

# 4th I.B.U. Junior Bridge Friendship Trophy



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## U.S.A. Wins Friendship Trophy

Despite tremendous pressure from Sweden, the USA Red team won the International Invitational Friendship Trophy.

After 3 sessions of the Friendship Trophy the main contenders for this years event were U.S.A. Red team and newcomers Sweden.

U.S.A. Red on a score of 60 vps out of the available 75 vps representing an 80% score and Sweden on 58 vps (77.3%) are well in touch. With United States Red team and Sweden clashing in the last round the competition had an exciting finish.

U.S.A. Reds last two opponents were England and then Sweden. The boys from Sweden had both U.S.A. teams to play. Sweden lost their first match

14/16 to USA Blue while USA Red triumphed 16/14 against England. This meant Sweden needed 17/13 or better to take the trophy (see p. 2 & 11).

On Wednesday night in the one session club pairs we had some good results against the usual strong field in the Regent's Club game. With A. Hoskins , M. Lahut (USA), A. Sinclair (Scot), P-O. Cullin, & K. Ericson (Swe), J. Martin, R. Mc Maugh (Ire) and the Fournier brothers (U.S.A.) all in the prize money.

On behalf of all the Juniors we thank all the members of the Regent for allowing us to play on their club night and Declan for making us feel so welcome.

*Thomas MacCormac*  
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# RESULTS Wednesday 17th

## Upstairs

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3<sup>RD</sup> K.DOWNES & P.  
SHANAHAN

1<sup>ST</sup> E/W S.SHEEHAN & T.ROCHE  
2<sup>ND</sup> P & D RYDER  
3<sup>RD</sup> (Joint)B.KEMPLE & B.SYNOTT  
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## HALL

1<sup>ST</sup> N/S J.COMYN & R.GIDDINGS  
2<sup>ND</sup> U.DEVINE & M.SMYTH  
3<sup>RD</sup> J & J FOURNIER (USA)

1<sup>ST</sup> E/W A.HOSKINS M.LAHUT  
(USA)  
2<sup>ND</sup> P.HORNICK & U.KING  
3<sup>RD</sup> M.FLYNN & J.LAST

## BAR

1<sup>ST</sup> N/SP.O CULLIN & K.ERICSON  
(Swe)  
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(Ire)  
3<sup>RD</sup> M.BERG & D.SIVELIND  
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WALSH  
2<sup>ND</sup> J.HENEGAN & T.WALSH  
3<sup>RD</sup> M.MYERS & T.CRANK  
(USA)

# Team Profile IRELAND

At the outset we believe in equality of the sexes. Thus we have 3 male and 3 lovely lassies (from Kimmage) representing Ireland this week.

Sunil Bavalia our most capped and experienced junior hails from Belfast. He has just completed his degree from Trinity College and recently finished third in the North of Ireland Pairs Championships.

His partner for this event is Orla Walsh who comes from Limerick and is studying to become an actuary. Orla has been absent from the bridge scene for almost a year and we are delighted to have our 'brains' back in the fold.

Ronan McMaugh is our 'best man'. From Tyrone in Northern Ireland he is the latest protégé of Tomas MacCormac to become addicted (to bridge of course).

His partner is the redoubtable Jaimie Martin from Kilkenny. Jaimie's insight of the intricacies of bridge is comparable to that of 'Meckwell'. Beware!!

Fionnuala McInerney and Sarah Gilmartin are the last but not least members of our team. They also are from Limerick and have played together since their early school years. cont p.2.

## Final results of Junior Invitational Trophy competition

Pos		Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	TOTAL
6	Ireland	8	6	11	5	6	36
1	USA Red	19	22	19	16	16	92
3	USA Blue	11	14	19	16	19	79
4	England	14	16	9	14	24	79
5	Scotland	16	15	11	25	11	78
2	Sweden	22	15	21	14	14	86

# At the Monday Open Pairs Game..

The regular Monday game in the Regent had its share of excitement last Monday as Jade Barrett (USA NPC) playing with McKenzie Myers held the E-W cards.

