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## 34-Year-Old Murder of Barry Crane Solved?



News outlets reported early in May that an arrest had been made in the 1985 murder of television producer/director and World-Champion bridge player Barry Crane. Crane had been bludgeoned and strangled to death in his Hollywood home. A 52-year-old North Carolina man, Edwin Hiatt, was arrested on May 9<sup>th</sup> after an FBI fingerprint specialist matched Hiatt's fingerprint to one found in Crane's stolen car after the murder.

Police in Los Angeles said that Hiatt had admitted to the murder in an interview in March. As he was being led into jail in Burke County, North Carolina, Hiatt was asked by a television reporter if he was the killer. "Anything is possible back then," Hiatt answered, "I was big into drugs." FBI investigators also linked Hiatt's DNA to cigarette butts found in Crane's stolen car. At a court hearing on May 10<sup>th</sup>, a judge ordered Hiatt held without bail until his next court appearance on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Crane was renowned in North America as the finest matchpoint player and bunny killer of his time. He won the World Mixed Pairs with Kerri Sanborn (then Shuman) in New Orleans in 1978. He won 13 North American Bridge Championships, 10 of which were pairs events. Crane won the McKenny Race (most masterpoints in a calendar year) so many times that the ACBL renamed it in his honour: it's now the Barry Crane Top 500. He was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 1995. Crane had a few idiosyncrasies that he insisted on his partners adopting, for example, finessing for a queen (it lies over the jack) and playing for the drop missing king-to-three if the first defender to play followed with the lower of the two outstanding spot cards.

Crane was responsible for an ACBL rule change that now forbids a player from playing in two or more events concurrently. Before the rule change, Crane would play the first session of a Regional Swiss Teams in the Eastern time zone of the U.S., then hop aboard his private jet to fly back to the West Coast (a three-hour time difference) in time for the second session of a Regional Swiss Teams there.

As a television director and producer, Crane was involved with many of the most-popular shows of the 1970s and 1980s such as "The Incredible Hulk", "Hawaii Five-0", "The Six Million Dollar Man", "Mission Impossible", "CHiPs", "Dallas", "Wonder Woman" and "Mannix".

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# The 2019 Open Trials for USA2

Suzi Subeck, Chicago



Photo: Stan Subeck

The winners and Team USA2 in Wuhan: Marty Fleisher, Chip Martel, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco, Brad Moss, Joe Grue

Last year's Trials for USA1 in the Wuhan Bermuda Bowl resulted in the NICKELL team (Nick Nickell/Ralph Katz, Jeff Meckstroth/Eric Rodwell, Stevie Weinstein/Bobby Levin) winning over LALL (Hemant Lall/Reese Milner, Justin Lall/Kevin Bathurst, Zia Mahmood/Jacek Pszczoła).

Zia was back again this year, though with a different team, WOLFSON (Jeff Wolfson/Steve Garner, Joel Wooldridge/John Hurd, Zia Mahmood/Michael Rosenberg), but still one of the favourites, along with FLEISHER (Marty Fleisher/Chip Martel, Geoff Hampson/Eric Greco, Brad Moss/Joe Grue).

Eighteen teams entered; 16 of those played a two-day, round robin of 7-board matches to qualify the top 13 teams for Round of 16 play. Those 13, seeded on their players' seeding-point average (based on previous performance), were joined by the FLEISHER team, who had a bye to that round, based on its performance over the past year. The seven winners of the Round of 16 were joined by the ROSENTHAL team (Andrew Rosenthal/Aaron Silverstein, David Berkowitz/Migry Zur-Campanile, Eldad Ginossar/Chris Willenken), who

had a bye to the Quarterfinals. The knockout matches were all two-day, 120-board affairs.

## Round Robin Match 1, Wolfson v. Lo Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wildavsky	Garner	Doub	Wolfson
—	—	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Adam Wildavsky led the seven of spades to the four, ten and declarer's ace. Declarer played a club to the ace and a club to the jack and West's queen. Doug Doub, East, followed with the four-two of clubs, a Hawk Echo, showing an even number of spades remaining. It looked as though declarer had nine tricks on passive defence, so West switched to the ten of hearts. Declarer covered with the jack, forcing Doub's ace. He returned the three of hearts. Declarer did well to go up with the king but Wildavsky unblocked the queen to prevent declarer from ducking a spade to East's queen.

Declarer instead played a diamond to the ace, cashed the king of clubs, and led a diamond to the ten and cashed the king as Doub pitched two winning clubs. Declarer exited from dummy with a heart, which Doub ducked to Wildavsky's eight so that West could lead a spade through. Down one.

#### Round Robin Match 6, Lo v. Rajadhyaksha Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Koneru	Gu	Pratap	Lo
—	1♠	Pass	2NT <sup>1</sup>
Pass	3♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	3♦ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	3♠ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠

All Pass

1. Jacoby 2NT
2. Minimum
3. Asks shortage
4. Short diamonds

Six spades was an easy make, but Gu did it with style: he finessed both ways for the king of hearts! Declarer ruffed the opening diamond lead, played a spade to dummy and ran the ten of hearts. He trumped a diamond to his hand and played the queen of hearts, discarding a club from dummy. West won the king of hearts and declarer claimed the rest of the tricks.

On the following deal, Adam Wildavsky made a great defensive play.

#### Round Robin Match 10, Hill v. Lo Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wildavsky	Dwyer	Doub	Huang
—	INT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4♥ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1. 13+-16			
2. Transfer to spades			

Doug Doub, East, led the three of clubs. In tempo, Wildavsky won with his ace and returned the club seven. Dwyer followed low, so Doub won with his jack and continued with a club to Wildavsky's king. There was no way to avoid a loser in trumps and the contract failed by a trick. Kevin Dwyer showed his class by congratulating his opponents on their fine defence.

#### Round of 16 Segment 6, Wolfson v. Dinkin Board 78. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Dinkin	Hurd	Shuster
—	—	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Double
Redouble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Most tables played six clubs untouched on this board. However, John Hurd and Joel Wooldridge found their way to a 10-IMP pick-up in a most elegant manner. They were always going to gain on the board once Shuster doubled, but exuding confidence has always been a hallmark of youth. Wooldridge redoubled... and then he created the *pièce de résistance*... scoring the twelfth trick *en passant*.

Dinkin dutifully led the six of diamonds to the seven and queen, ruffed with the six of clubs. Wooldridge cashed the king of clubs and played the ten of clubs to the ace in dummy, Dinkin shedding the seven of spades. Wooldridge led the eight of diamonds from the dummy; Shuster covered with the ace, so Wooldridge ruffed. Declarer played the six of hearts to the king and the nine of diamonds, pitching the two of spades. He cashed the spade queen and led the diamond ten, discarding the nine of hearts. On the jack of diamonds, South discarded the ten of hearts and declarer the king of spades. The seven of hearts was played to declarer's ace, everyone following, leaving this simple ending:

<p>♠ 9 6 5 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ —</p> <p>♠ A ♥ Q ♦ — ♣ J</p> <p>♠ — ♥ J ♦ — ♣ Q 7</p>	<p>♠ 10 ♥ — ♦ K ♣ 9</p>
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The queen of hearts was ruffed with the nine of clubs in dummy and the king of diamonds ended the perfect coup!

Of course, had declarer ruffed the diamond queen at trick one, led a club to the ace, passed the nine of clubs, guessing the queen, and drawn trumps, the run of four spade tricks would have squeezed South between the red suits for an overtrick. That play could have been disastrous, however, had North had four clubs to the queen. But perhaps then a *coup en passant* would have been available the other way.

The Round of 16 match results were:

Fleisher 355 – Donner 155
Kranyak 304 – Warner 242
Wolfson 313 – Dinkin 181
Rajadhyaksha 239 – Lo 152
Kriegel 217 – Morris 169
Donn 262 – Hill 224
Robinson 246 – Mahaffey 225

## Quarterfinals Segment 4

### Wolfson v. Rajadhyaksha

#### Board 58. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mahmood	Miller	Rosenberg	Schermer
Koneru	Hurd	Rajadhyaksha	Wooldridge
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

The opening lead was the same at both tables: the four of hearts. Both declarers won in hand with the king and both declarers led the queen of spades. Both Norths won with the king and, knowing that hearts and spades were unlikely to produce any defensive tricks, both players exited with the queen of clubs, not knowing the length and strength of declarer's club suit. Both declarers won with their king.

