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# TIME RUNNING SHORT FOR SOME

11:00-13:20 Round 4 Board 23						
Tbl	Seniors Bowl	Brd	Brds	IMP	VP	IMP
41	USA 1	6	3A N 47 ...	650	15	6
41	USA 2	6	4A N 43 +1	620	18	22
42	SOUTH AFRICA	7	4A N 45 =	620	10	12
42	BRAZIL	7	3A N 3 +1	170	12	7
43	JAPAN	8	4A N 47 =	620	12	19
43	AUSTRALIA	8	4A N 4 -1	-100	11	3
44	EGYPT	8	4A N 43 =	620	12	17
44	URUGUAY	8	3NT S 5 -1	-100	13	11
45	INDIA	9	4A N 43 =	620	17	19
45	PAKISTAN	9	4A N 43 =	620	13	11
46	BARBADOS	7	4A N 43 =	170	11	9
46	POLAND	7	3A N 43 +1	620	10	19
47	CANADA	7	4A N 47 =	620	12	21
47	TURKEY	7	4A N 57 -1	-100	9	6
48	ITALY	8	4A S 5 +1	650	10	17
48	VENEZUELA	8	3A N 44 +1	170	13	15
49	SWEDEN	7	3A S 8 +2	200	1	18
49	BELGIUM	7	3A N 42 +1	170	12	7
50	INDONESIA	6	3A N 48 =	140	20	26
50	NEW ZEALAND	6	4A N 2 =	620	10	9
51	ENGLAND	9	4A N 48 +1	650	1	13
51	ARGENTINA	9	4A N 48 =	620	15	13




There's a good way to keep up with the bridge play during the World Championships – go to the Vugraph Theatre. You can watch the action as broadcast by Bridge Base Online or OurGame (see bottom right for web addresses) and hear expert commentary while you watch.

Only six matches remain, and teams on the cusp can hear the proverbial clock ticking on their chances to make the knockout phases of the three events – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Seniors Bowl.

Barring unexpected collapses, some teams are virtually certain to still be playing after round robin play ends on Saturday.

Looking good in the Bermuda Bowl are the leaders after 15 matches, defending champion Norway, followed by Italy (29-4 losers to USA2 on Thursday) in second place, only 2.25 victory points clear of fifth place. No team wants to be worse than eighth – the last qualifying spot for the KO phase. A couple of days ago, the gap between eighth and ninth in the standings was significant. With six matches to go, No. 9 is only 1 VP out of eighth.

In the Venice Cup, China Long Zhu has a 2-VP lead on France. The others in the top eight are tightly bunched, and No. 9 Indonesia is only 1 VP behind.

In the D'Orsi Seniors Bowl, England's once-formidable lead is now down to 6.5 VPs over Belgium, with USA2 3.5 VPs behind them in third place. Canada and Italy, tied for ninth, are close enough to have hope for KO play.

### VUGRAPH MATCHES



#### Round 16 (11.00-13.20)

- VG: Table 11 Bulgaria - Argentina (BB)
- BBO 1: Table 3 Russia - USA 1 (BB)
- BBO 2: Table 9 Brazil - Germany (BB)
- BBO 3: Table 26 Spain - Italy (VC)
- BBO 4: Table 50 Poland - Belgium (OSB)
- OurGame: Table 30 China Long Zhu - Argentina (VC)

#### Round 17 (14.30-16.50)

- VG: Table 9 USA 1 - Netherlands (BB)
- BBO 1: Table 7 Argentina - USA 2 (BB)
- BBO 2: Table 3 Germany - Chinese Taipei (BB)
- BBO 3: Table 28 New Zealand - Denmark (VC)
- BBO 4: Table 25 Italy - France (VC)
- OurGame: Table 10 Morocco - China Long Zhu (BB)

#### Round 18 (17.20-19.40)

- VG: Table 8 Norway - Germany (BB)
- BBO 1: Table 4 Russia - Argentina (BB)
- BBO 2: Table 21 Germany - Denmark (VC)
- BBO 3: Table 23 France - China Long Zhu (VC)
- BBO 4: Table 44 Indonesia - Japan (OSB)
- OurGame: Table 2 China Long Zhu - USA 1 (BB)

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





# RESULTS

## Bermuda Bowl



### ROUND 13

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Chinese Taipei	Norway	28 - 78	4 - 25
2 Japan	Australia	65 - 17	23 - 4
3 Italy	Bulgaria	58 - 48	17 - 13
4 Pakistan	USA 2	17 - 65	4 - 25
5 Mexico	Russia	5 - 85	0 - 25
6 Germany	Netherlands	44 - 54	13 - 17
7 India	China Long Zhu	63 - 32	22 - 8
8 New Zealand	Chile	37 - 46	13 - 17
9 Egypt	Morocco	76 - 31	25 - 5
10 Argentina	USA 1	36 - 48	12 - 18
11 Brazil	Guadeloupe	76 - 29	25 - 2

### ROUND 14

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Argentina	Egypt	19 - 55	7 - 23
2 Australia	New Zealand	35 - 11	21 - 9
3 USA 1	India	32 - 14	19 - 11
4 Morocco	Germany	6 - 101	-2 - 25
5 Guadeloupe	Japan	18 - 61	5 - 25
6 China Long Zhu	Pakistan	18 - 13	16 - 14
7 Netherlands	Italy	25 - 11	18 - 12
8 Russia	Brazil	38 - 23	18 - 12
9 USA 2	Chinese Taipei	15 - 32	11 - 19
10 Bulgaria	Norway	29 - 31	15 - 15
11 Chile	Mexico	30 - 22	17 - 13

### ROUND 15

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Australia	Argentina	2 - 53	4 - 25
2 USA 1	Egypt	44 - 21	20 - 10
3 Norway	Japan	38 - 18	20 - 10
4 Chile	India	29 - 28	15 - 15
5 China Long Zhu	Germany	32 - 42	13 - 17
6 Netherlands	Mexico	64 - 46	19 - 11
7 Russia	Pakistan	57 - 49	17 - 13
8 USA 2	Italy	29 - 4	21 - 9
9 Bulgaria	Brazil	44 - 36	17 - 13
10 Guadeloupe	Chinese Taipei	21 - 45	9 - 21
11 Morocco	New Zealand	23 - 59	7 - 23

### Ranking after 15 Rounds

1	Norway	293.25
2	Italy	274.25
3	Bulgaria	274
4	Russia	273
5	USA 2	272
6	Netherlands	262
7	Argentina	248
8	China Long Zhu Open	245
9	Germany	244
10	Chile	232
11	Japan	230
12	India	221
13	Chinese Taipei	217
14	USA 1	213.50
15	Egypt	211
16	New Zealand	208
17	Brazil	202
18	Australia	187
19	Pakistan	173.50
20	Morocco	148
21	Guadeloupe	124.50
22	Mexico	113.50



### 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.



### Duplimate Discounts

The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount.



