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### Guest Editorial

*The opinions expressed here are solely those of the Editor, and do not necessarily represent those of the IBPA Executive or its members. Brian Senior's letter serves well as this month's editorial, although not intended to do so by Senior.*

There is considerable debate at the moment within the WBF regarding the direction in which to go with youth bridge. Of course, much of this is money-related, as there are a number of worthy causes and only limited money available.

I feel strongly that youth bridge is crucial to our long-term future and should be given a very high priority when deciding how to allocate funds and other resources. We currently have a World Youth Teams Championship and a World Youth Pairs Championship. There is a regular European Youth Camp and a similar, but smaller, Camp in North America.

In recent years the North Americans have sent players to the European Camp and Pairs Championship. The concept of reciprocity is an important one, and it is unreasonable to expect the ACBL to offer financial aid to American players to go to Europe every year while European players do not go to North America. Now there is a new event in North America (the World Youth Individual), which would be open to players from around the world, and would coincide with the Camp.

Opponents of the new event say that an Individual is not serious bridge and that it is a waste of resources to send players across the world to take part in such an event that may last for just two days. However, I feel that they miss the point.

Youth bridge is not just about competition. The strength of the Camps has been the social element and the fact that they are not elitist - weak or inexperienced players can have a valuable and fulfilling time alongside the best players. Mixing with those from other parts of the world is an important element of the experience.

There are so many other ways in which young people can spend their leisure time in today's world, and so much of what they do is weak as regards the social element. This is where bridge can score over all the opposing temptations and can attract young people who may then stay in bridge for life and become in some cases the big names of the future, whether as players or administrators.

There are those who might suggest that any new youth event should be Internet-based. Given that today's youth is very computer-oriented, and with almost all playing computer games etc, this is a tempting idea. But its problem is that a large part of the social element is lost when people are not interacting face to face.

We should be playing to our strengths, and bridge's greatest strength is the social element. That is what will capture the hearts and minds of young players who may otherwise drift in then out of the game. These Camps and similar events are vital to our achieving a strong base amongst our youth.

So I believe that it is a very good use of our funds to help juniors to enjoy a wonderful social experience within a bridge context. Not only should funds be allocated to allow the event to be held in the first place, but the EBL or NCBOs should be looking to make a financial contribution to help their young players to attend it.

Our Youth is the future of the game we all love. If we do not attract Youth players in significant numbers, bridge will slowly but surely fade away and die as a serious competitive activity. Look at the way in which the average age of the ACBL membership increases by several months each year to see the seriousness of the problem. This phenomenon is not unique to the ACBL, though perhaps it is at its most serious there. In truth, it is hard to imagine ANYTHING more important to the future of bridge than the proper attraction and development of our Youth.

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# Annual General Meeting of the International Bridge Press Association

Tuesday, November 11, 2003, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Jardin d'Hiver, Hermitage Hotel, Monte Carlo, Monaco

**Attending:** Christer Andersson (Sweden), John Carruthers (Canada), Simon Cochemé (England), Mario Dix (Malta), Elly Ducheyne (Netherlands), Harvey Fox (England), Henry Francis (USA), Panos Gerontopoulos (Greece), Ghassan Ghanem (Jordan), Dilip Gidwani (Ghana), Tory Gordon (England), Mark Horton (England), Per Jannersten (Sweden), Patrick Jourdain (Wales), Sidney Lazard (USA), Knut Kjærnsrød (Norway), Laila Leonhardt (Denmark), Knut Erik Ljung (Norway), Peter Lund (Denmark), Brent Manley (USA), Nissan Rand (Israel), Barry Rigal (USA), Stuart Staveley (Scotland), David Stern (Australia), P.O. Sundelin (Sweden), Ron Tacchi (France), Anna Maria Torlontano (Italy), Alan Truscott (USA), John Wignall (New Zealand)

**Apologies:** Maureen Dennison (England), Ron Klinger (Australia)

1. President Henry Francis took the chair and called the meeting to order
2. Patrick Jourdain offered homage to Jim Borin of Australia, member of IBPA for many years, who had died recently. It being 11<sup>th</sup> November, a moment of silence was also offered in memory of those who had lost their lives fighting in wars.
3. The Minutes from the AGM held in Montréal in August 2002 were approved as published in Bulletin 453.

#### 4. Officers' Reports:

**President** Henry Francis read his report. Francis stated that it has been a good seven years in office. In particular he wanted to thank the following people: José Damiani for the help and cooperation of the WBF over the years; the sponsors of our various annual awards; Elly Ducheyne for being a bastion of strength in the Press Room; Mark Newton for his computer expertise; Per Jannersten for the website; Barry Rigal as Awards Chair; Stuart Staveley as Membership Secretary; Anna Gudge for her electronic help; Jean-Paul Meyer for conducting the search for a new Bulletin Editor; Alan Truscott for being available to do whatever was needed; Evelyn Senn for being a tireless worker right up until retirement; Maureen Dennison for ably taking over Evelyn's duties; Patrick Jourdain for being our fearless Bulletin Editor for many years and for the many other major roles he has played.

**Executive Vice-President**, Patrick Jourdain, reported he had had a quiet year, now ending, having retired as Editor. He thanked Henry Francis for agreeing at short notice to extend his Presidency by a year when Jean-Paul Meyer decided in Montréal not to take up the post. Per Jannersten had done most of the work associated with changes in handling the Bulletin and the website.

**Organisational Vice-President**, Per Jannersten, reported that since last year's AGM we have made some progress in our efforts to take advantage of modern techniques. **The Bulletin** is now available on the website as soon as it is completed by the Editor. It is in a format that can be printed anywhere in the world. (The latest issues have been printed in Norway.). **The web-site** averages 10 hits/day (compared with 4 the previous year), still discouraging considering the amount of work, but the trend is right. **Our database** containing updated addresses, phone numbers, etc, is still not on-line, which is a shame. There is an updated webpage as an addendum to the Handbook, however. **Photos** are in an embryo-stage with a photo-library that you can reach via the Handbook. To get this complete we need a hand from a volunteer who is willing to put a name to each and all of the faces.

**The Secretary**, Maureen Dennison, due to ill health, had no report, but she had sent minutes of the meetings in Montreal. Maureen is now out of hospital and recovering at home. She is prepared to continue in her role as secretary.

**The Treasurer**, Christer Andersson, reported on the financial year 2002 and the budgets for 2003 and 2004. Last year, the income of IBPA was US\$1500 less than expected because of no sponsoring via clippings services and no support from one of the earlier Award sponsors. However, expenditure was US\$4100 less than expected, mainly because of reduced costs of printing the Bulletin (US\$2000), and the fee to the Membership Secretary being withheld, giving a saving of US\$1000.

At the end of the year the organisation had made a surplus of more than US\$7400, partly because of keeping the expenditure to a minimum but mainly the European currencies being very strong in relation to the US\$.

The decision taken at the last AGM to reduce the subscription fee when a member opts to receive the Bulletin via Internet has a minor effect upon our finances as the lower income is mainly balanced by savings in postage and printing. However, as slightly more than 80% of the income of IBPA is through subscription dues, the present development, characterised by a drop in membership from year to year, is a very poor omen for the organisation.

#### 5. Appointees' Reports:

**The WBF & EBL Liaison Officer** – Panos Gerontopoulos reported that the relationship between IBPA and the WBF and EBL remained good throughout the year. The year contained a Clippings Competition for the EBL that was beneficial both to the EBL in the amount of publicity it generated, and to those members energetic enough to send in their clippings and lucky enough to come up in the draw at Menton. IBPA retained none of the money for itself.

**Membership Secretary** – Stuart Staveley reported that IBPA has 373 members. Of these 352 are full, 15 are honour and 6 are sponsored. There were indications last year that after recent falls membership numbers were beginning to stabilize around the 400 mark. Unfortunately the 2003 figures prove otherwise as there has been a further drop of over 10%. Of particular concern is the fact that the decline, previously in areas of currency difficulties, has spread to countries that had of late provided strong and growing support. There has, for example, been a drop of over 25% in the number of members drawn for countries such as Australia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, South Africa and the USA.

The year 2003 saw the introduction of a two-tier membership, with those content to download the Bulletin from our website paying a subscription reduced by one third. Those who have opted for the lower-priced service in 2003 number 120, approximately, one third of the paying membership.

