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CHAMPIONSHIPS IN FULL SWING



Young players at the opening celebration of the Junior Teams. Starting today, teams will play for the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy, the Damiani Cup and the Rona Cup

As of today, the 2010 World Bridge Series has a nearly full slate of competitions going, from the Rosenblum knockout to the Junior Teams. There was plenty of action yesterday.

In the Rosenblum, the top two seeds – Pierre Zimmermann and Nick Nickell – cruised, but Rose Meltzer, captain of the winning Rosenblum team from 2006, is now on the sidelines after losing to fellow American Lou Ann O'Rourke in the round of 32.

In the McConnell, Phyllis Fireman came from behind to knock out the French-Russian Eisenberg squad. The Indonesian team, Gabriel UI, led the Rand Cup Senior Teams qualifiers.

In the Generali World Open Pairs, Mike Kenny and Jonathan Steinberg were leading after two qualifying sessions. In the Women's Pairs, Ping Wang and Shaohong Wu topped qualifiers on day one.

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Important Notices



Screen Regulations

Copies of the latest Screen regulations are available from hospitality, so please familiarise yourself with them.

Rulings and Appeals

All players and captains are reminded that the tournament directors consult among themselves and solicit the opinions of expert players before giving a judgemental ruling. For this reason, the Appeals Committee, in accordance with the Code of Practice, presumes initially that the director's ruling is correct. The ruling will be overturned only if the evidence presented is strong enough to persuade the committee to the contrary. Copies of the Code of Practice may be obtained from the Hospitality Desk.

Alerts

The WBF Alerting Policy applies. No announcements are made. Copies of the Policy are available from Hospitality.

Boards

When the Boards come to the table DO NOT deal them. They are pre-dealt boards.

Restrictions:

No smoking is permitted in any part of the building

No mobile phones / electronic equipment may be taken into the playing area including the designated rest-rooms

Any player or team official bringing such an item into these areas will result in his team being fined 2 VP (or 6 IMPs in a knockout match), or in the case of pairs events, will result in his partnership being fined 25% of the match points available on a board during the session. The penalty is mandatory. Constant violation of this regulation will result in the player being prohibited from playing and in the team official not being admitted into the playing area.

The Chief Tournament Director may, at his discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area.

Hospitality may consent to keep these devices during play, but it must be clearly understood that no responsibility can be taken for any loss or damage.

No alcohol is permitted in the playing area.

Dress Code

Players are reminded that the WBF is recognised by the IOC as a sports federation and are asked to respect this by dressing appropriately.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Today)

Rosenblum Cup
Round of 16 sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

McConnell Cup
Quarter Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

Rand Cup Senior Teams
Quarter Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy / Damiani Cup
Round Robin sessions at
10.00, 12.00, 14.30, 16.30, 18.30

GENERALI World Open / Women's Pairs
Qualifying sessions at **11.00, 16.00**

(Tomorrow)

Rosenblum Cup
Quarter Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

McConnell Cup
Semi Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

Rand Cup Senior Teams
Semi Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy / Damiani Cup
Round Robin sessions at
10.00, 12.00, 14.30, 16.30, 18.30

Rona Cup
Round Robin session at **15.30**

GENERALI World Open / Women's Pairs
Qualifying sessions at **10.00**
Semi Final session at **16.30**

Calling All Journalists

A press conference with Shuttle Astronaut Col. Gregory H. Johnson is scheduled for Monday at 8:30 a.m. in Independence Suites 2 and 3 at the Marriott. Johnson, a bridge player, will be joined in the press conference by poker star Phil Gordon, winner of two ACBL national championships.

Johnson is an avid player who took the ♠A with him on a 6.6 million-mile shuttle flight in March 2008. Gordon, winner of the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs and the Roth Open Swiss Teams, has been a strong supporter of youth bridge in North America.

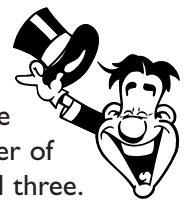
After the press conference, the Annual General Meeting of the International Bridge Press Association will take place in the same rooms. Annual awards will be presented at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12, in the same location.

Rand Cup for Senior Teams

The qualification will be followed by a knockout stage, with the Quarter and Semi Final on Sunday 10th October, each of 24 boards. The Final and playoff will be played on Monday 11th over 3 rounds of 16 boards each. The non-qualified teams will have the opportunity to play free of charge in the Seniors Plate, the format of which will be decided when final numbers are known.

Vugraph Begins Today

Vugraph will be shown in the Liberty Ballroom starting today at 15.30. The ballroom is located in the Deluxe Tower of the Marriott across the bridge on level three.



Duplimate Discounts



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

Computers set to do battle

The 14th annual World Computer-Bridge Championship will start today. Seven robots from around the world will compete. The field includes last year's winner, Jack, developed by Hans Kuijff from the Netherlands.

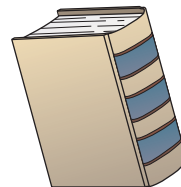
Also competing will be the 2008 champion, Wbridge5, developed by Yves Costel of France.

Other top competitors are Micro Bridge, Tomio Uchida, Japan; Shark Bridge, John Norris, Netherlands; Bridge Baron, Stephen Smith, USA; Q-Plus Bridge, Hans Leber, Germany, and newcomer Moose Bridge, Pete Boton, USA.

The 32-board round robin starts at 11 a.m. in Room 501 at the Marriott and continues through Oct. 12. The top four robots qualify for the semi-final knockout stage.

Kibitzers are welcome.

World Championship Book Philadelphia 2010



The official book of these championships in Philadelphia will be available in March 2011, when the official price will be US\$34 plus postage (\$35 from some suppliers). Advance orders can be made through Jan Swaan in the Press Room on the third floor at the discounted price of US\$30, with free postage and packing.

The principal writers will again be Brian Senior, John Carruthers, Barry Rigal and Geo Tislevoll. There will also be guest contributors including Donna Compton on the Mixed (likely with substantial input from Fulvio Fantoni).

There will be a full listing of all participants in world championship events, a full results service and many photographs. Coverage will include every deal from the final and semi-finals of the Rosenblum plus the pick of the action from the earlier stages and the other championship events.

ROSENBLUM CUP

Round of 32 (results subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
1	Zimmermann	17	56	24	34	131
	Camberos	23	19	12	18	72
2	O'Rourke	17	44	47	31	139
	Meltzer	46	19	32	18	115
3	Berg	30	43	11	16	100
	Consus Red Poland	19	40	47	41	147
4	Green Machine	14	35	11	0	60
	Strul	47	41	42	0	130
5	Mahaffey	9	42	14	21	86
	China Open	13	23	44	28	108
6	Vito	28	28	30	40	126
	Josef and cards	31	48	29	14	122
7	Diamond	22	70	57	22	171
	Klinger	30	30	6	24	90
8	Coldea	29	42	7	17	95
	Lavazza	7	67	45	39	158
9	Cayne	25	48	52	63	188
	Team Pharmaservice	31	34	22	24	111
10	Apteker	16	28	29	14	87
	Wolfson	38	50	50	64	202
11	Alizee	35	22	35	33	125
	Zaleski	8	34	26	32	100
12	Koneru	8	22	27	20	77
	Fleisher	10	37	30	25	102
13	Parimatch	7	43	20	26	96
	Robinson	59	28	33	38	158
14	Rayner	11	27	29	11	78
	Fredin	22	46	32	23	123
15	Martens	20	47	22	18	107
	Beijing Shouchuang	18	28	26	27	99
16	Allfrey	15	16	30	20	81
	Nickell	19	58	72	27	176

McCONNELL CUP

Round of 16 (results subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
33	China Ladies Team	41	19	35	68	163
	Sombra e agua fresca	9	14	11	20	54
34	Moss	52	40	23	18	133
	Glasson	4	14	52	49	119
35	Westheimer	6	56	42	56	160
	CanUSA	22	11	19	15	67
36	Eisenberg	22	71	16	19	128
	Fireman	12	30	52	52	146
37	Joel	35	69	20	31	155
	Indonesia Djarum	17	39	43	15	114
38	Sweden	19	58	19	7	103
	Hampton	6	38	55	40	139
39	Netherlands	23	36	42	31	132
	Kranyak	14	36	21	8	79
40	Italia	17	37.5	17	22	93.5
	Full Spectrum Auctions	56	41.5	54	8	159.5

RAND CUP SENIOR TEAMS

Final Qualifying Standings (subject to confirmation)

1	Gabrial UI	194	10 True Blue	161.01	18 Mango Mishra	146	Shane	139
2	Japan Yamada	179	11 Carolyn Lynch	158	19 DeMartino	144	28 Brasil	138
3	Capital gang	176	12 Raiola	157	Dovell	144	29 Tornay	137
4	Team Markowicz	174	13 Schaffer	153	Kostal	144	30 Cassini	130
5	Tulin	167	Sternberg	153	22 Dreds	143	31 Jones	126
6	Cohen	164	15 CanMasterPointPress	151	23 Bermuda	142	32 Wood	121
7	McGowan	162	Simpson	151	24 PRI Investments	141	33 Wolff	117
8	Hackett	161.21	17 Lavazza	150	25 Egypt	140	34 Humphreys	91
9	Kaminski	161.06			26 Reunion Island	139		

