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## WORLD BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

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# IT'S FUN TO BE USA 1



*In the control center for the vugraph show*

Six rounds into the qualifying stages of the three major events, the teams designated USA 1 are atop the leader boards in each – the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Senior Bowl.

In the Bermuda Bowl, USA 1 maintained their lead despite losing in round four to South Africa. They made up for it by thumping Canada 81-38 and India 81-26 in the next two matches.

Right behind the Americans as play starts today are Poland followed Norway and Italy, who put on a terrific show on vugraph on Monday. Norway prevailed 38-34.

The top eight finishers at the end of the round-robin will begin knockout play on Sunday. Each team has 15 matches to go.

In the Venice Cup, USA 1 remained undefeated, holding a lead of 6 victory points over USA 2. New Zealand lost two matches after starting out 4-0 but were third. Just 1 VP behind them are England.

After losing their opening match in the Senior Bowl, USA 1 has recorded five straight blowouts to lead by 8 VPs over Italy. Egypt is third, with USA 2 and Australia tied for fourth-fifth.



### VUGRAPH MATCHES



#### Round 7 (11.00-13.20)

VG:	Table 5	Indonesia - Egypt	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 8	Poland - USA 1	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 26	England - USA 2	(VC)
SWAN*:	Table 3	Sweden - Italy	(BB)
OurGame:	Table 11	China SMEG - Netherlands	(BB)

#### Round 8 (14.20-16.40)

VG:	Table 4	USA 1 - China SMEG	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 50	France - USA 2	(SB)
BBO 2:	Table 7	Egypt - Norway	(BB)
SWAN:	Table 11	Chinese Taipei - Sweden	(BB)
OurGame:	Table 24	Denmark - Brazil	(VC)

#### Round 9 (17.10-19.30)

VG:	Table 2	Brazil - Italy	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 6	Indonesia - Netherlands	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 25	France - USA 2	(VC)
SWAN:	Table 46	Denmark - Sweden	(SB)
OurGame:	Table 10	India - South Africa	(BB)

\* This match will be broadcast at 20.30 Chinese time

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# TODAY'S PROGRAM



## Bermuda Bowl

### ROUND 7 11.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Brazil	Argentina
2	Japan	Trinidad & Tobago
3	Sweden	Italy
4	Norway	Chinese Taipei
5	Indonesia	Egypt
6	New Zealand	Pakistan
7	South Africa	USA 2
8	Poland	USA 1
9	India	Ireland
10	Canada	Australia
11	China SMEG	Netherlands

### ROUND 8 14.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	South Africa	Canada
2	Australia	India
3	Ireland	Poland
4	USA 1	China SMEG
5	Netherlands	New Zealand
6	Pakistan	Indonesia
7	Egypt	Norway
8	USA 2	Argentina
9	Italy	Japan
10	Trinidad & Tobago	Brazil
11	Chinese Taipei	Sweden

### ROUND 9 17.10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Argentina	Trinidad & Tobago
2	Brazil	Italy
3	Japan	Chinese Taipei
4	Sweden	Egypt
5	Norway	Pakistan
6	Indonesia	Netherlands
7	New Zealand	USA 1
8	China SMEG	Ireland
9	Canada	USA 2
10	India	South Africa
11	Poland	Australia

## Venice Cup

### ROUND 7 11.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	China Global Times	Japan
22	Croatia	India
23	New Zealand	Netherlands
24	France	Germany
25	Egypt	Argentina
26	England	USA 2
27	USA 1	Indonesia
28	Jordan	Denmark
29	South Africa	Australia
30	Guadeloupe	Canada
31	Brazil	Philippines

### ROUND 8 14.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	USA 1	Guadeloupe
22	Canada	South Africa
23	Australia	Jordan
24	Denmark	Brazil
25	Philippines	England
26	USA 2	Egypt
27	Argentina	France
28	Indonesia	Japan
29	Netherlands	Croatia
30	India	China Global Times
31	Germany	New Zealand