The list of members recruited between the start of the Montreal Olympiad and October 2003 was: Argentina: A. Madala; Canada: M. Ewashkiew; India: R. Jayaram; Israel: P. Campanile, Mrs Z. Campanile; Norway: P. Bang, E. Ljung; Sweden: R. Bystrom; Taiwan: T-Y Liang; UK: A. Balfour, P. Hasenson, Mrs H. Schapiro, P. Still, B. Townsend; USA: Mrs. E. Carruthers, B. Cook. Renewed: T. Aagaard (Den), R. J. Fleet (UK); G. Ghanem (Jordan); E. Granwald (Sweden); A. Uisk (Sweden); P. Van Rooy (Net).

In Monte Carlo: New: Bjorn Fallenius (Sweden and USA). Renewed: Krastyu Kavlakov (Bulgaria), Patrice Piganeau (France), Jack Rhind (Bermuda).

**Bulletin Editor** John Carruthers reported that his first year as Editor could be termed, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," after the 1960s film of that name. "The Good" was the number of new contributors, especially women and those from WBF Zones other than Europe and North America. "The Bad" was Carruthers' forgetting to put the Notice of AGM in the Bulletin. "The Ugly" were two misanalysed deals, one by Brian Glubok about Bill Gates, and the other in a whimsical piece by Zia about his son.

6. **Accounts and Annual Subscriptions:** Treasurer Christer Andersson reported that in the published accounts, printing and postage are together, a difference from past reporting. There was a motion from Barry Rigal to approve the accounts through December 31, 2002. David Stern seconded. Jourdain explained that the Bulletin Editor's fee shown in the 2002 accounts included the travel allowance for Montreal. The increase in Editor's fee in the budget was to cover page making previously done by Anna Gudge, Production Editor. Gudge was thanked for her work over the past years. The motion to approve the accounts was carried.

Francis reported that the Executive Committee has recommended increasing the members' fee for the hard copy Bulletin from £42 to £44 and lowering the fee for the Internet version from £28 to £25. This will more accurately reflect the relative costs of publishing the two versions. David Stern moved that the Executive Committee recommendation be approved by the members. PO Sundelin seconded. Stern asked if there was a danger that it would become economically unsound to publish the Bulletin in printed format. Francis replied that there are still members who do not have email/Internet access as yet, so it was unlikely to happen in the near future. Per Jannersten stated that if necessary, the next step could be to photocopy the bulletin for mailing to the members without Internet access. Ron Tacchi stated that a .lit file would produce the Bulletin in book form. Discussion was closed and the motion on subscriptions from the Executive was carried.

7. **Elections:** The slate of Officers up for election was reported as follows: President – Patrick Jourdain (Wales); Chairman and President Emeritus – Henry Francis (USA); Executive Vice-President – Jan van Cleeff (Netherlands); Organisational Vice-President – Per Jannersten (Sweden); Treasurer – Christer Andersson (Sweden); Secretary – Maureen Dennison (England); Honorary General Counsel – Bill Pencharz (England); Auditor – Julius Butkow (South Africa). The full slate was approved.

Francis turned the Chair over to Jourdain, who thanked Francis for his 7 years' work as President.

**Election of Executive members:** Re-standing for a 3-year term to the AGM in 2006: Dilip Gidwani (Ghana); Peter Lund (Denmark). Standing for a 3-year term: Ron Tacchi (France). Already serving until 2004: Panos Gerontopoulos (Greece); Chris Diment (Australia); until 2005: John Carruthers (Canada); Julius Butkow (South Africa); Barry Rigal (USA). Due to Jan van Cleeff's election as Executive Vice-President, another vacancy appeared for a 1-year term to the AGM in 2004. Francis nominated Brent Manley (USA). Jourdain asked for ratification of nominations. All were ratified.

8. **Honour Member:** Jourdain proposed Francis as Honour member for 2004. Ratified.

9. **Annual Awards:** Rigal took the floor to MC the annual awards ceremony (for full details see previous Bulletin).

- The Romex Award for Best Bid Hand of the Year went to Sidney Lazard and Bart Bramley (USA) for reaching 7NT in the Blue Ribbon Pairs, reported in *The Blues*, Bulletin 456, p.6, author Bart Bramley. Lazard accepted the Romex Award from Alan Truscott, New York Times.
- The ITES Award for Best Defence of the Year was presented by ITES Africa Managing Director and IBPA Executive member Dilip Gidwani to player Eric Greco (USA) and co-author Alan Truscott, who accepted on behalf of co-author Larry Cohen. The deal occurred at the Nebraska Regional Tournament and was reported in *Cornhusker Defence*, Bulletin 464, p.13.
- The Digital Fountain Best Played Hand of the Year went to Geir Helgemo (Norway), for an Internet deal reported by Geir Tislevoll in Bulletin 460, p.8, *A Thing of Beauty*. Anna Maria Torlontano presented the Geirs with the Digital Fountain Award.
- The OKBridge Award for Best Junior Deal went to Ophir Reshef (Israel) for *The False-Card*, by Andrew Robson (England), Bulletin 451, p. 14. Henry Francis made the presentation on behalf of Matt Clegg of OKBridge to Dror Lalouche, Reshef's Junior Team colleague. In a separate presentation the following week in London, IBPA member Simon Cochemé presented the OKBridge Award to Andy Robson.
- Finally, the IBPA Personality of the Year Award was presented to Gianarrigo Rona of Italy by Patrick Jourdain, the new IBPA President (for citation see previous Bulletin). Rona humbly and gratefully accepted the IBPA Personality of the Year 2003 Award.

10. **Any other Competent Business:** Jourdain reported that membership is down about 10% from last year. Membership Secretary Stuart Staveley noted that we usually experience a drop of about 40 members per year, but that these had previously been replaced. This has not happened recently, he stated, and as a consequence we now have about 400 members. Suggestions for reversing this trend were asked for. Mario Dix (Malta) suggested a standing order to renew membership. The Executive promised to look into this as a possibility. Laila Leonhardt (Denmark) suggested contacting individual NBOs through their magazines to recruit members. Anna Maria Torlontano suggested contacting journalists directly. Staveley reported that he personally contacts all non-renewals by letter.

Jourdain announced that the WBF/IBPA Press Conference will be held on Friday, November 14, at 11:45 a.m. in the Hermitage Hotel, Jardin d'Hiver. The Press Conference will be followed by a luncheon sponsored by the WBF.

Junior and Senior membership pricing. The Executive had approved half-price membership for those 21 years of age provided they take the Internet version of the Bulletin. Half-price membership had been approved for those current members 80 years of age and older regardless of which version of the Bulletin they elect to take. These decisions were ratified.

Tacchi queried membership not being fully electronic. Jannersten replied that members joining by Internet had gone to the Production Editor, Gudge, who faxes them to Staveley. The membership files kept by Gudge to date will now be kept by Andersson until a suitable permanent replacement is found. Jannersten stated that information in the membership files is updated monthly on the IBPA website, in the Handbook.

11. There being no further business, Jourdain declared the meeting closed.

John Carruthers, Acting Secretary, December 11, 2003

**IBPA Column Service**

By Tim Bourke, Canberra

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**253. Dealer South. EW Vul.**

♠ 9 7 ♥ K Q 10 8 ♦ A 10 5 ♣ K 7 4 2	♠ Q J 10 8 5 4 2 ♥ 3 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ J 9	♠ — ♥ 9 6 5 4 2 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ Q 10 8 5 3	♠ A K 6 3 ♥ A J 7 ♦ K 6 4 3 ♣ A 6
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West	North	East	South
--	--	--	2 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West led the king of hearts, taken by South with the ace. Declarer had nine tricks and saw that if he could eliminate clubs without East gaining the lead he could endplay West with the jack of hearts. So he crossed to dummy with the queen of spades to lead the nine of clubs hoping to duck this to West. Alas, East covered it with the ten and South took the trick with the ace of clubs. After drawing the last trump with the ace South exited with the six of clubs. West played low and East won the trick with the queen and shifted to the queen of diamonds, which held the trick when South played low from hand. East continued with the jack of diamonds and South played the king of diamonds. West took this with the ace and cashed the ten of diamonds to defeat the contract by one trick.

South complained about the bad luck. "I would have made ten tricks if West had the ten of clubs or East held the ace of diamonds or West had held a doubleton ace of diamonds."

North said nothing but noted that there was no need for such complaints for provided West held the queen of hearts, the contract was certain against all but the vilest of distributions. All South had to do was duck the opening lead. Suppose West then shifted to a trump. He would win it with dummy's ten, cross to hand with ace of trumps and throw the nine of clubs on the ace of hearts. After cashing the ace of clubs and ruffing the six of clubs he would cross back to hand with a trump he leads the jack of hearts. West plays the queen and dummy throws a diamond. West would have to lead away from the ace of diamonds or concede a ruff and discard. Either way South makes ten tricks.