Rajadhyaksha played the king of diamonds, which was ducked by South. He then played the eight of diamonds, also ducked, and the diamond queen won in dummy. Declarer crossed to his hand with the ace of spades and finessed the jack of hearts. When this held, and not realizing that as the cards lay, he could have played a club toward his hand, the opponents would be forced to give him a ninth trick because of the blockage in the diamond suit, he cashed the jack of spades and hoped for a spade break. When this didn't work, the ten of spades became the setting trick.

At the other table, after winning with the kings of clubs and diamonds, Rosenberg led the eight of diamonds, which was ducked to dummy's queen. At this point, declarer led the club six toward his hand. North won with the ace, led a diamond to South's ace and Rosenberg collected ten tricks.

While it was true that South could have been ducking the ace of clubs, this seems unlikely since, without seeing declarer's club holding, South would probably play North for the jack of clubs and would have won the king of clubs with the ace and continued clubs to North's putative jack.

The following deal is right out of a bidding contest ...

**Quarterfinals Segment 6. Fleisher v. Donn**  
**Board 85. Dealer North. EW Vul.**

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

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Donn	Martel	Winestock	Fleisher
—	1♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♠ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	4NT <sup>4</sup>	Pass	6♦ <sup>5</sup>
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Usually 5+ diamonds, unbalanced
2. Strong, natural
3. Diamond support; short clubs
4. Key card ask
5. Undiscussed

It looked as though Martel/Fleisher were on the right track with their five-card-plus one-diamond opening. Twelve tricks were made when Fleisher went wrong in hearts.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Grue	Korbel	Moss	Lee
—	INT	Pass	2♣
Double	Pass <sup>1</sup>	3♣	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Denies a club stop, could still have a major

Korbel/Lee never had a chance to reach the almost-double-dummy seven diamonds, never having bid the suit naturally. Moss led a clever third-from-an-even-number eight of clubs, ruffed in dummy; Grue followed with the six. Korbel cashed three spades and five diamonds, collecting no hearts at all from the defenders. However, he did discover that clubs were 6-6 and thus, hearts were 3-3 in the opponents' mirrored distribution. Twenty-five IMPs swung on declarer's decision in the heart suit. When he went wrong, Fleisher won 14 IMPs rather than losing 11.

It's sometimes instructive to look at all the expert pairs' auctions on a particular board to see where they went right (or wrong). On the following board, no two auctions were the same, even though seven of the eight pairs got to a grand slam. Despite that, there were two 20-IMP swings and one 17-IMP swing on the board. In only one match was it a push.

**Quarterfinals, Segment 7.**  
**Board 94. Dealer West. Both Vul.**

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

**Fleisher v. Martel:**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Fleisher	Lee	Martel	Korbel
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	4♠	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Key-card ask
2. 0 or 3 key cards

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Cheek	Greco	Bertens	Hampson
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♣ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	4♦ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	5♥ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	7♠	Pass	Pass

- Pass
1. Key-card ask
2. 0 or 3 key cards
3. Bid seven with third-round heart control

Both declarers won the club lead in hand, cashed a high trump from each hand, then played three rounds of hearts, ruffing them good but allowing West to discard his second club. After cashing the spade jack, there was then no way back to dummy to draw West's fourth trump without allowing him to make it. Down one. No swing.

**Wolfson v. Rajadhyaksha**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Mahmood	Miller	Rosenberg	Schermer
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	3♠ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	3NT <sup>3</sup>
Pass	4NT <sup>4</sup>	Pass	5♠ <sup>5</sup>
Pass	5NT <sup>6</sup>	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Slam-try in spades
2. Encouraging
3. More interest
4. Key-card ask
5. Two key cards and spade queen
6. Grand-slam try; asks for kings up the line; guarantees all key cards and trump queen

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Koneru	Hurd	Rajadhyaksha	Wooldridge
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	4♥ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	5♥ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	5NT <sup>4</sup>	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
1.	Key-card ask		
2.	0 or 3 key cards		
3.	Asking-bid in hearts		
4.	Third-round heart control		

Hurd followed the line of play in the Fleisher-Donn match, going off one. Billy Miller made his contract after the jack of clubs was covered by the queen and East discarded a club on the second spade. Miller drew the conclusion that clubs were 5-2 or 6-1 and feared the exact diagrammed layout. So he drew all the trumps and took a second-round heart finesse for the queen. Making seven, plus 2210 and 20 IMPs.

#### Rosenthal v. Robinson

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Hamman	Ginossar	Weichsel	Willenken
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♣ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	4♦ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>3</sup>
Pass	5♦ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	7♥ <sup>5</sup>
Pass	7NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1.	Key-card ask		
2.	0 or 3 key cards		
3.	Specific-king ask; guarantees all key cards and trump queen		
4.	Diamond king		
5.	Choice of grand slams		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Silverstein	Robinson	Rosenthal	Boyd
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♣ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	4♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>3</sup>
Pass	5♣ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
1.	Key-card ask		
2.	0 or 3 key cards		
3.	King-denial ask		
4.	Diamond king, no club king		

Robinson followed the popular line, down one, whereas Ginossar needed the hearts to come in, so, like Miller, took a second-round heart finesse for plus 2220 and 20 IMPs.

#### Kranyak v. Kriegel

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Hinze	Smith	Grainger	Kriegel
Pass	INT	Pass	4♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT <sup>2</sup>
Pass	5♦ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	5♣ <sup>4</sup>
Pass	6♥ <sup>5</sup>	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Texas transfer to 4♥
2. Key-card ask in hearts
3. 0 or 3 key cards
4. Trump-queen ask
5. No trump queen

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Platnick	Kranyak	Diamond	Demuy
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	3NT <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>3</sup>
Pass	5♣ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
1.	Spade slam-try		
2.	Cooperating with a slam-try		
3.	Key-card ask		
4.	0 or 3 key cards		

Kranyak took the popular line to go one shy, whereas Smith was pleasantly surprised to make all 13 tricks and win 17 IMPs.

The question is: was there a better line of play than that taken by either the five expert players who failed in seven spades or the one who made it?

It appears that hearts must be 3-2 for seven spades to succeed, unless the heart queen is singleton. Given that, declarer can cash one high spade in North and follow with the ace and king of hearts. Continuing with the third round of hearts, if West shows out, ruff low and draw trumps. If West follows, ruff high and play a spade to the king. If the spades are 3-2, draw the last trump and claim. If West shows out, cross to hand with a diamond and finesse for the ten of spades if it is still outstanding.

This line fails only when West holds three cards in hearts and four spades to the ten.

The quarterfinal scores:

Rosenthal 173 – Robinson 166
Fleisher 226 – Donn 216
Kranyak 226 – Kriegel 203
Wolfson 240 – Rajadhyaksha 190

#### Semifinals, Segment 1, Fleisher v. Kriegel Board 7. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Greco	Smith	Hampson	Kriegel
Platnick	Grue	Diamond	Moss
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Both Wests led a fourth-best spade. Both declarers ducked in dummy and both Easts won with the king. In the Open Room, Hampson continued spades and Kriegel won with his jack. Declarer played a club toward the ten, West ducking. A club to the queen followed, Greco winning with his king. Greco played another spade to the queen in dummy. Kriegel cashed the ace of spades, played the king of hearts and the jack of hearts to the ace. He cashed the clubs and made nine tricks, plus 600.

In the Closed Room, Diamond won the opening spade lead with his king and found the critical switch... Diamond switched to diamonds! His five of diamonds rode to Platnick's queen, ducked in dummy to isolate the suit if the diamonds were 5-2 and the king of clubs was offside. (If diamonds were 4-3 with the ace-ten-fourth in East there was nothing to be done.) Platnick continued diamonds to the jack and ace, and the ten of diamonds went to the king. Moss played a spade to his jack. He tested hearts by cashing the ace and leading to the king. When the queen didn't drop, he took his high spades and finessed for the king of clubs. When Platnick won, he was able to cash his remaining diamond for down one. It was very disappointing to Moss to find the thirteenth diamond with West. Twelve IMPs to Kriegel. Well-played and well-defended.

Double-dummy, Moss could have succeeded by winning the first diamond and taking an immediate club finesse without cashing two hearts.

