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RONA ELECTED WBF PRESIDENT



The WBF executive council on Tuesday elected Gianarrigo Rona, center, as president of the organization, starting at the end of 2010. Rona is seen with WBF President José Damiani, left, and WBF President Emeritus Jaime Ortiz-Patiño. A photo of the executive council is on page 10.

Gianarrigo Rona, president of the European Bridge League and first vice president of the World Bridge Federation, has been elected president of the WBF. He will succeed José Damiani, WBF president for a decade and a half, at the end of 2010.

"I am honoured," Rona said. "It is not an easy task to follow the four giants before me," he added, referring to Damiani, WBF President Emeritus Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, Ernesto d'Orsi and Bobby Wolff, both former presidents.

Rona is a retired attorney who lives in Milan, Italy. He has a long record of service in bridge administration, starting with his election to the board of the Italian Bridge Federation in 1978. He was president of the IBF from 1986 until earlier this year. He has been EBL president since 1999.

Leaders pulling away

It's time for some teams to begin worrying about making it to the knockout phases of their respective events – the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Seniors Bowl.

In the Bermuda Bowl, for example, the gap between the team in eighth place, the final qualifying spot, and No. 9 is nearly a full match. There is still a lot of bridge left – each team has 12 more matches – so better play and some luck could see some teams through.

VUGRAPH MATCHES



Round 10 (11.00-13.20)

VG:	Table 2	Italy - Norway	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 5	Germany - USA 2	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 6	India - Russia	(BB)
BBO 3:	Table 24	Germany - Egypt	(VC)
BBO 4:	Table 29	USA 2 - Italy	(VC)
OurGame:	Table 27	China Long Zhu - Pakistan	(VC)

Round 11 (14.30-16.50)

VG:	Table 10	Netherlands - USA 2	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 4	Argentina - Italy	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 1	India - Germany	(BB)
BBO 3:	Table 50	England - Belgium	(OSB)
BBO 4:	Table 23	Egypt - Spain	(VC)
OurGame:	Table 9	China Long Zhu - Bulgaria	(BB)

Round 12 (17.20-19.40)

VG:	Table 7	Brazil - Argentina	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 2	USA 2 - China Long Zhu	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 11	Russia - Netherlands	(BB)
BBO 3:	Table 28	China Long Zhu - Italy	(VC)
BBO 4:	Table 43	USA 2 - Egypt	(OSB)
OurGame:	Table 4	Guadeloupe - Morocco	(BB)

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Watch OurGame at: <http://worldbridge.ourgame.com>





RESULTS

Bermuda Bowl



ROUND 7

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Egypt	New Zealand	22 - 49	9 - 21
2 Argentina	India	32 - 17	18 - 12
3 Australia	Germany	38 - 43	14 - 16
4 USA 1	Mexico	40 - 39	14.5 - 14.5
5 Morocco	Pakistan	27 - 31	14 - 16
6 Chile	Italy	31 - 58	9 - 21
7 Bulgaria	Japan	45 - 36	17 - 13
8 Netherlands	Chinese Taipei	74 - 26	25 - 4
9 Russia	Norway	51 - 25	21 - 9
10 USA 2	Guadeloupe	69 - 12	25 - 3
11 China Long Zhu	Brazil	58 - 30	22 - 8

ROUND 8

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Bulgaria	USA 2	22 - 24	15 - 15
2 Guadeloupe	Russia	11 - 65	3 - 25
3 Norway	Netherlands	48 - 28	20 - 10
4 Chinese Taipei	China Long Zhu	19 - 22	14 - 16
5 Brazil	Chile	35 - 22	18 - 12
6 Italy	Morocco	49 - 2	25 - 4
7 Pakistan	USA 1	20 - 34	12 - 18
8 Japan	New Zealand	11 - 42	8 - 22
9 Germany	Argentina	13 - 25	12 - 18
10 India	Egypt	14 - 38	9 - 21
11 Mexico	Australia	15 - 67	4 - 25

ROUND 9

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Morocco	USA 1	10 - 13	14 - 16
2 Chile	Australia	38 - 29	17 - 13
3 China Long Zhu	Argentina	18 - 27	13 - 17
4 Netherlands	Egypt	28 - 23	16 - 14
5 Russia	New Zealand	51 - 6	25 - 5
6 USA 2	India	40 - 22	19 - 11
7 Bulgaria	Germany	44 - 8	23 - 7
8 Guadeloupe	Mexico	28 - 9	19 - 11
9 Japan	Brazil	45 - 39	16 - 14
10 Chinese Taipei	Italy	20 - 40	10 - 20
11 Norway	Pakistan	96 - 16	25 - 0

Ranking after 9 Rounds

1	Norway	180
2	Bulgaria	176
3	Italy	175
4	Netherlands	167
5	Argentina	166
	China Long Zhu Open	166
7	USA 2	165
8	Russia	161
9	Germany	139
10	Chinese Taipei	129
	Egypt	129
12	Japan	127
13	Australia	125
14	India	123
15	Chile	122
16	USA 1	117.50
17	Brazil	111
	New Zealand	111
19	Pakistan	94
20	Morocco	89
21	Guadeloupe	83
22	Mexico	66.50



Women's Committee Meeting

The meeting of the WBF Women's Committee will be held on Saturday Sept. 5 9:30 a.m. in the WBF Meeting Room (Brasilia 3 in the basement – floor SS in the lift), next to the WBF Secretariat. All members are asked to confirm their attendance to Anna Gudge. The chairman is Anna Maria Torlontano.