**254.** At one table on the next deal, West led the ace of diamonds, ruffed by declarer. After drawing trumps with the ace and queen, declarer ruffed another diamond and led a club to dummy's king. South had ten tricks now and, placing all his faith in a three-three club division, he played a second club and covered East's ten with the queen. West took this with the ace, cashed jack of clubs and played the eight of

clubs. Declarer ruffed this but had to lose a spade to finish down one.

**Dealer East. Neither Vul.**

♠ K J 9 7 5 4 ♥ — ♦ A 7 4 ♣ A J 8 6	♠ A 8 2 ♥ Q 10 5 ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ K 7 5 4	♠ 6 3 ♥ J 6 ♦ K J 10 8 6 5 3 ♣ 10 3	♠ Q 10 ♥ A K 9 8 7 4 3 2 ♦ — ♣ Q 9 2
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West	North	East	South
--	--	3 ♦	3 ♥
3 ♠	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
5 ♦	Double	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The declarer at the other table also played five hearts after an identical auction and first trick. However, after drawing trumps with the queen and ace, as he placed West with three or four clubs headed by the ace as well as the king of spades, declarer played the queen of clubs next. West took the ace and exited with a diamond. Declarer ruffed and ducked a club to East's ten.

East exited with a spade and the jack forced the ace. However on the run of the trumps West was squeezed in the black suits for the eleventh trick.

**255. Dealer South. EW Vul.**

♠ K Q 9 5 3 ♥ 10 5 3 ♦ J 7 ♣ Q 10 7	♠ A 6 4 ♥ K Q 7 2 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ K 6 2	♠ J 8 2 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ A 10 6 2 ♣ J 8 5	♠ 10 7 ♥ A J 9 ♦ K 9 5 3 ♣ A 9 4 3
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West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West led the five of spades, dummy played low and East's jack won the trick. East continued with the eight of spades, covered by the ten and queen, dummy playing low. West exited with a spade to dummy's now bare ace, declarer discarding a low club from hand.

Declarer had seven top tricks and needed to develop another two in diamonds. As the spades were clearly five-three, this needed to be done without West gaining the lead. So

declarer crossed to his hand with the jack of hearts to play a low diamond, finessing dummy's eight. East won the ten of diamonds and, with an unattractive holding in clubs, exited passively in hearts. Declarer took this with the king in dummy and cashed the ace of hearts before playing a second diamond towards dummy.

When the jack of diamonds appeared, his precaution of gathering information about hearts proved unnecessary. He called for the queen of diamonds from dummy and claimed nine tricks when East took this with the ace.

If West had followed low on the second round of diamonds, declarer would have to decide whether to finesse the nine of diamonds on the third round of the suit or play for the drop. As that stage, declarer would know West was five-three in the majors with two diamonds whereas East held three-three in the majors and three diamonds. So there would be three spots for West to hold the jack of diamonds compared to four for East. However, as East might have played the jack from ace-jack-ten-small of diamonds, a restricted choice argument makes the odds of playing for the drop three to two.

### 256. Dealer South. Both Vul.

<p>♠ J 10 3 ♥ 5 4 ♦ A K 8 6 4 ♣ J 10 8</p> <p>♠ K 7 6 2 ♥ 10 9 3 ♦ Q 10 7 ♣ 7 5 4</p>	<p>♠ 9 5 4 ♥ 7 ♦ J 9 5 3 2 ♣ K 6 3 2</p> <p>♠ A Q 8 ♥ A K Q J 8 6 2 ♦ — ♣ A Q 9</p>
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West	North	East	South
--	--	--	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

After this enthusiastic auction, West led the ten of trumps. Declarer won with the ace and saw that if he could get to dummy he would have twelve tricks. At trick two he led the queen of spades, hoping that the defender with the king would take it. Then, as long as there was no defensive ruff, the jack of spades would provide an entry to dummy. The expert West had an inkling this might be the case and played low in tempo. Now declarer tried the queen of clubs but East was just as canny and withheld his black king too.

Declarer's decided that his best chance was to endplay West with a trump to force an off-suit lead. So he had to decide whether West had led from ten-nine doubleton or ten-nine-small of trumps. Luckily, he recalled that East had followed to the first trump with the seven. As he thought East unlikely to have done so from the seven-three, declarer cashed the king of trumps but felt a nervous moment when West followed with the nine. However, once East showed out, South continued with the two of trumps and West had to win the three. No matter which suit he led next, declarer's black suit losers would disappear.

## 2003 Lederer Memorial Trophy

By Simon Cochemé, London

The 57<sup>th</sup> Lederer Memorial Trophy was held at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club in London on October 25-26, 2003. Eight invited teams played 12-board matches against each other, with Victory Point scoring (part IMPs and part point-a-board). The results were:

1. Gold Cup Winners (Phil King, Andrew McIntosh, David Bakhshi, Brian Senior) 258
2. Young Chelsea Champions (Richard Hillman, Keith Bennett, Jeremy Dhondy, Alan Kay, Jon Green) 234
3. All Stars (Zia Mahmood, Robert Sheehan, David Price, Colin Simpson, David Burn) 232

### 1. BEST DEFENDED HAND

Dealer North. EW Vul.

<p>♠ K Q J 3 ♥ K 8 6 3 2 ♦ J 9 ♣ 6 4</p> <p>♠ 10 7 ♥ Q 4 ♦ A Q 8 3 2 ♣ A 10 8 5</p>	<p>♠ 6 5 4 ♥ J 9 ♦ 10 5 ♣ K Q J 9 3 2</p> <p>♠ A 9 8 2 ♥ A 10 7 5 ♦ K 7 6 4 ♣ 7</p>	
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David Price and David Burn won the prize for the best defended hand, playing for the All Stars against the Gold Cup team, the eventual winners.

West	North	East	South
David Price	Andrew McIntosh	David Burn	David Bakhshi
—	Pass	3 ♣	Double
3 ♦	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Price sowed the seed for the successful defence by bidding three diamonds, rather than a simple four clubs, over South's take-out double. He expected North to be the declarer and wanted to suggest a diamond lead to partner. North bid four clubs, showing a willingness to play in either major, and effectively foiling West's plan by transferring the declarership to South. David Bakhshi bid four hearts and Price had to put Plan B into operation. If East couldn't lead a diamond at trick one, maybe he could lead one at trick two. Price led the club five to Burn's jack, won the diamond return with queen, cashed the diamond ace and played a third diamond to promote a trump trick for the defence. Burn apologised for taking so long to switch to a diamond at trick two. "I knew you wanted a diamond switch, partner," he said. "But it was a while before I realised that my jack had won the first trick!"

At the other table Phil King passed as East for the Gold Cup team, Colin Simpson opened one heart and Robert Sheehan raised to game. On the spade ten lead Simpson had no difficulty wrapping up ten tricks for a 10 IMP gain to the All

Stars. Despite this, the Gold Cup team won the match by 38 VPs to 22.

The board also created a swing in each of the other three matches. In both the Ladies v. Young Chelsea Champions and the President's Team v. France, one North-South pair were playing four-card majors and duplicated the Simpson-Sheehan sequence. The other North-South pairs were playing five-card majors and the Souths were obliged to open one diamond and so it was the Norths who ended up declaring four hearts. On the club king lead and a diamond switch they were both one down for gains to the Ladies and the President's Team.

In the fourth match North America were playing Australia, and the Canadian pair reached a different game contract:

West	North	East	South
Theo	Joe	Al	John
Antoff	Silver	Simpson	Carruthers
—	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
2 ♦	3 ♠ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

### 1. Fit jump

Silver's three spades bid was a fit-jump, so the hand was being played the wrong way up, albeit in the best trump suit. A diamond was led through the king. However the excellent spade intermediates enabled Silver to ruff the third diamond high and he actually ended up with an overtrick. The Australian convention in the other room was not quite so successful. Ian Casselton opened the North hand two spades showing 8-11 points, four spades and five-plus clubs or hearts. Anthony Silver (no relation) passed and the game was missed.

## 2. BEST BID HAND

Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

The bidding at most tables started one spade-two hearts and ended in five or six hearts. With a certain trump loser, eleven tricks was the limit on the hand. Robert Sheehan and Colin Simpson bid to the best spot.

West	North	East	South
Theo	Robert	Al	Colin
Antoff	Sheehan	Simpson	Simpson
—	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Sheehan's decision to rebid three spades, rather than raise hearts immediately, was the key to the hand. When he belatedly supported hearts, Simpson was able to choose to play in no-trumps. On a club lead he had no problems in the play. They were the only pair to bid and make a slam.

## 3. BEST PLAYED HAND

Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

This was the second board in the first match, where the All Stars were playing the Young Chelsea Champions (the Young Chelsea Bridge Club hosts the Lederer, and the winners of the club knock-out teams are invited to play in the event).