# RESULTS

## Venice Cup



### ROUND 13

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Indonesia	Sweden	63 - 24	24 - 6
22	Egypt	Brazil	39 - 12	21 - 9
23	Venezuela	France	9 - 58	4 - 25
24	Japan	Spain	24 - 48	9 - 21
25	Pakistan	Germany	24 - 35	13 - 17
26	Jordan	Denmark	12 - 95	0 - 25
27	Italy	USA 1	26 - 64	6 - 24
28	Barbados	China Long Zhu	25 - 51	9 - 21
29	Canada MP Press	Australia	75 - 45	22 - 8
30	New Zealand	USA 2	25 - 47	10 - 20
31	Argentina	Morocco	86 - 3	25 - 0

### ROUND 14

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Morocco	Indonesia	10 - 49	6 - 24
22	Sweden	Egypt	41 - 15	21 - 9
23	Brazil	Venezuela	38 - 19	19 - 11
24	France	Japan	53 - 19	23 - 7
25	Spain	Pakistan	44 - 13	22 - 8
26	Germany	Jordan	49 - 52	14 - 16
27	Denmark	Italy	26 - 54	8 - 22
28	USA 1	Barbados	38 - 8	22 - 8
29	China Long Zhu	Canada MP Press	52 - 21	22 - 8
30	Australia	New Zealand	25 - 15	17 - 13
31	USA 2	Argentina	25 - 21	16 - 14

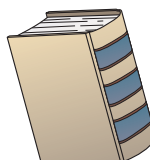
### ROUND 15

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Egypt	Indonesia	48 - 26	20 - 10
22	Venezuela	Sweden	45 - 32	18 - 12
23	Japan	Brazil	57 - 25	23 - 7
24	Pakistan	France	14 - 51	6 - 24
25	Jordan	Spain	41 - 27	18 - 12
26	Italy	Germany	21 - 57	7 - 23
27	Barbados	Denmark	8 - 42	7 - 23
28	Canada MP Press	USA 1	50 - 19	22 - 8
29	New Zealand	China Long Zhu	17 - 53	7 - 23
30	Argentina	Australia	44 - 38	16 - 14
31	USA 2	Morocco	46 - 38	17 - 13

### Ranking after 15 Rounds

1	China Long Zhu Women	295
2	France	293
3	USA 1	282.50
4	USA 2	260
5	Denmark	252
6	Spain	251
7	Germany	245.75
8	Italy	241
9	Indonesia	240
10	Egypt	227
11	Argentina	223.50
12	Sweden	223
13	New Zealand	215
14	Canada Master Point Press	213
15	Australia	210
16	Brazil	191.50
17	Japan	190
18	Pakistan	186
19	Jordan	185.50
20	Morocco	180
21	Venezuela	158.75
22	Barbados	132.50

### 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 13

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Japan	South Africa	35 - 52	11 - 19
42 Egypt	USA 1	40 - 24	19 - 11
43 India	USA 2	16 - 108	0 - 25
44 Barbados	Brazil	51 - 24	21 - 9
45 Canada	Australia	30 - 37	14 - 16
46 Italy	Uruguay	36 - 47	13 - 17
47 Sweden	Pakistan	83 - 29	25 - 3
48 Indonesia	Poland	17 - 30	12 - 18
49 England	Turkey	34 - 26	17 - 13
50 New Zealand	Venezuela	72 - 17	25 - 3
51 Belgium	Argentina	49 - 26	20 - 10

### ROUND 14

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Argentina	Japan	34 - 34	15 - 15
42 South Africa	Egypt	27 - 45	11 - 19
43 USA 1	India	34 - 13	20 - 10
44 USA 2	Barbados	39 - 27	18 - 12
45 Brazil	Canada	27 - 45	9 - 19
46 Australia	Italy	28 - 16	18 - 12
47 Uruguay	Sweden	42 - 51	13 - 17
48 Pakistan	Indonesia	16 - 25	13 - 17
49 Poland	England	31 - 20	17 - 13
50 Turkey	New Zealand	35 - 22	18 - 12
51 Venezuela	Belgium	35 - 31	16 - 14

### ROUND 15

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Barbados	India	5 - 48	5 - 25
42 Canada	Egypt	3 - 59	3 - 25
43 Italy	Japan	58 - 14	25 - 5
44 Sweden	South Africa	50 - 30	20 - 10
45 Indonesia	USA 1	11 - 53	5 - 25
46 England	USA 2	23 - 29	14 - 16
47 New Zealand	Brazil	21 - 69	4 - 25
48 Belgium	Australia	57 - 37	20 - 10
49 Venezuela	Uruguay	53 - 9	25 - 4
50 Turkey	Pakistan	60 - 15	25 - 5
51 Poland	Argentina	52 - 21	22 - 8

### Ranking after 15 Rounds

1	England	279
2	Belgium	272.50
3	USA 2	269
4	Sweden	268
5	Egypt	263
6	Poland	261
7	USA 1	248
8	Indonesia	234.50
9	Canada	226
	Italy	226
11	Australia	218
	Japan	218
13	India	217.50
14	South Africa	211
15	Turkey	210
16	Argentina	204
17	Pakistan	202
18	Brazil	193
19	Barbados	190
20	Uruguay	173
21	New Zealand	172.50
22	Venezuela	139

### 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.



# Deep Finesse Is Never Wrong

by David Jackson

## Deep Finesse Is Never Wrong (Well Hardly Ever). But What Does It Mean?

For those of us who watch major tournaments on BBO, such as these World Championships in Brazil, we hear frequently that, according to Deep Finesse (DF), declarer could have made, or the defenders could have beaten the contract. Seeing all four hands, it is often clear what the declarer or the defenders could have done differently. But even then there are many hands where it is extremely difficult to figure out how the hand could have been made or defeated, although DF says that it is so. However, DF is never wrong unless you believe that one mistake in the last five years makes that statement untrue. The sheer power and accuracy of DF's analyses forces us to consider what sequence of plays will guarantee the outcome that DF says can be achieved.

To say declarer 'could' have made or the defenders 'could' have defeated the contract is very different than saying it 'should' have made or it 'should' have been defeated. DF is both a double dummy defender and a double dummy player, for instance it always makes the 'best' lead and subsequent continuations for the defenders, always knows if honours are dropping or which suits are breaking and plenty more incredible stuff too. Perhaps you think you would like to play and defend like that, but if you did you would very quickly be up before the ethics committee for taking outlandish anti-percentage plays which turn out to be successful. A conviction and life-time ban would speedily follow. DF is a poor role model for us to try and emulate. We should aim to bid contracts that on sensible play and/or normal defence have a good chance of success. This means avoiding many contracts that are 'makeable' - DF will make them but you would never make them and also bidding many contracts that are 'not makeable' - well DF won't let you make them but no defenders in their right mind would find the sequence of plays to beat you. We should be interested in the probability that a contract will make when declarer and defenders play normally rather than whether it is makeable when DF is playing and defending.

