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SHOWDOWNS COMING



The WBF is proud to note that the World Transnational Open Teams has two distinguished participants: Artur Silva Santos, president of BPI (left), and Antoine Bernheim, president of the Generali Group. Both firms are sponsors of the tournament and supporters of bridge.

Anything can happen with 48 boards to play, but the teams in the lead halfway through the semi-final round of the Bermuda Bowl are the exact same squads that met in the epic final battle in Monte Carlo two years ago – Italy and USA1.

USA1 is by no means a certainty to get by their American opponents (USA2), but the Nick Nickell squad is a veteran team with vast international experience – and they hold a 45-IMP lead.

Italy lost the second set in their semi-final match against Sweden 45-20, but recovered to end the day ahead by 47 IMPs. Italy is also a seasoned squad, and they are gunning for another chance at USA1.

Another rematch is possible in the Venice Cup – this one from Paris in 2001, when Germany prevailed in an exciting match against France. The teams are slightly different than in Paris, but both are also hungry to return to the final after missing out in 2003.

Their opponents, of course, will have something to say about whether there is a rematch of teams from Paris, and neither USA1 (trailing France by 50 IMPs) nor the Netherlands (30 IMPs behind Germany) can be counted out at this point.

VUGRAPH MATCHES

- I.B.P.A. Awards – 10.40*
- Personality Of The Year**
- Seniors Bowl – Semi-Final – 11.00*
- Indonesia v Portugal**
- Bermuda Bowl – Semi-Final – 14.00*
- To Be Decided**
- Bermuda Bowl – Semi-Final – 17.00*
- To Be Decided**

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In the Seniors Bowl, USA1 – featuring 2001 Bermuda Bowl champs Rose Meltzer, Alan Sontag, Lew Stansby and Peter Weichsel – was well ahead of the Netherlands, 159-83. The other match was much closer, as Denmark led Indonesia 96-74.5.

In the Transnational Open Teams, the leaders, by captain, were Schneider with 140 Victory Points after seven rounds, followed by Zia at 139 and Hussein with 136.

NOTE: the schedule of play for the Transnational Open Teams has been revised. The new schedule is on page 2.



PROGRAMME

Bermuda Bowl

Semi-finals

Teams	Carry-over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Total
1 ITALY SWEDEN	3 - 0	43 - 11	20 - 45	56 - 19				122 - 75
2 USA2 USA1	0 - 5	18 - 26	35 - 40	28 - 55				81 - 126

Venice Cup

Semi-finals

Teams	Carry-over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Total
3 FRANCE USA1	16 - 0	42 - 26	21 - 30	43 - 16				122 - 77
4 GERMANY NETHERLANDS	0 - 16	25 - 22	68 - 22	35 - 38				128 - 98

Seniors Bowl

Semi-finals

Teams	Carry-over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Total
5 INDONESIA DENMARK	10.5 - 0	13 - 36	21 - 34	30 - 26				74.5 - 96
6 USA1 NETHERLANDS	11 - 0	45 - 22	48 - 22	55 - 39				159 - 83

Transnational Open Teams Notice

Players in the Transnational Open Teams MUST complete a WBF Convention Card and bring two copies to the table, one for each opponent. Blank copies of the card are available from the Convention Card Desk.

The Transnational Open Teams is a Category 3 event and no HUM or Brown Sticker Conventions are allowed. Copies of the definitions are also available at the Systems Desk.

Artificial systems must be fully described, using the Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets if necessary. In particular, conventions and treatments that require defensive preparation should be listed on the front of the Card and fully described either inside, or in the Supplementary Sheets.

Players are reminded that these are short matches, so excessively artificial methods are undesirable, and Red Systems are not permitted unless they were pre-registered by 15 August.

John Wignall

Chairman, WBF Systems Committee

Transnational Schedule

(Swiss Teams - 10-Board Matches)

Wednesday 2 November

10.00 - 11.30	Match 8
11.50 - 13.20	Match 9
14.20 - 15.50	Match 10
16.10 - 17.40	Match 11
18.00 - 19.30	Match 12

Fancy a Flutter

You are welcome to visit the Casino - all you need to do is show your badge and some form of identity.



RESULTS AFTER 7 MATCHES

Transnational Open Teams

Rank	Team	Total	Rank	Team	Total
1	SCHNEIDER	140	68	NIEDERMAN	103.5
2	ZIA	139	69	SOPHONPANICH	103
3	HUSSEIN	136		NAITO	103
4	WALEREK	135	71	HOLT	102.5
	GOTARD	135		HOLLAND	102.5
6	SHATO ROSENOVO	134	73	PACAULT	102
7	SHUGART	132	74	GONCALVES	101.5
8	HENRIQUES	130	75	HACKETT	101
9	BARR	129		MILNER	101
	SAKURA KRAKOW	129	77	VENKATESH	100.5
	MANO	129	78	KOKTEN	100
	777	129		MIX	100
13	BESSIS	125	80	RICE	99.5
14	KVANGRAVEN	124		ACHTERBERG	99.5
15	PONT	123	82	DEBUS	99
16	ALIZEE	122		DATA STEEL	99
17	DHONDY	121		NADAR	99
	IRELAND	121		CHINA WOMEN	99
19	LARA	120		SOFIA PESSOA	99
	DE BOTTON	120	87	MORGADO	98
	SCHIPPERS	120		LACHAPELLE	98
	JACOBS	120	89	TEIXEIRA	97
23	HADI	119.4		ROSSARD	97
24	POPOVA	119	91	PALMA CARLOS	96
25	NARAN	118		COMPTON	96
	ORANGE 2	118		MIZEL	96
27	HALLEN	117		WIGNALL	96
	ORANGE 1	117		PENDER	96
	MARKEY	117		RODWELL	96
30	BUCKLEY	116	97	BOWLES	95
	OTVOSI	116		HIRON	95
	GORACO	116		GOMEZ DE PABLOS	95
33	KIRILENKO	115		CHINA OPEN	95
	SISSELAAR	115	101	BE	94
	LANTARON	115		O'ROURKE	94
	AUBRY	115	103	CRiado DEL REY	93
	CANADA	115		J OLIVEIRA	93
38	STOIMIROV	114.5	105	VIOLA	92
39	HAMAOU	114	106	SWELAT	91.5
	MORBAY	114	107	PUIG-DORIA	91
41	ZIMMERMAN	113		CARRASCO	91
	GILLIS	113		TURNER	91
	JULS	113	110	MARKOWICZ	90
	DAIGNEAULT	113	110	SINGAPORE	90
41	AUSTRIA 1	113	112	TO DEBONNAIRE	88
46	GALVAO	112		NANIWADA	88
47	NADER	111	114	HANNA	87
48	EINBERG	110.5		N OLIVEIRA	87
49	QUERAN	110		REAL	87
	SAVELLI	110		HANRATTY	87
51	SPECTOR	109.6	118	GALICIA	86.5
52	ORANGE A	109	119	GUSSO	86
53	GISBOURNE	108.5	120	PILARTE	85.5
54	MALAFAYA	108	121	ESCUDEIRO	83.5
	KIRKHAM	108	122	LOURO	82
	MATOS	108	123	PHELAN	81.5
	MAHAFFEY	108	124	BUSQUIN	81
58	ROUSSEL	107		LEITAO	81
	M OLIVEIRA	107	126	LOPES	80
	NAGY	107	127	CHIDIAC	79.5
	SAPORTA	107	128	CASTANHO	78
62	KATS	106	129	ROSEN'S ANGELS	74
63	FLEISHER	105.5	130	CDUP	73
64	ALLANA	105	131	DERI	70
	GERMANY	105	132	MEEHAN	64
66	PKO BP	104	133	ILLUSION TEAM	60
66	PASSARINHO	104	134	MACHADO	44