West	North	East	South
Keith	Robert	Jon	Zia
Bennett	Sheehan	Green	Mahmood
—	—	1 ♣	Pass
2 ♣	2 ♥	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Zia led the spade ten against Jon Green's contract of three no trumps. The heart suit is frozen and Zia did well not to help declarer by leading the heart eight. Green won the lead in hand and played the club king and the ten to the ace (Deep Finesse says it would have been better to duck this trick to Zia's queen). When the heart ten was led from dummy Robert Sheehan rose with the ace, cashed his club jack, and exited with a heart to declarer's jack. Green crossed to dummy's nine of clubs and led the jack of diamonds in this position, still needing four tricks:

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

Sheehan covered the diamond and, when this was ducked by declarer, played the heart nine. Green won and cashed his other spade winner. When Sheehan threw the diamond nine rather than come down to a singleton heart, Green read the position correctly and dropped the king of dia-

monds. In the other room Colin Simpson and David Price bid and made two no trumps. The All Stars lost the match by 15 VPs to 45. No one else made game on the East-West hands.

#### 4. BOARD ONE - STARTING WITH A BANG

Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

**It is the first board** of the 2003 Lederer. You are looking at the South hand and partner opens a weak two hearts. What is your plan? I quite like four no trumps, suggested by Brian Callaghan on VuGraph, although maybe West is too strong for it to work on this particular layout. John Carruthers, playing for the Canadian half of the North American team, took the simple route against the English Ladies.

West	North	East	South
Heather	Joe	Nicola	John
Dhondy	Silver	Smith	Carruthers
—	2 ♥	Pass	5 ♥
Double	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

The Ladies could not avoid losing a heart and two clubs, one down. At the other table in the same match Margaret James took the high road for the Ladies.

West	North	East	South
Adam	Nevena	Doug	Margaret
Wildavsky	Senior	Doub	James
—	2 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Double	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Two down, doubled, and 6 IMPs to the Ladies.

At one table in the match between the All Stars and the Young Chelsea Champions the 'simple' Carruthers route was taken and the result was the same, five spades one down. Zia was at the other table and tried the 'scenic' route.

West	North	East	South
Keith	Robert	Jon	Zia
Bennett	Sheehan	Green	Mahmood
—	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	5 ♥
Double	Pass	5 ♠	5 NT
Double	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	7 ♥
Pass	Pass	7 ♠	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

So the scenic route got Zia a good result in the end, but if Keith Bennett had doubled seven hearts (as he now wishes he had) it would have been a different story. However the Young Chelsea Champions recovered from this set-back and beat the All Stars 45-15 VPs, the first upset of the weekend.

The third match, between the President's Team (led by Bernard Teltscher, President of the LMBA) and the Gold Cup winners, was on VuGraph. Things were different in that neither North opened two hearts. This was the bidding in the closed room, where Tony Friday started with a Multi two diamonds:

West	North	East	South
Andrew	Tony	David	Bernard
McIntosh	Friday	Bakhshi	Teltscher
—	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥
5 ♠	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

When North's suit turned out to be hearts David Bakhshi knew that South was limited and short in spades and made a brave bid of four spades. Bakhshi went one off in five spades doubled, but had hopes of a good score if his team-mates were in hearts on VuGraph.

West	North	East	South
Gerald	Phil	Willie	Brian
Haase	King	Coyle	Senior
—	1 ♥	2 ♥ <sup>1</sup>	3 ♠ <sup>2</sup>
4 ♥	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Spades and a minor
2. Splinter

Once Phil King decided to open one heart (the VuGraph audience were amazed that such a good player could miscount his points!) and Willie Coyle decided to use Michaels, the auction had an air of inevitability about it. A splinter by South and a cue bid by West followed, and the auction ended with Brian Senior bidding six hearts, not surprisingly doubled by Gerald Haase. Despite the bad diamond break the slam could not be beaten. The Gold Cup team gained 15 IMPs and were on their way to a big win.

In the fourth match the Australians had a gadget or two to try out against France:

West	North	East	South
Georges	Ian	Olivier	Anthony
Iontzeff	Casselton	Beauvillain	Silver
—	3 ♦*	Pass	5 ♥*
Double	Pass*	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Three diamonds showed a good diamond pre-empt or any pre-empt in hearts. Five hearts was pass or correct. Six spades went the usual two off. The gadget at the other table was even more esoteric.

West	North	East	South
Theo	Laurent	Al	Yves
Antoff	Rigaud	Simpson	Jeanneteau
—	Pass	2 ♥ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
2 NT <sup>2</sup>	Pass	3 ♣ <sup>3</sup>	3 ♦
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. 5-card major and a 5-card minor, 3-11 HCP
2. Relay
3. Black suits

The French have strict rules about what qualifies as a weak two bid and Laurent Rigaud in the North seat felt that the quality of the heart suit was not good enough. East's two heart opening was a part of the Australian TANC system. Two no trumps enquired and three clubs showed spades and clubs. Four spades made exactly and the Australians picked up 11 IMPs, although it was the French who ran out winners of the match by 31 VPs to 29.

## 5. HAVING NO TRUMPS, PARTNER?

Dealer West.. Neither Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ J 9 8 7 ♥ A 7 4 3 ♦ Q 8 7 4 ♣ J</p> <p>♠ 10 5 2                      ♠ A 4 ♥ —                              ♥ K Q J 10 9 8 2 ♦ K 10 5 3                      ♦ 9 6 ♣ A K Q 10 6 2                ♣ 8 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ K Q 6 3 ♥ 6 5 ♦ A J 2 ♣ 9 7 5 4</p>	
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All eight Wests opened one club and all eight Easts got to four hearts, some with just one bid. At seven tables South led a top spade and six declarers ducked. No Souths found the club switch and the declarers were now home. They won the spade continuation, drove out the ace of trumps and had a safe route back to hand with a spade ruff to draw the rest of the trumps. They made ten or eleven tricks depending on what North switched to when in with the heart ace. If it wasn't a diamond, declarer made an overtrick – very valuable with point-a-board as part of the scoring method. Jeremy Dhondy for the Young Chelsea Champions removed his partner's losing option by cashing the ace of diamonds at trick two before playing a second spade.

At the seventh table, the declarer for the President's Team won with the ace of spades at trick one. Phil King for the Gold Cup Winners was able to play his singleton club when he was in with the heart ace and declarer was stuck in dummy. Brian Senior in the South seat won the next trick and had no difficulty in giving King his club ruff. An instructive hand for declarers who play too quickly at trick one.

Anthony Silver for Australia versus France was the only South not to lead a spade. His choice of the seven of clubs gave declarer Olivier Beauvillain no chance of making his contract. Beauvillain had to win in dummy and, whether he played a diamond away from the king or a spade to his ace, he was setting up a fourth loser.

## 6. EXCITING LAST ROUND

With one round to go the Gold Cup Winners were back in front, 1 VP ahead of the Young Chelsea Champions. The All Stars had moved up to third and were due to play fourth-placed North America on VuGraph. Either team could still win the overall event, but would need a big margin of victory to do it.

The first board showed the way the three critical matches would go. Joe Silver wasn't going to hang around waiting for good results to fall into his lap.

Dealer North. EW Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 3 2 ♥ J 10 8 6 5 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ 9 5 3</p> <p>♠ K Q J 6                      ♠ 9 8 5 ♥ K Q                            ♥ A 9 7 3 ♦ A K                            ♦ Q J 10 9 7 4 ♣ K Q J 7 2                    ♣ —</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ A 10 7 4 ♥ 4 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ A 10 8 6 4</p>	
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West	North	East	South
David	Joe	Zia	John
Burn	Silver	Mahmood	Carruthers
—	1 ♥!	Pass	1 NT <sup>1</sup>
Double	2 ♣!	2 ♥	2 ♠ <sup>2</sup>
Double	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
6 NT	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Forcing one round
2. Agreeing clubs, stronger than three clubs

Burn knew that someone was being a bit frisky by the time the bidding game round to him and when Zia bid two hearts, it was possible that both opponents were at it. The All Stars auction got back on the rails until the six no trump bid, described by its perpetrator as the bid of a man 'bewildered by the whole affair'. The audience on VuGraph were equally bewildered, but loved it. Meanwhile, at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Adam	David	Doug	Colin
Wildavsky	Price	Doub	Simpson
—	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Double	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
6 NT	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

All that excitement for a flat board! And that was how the match went as well; two of the favourites slugging it out for a 30-30 draw, a result that didn't help either of them.

