffed and exited with the queen of spades, ruffed by declarer's jack of hearts. Auken had only to exit with the queen of diamonds to make her ninth and tenth tricks with the queen and ace of hearts; plus 620.

West	North	East	South
Chokshi	Liu	Anklesaria	Hu
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♦	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Hu also led the ace of clubs, but shifted to a trump: three, nine, king, ace. With his potential trump tricks reduced to seven, Anklesaria needed an extra diamond trick to make his contract. Aiming to set up diamonds, he led a low one from hand. His plan was to discard a spade on a diamond, then ruff a spade. After drawing trumps, he'd give up another diamond, but make a long one in the suit, provided they were 4-3. He'd lose two diamonds and a club, but make one spade, six hearts and three diamonds. On the bidding at his table, he had reason to think that the breaks were going to be favourable. Sadly for declarer, diamonds were 5-2 and the short hand had the king, so that the ace and another diamond ruffing, would have succeeded. Minus 100 meant 12 IMPs to LALL.

On a double-dummy basis, only an initial trump lead would have defeated four hearts.

We can all see what East should have done on the next deal, but one could argue that it was West who dropped the ball.

#### SF. Board 41. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Liu	Satya	Hu	Nadar
—	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Hu got off to the lead everyone would make (absent Rusinow), the jack of clubs. Satyanarayana won in hand with the ace and led a trump: five, eight, king, ace. Here, Liu, when he returned the eight of clubs (having followed with the four at trick one), surely convinced Hu that he (West) held the club queen. So, when Satya then led a heart to the queen and ace, East had been lulled into a false sense of security. Yes, he should have taken the ace of diamonds before leading his third club. When Hu did not, declarer was quick to take advantage: he won with dummy's nine of clubs, letting Hu know immediately that he had blundered, led a trump to the queen and played the queen of clubs to discard dummy's diamond. A cross-ruff followed, with West making his jack of spades at trick 13. Plus 620 to FORMIDABLES.

It would have been a good deal for The Bridge World's former feature, "You Be the Judge."

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Auken	Tewari	Welland
—	1NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♦ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT <sup>3</sup>
Pass	3♠ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. 14-16
2. Transfer
3. 4 spades and 5 hearts
4. Minimum with 4 spades

System allowed Auken/Welland to stop safely in three spades. On the jack of clubs lead, Auken won with dummy's king and led a diamond to the king and ace. She lost the three missing aces and a second trump trick. No one thought anything of it until the comparison: 10 IMPs to FORMIDABLES.

#### SF. Board 44. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Stamatov	Gower	Danailov
Pass	2♣ <sup>1</sup>	2♥	Double <sup>2</sup>
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. 11-15, 6+ clubs or 5+ clubs and 4M
2. Negative

Danailov led the three of diamonds. Gower won with dummy's ace and led a heart to the queen, then cashed the ace. When that passed off successfully, he made the far-sighted play of exiting with the jack of clubs. Stamatov won with the queen to cash the king of hearts. North exited with a club, ruffed, South following with the ace. East had an almost certain count at this point. He led a spade to the queen and, when it held, ruffed dummy's last club with his own last trump, exhausting South of the suit. When East cashed the king of diamonds, North discarded a club, so declarer cashed the queen and exited with his low diamond to South. Danailov had to present Gower with the king of spades for his ninth trick. Sadly, the jack of spades had been onside all along. Virtue went unrewarded, but plus 140 for SOUTH SWEDEN.

West	North	East	South
Vanchev	Bjerregård	Zahariev	Morath
Pass	3♣	3♥	5♣
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Morath overstepped with good defence, a balanced hand and only three trumps. Vanchev was quick to punish him. East led the jack of clubs, but the defenders took their tricks when given the opportunity, winning two spades, two hearts and one diamond for plus 500. That was 8 IMPs to BRIDGE PLUS.

Those 8 IMPs were not nearly enough, as SOUTH SWEDEN ran out easy winners by 155 – 127. In the other semifinal, FORMIDABLES slaughtered HEMANT LALL by 116 – 46.

FORMIDABLES, led by Kiran Nadar, have been India's most successful team for the past two decades, placing first or second in the Ruia Gold Trophy, the top Indian team event, 14 times in the last 22 years. Over those two decades, they have nearly always been India's representative team. Most recently, they won the 2018 Commonwealth Teams in Australia, so they are truly formidable (sorry, could not resist). SOUTH SWEDEN (South Africa and Sweden) do not have a comparable record as a team, but both pairs are very-accomplished, long-term partnerships with lots of national and international success in their résumés. It figured to be a terrific final.

### Final. Board 35. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Satya	Bjerregård	Nadar	Morath
—	—	—	1♣ <sup>1</sup>
1♠	Double <sup>2</sup>	Pass	1NT <sup>3</sup>
Pass	2♦ <sup>4</sup>	Double	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣ <sup>5</sup>
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- 11-13 balanced or any 17+ HCP
- 8+ HCP; GF opposite 17+
- 11-13 balanced
- 4+ hearts
- Good 5-card suit, no spade stopper

Three clubs was in jeopardy, with five potential losers. Satyanarayana led the jack of diamonds; Nadar won dummy's king with her ace and shifted to the jack of spades. Morath won that with dummy's ace and led three rounds of hearts to discard a spade. On the fourth round of hearts, East sluffed a diamond, so declarer ruffed it and led the jack of clubs, losing to West's king. There were still two spades and a diamond to come for the defence, so three clubs was indeed one off; minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Tewari	Gower	Shivdasani
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	Double	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

In theory, Shivdasani revealed 12-14 balanced without four hearts, so Tewari raised him straightaway to game. Apteker led the queen of spades, gathering the ace and jack. Declarer took the club finesse, losing to the king. Declarer then had eight tricks, with lots of potential for a ninth. A heart seemed a passive, least-of-evils shift, so Apteker led that suit: five, six, jack, ace. Declarer cashed his club tricks, throwing two spades and one diamond from the dummy. West did likewise, while East, having to make just one discard, let the five of diamonds go. Shivdasani had reached this position:

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

South led a diamond to the jack and king. Gower won with his ace and led back the three of hearts, ten, four. The moment of truth had arrived. Declarer led a diamond, hoping that West had begun with 5=3=3=2

and the queen-jack-two of diamonds. Then, Apteker would have had to either (a.) concede the rest to dummy, or (b.) set up two spade tricks in declarer's hand. Alas for Shivdasani, Gower had three diamonds to take on the diamond lead. Either a spade exit or four rounds of hearts at the point when he led a second diamond would have won the day for Shivdasani. Minus 100 was a not-so-simple push.

There were clues to the winning play. West had led the five of hearts (third-from-even/low-from-odd) and followed with the four; East had played the jack and continued with the three (present count). If West had not started with four hearts, both defenders were false-carding, which was, first, very unlikely and, second, meant that the defenders had somehow visualized declarer's precise problem and worked out a plan to present declarer with a losing option.

SOUTH SWEDEN had taken a 28-IMP lead at the half, only to see that lead demolished and turned into a 6-IMP deficit at the three-quarter mark. The last quarter was exactly even after the first 12 boards of the 14 to be played, 20-20, leaving FORMIDABLES up 6, when ...