Tournament on TV

Guests at the Hotel Transamerica can keep up with all three events in the World Championships – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Seniors Bowl – on Channel 96 on their television sets. The daily broadcasts will include running scores and rankings.



RESULTS

Venice Cup



ROUND 7

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	France	Spain	14 - 58	5 - 25
22	Brazil	Germany	49 - 48	15 - 15
23	Sweden	Denmark	37 - 50	12 - 18
24	Indonesia	USA 1	39 - 24	18 - 12
25	Egypt	China Long Zhu	38 - 43	14 - 16
26	Venezuela	Australia	27 - 17	17 - 13
27	Japan	USA 2	34 - 57	10 - 20
28	Pakistan	Argentina	42 - 33	17 - 13
29	Jordan	New Zealand	40 - 24	19 - 11
30	Italy	Canada MP Press	21 - 26	14 - 16
31	Barbados	Morocco	36 - 32	16 - 14

ROUND 8

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Denmark	USA 1	23 - 30	14 - 16
22	Germany	China Long Zhu	4 - 28	9 - 21
23	Spain	Australia	24 - 18	16 - 14
24	France	USA 2	29 - 26	16 - 14
25	Brazil	Argentina	46 - 35	17 - 13
26	Sweden	New Zealand	33 - 19	18 - 12
27	Indonesia	Canada MP Press	54 - 35	19 - 11
28	Egypt	Barbados	35 - 5	22 - 8
29	Venezuela	Italy	24 - 52	8 - 22
30	Japan	Jordan	47 - 20	21 - 9
31	Pakistan	Morocco	14 - 18	14 - 16

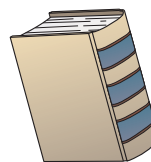
ROUND 9

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Morocco	Germany	41 - 29	18 - 12
22	Denmark	Spain	37 - 14	20 - 10
23	USA 1	France	24 - 29	14 - 16
24	China Long Zhu	Brazil	45 - 16	22 - 8
25	Australia	Sweden	19 - 28	13 - 17
26	USA 2	Indonesia	26 - 16	17 - 13
27	Argentina	Egypt	37 - 35	15 - 15
28	New Zealand	Venezuela	16 - 35	11 - 19
29	Canada MP Press	Japan	42 - 30	18 - 12
30	Barbados	Pakistan	35 - 13	20 - 10
31	Italy	Jordan	32 - 30	15 - 15

Ranking after 9 Rounds

1	China Long Zhu Women	178
2	USA 1	167.50
3	Italy	163
4	USA 2	159
5	Egypt	158
6	France	156
7	Denmark	153
8	Indonesia	141
9	Spain	139
10	Morocco	137
11	Sweden	133
12	Germany	129.25
13	New Zealand	126
14	Jordan	120.50
15	Japan	118
	Pakistan	118
17	Canada Master Point Press	115
18	Argentina	113.50
	Brazil	113.50
20	Australia	109
21	Venezuela	95.25
22	Barbados	94.50

World Championship Book 2009



The Official book of these Championships in Sao Paulo will be available in March 2010, when the official price will be US\$34 plus postage. Advance orders can be made in Sao Paulo to Jan Swaan in the Press Room at the discounted price of US\$30, Euros 20, or Reals 55 per copy, including postage.

The principal writers will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, John Carruthers and Geo Tislevoll. There will be a full listing of all participants and results and many photographs. Every board of the finals and semi-finals of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup will be covered, along with the best of the action from the earlier stages, plus the Senior Bowl and Transnational Teams.



RESULTS

d'Orsi Seniors Bowl



ROUND 7

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 USA 2	Brazil	4 - 47	5 - 25
42 USA 1	Australia	43 - 39	16 - 14
43 South Africa	Uruguay	58 - 29	22 - 8
44 Japan	Pakistan	52 - 28	21 - 9
45 Egypt	Poland	51 - 14	24 - 6
46 India	Turkey	34 - 23	17 - 13
47 Barbados	Venezuela	47 - 34	18 - 12
48 Canada	Belgium	14 - 56	5 - 25
49 Italy	New Zealand	73 - 2	25 - 1
50 Sweden	England	29 - 33	14 - 16
51 Indonesia	Argentina	59 - 38	20 - 10

ROUND 8

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Argentina	USA 2	43 - 26	19 - 11
42 Brazil	USA 1	17 - 52	7 - 23
43 Australia	South Africa	38 - 21	19 - 11
44 Uruguay	Japan	40 - 19	20 - 10
45 Pakistan	Egypt	59 - 20	24 - 6
46 Poland	India	29 - 56	9 - 21
47 Turkey	Barbados	39 - 17	20 - 8
48 Venezuela	Canada	18 - 76	3 - 25
49 Belgium	Italy	27 - 46	11 - 19
50 New Zealand	Sweden	32 - 48	11 - 19
51 England	Indonesia	48 - 19	22 - 8

ROUND 9

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Argentina	Australia	46 - 45	15 - 15
42 Uruguay	Brazil	41 - 46	14 - 16
43 Pakistan	USA 2	5 - 35	8 - 22
44 Poland	USA 1	43 - 16	21 - 9
45 Turkey	South Africa	16 - 48	7 - 23
46 Venezuela	Japan	7 - 72	1 - 25
47 Belgium	Egypt	37 - 35	15 - 15
48 New Zealand	India	40 - 36	16 - 14
49 England	Barbados	52 - 19	23 - 7
50 Indonesia	Canada	14 - 25	13 - 17
51 Sweden	Italy	32 - 50	11 - 19

Ranking after 9 Rounds

1	England	182
2	Egypt	162
3	Belgium	157.50
4	USA 2	154
5	Poland	152
	USA 1	152
7	Pakistan	151
8	Indonesia	148.50
9	Sweden	145
10	Canada	139
11	Australia	136
12	Italy	135
13	Japan	131
14	India	127.50
15	Argentina	125
16	South Africa	118
17	Brazil	117
18	Turkey	115
19	Barbados	109
20	New Zealand	107.50
21	Uruguay	94
22	Venezuela	79

WBF cards for sale



Packs of used WBF playing cards – with 5-bar codes – are for sale. If you are interested in buying some, please contact Christine Francin in the WBF Secretariat situated on the basement floor of the Hotel - Brasilia 2 room.