GENERALI WORLD WOMEN'S PAIRS

Qualifying Results after 2 sessions (subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Result			
1	Ping WANG - Shaohong WU	59.03	30	Maria PANADERO - Agata PIDAL	50.67
2	Valerie BLOOM - Ora LOURIE	58.74	31	Marguerite HOMSY - Lily KHALIL	50.38
3	Maria Grazia BETTINI - Morella PACHECO	58.16	32	Layla BADAWI - Nadia TAYMOUR ARABI	50.34
4	Pinpin DENG - Julie ZHU	58.04	33	Agota MANDELLOT - Leda PAIN	50.05
5	Margie GWOZDZINSKY - Cathy STRAUCH	56.91	34	Silvia Elena BOLDT - Gloria IRIBARREN	49.99
6	Aida SALDZIEVA - Betty SPEELMAN	55.94	35	Ann INGRAM - Felicity MOORE	49.85
7	Petra HAMMAN - Peggy SUTHERLIN	55.48	36	Kathrin BOARDMAN - Barbara TRAVIS	49.77
8	Allison HOWARD - Pamela NISBET	55.36	37	Monica ANGUS - Dorothy NEATE	49.19
9	Makiko SATO - Kyoko SHIMAMURA	55.28	38	Patrizia CECCONI - Rita PASQUARE	49.05
10	Anna DOSSEVA - Helen JOHNSTON	55.11	39	Jo CASEN - Mickie CHAMBERS	48.15
11	Maud KHOURI - Nada WATTAR	55.05	40	Catherine PHILIPPE PASCAL - Hoda SOLIMAN	47.90
12	Merle MODLIN - Margi NIEHAUS	54.33	41	Jo MORSE - Sally STRUL	47.17
13	Bing DU - Juan LI	53.86	42	Jane SEGAL - Judy WOLFF	47.06
14	Sally CLARK - Robin TAYLOR	53.09	43	Mine BABAC - Lale GUMRUKCUOGLU	46.86
15	Ruth GOLD - Barbara SIMS	52.88	44	Gen GEIGER - Gigi SIMPSON	46.68
16	Nancy TURNER - Laurie VOGEL	52.70	45	Susan CULHAM - Kismet FUNG	46.60
17	Gail BELL - Gila GUTTMANN	52.50	46	Meta GOODMAN - Margaret MILLAR	46.02
18	Nevena DJUROVIC - Pauline EVANS	52.48	47	Sharon JABBOUR - Shirley PRESBERG	45.86
19	Leora DUBROVSKY - Donna RODWELL	52.36	48	Rita GHOSN - May SAKR	45.54
20	Cynthia HINCKLEY - Diana SCHULD	52.29	49	Hedia BACCAR - Hedia SELLAMI	45.51
21	Joan JACKSON - Nancy PASSELL	52.25	50	Karen Lee BARRETT - Carol Ann CLIFFORD	44.90
22	Wendy KRAUSE - Linda WYNSTON	51.97	51	Amanda JEGER - Estera LISKER	44.43
23	Angela FENTON - Joyce PEARSON	51.67	52	Roglyn HINDS - Yvonne SEALE	43.70
24	Irene ELKIN - Maria Elena SUAREZ	51.61	53	Noemi LICITRA - Delia VICENTE	43.54
25	Jalila BELHASSEN - Ferdaouss TRABELSI	51.38	54	Lyudmila ANTONOVA - Gutierrez HERRERO	40.81
26	Diana BALKIN - Marina BREYTENBACH	51.00	55	Toni BALES - Sara CHAPLEAU	40.45
27	Maria GARATEGUY - Maria Elena IACAPRARO	50.99	56	Muguette PELI - Anny TRACOL	40.31
28	Patricia CUMMINS - Jacqueline THOMPSON	50.87	57	Maritha POTTENGER - Judy RIMER	39.00
29	Georgiana GATES - Pat NORMAN	50.85	58	Marie Helene BERTI - Sylviane BOULOGNE	38.06

GENERALI WORLD OPEN PAIRS**Qualifying Results after 2 sessions (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Mike KENNY - Jonathan STEINBERG	60.89	61	Win ALLEGAERT - Jaggy SHIVDASANI	53.52
2	Rajesh DALAL - Anil PADHYE	59.98	62	Walter JOHNSON - Doug SIMSON	53.49
3	Manol ILIEV - Stefan STEFANOV	58.92	63	Salvador ASSAEL - Ali YALMAN	53.38
4	Thomas CHARLSEN - Thor Erik HOFTANISKA	58.82	63	Darrrian Bogdan COTESCU - Dragos IORDACHE	53.38
5	Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK	58.64	65	Luis GAMIO KLAPIC - Tariq LATIF	53.37
6	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	58.54	66	Craig GANZNER - R POPPER	53.35
7	Jessica HAYMAN PIAFSKY - Nicolas L'ECUYER	58.26	67	Marshall LEWIS - James MATES	53.34
8	Neil ROSEN - Martin JONES	57.87	68	Mike MCNAMARA - Elliot SHALITA	53.32
9	Joaquin PACAREU - Benjamin ROBLES	57.71	69	Nikos DELIMPALTADAKIS - K. KONTOMITROS	53.23
10	Borislav BORISOV - Yordan GACHEV	57.66	70	Gulzar BILAL - Sarfaraz Ahmed KHAN	53.15
11	Yuwei WU - Shangjie WU	57.60	71	Brian GLUBOK - Philip GORDON	53.12
12	Andrew STARK - Franco BASEGGIO	57.38	72	Vladislav ISPORSKI - Valentin KOVACHEV	53.11
13	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE	57.32	73	Serge BERGHEIMER - Jean-Claude FOUASSIER	53.05
14	Boguslaw PAZUR - Marek WOJCICKI	57.30	74	Ramavatar AGARWAL - Keshav SAMANT	52.97
15	Philippos KARAMANLIS - Vassilis VROUSTIS	57.08	75	Stephen CASTELLINO - Paul CORNELIUS	52.92
16	Curtis CHEEK - Joe GRUE	57.02	76	Jens AUKEN - Jon SVEINDAL	52.92
17	Stephen BURGESS - Michael COURTNEY	56.72	77	Rajeev GUPTA - Joyjit SENSARMA	52.89
18	Allan FALK - Peter FRIEDLAND	56.69	78	Steve BEATTY - Ronald GERARD	52.82
19	Pierre SAPORTA - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	56.68	79	Ethan LIU - Qing YANG	52.76
20	Vladimir MIHOV - Jerry STAMATOV	56.67	80	George MITTELMAN - Mike MOSS	52.75
21	Hemant LALL - Justin LALL	56.66	81	Bart BRAMLEY - Nikolay DEMIREV	52.75
22	Philippe CAPUTO - Guy VAN MIDDELEM	56.60	82	Greg BURCH - Rick ROWLAND	52.70
23	Raphael GUENOUN - Bernard LAUGIER	56.46	83	Richard SCHWARTZ - Peter WEICHSEL	52.66
24	Taufik Gautama ASBI - Robert PARASIAN	56.46	84	Mark AQUINO - Richard BINDER	52.66
25	Jean-Baptiste FANTUN - Godefroy De TESSIERES	56.35	85	Ajay KHARE - Raju TOLANI	52.58
26	Shengyue GUI - Jiaxiang SHEN	56.07	86	Mehmet GUNEL - Naci YUKSEL	52.45
27	Ashley BACH - Ishmael DELMONTE	55.94	87	Ari David GREENBERG JR - Billy MILLER	52.35
28	David BECHER - Alan WATSON	55.89	88	Serge CHEVALIER - Jacques CLOUTIER	52.33
29	John HURD - Joel WOOLDRIDGE	55.79	89	Chris COMPTON - Martin SELIGMAN	52.27
30	Thierry De SAINTE MARIE - Philippe TOFFIER	55.69	90	Bruce FERGUSON - Robert HOLLMAN	52.26
31	Sam PUNCH - Tim REES	55.62	91	Omer EKINCI - Ellis FEIGENBAUM	52.14
32	Franky Steven KARWUR - Widi PANCONO	55.40	92	Bernard PASCAL - Baher RAMADAN	52.05
33	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD - Desislava POPOVA	55.30	93	Sherif NOSHY - Ahmed YOUSRY	52.00
34	Jason FELDMAN - John KRANYAK	55.29	94	Bobby JONES - Jim KREKORIAN	51.96
35	Dawei CHEN - Kazuo FURUTA	55.14	95	Aneurin GRIFFITHS - Bobby RICHMAN	51.88
36	Jim FOSTER - Larry SEALY	54.80	96	Olivie DAVID - Jean Claude LEVY	51.87
37	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	54.77	97	Janusz MAKARUK - Pawel NIEDZIELSKI	51.84
38	Jingsheng BIAN - Yong LIAN	54.55	98	Roberto BARBOSA - Paulo Roberto BRUM	51.80
39	Pamela GRANOVETTER - Matt GRANOVETTER	54.54	99	COQUILLETTE - MOSCOW	51.67
40	Uttam GUPTA - Nr KIRUBAKARAMOORTHY	54.53	100	Waldemar FRUKACZ - Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ	51.64
41	Ya Fu LIN - Jian WANG (2)	54.50	101	Michal KWIECIEN - Wlodzimierz STARKOWSKI	51.61
42	Greg HINZE - David YANG	54.49	102	Richard CHAN - Peter WONG	51.51
43	Ai-Tai LO - Alan SCHWARTZ	54.43	103	Javier GRAUPERA - Juan PONT	51.47
44	Stanislaw GOLEBIEWSKI - Jacek KALITA	54.42	104	Louis GLASTHAL - Michael MASSIMILLA	51.42
45	Robert LEBI - Dan JACOB	54.42	105	Andrew ROSENTHAL - Aaron SILVERSTEIN	51.32
46	David BAKHSHI - Tom TOWNSEND	54.32	106	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Ernesto MUZZIO	51.31
47	Leslie AMOILS - Jeff SAPIRE	54.28	107	Edgar DE SOUZA - Anil TIKARE	51.28
48	Lixin YANG - Ban Xiang ZHANG	54.14	108	Ely SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER - Rene STIENEN	51.27
49	Daniel NUSSBAUM - Mark OSPECK	54.07	109	Marian KUPNICKI - Leszek MAJDANSKI	51.24
50	Julien GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN	54.06	110	Dominique GERIN - Ivan RUE	51.12
51	Andrew MCINTOSH - Nicklas SANDQVIST	53.99	111	Jiang GU - Xiaodong SHI	51.03
52	Robert CAPPELLI - Robert KATZ	53.97	111	Michael POWAN - Jacob MORGAN	51.03
53	Jim BARROW - Don CATON	53.88	113	Kenneth EICHENBAUM - Kenneth J. REXFORD	51.02
54	Xinli GAN - Qiang ZHANG	53.85	113	Alain BENOIT - Olivier GIARD	51.02
55	Jaroslav CIESLAK - Piotr ZAK	53.78	115	Stephen TU - Tien-Chun YANG	50.92
56	Sunit CHOKSHI - Subhash GUPTA	53.76	116	Ramratnam KRISHNAN - K.VENKATARAMAN	50.88
57	Eric DEBUS - Rutger VAN MECHELEN	53.68	117	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	50.83
58	Wafik ABDON - Chris LARSEN	53.66	118	Dave BLACKMAN - Tony WATKINS	50.80
59	Bill POLLACK - Jeff ROMAN	53.62	119	Hailong AO - Jian-jian WANG	50.78
60	Tomasz GOTARD - Slawek HENCLIK	53.60	120	Ole BERSET - Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL	50.78
			121	Seth COHEN - Jeff RUBEN	50.76