**Final. Board 55. Dealer South. Neither Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Chokshi	Gower	Anklesaria	Apteker
Morath	Tewari	Bjerregård	Shivdasani
—	—	—	1♦
Double	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

On the lie of the cards, four spades, the weaker trump suit, as is so often the case, would have been easy. Even on a trump lead, declarer can win with the king, play a diamond and win the trump continuation with the ace. When the trumps prove to be 3-2, declarer can play four rounds of hearts. If a defender ruffs one of the hearts, declarer makes six trump tricks, three heart tricks and the ace of clubs; if the defence declines to ruff a heart, declarer cross-ruffs and makes five trump tricks, four heart tricks and the ace of clubs.

Four hearts was a different matter entirely. Both Norths led a lowest-from-an-odd-number five of diamonds.

Both Souths won with their ten of diamonds and shifted to a trump. Chokshi won the trump with dummy's nine and led three rounds of spades. Gower won with his queen and led another trump. Declarer could win that in either hand, but there was no way home after that start. He could cross-ruff twice in each hand, but could not then make a third spade trick; one off, minus 50.

Morath showed the way. He won the trump shift with his ace, cashed the two high spades and began the cross-ruff immediately. Since the defence could never organize a ruff with the doubleton-trump hand, declarer was able to make three ruffs in each hand, the last three with high trumps. He did not need a third spade trick. That plus 420, coupled with the 50 gained at the other table for 10 IMPs, allowed SOUTH SWEDEN to leapfrog over FORMIDABLES into the lead, 108 – 104. This was the last deal:

**Final. Board 56. Dealer West. NS Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Morath	Tewari	Bjerregård	Shivdasani
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Who should have bid with the North/South cards? The opponents had bid suits in which North held eight cards; South had a poor weak two-bid in hearts at unfavourable vulnerability – when was he to enter the auction? From South's point of view, North could just as easily have been 4=1=4=4. However, four hearts is an excellent vulnerable game.

The lie of the spade suit meant that the defence could not lead trumps effectively, so they tried for ruffs instead, leading the seven of diamonds. Bjerregård won with dummy's ace and led a club. The defence made the ace of clubs and the king of diamonds, then cross-ruffed four tricks, declarer discarding both hearts from the dummy. There was another trump trick to come for down two, minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Chokshi	Gower	Anklesaria	Apteker
1♦	Double	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Gower did not let his lack of clubs deter him from doubling one diamond. Anklesaria expressed his doubt about the potential success of four hearts with the ace in an unbid suit and a potential trump trick, but the damage had been done and the match already won as soon as South bid four hearts. Apteker lost the pointed-suit aces for plus 990 and 13 more IMPs. That made the final score SOUTH SWEDEN 121 – FORMIDABLES 104.

The top prizes were:

### HCL Open Teams

1. SOUTH SWEDEN ₹ 3,000,000
2. FORMIDABLES ₹ 1,500,000
3. LALL ₹ 750,000
4. BRIDGE PLUS ₹ 600,000

### HCL Open Pairs

1. Matushko/Rogov ₹ 1,000,000



Throughout the past decades, Norway has produced a number of international bridge stars, spearheading our national team to many excellent results. One of the contributors to our success is Nils Kvangraven. In recent years, he has achieved a string of remarkable results, topped off by this year's European Championship Teams title in Ostend in June. He also won our most-prestigious pairs tournament, the Marit Sveaas International, played in our National Opera in July, partnering Terje Lie, with whom he had previously won two Norwegian Pairs titles. In May, Kvangraven won his first Norwegian Teams Championships title with the Sunndalsøra team, completely crushing their opponents, claiming the title by the largest margin ever! Kvangraven also showed his skill in his younger years, winning the European Junior Teams Championships in 2000.

Besides his undeniable qualities as a player, Kvangraven also displays his talent in other aspects of bridge. He is a top bridge journalist, administering the most-popular bridge blog in Norway – kvangraven.no – and he regularly produces articles for Boye Brogeland's magazine, "Bridge I Norge". He is the current chairman of the Norwegian Bridge Press Association, and he has recently joined IBPA. He is in the process of building up a bridge library in his Kristiansand home, to which

many of us have contributed, and he is a brilliant organizer of bridge tournaments.

Nils Kvangraven is only 40 years old and spent his first 20 years in Dalsbygda, south of Røros, not far from where Geir Helgemo grew up. He moved to Kristiansand, in the southernmost part of Norway, 20 years ago, where he now lives with his wife and three boys, aged seven, ten and 16. He is an accountant by profession, but works now as a business developer, and is presently engaged in building the world's largest data center campus, based on renewable energy.

Let us turn to some examples of Kvangraven's brilliant card play ...

### Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

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

1. Inquiry
2. Short diamonds

South led the knave of spades. Most of us would probably have made the automatic play of covering, but Kvangraven pondered for a while and, fearing that the ace and king of spades would be followed by a ruff, realized that the contract would go off if the queen of clubs was in North's hand. Consequently, he played low from dummy, and South shifted to a club, but Nils had control. After drawing trumps he played two more rounds of spades, and the queen finally proved a parking place for a club.

The spade jack also played a key role on the next board:

### Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

A thin double by North led to a precarious contract, played by Kvangraven:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Double	3♥	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the ace of hearts. He could have put the contract down immediately by shifting to a diamond, but elected to play the ten of clubs at trick two instead. Kvangraven won in hand with the jack of clubs and saw that transportation between the two hands would be a problem. If he played the ace and knave of spades, West would cover. The ten of spades would take care of a diamond loser, but when in with a diamond, the defence would continue trumps, leaving Kvangraven a trick short.

Kvangraven found an elegant solution: he played the knave of spades at trick three! When West declined to cover, the knave won the trick, a heart was ruffed, a spade was led to the ace and a second heart was ruffed. When the queen of spades fell under the king and West had no more trumps, Kvangraven had emerged with 12 tricks and a near top. Even if West had covered the jack of spades, the contract would still have been made.

Finally, a board from the European Championships, where Kvangraven created a losing option for his French opponent:

**Dealer East. EW Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Tundal	Volcker	Kvangraven	Bessis
—	—	1♦	Double
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Ulf Tundal led a club to Thomas Bessis' queen. Declarer played a heart to the ace and another heart to his queen. Kvangraven took the jack of hearts with his king, then considered the defence. Finally, he emerged with the king of diamonds. Bessis placed him with the king-jack-nine-low of diamonds and opted for the putative endplay. After taking the ace and queen of diamonds, declarer cashed the ten of hearts and the ace of clubs, then

played a diamond to Kvangraven's assumed knave. But Tundal won the trick, cashed two club tricks and played a spade. The queen and ace produced one down.

Declarer needed to retain the ace of clubs to restrict the defence to five tricks.



### From the 2018 NABC Life Master Pairs

#### A Club Tale ...

The timing of the Australian Nationals (July 28 – August 9) clashed with the World Youth Teams (August 8-18) and the USA Summer Nationals in Atlanta (July 26-August 5). Liam Milne of Sydney contested the USA Life Master Pairs, an event of three days duration. He partnered Eivind Grude, a 27-year old Norwegian and an Under-26 world champion. They finished thirteenth out of a field of 336 pairs. This deal from the final was one of their triumphs:

**Dealer West. EW Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Grude		Milne	
Pass	1♥ <sup>1</sup>	1♠	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. 5+ hearts, 11-15 points

With South prepared for a spade lead, West chose the ten of diamonds for the opening lead. East took the ace and returned the jack. After a little thought, South played low and West followed with the nine. If West had started with the king-ten-nine-to-five diamonds and a certain entry, such as the ace of clubs, West would have followed with a low card at trick two to encourage East to continue the suit.