Playing *Featherston* versus the enemy notrump openings, the hand opposite came up. Myers doubled 1NT to show touching suits, and Barrett bid 2H to show either 9 cards in the Majors or 4H and 5+C. The doubler now bids 2S promising either spades and clubs or a good hand with both majors. When Barrett bids 3C the Doubler completes his statement by bidding 3H and responder follows by raising to game.

The pair is rewarded by taking 11 tricks from the correct side.

Invented by Norm Featherston of the USA, the device is devilishly simple and is effective against all NoTrump ranges – the partner of the doubler can always pass when they have a decent hand.

**Dealer South. All Vul.**

♠ xx  
♥ Kx  
♦ Axxxx  
♣ Kxxx

♠ AKxxx  
♥ Jxxxx  
♦ Jxx  
♣ void



♠ xx  
♥ AQxx  
♦ xx  
♣ Q10xxx

♠ QJxx  
♥ xx  
♦ KQx  
♣ AJxx

West Myers	North	East Barrett	South
			1 NT
Dbl	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

## The Featherston Convention

Over their opponents 1NT

- Double = Touching suits
- 2♣ = ♣ and ♥
- 2♦ = ♦ and ♠
- 2♥/2♠/3♣/3♦ = Natural
- 2NT = Weak minors (5-6 or 6-5) or very strong majors (5+-5+)

## Team Profile IRELAND (cont)

Fionnuala is the engineer of our team and is preparing for her finals next year when she will graduate from University College Dublin. Sarah studies languages (good and bad) in Trinity and she too will graduate next year. Both have just returned from holidays to play here this week.

I wish them and all our visitors the very best of luck in what I know will be a hugely enjoyable event.  
B.J.O'Brien



(l-r) Fionnuala McInerney, B.J. O'Brien NPC & Sarah Gilmartin

Dealer SOUTH

Dorothy Hayden  
Truscott♠ Q8  
♥ 1062  
♦ AQJ96  
♣ AQ4

Sam Stayman

♠ 543  
♥ A85  
♦ K872  
♣ 1072

Victor Mitchell

♠ J1072  
♥ KQ74  
♦ 1053  
♣ 63

B. Jay Becker

♠ AK96  
♥ J92  
♦ 4  
♣ KJ985

Dealer SOUTH

♠ 10xxx  
♥ Axxx  
♦ Ax  
♣ xxx♠ AKxxx  
♥ Qxx  
♦ Jxxx  
♣ x♠ QJx  
♥ 1098  
♦ xxxx  
♣ QJx♠ x  
♥ KJx  
♦ KQx  
♣ AK10xxx

West	North	East	South
			1C
Pass	1D	Pass	1S
Pass	3C (F-G)	Pass	4C
Pass	4S	Pass	5C
Pass	6C	All pass	

**End Play**

Most unscientific N/S pairs reached 3NT, a crude contract with nothing but 9 tricks to commend it. Without a heart stopper B.Jay reached 6C. Sam opened cunningly with the D2, B.Jay finessed, cashed the Ace and ruffed a diamond. A trump to the Queen was followed by another D ruff. B Jay then drew trumps ending in dummy and played the fifth diamond. To hold onto four spades, East bared the HK, so his distribution was no mystery. B.Jay then played the SQ followed by the 8 intending to run it, but East covered with the ten. With three cards left B. Jay played the HJ, If Sam hopped up with the Ace, he would be end played in hearts, while it East won with the King he would be end played in spades. Blue murder at the bridge table !! No doubt Dorothy Hayden Truscott would have passed 5C holding H T52.

West	North	East	South
			1C
1S	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2H	Pass	3C
Pass	4C	Pass	4H
Pass	5C	All Pass	

**Squeeze play**

How many ladies, or men, would make 11 eleven tricks on this hand.

Opening lead SK followed by low diamond.