QUARTER-FINAL 5

Bermuda Bowl



Egypt v Sweden

Not In The Cards



Going into the fifth set of their Bermuda Bowl quarter-final match against Sweden, Egypt were in need of a rally. They trailed by 40 IMPs and required some swings. With 32 boards to play, there was still time for the Egyptians to make a move.

This deal, the second of the set, did not help the Egyptian cause.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 6 4 3 ♥ 10 8 ♦ — ♣ A K Q 10 9 6 4	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 9 ♥ A Q 5 3 ♦ 9 7 6 4 ♣ J 8 7	♠ 10 5 ♥ K 4 2 ♦ K Q J 8 5 2 ♣ 5 3
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West <i>Heshmat</i>	North <i>Bertheau</i>	East <i>Nadim</i>	South <i>Nystrom</i>
		1♣	1♦
Dble 3♥	Pass All Pass	1♥	2♦

Peter Bertheau could not bid his long club suit at his first turn because it would have sounded like a cuebid in support of diamonds and, when the bidding came back to him, he would have had to bid at the four level, so went quietly.

Fredik Nystrom started against 3♥ with the ♦K. Bertheau ruffed out the ace and returned a heart. Tarek Nadim went up with the trump ace and played another trump. Nystrom won the ♥K, cashed two more diamonds and played a club to his partner's queen. A second round of clubs was ruffed in dummy, followed by a spade to the ace. Nystrom discarded his second spade when Nadim played the ♣J from hand to ruff, so Nystrom could ruff the ♠K for the second undertrick; Plus 100 to Sweden.

West <i>Lindkvist</i>	North <i>El Ahmady</i>	East <i>Fredin</i>	South <i>Sadek</i>
		1♣	1♦
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	3♣	3♥	Pass
Pass	3NT	Dble	4♦
Dble	5♣	Dble	All Pass

Magus Lindkvist's 1♥ bid showed spades. Walid El Ahmady showed his good club suit at his second opportunity, then optimistically bid the notrump game at his next chance. Tarek Sadek obviously thought the 3NT bid indicated some sort of support for diamonds. El Ahmady could have taken eight tricks in 3NT, but he was two down for Minus 500 in 5♣.

Egypt now trailed 182-130.

The margin had grown to 187-130 when this deal came up – more bad news for Egypt.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ Q J 7 ♦ A Q J 7 4 ♣ A J 8 5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A J 3 ♥ A 10 8 6 5 2 ♦ 3 ♣ K Q 3	♠ K Q 8 7 6 ♥ 4 ♦ K 9 8 5 ♣ 10 6 4
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West <i>Heshmat</i>	North <i>Bertheau</i>	East <i>Nadim</i>	South <i>Nystrom</i>
			Pass
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Dble
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

It's likely Bertheau would have led a heart against 3NT even if Nystrom had not doubled East's cuebid. But although Mohamed Samy Ahmed Heshmat was sufficiently warned that 3NT was going to be a dicey enterprise, he bid it anyway and was quickly two down.

West <i>Lindkvist</i>	North <i>El Ahmady</i>	East <i>Fredin</i>	South <i>Sadek</i>
			Pass
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

The defense by Peter Fredin and Lindkvist was deadly accurate. Fredin started with a heart to the jack and ace (Lindkvist's INT rebid showed clubs – it was a coincidence that he had a stopper in hearts). El Ahmady got out of his hand with a diamond to the ♦10 and West's jack. A spade came back, taken by the ace. El Ahmady played a heart to the king in dummy, followed by a club to his king. Now he could only play a spade, but Fredin won the queen and played a diamond, ruffed by declarer. Another spade went to the queen, and a third round of diamonds was ruffed. El Ahmady played a heart to West's queen, but Lindkvist still had a diamond to exit with and declarer was two down. That was a further 9 IMPs to Sweden.

The Swedes tacked on another 4 IMPs on a deal that might have represented a swing for Egypt.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 8 6 ♥ Q 7 5 ♦ 8 5 4 ♣ J 10 7 5 3	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K 9 4 ♥ 9 ♦ A Q J 10 ♣ A 9 4 2	♠ J 10 7 3 ♥ A K J 10 6 ♦ 7 6 3 2 ♣ -
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>Heshmat</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Nadim</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
Dble	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Heshmat and Nadim bid well to a good contract, and Nadim played expertly. He ruffed the second heart, cashed the ♠A and played a spade to dummy's queen. He then overtook the ♦K with the ace and ran three more tricks in that suit. The defense was limited to two trump tricks and one heart, and Nadim had a good Plus 420. No doubt he was disappointed to learn later that his team lost 4 IMPs.

West	North	East	South
<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>El Ahmady</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Sadek</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

As Sweden appeared to be headed for the club slam (Fredin, however, apparently had the Pass card out), El Ahmady's double of 5♣ was nominated by one of the vugraph commentators for a less-than-complimentary bidding award. There were



Egypt v Sweden on vugraph

lines of play that might have resulted in a defeated contract, but Fredin did not select any of them.

Sadek started with the ♥A and continued with the king (El Ahmady playing a deceptive queen). Fredin ruffed, played a spade to the queen and a low club from dummy. El Ahmady split his club honors, Fredin winning with the trump ace. He then cashed the ♠K and played the ♦J from hand. The ♦A was next, followed by the ♦Q. Fredin ruffed the fourth round of diamonds high in dummy and played a low heart. El Ahmady had no answer for this. He ruffed with the ♣7, but Fredin overruffed and could claim. He could play the ♠K, discarding a heart. El Ahmady, down to all trumps, could ruff but then would be on lead with the ♣J 5 to play into dummy's ♣Q 8. That was Plus 550 and more IMPs for Sweden.

The final board of the set was a fitting end to a disastrous effort by Egypt.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A 10 5 ♥ A J 8 3 2 ♦ A K 6 2 ♣ K	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 9 8 ♥ K 10 9 5 4 ♦ Q 8 ♣ A J 6	♠ Q 7 2 ♥ 6 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ Q 9 7 5 4 3
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	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>El Ahmady</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Sadek</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

El Ahmady had no difficulty with this contract, and in fact finished with 11 tricks for Plus 150 after Fredin started the defense by leading the ♦Q. He later continued the suit, eliminating declarer's natural loser in trumps, and the Swedes both pitched spades as the defense progressed to give El Ahmady an extra trick in that suit.