The diamond nine therefore denied such a holding. East interpreted the message correctly. Logically, the diamond nine must be simultaneously discouraging and showing tolerance for a shift. South's choice of three notrump was also revealing. Would South have bid three notrump without the ace of clubs? As a spade was out of contention, East switched to a club. Not the two or the ten, which would have been fatal, but the king!

South took the ace of clubs, cashed the king of diamonds and ran dummy's hearts. The first three discards for East and West were three spades each. On the last heart, East discarded the ten of clubs, and West the 'five of clubs. Thinking that East had started with the king-queen-ten and had been strip-squeezed down to the spade king-ten and the club queen, declarer exited with the two of clubs from dummy, expecting to endplay East. West promptly claimed the last three tricks for one down.

East/West's plus 50 scored 99% for a shared top. East/West minus 400 for three notrump making would have been an average board.

### From the 2018 Australian Butler Trials

#### A Heart Tale ...

##### Stage I – Round I.

##### Board 20. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Michael		Sue	
Courtney		Ingham	
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Double	2♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Courtney: "The lower the level, the more I lead a trump and so the three of hearts hit the deck. South drew a low card from dummy and Sue played the king of hearts!" South won with the ace and led the eight of diamonds: five – four – nine. East switched to the four of clubs to the king, ace and three. Courtney returned the eight of clubs to East's queen and South ruffed the third club. Declarer cashed the queen of hearts, the ace of diamonds and exited with the six of diamonds: queen – ten – king. This was the position:

♠ Q 8 5  
♥ J  
♦ 7  
♣ —

♠ A 6 2  
♥ —  
♦ —  
♣ J 9

♠ J 10 4 3  
♥ 10  
♦ —  
♣ —

♠ K 9 7  
♥ 9 6  
♦ —  
♣ —

With two more tricks needed to beat two hearts, West could have played a club or the ace of spades, then a club.

Courtney: "Of course, the heart king is the right card (at trick 1). Declarer, with ace-queen-nine-to-five, has a losing option now. His misplacing the heart ten, as here, may show a profit. And I should know Sue would not burn the king with king-third. Lastly, of course, with the spade queen in addition to the already shown heart king and club queen, East would have doubled two hearts or bid two spades."

### From the 2018 Interstate Teams

#### The Last Chance Saloon

The 60-board final of the 2018 Australian Interstate Teams was between New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. With two boards to go, it was ACT 133-129. Then came the most fascinating deal of the final.

##### Board 59. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

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

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

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

With NSW North/South:

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

No doubt weak jump-overcalls sometimes produce a good result – this was not one of them. Julian Foster (South) won the ten-of-diamonds lead with dummy's ace and led a spade to the ace and another to the jack.

He then led the king of diamonds, ruffed dummy's third diamond, played the ace and king of hearts and led the six of spades to the seven, leaving:

♠ —	♠ —
♥ —	♥ Q 10
♦ —	♦ J 8
♣ A J 10 5 2	♣ 8

♠ Q
♥ 6
♦ —
♣ K 9 7

South played the three of clubs from dummy: eight – nine – jack. West had to allow South to make the king of clubs to discard the jack of hearts from dummy. That weak-jump overcall sure helped South plan the play.

With ACT North/South, South opened one spade, West passed(!), North bid two notrump (strong spade raise) and, after an uncontested auction, South was also in six spades.

Peter Buchen (West) led the nine of hearts: five – three – ace. South played the ace of spades, a spade to the king and the three of clubs: eight – king – ace. West returned the four of hearts: seven – ten – king. This was the position:

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

♠ Q 6 5
♥ 6 2
♦ 5
♣ 9 7

It is important not to be hurried in these situations. After some thought, declarer conceded one down; 17 IMPs to NSW. Had South continued with a club, ruffed high, the spade seven to the queen, a club ruffed high, West's hand pattern would have been revealed. Declarer would then have played the three of spades to hand. The last spade would have squeezed East in hearts and diamonds. The board would have been tied and, as the last board was flat, ACT would have won by 4 IMPs! As it was, NSW had won by 146-133.

Note that West could have broken up the squeeze with a diamond shift when in with the ace of clubs, so it was tit for tat.

## Gambarie d'Aspromonte Teams

**Maurizio di Sacco,  
Pisa**

The oldest teams tournament in the Italian calendar took place the last weekend in July 2018: the 38<sup>th</sup> Gambarie d'Aspromonte Teams. Gambarie is a lovely village perched at the top of a hill (Aspromonte means "sour mountain"), reached by a narrow, winding road (it is a ski station in the winter). From Gambarie you can see Stretto di Messina, the strait which separates mainland Italy from Sicily: it's an amazing view, without a doubt one of the most beautiful I've seen in the world.

Getting there is a challenge, yet the attendance says a lot about how the event is loved. Even in a period of financial crisis, it attracted 48 teams from all over the country, including many top players. This year my team won the tournament. We were a mixture of youth and experience: Caterina Burgio, bronze medalist in the World Girls (Under-25) Teams four years ago, Sebastiano "Seby" Scatà, World Youngsters Teams Champion two years ago, my regular partner Enrico Castellani and myself.

We took the lead after two matches, never to relinquish it, thanks to a solid performance by Enrico and me, and moments of brilliance from the two youngsters. Let me tell you about one of them.

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

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

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

In both rooms, South opened one club and both East/West pairs ended up in four spades. In the Open Room, I (North) led a diamond. Declarer ducked my partner's queen, along with the two of diamonds continuation. The situation was clear: I won, switched to a club to the ace and Castellani cashed the ace of hearts.

*Continued on page 12...*



# IBPA Column Service

Tim Bourke, Canberra

Members may use these deals as they wish, without attributing the author or IBPA.

## 917. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

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

1. Forcing

After the forcing-notrump response, North's jump-rebid of three spades promised a limit raise in spades with three-card support. South was happy to bid the game.

West led the queen of hearts and declarer paused to consider how he might make ten tricks. Clearly, he needed trumps to be 3-2. If North held the ten of diamonds instead of the seven or four he would have relied on diamonds to make an extra trick. However, the actual suit offered only about one chance in four of being played for two tricks and one loser.

So, declarer turned his attention to setting up a long club for his tenth trick, almost a three-in-five proposition. After ducking the first trick and winning the heart continuation, declarer played a club to the ace and then ruffed a club. Next he cashed the ace of trumps and led another to the king, followed by the king of clubs, discarding a low diamond from hand. Declarer was pleased to see that the clubs were 4-3, so he ruffed a second club in hand. A heart ruff returned him to dummy where he called for the established seven of clubs to be played, discarding a second diamond from hand. All the defenders made were a trump, a heart and a diamond. Making four spades.

## 918. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

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

North/South did well to avoid three notrumps, which would have been down on a heart lead.

West led a third-highest five of hearts against four spades. East played the jack. Declarer saw that if trumps were 3-3 he could win the first trick with the ace, ruff a heart and draw trumps in three rounds and then play on diamonds: he would lose only a heart and a diamond. However, declarer then asked himself, "What if West started with four trumps and a doubleton diamond?"

In that case, if, after ruffing a heart, declarer played on diamonds before drawing trumps, East would win the second diamond and play a third diamond for West to ruff. West would then exit with the jack of clubs, thereby ensuring the contract would fail. On the other hand, if declarer drew trumps before playing on diamonds then, on the above layout, East would win the ace of diamonds and cash three heart tricks.