#### Semifinals, Segment I, Fleisher v. Kriegel Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ 9 7 6 4

♥ J 7 5 2

♦ K J

♣ 8 6 3

♠ K J 10 8

♥ 10 9 3

♦ 3

♣ K Q 10 5 2

♠ 3

♥ A K Q 8 6 4

♦ Q 8 7 6 2

♣ 9

♠ A Q 5 2

♥ —

♦ A 10 9 5 4

♣ A J 7 4

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Greco	Smith	Hampson	Kriegel
—	—	1♥	Double
4♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Diamond	Moss	Platnick	Grue
—	—	1♥	Double
Redouble	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Both rooms in the Kriegel/Fleisher match played in four hearts doubled from East. Grue led the ace of diamonds and continued diamonds. Platnick ruffed in dummy with the three of hearts and played the king of clubs to South's ace. Grue continued his attack on diamonds. Platnick ruffed with dummy's nine, but Moss was able to overruff with the jack and play a spade to Grue's ace for the setting trick.

In the other room, Kriegel rushed the defence. He also led the ace of diamonds, followed by the ace of spades and the ace of clubs. Then he returned to diamonds, Hampson ruffing in dummy with the three of hearts. Declarer cashed the king of clubs, pitching a diamond, cashed the king of spades, pitching a diamond and, finally, ran the nine of hearts through the jack, picking up trumps to score up the doubled game. That resulted in 14 IMPs to Fleisher.

#### Semifinals, Segment 2, Wolfson v. Rosenthal Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ 4

♥ A K 9 8 6 5

♦ K Q 6 3

♣ Q 8

♠ 10 7 6 5 3 2

♥ 4

♦ J 5 4

♣ 10 9 2

♠ 9 8

♥ Q J 7 2

♦ 10 8 7

♣ K 7 6 3

♠ A K Q J

♥ 10 3

♦ A 9 2

♣ A J 5 4

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Silverstein	Rosenberg	Rosenthal	Mahmood
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	6♦
Pass	6NT	Pass	Pass

Pass

I. Pick a slam

Rosenberg and Zia had an excellent auction and made a good decision to play in six notrump, disdaining the

6-2 heart fit. If hearts split 3-2, six notrump would have been an easy make. When hearts failed to split, declarer had a low percentage fallback. He needed six tricks from the minors. The combination of the king of clubs onside and a 3-3 diamond split would produce the desired result. Zia went to Plan B and took 12 tricks.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Wooldridge	Ginossar	Hurd	Willenken
—	—	—	1♣ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	1♦ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	1NT <sup>3</sup>
Pass	2♦ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	2♥ <sup>5</sup>
Pass	3♦ <sup>6</sup>	Pass	3♠ <sup>7</sup>
Pass	4♦ <sup>8</sup>	Pass	4♠ <sup>9</sup>
Pass	4NT <sup>10</sup>	Pass	5♦ <sup>11</sup>
Pass	5♠ <sup>12</sup>	Pass	7♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	
1. Natural or 2+ clubs and 12-14/17-19 balanced			
2. Hearts			
3. 17-19 balanced, 2/3 hearts			
4. Relay, forcing to game			
5. 2 hearts			
6. Natural			
7. Marking time; cooperative; 3NT would have been regressive			
8. Natural			
9. Control bid for diamonds			
10. Key-card ask			
11. 0 or 3 key cards			
12. Grand-slam try			

The poor heart split would have doomed six hearts, but Willenken/Ginossar had a long auction to reach a low-percentage seven diamonds. Hurd led the seven of diamonds. Ginossar won in hand, and played the ace of hearts, followed by the queen of clubs. Hurd ducked. When the queen held, declarer drew trumps and repeated the club finesse for 13 tricks. Had Hurd covered the queen of clubs, Ginossar would have cashed the jack of clubs and ruffed a club to isolate that menace. Then, drawing trumps and running spades would have squeezed Hurd in clubs and hearts.

Wolfson beat Rosenthal 216-118 and Fleisher dominated Kriegel 255-137.

#### Final, Segment 5, Fleisher v. Wolfson Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

♠ A 10 4 2

♥ A 3

♦ A K J 6 5

♣ A 2

♠ 8

♥ K J 4

♦ 10 9 4 3

♣ K Q 9 7 3

♠ J 6 5 3

♥ Q 6

♦ Q 8 7 2

♣ J 10 6

♠ K Q 9 7

♥ 10 9 8 7 5 2

♦ —

♣ 8 5 4

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Mahmood	Grue	Rosenberg	Moss
Pass	1♣ <sup>1</sup>	Double <sup>2</sup>	1♦ <sup>3</sup>
2♥	3NT	4♥	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. 16+ HCP
2. Both majors
3. 5-7 HCP, fewer than 4 clubs

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Greco	Wolfson	Hampson	Garner
Pass	1♦	1♥	2♦
2NT <sup>1</sup>	3NT	4♥	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Limit-raise equivalent in hearts

Hampson ruffed Garner's opening diamond lead and played a club to dummy's queen and Wolfson's ace. Wolfson exited with a diamond; Hampson ruffed, played a club to the king and led a spade. Wolfson won with his ace and continued diamonds. Hampson ruffed, cashed the king and queen of spades and led the nine of spades, ruffing in dummy. He ruffed a diamond back to his hand and exited with a club. Declarer guessed hearts for down one.

At the other table, Rosenberg trumped the diamond lead and led a heart to the jack. Grue won with his ace and returned a heart. Rosenberg won in dummy, trumped a diamond to his hand and ran the eight of clubs, taking the double finesse for the jack-ten since he knew from the bidding that North was likely to hold the club ace. When this worked, Rosenberg collected ten tricks for plus 590 and 12 IMPs to Wolfson.

The two favourites had made it to the final, where Fleisher completely dominated, 259-153, coaxing a withdrawal after seven of the scheduled eight sets. The winners and USA2 for the Bermuda Bowl in China this September are: Marty Fleisher/Chip Martel, Geoff Hampson/Eric Greco and Brad Moss/Joe Grue. They'll be a favourite there too.

The other USBF Trials winners (at press time):

#### Women's Teams

USA1 - Lynn Baker/Karen McCallum; Kerri Sanborn/Irina Levitina; Beth Palmer/Sylvia Shi  
USA2 - Hjordis Eythorsdottir/Linda Lewis; Janice Seamon-Molson/Lynn Deas; Sally Wheeler/Cindy Bernstein

#### Mixed Teams

USA1 - Uday Ivatury/Christal Henner; Howie Weinstein/Cheri Bjerkan; Steve Garner/Jill Meyers  
USA2 - Andrew Rosenthal/Debbie Rosenberg/Michael Rosenberg; Chris Willenken/Migry Zur-Campanile



*2019 Buffett Cup*  
**Oren Kriegel,  
 Chicago  
 Jianjian Wang,  
 College Park, MD**

The Buffett Cup, last held in 2012, was revived in 2019 in Haikou, China, the capital city of Hainan Province. Previously a USA vs. Europe exhibition tournament, the 2019 iteration of the Buffett Cup added a Chinese team. The competition was first held in 2006 and is named after its sponsor, American businessman Warren Buffett. This year, the event was sponsored by the Cultural and Sports Bureau of Haikou City, the Tourism Bureau of Haikou City, Hainan Provincial Tourism and Culture Department, and the XiuYing District Government.

Adding a third team was a positive development, but it resulted in an awkward round-robin format. Boards were not played simultaneously, and scores from the first half of each session were not integrated into the Vugraph broadcast, leaving kibitzers in the dark about the running score.

The form of scoring was Board-a-Match, but with a 10-point difference scored as a tie. This produced some unusual non-swings for a form of the game that usually makes every trick matter. In one example, the battle in a diamond partscore was over the tenth trick, but it was immaterial – the other table scored 120 in notrump.

The competition consisted of three portions: teams, pairs, and an individual. In the teams segment, each eight-handed team was split into foursomes – A and B – and each team played a 12-board match against the other two countries' teams' A and B squads. The pairs portion was half again as long as the teams, and each pair played a 24-board session – 12 boards against each opposing team – with each of its three pairs of teammates. The individual was the longest phase, with each player partnering his or her seven teammates for a 14-board segment.