Let us look at two examples

### Hand (a)

♠ A 2  
 ♥ A Q 10 2  
 ♦ 6 5 4  
 ♣ A 10 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Two balanced hands with a total of 24 points plus three tens. Not quite enough points for game and certainly an old-fashioned analysis tells us that this is a poor 3NT after a spade lead. You can't afford to lose the lead and the contract is not much better than three successful finesses. Perhaps there is a 14-15% chance of success.

What has DF to say about this 3NT contract? Well nothing at all at this stage since DF needs to know all four hands before it can tell you whether a contract is makeable or not. I was able to use DF's undoubted analytic abilities in this example by employing another program, Dealmaster Pro, to construct 2000 deals with these specific E/W cards but with the N/S cards chosen randomly from the remaining 26 cards. The DF analyzer is part of the Dealmaster Pro software and it is a simple matter to analyse 2000 hands. 3NT was a 'makeable' contract on 1080 occasions - that is 54% of the time. Not really surprising since DF knows which way to finesse in clubs and if a king-jack combination in one of the red suits is onside or alternatively both red kings are onside, then DF will know which option to take.

So by going down this route of simulating a large number of possible hands that the defenders can hold, then DF can make an extremely accurate statement about a 3NT contract or any other contract, without knowing what the defenders cards are in a particular hand. DF tells us that 3NT will be a 'makeable' contract 54% of the time. That 54% sounds good but I think you would much prefer not to be in this 3NT if you had the choice.

Similarly, suppose the outcome of a contract depends on a two-way finesse for a queen. You or I might consider this a 50/50 proposition but DF will make the contract 100% of the time. It is pointless to construct thousands of possible hands that the defenders might hold - DF will always succeed.

Consider:

### Hand (b)

♠ A 2  
 ♥ A 10 5  
 ♦ A J 5 4  
 ♣ A 10 9 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Even in game there is no guarantee of success, but what about 6NT or 6♣/♦? After a spade lead you really just need to find the three missing queens. In reality, 6NT is probably not much better than 15-16% whereas 6♣/6♦ might be around 25%. However, these contracts are not much prob-

lem to DF. 6NT is 'makeable' 100% of the time. 6♣/♦ is not quite so good as, for example, a 5-0 break in either minor may mean the contract will fail but for DF the slam is still makeable about 93% of the time.

Because DF tells us that 6NT is always makeable and that 6♣/♦ is makeable well more than 90% of the time with these cards, do we want to be in any of these slams? Of course not.

In these examples the percentage of times that the contract is 'makeable' exaggerates substantially the probability that the contract will make by normal play. This is so because the best defence (the double dummy defence) is easy to find but it is not easy to duplicate DF's double dummy play. The reverse can also be true. If the double dummy defence is really difficult to find but declarer's play is trivial (so DF's double dummy declarer play is no advantage) then the percentage of 'makeable' contracts can vastly underestimate the probability that a particular contract will succeed.

For the problem solvers: In the second example the reality of making 6NT was about 15% (three two-way guesses) against DF's 100% makeable. Perhaps someone can come up with an example where the reality is considerably less than 15% but DF says the contract is always makeable (regardless of how the opponent's cards are located).

## World Transnational Open Teams

Teams wishing to play in the World Transnational Open Teams, if they do not qualify for the semi-finals of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup or D'Orsi Seniors Bowl, are asked to inform Anna Gudge in the WBF Secretariat (in the basement area, room Brasilia 2) as soon as possible.

It would be helpful if you could PRINT the names of the players in your team and the team name, and hand the list to Anna.

ALL TEAMS – whether or not they are required to pay an entry fee – will need to have a receipt from the WBF in order to participate in the event.

Payments may be made and receipts collected from the WBF Office.

The office will be open for this purpose on:

- Friday: 14.00 - 16.00 hours only
- Saturday: 10.00 - 12.30 and 14.00 - 16.00
- Sunday: 10.00 - 12.30 and 14.00 - 16.00
- Monday: 10 - 12.30 and 14.00 - 18.00

## 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.

## Tough defenders

On this deal from the second round of the Venice Cup qualifying, USAI showed why they are among the favorites in the event. The Americans were playing against Germany, who they defeated 54-12 in the second round.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 9 7 6 2 ♥ 5 ♦ A 7 5 2 ♣ A J 10 5	♠ A Q J 8 5 ♥ A Q 4 3 ♦ J ♣ Q 7 3	♠ K 10 3 ♥ J 10 9 8 7 6 ♦ 9 4 ♣ K 4	♠ 4 ♥ K 2 ♦ K Q 10 8 6 3 ♣ 9 8 6 2
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<b>West</b> <i>Nehmert</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Levitina</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Gromann</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Sanborn</i>
Pass	2♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♦

Ingrid Gromann for Germany led the ♥J against Irina Levitina's notrump game. Levitina won in hand and advanced the ♦J, overtaking with the king. Pony Nehmert won the ♦A and switched to a low club. Levitina read the situation well by ducking, forcing the king from Gromann. A club was returned to Nehmert's ace, and she played a spade to the queen and king. That was it for the defense as Levitina scored up plus 600.

Lynn Deas and Beth Palmer did much better as defenders.

<b>West</b> <i>Deas</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Auken</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Palmer</i>	<b>South</b> <i>von Arnim</i>
2♥	2♠	2♦*	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♦

Palmer led the ♥10 (Rusinow) to Sabine Auken's queen. The ♦J came next, overtaken in dummy and ducked by Deas. The ♦Q was taken by Deas with the ace, and Auken was pleased to see the ♦9 from East. The ♣J was covered by the queen and king, and when Palmer continued the suit, Auken played the ♣9, won by Deas with the 10. At that point, Deas made the killing switch to a spade. Auken had to finesse. If she rose with the ace and entered dummy with the ♥K, she would have to surrender a trick to the ♣A and the ♠K after cashing the diamonds. She would never make her ♥A.

Palmer took Auken's ♠Q with the king and exited with a heart, stranding Auken in dummy. She had to surrender the setting trick to Deas after cashing the diamonds.

# Just Another Dull Flat Board

by Brian Senior

There was quite a range of results on Board 10 of Round 7. It was flat in the Bermuda Bowl match between Argentina and India, but hardly dull.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K J 7 6 4 ♥ 5 ♦ K Q 8 3 ♣ Q J 3	♠ Q 5 ♥ A K 10 7 4 3 ♦ A 10 9 5 2 ♣ -	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; text-align: center; margin: 0 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		♠ 3 2 ♥ Q J 8 6 2 ♦ 7 ♣ 9 8 7 6 5
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Venkataraman	Muzzio	Chokshi	Bianchedi
		Pass	1♣
1♥	1♠	3♥	4♠
5♥	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Lambardi	Satyanarayana	Ventin	Nadar
		Pass	1♣
2NT	3♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

Whether West chose a simple 1♥ overall as did K R Venkataraman, or a two-suited 2NT, as did Lambardi, the auction gathered considerable momentum and at both tables the music stopped in 5♠ doubled by North. When you look at the N/S hands, you wouldn't mind that at all, though at the table where there had been a two-suited overall you would be conscious of the danger of a diamond ruff. Still, with only two top losers and trumps breaking evenly, how bad could it get?