So, declarer let East hold the first trick. That defender then shifted to a trump. As entries to hand were limited to the trump suit, declarer was careful to win this in hand with the ten of trumps so that he could ruff the eight of hearts in dummy with the queen of trumps. Declarer continued by overtaking the king of trumps with the ace so that he could

draw West's remaining trumps with his ten and eight.

Declarer's next move was to play a diamond to dummy's ten. East allowed this to hold, so declarer continued with the king of diamonds. East paused to consider the situation. It was obvious that declarer had the ace of hearts. East saw that if he let the king of diamonds hold he would be endplayed on the third round of diamonds and forced to lead a heart to declarer's ace or a club into dummy's tenace, gifting declarer an overtrick. As a result, he took the trick with the ace of diamonds and exited with the nine of diamonds, making sure that he would score the king of clubs as the defence's third trick, but declarer still had his contract.

### 919. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

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

1. Michaels, promising at least five hearts and a five-card minor

This one required careful handling. West led the king of hearts. On the bidding, declarer placed the ace of clubs on his left. This left him with three sure minor-suit losers, so he would have to play the trump suit without loss. The bidding suggested that West would be short in trumps. If the trumps were 3-1 (at least an 8 to 3 favourite), then cashing the king of trumps and playing a trump, covering East's card, would be enough to make the contract.

Declarer then considered what he could do if trumps were 4-0. The answer was that he would have to ruff three cards in hand. As it could not cost to ruff a heart at trick two, declarer did so, but he was careful to ruff with the seven of trumps. Next, he led the eight of trumps to the king and then ran the six of trumps when East followed with the four. Declarer ruffed another heart and cashed the ace and king of diamonds to take advantage of his only hope for the contract – that West had begun with 0=5=2=6 shape. After that, South led

the king of clubs. West took the ace and queen of clubs but then had to play a card that declarer could ruff.

After ruffing the club exit, declarer was in a three-card ending. He had the ace and jack of trumps plus the eight of diamonds, which he played to the next trick. East won the trick but then had to lead a trump and declarer took the last two tricks for his contract.

### 920. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

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

As is the modern style, West led a third- (or fifth-) highest two of diamonds. East took the passive route of playing the three tops in the suit. Declarer ruffed in with the ten of spades, then drew three rounds of trumps with the ace, queen and nine. When he played a club to the queen, East took it with his ace and exited with a club, taken in dummy with the jack. Declarer then played a club to his king, noting that East had at least three clubs.

As East/West were playing five-card majors with 15-17 point notrump-openings, declarer inferred that East could not have the queen of hearts if he had started with a balanced hand. If East had an unbalanced hand, then, of necessity, he would have started with 3=1=5=4 shape. Consequently, declarer decided that there was no point in playing a heart to the ace and finessing the jack on the way back.

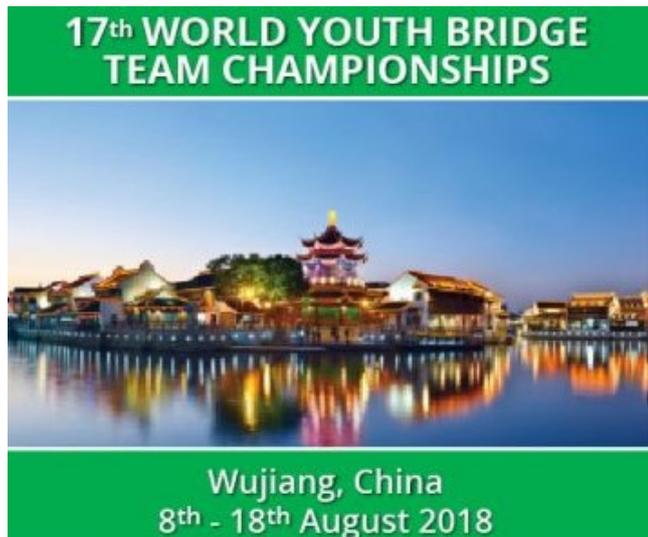
If the contract were to succeed in the former case, declarer needed East to have a doubleton ten of hearts. In the latter case, he could only make ten tricks if East started with a singleton queen or ten in the suit. So, declarer cashed the king of hearts and advanced the jack of hearts. After West played low, declarer played the nine from dummy and the jack of hearts won the trick, pinning East's doubleton ten.

## Di Sacco – From page 9...

In the Closed Room, North led a club, won with South's ace. She switched to the king of diamonds, North following with the nine. Here came the first problem: North meant to give reverse count, since, with the ten of diamonds visible in dummy, the position of the jack should have been known; but South took it as discouraging (North/South played low as encouraging) and shifted to a club. Scatà ruffed, reached dummy by playing the seven of spades to the jack, taking good note of the fall of the nine, and played a low heart toward his queen, South ducking. Then, he played another spade to dummy and a low heart away from the king!

South agonised for a couple of minutes, but eventually made the wrong decision, jumping up with her ace. North could have spared partner the struggle by throwing the jack under West's queen of hearts (the ten's position was known: holding it, West would have played the hearts differently). But then, holding the jack of hearts as well as the queen, West would simply have led it after the queen to establish a winner in the dummy.

That was well done by Scatà, to give the defence a chance to err.



## Hengtong WYBTC

**Kees Tammens, Amsterdam**

**Phillip Alder, Hobe Sound, FL**

**Jérôme Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy, France**

**Barry Rigal, NYC**

**Jim Munday, Southaven, MS**

**David Bird, Eastleigh, Hants., UK**

**Mark Horton, Sutton Benger, Wilts., UK**

There were four main events in the Hengtong World Youth Bridge Team Championships: Juniors (Under-26), Youngsters (Under-21), Kids (Under-16) and Girls. USA1 and Sweden were the odds-on favourites to contest for the gold in the big event, the Junior World Team Championship.

## Round 2 Girls, NED v BRZ – Tammens

### Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Berwald</i>	<i>Battaglia</i>	<i>Beekman</i>	<i>Mautone</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Battaglia led the king of spades. When it held, North continued with the queen of spades, giving Berwald a sporting chance. Declarer won trick two with the ace of spades, ruffed a spade, led a heart to the ace and another heart to the queen and king, then drew the last trump with the jack. After the ace and king of clubs, Berwald ended play South with the third club, and that player had to give declarer the king of diamonds in the dummy. That won The Netherlands 12 IMPs with the plus 100 at the other table.

In the Junior Teams, Brad Johnston of New Zealand foiled that endplay scheme by finding the killing diamond shift at trick two when Dutch declarer Thibo Sprinkhuizen as West ducked the top spade lead. That simply served to flatten the board, since the game was much easier to defeat when declared by East in the other room on the three-of-spades lead – but well done anyway!

## Round 8 U-26, SWE v AUS – Alder

This board was dynamite:

### Board 14. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Smith	O. Rimstedt	Thompson	M. Rimstedt
—	—	INT <sup>1</sup>	2NT <sup>2</sup>
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. 8-12 points
2. Both minors
3. Void-showing

Six clubs had no chance when West led the heart ace and another. Declarer did not have the transportation to pick up both minors. He won the king of hearts, led the diamond jack and took East's queen, then cashed his top trumps. Down one.