122	Mark COHEN - Milton ROSENBERG	50.73	187	Daniel WILDERMAN - Kenneth ZUCKERBERG	46.99
123	Ricco van PROOIJEN - Louk VERHEES JR	50.67	188	Hans FRERICHS - Ulrich WENNING	46.98
124	Jose Roberto BRUM - Roberto De MELLO	50.62	189	Daryl DREW - James ZINKAND	46.96
125	George KRIZEL - Albert SHEKHTER	50.58	190	Doug FISHER - Bob TODD	46.93
126	Lassad JEDIDI - Mohamed REBAI	50.55	191	Andrew HOSKINS - Jason ROSENFELD	46.90
127	Erick HERDOIZA - Carlos RENDON	50.53	192	Odette ZIGHELBOIM - Steve HAMAOU	46.89
128	Mehmet Ali KORDOV - Kutluhan UNAL	50.52	193	R Jay BECKER - Robert SARTORIUS	46.82
129	R GOKHALE - Satya RAMI	50.39	194	Himani KHANDELWAL - Rajeev KHANDELWAL	46.73
130	Joao-Paulo CAMPOS - Miguel VILLAS-BOAS	50.39	195	Ender AKSUYEK - Marco TER LAARE	46.73
131	Yuliy CHUMAK - Oleg ROVYSHYN	50.36	196	Robert BLANCHARD - Shane BLANCHARD	46.72
132	Henry LORTZ - Wayne OHLRICH	50.22	197	Sophie FABBRICATORE - Philippe MATHIEU	46.72
133	Arun BAPAT - Ashok Kumar GOEL	50.12	198	Pete PLUHTA - David WESTFALL	46.66
134	Gheorghe SERPOI - Calin STIRBU	50.01	199	Shelley LAPKOFF - Vandana VIDWANS	46.64
135	Niccolo FOSSI - Peter PAUNCZ	49.96	200	Iftikhar BAQAI - Mitch DUNITZ	46.23
136	Maurice DE LA SALLE - Michael YUEN	49.87	201	Volodymyr DANYLYUK - Vladimir PORHUN	46.17
137	David OLSON - James OLSON	49.83	202	Justin BLANCHARD - Vincent DEMUY	46.08
138	Alexander ALLEN - Abe PINELES	49.77	203	Joao BARBOSA - Antonio PALMA	45.99
139	Barbara KASLE - Howard PARKER III	49.66	204	Kostandin KAPO - Artan XHORI	45.89
140	Diana WYLIE - Wendell WYLIE	49.66	205	Ron BISHOP - John DUQUETTE	45.81
141	Patrick K. H. HUANG - Edmund TSE	49.66	206	Irfan ASHRAF - Lino D'SOUZA	45.78
142	Ranald DAVIDSON - Marc-Andre FOURCAUDOT	49.62	207	Pat GALLIGAN - Roger PASSAL	45.77
143	Nicole STRASSER - George BILSKI	49.61	208	Naveed ATHER - Saleh FETOUH	45.68
144	Adam PARRISH - Randall RUBINSTEIN	49.61	209	Richard BOWDERY - Simon COPE	45.53
145	Charles GARNIER - Luc SOUDAN	49.60	210	Karic CHIU - Peter YEUNG	45.45
146	Shireen MOHANDDES - Andy BOWLES	49.44	211	Roeland MAAT - Mark De MEER	44.86
147	Marianne HARDING - Sven Olai HOYLAND	49.44	212	Nishat ABEDI - Fawad HAKIM	44.82
148	Abdellah ELGHRARI - Abdelkamal RERHAYE	49.43	213	Onno ESKES - Vincent KROES	44.77
149	Rachael MOLLER - David GURVICH	49.37	214	Mike ASH - Alan GOODMAN	44.72
150	Masayuki INO - Tadashi TERAMOTO	49.31	215	Daniel BOYE - Larry SUNSER	44.52
151	Fred HOFFER - Don PIAFSKY	49.29	216	Malcolm EWASHKIW - Robert HOLLOW	44.40
152	Anna MALINOWSKI - Rune HAUGE	49.25	217	Ahmed KCHAOU - Anas MESTIRI	44.30
153	Honey B PRABHAKAR - Rajeshwar TEWARI	49.24	218	Xueliang CAO - Yu Xiong SHEN	44.17
154	Eva CAPLAN - Serap CARFI	49.20	219	Franco GUSSO - Fernando Alfredo LEMA	44.16
155	Margaret PARNIS-ENGLAND - Mario DIX	49.19	220	Allen KAHN - Jeffrey ROTHSTEIN	44.00
156	Grazyna BREWIAK - Janoslaw PIASECKI	49.07	221	Khalil BENSOUDA - Abdellatif CADITAZI	43.92
157	Fiona BROWN - David WILTSHIRE	49.04	222	Jaime CARRERA - Herbert JORDAN	43.76
158	Gordon CAMPBELL - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	48.97	223	Lutz DOHNERT - Donald VANCIL	43.61
159	Radu MIHAI - Paul WEINSTOCK	48.87	224	Ed SCHULTE - Jay WHIPPLE III	43.37
160	Richard MORGEN - Andy MUENZ	48.77	225	Pedro Leonel Ioklon IEONG - Samuel IEONG	43.33
161	Willem van EIJCK - Nicolas HAMMOND	48.77	226	Weiqiang TIAN - Qijiao WEI	43.22
162	Lynn JOHANNESSEN - Dale JOHANNESSEN	48.74	227	Jerry CLERKIN - Stewart CRAMER	43.16
163	Kaustubh BENDRE - Sandeep THAKRAL	48.65	228	Veronel LUNGU - Viorel MICESCU	43.14
164	Philippe SOULET - Maurice TCHENIO	48.64	229	David WALKER - Kevin WILSON	42.95
165	Emilio LA ROVERE - Luiz Ronaldo LIMA	48.55	230	Julio Alberto ALFONSIN - Victor MARINESCU	42.76
166	Siu-Kau Samuel WAN - Derek ZEN	48.34	231	Kathleen FORTNEY - Charles FORTNEY	42.75
167	Karl GOHL - Neil KIMELMAN	48.18	232	Jacqueline SINCOFF - Roger LORD	41.92
168	Marshall BAUM - Serge BONDAR	48.14	233	Igor MILMAN - Oleg RUBINCHIK	41.70
169	Dario ATTANASIO - Guiseppe FAILLA	48.11	234	Loreto CUEVAS - Marcelo CARACCI	41.26
169	Harley BRESS - Garth YETTICK	48.11	235	Paolo PASQUINI - Jose Maria VALDES	41.25
171	Alan APPLEBAUM - Victor KING	48.06	236	Thomas BANDY - Scott STEARNS	41.08
172	Atanas IVANOV - Antony Ivanov NIKOLOV	47.94	237	Jacqueline PAVEL - Horia GEORGESCU	39.97
173	Janet DE BOTTON - Artur MALINOWSKI	47.92	238	AI CHANEY - Bob WALSH	39.73
174	Nikola BARANTIEV - Ivan PEICHEV	47.79	239	Stephannie RUSSO - Maria TSOUKALAS	38.88
175	Anna ST CLAIR - Dee HARLEY	47.72	240	Maria ABRAVANEL - Eduardo VARGAS	38.52
176	Krzysztof BURAS - Bob HAMPTON	47.69	241	Enis FANI - Rasim HAMZARAJ	37.40
177	Sheng Hong CHEN - Rui WANG	47.69	242	Eleanor SEAMAN - Jerry GOLDBERG	37.06
178	Alexander PERLIN - Michael PRAHIN	47.66	243	Leila FEHRI - Paul HU	36.35
179	Dipak PODDAR - Jeetu SOLANI	47.63	244	Salih Murat ANTER - Ata AYDIN	35.86
180	Ruth NAKANO - Dick YARINGTON	47.47	245	Frank COLE - John LUTE	35.38
181	Glenn MILGRIM - Eugene SAXE	47.41	246	Donna MORGEN - Howard KAHLENBERG	35.30
182	Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO	47.40	247	BENALI - Said SBILI	34.70
183	Rui Li - Jiang TONG	47.37	248	David AMSTERDAM - Brad BARRY	33.81
184	Michel LEBEL - Bernard PAYEN	47.35			
185	Claudia Valerie GAMIO - Miguel REYGADAS	47.14			
186	Wissem BELLAZREG - Chahir MAKNI	47.08			