The price is US\$0.60 per pack

WBF Laws Committee

The committee will meet on Friday, Sept. 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the WBF meeting room.



Reputation is its own Reward

by Mark Horton

When Oscar Wilde arrived in the United States of America in 1882 he was asked if he had anything to declare. 'Only my genius' was his retort.

When he arrived in Sao Paulo, a customs officer asked Zia Mahmood if he had anything to declare. 'Only my reputation' he replied.

It served him well on this deal from the match between Norway and USA I – one of the most interesting of the championships so far:

Dealer West. None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Austberg	Hamman	Saelensminde	Zia
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	7♣	All Pass

Eschewing the traditional (and overrated) lead of a trump against a grand slam Zia led a very testing six of hearts, removing a vital entry. Declarer had good reason to enter the think tank. Knowing Zia was more than capable of under-leading the king of hearts, he eventually concluded that his best chance was to finesse at trick one, so he was a fast one down. Had been up against a lesser mortal he would no doubt have sought an alternative line of play.

While we were waiting for East to play a card (one of the Editors read the first chapter of *War and Peace*) we considered the following line:

Rise with the ace of hearts, cross to the ace of spades and ruff a spade. Now it costs nothing and offers a miniscule extra chance if you cash the ace of diamonds. You plan to run your trumps, taking the diamond finesse in due course, making the contact when the suit behaves or when South, in addition to the assumed diamond queen has one or more of the major suit kings, when he will be squeezed.

When the queen of diamonds appears you simply run your trumps, squeezing South in the pointed suits.

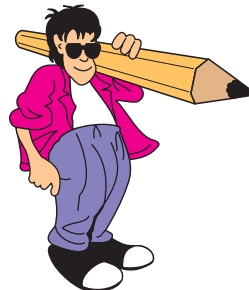
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Lindqvist	Meckstroth	Brogeland
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
7♣*	All Pass		
4♦	Keycard ask		
4NT	2 keycards		
5♥	Asking about diamonds		
7♣	♦AK		

Here South led the three of hearts and declarer went up with the ace, crossed to hand with a trump and ran the nine of diamonds (the best line). North won and cashed the king of hearts for two down and a 2 IMP pick up.

Although the grand slam was made a few times it was only when a trump or a diamond was led, no declarer managing it on a heart lead. Other deals from this match can be found on page 11.

Championship Diary



If you are late for breakfast don't panic – you can get a late serving (with a reduced menu) in the Piano Bar between 10.00 and 11.30. (It is also available to non-residents for R\$22.00.)

If you need a snack, a cash bar is operating outside the Closed Room between 11.00 and

20.00.

If you can't wait for dinner, but need something substantial the Piano Bar is operating a Happy Hour between 18.30 and 20.00. You can choose from a variety of appetizers for just R\$18.00. (It is highly recommended by Barry Rigal!)

The fantastic BBO coverage of the Championships is setting new records for viewing. On Monday over 18,000 people were online.

Matt Smith, once of the nicest and best TDs you will ever meet, dropped in to the office to catch up on the baseball results. He asked why an empty wine bottle was prominently displayed. Recalling the comment of Voltaire on the execution of Admiral Byng in 1757 ('Dans ce pays ci, c'est bon, de temps en temps, de tuer un amiral pour encourager les autres.') we replied, 'To encourage the appearance of others.'

The Overlooked Flat Board

by Phillip Alder

When one writes up a match report, one tends to concentrate on the swing deals. But occasionally a flat board raises some interesting points.

You pick up as dealer with nobody vulnerable:

♠ 8 3 2
♥ 8 3
♦ A Q 7 5
♣ A K 5 3

What is your opening bid, one club or one diamond? (Sorry, you're not allowed a weak notrump.)

Whatever you bid, it goes three spades on your left, negative double from partner, and pass on your right. What now?

This hand occurred during Round 1. I was sitting behind Erik Saelensminde from Norway. I was expecting him to open one diamond because if the next player overcalls one spade or two spades and partner makes a negative double, he could rebid in clubs.

Yes, agreed, especially after a one-spade overcall, when advancer does not raise spades, there is a good case for rebidding one notrump. But to rebid two notrump after a two-spade overcall is surely going a bit far. And even if it would not promise a spade stopper, when partner continues with three spades, what are you going to do?

Anyway, back at the table, Saelensminde opened one club. Then, after three spades - double - pass, what would you have done in his position?

I decided that I would have passed. It might result in minus 530, but that would be unlikely.

Saelensminde rebid three notrump, my second choice. (Even after a one-diamond opening, a four-club rebid is neither one thing nor the other.)

This was the full deal:

Board 14. Dealer East. None vul.

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

Three spades doubled would have cost 300.

Against three notrump, South led the spade jack. Declarer put up dummy's king, played a diamond to his ace, and

led a heart to dummy's jack. North won with the ace and shifted to the club queen, but East won the trick, played a heart to the queen and king, and established dummy's hearts. He took one spade, three hearts, four diamonds and two clubs.