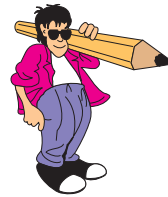
Sunit Chokshi led the singleton diamond to the ace and Venkataraman cashed the king of hearts then returned the two of diamonds, a clear suit-preference signal. The defence proceeded to crossruff in the minors, making all four trumps separately for down four; -1100. Ouch!

At the other table Juan Carlos Ventin also led the singleton diamond. Pablo Lambardi won the ace and returned the ♦2 immediately. After one ruff each, Lambardi cashed the heart winner then went back to diamonds and one more ruff for each defender meant the same down four for -1100 and no swing. How dull.

In the Bermuda Bowl, the contract was 5♠ doubled five times, always down four. There was one 4♥+2, one 5♥ just

making and one 5♥+1. Five Hearts doubled made exactly four times and with an overtrick six times. Pride of place for East/West must go to the three pairs who bid and made 6♥ doubled. And then there was one East/West pair in 4♦ down six! Merely making 5♥ doubled was therefore comfortably below average.

## Championship Diary



Following the announcement of the Master Point Press Book of the Year award we recall this quotation that might be of use to book reviewers:

*The covers of this book are too far apart.*  
Ambrose Bierce

That in turn reminded us of a line from the inimitable Groucho Marx:

*Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.*

Talking of Gaucho (as we are in South America I have deliberately made a cunning typo that I hope will slip past the proof reader – everything else does) I can't resist reminding you of my personal favourite:

*'Last night I shot an elephant in my pajamas. How he got into my pajamas, I'll never know!'*

Following the article Dressed to Kill, which appeared in Bulletin 4 we received the following photo:



I have been asked to mention that the men can also be snappy dressers. How about this shirt sported by Canada's John Carruthers:



Talking of pictures our beautiful photographers Tatiana and Carol have been taking hundreds every day. Some of the best are on display next to the bridge shop outside the Open Room. If one catches your eye you can buy it for \$US 10, Euro 7 or Reais 20.

# BERMUDA BOWL

# Round 9



**China Long Zhu** v

**Argentina**



## The Intercontinental Shadow Boxing

by Phillip Alder

The Vugraph match that ended play on Tuesday afternoon was between China Long Zhu and Argentina. Some fireworks were anticipated, but a quiet set of boards saw just 45 IMPs change hand. There were only two big swings, one in each direction.

China gained on the deal.

Board 3. Dealer South. East-West vul.

	♠ 6		
	♥ AKQ72		
	♦ KJ75		
	♣ J32		
♠ AJ8432		♠ K1075	
♥ J65		♥ 108	
♦ 3		♦ Q984	
♣ Q75		♣ K109	
	♠ Q9		
	♥ 943		
	♦ A1062		
	♣ A864		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Lambardi	Fu	Ventin	Zhao
2♠	3♥	3♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Wang	Pellegrini	Zhuang	Ravenna
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦ (a)
2♠	3♦	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

(a) Drury-fit

In the Open Room, the vulnerability dissuaded Juan Carlos Ventin (East) from jumping straight to four spades, a contract that goes down only one if declarer finds the club jack.

Against four hearts, East led the spade seven, Pablo Lambardi (West) winning with his ace. We can see that a spade continuation is best, after which declarer can establish a long club, but must also find the diamond queen. However, that will be trivial when West shows up with three hearts and three clubs to go with his known six spades.

Here, though, West reasonably shifted to his singleton diamond, hoping his partner had a high trump instead of the club king.

Declarer won in the dummy, drew trumps, ducked a couple of rounds of clubs, and was home.

At the other table, Wang Weimin (West) decided not to open two diamonds (a weak two in either major), instead entering the auction on the second round, which is usually more dangerous.

Carlos Pellegrini (North) made a three-diamond game-try and four hearts was again reached.

This time the defense did begin with two rounds of spades. Declarer ruffed and should have immediately attacked clubs, keeping trumps in the dummy to handle a third round of spades. But he made the mistake of drawing trumps. Then he cashed the diamond king and continued with his diamond jack, covered by the queen and ace. When West discarded a spade, declarer ducked a club. But Zhuang Zejun (East) established a diamond trick that he cashed when back in with the club king.

Plus 420 and plus 50 gave China 10 IMPs.

This was the final deal:

Board 16. Dealer West. East-West vul.

	♠ 2		
	♥ 1096		
	♦ QJ9752		
	♣ 1075		
♠ AK8		♠ J1094	
♥ QJ8752		♥ K	
♦ A3		♦ K1086	
♣ KQ		♣ AJ92	
	♠ Q7653		
	♥ A43		
	♦ 4		
	♣ 8643		



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West	North	East	South
Lambardi	Fu	Ventin	Zhao
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣ (a)	Pass	2♦ (b)	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT (c)	Pass
5♠ (d)	Pass	6NT	All Pass

- (a) Natural or a strong hand
- (b) Game-forcing
- (c) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (d) Two key cards and the heart queen

West	North	East	South
Wang	Pellegrini	Zhuang	Ravenna
1♣ (a)	2♦	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

(a) 16-plus points

A lot of pairs got to six hearts and went down in ruffing flames.

At first glance, six notrump looks as though it needs hearts 3-3 or spades coming in for four tricks. But the communications are not good.

In the Open Room, Zhao Jie (South) defended well. He led a club to dummy's queen, ducked smoothly the heart to declarer's king, and again ducked without a pause after declarer returned to dummy with a club and called for the heart queen. Ventin, though, had no choice but to play a third heart.

Plus 1440 and minus 690 gave Argentina 13 IMPs and victory by 27 IMPs to 18, or 17-13 in victory points.

If hearts had been 4-2, China Long Zhu would have gained 13 IMPs and won by 19-11. What a lot one card can mean.

## It's all about clubs

by Brian Senior

In Round 11 of the Bermuda Bowl, high-flying Bulgaria defeated one of their serious rivals, China Long Zhu, by 44-10 IMPs, 23-7 VPs. Thirteen of those IMPs came when Danailov/Karakolev, for Bulgaria, bid a good slam missed at the other table, and 16 came on this deal.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Danailov	Dai	Karakolev	Yang
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Zhao	Stefanov	Fu	Aronov
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Jianming Dai's decision to open the North hand made little difference to the final decision. At both tables, North had shown at least four-card club support, heart shortage and two key cards. Dai's opening was Precision and did not promise genuine diamonds. Lixin Yang gambled out the lack of the club queen and probably knew that he faced exactly four-card support as Dai might have shown the queen had he held five clubs. Victor Aronov's 1♣ was strong and 2♦ a natural positive. Aronov was in pretty much the same position as Yang when he settled for the small slam.