ORTIZ-PATIÑO TROPHY

(Today's Match Schedule)

ROUND 1

1	USA 2	Norway
2	China	China Hong Kong
3	Israel	India
4	Australia	Argentina
5	Brazil	France
6	Netherlands	Canada
7	Italy	Japan
8	Germany	USA 1
9	Sweden	Russia

ROUND 2

1	USA 1	USA 2
2	Sweden	China
3	Germany	Israel
4	Norway	Australia
5	China Hong Kong	Brazil
6	India	Netherlands
7	Argentina	Italy
8	France	Japan
9	Russia	Canada

ROUND 3

1	USA 2	Sweden
2	China	Germany
3	Israel	Norway
4	Australia	China Hong Kong
5	Brazil	India
6	Netherlands	Argentina
7	Italy	France
8	Japan	Canada
9	USA 1	Russia

ROUND 4

1	Germany	USA 2
2	Norway	China
3	China Hong Kong	Israel
4	India	Australia
5	Argentina	Brazil
6	France	Netherlands
7	Canada	Italy
8	Russia	Japan
9	USA 1	Sweden

ROUND 5

1	USA 2	Russia
2	China	USA 1
3	Israel	Sweden
4	Australia	Germany
5	Brazil	Norway
6	Netherlands	China Hong Kong
7	Italy	India
8	Japan	Argentina
9	Canada	France

IBPA Dinner

The International Bridge Press Association dinner is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m. at Maggiano's, opposite the Marriott's main entrance on Filbert Street.

A multi-course dinner will feature Farfalle Aglio with herb chicken, spinach and asparagus; veal and mushroom ravioli al forno; salmon with herbs, and beef cannelloni.

The price with non-alcoholic drinks is \$50, tax and service included; with an unlimited amount of wine, the price is \$78.50. Registration is in the Press Room.

DAMIANI CUP

(Today's Match Schedule)

ROUND 1

1	France	Poland
2	Hungary	Australia
3	Canada	Israel
4	USA 2	USA 1
5	China	Norway
6	Uruguay	Chinese Taipei
7	Netherlands	Germany
8	Sweden	England

ROUND 2

1	Australia	France
2	Israel	Hungary
3	USA 1	Canada
4	Norway	USA 2
5	Chinese Taipei	China
6	Germany	Uruguay
7	England	Netherlands
8	Poland	Sweden

ROUND 3

1	France	Israel
2	Hungary	USA 1
3	Canada	Norway
4	USA 2	Chinese Taipei
5	China	Germany
6	Uruguay	England
7	Netherlands	Sweden
8	Australia	Poland

ROUND 4

1	USA 1	France
2	Norway	Hungary
3	Chinese Taipei	Canada
4	Germany	USA 2
5	England	China
6	Sweden	Uruguay
7	Poland	Netherlands
8	Australia	Israel

ROUND 5

1	France	Norway
2	Hungary	Chinese Taipei
3	Canada	Germany
4	USA 2	England
5	China	Sweden
6	Uruguay	Netherlands
7	USA 1	Australia
8	Israel	Poland

VUGRAPH MATCHES

Morning Match (10.00)

Rosenblum Cup

- BBO 1: Table 4 Diamond – Lavazza
- BBO 2: Table 5 Cayne – Wolfson
- BBO 3: Table 8 Nickell – Martens
- OurGame: Table 3 China Open – Vito



Suicide is not Painless

by David Stern

The theme from the Movie and later hit TV show MASH suggests that "suicide is painless". However in bridge this is certainly not the case as evidenced on board 15 in the last round of the Rosenblum qualifying.

Dealer South, None N/S

<p>♠ 5 ♥ 2 ♦ 10 8 7 5 2 ♣ K Q J 8 6 3</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		<p>♠ K J 10 7 6 4 3 ♥ K Q ♦ J 9 ♣ 5 2</p>	<p>♠ A 9 8 ♥ A J 10 8 6 5 ♦ K Q 4 ♣ 9</p>
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	S											
	<p>♠ Q 2 ♥ 9 7 4 3 ♦ A 6 3 ♣ A 10 7 4</p>											

West	North	East	South
Leibowitz	Bilde	Dyke	Hansen
3♣	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	Pass		

East's actions were seeking some action possibly hoping the opponents may run from a cold 3NT to a shaky 4♠. As you will shortly see there was action aplenty!

Keen observers will note that ace of hearts and a heart ruff will quickly sink this contract, however East, Kieran Dyke of Australia, not unreasonably led partner's suit, the ♣9 where a ruff certainly seemed possible especially given his control of the trump suit.

Declarer won the ♣A and started on the trump suit East winning the ace. Correctly, or as it later turns out incorrectly, assessing that the ♥A and another heart could cost only if partner held the bare heart queen and no second trump while it would in fact pay off on the actual layout if West held a second trump. It was very hard this early to realise just how fatal this play would be.

Declarer won the second heart and cashed all his trumps reaching the following ending.

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W		E										
	S											
<p>♠ - ♥ - ♦ 10 8 ♣ K</p>												

West quite reasonably defended on the basis that as long as she kept equal club length with dummy the defence would prevail. Wrong! Declarer fully appreciating the exact layout played his second club squeezing East between his ♦ K Q and ♥ 10 and guessing correctly when West exited with a low diamond - making 4♠x for +790 gaining 14 IMPs when his teammates were allowed to play in 4♣ making +130 at the other table.



Jorgen Hansen, Denmark

Back at the Table

by *Barnet Shenkin*

For the last couple of years I have not been played in any of the main tournaments, and have concentrated on building a web site with interest for all bridge players. Extraordinary bridge tales are told in detail. To have a look, visit <http://www.shenkinbridge.com/Entertainment/Default.aspx?categoryID=2>.

I was given the opportunity to play in the Rosenblum in the European Jens Auken team, containing mainly IBPA members, in partnership with Jan van Cleef of the Netherlands. Here are a couple of interesting deals.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North <i>Van Cleeff</i>	East	South <i>Shenkin</i>
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

I thought I would show a better hand by bidding 2♠, then jumping in hearts rather than bidding an immediate 4♦. However, Jan was not sure I had shown four hearts. The ♠K was the key card and 6♣ would have been a better contract. Our opponents in fact bid to the excellent 6♣ but then lost their way in the play, East winning a trump trick with the ♣10. We were fortunate to gain a swing.

The play in 6♣ is not so clear after a top diamond lead and a spade switch. It is easy to mis-time the play.

I would suggest the following line: ♣Q, ♣A. If trumps split, you are home. If not, top three spades, pitching three hearts from dummy. Now play the ♥A. If the king falls, that

is enough. If not, ruff a heart low in dummy. If hearts split 3-2 you can draw the last trump and ruff your last heart good. If your right-hand opponent has four hearts, you can instead ruff a diamond low, ruff a heart low and make your ♣K and ♣J separately with ruffs. Dummy's ♣J wins the last trick with East having to play the ♣10. The combination of these chances is very high and would be most unlucky to fail.