Note that if you open one diamond and rebid four clubs, partner might convert to four diamonds, which you can make, but he will be tempted to bid four hearts, which will fail: spade to the ace, spade ruff, and await two more trump tricks.

After the play was over, Gabriel Chagas (North) asked Saelensminde what he had in spades.

"Three to the eight."

"Nice bid," replied Chagas with a respectful smile on his face.

This was the auction in the other room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Campos</i>	<i>Tundal</i>	<i>Villas Boas</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
		1♣	2♠
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

When Glenn Groetheim bid only two spades, he gave his opponents just enough room.

North led the spade queen, and when South won with his ace, he played a second spade. But since South had no entry, he might have considered a shift. Leading a club at trick two would have defeated the contract.

Declarer crossed to the diamond queen at trick three, then ran the heart eight. He took the same ten tricks for a push.

Sophie Sarwat

We are sorry to report that Egypt's Safeya (Sophie) Sarwat died last weekend aged 77 after a brief fight against cancer. She had an outstanding bridge career (achieving the rank of World International Master) representing Egypt countless times and attending World Championships from 1987 to 2008. In Shanghai in 2007 she was a member of the team that finished in fifth place.

An outstanding swimmer, she was the founder of synchronised swimming in Egypt and a board member of the Egyptian Swimming Federation. She had high hopes that Egypt would be amongst the medals in the 2012 Olympics in London.

She was also a brilliant actress, starring in numerous plays and films, the best known being *Rihlah ila al-Qamar* (Journey To The Moon) made in 1959.

She is survived by her husband and three children.

photo by Ron Tacchi

BERMUDA BOWL Round 6



Brazil

v

Netherlands



by Brian Senior

Host nation Brazil and the Netherlands, two past winners of the Bermuda Bowl, met in Round 6. A fairly quiet but generally well played match saw the Dutch come out on top by 34-14 IMPs, 20-10 VPs. In a low-scoring match, nearly half the IMPs changed hands on the first two deals.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Figueiredo	Bertens	Brenner
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
All Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT

West	North	East	South
Branco	de Wijs	Chagas	Muller
INT	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	Dble	2♦	Dble
	3♣	All Pass	

For Brazil, Diego Brenner opened 1♣, promising three cards, and Mauricio Figueiredo responded 3♣, weak. This is a stylistic thing, of course – when I play pre-emptive raises I prefer to say that they will deliver a hand too weak to play game facing a balanced 18-19. Clearly the Brazilians have a different style because Brenner went on to the good no trump game. Ton Bakkeren led a spade, which Brenner won. He played the queen of diamonds. Huub Bertens won the king and returned a spade. Brenner won and played a second diamond to Bakkeren's ace and back came a heart. Brenner won and played a club to the king and ace and had the rest for +430.

Bauke Muller also opened 1♣ but his was strong and artificial. Marcelo Branco overcalled INT, two suits without clubs, and the double showed around 5-7. Gabriel Chagas bid 2♦, pass or correct, and Muller doubled for take-out.

While it is possible that N/S have even a slam in clubs, I would be strongly tempted to pass the double with that North hand – it is not clear what will be the winning action on this particular board, but collecting a sizeable penalty might help to keep the opposition honest for the rest of the match. Simon de Wijs chose to bid 3♣ and now the spotlight was on Muller. Though he had 19 HCP facing 5-7, he knew that there was no eight-card major-suit fit and that clubs rated to break badly. With a dubious diamond holding, Muller judged to pass.

It was mildly embarrassing to miss a good game but even more disappointing to find that the 'safe' partscore had to one down as there were three trump losers; -50 and 10 IMPs to Brazil.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 9 7 ♥ A K Q J 5 3 ♦ 8 3 ♣ 5 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 8 5 2 ♥ 8 7 6 2 ♦ K 10 4 ♣ 8 6 ♠ J 6 3 ♥ 10 9 4 ♦ 9 6 5 ♣ A 10 9 7	♠ K 10 4 ♥ - ♦ A Q J 7 2 ♣ K Q J 4 3
	N											
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Diego Brenner, Brazil

West Bakkeren	North Figueiredo	East Bertens	South Brenner
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♦
3♦	Pass	2♥	Dble
Pass	4♦	3♥	4♣
		All Pass	

West Branco	North de Wijs	East Chagas	South Muller
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♣
3♥	4♦	2♥	3♦
All Pass		Pass	5♦

Brenner opened 1♦, possibly only three cards, and Figueiredo was just short of what he needed to bid after the 1♥ overcall. Brenner doubled the 2♥ raise and Bakkeren made a game try with 3♦. Perhaps Figueiredo should have doubled this to show a little something in his partner's suit. However, he preferred to pass and then gave only simple preference to 4♦ when Brenner came again with 4♣.

Bakkeren led a top heart against 4♦. Brenner ruffed and played the queen of clubs. Bertens won and forced Brenner to ruff again and now he led a spade to the queen and back to the ten and ace. Bakkeren led a third heart, which Brenner ruffed. He cashed the ♣K and ♦A then the king of spades, ruffed a club and ruffed the last heart, so had ten tricks for +130.



Ton Bakkeren, Netherlands

Muller opened a strong club and de Wijs had enough to double to show a semi-positive. Muller showed his diamonds at the three level but the methods had added momentum to the auction and, when de Wijs showed his diamond support, Muller went on to game.