West	North	East	South
M. Grönkvist	Cooper	I. Grönkvist	McGrath
—	—	Pass	1♣
2♦ <sup>1</sup>	Double	4♠	4NT <sup>2</sup>
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. At least 5-5 in the majors
2. Minor two-suiter with longer clubs

Six diamonds was another story. East led the heart eight. West won with his ace and shifted to a spade. Not good enough! Declarer won with her ace, ran the diamond jack, ran the diamond nine, played a club to the ace, cashed the club king, ruffed a club, ruffed a major-suit card, drew East's last trump and claimed.

Plus 50 and plus 920 gave Australia 14 invaluable IMPs.

The winning defence against six diamonds is for West to lead his club at trick two! Stranded in the South hand, declarer cannot reach the North hand to pick up the diamond queen. Too tough!

### Round 9 U-21, FRA v FIN – Tammens

Christophe Oursel, the French coach and a strong player himself, reported a pretty coup executed by Aleksi Aalto of the Finnish Youngsters team. It is sure to be on the shortlist for 'Best Defensive Play'

### Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sammalisto	Fragola	Aalto	Dufrene
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♣ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass

1. 15-17
2. Check-back Stayman

West led the jack of clubs. Declarer won with the ace and continued with the queen of diamonds to the ace, followed by the queen of clubs to the king. Declarer disposed of his losing club on the king of diamonds and carried on with a low spade to the queen and ace. West played the ten of clubs, North following suit, and East ... ?

Without any hesitation, Aalto discarded a heart! If he had ruffed, the deal would have been over. A losing heart would have disappeared on that trick and the other heart would have gone on the jack of diamonds. However, after Aalto's defence, declarer had a tricky decision in the trump suit. When he played a spade to the ten, East made his trump trick after all, with a heart still to come, for down one.

That defence won Finland 12 IMPs when four hearts, declared by North at the other table after a one notrump opening bid, came home on the jack-of-spades lead from East.

### Round 13 U-26, FRA v COL – Rombaut

One French pair on the Junior team had a really bad result on this board, even though they didn't do anything crazy. It was Junior bridge at its finest.

Colin de Heeger was West, vulnerable against not, and he held ♠ A932 ♥ K7 ♦ QJ2 ♣ AQJ6. The bidding started:

West	North	East	South
de Heeger	Lopera	Langlet	v. Brudersdorff
—	3♦	Pass	Pass
??			

What should West have done?

De Heeger chose three notrumps, which seems normal enough. He was doubled by South, and his partner chose to escape to four hearts with ♠ J76 ♥ Q8432 ♦ 54 ♣ 542. South had a good hand for that contract (including ace-jack-ten-six-five of hearts!), so he doubled and collected 1700 for six down.

When comparing scores with their teammates, de Heeger and his partner sheepishly said, "Minus 1700." The reply was ... "Win 15!" Huh?

This was the full deal:

**Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.**

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

At the other table, the auction was:

West	North	East	South
—	4♦!	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	4♥	Double
Redouble <sup>1</sup>	Pass	Pass! <sup>2</sup>	Pass
1. SOS			
2. Sorry, partner, nowhere to go			

The contract was only five down, but that was 2800 and 15 IMPs for France. Thank you, teammates!

**Round 13 U-21, NED v BUL & U-26, SWE v ITA – Rigal**

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

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

Oscar Nijssen (South) and Tim van der Pavverd of The Netherlands Youth team and Adam Stokka (South), playing with Simon Hult, of Sweden's Junior team, were the only two pairs to defeat three notrumps by East on this deal. One would expect an auction like ...

West	North	East	South
<i>Pavlov</i>	<i>v.d. Pavverd</i>	<i>Yotov</i>	<i>Nijssen</i>
<i>Sau</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Percario</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

... to be commonplace (and, yes, four spades is simple to bring home). Both Souths led a low diamond, and best technique for declarer must be to duck the lead and decide, from the spot card with which North

continues, whether diamonds are 5-3 or 4-4. At the table, North's diamond eight looked like it was from three, so declarer ducked. When Nijssen won with the queen of diamonds, he shifted to the heart nine. Declarer played low and van de Pavverd contributed to the defence by ducking. Then a heart continuation set the game. Yes, declarer could have blocked the hearts by rising with the ace, but can one really blame him too much for missing the play?

At the table we were watching on Vugraph, South found the heart shift as well, but played the queen – and declarer wasn't tested to win with the ace and cross to hand in spades for the club finesse.

**Round 16 U-16, CHN 3 v USA – Munday**

While the Under-16 players don't garner much attention in the Daily Bulletin or on Vugraph, it turns out that they can play a little as well. Check out Tie Chen from China at the helm of the following deal in a pivotal Round 16 match-up between China 3 and USA.

**Dealer North. EW Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Zhou</i>	<i>Dai</i>	<i>Hu</i>	<i>Chen</i>
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4♦ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	4♥ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>3</sup>
Pass	5♠ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	5NT <sup>5</sup>
Pass	6♥ <sup>6</sup>	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Fourth suit game-forcing
2. Control-bid
3. Roman Key Card Blackwood
4. Two key cards and the spade queen
5. Grand slam try
6. Heart king, no minor-suit king

Fifteen-year-old Chen, sitting South, found himself in seven spades on the troublesome club-ten lead. That tangled communications by removing the convenient late entry to the heart suit, so declarer could no longer ruff a diamond profitably. It would have been easy to

become careless here, taking the heart suit for granted, but Chen found an exciting solution.

He drew trumps in three rounds, East able to spare a low club. A fourth spade followed (club pitch from dummy), but what could East do? He elected to pitch a diamond, hoping partner had the diamond jack. Chen then unblocked the heart ace-queen and crossed to the diamond ace. Bad news in hearts, but the damage had been done. Declarer pitched his losing club and a low diamond on the heart king-jack, ruffed a club back to hand, and with the diamond queen now falling, the diamond jack took trick 13.

That was a well-earned plus 1510. As it happened, no fewer than eight of eighteen pairs recorded 1510 in the under-16 event. Due to the schedule, they were the only group to play this deal. It is hard to imagine a more exciting outcome than making a grand slam on a triple squeeze.

### Round 17 U-26, NED v IND – Bird

#### Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bose	M. de Leon	Kar	Sprinkhuizen
—	—	—	2♣
Pass	2♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2NT <sup>2</sup>
Pass	3♣ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	3♦ <sup>4</sup>
Pass	3♠ <sup>5</sup>	Pass	3NT <sup>6</sup>
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	6NT	Pass	Pass

1. Waiting
2. 22-23 balanced
3. Puppet Stayman
4. At least one 4-card major
5. 4 hearts
6. Not 4 hearts, thus 4 spades

Bose chose the commendably safe lead of the five of clubs, won by declarer. The jack of diamonds was successfully finessed and Sprinkhuizen unblocked the king of diamonds, reached his hand with the king of spades and continued with the queen and ace of spades. When the suit did not break 3-3, he exited with the six of spades to rectify the count for a

possible red-suit squeeze. On East's club return to the king, West would have been squeezed if he had started with four hearts and four diamonds. As it was, the hearts broke 3-3 and declarer had his 990.