Looks like a spade loser, heart loser and club loser (unless your clairvoyant). Dorothy Hayden Truscott won the diamond in dummy and ruffed a spade. Two rounds of trumps meant another loser. Undaunted, Dorothy cashed DQ, ruffed the DK in dummy for another spade ruff. Now she threw East in with the master winner. Having no spades East played HT. Dorothy won the King and played the last trump squeezing West in the majors.

**Brendan James O'Brien**

Our Junior Non-Playing Captain, (Brendan to his wife when she's calling him in from play), claims descent from the High King of Ireland, Brian Boru, who chased the Danes out of Ireland in 1014. Note, there is no Danish team here. A banker and an actor. Actor? Yes! Not many people know this, and you'd never guess, but he was one of the original Telly Tubbies. One of the most popular players on the tournament circuit, B.J. has won numerous championships, all under the influence of coke (cola that is) and has full international caps for both I.B.U. and C.B. A.I. The Peter Pan of Irish bridge, he is comfortable with Juniors to whom he devotes his time unselfishly and untiringly. Unlike Peter Pan he cannot fly (excess baggage) although he once went up like a balloon - sorry, in a balloon - in Tenerife.



### Team Profile - New Entrants Sweden

**Daniel Sivelind**, age 24, is better known as "The Axe Murderer from Ludvika", this due to his very large use of the call Double. He is probably the player that collects the most 200's at match points in Swedish bridge, not to mention 790's!! Daniel lives in a small town called Ludvika, where he works in his parents' company selling office material. That's how he earns the money to finance his poor Black Jack. Like every Swede from the countryside he knows how to drink alcohol like a real man. At this years World Junior Pairs in Hungary he got thirsty and asked Måns (who was carrying a type of hipflask filled with transparent fluid) if he could have some water. Always keen on being a chancer, "of course you can" Måns answered, not mentioning that the "water" in the bottle was really pure spirits. Two mouthfuls later, not making the slightest face, Daniel swiftly replied "That was the best water I have ever tasted". Daniel likes to keep it simple and cannot remember a single convention. He is responsible for bidding sequences that normal people cannot even imagine. Always happy and smiling, Daniel is the mascot of the Swedish team.

**Måns "Morre" Berg**, age 22, is the youngest player of the team, and lives in central Stockholm, as does his girlfriend, Mirre. He is currently (and finally) doing his military service. Being the most morning tired guy on earth, he refused to do so for 3 years (to page 6) and it was only when he was given the option of spending time in jail that he "accepted". You don't hear him complain any longer though, as it turned out that his role in the Army would be to review films, interview famous artists and write a column about bridge and poker for the magazine of the military. He loves to party, and before every bridge trip abroad he spends days carefully examining what clubs are available at the destination, when they are open, what kind of music they play and so on. Of course, he rarely finds the time to actually visit them but at least he knows they exist. Morre is the perfect bridge partner and always tries his best not to annoy his partners. Just consider that one time when he was out clubbing with P-O (pronounced Peeo) and was asked by a middle aged male if he was gay. "No", Morre replied, "but I think you should try my friend over there", pointing his finger at P-O. P-O is still recovering from this near-gay-experience. Always up to partying, Morre is the Disco King of the Swedish team.



(l-r) Mans, P.O (PeeOh), Daniel & Kjell.

**Kjell Ericsson**, aged 24, Kjell is better known as "Roland Brun Sju" because of his fantastic imitations of a character in a Swedish comedy called Roland. When he's not busy practicing different lines of Roland's, Kjell teaches computer science and lives in Ludvika with his girlfriend. Being a well-organised person, Kjell has written a thorough system for the partnership. Not that Daniel would ever remember what's actually in the system, but still ! Just like any well-organised person, Kjell is a control freak. When he's had a few, however, he turns into an out-of-control freak, losing mobile phones, keys, his grip of reality and singing Estonian hit singles at karaoke bars. The day after, all this is, if you were to ask Kjell, of course Daniel's fault. Always making jokes and silly voices, Kjell is the comedian of the Swedish team.