### ROUND 9 17.10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	Japan	India
22	China Global Times	Netherlands
23	Croatia	Germany
24	New Zealand	Argentina
25	France	USA 2
26	Egypt	Philippines
27	England	Denmark
28	Brazil	Australia
29	Guadeloupe	Indonesia
30	South Africa	USA 1
31	Jordan	Canada



# TODAY'S PROGRAM


## Senior Bowl

ROUND 7		11.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	USA 2	Brazil
42	India	France
43	Argentina	Japan
44	USA 1	Indonesia
45	Denmark	Egypt
46	South Africa	China Hong Kong
47	Germany	Guadeloupe
48	China	Thailand
49	Canada	Australia
50	New Zealand	Poland
51	Italy	Sweden

ROUND 8		14.20
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	Germany	New Zealand
42	Poland	Canada
43	Australia	China
44	Thailand	Italy
45	Sweden	South Africa
46	China Hong Kong	Denmark
47	Egypt	USA 1
48	Guadeloupe	Brazil
49	Japan	India
50	France	USA 2
51	Indonesia	Argentina

ROUND 9		17.10
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	Brazil	France
42	USA 2	Japan
43	India	Indonesia
44	Argentina	Egypt
45	USA 1	Pakistan
46	Denmark	Sweden
47	South Africa	Thailand
48	Italy	Australia
49	New Zealand	Guadeloupe
50	Canada	Germany
51	China	Poland

### Important notice



You are reminded you that, due to security measures to be taken tomorrow and the next day, entry to the venue will be difficult and may take some time. Please ensure that you bring your badge, and it is strongly recommended that you arrive on site well before the normal time.

### Nature Takes its Course

*by Mark Horton*

One day a scorpion approached a frog along a river bank. The scorpion asked, 'Froggie, please give me a ride across this wide river.' The frog responded, 'I would be a fool to do that. You will sting and paralyze me.' Said the scorpion, 'Ridiculous! If I stung you then we would both drown.' Trusting the scorpion's logic the frog agreed and allowed the scorpion onto his back as he swam out into the river. In the middle of the river the scorpion stung the frog. As the frog convulsed from the scorpion sting and began to slip beneath the waters he looked back at the scorpion and said, 'Why? Now we'll both die?' The scorpion answered, 'Because I am a scorpion, and it is my nature.'

Bridge is, by its nature, a game of mistakes. Judge for yourself who made the greatest error on this deal from R2 of the Venice Cup:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Was it the declarer playing in 6♠ from the East hand who went down on a trump lead?  
 Or the pair who bid the East/West cards to 7♠?  
 Or the declarer who, faced with the lead of the six of hearts in 7♠, rejected the double club finesse in favour of cashing all her spade and diamond winners?  
 Or the defender who, having led the six of hearts, discarded three low clubs to allow 7♠ to make.



# RESULTS

## Bermuda Bowl



### ROUND 4

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Ireland	Australia	22 - 42	10- 20
2 USA 1	South Africa	10 - 37	9- 21
3 Netherlands	Canada	50 - 32	18.5-10.5
4 USA 2	Japan	32 - 33	15- 15
5 Egypt	Poland	27 - 15	18- 12
6 Chinese Taipei	China Smeg	19 - 46	9- 21
7 Italy	New Zealand	50 - 38	18- 12
8 Trinidad & Tobago	Indonesia	24 - 69	5- 25
9 Argentina	Norway	34 - 42	13- 17
10 Brazil	Sweden	48 - 18	22 - 8
11 Pakistan	India	47 - 14	23 - 7

### ROUND 5

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Japan	Brazil	32 - 19	18- 12
2 Sweden	Argentina	32 - 69	6- 24
3 Norway	Trinidad & Tobago	37 - 19	19- 11
4 Indonesia	Italy	19 - 49	8- 22
5 Australia	USA 2	51 - 20	22- 8
6 China Smeg	Egypt	31 - 30	15- 15
7 Poland	Pakistan	75 - 26	25- 4
8 India	Netherlands	20 - 28	13- 17
9 Canada	USA 1	38 - 85	4- 25
10 South Africa	Ireland	55 - 53	14.5-14.5
11 New Zealand	Chinese Taipei	47 - 49	15- 15