Europe took a narrow lead over the USA after the team event, but the USA struck back in the pairs, taking a useful lead over Europe. China had been lagging over the first three days, but it surged in the individual, dominating both other teams. China had seemed out of the running, but if there had been a sixth day of play, any of the three teams could have prevailed. The Americans had the worst of the individual, but they held on and grabbed a narrow victory. The final scores, with each Buffett Point worth a quarter of a board:

1. **972.3 USA** – Peggy Kaplan (NPC), Bart Bramley, Bob Hamman, Oren Kriegel, Jill Meyers, Sylvia Shi, Ron Smith, Peter Weichsel, Kit Woolsey
2. **967.7 Europe** – Paul Hackett (NPC, ENG), Sally Brock (ENG), Fiona Brown (ENG), Jason Hackett (ENG), Justin Hackett (ENG), Antonio Palma (ITA), Ricco van Prooijen (NED), Louk Verhees (NED), Frederic Wrang (SWE)
3. **953.0 China** – Jianjian Wang (NPC), Jianming Dai, Chuancheng Ju, Meng Kang, Qi Shen, Wenfei Wang, Xiaojing Wang

The fact that a ten-point difference counted as a draw reduced the appeal of playing in notrump rather than a major suit somewhat, because if both contracts took the same number of tricks, the board would be tied. However, notrump sometimes produced more tricks than the major suit, for example, on this deal from the pairs segment:

**Dealer South. NS Vul.**

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

On the surface, it looks like spades and notrump will take the same number of tricks, but in a spade contract, a heart lead will allow West to get a ruff, holding declarer to ten tricks. In one USA vs. China encounter, the American pair reached the five-level, down on a ruff, losing the board to plus 620 at the other table.

The other tables did better. Kit Woolsey, South for USA, opened the bidding with one notrump, and Bart Bramley chose to use Stayman with the North cards, rather than transfer. When East overcalled two hearts, Bramley further buried the spade suit by jumping to three notrump. The Chinese pair started with a Precision one-diamond opening and one-spade response. East overcalled two hearts, and South raised spades. When North, Xiaojing Wang, used a game-forcing relay of two notrump, South, Chuancheng Ju, offered three notrump, which was happily accepted, so the board was pushed at a well-deserved plus 660.

The following board also produced only pushes, but there was interest in the play:

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# IBPA Column Service

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## 953. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	INT	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the king of spades. Declarer could see ten easy tricks on a 3-2 trump division, so he turned his attention to what could be done if trumps were 4-1. There were two ways to succeed in that event: a 3-3 club break or to make all of his low trumps by ruffing spades in hand. As entries to dummy were at a premium, after winning the first trick with dummy's ace of spades, declarer ruffed a spade in hand at trick two. He continued by cashing the ace and king of hearts in that order.

Once the 4-1 break in trumps was revealed, declarer ruffed a second spade low in hand. After cashing the queen of trumps, declarer took the precaution of playing off his ace of diamonds, followed by the king of clubs. After crossing to dummy with a club to the ace, declarer led dummy's remaining spade. East was then stymied. If he had discarded, declarer would have made the seven of trumps for his tenth trick. So East ruffed in with the jack of trumps. Declarer discarded his club loser and claimed the seven of trumps as his tenth trick.

If the trumps had been 3-2, declarer would have ruffed a spade at trick five, drawn the last trump with his queen and claimed ten tricks.

(See top of next column). This was from the last set of a team match, with North feeling his side needed a swing to win the match. Perhaps that explains his last bid.

## 954. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass

West led a trump, judging that North needed a club shortage to justify the leap to slam. On other leads (especially a club), declarer would have been able to ruff three clubs in dummy and make 12 tricks on most defensive layouts. While he could have relied on spades being 3-3 or a major-suit squeeze, declarer decided that setting up dummy's hearts offered a brighter prospect of success.

After taking the opening lead with dummy's ten of diamonds, declarer made the key move of ruffing a heart high in his hand. After ruffing a club in dummy and a second heart high in hand, declarer crossed to dummy by playing a low spade to dummy's ace to lead a third round of hearts. When East discarded a club from hand, so did declarer, which proved to be necessary to make 12 tricks, for otherwise he would have lost trump control.

West took the trick with the queen of hearts and exited with a trump to dummy's nine and declarer's three. After ruffing another heart, thereby establishing the suit, declarer drew West's remaining trump with his ace of diamonds, then claimed his contract: he made three spades, two hearts, six trumps and a club ruff for a total of 12 tricks.

Observe that, after West had won the queen of hearts, he had no winning defence. A spade, his best play in

abstract, would have been won in hand with the queen and dummy would have been entered by playing a low trump to dummy's ten, after which the rest of the play would have been as above. A club exit would have fared no better: declarer would have ruffed in dummy, ruffed a heart low, drawn trumps, then claimed the rest of the tricks.

### 955. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

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

This deal is from a team game. The auction was the same at both tables; with the three-club advance to the takeout double promising at least eight high-card points. Both West players led the queen of hearts. Each East overtook this with the king of hearts, which was allowed to hold by both declarers. The decision point came when the jack of hearts was played to the next trick.

At the first table, declarer took the jack of hearts with the ace, throwing a diamond from the dummy. After cashing dummy's three club winners, declarer played the ace and another spade in the hope that West held the king of spades. Alas, East held that card and, after winning the king of spades, he was able to cash out the hearts for a two-trick set.

At the other table, declarer took a different tack and allowed the jack of hearts to win the trick but, in the process, he did a clever thing when he threw the queen of clubs from dummy. East continued with the ten of hearts, which was allowed to hold, while the king of clubs was discarded from dummy. Hoping for the best, East tried the effect of a fourth round of hearts to declarer's ace only to see the ace of clubs jettisoned from dummy. Then declarer cashed five club tricks while pitching three diamonds and two spades from dummy. Five clubs and four tops in the other suits made nine tricks in all.

It would not have benefited East to discontinue the attack on hearts at trick three or trick four. Declarer

would win any shift in dummy with the ace of the suit, unblock dummy's clubs, then lead a low spade to establish an entry to hand for the remaining club winners.

### 956. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South's bid of two diamonds was an artificial game-force and North's leap to three hearts promised three-card support for hearts and a maximum for his one notrump rebid.

West led the king of diamonds. After winning the first trick with dummy's ace of diamonds, declarer ruffed a diamond in hand – mainly as a matter of technique, but also because it couldn't hurt his chances of making the contract. Declarer continued by cashing the ace of trumps.

Next, declarer crossed to dummy with the king of clubs and ruffed dummy's remaining diamond low in hand. Then, he crossed to dummy with a spade to the king and led the jack of trumps and, when East followed with the nine of trumps, declarer played low from hand. When that held, he played a trump to the king to draw East's last trump. With 12 tricks now cold, declarer had the luxury of trying for 13 in spades and clubs.

Declarer would still have made his contract if West had started with a doubleton queen of trumps. In that event, West would have been endplayed and forced to lead a black suit or concede a ruff-and-discard by leading a diamond. No matter which option he chose, declarer would have made 12 tricks.

Finally, if East had shown out on the second trump, declarer planned to win with the king and concede a trump to West's queen. This would always have seen the contract make if West had started with precisely three diamonds. Otherwise, declarer would have needed something favourable to happen in the black suits.

**Dealer North. Neither Vul.**

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

All tables reached four spades by South after a one-spade opening and a takeout double by West. West led a high diamond and usually continued the suit. One Chinese declarer discarded his heart loser on the second diamond, apparently succeeding in preventing East from gaining the lead to play a club through. However, there were insufficient entries to execute the strip and endplay: West shifted to a spade, which declarer won in dummy to ruff the third diamond, then played the heart ace, heart ruff. Now, if he played a spade to dummy for another heart ruff, that would have left declarer with just one trump in the South hand, so crossing to dummy next for a club play would have been pointless. Therefore, declarer led a low club from hand, needing to find West with the jack-ten or East with the king. No luck: down one.

At the companion table, the American declarer ruffed trick two, led a heart to the ace, ruffed the last diamond, and exited with a heart. West played the ten and East, Chuancheng Ju, alertly overtook with the jack to play a club through. With two unavoidable club losers, declarer finished down one.

At the third table, Lixin Yang introduced another variation as declarer. He ruffed trick two and led a heart: ten, ace, eight. He ruffed a diamond and crossed to dummy in spades and led a heart. When East failed to rise with the jack, West was endplayed, giving declarer a needed tempo to complete the elimination. West played a heart, ruffed, and declarer crossed in spades to lead a club. East did her best by rising with the club ten, but declarer had good enough spots to cover with the queen and claim: plus 420.