In the seventh round, we played the formidable Cayne team. We played Lauria and Versace while Jens Auken and Jon Sveindal played Balicki-Zmudzinski. After seven boards our team trailed 27-0. Then we started a comeback with the following deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q 5 ♥ A Q J 7 4 3 ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ 10 9	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K 9 8 ♥ 2 ♦ A Q 6 ♣ K J 8 7 5	♠ J 6 4 ♥ K 10 5 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ A 6 3 2
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West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Van Cleeff</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Shenkin</i>
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

3♦ Two of the top three honors.

As East had shown a strong hand, Van Cleeff found a reasoned lead of the ♣2. Without X-ray vision, Versace mis-guessed and the ♣Q won the first trick. A club to the ace, and another club was ruffed with the ♥8. Versace over-ruffed, crossed to a spade, to lead a heart to the queen.

North won this and produced a fourth club ruffed with the 9. Now North had two more trump tricks, with the ♥10 and the lowly trump 5. In the other room, Auken/Sveindal bid and made 3NT for a gain of 11 IMPs. The comeback that started with this board helped Auken to win the match 41-30.

Round of 64 – Sessions 1-2

Rosenblum Cup

Fourth-Quarter Blues

by Brent Manley

After one round of their match with the Lavazza team, the American squad captained by Bart Bramley held a 28-24 lead. The Americans increased the lead early on, thanks to this deal:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ferraro	Morgan	Bocchi	Polowan
Pass	1♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			Dble

Norberto's Bocchi's bold 3♠ at unfavourable vulnerability did not pay off when his partner, Guido Ferraro, took



Guido Ferraro, Italy

him seriously and raised to game, and it could have been worse than it turned out. Michael Polowan led a spade, taken in hand by Bocchi. The ♦Q was ducked by Polowan and overtaken in dummy with the king. Jacob Morgan played the ♣A when Bocchi called for dummy's jack. The defense dropped no more tricks from that point, collecting three heart tricks and another club for two down and plus 500.

West	North	East	South
Feldman	Sementa	Weichsel	Duboin
Pass	1♣	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Dble
			All Pass

Weichsel was more conservative, landing in a spot that made it more difficult for Antonio Sementa and Giorgio Duboin to double. The defenders got all their tricks, but it was only plus 200, a 7-IMP gain for Bramley.

Three boards later, the Italians earned a slam swing on good bidding and expert play.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ferraro	Morgan	Bocchi	Polowan
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Polowan started with a heart, taken in dummy with the ace. The ♣J went to South's king and a second heart was ruffed by declarer. A club to the Queen was followed by a spade to the Queen. Bocchi cashed the ♦A and ♦K, then played the ♣10, discarding a diamond from dummy, and the ♣A, pitching dummy's last diamond North followed helplessly. Bocchi then ruffed a diamond and claimed for a well-done plus 1430.

At the other table, Peter Weichsel played the spade contract essentially the same way, but he was in 4♠. Plus 680 meant a 13-IMP loss.

Bramley gained 2 IMPs on this deal

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K 6 3 ♥ K Q J ♦ 9 3 ♣ K 10 9 7 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 8 7 ♥ A 5 3 2 ♦ K 8 2 ♣ Q 6 4	
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West	North	East	South									
<i>Ferraro</i>	<i>Morgan</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Polowan</i>									
2♦	Pass	INT	Pass									
Pass	3NT	2♥	Dble									
		All Pass										

Polowan led a low heart to the 9, 10 and king. A diamond to the queen held the trick, and Morgan followed with the ♣J to the king and the ♣10 to the queen and ace. Another diamond finesse led to plus 660.

West	North	East	South
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Semeta</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♥	3NT	2♥	Dble
		All Pass	

Weichsel also led a low heart, and after winning, Semeta led a diamond to the queen, then played the ♣J to the king and a second diamond to the jack. Feldman's play of the ♦10 apparently gave Semeta concern because he continued with the ♣8 from dummy. Weichsel won the queen and played another club. Semeta won in hand and

played another club to dummy. The ♦A revealed the 3-3 split, but Semeta had to settle for nine tricks: five diamonds, three clubs and a heart.

A no-play game at one table and an accident at the other on the penultimate board of the set was costly to Bramley.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Bocchi started with the ♥J, taken in dummy with the queen. Morgan had to hope West could not get in – or started with a singleton heart – but when he played a spade Ferraro hopped up with the ace and returned a heart. That was three down for minus 150.



Mark Feldman, USA

West	North	East	South
Feldman	Sementa	Weichsel	Duboin
Pass	INT	2♦	All Pass

Weichsel obviously meant his 2♦ bid to be a transfer to hearts, but Feldman did not see it that way. Duboin led a diamond and it was over quickly, Weichsel going five down for minus 250 and a 9-IMP loss.

The set ended 30-11 for Lavazza, now leading by 15. Lavazza earned a game swing early in the third quarter.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Morgan	El-Ahmady	Polowan
2♦	2♠	Pass	1♠
3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass			3♣

Tarek Sadek started with a low club to declarer's singleton king. Polowan led a low heart to dummy and cashed the ♣A, pitching a diamond from hand. He then played a spade to his queen and Sadek's ace. The ♦A picked up South's king, and dummy took the heart exit with the queen. Polowan played a spade from dummy, and Walid El-Ahmady went up with the king and returned a third round, depriving Polowan of a heart ruff. The result was one down for minus 50.

West	North	East	South
Demirev	Sementa	Bramley	Duboin
2♦	2NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	3♥

Nikolay Demirev hit on the imaginative but disastrous lead of the ♣Q. Duboin won in hand, played a heart to

dummy and threw both his diamonds on the top clubs. He cashed the ♥Q then played the ♠4 from dummy, following with the 2 when Bramley played the 3. The singleton ace won the trick, and Duboin ruffed the diamond continuation. He cashed the ♥A and ruffed a heart in dummy, then followed with a trump. Bramley played the 9 to guarantee two trump tricks, but Duboin had his 10 and plus 420 for a 10-IMP swing.

A few boards later, Bramley struck back.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Morgan	El-Ahmady	Polowan
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT
All Pass			3NT

Sadek started with the ♣J, taken by Polowan with the queen. A spade to the king held, and El-Ahmady won the ♠A perforce on the next trick. A club went to dummy's 9,



Tarek Sadek, Egypt

which was followed by a low heart, ducked by East, South winning the queen. Polowan had 10 tricks for plus 630.

West	North	East	South
Demirev	Sementa	Bramley	Duboin
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♦

Demirev led the ♠7, on which dummy and East played low, South winning the 9. Duboin played the ♥Q, taken by Bramley, who exited with a low diamond to the 8 and jack, dummy discarding a club. The ♦K was next, and Duboin threw a spade from dummy, winning with the ♦A. He played a low heart to the 9, losing to Bramley's jack. Bramley now had two good diamonds and the ♠A to cash for two down. That was 13 IMPs to Bramley.

The Americans were leading 29-11 when this deal, the penultimate of the set, came along.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Sadek	Morgan	El-Ahmady	Polowan
3♥	1♦	Pass	3♣
	All Pass		

South's 3♣ no doubt was a fit-showing bid. It did not deter Sadek, and El-Ahmady judged well not to bid on. The defenders had only four tricks – two diamonds and the black aces – and were minus 140.

West	North	East	South
Demirev	Sementa	Bramley	Duboin
4♠	1♦	1♠	3♣
	All Pass		

The thin overcall and aggressive jump to game produced a swing, but not what the Bramley team had hoped for.

Duboin led his singleton heart, and there was nothing Bramley could do to avoid minus 200, losing two diamonds, a heart ruff, the trump ace and ♣A. That worked out to an 8-IMP swing for Lavazza, leading by only 5 IMPs with a set to go.

The fourth quarter was nothing short of disastrous for Bramley, the first three boards being losses of 14, 12 and 10, in that order.

This was the first

Board 15. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Waleed El Ahmady, Egypt

My Type of Slam

by Banzai Jackson

There are certain hands that we can all play just as well as a world champion. But getting to the right contract can be a problem if we have to do much more than count our high-card points. Board 19 in the second match of the Rosenblum RR was one of those.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 7 6 ♥ J 8 4 2 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ J 9 7	♠ A K J ♥ A 10 7 3 ♦ J 8 2 ♣ K 5 4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ Q 10 8 3 ♥ K 5 ♦ K Q 10 7 3 ♣ A 6	♠ 5 4 2 ♥ Q 9 6 ♦ A 9 ♣ Q 10 8 3 2	
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Please, please let me play these N/S cards in 6NT. Not even a 5/0 break in diamonds is going to beat me. This is my type of slam. I can win the opening lead and just bang down the ♦K and eventually drive out the ace. A world champion could claim when the dummy hit the table. Next board, please.

So what is the point of the board? The point is that only 13 pairs of the 130 pairs who played this board in RR2 managed to bid a small slam. Only one in 10 bidding a slam that doesn't require even a finesse or a good break is just awful on these cards, although in a Group A match, Carrera/Barrera for Café de Colombia and Friedland/Falk for Granovetter both bid the slam, the only match in which a slam was bid at both tables.