### ROUND 6

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 Australia	South Africa	66 - 25	24 - 6
2 Ireland	Canada	42 - 49	14 - 16
3 USA 1	India	81 - 26	25 - 3
4 Netherlands	Poland	32 - 47	12 - 18
5 Pakistan	China Smeg	25 - 54	8 - 22
6 USA 2	Brazil	17 - 46	8 - 22
7 Chinese Taipei	Indonesia	32 - 38	14 - 16
8 Italy	Norway	34 - 38	14 - 16
9 Trinidad & Tobago	Sweden	15 - 68	3 - 25
10 Argentina	Japan	55 - 33	20 - 10
11 Egypt	New Zealand	39 - 61	10 - 20

### Ranking after 6 Rounds

1	USA 1	133
2	Poland	112
3	Norway	110
4	Italy	108
5	Argentina	101
	China SMEG	101
7	Australia	99
8	Brazil	95
9	New Zealand	92
10	Netherlands	90.5
11	South Africa	88.5
12	Indonesia	88
	Pakistan	88
14	Japan	85
15	Egypt	84
16	USA 2	81
17	Chinese Taipei	80
18	Canada	77.5
19	Sweden	74
20	Ireland	66.5
21	Trinidad & Tobago	59
22	India	56





# RESULTS



## Venice Cup

### ROUND 4

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Australia	Canada	34 - 35	15 - 15
22	Denmark	USA 1	37 - 72	7 - 23
23	Philippines	Guadeloupe	47 - 31	19 - 11
24	Indonesia	Croatia	35 - 45	13 - 17
25	Argentina	Jordan	40 - 22	19 - 11
26	Germany	Brazil	83 - 29	25 - 3
27	Netherlands	England	27 - 39	12 - 18
28	India	Egypt	59 - 34	21 - 9
29	Japan	France	19 - 37	11 - 19
30	China Global Times	New Zealand	23 - 51	8 - 22
31	USA 2	South Africa	41 - 20	20 - 10

### ROUND 5

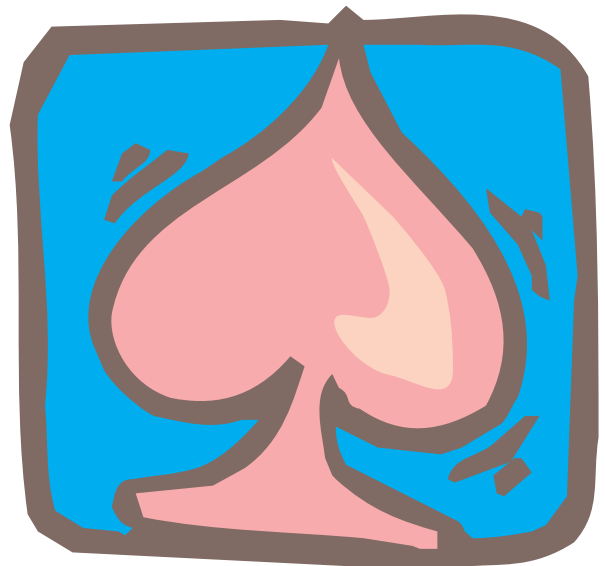
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Croatia	China Global Times	64 - 38	21 - 9
22	New Zealand	Japan	16 - 38	10 - 20
23	France	India	29 - 2	21 - 9
24	Egypt	Netherlands	41 - 3	24 - 6
25	Canada	Indonesia	32 - 44	12 - 18
26	Brazil	Argentina	16 - 70	3 - 25
27	Jordan	USA 2	19 - 54	7 - 23
28	South Africa	Philippines	45 - 22	20 - 10
29	Guadeloupe	Denmark	3 - 82	0 - 25
30	USA 1	Australia	69 - 20	25 - 4
31	England	Germany	36 - 23	18 - 12