Again, the lead was a top heart, ruffed, and Muller tooled a club at trick two, Chagas winning the ace. He, however, led a trump now. Muller won and led a spade to the queen then back to the ten and ace, won the trump return and ruffed out the clubs; 11 tricks for +600 and 10 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West Bakkeren	North Figueiredo	East Bertens	South Brenner
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
All Pass		Pass	3NT

West Branco	North de Wijs	East Chagas	South Muller
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♠
All Pass		Pass	3♥

It looks as though the Brazilians had a misunderstanding, with Figueiredo bidding 2♦ over 2♣ in search of a better resting place while Brenner's leap to game suggests that he took it as FSF and showing a better hand.

Bertens led the ace of hearts and Figueiredo did not unblock dummy's queen. Bertens switched to the ten of spades for the jack, queen and ace and Figueiredo led a diamond, the king being ducked, then the heart queen, which Bertens won. Now he cashed the ace of diamonds, collecting a spade pitch from dummy, then reverted to spades, leading the two. Figueiredo won the king of spades and exited with dummy's last spade. Bertens won and cashed the fourth spade then led a club through to the queen and king. Bakkeren was endplayed but that was still two down for -100.

Muller opened a Precision-style 2♣ and the 2♥ response was natural and non-forcing. Two Spades was natural and showed a maximum and de Wijs gave preference to clubs because 2NT would have sounded more forward-going. Muller completed the picture of his hand with 3♥ and de Wijs quickly passed.

Chagas led the two of spades to the five, queen and ace, a good start for declarer. De Wijs led a diamond towards the bare king and Chagas won the ace then cashed the ace and king of hearts to prevent diamond ruffs. De Wijs did not need to ruff diamonds, however, and all that achieved was to speed the play up. De Wijs had the rest, ten tricks for +170 and 7 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Figueiredo	Bertens	Brenner
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Branco	de Wijs	Chagas	Muller
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Both Norths opened 1♠ in third seat and both Souths showed a mixed raise, around 7-9 HCP with four-card trump support. Of course, both Norths quickly signed off in 3♠ with their bare minimum openings.

Bertens led the eight of hearts to Figueiredo's ace. He ran the nine of spades to the bare queen and Bakkeren returned the seven of diamonds. That was ducked to the ten and Bertens could not read the diamond position so switched back to hearts. Figueiredo won the queen and played a spade. Bertens rose with the ace and switched to ace and another club, hoping for a heart ruff. However, Figueiredo could ruff high and still had a diamond discard on the fourth heart after drawing trumps; down one for -100.

Chagas led a revealing low spade and de Wijs correctly put up the king, felling the bare queen. He unblocked the ace and queen of hearts before playing a second round of

trumps. Chagas won that and switched to diamonds and there were ten tricks for +170 and another 7 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Figueiredo	Bertens	Brenner
1♥	Dble	2♥	Pass
2♠	Dble	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Branco	de Wijs	Chagas	Muller
1♥	2♥	Pass	2♠
3♥	Dble	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

What would be your choice with the North hand after a 1♥ opening on your right? I have always hated to start with a double when holding a genuine two-suiter so my vote is firmly with de Wijs' choice of the Michaels Cuebid.

The cuebid shut Chagas out of the auction as he did not feel that he had sufficient for a competitive raise to 3♥, so Muller got to show his spade tolerance. Branco continued with 3♥ and de Wijs doubled to show a strong hand and invite Muller to consider game. Muller bid the obvious 3♠ and de Wijs trusted him by passing. Muller played the hand quickly, winning the heart lead and cashing the ace and king of spades then playing ace and another diamond. With the diamonds behaving as required but the spade not dropping there were four losers; +140.

Figueiredo preferred to start with a double and Bertens had sufficient for a raise to 2♥. Bakkeren produced a game try of 2♠ and Figueiredo doubled that and doubled again when Bertens' 3♥ sign-off came back to him. Brenner responded 3♠, the one suit he could be sure to find his partner with, and Figueiredo guessed to raise to game.

With no entry to hand, Brenner had little option but to follow the same line of play as had Muller, with the same result - nine tricks but here that meant down one for -50 and 5 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West Bakkeren	North Figueiredo	East Bertens	South Brenner
2♥	Pass	4♠	1♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	5♥
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

West Branco	North de Wijs	East Chagas	South Muller
INT	Dble	2♣	1♣
Pass	4♥	4♠	3♥
All Pass			Dble

Brenner's natural opening bid attracted a Michaels Cuebid from Bakkeren and a jump to 4♠ from Bertens. With so much extra playing strength and no idea who could make what, Brenner went on to 5♥ and, when that came back to Bertens, he took the push to 5♠, doubled by Figueiredo.

Brenner cashed the king of hearts and Figueiredo followed with the two. Brenner seems to have taken that as suit preference, a popular approach to this situation, and switched to the king of clubs. There was no way to avoid two trump losers but that was it. Bertens won the club and played the queen of spades, ducked, then a club to the jack and a second spade. Figueiredo had to duck that to get his two trump tricks and now Bertens just played winning clubs; one down for -100.

Muller opened a strong club and INT was two suits without clubs. Double showed 5-7 and Chagas showed long clubs by bidding a suit his partner had denied. Muller jumped in his solid suit and de Wijs raised to game. Now Chagas assumed that his partner must have spades and diamonds so bid 4♠ and Muller ended the auction by doubling - well judged as a diamond ruff would beat 5♥.

Muller led a top heart and de Wijs played the nine. There was no temptation now to switch to a club and Muller just played a second heart, ruffed in dummy. Chagas led a spade to the king then a low club towards the jack. Muller went in with the king and nine tricks were claimed for down one; -100 and a flat board.