On another day, the queen of clubs would have appeared in two rounds and the swing would have been 13 to China, but today was Bulgaria's day as the Chinese gamble did not pay off.

It looks easy to get to the position that both these North/Souths reached, so that it is down to South to decide whether to gamble – if you get an uncontested auction. Twenty-three pairs out of 66 failed to play in a club contract. The breakdown was: Bermuda Bowl – 15 6♣ making, three times 3NT, one 7♣ down one, one time 6NT doubled down, one time 6♦ down, and one time 5♦ down. In the Venice Cup – 12 times 6♣ making and once 6♣ doubled making, one 5♣ making, four 3NT making, one 4NT making, one obscure 4♠ making. There was just one 6NT going down. In the Seniors Bowl there were 11 6♣ making, one 5♣ making, three 3NT making, one 7♣ down, four 6NT down and one 5♦ doubled down. Pride of place, however, goes to the pair who defended 5♠ doubled down eight for +2000, when somebody got a little too imaginative on the East/West cards.

It would be nice to know how many North-Souths had to contend with a mini-no trump from West or some psychic effort or other from East. Alas, that information is unavailable. But surely 23 pairs cannot miss clubs unless an opponent causes problems.

# BERMUDA BOWL

# Round 12



**Brazil**

v

**Argentina**



by Brian Senior

When it comes to South American sport, there may be other important rivalries but the big one is Brazil v Argentina. The host nation met their big rivals in Round 12 of the Bermuda Bowl on Wednesday evening with Argentina being in the top eight while Brazil had a lot of work to do if they were to make the knock-outs.

followed up by bidding his spades. However, when Gabriel Chagas could only repeat the clubs, Branco gave up and left him to play 3♣. As the cards lay, with the ♠A and ♣J onside, Chagas had no problem in coming to 11 tricks for +150 and first blood to Brazil, 6 IMPs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lambardi	Chagas	Ventin	Branco
Pass	2♣	1♦	Dble
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♠
		All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Figueiredo	Pellegrini	Brenner	Ravenna
Pass	INT	2♦	Dble
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Diego Brenner passed as dealer so Pablo Ravenna got to open 1♠ and now it was almost inevitable that his side would get to game, 3NT being the obvious choice.

Brenner led a low diamond to the king, Mauricio Figueiredo dropping the queen. Carlos Pellegrini led a heart to his king then a spade to the queen and ace, cashed two more hearts ending in hand and led a second spade. When the jack appeared, Pellegrini won the king, cashed the last heart and ♠10 and played his low club to the queen. Brenner won the ace and led a low diamond to the jack, receiving a diamond return to give him the rest of the tricks; down one for -100.

Juan Carlos Ventin opened the East hand, leading to a very different auction. Marcelo Castello-Branco doubled and

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lambardi	Chagas	Ventin	Branco
4♣	1♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass	4♥	5♣	Dble

West	North	East	South
Figueiredo	Pellegrini	Brenner	Ravenna
3♣	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	5♣	Dble
All Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠

Branco's 3♠ raise showed 6-9 with four-card support. When he next doubled 5♣, Chagas was willing to trust his judgement and settle for the penalty. Chagas led his three aces then a second diamond. Branco won the king and re-

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turned a third round and that promoted a defensive trump trick as Pablo Lambardi ruffed with the ten then played ace and another club. The ♣K was the last trick for the defence; down three for -500.

Pablo Ravenna's 2NT response also showed four-card spade support with 7+ HCP. When he next doubled 5♣ Pellegrini over-ruled him, making a slam try with 5♦, Ravenna swiftly signing off in 5♠. Pellegrini won the diamond lead in hand, drew trumps and claimed 11 tricks for +650 and 4 IMPs to Argentina.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lambardi	Chagas	Ventin	Branco
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Figueiredo	Pellegrini	Brenner	Ravenna
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Slam is playable, if not all that great, on the East/West cards, and is doomed to defeat on the actual lay-out by the bad club break. Ventin went two down after winning the heart lead and trying to cash the king and queen of clubs, suffering a ruff; -100. Figueiredo passed as dealer and now there was little danger of getting to six. Two Spades showed spades and diamonds. Brenner rebid 2NT but then jumped to 5♦ at his next turn, ending the auction.

The Brazilians had stopped out of slam, but could they make game? Ravenna also led a heart and Brenner ducked the king. Pellegrini switched to his singleton club. Brenner won in dummy and ran the jack of spades to Ravenna's queen. Ravenna tried to cash the ace of spades and now Brenner had no problem in making the rest for +400 and 11 IMPs to Brazil. Of course, Ravenna could have given his partner a club ruff to beat the contract.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lambardi	Chagas	Ventin	Branco
Figueiredo	Pellegrini	Brenner	Ravenna
Dble	Pass	1♣	1♠
	2♠	3NT	All Pass

Identical auctions left the respective South players on lead to 3NT. Ravenna led the queen of clubs. Brenner won the



Two officials of the Generali Group pose with World Bridge Federation President José Damiani, center at right, in one of the playing rooms. Generali is a sponsor of WBF tournaments. With Damiani are Guido Urizio, left, and Federico Baroglio, Directeur Presidente (CEO).

ace and played queen of hearts, ducked, then a second heart to Ravenna's ace. Ravenna switched to the queen of spades to Brenner's king and, with no entry to dummy, Brenner played ace and another diamond. When Pellegrini won the king of diamonds, he returned a spade and Ravenna had three of those to cash for one down; -100. Well defended by Ravenna.

Branco led a spade at trick one, Ventin winning the nine and leading the six of hearts to dummy's jack and picking up four diamond tricks via the repeated finesse. Now he exited with the queen of hearts. Branco could have delayed the inevitable by exiting with a club honour but actually chose a low club, which ran to Ventin's ten. Three more rounds of clubs put him back in to concede a spade trick at the end. Well played by Ventin for +630 and 12 IMPs to Argentina.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A J 9 2 ♥ A ♦ A 6 ♣ J 8 7 5 3 2	♠ Q 10 7 4 ♥ K 4 3 ♦ 3 2 ♣ Q 10 9 6	<div style="text-align: center;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div> ♠ K 8 6 3 ♥ Q 9 8 6 5 2 ♦ K J 7 ♣ -	♠ 5 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ Q 10 9 8 5 4 ♣ A K 4
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West	North	East	South
Lambardi	Chagas	Ventin	Branco
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	2♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Figueiredo	Pellegrini	Brenner	Ravenna
		1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Brenner opened the East hand, and Ravenna did not think his hand worth a two-level overcall when vulnerable so passed. The Brazilians had an uncontested auction to 4♠. Ventin did not open the East cards. Branco also passed as South but was willing to overcall at his next turn, having limited his hand and seeing the pre-emptive merit of 2♦ over 1♥. It did not matter, Lambardi/Ventin also bidding to 4♠ played from the West seat.