### ROUND 6

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Canada	USA 1	4 - 59	3 - 25
22	Australia	Guadeloupe	51 - 53	15 - 15
23	Denmark	South Africa	79 - 14	25 - 1
24	Philippines	Jordan	55 - 25	22 - 8
25	USA 2	Brazil	52 - 55	14 - 16
26	Indonesia	China Global Times	39 - 48	13 - 17
27	Germany	Egypt	34 - 62	8 - 22
28	Netherlands	France	42 - 29	18 - 12
29	India	New Zealand	40 - 22	19 - 11
30	Japan	Croatia	37 - 45	13 - 17
31	Argentina	England	24 - 74	4 - 25

### Ranking after 6 Rounds

1	USA 1	124
2	USA 2	118
3	New Zealand	115
4	England	114
5	Denmark	108
6	Germany	102
7	India	98
8	France	95
9	Netherlands	93
10	Egypt	88
11	Argentina	87
	Japan	87
13	China Global Times	85
14	Australia	84
	Philippines	84
16	Croatia	83
17	Indonesia	75
18	Brazil	71
	Canada	71
20	South Africa	70
21	Guadeloupe	56
22	Jordan	52







# RESULTS

## Senior Bowl



### ROUND 4

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Australia	Poland	42 - 32	17 - 13
42 Thailand	Germany	11 - 34	10 - 20
43 Sweden	New Zealand	40 - 46	14 - 16
44 Guadeloupe	India	40 - 43	14 - 16
45 Egypt	China	51 - 43	17 - 13
46 Indonesia	Italy	32 - 45	12 - 18
47 Japan	South Africa	68 - 6	25 - 2
48 France	Denmark	36 - 18	19 - 11
49 Brazil	USA I	4 - 49	5 - 25
50 USA 2	Argentina	98 - 16	25 - 0
51 China Hong Kong	Canada	23 - 53	8 - 22

### ROUND 5

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 India	USA 2	64 - 36	22 - 8
42 Argentina	Brazil	41 - 30	17 - 13
43 USA I	France	66 - 25	24 - 6
44 Denmark	Japan	41 - 9	23 - 7
45 Poland	Guadeloupe	24 - 39	12 - 18
46 Italy	Egypt	32 - 50	11 - 19
47 China	China Hong Kong	26 - 47	10 - 20
48 Canada	Sweden	34 - 29	16 - 14
49 New Zealand	Thailand	42 - 53	13 - 17
50 Germany	Australia	36 - 40	14 - 16
51 South Africa	Indonesia	34 - 56	10 - 20

### ROUND 6

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Poland	Germany	75 - 13	25 - 2
42 Australia	New Zealand	42 - 37	16 - 14
43 Thailand	Canada	33 - 66	7 - 23
44 Sweden	China	6 - 74	1 - 25
45 China Hong Kong	Italy	16 - 56	6 - 24
46 Guadeloupe	USA 2	20 - 81	2 - 25
47 Indonesia	Denmark	55 - 13	25 - 5
48 Japan	USA I	19 - 39	10 - 20
49 France	Argentina	75 - 45	22 - 8
50 Brazil	India	59 - 34	21 - 9
51 Egypt	South Africa	85 - 31	25 - 3

### Ranking after 6 Rounds

1	USA I	124
2	Italy	116
3	Egypt	113
4	Australia	112
	USA 2	112
6	Canada	111
7	Poland	107
8	Indonesia	104
9	France	94
10	Brazil	92
11	India	87
12	Japan	84
13	China	83
14	Argentina	79
	Germany	79
16	Denmark	76
	New Zealand	76
18	Guadeloupe	75
19	Sweden	71
20	China Hong Kong	68
21	Thailand	58
22	South Africa	34



Boris Baran of Canada and Henky Lasut of Indonesia try a different way to settle their match in the Senior Bowl before adjourning to the card table instead. Photo by Susan Korbelt

# BERMUDA BOWL

# Round 1



**New Zealand**

v

**Brazil**



## A Bidder's Game

by Mark Horton

I have a vague recollection that a recent survey suggested that the vast majority of IMPs are swung by bidding decisions. That was certainly the case in this match from the opening round of the Bermuda Bowl.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Figueiredo</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Ker</i>
1♦	3♠	Db1*	4♠
Pass	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

The perfect fit delivers twelve tricks in diamonds, but it's not easy to get to slam once North raises the ante with an intervention in spades.