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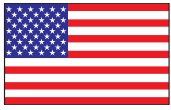
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BERMUDA BOWL

Round 6



USA 2

v

Norway



Battle royal

by Brent Manley

When two teams with high expectations face each other, there is naturally keen interest. That was certainly the case in the sixth round of the Bermuda Bowl qualifying when the defending champions, Norway, played against USA2, the veteran Nick Nickell squad.

After three boards, Norway held a 4-IMP lead, which grew larger after this deal.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 7 ♥ K Q 6 4 3 ♦ A 10 7 ♣ Q 10 7 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 10 8 5 3 2 ♥ 10 5 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A 9
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	S										

West Rodwell 1♥ Pass All Pass	North Lindqvist Pass 3♦	East Meckstroth 1♠ 4♣	South Brogeland Pass Dble Dble
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After Espen Lindqvist showed some values with the jump to 3♦, Boye Brogeland felt secure in doubling Jeff Meckstroth's 4♠. Meckstroth ducked the opening diamond lead, won the continuation and cashed two high spades, getting the bad news. A heart went to the queen and ace. On the club return, Meckstroth had no choice but to duck to Brogeland's king. That was two down for plus 500 to Norway.

West Austberg 1♥ 2♣	North Hamman Pass 2♦	East Saelensminde 1♠ 4♣	South Zia Pass Dble All Pass
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Given Hamman's free bid, Zia Mahmood's pass of 4♣ seems out of character. He and Bob Hamman took the same five tricks against Erik Saelensminde's contract, but plus 200 meant Norway gained 7 IMPs.

Zia made up for it two boards later.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 7 6 3 ♥ Q 9 4 ♦ A 10 9 4 3 2 ♣ K	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 ♥ 8 7 ♦ Q J 7 5 ♣ A 7 5 4 3 2 ♠ Q J 8 5 2 ♥ K J 6 5 3 ♦ — ♣ Q J 9 ♠ A 10 9 4 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ 10 8 6
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W		E									
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West Rodwell 2♠	North Lindqvist Pass All Pass	East Meckstroth 1♠	South Brogeland Pass
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Brogeland started with the ♣6, taken by Lindqvist with the ace. Lindqvist cashed the ♠K and played a diamond to Brogeland's king and dummy's ace, Meckstroth discarding a heart. Meckstroth played a spade to the jack and ace, and Brogeland exited with the ♠10. Meckstroth won and played a heart to the queen, then a heart to the king and South's ace. Brogeland's second trump trick was it for the defense, and Meckstroth scored up plus 110.

West Austberg 2♣* 2♠ 4♥ All Pass	North Hamman Pass Pass Pass Pass	East Saelensminde 1♠ 2♥ 3♥ Pass	South Zia Pass Pass Pass Dble
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2♣ Diamonds

Zia's double in this case seems more speculative than a double would have been on board 19, but it paid a big dividend.

Zia started with a low club to Hamman's ace, and Hamman continued with the ♠K, Zia following with the 9. Any return by Hamman would have defeated the contract, but he took the direct route by playing a heart to Zia's ace. Zia then cashed the ♠A and gave Hamman a ruff for two down. Plus 300 and plus 110 gave USA2 9 IMPs to close the gap to 2 IMPs.

USA2 gave back 6 IMPs on the next deal.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

All Pass

Eric Rodwell started with a low diamond to his partner's ace. Meckstroth cashed two high hearts and exited with a spade to the jack, queen and ace. Brogeland cashed the ♥J and ♦Q to get rid of his two low spades, then he played a club to the 10 and Rodwell's jack. Brogeland lost only another trump trick from there to finish with eight tricks and plus 90.

West <i>Austberg</i>	North <i>Hamman</i>	East <i>Saelensminde</i>	South <i>Zia</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Overbidding pays off on occasion, but not always, and this contract is a case in point, although had West's clubs been switched with East's, the story might have had a different ending.

On the opening spade lead, Hamman inserted the jack. When it was covered by the queen and ace, Hamman's hand was dead. He played a club to the queen and king, ducked the spade return and won the continuation with the king. He played the ♦K to East's ace. East cashed two high hearts and the good spade, then got out with a club. Hamman finessed the 10, losing to the jack. That was three down for minus 150 and 6 IMPs to Norway.

Appeals – We say again

First-day appeals at these championships demonstrate that captains fail to understand the extreme difficulty of persuading the appeals committee that the tournament director's ruling is not correct. No change in a director's ruling was made and a deposit has been retained.

The director's ruling is considered to be correct unless an appellant succeeds in presenting strong evidence that the director is not right. Since judgemental rulings are always the subject of consultation among very experienced directors and the opinions of a number of expert players are always obtained, it is highly unlikely that a team will succeed in changing the ruling on appeal.

Board 24 from this match – grand slams in clubs at both tables – was exciting, to say the least, and it is covered in a separate report on page 5.