West	North	East	South
Schols	Kushari	Westerbeek	Roy
—	—	—	2♣
Pass	2♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♥ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	2♠ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	2NT <sup>4</sup>
Pass	3♣ <sup>5</sup>	Pass	3♦ <sup>6</sup>
Pass	3♠ <sup>7</sup>	Pass	3NT <sup>8</sup>
Pass	4NT <sup>9</sup>	Pass	5NT <sup>10</sup>
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♦
Pass	6NT	Pass	Pass

1. Waiting
2. Natural or strong balanced
3. Forced
4. 22-23 balanced
5. Puppet Stayman
6. At least one 4-card major
7. 4 hearts
8. Not 5 hearts, thus 4 spades
9. Quantitative
10. Accepts, looking for a 4-4 minor-suit fit

Somehow, West struck a lead of the ten of hearts. East contributed the jack, and declarer won with the king. A diamond finesse succeeded. Declarer then cashed the king of diamonds, crossed to the queen of hearts and tested the spades. When they failed to split, declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and the top clubs. He then finessed the eight of hearts to go one down.

The unorthodox lead of the ten of hearts, backed by East doing well to show his jack, offered declarer a losing option in that suit. (*Daily Bulletin Editor's note: Yes, the jack was an imaginative play. But surely it was preferable to play first the seven, then the jack. Would East have really played the jack from jack-seven doubleton?*)

### Round 19 U-21, NED v CAN – Tammens

The first part of the match was quiet. Then it exploded:

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

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

West	North	East	South
Vassileva	v.d. Paverd	Laufer	Nijssen
2♠	Pass	2NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass
3♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Double	Redouble	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Enquiry
2. Poor hand, poor suit

North, Tim van de Paverd, hoped that South, Oscar Nijssen, remembered that a double asked for a heart lead. Happily, his partner did not forget this agreement and led the nine of hearts. What North did not like was that, some moments later, declarer had all thirteen tricks on the spade/diamond squeeze for plus 1600.

West	North	East	South
S. Goor	Freeman	R. Goor	Zhu
2♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

East asked for key cards and heard about the king of spades. Then he asked for kings and found out about the king of diamonds. There were 12 tricks on top and, where there are 12, there are always 13, so Ronald Goor confidently bid the grand. Unfortunately for the Dutch youngster, he chose clubs as trumps. Since the RKCB answer had made West the declarer, North led a trump. The declarer, Sander Goor, played a diamond to the king of diamonds and a diamond towards the dummy, North ruffing and shifting to the king of hearts – 18 IMPs to Canada.

### Semifinal U-26, SWE v NED – Bird

#### Board 31. Dealer South. EW Vul.

	♠ J 5 4		
	♥ K Q 6 5 3		
	♦ Q J 3		
	♣ 7 4		
♠ —		♠ A 9 8 7 3 2	
♥ 4 2		♥ A J 9 8 7	
♦ A K 7 6 5 4		♦ —	
♣ A Q 10 9 3		♣ K 8	
	♠ K Q 10 6		
	♥ 10		
	♦ 10 9 8 2		
	♣ J 6 5 2		
West	North	East	South
Tijssen	O. Rimstedt	Kiljan	M. Rimstedt
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♥	2♥ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		
1. Spades			

Declarer can scrape home in three notrump, either by taking an all-or-nothing finesse of the ten of clubs or by various double-dummy contortions after playing clubs from the top.

North found the best lead of a trump. If declarer wins with the king of clubs and finesses the ten of clubs, he can draw trumps and finish one down with some double-dummy wizardry. In practice, he ran the trump lead to his hand (South withheld the jack), ruffed a diamond and ended three down for minus 150.

West	North	East	South
Stokka	Westerbeek	Hult	Schols
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

North's lead of the king of hearts was more helpful than the trump had been at the other table. Declarer discarded his remaining heart on the ace of spades, crossed to hand with a spade ruff (low) and played the ace and king of diamonds. He then ruffed a diamond with the eight of clubs, ruffed a heart with the nine of clubs, ruffed a diamond with the king of clubs and ruffed another heart with the ten of clubs. He scored four side-suit winners and all seven of his trumps. Splendid! It was plus 400 and a well-deserved 14 IMPs to Sweden.

### Final U-16, CHN 3 v FRA – Rombaut

#### Board 20. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dai	Rombaut	Chen	Gallard
1♣ <sup>1</sup>	1♥	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
1. Precision: 16+ HCP			

South led the six of hearts: queen, ace, seven. What should North have done now?

Léo Rombaut found the only return to beat the contract: the eight of hearts.

If partner had led a singleton, he would have ruffed at no cost to the defenders. But if it was declarer

who had started with the singleton, a minor-suit return rated to give away the contract. If, for example, North leads a diamond, declarer takes the trick with his queen and plays a spade to the ten. Then he leads the queen of hearts. If North covers, East ruffs and play another spade. If North ducks, declarer discards a club, plays the ace and ruffs a club and leads another spade. In either case, declarer just loses a spade, a heart and a minor-suit trick. On a club shift from North, declarer wins and leads a diamond, establishing two entries to hand for spade plays.

After the eight-of-hearts shift, declarer could no longer make his contract. Suppose he discards a club, wins the heart in dummy, plays the ace of clubs and ruffs the queen of clubs. When he leads a spade, South wins with his ace and leads a diamond. North gets in with the king of diamonds to lead another heart, establishing an over-ruff for South.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bloch</i>	<i>Cui</i>	<i>Zobel</i>	<i>Liu</i>
INT <sup>1</sup>	2♦ <sup>2</sup>	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
1. 15-17 HCP			
2. One major			

Seven IMPs to France.

### Final U-26, SING v SWE – Horton

#### Board 49. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>O. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhou</i>	<i>M. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhu</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣ <sup>1</sup>	1♦	2♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
2NT <sup>3</sup>	Pass	3♦ <sup>4</sup>	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
1. 2+♣, 12-14 balanced or 11-23 natural			
2. Both majors			
3. Enquiry			
4. 5 spades and 4 hearts			

North led a trump. Declarer took three rounds, then played clubs from the top for 12 tricks and plus 680.

West	North	East	South
<i>Liu</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	1♥ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT <sup>4</sup>	Pass	5♣ <sup>5</sup>	Pass
5♦ <sup>6</sup>	Pass	6♦ <sup>7</sup>	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
1. 16+			
2. 8-11, any			
3. Control-bid			
4. RKCB			
5. 1 key card			
6. ♥Q?			
7. ♥Q + ♦K			

Here too, declarer received a trump lead. After drawing three rounds, he took a time out to plan the play. The BBO commentators considered the options in the club suit, coming down in favour of playing them from the top as opposed to finessing. Declarer left the clubs alone, playing the ace of spades and a spade. North won and returned a diamond, declarer winning in hand and ruffing a third spade, claiming when the suit divided. If spades had been 4-2, there was still time to play on clubs.

An initial diamond lead would have reduced declarer's options somewhat, especially if he gave up a spade and the defence continued diamonds. However, on the actual trump lead, nothing mattered so long as declarer did not take a club finesse.

### THE WINNERS

#### JUNIORS — SWEDEN

Ida Grönkvist-Mikael Grönkvist, Simon Hult-Adam Stokka and Mikael Rimstedt-Ola Rimstedt, Martin Löfgren npc, Tom Gards coach.

#### YOUNGSTERS — SWEDEN

Sanna Clementsson, Teo Bodin, Erik Hansson, Castor Mann and Alexander Sandin, Martin Löfgren npc, Lars Nilsson coach.

#### GIRLS — CHINA

Yijing Cai-Yang Yang, Bo Fu-Xinyi Li, Chengke Hu-Xinyi Ni, Guoqiang Zhang npc, Bing Zhao coach.