Basically here are two balanced (or semi-balanced) hands with 12 tricks there to be taken. 6NT is obviously better than 6♦ as there is a possibility of a ruff in the suit contract. 6♦ was actually bid more often than 6NT. Among the handful who bid 6NT were Gierulski/ Skrzypczak for Siwik BT, Zen/Wan for Zen, and Rees/Punch for the British Lions.

What went wrong? How to value the honour cards is not really an issue. Whether, as I do, you think aces and kings in balanced hands are overvalued relative to jacks and tens, or whether you believe the reverse to be true, is not a factor here as the combined hands contain a good mixture of all

the different honour cards and any errors associated with a particular point count will tend to cancel out (compensating errors). The North hand is a standard strong INT so nothing much can go wrong there. What is a big issue however, is how to value that excellent 5-card diamond suit in the South hand.

Clearly, the five-card suit is what makes this a laydown slam. Give South the ♥3 instead of the ♦3 and there are only 11 tricks with practically no chance of a 12th unless the defenders come to your rescue. That fifth card is worth a full extra trick and on this hand. I don't think you need to be a super-optimist to realise that. If partner has the ♦A then five tricks are likely in the suit. Without the ace you can hope for 4 tricks, especially if you find out that North has a diamond fit.

With 40 points in the deck, it takes on average around 3 high-card points to produce one trick (26 points gives you a shot at nine tricks in notrump) so in this example that fifth card in diamonds is worth 3 points, the equivalent of an extra king in a balanced hand. You can't know that for certain when you make the initial valuation of the South hand but adding two points to the basic honour card count (14 points) for that five-card suit which equates to about a 2/3 chance that it will produce an extra trick seems right. What should be clear is that the South hand is much better than the equivalent of a semi-balanced 12-14 weak INT.

Adding two points for the five-card suit upgrades the hand to the equivalent of a strong INT and when you consider that South has an extra ten (a hand contains on average one ten but this hand has two) then it is really a maximum strong INT. Unfortunately, the vast majority of this field treated the South hand as a minimum opening bid, either opening a weak INT as Nunes/Fantoni did for Zimmerman, or showing a balanced minimum after a 1♦ opening as Ferraro/Bocchi did for Lavazza. For these pairs, 3NT was the usual outcome. Some Souths who play a 14-16 INT range managed to reach 4NT but passed a quantitative raise from North.

The full bidding records for matches not on BBO are so far not available to me but one can assume that those who, because of that excellent five-card suit, treated the South hand as much better than a minimum opening bid had a shot at reaching this slam. Those Souths who thought they had just a goodish but still minimum-range opener had absolutely no chance of getting to this 100% slam.

Round Robin 9

Rosenblum Cup

On The Edge

by Phillip Alder

When the last qualifying round began for Group D in the Rosenblum, the leading standings were:

- 1. China Open 153
- 2. Rayner (Canada) 151
- 3. Alizee (Germany) 137
- 4. Lavazza (Italy-Egypt) 136
- 5. D'Orsi (Brazil) 126
- Kahn (U.S.A.) 126
- 7. Cortex (France) 121

The last three teams could not qualify. Lavazza was playing China Open, so a loss could have resulted in their not qualifying.

The first board was flat. Then Lavazza did well in the auction:

Board 2. Dealer East. North-South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Liu	Sementa	Li	Duboin
		INT	Pass
2♣	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

The 3NT contract by Wang Weimin had no chance. He probably considered removing to 4♥ because he could envision not being able both to establish and to run South's heart suit. But that contract would have failed. Walid el Ahmady led the club queen, then shifted to a heart. Declarer took that and ducked a round of clubs. North won the next heart and benefited from the 3-3 club split, but he eventually lost one spade, one heart, one diamond and two clubs.

In the other room, it was hard for Giorgio Duboin (South) to pass over his partner's double. But as you can see, wherever East-West rested, it would have been expensive.

Then Antonio Sementa thought for a long time over 3♣ before coming up with the winning decision to pass.

With the friendly suit splits, Duboin took ten tricks to gain 5 IMPs.

Before moving on, Pierre Zimmermann did something meritorious on this deal. He was in 3NT. He ducked two rounds of clubs, got to dummy with the ♣A, cashed the long club, then took a losing diamond finesse and claimed nine tricks! The opponents took this for granted, writing down minus 400.

Later in the set when he was the dummy, Zimmermann went back over the play in his mind and called for the tournament director to point out his error, that he had only eight tricks. And since there was no sensible way for declarer to gain a ninth winner, the concession was rescinded and the board scored as down one.

Now back to the China-Lavazza match. This was an interesting declarer-play problem:



Giorgio Duboin, Italy

Board 3. Dealer South. East-West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Wang	el Ahmady	Zhuang
1♠	2♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

West	North	East	South
Liu	Sementa	Li	Duboin
1♠	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

At both tables, East led the ♠10. What should the declarers have done?

The risk is losing one trick in each suit. If you can find the heart queen, you should be all right; but if you do not, you will need diamonds 3-3 so that you can discard dummy's club loser. What you do not want is a trick-two club shift. And who might find that shift, East or West?

Only East. Even if East discourages at trick one, it is highly unlikely West will switch to clubs. So you should leave West on lead at trick one.

That is exactly what Wang did. East signaled with the ♠8 playing standard methods, and West continued with his second spade. Declarer ruffed, took his top trumps, and conceded a diamond. When hearts were 2-2 and diamonds 3-3, he collected an overtrick.

In the other room, Sementa made the error of covering the ♠10 with dummy's ♠J. Jie Li (East) took the trick with his queen and, of course, shifted to a club, selecting the four in case South had a king-jack holding. Now declarer had to guess the hearts correctly, which he did not do. He cashed his king, then ran the jack. East won with his

queen, cashed the ♣Q and awaited a diamond trick for down one. Plus 450 and plus 50 gave the China Open team 11 IMPs on the board.

The next interesting deal was this one:

Board 6. Dealer East. East-West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Wang	el Ahmady	Zhuang
2♠ (1)	3♠	Pass	1♠
Dble (2)	Pass	Pass	Pass
		4♦ (3)	All Pass

- (1) Michaels: at least 5-5 in hearts and a minor
- (2) Strong hand
- (3) Pass or correct

West	North	East	South
Liu	Sementa	Li	Duboin
3♣ (1)	Dble	Pass	1♠
3♦	Pass	Redble	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	Dble
		All Pass	

- (1) Ghestem: at least 5-5 in the red suits

With the friendly lie in the heart suit, el Ahmady took 11 tricks, losing one spade and one diamond.

I do not know what Li's redouble meant; presumably a bad hand given Liu Jing's subsequent passivity.

The defense was accurate: ♦A, club to East's ace, heart to the queen, ♥A, heart ruff, club ruff for down two. So that was 2 IMPs to Lavazza.

The other 10 boards were bidding exercises with only 21 IMPs changing hands. The final score was 22-19 for Lavazza, which converted to 16-14 in victory points. Both teams were through, along with Rayner (who won the group) and Alizee.

Round of 32 – Session I

Rosenblum Cup

Opportunity Knocks

by Mark Horton

Opportunity Knocks was a British television talent show originally hosted by Hughie Green.

Unlike its rival New Faces, the winning acts on were decided not by a panel of experts but by the viewing public. In the ITV version this took the form of a postal vote, the winner of which was announced the following week. The BBC revival was notable for being the first TV show to decide its winner using the now-standard method of a telephone vote. In both versions the studio audience reaction to each act was measured by a clapometer, but this did not count towards the final result.

Although it did produce a number of talented acts, the method of putting the contest to a public vote sometimes resulted in victories for novelty acts, in particular those involving children or animals. On one notorious occasion the young Su Pollard was beaten into second place by a singing dog.

In the round of 32 in the Rosenblum the sole surviving English team had the opportunity to take a significant scalp when they faced the pride of America, Nick Nickell's Bermuda Bowl Champions. There was no chance of a public vote deciding this match.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Hamman	Senior	Zia
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	All Pass

East could have bid a natural 2NT, but was mindful that West might have a very modest hand for a third in hand opening. Facing a passed partner West was unwilling to rebid 2NT.

2♣ was a poor spot. South led the seven of spades and North won with the king and returned the four, which ran to dummy's ten. As the cards lie if declarer had played on a red suit at this point he might have escaped for one down, but he tried the effect of running the nine of clubs. South won with a cunning queen and played a diamond, North winning with the king and returning a spade for South to ruff. Declarer won the heat switch with dummy's ace and played a club to the ace and the jack of clubs. That was two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Allrey	Katz	Robson
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	INT	All Pass

South led the two of clubs and declarer won with the jack and played a spade to the jack and king. It was just a question of overtricks and declarer managed two of those, +150 and first blood to Nickell, 6-0.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kendrick</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Zia</i>
1♠	2♣	3♣	1♣
4♠	All Pass		Pass

North led the four of clubs and South cashed two tricks in the suit, whereupon declarer claimed ten tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Allrey</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Robson</i>
1♠	Dble*	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West led the two of spades and declarer ruffed in dummy, played a club to the ace and ruffed another spade. He then played a club to the ten, losing to West's queen. Any red card now from West should lead to four down, and he chose the king of hearts. Declarer took the ace and played the king of clubs, ruffed by East as West pitched a spade. East accurately lead a low diamond and West won with the king and returned the jack of diamonds. When that held he switched to the king of spades. Declarer discarded a club from dummy, ruffed and played a club, ruffing with the jack of hearts. If East discards the ace of spades on this trick declarer will have to lose two more tricks, but he overruffed and collected only +500, to lose 3 IMPs instead of gaining 5.