**Per-Ola Cullin**, aged 24: P-O, or "Pocken" as we Swedes call him is currently finishing 4-years of law studies. He financed his studies by playing poker on the internet by night, and playing guitar and singing on Greek islands in the summer. Pocken speaks many languages; Spanish, German, English and Skånska. When Morre is researching the local club-life, P-O is finding out about the local language. For example he managed to order a taxi to our hotel in Hungary by saying "kukorica gomba", meaning mushroom and corn. With his nice voice, many languages and very unshy way P-O is a ladies man, always trying to score. Girls in Sweden actually call him "Bocken" instead of Pocken. (Bocken means something like "sleep-around") On his merit list you can find many stories, including magic-wand-butt-spanking. Always in charge of travel plans, Pocken is the Playing Captain of the Swedish team. That's the Swedish Junior Team.

## Match Report Ireland vs Sweden

Board 2 N/S Vul Dealer East

♠ K93 ♥ 10 ♦ AKQ96 ♣ 7632		♠ AJ4 ♥ AK54 ♦ -- ♣ AKJ1084	♠ 75 ♥ J98762 ♦ 5432 ♣ 5
		♠ Q10862 ♥ Q3 ♦ J1087 ♣ Q9	

West	North	East	South
		2♦	Pass
2♥	Dbl	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

This match features the host nation Ireland against newcomers to the event, Sweden. On board 2 of this 20-board match Ireland's Ronan McMaugh got off to a flying start, but judge for your-self, did he deserve it? Playing in 6 Spades Ronan received the lead of Diamond ace, which was ruffed in dummy. At this point the Irish declarer was not too confident. From the bidding declarer correctly deduced that East had a good few red cards and thus he played a club to his queen, finessed the spade jack, cashed the spade ace and then ran club tricks discarding all his diamonds from hand conceding a spade at the end for a total of 12 tricks. Fortunately, West had 4 clubs along with the master trump and Ronan was able to discard his losing diamonds before West could trump him and cash a diamond. This result six spades making for plus 1430 made a 14 imp gain when the Irish girls at the other table played in 4D doubled minus three. The luck, it seems, was with Ireland at this early stage, but would it last? Apparently not! On Board 4 it swung to Sweden, when the Swedish E/W played in the standard contract of 3NT while Ireland got to the dizzy heights of 6 Clubs and luck evened itself out when the spade finesse lost. Sweden gained 12 imps and then piled on the pressure to lead by 30 imps after 10 boards.

Board 4 Game all Dealer West

♠ AQ54 ♥ 8 ♦ AK ♣ AK97654		♠ K86 ♥ A103 ♦ QJ10754 ♣ 2	♠ 92 ♥ KQ9654 ♦ 963 ♣ QJ
		♠ J1073 ♥ J72 ♦ 82 ♣ 10853	

The second half was a much quieter affair with Sweden gaining 10 imps on board 14 where system dictated the Irish opened 1NT with the East hand and West failed to find the required low Diamond lead to beat the declared 3NT by South. At the other table 1 Diamond was opened thus 3NT was beaten.

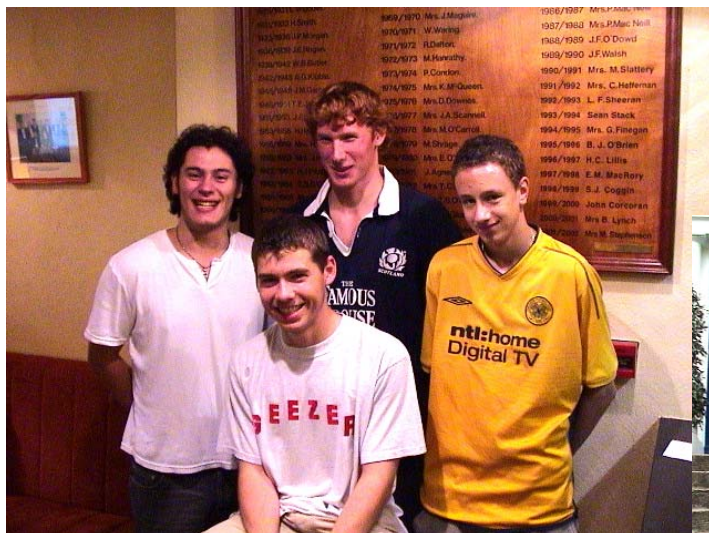
Board 19 saw the last excitement when Ronan declared 1NT doubled, as South, and received the lead of Diamond 3 to the King and a Spade switch ran to the Jack. The Spade 10 was continued to Souths King, declarer now found the brilliant play of the Jack Diamonds covered by the Queen, Ace and 10. A finesse of the Club Jack saw declarer home while at the other table the Irish declarer made 2 Spades plus one.