#### KIDS — CHINA 3

Tie Chen, Zanchao Cui, Xihong Dai, Sicheng Lui, Yiping Lu and Zichen Wang, Guoqiang Chen npc, Feng Qu coach

#### JOAN GERARD YOUTH AWARDS

These go to players who are judged by non-playing captains, coaches and officials to best exhibit aptitude, fair play and international spirit.

**JUNIORS** — Juan Felipe Cuervo Lopera, Colombia

**GIRLS** — Camila Yanez, Chile

**YOUNGSTERS** — Giovanni Donati, Italy

**KIDS** — Kamryn Menezes, India



# The International Bridge Press Association

## 2018 IBPA Awards Shortlist

To Be Awarded at the 2018 Hainan Bridge Festival, Sanya

### DECLARER PLAY CANDIDATES

Bulletin	Player	Author	Article
630 07/17 p.7	Roy Welland	Barry Rigal	8 <sup>th</sup> European Open Championships
631 08/17 p.10	Ron Tacchi	Mark Horton	En Garde
633 10/17 p.11	Geir Helgemo	Knut Kjærnsrød	Letter from Norway
634 11/17 p.7	Sylvia Shi	Daniel Korbel	Beijing Hua Yuan Cup
635 12/17 p.9	Magdalena Tichá	Jos Jacobs	16 <sup>th</sup> European Champions Cup
636 01/18 p.5	Jan Hugo Lie	Knut Kjærnsrød	Best Declarer Play in Norway
638 03/18 p.9	Boye Brogeland	Mark Horton	2 <sup>nd</sup> European Winter Games

### DEFENCE CANDIDATES

Bulletin	Player	Author	Article
630 07/17 p.7	Aida Jansma/Jan Jansma	David Berkowitz	8 <sup>th</sup> European Open Championships
632 09/17 p.20	Mike Becker/Allan Graves	John Carruthers	9 <sup>th</sup> d'Orsi Trophy
634 11/17 p.16	Geir Helgemo	Peter Gill	Top Geir
638 03/18 p.16	Judy Scown	Terry Brown	57 <sup>th</sup> GCC - Flimflamery
639 04/18 p.3	GeO Tislevoll	Liam Milne	Viking Bridge - Unwanted Gift

### BIDDING CANDIDATES

Bulletin	Player	Author	Article
630 07/17 p.10	A. Rosenthal/M. Michielsen	David Bird	8 <sup>th</sup> European Open Championships
632 09/17 p.21	Andrew Robson/David Gold	Mark Horton	9 <sup>th</sup> Funbridge TNT
637 02/18 p.10	Wenfei Wang/Qi Shen	Jian-jian Wang	7 Is Better Than 8
639 04/18, p.9	Geoff Hampson	John Carruthers	2018 Vanderbilt
640 05/18 p.12	Neil Rosen	Andrew Robson	Ducks and Sand

### JUNIOR CANDIDATES

Bulletin	Player	Author	Article
631 08/17 p.9	Matt Smith	Paul Lavings	Oz Bridge - A Matter of Timing
633 10/17 p.7	Noah Apteker	Tom Townsend	5 <sup>th</sup> World Youth Championships
633 10/17 p.11	Stig Dybdahl	Knut Kjærnsrød	Letter from Norway
633 10/17 p.12	Ola Rimstedt	Knut Kjærnsrød	Letter from Norway
634 11/17 p.15	Ola Rimstedt	PO Sundelin	A Kind of Discovery Play
637 02/18 p.7	Zachary Grossack	Phillip Alder	2017 USBF Junior Bridge Championship

To Be Awarded at the 2018 World Bridge Championships, Orlando

### MASTER POINT PRESS BOOK OF THE YEAR CANDIDATES

**Augie Boehm**, *Expert Hand Evaluation*, 2017, 142 pp, paperback, \$14.95

**Fred Gitelman/Jeff Rubens**, *Playing Suit Combinations*, 2017, 96 pp, paperback, \$16.95

**Eric Kokish/Mark Horton**, *Close Encounters: Bridge's Greatest Matches: 1964-2001, Book 1*, 2018, 262 pp, paperback, \$21.95

**Paul Thurston**, *Playing 2/1 – The Rest of the Story*, 2017, 200 pp, paperback, \$19.95

**Kit Woolsey**, *The Language of Bridge*, 2017, 317 pp, paperback, \$19.95

### COMPUTER AWARD

Bulletin	Software	Developer	Author	Article
632 09/17 p.21	Bridge Baron	Stephen Smith	Ron Tacchi	21 <sup>st</sup> WCBC

## NEWS & VIEWS



### 2018 HBF

The 2018 Hainan Bridge Festival schedule is as follows

2018 IBPA Awards – Thu. Oct. 25

Opening Ceremony – Thu. Oct. 25

Open Teams – Fri. Oct. 26-Tue. Oct. 30

Open Pairs – Mon. Oct 29-Wed. Oct 31

Senior Teams – Thu. Nov. 1-Sat. Nov. 3

Three-Bid Teams\* – Thu. Nov. 1-Sat. Nov. 3

Mixed Teams – Sat. Nov. 3-Thu. Nov. 8

Mixed Pairs – Tue. Nov. 6-Thu. Nov. 8

\* The Three-Bid Teams introduces an interesting concept: each player is allowed only three bids in any auction, not counting Pass, Double and Redouble. The event is reportedly very popular at the HBF.

Website: <http://www.ccba.org.cn/Tour/TourIndex.aspx?tourid=12184> (in Chinese)

### IBPA Business

From Per Jannersten:

Link to the nominations for IBPA elections in Orlando:  
[http://www.ibpa.com/pdf/Nominations\\_2018.pdf](http://www.ibpa.com/pdf/Nominations_2018.pdf)

Link to next year's IBPA budget for approval in Orlando:  
[http://www.ibpa.com/pdf/Budget\\_2019.pdf](http://www.ibpa.com/pdf/Budget_2019.pdf)

### 2019 Open European Championships

The Turkish Bridge Federation has agreed to host the European Open Bridge Championships in the Ephesus Convention Center in Kusadasi from 15<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019. <http://www.ecc.com.tr/home/>

The spacious venue is fully air-conditioned throughout. Kusadasi is one of Turkey's safe and secular tourist jewels, so the event promises to be memorable. Further details will be posted on the European Bridge League website ([www.eurobridge.org](http://www.eurobridge.org)) in the coming weeks.

Catherine Vitry,  
EBL Secretariat  
Email : [secretariat@europeanbridge.org](mailto:secretariat@europeanbridge.org)  
Tel : +33 6 45 57 93 60

### Bridge at the 2018 Asian Games

An article in the Washington Post discusses the ramifications of bridge being played at the Asian Games in Indonesia this summer:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/playing-bridge-at-the-asian-games-athletics-of-the-mind/2018/08/22/7c13e4e0-a5d9-11e8-ad6f-080770dccc2\\_story.html?horedirect=on&utm\\_term=.01d10079dc96](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/playing-bridge-at-the-asian-games-athletics-of-the-mind/2018/08/22/7c13e4e0-a5d9-11e8-ad6f-080770dccc2_story.html?horedirect=on&utm_term=.01d10079dc96)



### Correspondence

The Editor reserves the right to abridge and/or edit correspondence.  
Email: [ibpaeditor@sympatico.ca](mailto:ibpaeditor@sympatico.ca)

Hi John,

The 1983 TV series 'Master Bridge' is now on YouTube. There is some great footage of interviews with the players, normally towards the end of each episode. There are 14 in total. Link and details here:

<https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/watch-1983-tv-series-master-bridge-on-youtube/>

Shireen Mohandes, London



[www.ibpa.com](http://www.ibpa.com)

#### This Bulletin:

You can access an electronic copy of this Bulletin at [www.ibpa.com/644yd.pdf](http://www.ibpa.com/644yd.pdf)

#### Subscriptions:

You can apply to join the IBPA or renew your subscription on the website by clicking on the appropriate button on the top of the homepage.