Ralph Katz, USA

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kendrick</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Zia</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

You can understand why East did not go on to game facing a weak notrump type in a hand that might have only four spades, but as the cards lie nine tricks should always be available.

North led the two of hearts and declarer won with the ten and played a club. South won and switched to the nine of spades, covered by the ten and jack. The spade continuation went to the queen and declarer's king and even ten tricks were possible now. Declarer was quite happy to settle for nine, crossing to dummy with a diamond and knocking out the jack of clubs, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Allrey</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Robson</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Here South led the five of diamonds for the jack, queen and ace, and declarer played on clubs, easily recording the same number of tricks made at the other table.

OurGame Broadcasts

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Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ 8 7 6 5 2		♠ AKQJ3
	♥ K 10 3		♥ 7 5
	♦ 8 2		♦ AKQ654
	♣ 9 7 2		♣ -
♠ -			
♥ A Q J 9 4			
♦ J 10 9 3			
♣ A J 10 6			
	♠ 10 9 4		
	♥ 8 6 2		
	♦ 7		
	♣ K Q 8 5 4 3		

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ Q 7 3		♠ 8 4
	♥ 10 9 7 3		♥ A J 5 4
	♦ K Q 6		♦ A J 5
	♣ K 8 5		♣ Q J 4 3
♠ J 6 5			
♥ 8 6 2			
♦ 8 7 2			
♣ 10 9 7 2			
	♠ AK1092		
	♥ KQ		
	♦ 10 9 4 3		
	♣ A 6		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Hamman	Senior	Zia
		1♦	3♣
4♣*	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

East/West were not inconvenienced by South's intervention and quickly reached the unbeatable grand slam, +2140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Allrey	Katz	Robson
		2♣*	4♣
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

So, no swing, but I wonder what might have happened had North raised to 5♣? I guess if East had bid 5♦ West would have pushed on to seven.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Hamman	Senior	Zia
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Dble	Rdbl
3♣	Dble	All Pass	

East's double (which he himself described as borderline) turned out badly. North led the three of spades and South won and switched to the queen of hearts. Declarer won in dummy and played a spade. South won with the ace and now does best to cash the king of hearts. Then a diamond switch sets up a trick for North and also paves the way for a heart ruff.

However, South switched to the ten of diamonds and North put up the queen. If declarer ducks, the link for a possible heart ruff is lost but he took the ace and played a trump. Now if South goes in with the ace and cashes the king of hearts he can put North in with a diamond to get a heart ruff. No, he played low and North won and switched to the ten of hearts. Declarer made the final mistake when he covered, as that meant North had to score the nine of hearts. Down 3, -800, in one sense it was lucky that North/South had a game available.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Allrey	Katz	Robson
			1♠
Pass	2♥*	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

2♥ 3 card limit raise

Playing Cards



Decks of playing cards from WBF Championships are available from the Jannersten Stand on the 4th floor. New deck 1US\$ per deck. Used deck 0.70 US\$ per deck.

Declarer won the diamond lead with dummy's king, drew trumps and ran the nine of diamonds, claiming when it lost, +620 holding the loss to 5 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K J 8 7 ♥ Q 9 8 4 ♦ J 8 5 3 ♣ 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 ♥ A 7 6 ♦ K Q 10 4 ♣ Q 10 7 3 2	♠ A Q 10 ♥ K J 10 3 2 ♦ 7 6 ♣ J 5 4
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kendrick</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Zia</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠
2NT*	Pass	3♥	Db1*
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

2NT Heart raise

Zia gave some thought to doing more than bidding 5♣ – he made six by finessing in diamonds, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Allrey</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Robson</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dble*
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥*
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

3♥ Shortness

When West bid 4♥ did North, despite the modest nature of his hand, owe his partner a bid of 4♠? Even then they might not have pushed on past game.

The play record is inaccurate, but declarer made twelve tricks for a flat board.

If you reach 6♣ one way home is to play to ruff two hearts in dummy and two spades in hand. Then you will end up squeezing West in spades and diamonds.

Missing that slam was understandable, missing the following one was less so:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 8 4 ♥ Q 10 ♦ Q 5 3 ♣ A K 9 8 7 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 6 2 ♥ J 8 5 2 ♦ K J 8 7 ♣ J 10 5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kendrick</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Zia</i>
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♠ Strong (fist raised on both sides of the screen!)

I am reliably informed that West could not rebid 3♥ as it would not have been forcing.

+510 was a dreadful result – could they do better in the other room?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Allrey</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Robson</i>
2♣*	3♣	Dble*	4♣
4♠	All Pass		

Dble 0-1 controls

Being a result merchant I can suggest that West might have ventured 5♣ at his second turn, but even then it's not clear you reach a slam – after 5♦-5♥ is East supposed to go on to six? Maybe with four trumps and a king that is likely to be useful. Still, you have to credit North/South for making life awkward.

Declarer lost a trick to the queen of hearts, so it was a surprising IMP for Allfrey.

There had been a host of opportunities for both sides, but with most of them not being taken the score was 19-10 (or 19-15 according to the web site).

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL RESULTS

THURSDAY – FRIDAY KO - BRACKET 1

9 Tables

- 29.95 1 Kimberly Whipple, Boca Grande FL; Kevin Dwyer, Fort Myers FL; Kenny Horneman, Charlottesville VA; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Charles Jeffrey Jr, Safety Harbor FL
- 20.97 2 Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA; Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Bill Parks, Macungie PA; Mike Cappelletti, Winter Park FL
- 11.98 3/4 Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Jo Morse, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico; Howard Parker III, Clements CA
- 11.98 3/4 Renate Hansen - Andreas Babsch - Alexander Wernle - Jovanka Smederevac, Vienna Austria

THURSDAY – FRIDAY KO - BRACKET 2

13 Tables

- 15.78 1 Susan E G Slusky, Highland Park NJ; Franklin Daringer, Cambridge MD; Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR; Maggie Shenkin, Boca Raton FL
- 15.78 2 Tom Kaufmann, Pine Brook NJ; Martin Lesh, Montville NJ; Otilie Bello, Short Hills NJ; Joan Brody, Morristown NJ
- 7.10 3 Paul Fried, Monroe Twp NJ; Dolores Dodi Ballard, Brielle NJ; Carmen Di Toro, Philadelphia PA; Noel Kohn, Avalon NJ
- 4.73 4/6 Paul Harris - Cecilla Borrás, Waltham MA; Diogo Teixeira, Wellesley MA; Christine Halkiotis, Wellesley Hills MA
- 4.73 4/6 Tom Komline, Easton PA; Barbara Schlosser, Lawrenceville NJ; Julia Zucker, East Brunswick NJ; Nat Zucker, E Brunswick NJ
- 4.73 4/6 Corey Krantz, Drexel Hill PA; Harold Mathews, Wynnewood PA; Nadine Gushner, Philadelphia PA; Diana Stein, Boca Raton FL

THURSDAY – FRIDAY KO - BRACKET 3

16 Tables

- 11.73 1 Joan Beyer, Warminster PA; Ronald Streeper, Huntingdon Vy PA; Carol Shannon, Ft Washington PA; Julie Hough, Horsham PA
- 8.21 2 Michael Mocella, Chadds Ford PA; Colin Mackay, Newark DE; J Bruce Gwaltney - Judith Gwaltney, Wilmington DE
- 4.69 3/4 Beryl Halpern, Elkins Park PA; Linda Erman, Huntingdon Vy PA; Barbara Fox - Suzanne Fields, Meadowbrook PA
- 4.69 3/4 Gloria Hirsch, Boca Raton FL; Barbara Eisner, Springfield NJ; Sandra Tauber, Livingston NJ; Susan Dobriner, New Providence NJ

1ST FRIDAY CKO – BKT 1

14 Tables

- 14.36 1 Adam Parrish, Arlington MA; Randall Rubinstein, East Falmouth MA; Graham Osborne - Frances Hinden, England
- 10.05 2 Sonja Smith, North Granby CT; David Rock, Westfield MA; Mark Conner, Grantham NH; Bruce Downing, New London NH
- 6.46 3 Peter Stein, Hillsborough NJ; Cho-Wei Sit, Watchung NJ; Thomas Hoi, East Brunswick NJ; Richard Franklin, New Canaan CT
- 5.03 4 Stanley Barg, Washington DC; Justin Blanchard, New York NY; Isabella De Andrade - Sylvia Mello, Rio De Janeiro Brazil