Pellegrini led the three of diamonds to the jack, queen and ace. Figueiredo ruffed a club, played a heart to the ace,

ruffed a club, ruffed a heart and ruffed a third club. Now he cashed the king of diamonds and ruffed a diamond with the nine. Ravenna's silence in the auction had paid off in the play, as Figueiredo had no reason to imagine that a diamond ruff to hand was more, rather than less, dangerous than a heart ruff. Pellegrini over-ruffed with the ♠10 and returned a trump, leaving Figueiredo a trick short; -100.

Chagas too led the three of diamonds to the jack, queen and ace. Lambardi played back a diamond immediately to the king in case the suit was seven-one, then played a heart to the ace, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, ruffed another club and ruffed a heart with the jack. Another club ruff was followed by a heart ruff with the ace. The king of spades was the tenth trick; +620 and 12 IMPs to Argentina.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K 3 ♥ J 6 ♦ K Q 8 2 ♣ K J 9 7 6	<div style="text-align: center;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div> ♠ A Q 9 8 4 2 ♥ A Q 3 2 ♦ 5 ♣ Q 2	♠ J 10 7 6 5 ♥ K 9 7 4 ♦ 4 ♣ 10 4 3	♠ - ♥ 10 8 5 ♦ A J 10 9 7 6 3 ♣ A 8 5
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West	North	East	South
Lambardi	Chagas	Ventin	Branco
			Pass
1♠	2♣	4♠	5♦
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
Figueiredo	Pellegrini	Brenner	Ravenna
			1♦
1♠	2♣	4♠	5♣
5♠	Dble	All Pass	

With each side having an 11-card trump fit, it was no surprise to see the auction get to the five level in double-quick time. Ravenna opened the South hand 1♦ then bid 5♣ in support of his partner's suit over 4♠. When Figueiredo went on to 5♠, Pellegrini did well to double despite the known double fit in the minors. There was nothing to the play, the defenders coming to the four obvious tricks for -300.

Branco did not open the South hand but, when Chagas overcalled 2♣, introduced his long diamond suit at the five level. Nobody had anything to add and Branco must have been delighted with dummy's trump support. Lambardo tried to cash the ace of spades but that was ruffed. Branco could have made all the tricks now, courtesy of the favourable club lay-out but, of course, his goal was to find the best chance of making his contract, not worry about

overtricks. He drew trumps, took a heart pitch on the king of spades, and exited with a heart. After taking two heart winners, the defence had to open up clubs, greatly increasing the chance of declarer avoiding a loser in the suit. Of course, Branco should have pitched a club on the ♠K to ensure his contract – as he realized immediately after the ♥8 hit the table!

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Lambardi	Chagas	Ventin	Branco
Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠
		All Pass	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Figueiredo	Pellegrini	Brenner	Ravenna
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass		Pass	4♠

Chagas simply raised the weak two opening to game, while Pellegrini made a game invitation of 3♥, accepted by Ravenna.

As it turned out, it was all about the opening lead. Figueiredo led the queen of diamonds to the ace and Brenner switched to a low club. The defence played three rounds of clubs, Ravenna ruffing the third round with the eight. He could now draw trumps and pitch a diamond on the third heart for a painless +420.

Lambardi led a heart. Branco won, drew trumps and threw a club on the third heart. Now he led the two of diamonds to the ten and jack, ruffed the second club and crossed to dummy with a trump to run the nine of diamonds, losing to the queen. The normal play in diamonds had resulted in three losers in the suit for one down; v50 and 10 IMPs to Argentina.

And that was the match-winner. Argentina won the match by 44-32 IMPs, 18-12 VPs, and were still in a qualifying position, having got a dangerous opponent out of the way. For Brazil, things were not looking good, as we were already into the second half of the qualifying round robin.

## D'ORSI SENIORS BOWL Round 11



England

v

Belgium



### Chip Wars

by Mark Horton

Working on the principle that a bridge article without an introduction is like a broken pencil – pointless – I tried to come up with something that linked England and Belgium who met in a top of the table clash in Round 11 of the D'Orsi Seniors Bowl. My first thought was two famous detectives created by Agatha Christie, Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple, but then it came to me.

Both countries are immensely fond of chips!!

The Belgians are famous for serving their fries with mayonnaise, (*frites with*, as we say) and there is a whole web site devoted to the subject of how their version is sweeping the world: <http://www.belgianfries.com> (an amazing web site, well worth a visit).

Earlier this year the Frietkot (fry shop) was voted the most typical 'Face of Belgium'!

Traditionally the English used to prefer to eat their chips out of newspapers, usually accompanied by fish, with salt and vinegar and/or ketchup being optional extras, but times have changed.

The most famous purveyor of England's national dish was Harry Ramsden. He started small, but with big ambitions, when in 1928 when his first takeaway outlet opened in a hut in Guiseley, Yorkshire.

His top quality fish and chips brought customers visiting from all over. He soon needed bigger premises to accommodate them all, building a restaurant in 1931, with stylish décor modelled on the Ritz. On its 21st birthday in 1952, a world record 10,000 people were served fish and chips.

Harry Ramsden's is now famous as the biggest fish and chip shop brand in the world.

I can't tell you how many of the players enjoy the odd serving of chips, but from now on I expect you to be keeping a close eye on their eating habits if they pay a visit to the Piano Bar!



Anyhow, their match was full of incident, as you will see as we pick up the action:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ 2					
	♥ 9 4 2					
	♦ A K Q 10 7 5 4					
	♣ K 6					
♠ J 10 9 8 6 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 7 3	
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	♠ A K 5					
	♥ K Q 8					
	♦ J 8 2					
	♣ 10 9 8 7					

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Janssens</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Bigdeli</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
1♠	2♦	2♠	1♣
3♠	4♠	Pass	Pass
All Pass			5♦

As well as providing the VuGraph, BBO is showing another four matches from every round, so they need a lot of commentators. Inevitably, as they all volunteers, they are not always top-drawer. On this deal, for example, one of them predicted that 3NT would be reached very quickly. It would have been if South had rebid 2NT, but West's Three Spades made life awkward and North/South finished in a poor spot.

East led the queen of spades and declarer won in dummy and drew two rounds of trumps. To a man, the commentators now suggested that the contract would be made only if declarer took a brilliant view in hearts. (Some wanted him to play the nine, hoping to tempt a cover from East.) They had overlooked that when declarer played a heart West would win and switch to the queen of clubs (as happened here) for a simple one down. If declarer had discarded a club on a top spade then he might have got home by then playing a club to the king. Once East turns up with the ace of clubs West must have the ace of hearts, so the double finesse becomes the best chance. Of course this would fail if West had both aces – and that was by no means impossible given the bidding.