West	North	East	South
<i>Heshmat</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Nadim</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Dble	All Pass

Bertheau's 1♥ bid did not necessarily show hearts, so Nadim's double is not completely unreasonable. It did not work out well, however, as Bertheau was not unhappy to be doubled at the one level, especially after he saw dummy.

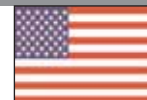
Nadim started with the ♠8 to the three, queen and ace. The ♣K went to East's ace. The ♥Q won trick three after Nadim switched to a trump. A club was ruffed, the top two diamonds cashed, then a spade went to the king in dummy and a third club was ruffed. Bertheau got out of his hand with a spade to East's jack. Nadim had nothing left but trumps, so he had to lead into the ♥AJ in declarer's hand for the second overtrick. That was Plus 360 and 5 IMPs to Sweden in a 53-6 pasting of their opponents.

SEMI-FINAL I

Venice Cup



France v USA I



France came into their Venice Cup semi-final clash with USAI with both a 16-IMP carryover advantage and a lot of momentum behind them. That momentum continued through the first half of the session as the French built up a very useful lead.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Willard	Levitina	Cronier	Narasimhan
			Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Levin	d'Ovidio	Picus	Gaviard
			Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Irina Levitina made the normal jump rebid and Hansa Narasimhan took a shot at 3NT, feeling that her useful club holding offset the questionable red-suit stoppers. I agree with her assessment but it didn't work out well this time, as Sylvie Willard had an automatic heart lead and the defenders took the first five tricks; down one for -50.

Catherine d'Ovidio rebid 2NT, which got her overall strength across but took a risk with the heart situation. Now the five-card heart suit was on declarer's right, and Sue Picus led a diamond instead. That went to the king and ace and d'Ovidio had eleven tricks for +460 and 11 IMPs to France.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Willard	Levitina	Cronier	Narasimhan
	INT	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Levin	d'Ovidio	Picus	Gaviard
	1♥	2♥	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Levitina opened a slightly off-centre INT to get her general strength and hand-type across, and that ended the auction. Benedicte Cronier led the ten of clubs to dummy's jack, and Levitina played a heart to the ace and a heart back, wincing when Cronier showed out. Willard beat the ♥Q with her king and returned a club, Cronier winning and clearing the suit. Levitina played the queen of spades, ducked, then a diamond to the king and a second spade. Willard won with her ace, cashed the jack of hearts and played a diamond to Cronier's ace. The clubs were cashed but now Cronier had to give the last trick to dummy's ♠J; down one for -100.

D'Ovidio opened 1♥ and Picus made a two-suited overcall. Jill Levin bid 2♠ and played there. D'Ovidio found the best lead of a spade. Had North held ♠KQJ, it would have been better for declarer to duck the first spade, and Levin did indeed duck the king then win the continuation of the queen. Now she tried a club to the ten, but Daniele Gaviard won the jack and had the jack of spades to cash, drawing Levin's last trump. Gaviard switched to a heart for the jack and ace, and Levin ducked the diamond return to Gaviard's king. A dia-



Hansa Narasimhan, USA

mond back put declarer in dummy and she played ace and another club in hope of finding either an even break or an honour dropping. When neither of those possibilities materialised, Levin was two down for -100 and 5 IMPs to France.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 8 ♥ 10 5 3 ♦ 8 6 4 3 2 ♣ 8 3 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 10 9 7 4 ♥ Q 8 7 6 ♦ J ♣ A J 9	♠ A 6 ♥ K J 9 4 ♦ K Q 10 5 ♣ K Q 5
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Levitina</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Narasimhan</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
Rdbl	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♦	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Picus</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Rdbl
1♠	2♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

I have a marginal preference for Picus's double over Cronier's 1♠ overcall – how about you? The overcall got



Benedicte Cronier, France

Cronier to the spade game when she was willing to make a forward-going move of 3♥ at her third turn, having already limited herself on the previous round. Four Spades is not a great contract but it improved when Narasimhan led ace and another spade and Cronier went up with the king, dropping the queen. She continued by playing ace then ruffing a diamond followed by the ♣J from hand, losing to the queen. Narasimhan exited with a diamond, so Cronier ruffed and played ace then nine of clubs. Narasimhan won with the ♣K but was endplayed; +620.

The take-out double saw Picus/Levin find the spade fit, but they did not try for game, and just as well once the contract was to be played by West. D'Ovidio led a heart to the queen and king, ducked by Levin, who won the heart continuation and played ace then ruffed a diamond. Next came the jack of spades off the dummy but, when Gaviard played low, Levin went up with the king then returned a second spade, holding her trump losers to just one. She lost two clubs from here for +140 but 10 IMPs to France.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 10 9 8 ♥ 10 5 3 ♦ A 10 9 5 4 ♣ K 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 7 6 ♥ 8 4 ♦ K J 8 6 2 ♣ J 10 8 5	♠ A J 5 4 2 ♥ A K J 7 6 2 ♦ - ♣ Q 9
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West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Levitina</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Narasimhan</i>
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Picus</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Willard opened 1♥ then showed the big two-suiter with her second-round leap to 3♠. Cronier could not have been too thrilled by this development but had little option but to give preference to 4♥, ending the auction. Levitina tried the ace of diamonds but that was ruffed. Willard played ace and another spade and Narasimhan won with the queen. She cashed the ace of clubs then switched to a trump. Willard won, ruffed a spade and took a club pitch on the king of diamonds. She ruffed herself back to hand, drew trumps and claimed eleven tricks for +450.

Levin opened a strong club then made a two-way 1♥ rebid, hearts or strong balanced. One Spade enquired and 2♥ showed a minimum heart hand. That did not enthruse Picus, who passed. The defence took its three tricks, not managing to lead trumps to prevent a spade ruff, so that was +170 but

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VERONA

Verona, the second most important city of the Region Veneto after Venice, is well known all over the world for its magnificent Arena and, of course, for the everlasting love story of Romeo and Juliet. This delightful city offers many other attractions, and is visited by tourists from all over the world. Visiting Verona and, indeed, its province and the entire region, means entering an area of beautiful landscapes with an unsurpassed artistic heritage while at the same time discovering vivid cultural and gastronomic traditions in a region known also for its excellent wines. This location is able to suit the needs of the most discerning traveller.



Verona is situated in a strategic position, from where other important Italian artistic towns are easy to reach:

Venice: Km. 114
Padova: Km. 84
Milan: Km. 161
Bologna: Km. 142
Florence: Km. 320



How to reach Verona

By car: A4 motorway (Milan-Venice) exit 'Verona Sud' or A22 motorway (Brennero-Modena) exit 'Verona Nord'.

By train: The main railway station is 'Verona Porta Nuova', where the lines from Milan-Venice and Rome-Brennero intersect. There are ordinary or Intercity (aster) trains from all main northern Italy stations almost every hour. (For further information: Tel +39 892021 - www.trenitalia.it).