The popular choice was a 4♠ overcall, but with a poor 7-2-2-2 distribution 3♠ looks good enough.

East was able to show he was playable in three suits, but that was not enough to persuade West to bid a slam. As you can see there was nothing to the play.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stout</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Villas Boas</i>
Pass	3♠	Db1	4♠
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♠
Db1	All Pass		

When West was not tempted to open the bidding, North was able to open 3♠. I confess I would have been tempted to punt 6♦ with the West cards, but then I have the benefit of seeing all four hands.

I'll leave you to decide if South was pushing his luck with 5♠, but it worked well in terms of IMPs as there were only four tricks to lose, -500 but a gain of 3 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Figueiredo</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Ker</i>
2♦*	Pass	Pass	INT
		4♠	All Pass

Although he was facing a passed partner, West was happy to get involved, and East backed his partner's judgement with a jump to a game that required no more than a 2-2 trump break.

The 3-1 division meant the contract had to fail, -100.



Miguel Villas Boas

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b> <i>Stout</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Chagas</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Miller</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Villas Boas</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
All Pass		Pass	2♥

Was there a case for West to double 2♥?

North was left in a comfortable spot. East led the queen of clubs, and when it held, switched to the nine of spades.

Declarer was allowed to win with the singleton jack and ended up with ten tricks, +170, and a couple of IMPs to Brazil.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 2	♠ Q 2
♥ J 5 3	♥ J 5 3
♦ Q 9 8	♦ Q 9 8
♣ A Q 9 8 5	♣ A Q 9 8 5

**Open Room**

<b>West</b> <i>Figueiredo</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Grant</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Brenner</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Ker</i>
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West's 3♥ came in for some criticism on BBO, but the alternative of 2NT (assuming you are not going to pass) only works if it promises any two suits. Whatever the merits of the bid, it worked like a charm. On the lead of the ace of clubs, declarer was not hard pressed to record eleven tricks by playing on cross-ruff lines.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b> <i>Stout</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Chagas</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Miller</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Villas Boas</i>
Pass	1♠	Dbl	Pass
2♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Perhaps East was dissuaded from going on to 4♥ by his 4-4-1 shape, but it cost 6 IMPs.

At this stage New Zealand led this low scoring affair 16-12, but Brazil struck two huge blows at the death:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

**Open Room**

<b>West</b> <i>Figueiredo</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Grant</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Brenner</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Ker</i>
Dbl*	Pass	1♥	4♠
5♠*	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass	5NT	Pass

East's 5♣ bid was music to West's ears and he drove on to the excellent slam.

South led the king of spades. Declarer won with dummy's ace and crossed to the king of diamonds. South might have given declarer pause for thought by dropping the queen, but as it was declarer continued with the jack of clubs, putting up the ace to discard a spade on the ace of diamonds before picking up the trumps via a finesse against North's queen. Then a low heart from hand saw South win with the king, but declarer had the rest, +980.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b> <i>Stout</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Chagas</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Miller</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Villas Boas</i>
5♥	All Pass	1♥	4♠



Alan Grant



South led the king of spades. Declarer won in dummy and ran the jack of hearts. South won, cashed the queen of spades and switched to the nine of clubs, which speeded play up, +450, but 10 IMPs to Brazil.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Figueiredo</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Ker</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

The Brazilians produced a smooth natural auction to the grand slam. The pointed jacks were just what West wanted to see, +1510.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Stout</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Villas Boas</i>
			Pass
1♣*	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♦	Pass	6NT	All Pass

1♣ was strong and 2♣ a natural positive response. As far as I can tell from the convention card, 2♦ was natural, and it appears to have made it impossible to locate the spade fit. In itself that was not a problem, but it led to an unconvincing auction that resulted in a loss of 10 IMPs.