This was a strong result, but Bob Hamman matched it at the fourth table. He received a top diamond lead and a shift to the heart king, which he ducked. West had to play a major to keep the defence in control, but she reverted to diamonds. Hamman had the entries to eliminate the red suits and lead the first club from dummy: plus 420 – just another push.

Louk Verhees executed a swindle on this deal from Europe vs. China:

**Dealer South. Neither Vul.**

♠ A J 10 9	♠ 6
♥ Q 8 5	♥ K 6
♦ 8 6 4	♦ K J 10 9 7 2
♣ J 8 7	♣ K Q 3 2
♠ 7 5 2	♠ K Q 8 4 3
♥ A J 7 4	♥ I 0 9 3 2
♦ Q 3	♦ A 5
♣ 9 6 5 4	♣ A 10

**West      North      East      South**

—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2NT <sup>1</sup>	3♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

I. Four-card support, constructive to light game-forcing values

Verhees stretched in the bidding (he could have invited) and had to find a way to finagle a tenth trick. He won the diamond-queen lead, played two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and called for dummy's club jack, which went to the queen and ace. Verhees played a third trump to dummy and led dummy's club eight, simulating finessing against the nine, holding ace-low(low). East took the bait and ducked. Having stolen a club trick, declarer found a friendly heart position to score up plus 420. Whether East should have got the defence right does not detract from declarer's elegant swindle.

Jason Hackett found an equally attractive technical line on this deal from the individual:

**Dealer South. EW Vul.**

♠ Q 10 9 8 7 3 2	♠ A 6
♥ 8 4	♥ I 0 7 5
♦ 2	♦ Q 9 6
♣ A J 7	♣ Q 10 9 8 4
♠ J 5 4	♠ K
♥ K Q 6 3	♥ A J 9 2
♦ A 10 8 4 3	♦ K J 7 5
♣ 3	♣ K 6 5 2

Hackett declared four spades from the South side (INT-4♥-4♠) on the lead of the club three. He rose with dummy's ace and led a diamond to the jack and ace. West shifted to the heart king, which declarer won with the ace and threw a heart on the diamond king. Next came the key play of leading the heart jack, covered by West and ruffed in dummy. The heart threat had now been isolated with East. When a spade was led from dummy, East rose with the ace and played

a diamond, ruffed in dummy. Declarer played two more rounds of trumps, and on the eventual run of dummy's spades, East was squeezed in hearts and clubs for the tenth trick: plus 420.

Whether the USA team would win the following board from the individual depended on Ron Smith's defence:

**Dealer West. EW Vul.**

♠ A 10 9 2

♥ 7 5 2

♦ K 7 5 2

♣ K 4

♠ K

♥ A Q 10 8 3

♦ 10 3

♣ Q J 6 5 3

♠ 6

♥ K 4

♦ A Q J 8 4

♣ A 9 8 7 2

♠ Q J 8 7 5 4 3

♥ J 9 6

♦ 9 6

♣ 10

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

Most Easts in Smith's position chose to introduce the club suit at their second turn, but Smith opted to double, then needed to justify that decision with accurate defence. His partner, Peter Weichsel, led the diamond ten, which held, and continued with a second diamond. Smith won and shifted to hearts. After three rounds of the suit, Weichsel led the club queen, ducked in dummy. Smith deduced the distribution and overtook with the club ace to lead a third diamond. Weichsel scored his onside king of spades for the fourth undertrick: plus 800 and a win versus plus 620 in five clubs at the other table.

## Perfection (Horton)

Relaxing in my room yesterday afternoon, I happened upon a TV channel showing an archery competition in Shanghai. Each contestant shoots five flights of three arrows, scoring 10 for every bull's-eye, a maximum of 150 being available for perfection. You don't necessarily score points for perfection in bridge but, on this deal from Round 1, England versus China, the East/West pairs had a chance to demonstrate their skills:

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

♠ 10 5 3

♥ K 7 5 4

♦ K Q 9 5

♣ 8 7

♠ K Q 4 2

♥ 10

♦ A 2

♣ A Q 9 6 5 2

♠ A J 9 6

♥ A 9 8 6

♦ 8 6 4

♣ K 4

♠ 8 7

♥ Q J 3 2

♦ J 10 7 3

♣ J 10 3

West	North	East	South
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Shen      Draper      Wang      Fawcett

—      —      1 ♦<sup>1</sup>      Pass

2 ♣      Pass      2 NT      Pass

3 ♥<sup>2</sup>      Pass      3 ♠      Pass

4 ♦<sup>3</sup>      Pass      4 NT<sup>4</sup>      Pass

5 ♦<sup>5</sup>      Double      6 ♠      Pass

Pass      Pass

1. 11-15, 2+ diamonds

2. Spades

3. Heart shortage

4. Key-card ask

5. 3 key cards

This auction was going along reasonably well until East jumped to six spades. Perhaps passing the double and then bidding six clubs over West's redouble would have been the way to suggest that a grand slam was possible.

West	North	East	South
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Wiseman      Lu      Smith      Liu

—      —      1 ♣<sup>1</sup>      Pass

2 ♣<sup>2</sup>      Pass      2 ♦<sup>3</sup>      Pass

2 ♠      Pass      3 ♠      Pass

4 ♣<sup>4</sup>      Pass      4 ♥<sup>4</sup>      Dble

Pass      Pass      Rdbl<sup>5</sup>      Pass

4 NT<sup>6</sup>      Pass      5 ♥<sup>7</sup>      Pass

5 NT<sup>8</sup>      Pass      6 ♣<sup>9</sup>      Pass

7 ♠      Pass      Pass      Pass

1. (a.) Natural, or; (b.) 12-14/18-19 balanced, or;

(c.) any 4441, or: (d.) 15+ HCP can contain 5

diamonds

2. Natural, GF

*Alert explanations continued overleaf ...*

## IMSA World Masters

Hengshui, China,

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The 1<sup>st</sup> IMSA World Masters Championship took place in Hengshui City, Hebei Province, China from Tuesday, May 14 through Saturday, May 18, Hengshui is just under 300 km south/southwest of Beijing and has a population in excess of four million. In the Open, the teams competing were **China, France, Netherlands and Norway**. In the Women's, there were **China, England, Poland and Sweden**.

3. Major-suit checkback
4. Control bids
5. First-round control
6. RKCB
7. 2 key cards, no spade queen
8. Kings?
9. Club king

That was an impressive way to collect 13 IMPs.

## Play of the Day (Horton)

England has a new talent in the shape of Yvonne Wiseman. Here she is in action at the 2019 IMSA World Masters:

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

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

West	North	East	South
Wang	Wiseman	Zuo	Smith
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♦	2♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

- I. (a.) Natural, or; (b.) 12-14/18-19 balanced, or;
- (c.) any 4441, or: (d.) 15+ HCP can contain 5 diamonds

East led the jack of diamonds to the king and ace. West cashed the queen of diamonds; if she then plays a third diamond, declarer can ruff with her queen of hearts and, supposing East does not over-ruff, declarer can play a low heart, which will put her in line for an overtrick if she gets the clubs right.

West found the stronger defence of switching to a spade, covered by the jack, queen and ace. If declarer now runs the jack of hearts, East wins, cashes the spade king and plays a third spade, promoting a trump trick.

Declarer found the only way to get home when she played the nine of diamonds. West covered but declarer pitched her spade - a Scissors Coup. Declarer ruffed the spade return in hand and played a low heart, winning with the jack. A heart to the ace was followed by another heart; East won and played a spade. Declarer ruffed in dummy and played low club to the ace and then ran the jack - East had already pitched a club on the third round of diamonds, so was known to be 6=3=2=2. It was worth all the matchpoints.

The results of the team events were:

### Open Teams

1	Netherlands	82.66
2	France	66.78
3	China	51.70
4	Norway	35.86

In the Final, Netherlands beat France for the gold, 94-56, and China beat Norway for the bronze, 121-78.

### Women's Teams

1	Poland	72.46
2	Sweden	60.37
3	China	60.21
4	England	46.96

Poland defeated Sweden 106-68 and China beat England 91-76 in the medal round.