By air: The airport 'Valerio Catullo' of Verona Villafranca is situated 10 km from the city centre. There is a shuttle-bus service from and to the airport every 20 min. (For further information: Tel +39 0458057911 - www.aeroporto.verona.it).

Hotel

1850 rooms in 52 different hotels are already available for all the participants of the World Bridge Championship in June 2006. The offer is extremely flexible both in terms of hotel category and fare.

In order to receive a discount on entry fees, players MUST make their hotel reservations at WBF approved hotels through the official agency, High Performance Travel, and provide evidence of such booking at the time of entry purchase.

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CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

JUNE 2006

World Titles will be awarded for each Championship, including the IMP Pair

Friday	9	Par Contest - Opening Ceremony
Saturday	10	Mixed Pairs - qualifying 1 & 2
Sunday	11	Mixed Pairs - qualifying 3 & 4 session final
Monday	12	Mixed Pairs - 2 & 3 session final Mixed Pairs Plate
Tuesday	13	Rosenblum/McConnell
Wednesday	14	Rosenblum/McConnell
Thursday	15	Rosenblum/McConnell
Friday	16	Rosenblum (64) /McConnell (32) Swiss Plate Senior Teams
Saturday	17	Rosenblum (32) /McConnell (16) Pairs Qualifying Senior Teams
Sunday	18	Rosenblum (16) /McConnell (8) Pairs Qualifying Senior Teams
Monday	19	Rosenblum (8) /McConnell (4) Pairs Qualifying/Semi final Senior Teams
Tuesday	20	Rosenblum (4) /McConnell (2) Pairs Semi final /IMP Pairs Senior Pairs
Wednesday	21	Rosenblum Final Pairs Semi final /IMP Pairs Senior Pairs
Thursday	22	Pairs Final /IMP Pairs Senior Pairs
Friday	23	Pairs Final /IMP Pairs Senior Pairs
Saturday	24	Pairs Final / IMP Pairs Closing Ceremony

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Playing Area

The championship will take place inside the 'Europa' Conference Centre, an area of 10,000 square meters situated in the modern complex 'Veronafiore', only 3 km away from the city centre. (www.veronafiore.it/)

VIRTUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

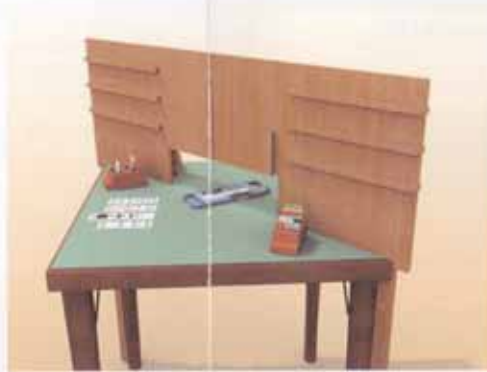
www.worldbridgehouse.com

From June 2005 World Bridge House is online on the web. The new website contains all information regarding the World Bridge Championship together with curiosities and information about the host country, Verona and Italy in general.

From April 2006 World Bridge House, an innovative multimedia communication project, will turn your navigation into a fascinating virtual visit to the World Championship and Verona.

The big international house of all bridge players will in fact offer visitors the opportunity to:

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5 Stars	560 €	300 €		230 €
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4 Stars		160 €	145 €	130 €
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3 Stars		140 €	130 €	110 €
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Less expensive accommodation options will be possible

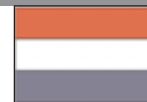


Services and Bus

AMT (the local public transportation company) and 'Verona Trade Fair' will provide shuttle-bus connections between Verona downtown, the hotels and the playing area.

QUARTER-FINAL 6

Seniors Bowl



**No Way Back
USA2 v Netherlands**

by Mark Horton

There were only two close matches when the final session of the quarter-finals got under way and after much deliberation (and perhaps even a coin toss) it was the Seniors match in which the Netherlands led USA11 189-174 IMPs that was presented to the vugraph audience.

Anyone who was hoping for an exciting finish was disappointed, as the boards gave little scope for swings – or so it seemed.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K J 10 6 ♥ 9 7 6 3 ♦ 8 5 ♣ 7 4 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ 4 ♥ A 10 8 4 2 ♦ 10 4 3 2 ♣ 10 8 6	♠ Q 9 8 7 3 ♥ K Q 5 ♦ Q 9 ♣ Q 9 2
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♠ A 5 2 ♥ J ♦ A K J 7 6 ♣ A K J 5									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klaver</i>	<i>Mohan</i>	<i>Ramer</i>	<i>Zia</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The perfect fit allows you twelve easy tricks in no trumps, but it's not easy for a natural system to discover that – and a spade lead would give declarer an anxious moment.

East led the four of hearts and declarer claimed twelve tricks; +690.



Sam Lev, USA

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Trouwborst</i>	<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Doremans</i>
1♠!	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♣

West's cute overcall might have been a big IMP winner if the slam had been reached at the other table – but of course there was no swing.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 6 ♥ A Q ♦ A J 8 6 5 4 2 ♣ J 10	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ A 7 3 ♥ K J 10 8 4 2 ♦ Q 10 ♣ A Q	♠ J 9 8 5 2 ♥ 6 5 3 ♦ 7 3 ♣ 9 7 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klaver</i>	<i>Mohan</i>	<i>Ramer</i>	<i>Zia</i>
2♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
		6♥	All Pass

I can't tell you if East knew that West didn't have the king of diamonds in addition to his other values, but played by East the slam was a good bet. Declarer won the lead of the five of clubs in hand, took four rounds of trumps and ran the queen of diamonds. When that held he played a spade towards the queen and claimed when South went in with the king, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Trouwborst</i>	<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Doremans</i>
2♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
		6♥	All Pass

Here South led a trump. Declarer again played four rounds

before advancing the queen of diamonds. When South covered, declarer ducked and claimed the rest.

If USA2 had started the session with a greater deficit they might have pushed harder on this type of deal.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J 9 8 4 2 ♥ A Q J ♦ A K J 3 ♣ 7	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 7 6 ♥ 10 5 3 2 ♦ 8 6 2 ♣ K 8 5	♠ Q 10 3 ♥ K 9 4 ♦ Q 10 9 7 ♣ J 3 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klaver</i>	<i>Mohan</i>	<i>Ramer</i>	<i>Zia</i>
			Pass
1♣	Dble	Pass	INT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

You can debate the merits of doubling the opening bid rather than overcalling One Spade, or responding INT on the South hand with no stopper, but the combination of those two actions led to a disastrous final contract.

If West had simply led a club the defenders would have taken the first eight tricks for +1100, but West mysteriously preferred the seven of hearts.