#### Members' Addresses:

You can find fellow members' contact details at: [www.jannersten.org](http://www.jannersten.org). If you have forgotten your access code: [thorpe.katie@gmail.com](mailto:thorpe.katie@gmail.com)

#### The 2016 Handbook:

To access the electronic version of the Handbook, go to the IBPA website: [www.ibpa.com](http://www.ibpa.com)

#### Personal Details Changes:

Whenever your contact details change, please amend them as appropriate in the database found at: [www.jannersten.org](http://www.jannersten.org)  
or inform the Membership Secretary, Katie Thorpe: [thorpe.katie@gmail.com](mailto:thorpe.katie@gmail.com)

# World Bridge Calendar

<b>DATES</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
<b>2018</b>			
Sep 7-16	Guernsey Congress	Les Cotils, Guernsey, Channel Is.	www.ebu.co.uk
Sep 7-19	57 <sup>th</sup> International Festival	Pula, Croatia	www.pulabridgefestival.com
<b>Sep 22-Oct 6</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Series</b>	<b>Orlando, FL</b>	<b>www.worldbridge.org</b>
Sep 28-Oct 1	Canberra in Bloom Bridge Festival	Canberra, ACT, Australia	www.abfevents.com.au
Sep 29-Oct 4	22 <sup>nd</sup> World Computer Championship	Orlando, FL	www.worldbridge.org
Sep 29-Oct 6	New Zealand National Congress	Hamilton, NZ	www.nzbridge.co.nz
Oct 3-4	XI Open Balkan Yeam Championship	Stara Zagora, Bulgaria	www.bridge.bg
Oct 3-7	22 <sup>nd</sup> Açores Festival	Azores Is., Portugal	www.fpbridge.pt
Oct 8-14	Andalucia Overseas Congress	Cadiz, Spain	www.ebu.co.uk
Oct 19-21	Vilnius Cup	Vilnius, Lithuania	www.vilniuscup.lt
Oct 25-27	EBL Small Federations Games	Budapest, Hungary	www.eurobridge.org
Oct 25-28	9 <sup>th</sup> World University Championships	Suzhou, China	www.worldbridge.org
Oct 25-Nov 8	Hainan Bridge Festival	Sanya, Hainan, China	lijie0511@hotmail.com
Nov 6-11	21 <sup>st</sup> Madeira Bridge Festival	Madeira, Portugal	www.bridge-madeira.com
Nov 8-10	17 <sup>th</sup> European Champions Cup	Eilat, Israel	www.eurobridge.org
Nov 8-10	5 <sup>th</sup> Marbella International	Marbella, Costa del Sol, Spain	www.marbellabridge.com
Nov 8-18	24 <sup>th</sup> International Red Sea Festival	Eilat, Israel	www.bridgeredsea.com
Nov 10-11	2 <sup>nd</sup> YCBC Ladies Swiss Teams	London, England	www.ycbc.co.uk
Nov 22-Dec 2	ACBL Fall NABC	Honolulu, HI	www.acbl.org
Nov 27-Dec 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> SEABF Championships	Makati City, Philippines	www.pabf.org
Nov 30-Dec 2	9 <sup>th</sup> Hotel D. Pedro Festival	Vilamoura, Portugal	www.fpbridge.pt
Dec 7-9	Città di Milano International Teams	Milan, Italy	www.federbridge.it
Dec 15-17	Cape Festival	Cape Town, South Africa	www.sabf.co.za
Dec 27-30	Year-End Congress	London, England	www.ebu.co.uk
<b>2019</b>			
Jan 9-20	Summer Festival of Bridge	Canberra, ACT	www.abf.com.au
Jan 26-Feb 1	60 <sup>th</sup> Bermuda Regional	Southampton, Bermuda	www.bermudaregional.com
Jan 30-Feb 5	Greece Overseas Congress	Athens, Greece	www.ebu.co.uk
Jan 31-Feb 3	Reykjavik Bridge Festival	Reykjavik, Iceland	www.bridge.is
Feb 15-23	57 <sup>th</sup> Gold Coast Congress	Broadbeach, Australia	www.qldbridge.com.au
Feb 22-28	1 <sup>st</sup> European National Mixed Teams	Lisbon, Portugal	www.eurobridge.org
Mar 8-10	Slava Cup	Moscow, Russia	www.slavacup.com
Mar 21-31	ACBL Spring NABC	Memphis, TN	www.acbl.org
Mar 30-Apr 3	Amazing Bridge Festival	Bangkok, Thailand	www.thailandbridgeleague.com
Apr 16-21	124 <sup>th</sup> Easter Regional	Toronto, ON	www.unit166.ca
Apr 26-May 5	Jersey Festival	Jersey, Channel Is.	www.ebu.co.uk
May 3-7	Schapiro Spring Fours	Stratford-upon-Avon, England	www.ebu.co.uk
May 4-12	Canadian Bridge Week	Burnaby, BC	www.cbf.ca
May 10-20	USBF Open and Women's Trials	Schaumburg, IL	www.usbf.org
May 17-25	CACBF Championships	San Jose, Costa Rica	www.cacbf.com
May 24-Jun 1	69 <sup>th</sup> South American Bridge Festival	Mar del Plata, Argentina	www.worldbridge.org
May 29-Jun 6	USBF Senior Trials	Schaumburg, IL	www.usbf.org
Jun 11-18	52 <sup>nd</sup> APBF Championships	Singapore	competition@scba.org.sg
Jun 15-29	9 <sup>th</sup> Open European Championships	Kusadasi, Turkey	www.eurobridge.org
Jun 28-Jul 7	62 <sup>nd</sup> Slawa Congress	Slawa, Poland	www.pzbs.pl
Jul 12-19	SABF Congress	Durban, South Africa	www.sabf.co.za
Jul 18-28	ACBL Summer NABC	Las Vegas, NV	www.acbl.org
Jul 26-Aug 4	25 <sup>th</sup> Swedish Bridge Festival	Orebro, Sweden	www.svenskbridge.se
Jul 27-Aug 1	Chairman's Cup	Orebro, Sweden	www.svenskbridge.se
Aug 2-11	Summer Festival	Eastbourne, England	www.ebu.co.uk
Aug 22-Sep 1	47 <sup>th</sup> Grand Prix of Warsaw	Warsaw, Poland	www.pzbs.pl
Sep 6-14	58 <sup>th</sup> International Festival	Pula, Croatia	www.pulabridgefestival.com
Sep 13-22	Guernsey Congress	Guernsey, Channel Is.	www.ebu.co.uk
Nov 28-Dec 8	ACBL Fall NABC	San Francisco, CA	www.acbl.org
Nov 30-Dec 5	5 <sup>th</sup> National Day Bridge Festival	Dubai, UAE	www.bridgewebs.com/4jacks