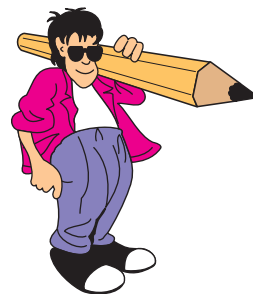
Perhaps this would be a good deal for a 'You be the Jury' feature, with questions being raised about West's failure to bid either 2♠ over 2♦ or 5♣ over 4♥.

Brazil's generally superior bidding gave them a deserved 32-16 IMP win, 18-12 VP.



Xiang Huai Cheng, president of the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, at the opening ceremony

**Championship Diary**



Looking ahead to next year's Mind Sports Championships, we can report that on Saturday India's Viswanathan Anand won the World Chess Championship in Mexico City to become the undisputed World Champion. He finished undefeated with 9.0 points out of 14 games.

We were lucky enough to meet him at last year's Chess Olympiad and he is one of the outstanding ambassadors of his sport.

If you have any spare cash what better way to spend it than to invest in a pack of pure gold playing cards. Made by Sanrio Co, they will be sold on the Internet for a modest 567,000 Yen (US\$ 4,940.00).

We have asked for a review deck!

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Barry Rigal has suggested that any exceptionally 'unlucky' plays should be reported under the title 'The Hall of Shame.' Tacchi thinks it should be 'The Great Hall of Shame.'



Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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♠ Q 9 8 7 3
♥ K 7 6 5
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 10

In the closed room, West reached 3NT, but the club position and bad break in spades limited declarer to eight tricks for minus 100.

It was a different story in the open room.

West	North	East	South
<i>Palazzo</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>	<i>Zhuang</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Any lead but a low club from the North hand will doom the contract. Unfortunately for China, Shi started with his fourth-best club – the 8. Palazzo considered his play at length before calling for dummy's low one. Declarer won the ♣J and took a spade finesse, but with no club to return. Zhuang had to pick another suit. His heart switch served only to help declarer develop another trick, and the favourable split in diamonds brought his trick total to nine for a 12-IMP again. Argentina was ahead 16-4.

China SMEG was far from finished, however, collecting double-digit swings on three of the final four boards. This was the first.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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♠ Q J 10
♥ 10 6 2
♦ 9 6
♣ K Q J 3 2

In the closed room, East-West reached 5♦ for plus 600 (3NT works well, too). In the open room, Palazzo and Lambardi didn't come close to bidding game.

West	North	East	South
<i>Palazzo</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>	<i>Zhuang</i>
	2♦	Dble	2♥
3♦	All Pass		

The 2♦ opener showed a weak two-bid in a major. Palazzo's 3♦ seems conservative – no doubt it would have been easier if West had known which major North held. In any case, there was no further bidding, and plus 170 represented a 10-IMP loss. China had closed to within 2 IMPs at 14-16.

Argentina misfired again in the bidding on the next-to-last deal.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9
♥ J 10 9 6 5 2
♦ 4 2
♣ J 8 4 3

In the closed room, the Chinese fairly zoomed into the grand slam after Xiao Jing Wang started off with a strong 1♣.

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Pellegrini</i>
			Pass
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

There was nothing to the play, and China had an easy plus 1510.

West	North	East	South
<i>Palazzo</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>	<i>Zhuang</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Palazzo's 3♦ rebid apparently showed a hand with two strong suits. Lambardi may have regretted his decision to bid 3♥ over 3♦ instead of showing his spade support. Lambardi's pass of 6♣ was definitely curious considering the known spade fit. The 4-2 club split meant 12 tricks were the limit in clubs, but it would have been an 11-IMP loss anyway. China had surged ahead.