Anyhow that was +50 for East/West.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Bollack</i>
1♠	Dble	2♠	1♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

This time South did bid 2NT, and that was all North needed to see. Declarer won the spade lead, crossed to hand with a diamond and played a heart to the king and ace. When West switched to a low club, declarer put up the king but he had nine tricks, +400 and 10 IMPs to Belgium.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ 9 8 7 4 3 2					
	♥ K 9					
	♦ K 8					
	♣ J 10 6					
♠ A K 10	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q J 6	
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W E						
S						
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♦ A Q 6 5		♦ 9 7				
♣ K 9 8 7		♣ A 3				
	♠ 5					
	♥ 7 6 5					
	♦ J 10 4 3 2					
	♣ Q 5 4 2					

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Janssens</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Bigdeli</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
4NT*	Pass	2♥	Pass
6NT	All Pass	5♣*	Pass

I leave you to judge if the West hand justifies a direct drive to slam. North led the eight of spades and declarer put up dummy's queen and ran the queen of hearts. When North turned up with the doubleton king declarer only needed the diamond finesse (or an unlikely squeeze), but fate decreed he was one down, -100.

However, suppose either defender had held king to three hearts? With only one entry to dummy declarer would have no chance at all. Having won the spade in dummy, you might choose to finesse in diamonds at trick two. If that works you can play ace of hearts and a heart. A fair alternative is to win the spade lead in hand and simply play ace of hearts and a heart. Then you will need the diamond finesse.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Bollack</i>
2NT*	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	3♠*	Pass
6♥	All Pass	5♣	Pass

Here West established that his partner had a decent hand and after a couple of cue bids he jumped to slam. South led his spade and declarer won and ran the ten of hearts. North took the king and returned the nine of spades (he had played the eight on the first round). South ruffed and ignored his partner's signal by playing back a trump. Still, I doubt declarer would have finessed had he switched to a diamond. The contract was two down, -200 giving Belgium 3 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Janssens</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Bigdeli</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

West's lead directing overcall led to what proved to be a comfortable contract. North led the nine of hearts and South won and returned the suit. Declarer put in the ten and then played a spade to the jack. South won that and tried the queen of hearts. Declarer won with the king, pitching a diamond, ruffed a diamond and played a spade. Nine tricks were secure, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Bollack</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣	2♠
Dble	3♦	All Pass	

East led the jack of spades and declarer played four rounds of the suit, discarding all his clubs. West won the last of those tricks, but declarer was in control, +110 handing Belgium 6 IMPs.

Having outbid their opponents on a part score deal, the Belgians repeated the dose at a higher level:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K Q 9 2 ♥ A 9 4 ♦ Q J 6 ♣ A Q J	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; 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	♠ 7 5 ♥ J 10 7 5 2 ♦ A 4 ♣ 10 8 7 4 ♠ A 8 4 3 ♥ K Q 6 3 ♦ K 10 8 5 ♣ 2	♠ J 10 6 ♥ 8 ♦ 9 7 3 2 ♣ K 9 6 5 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Janssens</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Bigdeli</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT*	Pass	2♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
6♠	All Pass	5♣*	Pass
2NT	Relay		
4♣	Splinter		

The relay of 2NT has become a popular idea. From my limited knowledge of the method, East's splinter jump generally suggests a minimum hand with four-card trump support. Being reasonably confident that East's values had to include at least one top diamond West pressed on to the slam.

North led the five of hearts and declarer won with the nine, drew trumps and claimed +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Bollack</i>
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
	Pass	4♠	All Pass

I suppose East might have bid Four Clubs over Three Hearts, but as it was stopping in game cost England 13 IMPs.

After losing an IMP on the opening deal Belgium had amassed an unanswered 37 IMPs, but England finally got back on the scoreboard:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 4 3 ♥ Q 8 6 5 ♦ K Q 9 3 ♣ Q 10 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; 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 J 9 ♥ J ♦ A J 7 5 2 ♣ 7 6 4 2 ♠ 10 8 7 5 2 ♥ 10 9 3 2 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ 9	♠ K Q 6 ♥ A K 7 4 ♦ 8 ♣ A K J 8 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Janssens</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Bigdeli</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Given a free run, the English pair made short work of this deal, North's splinter in support of clubs enabling South to drive to the laydown slam, +1370.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Holland	Kaplan	Hallberg	Bollack
Pass	Pass	2♦*	3NT
All Pass			

At this level it was hardly surprising that East attempted a diversion by trying a Multi (there may still be time to fit the deal into the Mysterious Multi!) When South jumped to 3NT North was no doubt tempted to do something, but when he passed, scoring ten tricks on a spade lead, England had recovered 12 IMPs.

If North had decided to bid one idea is to adopt whatever method you would have used over 2NT, one possibility being 4♣ Stayman, 4♦/4♥ Transfers and 4♠ for the minors.

Board 14. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Janssens	Price	Bigdeli	Simpson
INT	Dble	1♥	Pass
2♥	3♣	2♦	Pass
		All Pass	



John Holland, England

I have no idea why West did not show his spades or simply raise hearts, but with the spade suit unmentioned North was allowed to steal the board in Three Clubs. He lost to the three aces, but that was +130.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Holland	Kaplan	Hallberg	Bollack
1♠	2♣	1♥	Pass
Pass	5♣	4♣*	Dble
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

North/South held the loss on the deal to 6 IMPs by pressing on to Five Clubs. If East/West had bid on to Five Spades then North has to lead his singleton heart to beat it.

Board 15. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Janssens	Price	Bigdeli	Simpson
Pass	INT	All Pass	Pass

Opening INT with a singleton honour can work, but it carries a health warning. East led the three of spades and West put up the ace, felling the king and continued with the queen. East contributed the ten to this trick so West switched to the nine of hearts. Declarer put up the ace, played a club to the queen and ran the queen of diamonds. When that lost he was booked for four down, -400.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Holland	Kaplan	Hallberg	Bollack
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass	Pass	Pass

South led the queen of diamonds, which was allowed to run to declarer's king. He played a spade to the ace (gladdening the heart of many a Rabbi) and the appearance of the king meant ten tricks were recorded. That gave Belgium 6 IMPs and they became the first team to lower England's colours, winning 43-24 IMPs, 19-11 VP.



## El Clásico Sudamericano: Argentina- Brasil

Por Fernando Lema y Ana Roth

Argentina y Brasil... así como en el fútbol en el bridge... toda una fiesta del deporte que no podía faltar en este mundial... Esta vez Argentina estuvo representada por P. Lambardi - JC Ventin y C. Pellegrini - P. Ravenna, y Brasil por D. Brenner - M. Figueiredo y M. Branco - G. Chagas. Branco - Chagas compartieron mesa con Lambardi - Ventin y Figueiredo - Brenner con Pellegrini - Ravenna.

El juego fue agresivo desde el principio, Brasil ganó sus dos primeros IMPs por sobre-bazas en la primera mano y en la segunda mano un parcial cumplido en vez de un game con multas de Argentina le dio otros 6 IMPs más.

Las sobrebazas fueron y vinieron en las siguientes dos manos, en la quinta mano del match Pellegrini consiguió 4 IMPs para su equipo cuando vulnerable vs no-vulnerable remató 5♠ que cumplió... sobre la propuesta de 5♣ doblados de su compañero... contrato que fue el que se jugo en la otra mesa... con solo dos multas... 500 vs 650.