Jeremy Dhondy and Alan Kay for the Young Chelsea Champions had an uncontested Strong Club auction to six diamonds but lost the board to the French:

West	North	East	South
Georges Iontzeff	Keith Bennett	Olivier Beauvillain	Richard Hillman
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2 ♠ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
2 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Strong, artificial, game forcing
2. Fewer than 8 points

Keith Bennett led the jack of hearts. Georges Lontzeff won in hand and drew two rounds of trumps. He crossed to dummy with a club ruff, drew the last trump and played a spade. When Richard Hillman ducked, Lontzeff ruffed another club back to dummy and played a second spade. If Hillman ducked again this would be the position:

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

Declarer would exit with a top club, throwing the losing spade from dummy. The Young Chelsea Champions lost the match but got just enough VPs to stay in second place.

Anthony Silver opened the South hand two spades for the Australians against the Gold Cup team, showing 8-11 points, four spades and five-plus clubs or hearts. Phil King bid an immediate three no trumps and played there. Australia also opened two spades at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Theo	David	Al	Andrew
Antoff	Bakhshi	Simpson	McIntosh
—	Pass	2 ♠ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
2 NT*	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. 9-12 HCP; any semi-solid 7-card suit with an A or K outside; or a solid 7-card major.

Five clubs drifted two off and the Gold Cup team was on its way to a comfortable win and a first Lederer victory for each member of the team.

## Two Out of Three Ain't Bad

Mark Horton, Romford, UK

2003 Fall NABC, New Orleans. Senior KO Teams.

Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Arnie Fisher		Fred Hamilton	
Pass	1 ♦	1 ♥	1 NT
2 ♥	3 ♣	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

**This deal from the Senior KO Teams** in New Orleans featured some excellent declarer play, one text book piece of defence, and one opportunity missed.

South led the jack of clubs and when that held, continued with the nine of clubs. North won with the queen and returned a club. Declarer ruffed with the queen of hearts but South had a classic holding and discarded a diamond. It now looks as if South must come to two trump tricks.

Declarer, Fred Hamilton, knowing a lot about the hand from the bidding, cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. He played two rounds of spades and ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a spade. Now he exited with the jack of hearts to endplay South.

Do you see where South went wrong? He should discard a spade, the suit in which declarer may be able to shorten himself, rather than a diamond.

## Stripped

By Tim Bourke, Canberra

**This is an unusual strip squeeze** that you may enjoy:

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	2 ♠	Double
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The spade ten is led to the ace. By playing five rounds of trumps and the club ace, you reach:

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

On the heart nine, West has to let go a diamond and dummy a club. Now comes the king of diamonds. If West takes it, the diamonds run. If he ducks, the next diamond endplays him for a lead away from the club jack.

Note that you cannot afford to cash the second club - then dummy is forced down to a singleton ten of clubs and West defeats the contract by winning the second diamond and exiting with the club jack.

## Defensive Gems from New Orleans

By Jody Latham & Henry Francis, Memphis, TN, & Barry Rigal, New York City

Dealer East. EW Vul.

<p>♠ 9 2 ♥ A K 8 7 5 ♦ J ♣ A Q J 10 2</p> <p>♠ K 8 ♥ 9 6 4 3 2 ♦ A Q 10 8 3 ♣ 4</p>	<p>♠ A J 7 4 ♥ J ♦ K 9 6 5 ♣ K 9 6 5</p> <p>♠ Q 10 6 5 3 ♥ Q 10 ♦ 7 4 2 ♣ 8 7 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
—	Stansby	—	Osberg
1 ♥	2 ♣	1 ♦	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

**Most players with the West cards** settled for an invitation to game at their second turn. There is a case for not consulting Partner, since she will always miscalculate heart length or shortness. Indeed, five diamonds looks to be a very good contract, does it not? Read on.

Sharon Osberg led a third/fifth three of clubs against three diamonds and JoAnna Stansby won the ace. She knew declarer was likely to be four-four in the minors (no raise from Partner and her final pass). South's failure to bid spades at any point made it likely declarer had four spades as well, thus the most likely shape was four-one-four-four. So Stansby shifted to a trump at trick two.

Declarer won the lead in dummy to lead a heart - and Stansby ducked! That let Osberg in to lead a second trump. Declarer now needed the spade queen onside or a major-suit squeeze for eleven tricks. When the major suit threats were split and the spade queen was off side, there was no way to eleven tricks.

**Joe Kivel appreciates** a good defensive play, whoever makes it. On this deal from the first final session of the Life Master Pairs, the perpetrator was an opponent, Joe Grue. The other principals were Mike Moss and Jon Wittes.

Moss led the spade ten (See top of next column) and Grue played three rounds of the suit, declarer ruffing high. Now declarer played two rounds of trumps and passed the club queen to Grue's king.

Dealer East. Both Vul.

<p>♠ 9 2 ♥ A J 10 7 6 2 ♦ A 4 2 ♣ Q 8</p> <p>♠ A K J 8 6 3 ♥ 5 3 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ K 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 7 ♥ 9 4 ♦ K J 10 7 ♣ J 7 6 5 3</p> <p>♠ Q 5 4 ♥ K Q 8 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ A 10 9 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
Grue	Wittes	Moss	Kivel
—	—	Pass	1 ♣
2 ♠	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Had Grue returned the 'obvious' diamond, declarer would have risen with the ace to run hearts, squeezing East in the minors in the process. However, seeing the end position, Grue returned a club and declarer was finished. He could not avoid the loss of a diamond for down one. A good recovery after failing to switch to a diamond earlier.

Dealer South. Both Vul.

<p>♠ Q 7 6 5 ♥ A 10 8 5 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ K Q</p> <p>♠ 4 3 2 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ Q 3 ♣ J 10 9 3 2</p>	<p>♠ K J 10 ♥ Q 9 4 ♦ K 10 9 8 ♣ 8 7 6</p> <p>♠ A 9 8 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ A J 5 2 ♣ A 5 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
Siebert	—	Pettit	—
—	—	—	1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

**This deal comes from** the Senior Knockout Teams. Allan Siebert led the club jack to dummy's queen. Declarer played a spade to the ace and a spade to the queen and king, and Pettit returned a club, won again in dummy. A third spade put Pettit in again and he persisted with his last club.

With eight tricks in the bag, declarer led a heart, planning to duck it to East, but Siebert flew with the jack. Declarer was in a quandary - he couldn't duck because Siebert had the good clubs to cash, and if he won the ace, there would be no way to take three heart tricks. Down one. When three no trumps made at the other table, it was a sizeable pickup.

**Dealer West. Neither Vul.**

♠ 8 7 2 ♥ 7 3 ♦ Q 10 4 3 ♣ Q J 9 5  ♠ K 5 4 ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ 10 8 7 2	♠ 10 9 6 ♥ A K Q J 8 4 ♦ — ♣ A K 6 4  ♠ A Q J 3 ♥ 9 5 ♦ A J 9 8 6 2 ♣ 3
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West	North	East	South
	Bramley		Lazard
Pass	Pass	1 ♥	2 ♦
2 ♥	3 ♦	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

**Despite Bart Bramley's** diamond raise, Sidney Lazard stayed off the ace of diamonds lead, which would have given away a trick, and the club lead, which would have cleared up that situation for declarer as well.

Instead he led a trump, a good choice. Declarer won, drew trumps and led the spade nine, a move he was to regret. Lazard covered with the queen and declarer won the king, Bramley playing the two (standard count), came back to hand with a club and led the spade ten.

Lazard won the jack and Bramley played the eight. Lazard took a long look at the eight. He knew Bramley had three spades, but where was the seven? He finally came to the correct conclusion, that Bramley had the seven. Therefore he underled the ace to North so that he could lead the queen of clubs.

Declarer could let the club queen hold or not. He had to lose two more tricks for down one.

**On the following deal**, Richard Lesage and Jean Castonguay bid to a slam that had twelve top tricks, did not have two top losers, and still went down, with no mistake made.

**Dealer West. EW Vul.**

♠ 5 ♥ A 7 4 ♦ 5 ♣ A K Q 7 6 5 4 2  ♠ J 9 7 4 2 ♥ Q J 2 ♦ A 10 9 6 2 ♣ —	♠ 8 3 ♥ K 9 6 5 3 ♦ K 8 4 ♣ J 8 3  ♠ A K Q 10 6 ♥ 10 8 ♦ Q J 7 3 ♣ 10 9
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West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Double	5 ♣	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

There it is – eight clubs, three spades and a heart. Paul Hackett, East, found the imaginative lead of the diamond king, helped by his partner's double of four diamonds.

When the king of diamonds held the trick, Hackett switched to a spade! Suddenly, declarer's twelve tricks had become eleven. If he tried to cash all three spades, Hackett would score a ruff, and if not, there was no entry to the dummy.