The final score in the match was Ireland 8 vp / Sweden's 22 vps.

Board 19 East West Vul Dealer South

♠ J10 ♥ Q65 ♦ Q743 ♣ 10753		♠ 542 ♥ K432 ♦ A52 ♣ 964	♠ AQ763 ♥ AJ109 ♦ K10 ♣ Q8
		♠ K98 ♥ 87 ♦ J986 ♣ AKJ2	

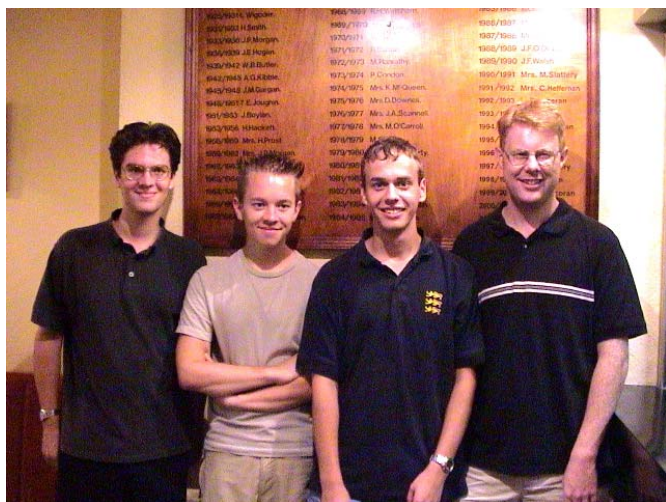
# Photo's



SCOTLAND



U.S.A. RED



England  
(or is it "Engerland")



U.S.A. Blue

**Kaplan Quote:**  
*"Now his 3D bid shows a singleton diamond. When he rebids diamonds, it will confirm a singleton diamond."*

**Kaplan Quote:**  
*"The difference between a brave bid and a foolhardy bid is largely a matter of result."*

## Tom Hanlon (a.k.a. Kinder)

*At great expense to this publication, Tom Hanlon, Irish Bridge International talks to our editor Thomas MacCormac.*

TMC: "Thank you very much for agreeing to do this interview with me Tom. Let's start with something about your family life?"

TH: "I was born in 1967 in the county of West Meath. I work as an insurance broker and currently live in Dublin with my partner Nuala and Lee her six-year-old girl. My mother Annie influenced my bridge career, as at the tender age of 14 my best friend and I were badgered to go to classes' and as his father was the teacher, we had little choice. But to be fair it wasn't all that bad, generally we'd sneak out and play pool just doing enough to keep the oldies off our backs".

TMC: "I know that yourself and your current partner Dr Hugh McGann (bridge partner that is) are considered Irelands top pair and indeed are well respected throughout the bridge world could you outline your bridge career main partners and achievements".

TH: "Sure I'll list them off as best I can...at junior level in the European and Common Market Championships I played with :

1986 Heber O'Farrell

1987 Mark Moran

1988 Did not play

1989 John Nolan

1990-91 Donal Bell  
(BELLADONNA)

1992-93 Dr. Hugh McGann

At Senior/Open level..