Ronald Ramer, Netherlands

All declarer could do was cash his red suit winners and hope for a miracle, and when the defenders got their wires crossed he ended up making a spade trick at the end, so was only one down; -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Trouwborst</i>	<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Doremans</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
2♣	2♦	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West's wait and see approach meant that the only question concerned the ability of opponents to get to the spade game. They passed that test – and there was no way to defeat the contract. The defenders did their best by leading clubs at every opportunity, but with spades 3-2 there was nothing they could do; +620 and 13 IMPs that put the Netherlands in a very strong position.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 7 4 ♥ K 9 8 7 6 5 3 2 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ –	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q J 6 5 2 ♥ A 4 ♦ Q ♣ A K Q 9 5	♠ K 9 8 ♥ J ♦ K 10 8 7 4 3 ♣ 7 4 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klaver</i>	<i>Mohan</i>	<i>Ramer</i>	<i>Zia</i>
			Pass
3♥	4♥	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	4♠

With time running out this was the last opportunity for a big swing, but it's hard to think of an alternative to Four Spades that does not risk your side going overboard.

West led the ace of diamonds and continued the suit. Declarer discarded the four of hearts, won the next diamond discarding a club and played ace of spades and a spade, claiming ten tricks and +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Trouwborst</i>	<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Doremans</i>
			Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
		All Pass	

Here East led the jack of hearts and the queen was allowed to win, declarer played ace of spades, spade and claimed ten tricks for a flat board, Netherlands going on to win without ever coming under serious threat.

The Great Shuffler had not given the chasing team much of a chance – or had he?

7 IMPs to France, who had put on 34 unanswered IMPs to lead by 50-0 at the midpoint of the set.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K 8 7 5 4 ♥ 10 2 ♦ 8 7 6 ♣ K 9 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A Q ♥ A 9 ♦ K J 5 4 ♣ Q J 6 4 2	♠ J 6 3 ♥ 8 4 3 ♦ Q 10 9 3 2 ♣ 7 5 ♠ 10 9 2 ♥ K Q J 7 6 5 ♦ A ♣ A 10 8
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West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Levitina</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Narasimhan</i>
			1♥
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Picus</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
			1♥
Pass	INT	2♣	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

I do not like Cronier's 2NT overcall, whatever range it promised (if this was in range then I don't like the methods), much preferring double. Willard transferred then bid 3NT and Narasimhan might well have doubled but chose to go quietly, happy to take a plus score. She led a heart honour and the contract was quickly down three for -150.

D'Ovidio found a wafer-thin INT response at the other table and Picus, not feeling comfortable with a take-out double when having only a doubleton spade, overcalled 2♣. Levin's 2♠ presumably guaranteed some sort of a club fit as she had been unable to overcall at her previous turn. Now I was surprised by the spade raise as I would have thought that partner could not have five good spades plus a top club and not have bid over 1♥. Levin liked her double fit sufficiently to go on to 4♠, a very thin contract indeed. D'Ovidio led a heart and now declarer cannot be defeated if she wins with the ace. However, Levin ducked. Gaviard won and could have beaten the contract by switching to clubs, with or without cashing the diamond first. No, she returned a trump. Levin won and cashed the top trumps, then led towards the ♣K. That won so she cashed the king of spades and played on clubs. Gaviard won the third club and played a heart. Levin ruffed and led a diamond towards the king-jack, then stopped to work out what was going on. The bidding would suggest that North should hold the ace, but South's distribution was known to be 3-6-1-3, and if her singleton was anything other than the ace she might have switched to it at trick two. Finally, Levin trusted that inference rather than the evidence from the bidding and put in the ♦J. Well done; +420 and 11 IMPs to USAI.

Board 13. Dealer North. N/S All.

♠ A K Q 8 7 5 ♥ K 7 ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ J 9	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 9 ♥ Q 10 2 ♦ J 10 4 ♣ A Q 10 8 4 2	♠ 10 4 3 2 ♥ A 9 6 ♦ K 9 2 ♣ 7 5 3 ♠ J 6 ♥ J 8 5 4 3 ♦ A 8 6 3 ♣ K 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Levitina</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Narasimhan</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Picus</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Cronier's 2♣ response would often be Drury but did not promise a spade fit. The 2♦ rebid was a relay and 3♣ showed that actually East had long clubs all along. Willard converted to 3♠ because she still hoped for a raise to game. Not this time. With the club king offside, the defenders had no trouble in coming to the five tricks that were their due.

Levin was close to a strong-club opening but preferred 1♠, then raised to 2NT to show a maximum with very good spades. Picus went on to 3NT, against which Gaviard led a heart. Picus played low from the dummy and now d'Ovidio could have defeated the contract by winning with the ace and switching to diamonds, but why should she do that? D'Ovidio put in the ♥9 and Picus won with her ten.

Perhaps a low club from hand is a good play now. If the king is taken the contract is secure, while if the jack holds it is almost certain that the king is with South, as North would have some trouble in reading the position so that a duck would be very tough to find. Anyway, Picus chose the simpler approach of trying to split the spades, with the club finesse as Plan B. On the king and queen of spades she threw a club and a diamond from hand then, on seeing the four-two spade split, ran the jack of clubs. Gaviard won with the ♣K and the defenders had five tricks available to them. Gaviard continued with a heart, d'Ovidio winning with the ace. Had she next cashed the ten of spades, Gaviard could have saved the day by throwing the jack of hearts, and now a diamond switch would surely be clear. But d'Ovidio was convinced that her partner must have the queen of hearts for this line of defence and just played back her remaining heart. Picus won with the ♥Q and cashed four club winners; +600 and 12 IMPs to USAI.

France won the set by 42-26 IMPs and led by 58-26 thanks to the carry-over.

ONE VOID TOO MANY

by Hans van Staveren

It has been a very long time ago since players at the Bermuda Bowl shuffled their own cards. Computer dealt hands were introduced decades ago, and players had strong feelings at the beginning that these hands were sort of funny and too wild. It has long since been accepted that this came about because manually shuffled boards were too flat because of insufficient shuffling by the players. Still, every now and then, the subject pops up again.

We had some extraordinary exciting matches with difficult hands this championship and rumours were buzzing in the halls. We ran a statistics program over all hands of the qualifying and the first four sessions of the Quarter Final, 484 hands in total. The results were extraordinary for us, not because the hands were so exceptional, but the other way around, they conformed almost spookily to what they should have been. For example, here is a table of the number of voids, singletons, etc of all the 484 hands.

Suit-length	Actual occurrences	Theoretical expectation
0	100	99
1	596	620
2	1569	1594
3	2278	2217
4	1890	1848
5	916	966
6	317	322
7	67	68
8	10	9
9	1	1

Only one void too many! You would actually expect a little more deviation over such a relatively small sample of hands.

The dealing program that is in use at WBF events since the

Olympiad in Maastricht in the year 2000 is named BigDeal, and was written by Hans van Staveren, a mathematician and currently a director at the Transnational event. The program makes use of the fact that, although the number of possible bridge hands is very big, it is actually a finite number. To be precise there are 53,644,737,765,488,792,839,237,440,000 possible bridge hands, a number impossible to pronounce. The program actually generates random numbers between zero and the above number and then converts that number into a bridge hand. So in effect you are just playing a number!