## Smoke & Mirrors (Horton)

Sometimes, when confronted by an apparently hopeless situation, one can attempt to create an illusion. Here is a beauty from the Women's Pairs:

### Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

♠ Q 10 8 7 6 4	♠ K 9
♥ A J 6	♥ Q 7 5
♦ Q 9	♦ J 8 7
♣ K 6	♣ J 10 8 5 2
♠ J 5 3	♠ A 2
♥ 9 4 3 2	♥ K 10 8
♦ A K 5 4 2	♦ I 0 6 3
♣ 9	♣ A Q 7 4 3

West	North	East	South
Shen	Bertheau	Wang	Larsson
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West led the four of diamonds. When dummy's queen held, declarer played three rounds of clubs, West pitching a heart and a spade. Now declarer did something very sneaky - she exited with the six of diamonds! West won with the king and, assuming declarer still had the jack-ten of diamonds (East had played the seven followed by the eight), she switched to the three of spades. Declarer played dummy's ten, and when it held, she played a spade to the ace, a heart to the ace and cashed her spades. The last of these caught East, down to the queen-seven of hearts and the eight of clubs, in a show-up squeeze. If you haven't been counting, that's 12 tricks! Not surprisingly, it was a complete top.

## Dunga at Bridge (Kvangraven)

Does anyone remember the Brazilian football player Dunga? He was captain of the winning Brazilian team at the 1994 FIFA World Cup in the USA. Later he became a successful manager for various teams. The Chinese player Liu Yinghao found that his own name was difficult to pronounce for other than native Chinese people. Since he was a big fan of the Brazilian, and football is his favourite sport, he found it a good idea to use Dunga as his western name.

So far, Dunga has done well in bridge. He won the Yeh Bros. Cup and plays on the China Open team. We will meet him at the coming Bermuda Bowl. Maybe there will be a Dunga world champion at bridge as well as football. I had the pleasure of meeting Dunga during the IMSA World Masters. He is a nice and warm person, as we know the Chinese players to be. I must admit that he robbed me at the table, but he was not the only one to do that, since my bridge didn't stand up to world master level.

Anyhow, the Chinese have a strong team, as we shall see from Dunga's play as declarer on this deal from the Open Pairs:

**Dealer West. NS Vul.**

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
2♠ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2NT <sup>2</sup>	Dunga
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♥
1. Weak 5 spades and 4+ either minor			
2. Asks minor			

Four hearts was a practical bid by Dunga; he received a warning when West opened two spades.

West led the nine of clubs to the queen, ace, and a ruff. How do you think Dunga played in four hearts to ensure a 100% score on the board?

Dunga took full advantage of the information available from the bidding. He found a killer plan when he led the seven of spades at trick two!

This was the full deal (See top of next column):

Since West couldn't see through the backs of the cards, he played low on the spade and Dunga had found his entry to the dummy, winning with the eight of spades. Imagine the look on West's face!

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

Declarer discarded his diamond on the king of clubs, then finessed the queen of hearts and played the ace, drawing the trumps. He ended his great play with a ruffing finesse in spades, making all 13 tricks.

The Norwegian team's three pairs also tried their luck in hearts. At the first table, East opened one diamond and the Norwegians got all the way to five hearts, declared by North. East led the ace of clubs, ruffed by South. Declarer didn't have any warning from the bidding, so he took the ace of spades then ruffed a spade, luckily with the seven of hearts, but still overruffed by the king. A diamond to the ace was followed by another spade. Declarer could ruff with the jack but had to give west another trick with the king of spades. Ten tricks didn't feel great, but it was decent play, based on the bidding.

The second Norwegian pair managed to stop in four hearts, making five on a diamond lead, the double-dummy score as the cards lie.

The third Norwegian pair was also on play, after bidding similar to that at Dunga's table. A club was led to the queen, ace, and a ruff. The Norwegian declarer played the ace of hearts followed by another heart, putting East on lead. That defender didn't pay close enough attention and shifted to a spade, allowing declarer to take the ruffing finesse for the king of spades, then discard a diamond on the king of clubs, making 12 tricks.

So, the Norwegian pairs made 10, 11 and 12 tricks; Dunga won 13!

There is no reason to wonder who the favourite at the coming Bermuda Bowl will be!

### Open Pairs

1	S. De Wijs / B. Muller NED	56.59
2	S. Drijver / S. Brink NED	54.43
3	C. Bakke / B. Brogeland NOR	52.39

### Women's Pairs

1	X. Zuo / N. Wang CHN	56.59
2	N. Senior / H. Dhondy ENG	54.77
3	A. Sarniak / D. Kazmucha POL	54.66



**Turkish  
Bridge  
Erdal Sidar,  
Istanbul**

**Trojan Horse**

Here is a deal from the 2019 Vanderbilt Round of 64. Omar Ekinci (who lives in New York) was playing with Susan Davison.

**Dealer South. Both Vul.**

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

I couldn't discover the bidding sequence of Madala and Bilde, but the contract was six spades by Madala, South.

Ekinci led the queen of hearts. Madala took the trick with his bare ace and cashed the club ace (perhaps there may have been a singleton king). Then: ace of diamonds, diamond ruff, king of hearts, discarding South's club loser, heart ruff, diamond ruff. When Madala played the fourth round of hearts from the dummy and East produced the jack, Madala gave Ekinci a look. Madala ruffed with the eight of spades, allowing Ekinci to overruff with the queen and return his remaining trump. Madala won in the dummy and played the fifth heart, but Davison was able to ruff that with the nine of spades, so Madala was left with a diamond loser for down one.

At the other table, after ...

1♠	-	2♠
3♦	-	3♥
4♣	-	4♦
4NT	-	6♠

... and a club lead to the jack and ace, Gokhan Yilmaz drew trumps and was able to set up a second club trick by finessing the nine. One diamond loser was ruffed in the dummy and the other two diamond losers were discarded on the king of hearts and the

queen of clubs. That made the contract for a 17-IMP pickup.

**Turkish Summer Teams**

This year, twins won the Turkish Summer Teams Championship: Suleyman Kolata, Levent Ozgul, Gokhan Yilmaz, Okay Gur and Ilker and Soner Cubukcu, twins. A 16-round Swiss team qualifier was played; then a four-round Danish Swiss (each match of 14 boards). In the last match, Board 9 was interesting. In one room, three notrump was made; if Kolata/Ozgul had not been able to beat three notrump, their opponents would have been the champions. Let's look:

**Dealer North. EW Vul.**

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
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Kolata	Erbil	Ozgul	Peyret
—	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♠ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	2NT <sup>3</sup>	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Either 4 hearts or a maximum hand
2. Which?
3. A maximum

East led the ten of hearts. Declarer won in hand and ran the jack of clubs; Kolata took this with his king and shifted to the king of spades(!). Declarer won with his ace and took a second club finesse. Kolata continued spades and the defence took two spades, one diamond and two clubs for down one.

If Kolata had shifted to a low spade instead of the king, after winning with the queen in dummy, declarer might have led a diamond to hand before taking a second club finesse. Shifting to the king of spades gave declarer a losing option.

As the cards lay, declarer could have ducked the king of spades, won the second spade in the dummy and led a diamond toward his hand. However, had he ducked the spade and the ace of diamonds had been in the East hand, declarer would then have needed the second club finesse to succeed for him to make three notrump.

## The Shoe Is on the Other Foot

Anant Bhagwat, Thane,  
Maharashtra, India



This bewitching deal came up in the Otters Club State Level tournament in Mumbai.

**Dealer East. NS Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	1♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
1♦ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	INT <sup>3</sup>	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
1. 16+ HCP			
2. 0-8 HCP			
3. 16-18 balanced			

At some tables, South led the jack of spades. East won with his ace and immediately played back the nine of spades. South covered with the ten and dummy won. Now East made sure of his ninth trick by playing a heart from dummy towards his king. Later, declarer finessed the seven of spades. The defence could take three clubs and the ace of hearts, but that was all. Nobody noticed anything amiss in the defence and they happily proceeded to the next deal.

At another table, South found the potentially effective lead of a low club. North won and, in spite of knowing declarer had four hearts, shifted to the four of hearts. When declarer played low from hand to ensure two heart tricks, it was all over bar the shouting.

At one table though, the defenders were wide awake. They were Ajay Khare and Raju Tolani, bronze medallists in the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Games Bridge Championship. Khare knew dummy had four cards in spades, so it was pointless to lead the spade jack. He also noted that declarer had four cards in hearts. That left only the club suit, so Khare led the six of

clubs. Tolani, North, won with the ace and played back the two of clubs, dropping declarer's queen.