**John Mohan had a tough decision** to make on this deal, but he came up with the correct answer. It shows that partner's signals should not be followed willy nilly – some thought is required to be an expert defender.

**Dealer North. EW Vul.**

♠ A Q ♥ Q J 8 7 5 ♦ 7 6 ♣ A Q J 4  ♠ K 8 3 ♥ A 4 ♦ K 9 4 3 2 ♣ 9 5 3	♠ J 7 6 4 ♥ 10 9 2 ♦ A J 10 8 5 ♣ 2  ♠ 10 9 5 2 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ Q ♣ K 10 8 7 6
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West	North	East	South
Sutherlin	Tornay	Mohan	Barfus
—	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

George Tornay leapt to game in order not to give any extraneous information to the opponents. Maybe he could induce a club lead. It worked – Mohan led the club two. Tornay won with dummy's ten and led a heart. John Sutherlin went in with the ace and played back the club nine in tempo.

After ruffing, Mohan thought for a long time. The club nine looked like an obvious suit preference signal for spades. Equally obviously, Sutherlin needed the spade ace or diamond king to defeat the contract. North had jumped to game and the defence had already shown up with two aces. Could they have a third? In other words, would Tornay have leapt to game with only one ace?

Mohan eventually concluded that he would not, and decided to play Sutherlin for the diamond king rather than the spade ace, thus underleading his own ace for a second club ruff. Well done! The principle of playing partner for less rather than more paid off.

**STARS OF THE PABF II**

**By Brian Senior, Nottingham, England and Peter Ventura, Sundsvall, Sweden**

**Derek Zen**, China Hong Kong, is a WBF World Master. He is a contractor and civil engineer, being currently Vice-Chairman of Wai Kee Holdings, a listed company in Hong Kong. He has played bridge since he was 15 years old.

Derek has participated in three Bermuda Bowls (1976, 1991, 2001), two World Knock-Out Teams Championships and

World Pairs (1994, 2002), three World Team Olympiads (1988, 1996, 2000), and seven Far East/PABF Championships. His main accomplishments have been winner of the Far East Open Team Championship in Bangkok (1975), Zonal Champion at the World Knock-Out Teams in Albuquerque (1994), and reaching the final of the World Pairs, Montreal (2002), where he partnered Sam Wan.

Derek started out with Acol, then moved on to Blue Club, Ultimate Club, Standard American, Big Diamond and, most recently, Two-over-One Game Force, all because those have been the methods his partners wanted to play!

Here is a hand on which Derek played his part in deciding a world champion during the World Pairs final in Montreal 2002.

**Dealer South. Both Vul.**

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      ♠ 8 4
      ♥ Q 10 9 7 3 2
      ♦ Q 10 5 3 2
      ♣ —

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

      ♠ A J 9 7 5
      ♥ K
      ♦ K 7 6
      ♣ 8 7 5 3
  
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West	North	East	South
Wan	Rosenberg	Zen	Zia
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♠
2 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Zia stayed off the spade lead, choosing instead an inspired seven of diamonds (which was explained by Rosenberg as the middle card if it were from a not so strong suit). This went to the queen and ace and Derek took two rounds of clubs with the queen and jack. Once Rosenberg showed out on the first round of clubs the South hand was almost an open book. Derek next led a spade to the queen and eight. Cashing two more clubs ending in dummy, declarer cashed the heart ace, then played a spade to the ten to endplay South. That just made the contract for 58 match points out of a possible 70.

As we know, Zia and Rosenberg ended up second, despite their average of 57.13%, which was just 0.3% behind the eventual champions. Had Derek gone down, that would have meant 65 match points for Zia/Rosenberg instead of the actual 12 they received, which would have equated to a 0.54% difference!

No wonder Zia complained to Wan/Zen at the table, "You guys come all the way from Hong Kong to endplay me?"

**Che-Hung Kuo**, Chinese Taipei, has been a civil engineer for over 30 years and is now the General Secretary of the Secretary of the Chinese Taipei Bridge Association. He was born in 1952.

Kuo's first appearance in the Far East Bridge Championship was in 1973 when he was a college student, and he very quickly became a shining star. Kuo won his first Far East Bridge Championship in 1976 and between then and 1997 he has won a total of six Far East Open Teams titles and the Open Pairs twice. Che-Hung has played in the World Team Olympiad semifinals twice and participated in the Bermuda Bowl several times. Kuo is also a bridge writer; Chinese Precision, which he wrote in the mid-seventies, is still the most popular bridge book in Taiwan and mainland China.

One of Kuo's most famous bridge hands came in the 1976 Far East Bridge Championship:

**Dealer West. NS Vul.**

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      ♠ 10 6 3
      ♥ A
      ♦ A K J 6 5
      ♣ K 10 8 4

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

      ♠ A Q 9 7 5 2
      ♥ 9 7 2
      ♦ Q
      ♣ A J 7
  
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West	North	East	South
2 ♦	Double	3 ♥	4 ♠
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	7 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened with a Multi Two Diamonds, and North doubled to show diamonds. East preempted with three hearts, pass or correct.

Sitting South, Kuo's first move was to jump to four spades to show good spades and a good hand, despite the fact that East must surely have some spade length for his three heart response.

When partner showed a fit for spades, Kuo became sufficiently ambitious to bid the grand slam as he knew that the spade finesse would be on if he needed it. He felt a little disappointed when he discovered that his partner's biggest trump was only the ten.

Kuo won the first heart led with dummy's ace, then he led ten of spades. When East followed with the eight, he passed it, and made the grand slam in a few seconds!

It looks mysterious and most of the journalists reported it as an impossible play. A double finesse against the king and jack of trumps to make a grand slam - how imaginative! Was it truly so remarkable? No, it was really simple judgment!

East had jumped to three hearts, showing a fit for both majors. If the eight was not a false card, East's spade holding had to be king, jack, eight. So, to let the ten pass was a normal play instead of a strange play, wasn't it?

**Henky Lasut**, Indonesia, has been a mainstay of the powerhouse Indonesian team that has dominated PABF Open bridge for decades. Henky was born in 1947 and comes from Manado. Henky's longstanding partnership with Eddy Manoppo ranks highly in world bridge, and would attract many votes as the number one partnership in the PABF. Henky has won several PABF Open Team Championships, starting in 1972. He and Eddy have also reached the final of the World Team Championships in Rhodes in 1996 and the final of the Rosenblum Knock-out Teams in Montreal in 2002, as well as making several appearances in the knock-out stages of the Bermuda Bowl.

This deal shows the partnership combining well to pick up a large penalty during the round robin stage of the 2001 PABF Championships in Singapore. The opposition was Chinese Taipei.

**Dealer North. NS Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Sacul	Lee	Polii	Yen
—	1 ♦	1 ♠	Pass
Pass	Double	2 ♦	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Lin	Manoppo	Wu	Lasut
—	1 ♦	1 ♠	Double
Pass	2 ♥	3 ♦	Double
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

With either three no trumps or four hearts making for North-South, East-West could afford to go for a modest penalty and still show a profit. That is what Polii did for Indonesia, taking six trump tricks in total for down two and minus 300.

When Wu also overcalled one spade over the Precision one diamond opening, Henky was not interested in trying for a penalty. However, when Wu showed the diamonds at his second turn he was a level higher than Polii. Henky doubled three diamonds and doubled three spades as well.

Henky led ace and another heart, forcing Wu to ruff. Declarer tried ace then king of diamonds but the latter was ruffed and Henky now found the perfect switch to a low spade to his partner's ace. Manoppo returned a heart and Wu ruffed, then ruffed a diamond while Lasut pitched his remaining heart, then ruffed dummy's last heart and was overruffed. Wu made just four tricks for minus 1100 and 13 IMPs to Indonesia.

## ACBL Hall of Fame

At the Summer 2004 NABC in New York City, Jeff Rubens of The Bridge World will become the sixth current IBPA member to be inducted into the ACBL's Bridge Hall of Fame. Rubens will join Henry Francis, Memphis; Sami Kehela, Toronto; George Rosenkranz, Mexico City; Alan Truscott, NYC; and Bobby Wolff, Dallas in the Hall.

## WBF Gold Medal

IBPA member Anna Maria Torlontano was presented with the WBF Gold Medal by President José Damiani in Monte Carlo for "extraordinary services to the WBF"

## 2004 European Women's Bridge Festival

Anna Maria Torlontano, Chairman of the WBF and EBL Women's Committee's reports that the 2004 Women's Bridge Festival will be held in Vienna, Austria from 20 – 25 July 2004. The event is a transnational event open to all lady bridge players, of whatever rank and from anywhere in the world.