Details about the program, including full documentation and all the sources, are available on the Internet at www.xs4all.nl/~sater so everybody interested can have a look or even try to find an error in the software. We actually invite all NCBO's to ask a mathematically skilled member to have a good look at it. A copy of the documentation can also be picked up from the press room. There is also a sign-up sheet there for interested parties that want to attend a question-and-answer session about BigDeal or dealing software in general. This session will be held Thursday at 4PM at a location that will be posted in the press room.

One thing that having good software does not eliminate is the need for correct procedure. The actual generation of the deals is done by our operations director, Ton Kooijman, on a computer in the duplication room not connected to any network. The distribution of hands does not actually leave that room until the players are seated for the round. Even Ton Kooijman himself does not see the hands until they are printed about ten minutes after play starts.

So stop worrying about where the deals are coming from, and start thinking about how to play them.

Quote of the Day

"You need not play well – just help your opponents to play badly."

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WBF Press Conference

The WBF is to hold a Press Conference on Friday November 4th at 11.30 a.m., followed by a light lunch, in Sala E on the first floor. Please register by Thursday in the Press Room for the lunch.

Swan Games Internet broadcast



Bermuda Bowl USAI v Brazil 10.00

Bermuda Bowl Sweden v Egypt 13.00

Seniors Bowl Denmark v Israel 16.00

TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAM ROSTERS

Country	Team	Player Names					
AUS	MARKEY	NUNN T	HANS S	MARKEY P	HORTON D		
AUS	NAGY	NAGY Z	LILLEY D	STERN L	SMOLANKO G	STERN D	HAUGHIE W
AUT	ALIZEE	SIMON J	SAURER B	FISCHER D	WERNLE S		
AUT	AUSTRIA 1	BABSCH A	BIEDER W	LINDERMANN A	SCHIFKO M		
BEL	BUSQUIN	HAUTOT M	BUSQUIN P	CONTREAS A	JAUNIAUX G		
BEL	DEBUS	DEBUS E	WUYTS T	DE MESMAECKER L	VAN MECHELEN R		
BOT	NARAN	MINWALLA D	NARAN T	MINWALLA N	SAMJEE A		
BRA	CASTANHO	CASTANHO L	CHOHFI A	PEREIRA DE SOUZA O	MURO L		
BRA	NADER	TOMA M	NADER J	JUNQUEIRA G	MOREIRA M	VILLAS-BOAS M	
BRA	ZIA	BRENNER D	CHAGAS G	FERRARO G	MADALA A	MAHMOOD Z	DAMIANI J
BUL	JULS	NANEV I	STEFANOV J	VASILEV L	MIHOV V		
BUL	POPOVA	ARONOV V	GUNEV R	POPOVA D	ZOBU A		
BUL	SHATO ROSENOVO	IVANOV I	BONEV I	BATOV V	BARANTIEV N		
CAN	CANADA	CARRUTHERS J	GRAVES A	SILVER J	BARAN B		
CAN	DAIGNEAULT	LINDOP D	DAIGNEAULT P	CUMMINGS M	BROWN S	BOWMAN J	BOWMAN B
CAN	DERI	DERI E	RETEK M	DERI T	RETEK G		
CAN	HANNA	LEBI R	HANNA N				
CAN	LACHAPELLE	WILLIS D	LACHAPELLE M	GOWDY J	GAMBLE M		
CHN	CHINA OPEN	ZHUANG Z	SHI H	DAI J	FU Z	ZHAO J	YANG L
CHN	CHINA WOMEN	GU L	ZHANG Y	WANG P	SUN M	LIU Y	WANG J
CZE	MIX	BATELA L	FLADR M	LAUER Z	ZOUCHOVA Z		
EGY	ALLANA	FAZLI J	HESHMAT M	ALLANA A	KHAN S		
EGY	HUSSEIN	COHEN R	GOWER C	SADEK T	LEVIT Y	RAND N	HUSSEIN A
ENG	BOWLES	MARTIN P	MCGUIRE B	MOHANDES S	BOWLES A		
ENG	DE BOTTON	DE BOTTON J	HACKETT J	HACKETT J	HALLBERG G	MALINOWSKI A	SANDQVIST N
ENG	GISBOURNE	HUGHES A	DAVIES S	GISBORNE T	POMFREY M		
ENG	HACKETT	ARMSTRONG J	HACKETT P	HARPER R	WATERLOW T		
ENG	MIZEL	ALLFREY A	FORRESTER T	MIZEL J	MCINTOSH A		
ENG	WALEREK	CALLAGHAN B	BOER W	GAAST N	MALYSA M	PAULSEN G	WALEROWICZ S
ESP	CARRASCO	CARRASCO G	FRACTMAN G	WASIK A	KNAP A		
ESP	CRIADO DEL REY	CRIADO I	FERNANDES J	MURUAGA A			
ESP	GALICIA	PIMENTEL G	RUMBO M	NOVO M	RUBIDO F	TAPIAS P	
ESP	GOMEZ DE PABLOS	JAUREGUIZAR A	LEIVA VALDES C	BASABE E	OTEYZA E	PABLOS P	HONTORIA P
ESP	LANTARON	GODED F	GODED MERINO G	LANTARON L	SABATE J		
ESP	PACAULT	LALANNE B	MUNOZ R	RIBEROL C	PIGANEAU P	LALANNE C	PACAULT H
ESP	PILARTE	HERRERO G	PIDAL A	PILARTE F	BUSCA C		
ESP	PONT	PONT J	LAMBARDI P	VENTIN J	GRAUPERA J	FERNANDEZ C	CREUHERAS J
ESP	PUIG-DORIA	DE LA PENNA J	PUIG DORIA E	MARTINEZ FRESNEDA A		LLOPART A	MARIMON F
ESP	VIOLA	HERNANDEZ M	MESTRES M	VIOLA C	VIOLA M		
FRA	AUBRY	SALLIERE G	ADAD P	DECHELETTE N	LASSERRE G	LEENHARDT F	POIZAT P
FRA	BESSIS	BESSIS V	BESSIS M	BERNHEIM A	BESSIS T		
FRA	CHIDIAC	HARFOUCHE G	CHIDICA P	CHEMLA P	BAROUDI N		
FRA	QUERAN	BEAUVILLAIN O	BOGDAN M	RIGAUD L	JEANNETEAU Y	BEAUVILLAIN E	QUERAN G
FRA	ROSSARD	POIZAT R	ROMANOWSKI G	ROSSARD M	D'OVIDIO P		
FRA	ROUSSEL	CHANTRY B	CUVILLIER B	DUPREZ F	ROUSSEL F	BONDUELLE M	
FRA	SAPORTA	ELBEE S	LEENHARDT M	SCHWEITZER H	SAPORTA R		
FRA	ZIMMERMAN	LEVY A	MOUIEL H	MULTON F	QUANTIN J	SAPORTA P	ZIMMERMANN P
GER	GERMANY	STRATER B	SCHROEDER D	KRATZ U	HUMBURG H	MARSAL R	MATTSSON G
GER	GOTARD	GOTARD T	PIEKAREK J	BURAS K	NARKIEWICZ G		
IND	NADAR	SATYANARAYANA B	GUPTA S	VENKATARAMAN K	CHOKSHI S	NADAR K	TIWARI R
IND	VENKATESH	SARKAR S	VENKATESH G	KANNINGAT K	MUKHERJEE S	KUSHARI P	DAS B
IRL	HANRATTY	HANRATTY P	O'CONNOR M	DOWLING S	HANRATTY L		
IRL	HOLLAND	DELANEY P	FINN M	HOLLAND C	O'LUBAIGH S		
IRL	IRELAND	HANLON T	MCGANN H	GARVEY T	FITZGIBBON N	CARROLL J	MESBUR A
IRL	MEEHAN	YOUNG B	YOUNG L	O'FARRELL R	MEEHAN P		
IRL	PENDER	DOWLING-LONG H	HORAN A	PENDER G	PENDER N		
IRL	PHELAN	PHELAN L	FITZGERALD A	JOYCE E	KENNY J		
ISR	BARR	HERBST I	HERBST O	LEVIN A	ZACK Y	BARR R	
ISR	HIRON	HIRON M	RAND N	GORDON I			
ISR	MARKOWICZ	KLUKOWSKI J	ZAREMBA J	MELMAN V	ZELIGMAN S	JEZIORO A	MARKOWICZ V
ITA	HAMAOU	BRUNA C	CATENAJA G	DESTEFANIS E	CARELLI R	HAMAOU S	SLIMAK P
ITA	SAVELLI	GIANARDI C	ROSSANO E	SAVELLI L	VIVALDI A		
JPN	NAITO	NAITO S	SHIMAMURA K	FURUTA K	TERAMOTO T	NAKAMURA Y	
JPN	NANIWADA	NAKATANI T	NANIWADA M	NAKATANI T	NANIWADA M	YAMAGUCHI T	
LAT	SWELAT	ROMANOVSKA M	WENNEBERG B	RUBINS K	ANDERSSON G		
NED	KATS	KATE C	AUBY D	HALLBERG P	WOUDEN H		
NED	ORANGE 1	BAKKEREN T	BERTENS H	JANSMA J	MULLER B	VERHEES JR L	WIJS S
NED	ORANGE 2	SCHOLLAARDT M	BRINK S	DRIJVER B	PROOIJEN R		
NED	ORANGE A	VAN GELDER M	MICHELSEN M	VERBEEK M	VAN DE SANDE M		
NED	SCHIPPERS	STIENEN R	BEGAS H	SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER E		WARENDORF E	
NED	SISSELAAR	VERHEES SR L	WOENSEL VAN H	REBATTU M	SISSELAAR P	BAK C	KROES V
NOR	GILLIS	GILLIS S	SAELLENSMINDE E	BROGELAND B	ERICHSEN E		
NOR	KVANGRAVEN	RYNNING E	REINERTSEN M	HOILAND T	KVANGRAVEN N		