Now Ajay Khare paused for thought. And he found the deadly shift to the seven of hearts; dummy played the eight, Tolani the nine, and declarer won with his king. When declarer cashed the ace of spades and North discarded, East had to resort to the club suit for his ninth trick. He travelled to dummy with the king of diamonds and played a club. Tolani won with his jack and played the jack of hearts. Declarer covered and Khare won. Then, because of the farsighted unblock of the seven of hearts, Khare was able to lead the five of hearts to partner's six. The four of hearts brought the three from declarer to take the contract two down.

It was a perfect defensive *intra-finesse*, normally considered to be a prerogative of the declarer.



Teltscher Trophy 2019  
Bob Pitts, Mold, Wales

During the first weekend in April, Senior teams representing England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Scottish Bridge Union gathered in Edinburgh to contest the Teltscher Trophy (the home nation is now invited to enter two teams to balance the movement). The organisers are to be commended for a really well-run event. Scotland were the holders, but the powerful England team showed no mercy to their hosts or the rest of the field, winning all 10 matches and finishing over 37 VP clear. Well done to Gunnar Hallberg, Paul Hackett, John Holland, David Mossop, Norman Selway, Brian Senior and npc Simon Cochemé.

In our match against Ireland, a deal came up that illustrates the value of helping partner, even when you appear to have little that you can contribute to the defence.

**Dealer East. Both Vul.**

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

After three passes, North opened one heart, my partner, Barry Jones, overcalled one spade and South made a negative double. North jumped to four hearts, where matters rested.

Jones led his singleton club, to the jack, ace and four. I returned the club nine and partner ruffed. He followed this by laying down the spade ace and I lazily followed with the two. Had partner held the ace and king of spades he would have undoubtedly cashed one of those first, so I should have anticipated that the king would fall on my left.

Now Jones had a problem. If declarer had ace-king-queen-jack-to-six and ace-to-three in the red suits, then a switch to a red suit was essential, as playing the queen of spades would establish a second discard in the dummy. However, if declarer had his actual hand, then the spade queen was necessary to prevent declarer from reaching dummy in time for the trump finesse. Eventually, East played a diamond and North gratefully used the entry to take the trump finesse and make ten tricks.

This was a lazy play by me, I should have played a higher spade, preferably the eight, to say please continue spades, rather than what looked like a suit-preference deuce. At the other table, the defence started the same way, but our North mistrusted East for giving him an entry to dummy that he could not have achieved without help, and very reasonably laid down the two top trumps, hoping to drop a now-doubleton queen. Twelve IMPs away, but a lesson for everyone, I think.

## Correspondence



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Hi John:

The Norwegian Bridge Federation experiences success recruiting youngsters to start playing bridge. It seems like a tough job to make the youngsters interested in bridge, but when the ball starts rolling, the number of players increases.

In the Helgeland region, north of Trondheim, we have seen impressive work by volunteers to recruit youngsters. They started out a couple of years ago and have been able to visit schools to tell about and teach bridge to the pupils. The project has a goal to teach bridge to more than 3000 pupils at school by the end of 2019. The project is run by many volunteers, but the main man is Kurt-Ove Thomassen. He is a former player on the Norwegian National team. To have such a resource spending his time with the beginners and make sure they get well-trained and prepped

before entering the club and tournaments is like a dream.

We have already seen results. Seven-year old Markus Hansen Moe became the youngest player in Norway to reach the first stage in the masterpoint ranking system. During a junior camp in March, which 32 juniors attended, NBF presented him with the club pin; now he is a first-level master of bridge. To put this achievement into perspective, I can tell that to win a duplicate at the local bridge club you gain between 20 and 40 points. To reach the first level in the masterpoint system you need to have a total of 3000 points. You earn more points at regional and national tournaments, but there is no doubt Markus knows how to play his cards.

Local government and the largest companies in the region have taken notice of the junior bridge project in Helgeland. A major bank in the area, SpareBank 1 Nord Norge, has presented the project with a gift, deciding to support this project that gives the kids and youngsters in the region such a great alternative to regular sporting events. They acknowledge bridge as a sport, equal to all other sports and organizations working with kids, and have presented them with a cheque of 20,000 Euro!

I admire the volunteers for their committed work and patience doing this great work. We all have a lot to learn from Kurt-Ove and his team. I hope the junior project of Helgeland can be used as an example of how to succeed in the fight to make kids and youngsters interested in bridge.

Kind regards, Nils Kvagraven, Kristiansand, Norway  
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Dear JC and Katie,

You may have received 100 letters already on this subject – I don't always read my Bulletin the day I get it, so mea culpa. (*You appear to be the only one who noticed. – Ed.*)

Column Service deal #951 is misanalyzed. The suggested line of play is 90%, but there is a 100% line – win the diamond lead, draw trumps, play a diamond. If either opponent plays a heart, game over, so the defence plays a club. Two top clubs and a club exit, claim, conceding a heart (unless West has king-jack doubleton, which is good for an overtrick).

Hope to see you in Vegas.

Regards, Allan Falk, Okemos, MI

Dear John,

I'm sure you remember the 11-card suit from the Lederer. I was one of the lucky ones to hold it, and read Tom Townsend's write-up quoting it as once every 287 years for someone playing every day. I've just come

back from a league match where my RHO was dealt an even better 11-card suit, not just an 11-carder but 11-1-1-0 (the most common shape containing an 11-card suit) AND, again with an outside ace.

If my arithmetic is working at this time of night, I make it that there are 158,184 11-1-1-0 hands. The number is given by this string of factorials, with the final 12 being the number of ways of getting an 11-1-1-0 shape.  $13!/(11!2!) \times 13!/12! \times 13!/12! \times 12!$ . If we restrict the 11-card suits those containing the ace, king, and queen, the leading  $13!/(11!2!)$  term is reduced to  $10!/(8!2!)$ , just 91,260. If we insist that one of the side suits is an ace, then we reduce the number of hands to just 14,040. Of course, any particular hand is extremely unlikely, but this category of hands is rare; a little less than 1 in 45 million.

How often have I played since the Lederer in February? A little less than once a week. I'll email you again in August with my next 11-carder!

Regards, Trevor Matthews, London

Hello Barry,

In February, 1968, I started writing the weekly bridge column in *Vejle Amts Folkeblad*. Is that a world record? (Does anyone know? – Ed.)

Best wishes, Hans Werge, Copenhagen  
Once upon a time a bridge commentator

## NEWS & VIEWS



### Billy Rosen (1928-2019)

William Rosen died in April at 89 years of age. Rosen started playing bridge when he was a student at DePaul University in Chicago. As the youngest winners of the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, he and partner Milton Ellenby were featured in the August, 1953 edition of *Life* magazine and *Playboy* magazine in September, 1954. Rosen won seven more NABCs, including two Spingolds. In 1954, he became the youngest player, at 25, to win the Bermuda Bowl, a record he held until 1981; he came second in the Bermuda Bowl the following year. Rosen was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2014. *The New York Times* called him "one of the greatest names in the game."

### CACBF Elections

At its Zonal Championships in May, the Caribbean and Central American Bridge Federation elected Douglas Rotchell of Barbados as its President and representative on the WBF Executive Council.

## NABF

The newly-formed North American Bridge Federation (Canada, Mexico, USA) has elected Jan Martel as its first President and Nader Hanna (Canada) as its Secretary. The NABF also elected five board members to the WBF Executive Council: Alberto Cohen (Mexico), Nader Hanna (Canada), Al Levy (USA), Suzi Subeck (USA) and Adam Wildavsky (USA).

## BridgeScanner

We must salute Eriks Vainikonis of Vilnius, Lithuania, whose brainchild [www.bridgescanner.com](http://www.bridgescanner.com) has become absolutely the best resource on the Internet for its calendar and information about bridge tournaments.

## BBO and FunBridge

We somehow missed the notice that BBO and FunBridge announced their merger some months ago. We were sequestered on a very remote mountaintop in the Himalayas at the time.