This deal, well played at both tables, was good for 7 IMPs to USA2.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ Q 9 8 5 3 ♥ 9 ♦ K 6 ♣ K J 10 6 4</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	<p>♠ 6 4 ♥ A K 8 ♦ 10 9 3 2 ♣ A 9 5 2</p> <p>♠ K 10 ♥ Q 6 5 4 ♦ Q J 8 7 5 ♣ Q 7</p>	<p>♠ A J 7 2 ♥ J 10 7 3 2 ♦ A 4 ♣ 8 3</p>
N							
W							
E							
S							
West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Lindqvist</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Brogeland</i>				
1♠	1♣	1♦	Dble				
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♦				
Pass	3♥	All Pass	2♥				

Rodwell led the ♦K to Brogeland's ace. Brogeland played the ♠A and a second spade to Meckstroth's king. After Brogeland ducked the ♣Q, Meckstroth continued with the ♦Q and the ♦7, ruffed by Brogeland with the ♥J. Brogeland played a club to the ace, and on the third round of clubs, Meckstroth ruffed. Had he ruffed with ♥Q and led a fourth diamond, declarer would have had to guess well. Brogeland overruffed, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a club, ruffed a spade with the ♥K and in the two-card ending, dummy held the ♥8 and ♦10, Meckstroth the ♥Q 6 and Brogeland the ♠J and ♥10. On the lead of the diamond from dummy, Brogeland was able to make his ♥10 en passant for a well-earned plus 140.

At the other table, Hamman did him one better.

West <i>Austberg</i>	North <i>Hamman</i>	East <i>Saelensminde</i>	South <i>Zia</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♦*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

2♦ Flannery (five hearts, four spades, 11-15 high-card points)

Saelensminde started with the ♦Q, taken by Hamman with the ace. He played a second diamond at trick two. Austberg won and played his singleton trump to Hamman's ace. Hamman then played a spade to the 10, jack and queen and won the continuation of the ♣J with the ace. Hamman then played the ♦9, covered by the jack, and ruffed in dummy. The ♠A was next, followed by a spade ruff with the ♥K. Hamman could claim at that point, planning to discard the losing club on the ♦10, ruff a club and then ruff a spade with the ♥8. Saelensminde could make the ♥Q but nothing more. Plus 420 was worth 7 IMPs.

Norway won the close match 24-22 to maintain their lead in the round robin after six matches.

VENICE CUP

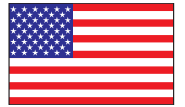
Round 7



Indonesia

v

USA 1



Dressed to Kill

by Mark Horton

Secrets of Bridge: Dress like a grandmaster and you start to play like one.

Dressed to Kill is a popular title, having been used for a number of films, the two best known being one that forms part of the Sherlock Holmes series starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce as Holmes and Dr. Watson and the Brian de Palma thriller starring Michael Caine and Angie Dickinson.

In her book I Love this Game, Sabine Auken theorises that dressing well can improve the way you play. Support for this idea comes from our sister mind sport chess. Nigel Short is often regarded as the strongest British chess player of the 20th century. After an extraordinary comeback in the 2008 Commonwealth Chess Championship Short said: 'I was struggling at this point. I obviously couldn't play like a grandmaster, so I decided that I should at least dress like one. I started putting a suit and tie on, although everyone told me it was too hot. But it apparently put me in the right frame of mind. I think I am a bit of a sluggish starter, and in this way I managed to dig myself out of the hole.'

I wonder if the players who are appearing in team uniforms feel in a better frame of mind than those who are not? That certainly appeared to be the case when Indonesia met the Venice Cup leaders in Round 7.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Bojoh	Levitina	Tueje
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In 3NT it is clear that everything depends on how declarer tackles the diamond suit. South led the four of spades and declarer had to take the queen with the ace for fear of a club switch. She rattled off five rounds of hearts, and on the last of these South discarded the four of diamonds. That was enough to persuade declarer to play North for the vital queen and she crossed to the king of diamonds and ran the jack, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Riantini	McCallum	Damayanti	Baker
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	All Pass
2♠	Invitational, usually balanced		
2NT	Minimum		

South led the king of clubs and when that held she continued the suit, North winning with the ace and switching to the king of spades. Another spade would have forced declarer to locate the diamond queen, but North, unable to read South's spade five, went back to clubs and declarer ruffed and played a diamond to the jack, claiming nine tricks when the finesse lost. Even so, USA 1 banked 10 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Bojoh	Levitina	Tueje
1NT*	2♥	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass	2♠	3♥

South resisted the temptation to lead her singleton club and put the seven hearts on the table. Declarer won with

dummy's ace and made the natural play of a club. North went in with the ace and returned the four of clubs for South to ruff. Reading North's choice of club as suit preference South switched to the queen of diamonds and declarer won in hand with the ace and drew trumps in three rounds. She now played a diamond and when South followed with the four declarer elected to put in the nine, snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. She had to go one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Riantini	McCallum	Damayanti	Baker
		1♠	Pass
INT	2♠*	Pass	3♥
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

2♠ Hearts and a minor

Four Hearts had no chance, the defenders taking the four obvious tricks, +100 giving Indonesia 5 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



Karen McCallum, USA 1

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Bojoh	Levitina	Tueje
		Pass	1♣
2NT*	Dble	5♥	Pass
6♣*	Dble	6♥	Dble
All Pass			

2NT Red suits

If West was set on bidding a slam then it may have been better to simply bid Six Hearts, leaving South to find the winning lead. (My guess is that West did not read Five Hearts as an out and out preempt.) Having been warned off a club lead South started with the ace of spades and continued the suit, +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Riantini	McCallum	Damayanti	Baker
		Pass	1♣
1♥	1♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♠
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

North's dubious double was followed by the lead of the queen of clubs. Declarer could not cross ruff for a while, setting up a long diamond for an overtrick, +1050 and a whopping 15 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Bojoh	Levitina	Tueje
	2♠*	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

2♠ Spades and a minor

For my money (and that of the players I had time to consult) West should risk a double. Three spades drifted two down, -200.