NZL	TURNER	CROMBIE D	CORNELL M	TURNER A	REID M		
NZL	WIGNALL	WIGNALL J	SCOTT B	MOORE A	THOMSON T	LENART T	ROBB T
PAK	DATA STEEL	GHAZI R	MIRZA P	KHAN T	ABEDI N	AZWER Z	
PAK	HADI	ISPAHANI S	AHMED J	HADI K	SHOAI K		
POL	GORACO	KIERZNOWSKI R	RUSSYAN J	SZENBERG S	WILKOSZ A	KACZANOWSKI T	ANTAS K
POL	MANO	CHAMAA I	STEPINSKI J	ROMANSKI J	MARTENS K	JASSEM K	
POL	OTVOSI	OTVOSI E	PRZYBORA T	BOREWICZ M	SZYMANOWSKI M		
POL	PKO BP	KASPRZAK A	BOGUCKI D	BUNIKOWSKI A	DZIKOWSKI I		
POL	SAKURA KRAKOW	KUPNICKI M	MAJDANSKI L	STEFANIK K	SZYMCZAK A	SZUTOWICZ J	PILCH T
POL	SCHNEIDER	GAWRYS P	LESNIEWSKI M	BAZE G	SCHNEIDER P		
POR	BE	PIMENTA P	FANHA J	SARAIVA C	FRANCO D	MATOS M	
POR	CDUP	RIBIERO P	PRATAS P	ALEGRE F	ALEGRE C	BRAGA F	RIBEIRO L
POR	ESCUDEIRO	ESCUDEIRO R	CYRNE J	SILVA M			
POR	GALVAO	ROCHA F	NEVES F	CABRINHA C	PAULO A	LOURENCO V	GALVAO L
POR	GONCALVES	PESSANHA P	PINTO J	VON HAFF J	SOUCASAU A	GONCALVES C	
POR	HENRIQUES	SILVA A	FERREIRA B	LUCAS C	BARBOSA J	HENRIQUES J	CERQUINHO M
POR	J OLIVEIRA	OLIVEIRA M	QUENTAL T	FERNANDES R	PIMENTA S	CORTE-REAL C	
POR	LARA	FRANCES A	TORRES I	LARA J	CAPUCHO M		
POR	LEITAO	MORAES J	TADEU R	LEITAO A			
POR	LOPES	LOPES A	KAY T	LOPES A	VIEIRA F		
POR	LOURO	ROQUETTE T	MURTEIRA B	ALAMEIDA M	LOURO A		
POR	M OLIVEIRA	LAMPREIA J	OLIVEIRA M	GUIMARAES N	FIGUEIREDO A	COSTA-CABRAL F	SANTOS J
POR	MACHADO	MACHADO P					
POR	MALAFAYA	FOLQUE L	LOPES J	MICAELO F	NEVES J	MALAFAYA P	
POR	MATOS	PALMA A	MATOS N	CRUZEIRO J			
POR	MORBEBY	MORBEBY P	COSTA P	MATOS P	CASTANO L	FERREIRA C	
POR	MORGADO	MORGADO P					
POR	N OLIVEIRA	MAGALHAES A	ANDRADE J	OLIVEIRA A			
POR	PALMA CARLOS	CARLOS P	GUERREIRO R	PINTO J	NETO M		
POR	PASSARINHO	PASSARINHO J	FRANCES A	WENS P	JIMENEZ I	PANADERO M	
POR	REAL	SOUSA J	DAVIM M	JOAO S	CORTE-REAL C	FERREIRA H	BAPTISTA J
POR	RICE	COPE T	RICE V	RAYMER G	ELLIS D		
POR	SOFIA PESSOA	FARIA J	PEREIRA P	PAZ N	CASTANHEIRA J	PESSOA S	SANTOS R
POR	TEIXEIRA	TEIXEIRA M	SOARES R	TIMOTEO R	BRITO L		
POR	TO DEBONNAIRE	DEBONNAIRE T	ALLIX J	MAUBERQUEZ E	UZZAN P	MONTEIRO A	CALHEIROS J
RUS	777	KHOKHLOV J	KHVEN M	GROMOV A	DUBININ A		
RUS	KIRILENKO	KIRILENKO S	KRASNOSELSKI M	SHUDNEV A	ZHMAK M		
SCO	DHONDY	DHONDY J	DHONDY H	BENNETT K	McGOWAN E		
SCO	MAHAFFEY	KWIECIEN M	MAHAFFEY J	COHLER G	PSZCZOLA J	SHENKIN B	LAIR M
SIN	SINGAPORE	LAM Z	CHAI G	SEET C	FOO L	CHOO J	ENDO K
SUI	ACHTERBERG	BIGAT H	CIFTCIOGLU D	YALMAN A	DELORME J	BENBASSAT M	ACHTERBERG W
SWE	HALLEN	DIEDEN J	FLODQVIST S	HALLEN H	SJOBORG A	HYDEN L	BACKSTROM L
THA	SOPHONPANICH	NIMITYONGSKUL P	SOPHONPANICH K	MAKMITREE A	SVANGSOPAKUL V	SILABHUSIT P	NIMITYONGSKUL P
TUR	KOKTEN	ALUF S	ALUF T	ESKINAZ N	KOKTEN N	SWEIDAN A	GATTENIO S
USA	BUCKLEY	FERGUSON B	CLERKIN J	CLERKIN D	KELLER B	BUCKLEY C	
USA	COMPTON	KATZ M	COMPTON D	KOHLER C	WEINSTEIN G	LEV S	FREED G
USA	EINBERG	MYERSON A	MIKYSKA M	GLICKMAN J	EINBERG H		
USA	FLEISHER	LARSEN K	ROSENBLOOM J	FLEISHER M	SMITH R	POLLACK B	MORSE J
USA	HOLT	GROMOVA V	PONOMAREVA T	MOLSON J	SCHULTE E	HOLT D	SOKOLOV D
USA	JACOBS	WOLD E	JACOBS G	KATZ R	BERKOWITZ D	COHEN L	PASSELL M
USA	KIRKHAM	KIRKHAM J	PETERS T	PETERS C	MORSE D	KIRKHAM C	MORRIS B
USA	MILNER	EISENBERG B	MILNER R	LEV S	MOHAN J	MOLSON M	
USA	NIEDERMAN	MALASPINA P	MILLER P	RASMUSSEN J	NIEDERMAN D		
USA	O'ROURKE	GRUE J	O'ROURKE L	JACOBUS M	LEVIN B	WEINSTEIN S	CHEEK C
USA	RODWELL	COHEN J	HYATT D	RODWELL D	LEE C	JAIN P	
USA	SHUGART	BALICKI C	ZMUDZINSKI A	ROBSON A	SHUGART R		
USA	SPECTOR	FELDMAN M	SPECTOR W	BRAMLEY B	MARTEL C	FALLENUS B	WELLAND R
USA	STOIMIROV	STOYANOV A	MIHAILOV M	DYAKOV V	STOIMIROV I	STOIMIROV N	ODJAKOV I
VEN	GUSSO	DOHNERT L	PASQUINI P	LEMONS G	ZIGHELBOIM O	GUSSO F	PACHECO M
VEN	ILLUSION TEAM	ROCCIA L	SARMIENTO E	BARSUMIAN A	BARSUMIAN A	PATON M	AMIRATA R
VEN	ROSEN'S ANGELS	ANDRES G	DEVLETIAN M	ROSEN E	DIEBOLD Z		