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# World Bridge Calendar

**2019**

Jun 7-14	African Zonal Championships	Casablanca, Morocco	dilipgidwani@hotmail.com
Jun 11-20	52 <sup>nd</sup> APBF Championships	Singapore	competition@scba.org.sg
Jun 15-29	9 <sup>th</sup> Open European Championships	Istanbul, Turkey	www.eurobridge.org
Jun 21-27	32 <sup>nd</sup> Bridge Festival of Tunisia	Hammamet, Tunisia	bridgehammamet@gmail.com
Jun 23-30	20 <sup>th</sup> BFAME Championships	Amman, Jordan	<a href="http://bfi.net.in/20th-bfame-championships-2019/">http://bfi.net.in/20th-bfame-championships-2019/</a>
Jun 25-Jul 7	37 <sup>th</sup> Albena International Festival	Albena, Bulgaria	<a href="http://www.bridgealbena.org">www.bridgealbena.org</a>
Jun 27-Jul 6	62 <sup>nd</sup> Slawa Congress	Slawa, Poland	<a href="http://www.pzbs.pl">www.pzbs.pl</a>
Jun 28-30	Mickey Haddad	East London, South Africa	<a href="http://www.ecbridgeunion.com">www.ecbridgeunion.com</a>
Jul 2-13	International Summer Festival	Biarritz, France	<a href="http://www.festival-bridge-biarritz.com">www.festival-bridge-biarritz.com</a>
Jul 4-11	27 <sup>th</sup> European Youth Team Championships	Oslo, Norway	<a href="http://www.eurobridge.org">www.eurobridge.org</a>
Jul 5-7	11 <sup>th</sup> Kuching Bridge Congress	Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia	<a href="http://www.kuchingbridgecongress.com">www.kuchingbridgecongress.com</a>
Jul 5-14	Dansk Bridgefestival	Svendborg, Denmark	<a href="http://www.bridgefestival.dk">www.bridgefestival.dk</a>
Jul 6-11	International Festival	Ajaccio, Corsica, France	<a href="http://www.corsebridge.com">www.corsebridge.com</a>
Jul 11-14	Czech Open	Pardubice, Czech Republic	<a href="http://www.czechopen.net">www.czechopen.net</a>
Jul 12-19	SABF Congress	Durban, South Africa	<a href="http://www.sabf.co.za">www.sabf.co.za</a>
Jul 13-25	Australian National Championships	Melbourne, Australia	<a href="http://www.abf.com.au">www.abf.com.au</a>
Jul 16-21	Hong Kong Intercity	Hong Kong, China	<a href="http://www.hkcba.org">www.hkcba.org</a>
Jul 17-25	61 <sup>st</sup> Deauville Festival	Deauville, France	<a href="http://www.festival-bridge-deauville-mondial-2019.com">www.festival-bridge-deauville-mondial-2019.com</a>
Jul 18-28	ACBL Summer NABC	Las Vegas, NV	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
Jul 19-28	Hanko Bridge Week	Hannko, Finland	<a href="http://www.bridgefinland.fi">www.bridgefinland.fi</a>
Jul 24-28	EUSAMindsport Championship	Budapest, Hungary	<a href="http://www.eusa.eu">www.eusa.eu</a>
Jul 26-28	PA Winter Tournament	Port Alfred, South Africa	<a href="http://www.ecbridgeunion.cpm">www.ecbridgeunion.cpm</a>
Jul 26-28	Dublin Summer Congress	Dublin, Ireland	<a href="http://www.cbai.ie">www.cbai.ie</a>
Jul 26-Aug 4	25 <sup>th</sup> Swedish Bridge Festival	Örebro, Sweden	<a href="http://www.svenskbridge.se">www.svenskbridge.se</a>
Jul 27-Aug 1	Chairman's Cup	Örebro, Sweden	<a href="http://www.svenskbridge.se">www.svenskbridge.se</a>
Aug 1-4	1 <sup>st</sup> Tomohon International	Tomohon, N. Sulawesi, Indonesia	<a href="http://bridge.konitomohon.org/#">http://bridge.konitomohon.org/#</a>
Aug 2-10	Norwegian Bridge Festival	Drammen, Norway	<a href="http://www.bridgefestival.no">www.bridgefestival.no</a>
Aug 2-10	Baltic Congress	Sopot, Poland	<a href="http://www.pzbs.pl">www.pzbs.pl</a>
Aug 2-11	Summer Festival	Eastbourne, England	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Aug 4-10	Wachauer International Bridge Week	Mautern, Austria	<a href="http://www.bridgeaustria.at">www.bridgeaustria.at</a>
Aug 5-10	HCL International Championships	New Delhi, India	<a href="http://www.hcl-bridge.com">www.hcl-bridge.com</a>
Aug 12-18	International Festival	Varna, Bulgaria	<a href="http://www.bridge.bg">www.bridge.bg</a>
Aug 14-18	13 <sup>th</sup> Riga Invites You to Jurmala	Jurmala, Latvia	<a href="http://www.rigainvites.lv">www.rigainvites.lv</a>
Aug 16-25	International Festival de la Baule	La Baule, France	<a href="http://www.festivalbridgelabaule.com">www.festivalbridgelabaule.com</a>
Aug 20-29	6 <sup>th</sup> World Open Youth Championships	Opatija, Croatia	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Aug 21-30	Buzios Bridge	Armacao dos Buzios, Brazil	<a href="http://www.frankiebridgeholidays.com">www.frankiebridgeholidays.com</a>
Aug 22-Sep 1	47 <sup>th</sup> Grand Prix of Warsaw	Warsaw, Poland	<a href="http://www.pzbs.pl">www.pzbs.pl</a>
Aug 23-25	16 <sup>th</sup> Batam International	Batam, Riau Islands, Indonesia	<a href="http://bridgekepri.com">http://bridgekepri.com</a>
Aug 24-Sep 1	7 <sup>th</sup> German Masters Week	Berlin, Germany	<a href="http://www.bridge-verband.de">www.bridge-verband.de</a>
Aug 24-Sep 1	43 <sup>rd</sup> International Festival	La Grande-Motte, France	<a href="http://www.bridgeclub-lagrandemotte.com">www.bridgeclub-lagrandemotte.com</a>
Aug 26-Sep 8	Mamaia International Festival	Mamaia, Romania	<a href="mailto:office@frbridge.ro">office@frbridge.ro</a>
Sep 6-14	58 <sup>th</sup> International Festival	Pula, Croatia	<a href="http://www.pulabridgefestival.com">www.pulabridgefestival.com</a>
Sep 6-15	Guernsey Congress	Les Cotils, Channel Is.	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Sep 6-18	57 <sup>th</sup> International Festival	Pula, Croatia	<a href="http://www.pulabridgefestival.com/">http://www.pulabridgefestival.com/</a>
Sep 14-28	44 <sup>th</sup> World Championships	Wuhan, China	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Sep 26-29	7 <sup>th</sup> Bodrum Festival	Bodrum, Turkey	<a href="http://www.tbricfed.tr">www.tbricfed.tr</a>
Sep 29	2019 IBPA Awards	Hainan Bridge Festival	<a href="mailto:lijie0511@hotmail.com">lijie0511@hotmail.com</a>
Sep 30-Oct 14	Hainan Bridge Festival	Sanya, Hainan, China	<a href="mailto:wangjj_bridge@yahoo.com">wangjj_bridge@yahoo.com</a>
Sep 28-Oct 5	NZB National Congress	Hamilton, NZ	<a href="http://www.nzbridge.co.nz">www.nzbridge.co.nz</a>
Oct 8-14	Sicily Overseas Congress	Palermo, Italy	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Oct 9-13	Vilnius Cup	Vilnius, Lithuania	<a href="http://www.bridgescanner.com">www.bridgescanner.com</a>
Oct 11-12	Gold Cup Finals	London, England	<a href="http://www.ebu.co.uk">www.ebu.co.uk</a>
Oct 20-23	European Small Federations Champ.	Novi Sad, Serbia	<a href="http://www.eurobridge.org">www.eurobridge.org</a>
Nov 4-11	22 <sup>nd</sup> Madeira Open	Funchal, Madeira, Portugal	<a href="http://www.madeira-bridge.com">www.madeira-bridge.com</a>
Nov 14-16	18 <sup>th</sup> European Champions Cup	Bucharest, Romania	<a href="http://www.eurobridge.org">www.eurobridge.org</a>
Nov 28-Dec 8	ACBL Fall NABC	San Francisco, CA	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>