Brochures and registration forms can be obtained from Anna Gudge – [anna@ecats.co.uk](mailto:anna@ecats.co.uk); Tel: +44 1787 881920; fax: +44 1787 881339 and are available in English or French.

Anna Maria says: "We offer five days in one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in Europe, Vienna, the city of dreams. A living museum of architecture where you can admire churches, castles, palaces, theatres, museums and gardens ... a fantastic place to enjoy. Everyone should have the chance to visit this delightful city at least once in their lives, and what better opportunity than at a European Bridge Festival where you can combine a marvellous holiday with our own favourite sport, Bridge! And it is at the height of the summer season when Vienna comes alive for everyone to enjoy!"

## New Work on Conventions

Dan Dimitrescu and Nicu Kantar (Eddie's cousin), with Magnus Lindqvist as Editor, have produced the most comprehensive work (2000 pages) ever on bridge conventions: Bridge – Classic and Modern Conventions. The work is in four volumes, the fourth and final of which has just recently made it to print. Almost 800 conventions are covered.

## 2005WJTC

Junior players are urged to start forming partnerships and planning their teams as soon as possible. The 2005 World Junior Team Championships will be in Sydney, Australia. That alone should generate some excitement.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Malta Festival

Mario Dix sends word that the 10<sup>th</sup> Malta Bridge Festival will be held 13-20 March, 2004. Contact:

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## Nine New Markets Added to 2004 Prize Money Bridge Tour in USA & Canada

Nancy King, CEO of BPT Prize Money Bridge, reports that the tour will double the number of tournaments in 2004 by adding nine new cities to the tour. In 2003 BPT staged 10 events with a \$120,000 in prize money and a \$20,000 bonus pool. BPT will schedule events in all markets served in 2003 and will add Anaheim, CA; Lake Geneva, WI; Cincinnati, OH; Sacramento, CA; Cherry Hill, NJ; Pittsburgh, PA; Orlando, FL; Indianapolis, IN; and Penticton, BC, Canada. BPT will manage events at all three North American Championships—Reno in March; New York City in July; and Orlando in November, requiring two appearances in Reno and New York in the same tour year.

### 2004 World Team Olympiad

The Daily Bulletin in New Orleans reported that the recent bombings in Istanbul, Turkey have brought into doubt the location of the 2004 Olympiad, planned for next fall in Istanbul. The timing brings to mind the bombing in the Kuta Beach night club in Bali which prevented the 2001 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup's being held there. This is a pity, because both Bali and Istanbul are wonderful places. There has as yet been no word from the WBF.

### New Orleans Fall NABC Winners

**Life Master Pairs** – Kyle Larsen; Jo Morse

**Life Master Women's Pairs** – Lynn Baker; Kerri Sanborn  
**Open Board-a-Match Teams** – George Jacobs; Ralph Katz; Alfredo Versace; Lorenzo Lauria; Norberto Bocchi; Giorgio Duboin

**Women's Board-a-Match Teams** – Carlyn Steiner; Marinesa Letizia; Jill Meyers; Randi Montin; Tobi Sokolow; Janice Seamon-Molson

**Senior Knockout Teams** – Dennis Dawson; Clement Jackson; John Sutherlin; Bobby Wolff; John Mohan; Dan Morse

**Blue Ribbon Pairs** – Geir Helgemo; Michael Seamon

**Reisinger Teams** – Malcolm Brachman; Mike Passell; Eddie Wold; Eric Greco; Geoff Hampson

**North American Swiss Teams** – Dave Siebert; Allan Siebert; Greg Hinze; Nagy Kamel

### Wedding Bells

IBPA member Bobby Wolff and Judy Kay, widow of Norman Kay, have announced their intention to marry. The happy couple will reside in Dallas.

### College Championships

The ACBL Educational Foundation will sponsor the 2004 North American College Bridge Team Championships. Expenses-paid trips to the Summer NABC in New York and scholarships are at stake. Contact [charlotte.blais@acbl.org](mailto:charlotte.blais@acbl.org) for details.

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muda (2000). As you might remember we, the Dutch team, won the Venice Cup. In that tournament, we had a bunch of angels on our shoulders. Almost nothing could go wrong.

After this hand that Gu played so well, I expected to lose IMPs because West would certainly not bid at the other table after 2NT by South. But Pasman and Simons had other ideas about bidding this hand. After 2NT from South, North transferred the to hearts. South showed a fit and North-South bid all the way to six hearts. That contract was easy. The diamond finesse didn't work but Simons could throw away two clubs on the spade ace and the fourth diamond. So we won 3 IMPs instead of losing a lot.

Sometimes bridge is unfair and is ruled by angels...

Sincerely yours, **Marijke van der Pas**

From: **Zar Petkov**

1) The bridge article Never Miss a Game Again is accessible from: <http://public.aci.on.ca/~zpetkov/The> article comes with 3 different mathematical proofs that Zar Points are 3 times better than: Charles Goren, Marty Bergen, or Double points.

The 3 methods applied to all the 4 Hand Evaluation Methods are:

- Span of base
- Separation power
- Standard Deviation

Have a look - I hope you'll find the article interesting and useful. If this is the case, please feel free to send the link to any bridge friend of yours for whom you think it's worth her/his time reading it.

2) There is a link at the top of the page to the critics & discussions with a number of world-class players and bridge editors.

3) The second link on the top of the page is to the Bermuda Bowl Championship discussions.

Thank you in advance for your time and feedback !

Make it a great day.

ZAR

From: **Brent Manley**

John:

Small correction to your preamble to the Monte Carlo coverage. It was Jody Latham and Henry in New Orleans. I was not there.

Cheers, and happy holidays.

Brent

**Jeff Easterson**, Perpignan, France and **Danny Roth**, London have written to continue the sportsmanship issue first raised by Mark Horton in Bulletin 463. However, as the issue has been thoroughly dissected, we shall curtail further discussion on this topic. Thanks to everyone who expressed their views on what became a very lively and passionate dialogue.



# Correspondence ...

The Editor reserves the right to shorten correspondence

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## BestWishes for 2004

President-elect Patrick Jourdain passes along best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year to all IBPA members and their loved ones.

From: Alantruscott@aol.com

Subject: 1930s

Dear John,

Your October editorial needs a correction. You say that, "there had been a couple of unofficial world championships in the 1930s". The 1937 Championships in Budapest were entirely official, rather like a modern Team Olympiad. They were organized by the International Bridge League. There were 18 teams in the open, 16 representing European countries and two from the United States.

Austria won, in suspicious circumstances, and also won the Women's Championship. A young Rixi Markus was a winner. For details, see my latest work: The New York Times Bridge Book. In contrast, the first Bermuda Bowl, in 1950, had three teams. (No women.) It had no official standing but was eventually recognized ex post facto by the W.B.F., which started in 1958.

Alan Truscott

*The following missive from David Rex-Taylor, (IBPA Executive Editor 1982-2001) would receive my vote for the "Letter of the Year" if we had such an award!*

Dear John,

An earnest young IBPA member in the late nineteen sixties, I organised the Evening Standard bridge congress in London at which Omar Sharif was celebrity guest. I met him as he entered the hotel foyer venue and said, "Welcome to the Evening Standard bridge tournament – I am the congress organiser." With malevolent eye contact he contemptuously snarled, "Big deal," and arrogantly swept me aside!

He reminded me (facially and from a film part) of Anastas Mikoyan, the Soviet Politburo leader I had met at a U.S. Embassy function in Moscow where I was a British airline manager. The clear difference was that the polite Armenian Mikoyan had manners, style, intellect, a genuine warm personality, and spoke the English language of a cultured gentleman who was naturally inclined socially to interact in a wholly civilized manner, even though one of the most powerful men in the U.S.S.R.

As for Mr. Sharif's violent criminal hooliganism, this could be sad evidence that the dust of millenia of decay from the Pyramids has gravely affected his diminishing brain cells. He may even believe this as a way of avoiding responsibility and decent future behaviour.

David, Rex-Taylor, Birmingham, England

(My initial encounter with Sharif was at the first Rosenblum Cup in New Orleans in 1978, where, it seemed, every woman at the tournament wanted a photo taken with him. Sharif invariably responded to these requests with good grace, a smile that melted their hearts, and an arm across their shoulders. Perhaps it's a gender thing! – Ed.)

From: Ron Tacchi

Could you put a short note in the Bulletin that my email address is now [RonTacchi@PrestigeC.com](mailto:RonTacchi@PrestigeC.com) and that any email sent to my AOL account will not reach me. If you could also explain that whilst I will respond to requests for photos and information my current business arrangements have me working in foreign countries where the only email access I have is through my employer and as such I cannot abuse their trust and use it for mailing photos and the like.