Welcome To The Transnational Teams

Both personally and on behalf of my colleagues on the WBF Executive Council, I am very pleased to be able to welcome so many of you to Estoril for the World Transnational Open Teams Championship.

Last year in Istanbul we experienced a record number of teams - this year we have surpassed even that, as we have 134 teams competing here, with participants from 45 different countries playing in peace and unity in this exciting and challenging event. It is obvious from the number of you coming to Estoril that you enjoy both the tournament and the place in which it is held. I hope that next year you will find Verona equally appealing and as many of you as possible will join us there to make it equally successful.

I wish you well in the Championship and hope that you will enjoy your stay here in Portugal

José Damiani
President WBF

Transport options to Lisbon airport

By Train

From Estoril or Cascais train station to Cais do Sodre train station (terminal) and from there by bus or by taxi. Outside the train station at Cais Sodre there is taxi service, or take Bus 44 or Bus 45, both with stops at the Lisbon airport.

By Bus

Departing from the bus stops by the Estoril train station, using Scott Urb bus direct to the Lisbon airport. This bus operates daily from 6.13 a.m. and every hour until 7:13 p.m.

After the departure at 7:13 p.m., there are another two at 8:58 p.m. and 9:55 p.m. The price of the ticket is 8 Euros.

By Taxi

Order at hotel reception. From Estoril to the Lisbon airport can cost between 30 Euros and 45 Euros.

Note that you should leave enough time for the journey, which can take more than an hour in congested traffic.

Delegations preferring private transport should contact Top Atlantico in the lobby of the convention centre. Please do so well in advance.

Lost Wallet

Jan Kamras of Sweden has lost his wallet and is offering 100 Euros for its return. If you find it, please turn it in to the Hospitality Desk.

Calling All Journalists

The IBPA Annual General Meeting and Annual Press Awards will be held on Wednesday November 2nd at 9 a.m. (Balcony floor.)

RENAULT



Renault, the car manufacturer that won both titles in this year's Formula 1 Championship - pilot and manufacturer - is also involved in Bridge.

Indeed, through the REA Group, which is the leading dealer for Renault, Nissan, and Dacia in Europe and the European subsidiary of Renault,

there is a Renault Bridge Tournament organized in the Renault Show Room. Six thousand (6,000) players were invited to participate in 35 heats in France and 18 in Europe. The heats in Europe were held in the following countries:

Austria:	Vienna
Belgium:	Brussels & Antwerp
Czech Republic:	Prague
Germany:	Munich, Frankfurt, Berlin, Cologne
Great Britain:	Birmingham & Manchester
Hungary:	Budapest
Italy:	Milan
The Netherlands:	Amsterdam & Rotterdam
Poland:	Warsaw
Portugal:	Lisbon
Spain:	Barcelona
Switzerland:	Geneva

Participants enjoyed cocktails before and after the play, received some prizes and the winners were qualified for a final to take place in Paris on 3rd December next.

The REA Group is going to organize this event again next year.

World Championship Book 2005



The Official World Championship Book 2005, of these championships in Estoril, will be available next March. As always, we offer a substantial discount to anyone who would like to order and pay for their copy while at the championships.

On publication, the price will be US\$33 per copy plus postage. For the duration of these championships, you can order the book for US\$25 or Euros20, including postage (surface mail) to anywhere in the world. To order your copy, please see Jan Swaan in the Press Room on the ground floor of the building.

Principal analysts will be Eric Kokish, Barry Rigal and Brian Senior. There will be a complete listing of teams playing in all four championships, plus a full results listing and many photographs. Kokish will cover every board of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup finals and there will be substantial coverage of the earlier stages, plus enhanced coverage of the Seniors Bowl and the best of the action from the Transnational Teams.