1ST FRIDAY CKO – BKT 2

14 Tables

- 6.56 1 C. Buddy Carls, Huntington Bh CA; Alan Blake, East Brunswick NJ; Linda Green, Westport CT; David Blackburn, Fairfield CT
- 4.59 2 Sidney Friedenber, Princeton Jct NJ; Harold Shane - Miles Ettman, West Windsor NJ; Arthur Frank, Pennington NJ
- 2.95 3 Gertrude Flor, Abington PA; Bob Wachs, Philadelphia PA; Joan Brandeis, Glenside PA; James Masterson, Jenkintown PA
- 2.30 4 Eleanor Macdonald, Marlton NJ; Theron Abrams, Mt Holly NJ; Connie Maloney, Mount Laurel NJ; Maxine Goodman, Philadelphia PA

1ST FRIDAY CKO – BKT 3

14 Tables

- 4.26 1 Herb Schulken, Pawleys Island SC; Andrew Jacknain, Washington DC; Roseann Romito, Lancaster PA; Virginia Stewart, Richmond VA
- 2.98 2 Thomas Arnold - Carol Arnold, Basking Ridge NJ; James Scheirer - Mary Ann Scheirer, Princeton NJ
- 1.92 3 Tom Piper - Karen Piper, N Huntingdon PA; Dennis Gibboney - Carol Gibboney, Latrobe PA
- 1.49 4 Arlene Mahlberg - Benny Mahlberg, Discovery Bay CA; William Belanich, Sandston VA; Nancy Golden, Richmond VA

Complete Regional Event Results and Hand records are available at
<http://web2.acbl.org/hosted/districts/d4web/tournamentcalendar.htm>



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INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE TEAM TOURNAMENT

December 10-11-12, 2010

NH MILANOFIORI CONGRESS CENTER - Assago (MI)

PROGRAMME

- December 10 - Friday - h 14.00 - End of registration - h 14.30 - first round - h 21.00 - rounds
- December 11 - Saturday - h 14.00 - rounds - h 21.00 - rounds
- December 12 - Sunday - h 10.30 - rounds - h 16.00 - Prize giving

Participation is allowed to FIGB members, competitors and not competitors, as well as to members of foreign Federations.



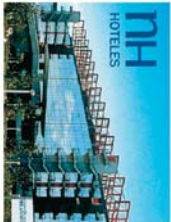
EMILIA TEAM (ITALY) - 2009 WINNER

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions to be sent possibly in advance to:
FOREIGN TEAM SECRETARIAT
info@federbridge.it

As alternative, subscriptions can be done directly to the Tournament Direction before h 13.00 of December 10.

- Entrance fees: € 300 each team - € 150 Junior teams and disabled
- For the access to special prizes, the team name and category has to be notified at the moment of registration.



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ROOM TYPE	SPECIAL OFFER	PER NIGHT
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RANKING	SECTION A	SECTION B	SECTION C	SECTIONS OF TEAM
1	€ 5000	€ 800	€ 600	D € 300
2	€ 3000	€ 700	€ 450	E € 300
3	€ 2000	€ 600	€ 380	F € 300
4	€ 1500	€ 460	€ 300	G € 300
5	€ 1000	€ 420	€ 300	H € 300
6	€ 800	€ 320	€ 300	I and following
7	€ 700	€ 300		
8	€ 600			SPECIAL PRIZES: € 300 (not cumulative)
9	€ 600			Prizes not paid at NH Hotels - Stars rest - winners
10	€ 600			Prizes not paid at NH Hotels - Stars rest - winners
11	€ 500			Prizes not paid at NH Hotels - Stars rest - winners
12	€ 500			Prizes not paid at NH Hotels - Stars rest - winners

Final order to give best score team of Round C Sections in the last three hours of Sunday, December 12

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SUNDAY 29TH
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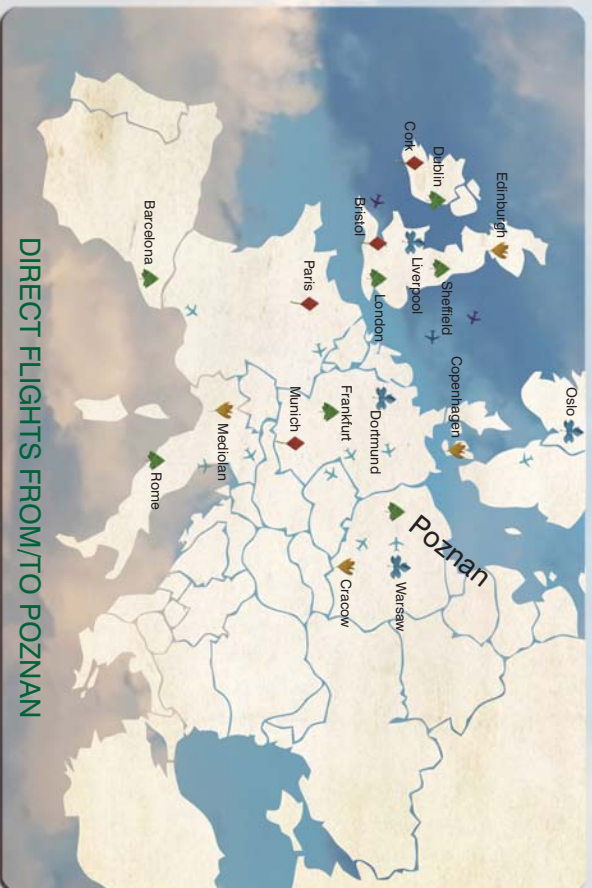
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday 17th	- 12.00/20.00 - 20.00	- Mixed Teams Registration - Opening Ceremony
Saturday 18th	- 10.30 - 20.00	- Mixed Teams Qualification In Groups, 5 Rounds - Captains Meeting
Sunday 19th	- 10.30 - 12.00/20.00 - 20.00	- Mixed Teams Qualification Swiss, 5 Rounds - Mixed Pairs Registration - Captains Meeting
Monday 20th	- 08.30/10.00	- Mixed Pairs Registration
Tuesday 21th	- 10.30 - 10.30 - 15.30 - 15.30	- Mixed Teams (16 ~ Final) - Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 1 st Session) - Mixed Teams (8 ~ Final) - Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 2 nd Session)
Wednesday 22nd	- 10.30 - 10.30 - 14.45 - 15.30	- Mixed Teams (Final 1 st Session) - Mixed Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 1 st Session) - Mixed Teams (Final 2 nd & 3 rd Sessions) - Mixed Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 2 nd Session)
Thursday 23rd	- 10.30 - 12.00/20.00 - 15.30 - 20.00	- Mixed Pairs (Final A 1 st Session) - O/W/S Teams Registration - Mixed Pairs (Final A 2 nd Session, Final B & C) - Mixed Championship Prize-giving Ceremony
Friday 24th	- 10.00/19.00 - 20.30	- O/W/S Teams Registration - Open Teams (Qualifying In Groups, 2 Rounds) - Women & Senior Teams Qualifying Round Robin
Saturday 25th	- 10.30 - 10.30 - 17.00	- Open Teams (Qualifying In Groups, 3 Rounds) - Women & Senior Teams Qualifying Round Robin - Open Teams (Qualifying Swiss, 2 Rounds)
Sunday 26th	- 10.30 - 10.30 - 12.00/20.00 - 20.00	- Open Teams (Qualifying Swiss, 5 Rounds) - Women & Senior Teams Qualifying Round Robin - O/W/S Pairs Registration - Captains Meeting
Monday 27th	- 09.00/10.00 - 10.00 - 10.30 - 15.00 - 16.30	- O/W/S Pairs Registration - Open Teams (16 ~ Final) - O/W/S Pairs (Qualifying 1 st Session) - Open Teams (8 ~ Final) - O/W/S Pairs (Qualifying 2 nd Session)
Tuesday 28th	- 10.30 - 10.30 - 15.00 - 16.00	- O/W/S Teams (14 ~ Final) - O/W/S Pairs (Qualifying 3 rd Session) - O/W/S Teams (Semi-Final) - O/W/S Pairs (Qualifying 4 th Session)
Wednesday 29th	- 10.30 - 10.30 - 14.45 - 16.30 - 20.30	- O/W/S Teams (Final 1 st Session) - O/W/S Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 1 st Session) - O/W/S Teams (Final 2 nd & 3 rd Sessions) - O/W/S Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 2 nd Session) - O/W/S Teams Prize-giving Ceremony
Thursday 30th	- 10.30 - 15.30	- O/W/S Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 3 rd Session) - O/W/S Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 4 th Session)
Friday 1st	- 10.30 - 11.00 - 15.30	- O/W/S Pairs (Final A, B & C 1 st Session) - EBL President Press Conference - O/W/S Pairs (Final A, B & C 2 nd Session)
Saturday 2th	- 10.30 - 15.30 - 20.30	- O/W/S Pairs (Final A & B 3 rd Session) - O/W/S Pairs (Final A & B 4 th Session) - O/W/S Pairs Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony



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