I ask everyone to bear with me and realise that requests cannot be turned round instantaneously.

Regards,

Tacchi

From: Richard Hills

I am the very model of a modern bridge competitor, I write many pages as a club newsletter editor. I know the Laws of Contract, and I quote debates historical, From revoking to etiquette, in order categorical. I'm very well acquainted too, with card play mathematical, I understand all squeezes, both simple and quadratical. As committee President, I'm teeming with advocacy, With many cheerful rulings tinged with my hypocrisy. In short, as bridge player, President and editor, I am the very model of a modern bridge competitor.

Richard James Hills

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From: Jeff Rubens

Jeff Rubens would like to point out for North American members who are not already aware of it, that Adobe Acrobat has the facility to turn A4 pages (which the Bulletin is produced in) into North American letter size pages (8 1/2" x 11") when printing. Precise instructions cannot be given since the procedures are different depending upon the version used. Jeff takes pains to point out that this is "a negative consequence of the world's (mostly American) stupidity in not maintaining universal measuring units."

Dear John

In the IBPA Bulletin, November 2003, page 13, you published a beautifully-played hand by Gu. She played the hand against me in the quarterfinals of the Venice Cup in Ber

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# World Bridge Calendar

DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
<b>2004</b>			
Jan 11-16	Sharjah Bridge Festival	Dubai, UAE	<a href="http://www.emiratesbridge.org">www.emiratesbridge.org</a>
Jan 14-26	Summer Festival of Bridge	Canberra, Australia	<a href="http://www.abf.com.au">www.abf.com.au</a>
Jan 16-18	10 <sup>th</sup> Southern Regional	Port of Spain, Trinidad	<a href="http://www.cacbf.com">www.cacbf.com</a>
Jan 24-31	45 <sup>th</sup> Bermuda Regional 2004	Southampton, Bermuda	<a href="http://www.bermudaregional.com">www.bermudaregional.com</a>
Jan 30-31	Bridge Pro Tour	Anaheim, CA	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Feb 9-15	9 <sup>th</sup> NEC Festival	Yokohama, Japan	<a href="http://www.jcbl.or.jp">www.jcbl.or.jp</a>
Feb 15-21	21 <sup>st</sup> Cairo International Festival	Cairo, Egypt	<a href="http://www.egybf.com">www.egybf.com</a>
Feb. 20-23	Icelandair Open	Reykjavik, Iceland	<a href="mailto:bridge@bridge.is">bridge@bridge.is</a>
Feb 21-28	Gold Coast Congress	Surfer's Paradise, Australia	<a href="http://www.abf.com.au">www.abf.com.au</a>
Feb 28-29	White House International Top Teams	Utrecht, Netherlands	<a href="mailto:jvcleeff@xs4all.nl">jvcleeff@xs4all.nl</a>
Mar 1-7	Mexican Nationals	Ixtapan de la Sal Edo, Mexico	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
Mar 13-20	10 <sup>th</sup> Malta Festival 2004	Sliema, Malta	<a href="mailto:mario@bridge.org.mt">mario@bridge.org.mt</a>
Mar 18-28	ACBL Spring NABC	Reno, NV	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
Mar 26-27	Bridge Pro Tour	Reno, NV	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Apr 3-4	OKBridge Junior Championships	Online	<a href="http://www.okbridge.com">www.okbridge.com</a>
Apr 6-11	109 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Nationals	Toronto, ON, Canada	<a href="http://www.toronto-bridge.com">www.toronto-bridge.com</a>
Apr 9-10	Bridge Pro Tour	San Diego, CA	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Apr 23	Bridge Pro Tour	Lake Geneva, WI	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Apr 23-24	Bridge Pro Tour	Miami, FL, USA	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Apr 30	Bridge Pro Tour	Cincinnati, OH	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
May	17 <sup>th</sup> OECS Championships	Anguilla	<a href="http://www.cacbf.com">www.cacbf.com</a>
May 14-27	55 <sup>th</sup> Antibes International Festival	Juan-les-Pins, France	<a href="http://www.bridgejuan.com">www.bridgejuan.com</a>
May 15-23	XVII Internacional de Costa Calida	Murcia, Spain	<a href="http://www.eurobridge.org">www.eurobridge.org</a>
May 19-20	Bonn Nations Cup	Bonn, Germany	<a href="http://www.bridge-club-bonn.de">www.bridge-club-bonn.de</a>
May 25-Jun 1	USBF Women's Championships	Raleigh, NC	<a href="http://www.usbf.org">www.usbf.org</a>
May 27-28	Bridge Pro Tour	Cleveland, OH	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Jun 2	Bridge Pro Tour	Sacramento, CA	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Jun 4-5	WBF Worldwide Contest	Clubs Everywhere	<a href="http://www.ecatsbridge.com">www.ecatsbridge.com</a>
Jun 4-13	USBF Open Championships	Memphis, TN	<a href="http://www.usbf.org">www.usbf.org</a>
Jun 5-13	54 <sup>th</sup> Campeonato Sudamericano	São Paulo, Brasil	<a href="http://www.bridgeargentino.org.ar">www.bridgeargentino.org.ar</a>
Jun 7-15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Festival de Bridge Golf	Almeria, Spain	<a href="http://www.eurobridge.org">www.eurobridge.org</a>
Jun 17-18	Bridge Pro Tour	Penticton, BC, Canada	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Jun 19-Jul 3	47 <sup>th</sup> European Team Championships	Malmö, Sweden	<a href="http://www.bridgefestival.net">www.bridgefestival.net</a>
Jun 20-24	Chairman's Cup	Malmö, Sweden	<a href="http://www.bridgefestival.net">www.bridgefestival.net</a>
Jun 20-Jul 2	10 <sup>th</sup> Bridge Festival	Malmö, Sweden	<a href="http://www.bridgefestival.net">www.bridgefestival.net</a>
Jun 22-26	USBF Senior Championships	Las Vegas, NV	<a href="http://www.usbf.org">www.usbf.org</a>
Jun 24	Bridge Pro Tour	Cherry Hill, NJ	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Jun 29-Jul 11	19 <sup>th</sup> Biarritz International Festival	Biarritz, France	<a href="http://www.biarritz-bridge.com">www.biarritz-bridge.com</a>
Jul 1-2	Bridge Pro Tour	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Jul 8-18	ACBL Summer NABC	New York, NY	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
Jul 13-14	1 <sup>st</sup> Youth Challenge Cup	New York, NY	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
Jul 14-16	1 <sup>st</sup> World Junior Individual	New York, NY	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Jul 16-17	Bridge Pro Tour	New York, NY	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Jul 17-24	World Junior Camp	Garden City, Long Is., NY	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Jul 20-25	Women's Bridge Festival	Vienna, Austria	<a href="mailto:anna@ecats.co.uk">anna@ecats.co.uk</a>
Aug 1-7	36 <sup>th</sup> Wachauer Bridgewoche	Loiben, Austria	<a href="http://www.noie-bridgesportverband.at">www.noie-bridgesportverband.at</a>
Aug 1-11	19 <sup>th</sup> European Youth Teams	Prague, Czech Republic	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Aug 11-12	Bridge Pro Tour	Secaucus, NJ	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Aug 26-27	Bridge Pro Tour	Santa Clara, CA	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Sep 2	Bridge Pro Tour	Pittsburg, PA	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Oct 8-10	3 <sup>rd</sup> European Champions Cup	Warsaw, Poland	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Oct 22	Bridge Pro Tour	Lake Geneva, WI	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Oct 24-Nov 6	12 <sup>th</sup> World Team Olympiad	Istanbul, Turkey	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Oct 24-30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Senior International Cup	Istanbul, Turkey	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Oct 24-30	2 <sup>nd</sup> World University Teams Cup	Istanbul, Turkey	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Nov 1-6	3 <sup>rd</sup> World Transnational Mixed Teams	Istanbul, Turkey	<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>
Nov 5-7	Monte Carlo International Tournament	Monte Carlo, Monaco	<a href="mailto:jcaconseil@monaco377.com">jcaconseil@monaco377.com</a>
Nov 7-13	4 <sup>th</sup> International Festival	Cuba	<a href="http://www.cacbf.com">www.cacbf.com</a>
Nov 18-28	ACBL Fall NABC	Orlando, FL	<a href="http://www.acbl.org">www.acbl.org</a>
Nov 26-27	Bridge Pro Tour	Orlando, FL	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Dec 10	Bridge Pro Tour	Indianapolis, IN	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>
Dec 16-18	Bridge Pro Tour	Palm Springs, CA	<a href="http://www.bridgeprotour.com">www.bridgeprotour.com</a>