They gained another 11 IMPs on the final deal, again outbidding their opponents, reaching an excellent 3NT in the open room while their counterparts in the closed room languished in a poor 5♣ contract, going off two for minus 100.

The final score was 36-16, a good start for China SMEG.

## Keeping Things Under Control

by Barry Rigal

This was the most interesting board from Trinidad and Tobago's 21-9 win over host China:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A 10 9 5 ♥ 8 ♦ A Q 10 9 8 2 ♣ K 10	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 7 6 3 ♥ K 7 4 2 ♦ J 6 ♣ 8 6 5 4
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Both tables played in 4♥.

The T&T declarer made 10 tricks, but in the other room Bobby Persad led the ace of diamonds followed by the queen.

Declarer took the king and ran the queen of clubs to the king. He ruffed the diamond return as Mohan Seepersad pitched a spade, then cashed the ace of clubs, dropping West's ten.

This was the position:

♠ A 10 9 5 ♥ 8 ♦ 9 8 2 ♣ —	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 7 6 ♥ K 7 4 2 ♦ — ♣ 8 6
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	S										
	♠ — ♥ A J 10 6 5 ♦ — ♣ J 9 7										

What should declarer do?

At the table South led the nine of clubs and Persad ruffed with the eight of hearts, overruffed with the queen. When declarer led the nine of hearts from dummy and East played the two, what was declarer to do?

If he overtook, East's seven would become a trick; when he ducked he was locked in dummy to force himself, before letting East in for the fatal third force.

So, what is the winning line?

In the diagrammed ending declarer should lead a heart to the queen!

The trump in dummy protects him from a club play, and on any other defence he could draw trumps and cash the clubs.

## I Shouldn't a stood in Bed

The title of this article refers to the feeling that luck is truly against you. Eric Rodwell doubtless felt this way when it came to scoring up

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 8 2 ♥ J 9 4 ♦ A K Q 8 5 3 ♣ 9 6	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A ♥ A K 8 7 ♦ 10 4 ♣ A 10 8 7 5 4
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	♠ Q J 10 ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ 9 6 ♣ K Q J 3 2										

West	North	East	South
	2♠	Dbl.	3♠
5♦	All Pass		

Rodwell won the spade lead and crossed to a top diamond to ruff a spade. Now the club ace was rudely ruffed, and when a spade came back Rodwell knew that the heart queen had to be on his left. Otherwise a heart play would have left him with no chance.

Accordingly Rodwell ruffed the spade and ran his trumps, coming down to a four-card ending where South wanted to keep two clubs and three hearts but could not do so.

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

On the last trump North threw a spade, East a club, and South a club. So Rodwell exited with a club and guessed hearts when South returned the suit.

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

Here Hamman led a low spade and Zia suspected that clubs had to be 5-0. so instead of embarking on Rodwell's line he had no real choice but to play for the precise heart distribution that existed. He won the spade ace and led a low heart to the nine, took the heart return in hand to ruff a spade, drew trumps and claimed 12 tricks.

So Rodwell's fine play held the loss to 13 IMPs.



# Goulash

by Brian Senior

If you have been looking at the Polish Open team and wondering what has happened to Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski, they did not take part in the Polish trials this year. Over the weekend of September 28-30, they were playing in the seventh running of the NN Cup in Moscow.

The NN Cup is a rather unusual bridge event in that it is played using Goulash deals, generated by computer, making for extreme distributions and horrible suit-breaks. If you wish to take such an event seriously, it is necessary to develop significantly different bidding methods to those which are effective for use on normally dealt boards.

It is a teams event, so played under normal duplicate conditions. After two qualifying round robin stages, which included a repechage element, eight teams moved into the knockout stages, culminating with a ten-board final.