1990 John Cunningham

1991 Donal MacAonghusa

1992-93 Pat Walshe

1994 - ? Dr.Hugh McGann".

As can be seen, Tom has been playing for Ireland for many years at all levels. He got his nickname Kinder while playing in Budapest in 1986, in chatting to a gorgeous barmaid, while rebuking his amorous advances, all she could mutter was "kinder" meaning child and to this day he still has a youthful look about him according to his partner Nuala. His most notable achievement at junior level was a silver medal in the Common Market Championships in 1993. At open level he is one of only a handful to have won the prestigious Camrose Trophy in 1999. Tom has won the EBU's Brighton Swiss pairs, the Young Chelsea's London Bridge Marathon and has also been runner up in the Lederer many times behind Zia's All-stars. At National level he has won all the major championships, Holmes Wilson, Geraldine, Davidson, Egan, Revington, Moylan. The one title that has eluded him is the Spiro, which Tom says he will rectify next weekend playing with his Mum Annie.

TMC: "Have you any interests Outside of Bridge."

TH: "Apart from Nuala and Lee and my own wonderful 15

year old son Colm. I play poker and people have remarked that I am not a shabby player. I also support Man Utd F.C.

*(Ed note; getting Tom to a bridge table on a Saturday when Man Utd are playing is next to impossible.)*

TMC: "If you could change anything about bridge what would it be?"

TH: "My pet hate is hesitations at the bridge table. I do not alone blame the players; the association and directors need to do more to educate beginners about this infraction. It is not out of malice or ethics people hesitate it is from lack of knowledge. I would insist bridge associations and unions would do more on this front if possible."

TMC: "Have you any tips for our young players."

TH: "I always think two things can radically improve your results at the bridge table. Number 1: before you make an opening lead invest a little bit of time in thinking about the bidding. And number 2: play at your own tempo; do not allow the opposition to set the tempo."

TMC: "Thank you very much Tom for your time I wish you good luck in the upcoming Welsh Invitational Pairs and of course with your mum Annie in the Spiro next weekend."

# North American Youth Bridge Foundation Awards

Over the twelve years that the North American Youth Bridge Foundation (NAYBF) has been sponsoring junior teams throughout the world, the competition here at the Regent Bridge Club of Dublin has remained our strong favourite. We thank you for your magnificent hospitality.

Another long-standing tradition is the Anne S Hoffman prize, presented to the most valuable player of the host nation. We are pleased to present this award to Fionnuala McInerney of Limerick.

The NAYBF MVP is given to the player who most impressed the opponents during the tournament (barring North Americans, of course!). We are pleased to honour Per-Ola Cullin of Sweden for his sportsmanship and skill. His attendance – and that of the Swedes in general - was a welcome addition to this wonderful tournament. Thank you, P-O, and good luck in your future endeavours.

GS Jade Barrett,  
Chairman, NAYBF



Thomas D. MacCormac - Irish Junior Organising Committee, Editor and general hard worker.



Pictured above: Ben McKenzie and Jade Barrett enjoying a pint after the field trip to Donnybrook rugby ground to see the match between the Leinster Lions and Neath-Swansea-Ospreys. Leinster won 35-21.



Ronan McMaugh, Irish Junior Team



We heard of strip poker but strip bridge?? Any takers, ladies, for Matt Meckstroth?

# The Final Round

Board 13. All Vul Dealer North

<p>♠ Q6 ♥ 94 ♦ Q42 ♣ QJ10954</p>	<p>♠ 95 ♥ KQ1076 ♦ AJ10875 ♣ void</p>	<p>♠ KJ8432 ♥ A3 ♦ 6 ♣ 8732</p>	<p>♠ A107 ♥ J852 ♦ K93 ♣ AK6</p>
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West	North	East	South
	1H	1S	2NT*
3C	4C	P	4D
P	4H	P	4S
DBL	P	P	REDBL
P	5C	P	5H
P	6H	ALL PASS	

As events worked out the 5<sup>th</sup> placed team England played Ireland lying 6<sup>th</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> placed USA Blue played 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Scotland, and the leaders by 4 VPs, USA Red played Sweden.