La mano 8 le dio 11 IMPs a Brasil cuando Brenner en su mesa, por un error de la defensa argentina, cumplió 5♦ y Ventin se fue dos abajo en 6♦... Pero Argentina no se desanimó y con una excelente defensa en la siguiente mano consiguió sumar 12 IMPs:

Mano 25: Dador Norte, E/O Vulnerable

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

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Lambardi	Chagas	Ventin	Branco
	Paso	1♣	1♠
Doblo	2♠	3NT	Fin

Salida: ♠4

Branco salió de su cuarta carta del palo de espadas, Ventin ganó la baza con su ♠9, continuó con su ♥6 y cuando el ♥J del muerto hizo la baza, comenzó a jugar el diamante: ♦9, baza... ♦10, baza... ♦3 al ♦J baza y ♦A. Siguió con la ♥Q, Branco hizo su ♥A y salió de la mano jugando chico trébol para el ♣10 de Ventin que jugó, ♣A y ♣K y chico trébol para poner en mano a Branco... y cumplir con sobre baza su contrato...

### Sala Cerrada:

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sur
Figueiredo	Pellegrini	Brenner	Ravenna
	Paso	1♣	1♠
Doblo	2♠	3NT	Fin

Salida: ♣Q

Aunque la subasta fue la misma Ravenna eligió salir a trébol. Brenner tomó con su ♣A y jugó la ♥Q que fue baza y 6♥ para el A♥ de Sur. Ravenna salió de su mano jugando la ♠Q... jugada clave... Por falta de entradas a la mesa... el declarante ya no puede ganar, al entregar el ♦K a Norte el cruce de espadas es mortal... una abajo...

La siguiente mano fue otro swing de 12 IMPs para Argentina que cumplió 4♠ donde Brasil dio una multa... En las siguientes manos Brasil sumo 6 IMPs... la mano 14 fue el último swing del match, nuevamente ambos equipos llegaron al mismo contrato de 4♠ pero sólo con resultado positivo para Argentina. Brasil recuperó 5 IMPs en la mano 15... pero se terminaron las manos y esta vez el match fue para Argentina 34 a 27... En dos días Argentina se juega la clasificación al mundial de fútbol Sud África 2010... en un partido frente a Brasil, que ya está clasificado... los argentinos esperamos que este resultado de bridge sea un presagio...



Gabriel Chagas y Marcelo Branco

## Un Poco de Humor Hace Bien a la Salud

Gabriel Chagas nos contó una anécdota que les transmitimos:

El Sr. Gabriel Chagas, jugó el Mundial de Bridge en la Categoría Senior de Montecarlo, Mónaco 2003.

En uno de los matches, abrió su mano de INT cuando el adversario de su izquierda subastó, Gabriel vió que también había puesto INT... así que le pregunto:

- Gabriel: Sr. de que rango es su canto de INT?
- Señor: 12 a 14
- Gabriel: El mío vale más porque es de 15-17... así que por favor retire su tarjeta

## Subastando y Carteando al Límite...

Por Fernando Lema y Ana Roth

La Rueda 13 fue muy movida...con manos muy interesantes y varios slams - grand slam incluido - que como siempre no todos jugaron.

La mano 13 del Round 13...más las trece cartas...demasiados trece... era lógico que fuera una mano complicada para todo el panel, pocos fueron los que llegaron al contrato de 3NT y muchos menos los que lo cumplieron...En la BB sólo 10 parejas jugaron 3NT y de ellas la ganaron sólo 5, en la Venice Cup lo jugaron 4 parejas y lo ganaron solo dos de ellas... las damas españolas y las damas argentinas, hurra para ellas. En la d'Orsi Bowl sólo lo jugó una pareja que no lo cumplió.

Mano 13: Dador Norte, Todos Vulnerable

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

En una de las mesas el remate fue:

<b>Oeste</b>	<b>Norte</b>	<b>Este</b>	<b>Sur</b>
	Paso	2♥	Paso
2♠	Paso	3♣	Paso
3NT	Fin		

Contrato: 3NT por Oeste

Después de la apertura débil de Este, Oeste subastó una buena mano con un buen palo de espadas, Este mostró una débil buena con valores en trébol y Oeste cerró en 3NT.

Casi todos los defensores salieron a diamante...en la mesa que vamos a comentar la salida fue el ♦4, el declarante puso chico de la mesa, Sur jugó su ♦K y el declarante ganó la baza con su ♦A, siguió con su ♣8 para el ♣K de Sur que volvió su ♦7 para la ♦Q de su compañero y mas diamante, Oeste ganó en su mano y adelantó su cuarto diamante.

Seguó con trébol y cuando la finesse fue exitosa, volvió a su mano jugando ♠ a su ♠A y ♠K, cuando vio caer el ♠J...



Final de 5 cartas:

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

Ahora el declarante jugó el ♥J... Norte cubrió con la ♥Q, Oeste puso el ♥K... Sur ganó con su ♥A y volvió corazón... Norte hizo su ♥10... pero fue su ultima baza... Si Norte no ponía la ♥Q... el declarante hubiera podido jugar chico... si no le tomaban ya tenía sus 9 bazas y si le tomaban, el ♥K o el ♠ le daban la novena baza.

## Seniors en Acción

Por Jorge Gueglio

En el 10° match de la d'Orsi Seniors Bowl, se enfrentaron Argentina y USA2. En la sala cerrada jugaban en Norte: Bobby Wolff y en Sur: Dan Morse

Mano 30 : Dador Este, Nadie Vulnerable

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

Salida: ♥J

Dan Morse abrió de 1♣ y Bobby Wolff le respondió 1NT...Dan cerró en 3NT. Jorge Gueglio sentado en Este salió del ♥J, el declarante jugó la ♥Q del muerto y Martin Monsegur sentado en Oeste ganó la baza con su ♥K...para casi de inmediato salir de su mano con el ♠10!!!

El declarante ganó con la ♠Q del muerto, jugó ♣ a su mano y puso un diamante pequeño sobre la mesa, Este jugó chico y Bobby pasó el ♦J del muerto que Monsegur tomó con su ♦Q, para volver nuevamente ♠...el ♠8, el ♠9 y el ♠A. Cuando el declarante entregó el ♦A, Jorge pudo hacer los dos ♠ altos para una multa. En la otra mesa el declarante fue Sur y cumplió su contrato.

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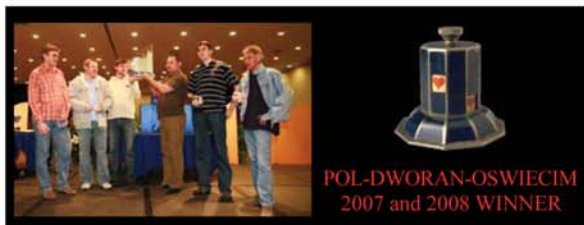
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