Closed Room

West <i>Riantini</i>	North <i>McCallum</i>	East <i>Damayanti</i>	South <i>Baker</i>
2♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the three of spades and declarer took North's king with the ace, ruffed a spade and played a heart. South won with the king and switched to a club, declarer winning in hand to play another heart. When South went up with the queen the fall of North's ace simplified matters. Declarer emerged with ten tricks (she allowed South to ruff a club) +620 delivering 9 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Sanborn</i>	North <i>Bojoh</i>	East <i>Levitina</i>	South <i>Tuje</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the five of spades and the defenders were able to cash three tricks in the suit. When North switched to the six of hearts declarer claimed the rest, +430.

Closed Room

West <i>Riantini</i>	North <i>McCallum</i>	East <i>Damayanti</i>	South <i>Baker</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

With East/West making no attempt to play in no trumps North found the lead of the two of spades and the defenders quickly took the first three tricks for +50 and 10 badly need IMPs for USA I.

BERMUDA BOWL

Round 7



Argentina

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India



Al comienzo del match Argentina estaba en la quinta posición e India 10°, al finalizar Argentina conseguía mantener su puesto, pero India había descendido un peldaño para quedar 11ava.

En las dos primeras manos ambos equipos jugaron los mismos contratos, pero India se colocó 2 IMPs adelante cuando logró una sobre-baza en cada una de las manos. En la Mano 3 los jugadores del equipo de India de la sala abierta se estiraron a game, 3NT con tres multas, los argentinos en la cerrada solo jugaron INT hechos dos y de premio

anotaron 5 IMPs de su lado. En la siguiente mano India recuperó 1 IMP. En la Mano 5, ambos equipos jugaron el mismo contrato de 5♦ con dos multas...

En la sala abierta el jugador de India sentado en Este abrió de 2♥ débiles, A. Bianchedi sentado en Sur doblo, Oeste subió a 3♥ y cuando Muzzio dijo 4♦, Bianchedi cerró el game en 5♦...y se fue dos abajo.

Mano 5: Dador Norte, N/S Vulnerable

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



Pablo Ravenna, JC Ventin y Pablo Lambardi

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
	Paso	2♦	Dbl
3♥	5♦	Paso	Paso
Dbl	Fin		

En el cerrado el jugador de Argentina JC.Ventin abrió la mano de 2♦ multi, y cuando Pablo Lambardi en Oeste, vio el doblo de Sur...salto a 3♥...siempre es bueno tener los dos mayores frente a la multi del compañero...se puede hacer un salto preventivo y pasarle el problema a los opps. Y así fue... cuando N/S llegó a 5♦, Lambardi doblo...y las dos multas le dieron a su equipo 7 IMPs.

La mano 6 fue empatada pero la mano 7 produjo el primer swing grande del match.

Mano 7: Dador Norte, N/S Vulnerable

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

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
			Paso
Paso	Paso	1♣	Paso
1♠	Paso	1NT	Paso
2♣	Paso	2♦	Paso
2♠	Paso	3NT	Fin

Salida: 2♦

Bianchedi salió de su cuarta carta de diamante, el muerto jugó el 7♦, Muzzio su ♦J y el declarante gano en su mano con el ♦A, para continuar con el ♠2 al ♠K de la mesa que



Ernesto Muzzio y Alejandro Bianchedi

fue baza. Siguió con el ♣4 a su ♣10, Bianchedi gano con el ♣J y volvió ♦K y ♦9 indicando su honor de espadas. El declarante ganó con el ♦10 de su mano y jugó ♥Q que fue baza, ♥J... baza y ♥7 para el ♥A del muerto...Bianchedi retuvo su ♥K...el declarante ya no podía ganar...tuvo que entregar: 1 espada, 1 corazón, dos diamantes y un trébol. En la otra mesa JC.Ventin al cumplir su contrato de 3NT, sumo 12 IMPs para su equipo.

Cuando comenzó la última mano Argentina iba ganando el match 32 a 9...pero la India no se dio por vencida y descontó 8 IMPs cuando en la sala cerrada doblaron penal el contrato de 1♠ y cobraron dos multas vulnerables...los cómputos finales fueron Argentina 18-India 12.

Sabias que hace 50 años...

Hace 50 años en 1959...el Campeonato Mundial de Bridge se jugó en la ciudad de Nueva York y participaron 3 países: Argentina, Italia y USA...Italia resultó el Campeón...

Por Argentina jugaron: Alberto Berisso- Arturo Jaques, Ricardo Calvente-Egisto Rocchi, Alejandro Castro-Carlos F. Dibar

Por Italia jugaron: Walter Avarelli-Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia-Massimo D'Alelio, Pietro Forquet- Guglielmo Siniscalco.

Por USA jugaron: Harry J. Fishbein- Lee Hazen, Sam Fry (jr)- Sydney Lazard, Leonard B. Harmon-Ivar Stakgold.

El Campeonato Mundial contó con un Bridge Rama en donde comentaban las manos: Oswald Jacoby, Howard Shenken, George Rapee, Sam Stayman, John R. Crawford, Charles Goren, Alphonse Moyse, Alfred Sheinwold y Edgar Kaplan...entre otros...

Sin duda...TODO UN LUJO!!!

Ultimas Noticias de la WBF



El Sr. Gianarrigo RONA ha sido elegido como el nuevo Presidente de la WBF el 2 de septiembre a la tarde en San Pablo, Brasil - asumirá después de la finalización del Mundial de Philadelphia... en octubre del 2010... Nuestras mas sinceras felicitaciones!!!



Bridge y Humor

Pensamientos de bridge, o de la vida?
 1) Si todo parece funcionar bien, obviamente se ha olvidado de ver algo...
 2) La experiencia es un peine que se obtiene después de quedarse pelado...