After 10 boards the Swedes had overtaken the Americans and would win the Trophy if they could draw the second segment of 10 boards. Two boards would decide the winners...

Board 13. Game All - (see hand above)

In the closed room, the Red team with Myers and Crank N/S, bid efficiently to the small slam in Hearts after East overcalled North's 1 Heart opening bid with 2 Spades. Myers having conceded the trump ace, and taking into account the suggested 6 card spade suit on his right went to dummy's Diamond K and finessed the 9, chalking up +1430.

In the open room with Mans & P-O. as N/S for Sweden the bidding proceeded as follows :  
See bid sequence above.

On the club lead Mans won, knocked out the Heart Ace and eventually played the Diamond Ace and a Diamond to dummy to discover the unlucky distribution. Down 1 and 17 imps to the USA, who now took the lead.

Board 19. E/W Vul. (See below)

In the closed room the USA had a problem. Tim Crank opened 1 Spade naturally and when his partner responded with a forcing 1NT he re-bid 2S, where he played going one light for -50.

Again the real action took place in the open room where the bidding went as follows: (play was unsurprisingly taking considerably longer than the rest of the room. They managed to milk the tension by finishing a good 10 minutes behind the field),

West	North	East	South
			1S
2C	2H	3C	P
P	3D	P	4C
P	6D	DBL	All Pass

On the club lead the spade suit could not provide the necessary heart discards and declarer drifted one off for -100 and 2 imps to the USA Reds and with it a win by 5 imps or 16/14 in Victory points.

*Congratulations to our worthy winners and indeed to all participants. We look forward to next year.*

Board 19. East West Vul Dealer South

<p>♠ K1052 ♥ K5 ♦ J8 ♣ QJ743</p>	<p>♠ void ♥ QJ873 ♦ KQ752 ♣ A109</p>	<p>♠ J64 ♥ A642 ♦ 106 ♣ K852</p>	<p>♠ AQ9873 ♥ 109 ♦ A943 ♣ 6</p>
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Results of Quiz in 1st Bulletin

ANSWER 1 FULL HAND

♠ X		♠ AXX
♥ A9XX		♥ KQ10XX
♦ AKX		♦ X
♣ AJXXX		♣ KXXX

♠ QJ10XXX	
♥ void	
♦ 10xxxx	
♣ 10x	

Winning action was answer C - bid 6 Spades =1100 vs 1430 or 1660 if doubled.

ANSWER 2 FULL HAND

♠ X		♠ J10XX
♥ XX		♥ A9XX
♦ J9XXXXXX		♦ KX
♣ XX		♣ AJX

♠ XX	
♥ KQ10X	
♦ QX	
♣ KQ10XX	

As can be seen, North's 3D opening was a tad aggressive. If you answered A = -13 imps if you answered B = -3 imps (if followed by club King when in the heart), if you answered C = +3 imps and finally if you answered D = -14 imps. In the other room your teammates aspired to 6S going 2 off.

ANSWER 3 FULL HAND

♠ K10XX		♠ AJ76
♥ ---		♥ AJXXXX
♦ AXXX		♦ X
♣ JXXXX		♣ QX

♠ Q9XX		♠ 8
♥ KQ108X		♥ XX
♦ X		♦ KQJXXXX
♣ AKX		♣ XXX

As can be seen playing the Spade Q is the winner, for if it is covered, you return to hand and finesse the Spade 9. Someone may like to work out the odds on this one.

If it can be proved that Spade Q is the best mathematical play please get a free round of drinks from Thomas MacCormac a = -14 imps b = -14 imps c = +3 imps (4H doubled +3 860 in other room).



(l-r) Matt LaHut, McKenzie Myers, Andrew Hoskins and Jared Fournier.



(l-r) Rob Meckstroth, Jeremy Fournier, Ronald Gaffin and Matt Meckstroth.



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