Here is a taste of the action from the final.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ — ♥ Q 8 7 ♦ — ♣ Q J 10 9 8 7 5 4 3 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K ♥ A J 10 6 5 4 3 2 ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ —	♠ J 9 8 5 2 ♥ — ♦ K Q J 10 9 6 3 2 ♣ —
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West	North	East	South
<i>Bezuglaya</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Efremov</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♠	4♣	4♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Churlin</i>	<i>Radohleb</i>	<i>Gladysz</i>	<i>Chubarova</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	3♦
3NT	All Pass		

At the prevailing vulnerability, Radohleb chose not to come in over Churlin's strong club opening and, after a preemptive jump overcall from Chubarova (South), Churlin rebid 3NT. As suits frequently break horribly in Goulash, Gladysz did not go back to his broken eight-card heart suit.

There was no problem in 3NT, with Churlin able to come to all 13 tricks in no time at all for +520.

At the other table, Bezuglaya opened a natural 1♠, always promising a long suit at this form of the game, and Balicki bid as high as he dared. When Efremov now bid 4♥, Bezuglaya expected him to have a very long suit coupled with short spades so raised to the small slam on the strength of his excellent controls.

Six hearts looks OK at first sight, though North gets a ruff whatever card South chooses to lead. And indeed 6♥ is cold on a spade lead, despite the ruff, but see what happened on the actual diamond lead. Dummy's ♦A was ruffed by North's eight of hearts. Balicki now returned the ♣Q and, as North was almost certain to have all ten clubs for his vulnerable pre-empt, declarer judged to ruff with the ace, and now had to concede a second trick to Balicki's ♥Q; down one for -50 and 11 IMPs to the Balicki team (team Real).

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A 8 7 5 2 ♥ 7 2 ♦ A 10 8 7 ♣ 4 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ — ♥ A 8 ♦ 5 ♣ A K Q J 10 8 7 6 5 3	♠ 9 4 ♥ Q J 9 4 3 ♦ K Q J 6 2 ♣ 9
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West	North	East	South
<i>Bezuglaya</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Efremov</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	1♠	6♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	6♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	6♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	6♠
Dble	All Pass		



Cezary Balicki

West	North	East	South
Churlin	Radohleb	Gladysz	Chubarova
Pass	Pass	3NT	Pass
5♦	5♠	7NT	All Pass

Did I mention that you need to play different methods for Goulash? Of course, we do not have access to the players' methods, so your guess will probably be at least as good as ours regarding the meaning of some of the bids. Here, we might guess that Gladysz's 3NT opening promised a solid suit and 5♦ showed the two aces. Whatever was going on, 7NT was the perfect spot, with precisely 13 top tricks, no more and no fewer, so Gladysz chalked up +2220.

Balicki opened the North hand at the other table then, because of the vulnerability, came again with a double of 6♣ at his next turn, despite having a bare minimum opening. Zmudzinski tried each suit in turn before deciding to trust his partner to hold good long spades, while Bezuglaya doubled everything.

Six Spades doubled proved to be a wonderful spot. Balicki ruffed the club lead and set about his side-suit, leading a low heart at trick two. Efremov hopped up with the ace and returned his remaining heart. Balicki won the ♥K and now switched his attention to diamonds, leading low to the king and ace. Bezuglaya did not wish to concede a ruff and discard, nor to weaken his trump position, so returned the ♦10.

Balicki won the ♦Q and led a diamond back to his nine. Next came a spade to dummy's nine and Bezuglaya won but was powerless. If he returned a spade, declarer could win and draw trumps, while dummy could take care of a club lead and could then lead winning diamonds. Declarer had the rest for just two down; -300 and 18 IMPs to team Real.

West could have done one trick better by ducking the first spade. If declarer plays a second spade, West can win

and play a club, shortening declarer and so establishing an extra trump trick for himself. If after the ♠9 scores declarer plays winning diamonds, West can ruff the fifth round and will again come to a low spade in the endgame.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Bezuglaya	Balicki	Efremov	Zmudzinski
6♥	Dble	4♥	Pass
		All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Churlin	Radohleb	Gladysz	Chubarova
6♥	6♠	3♥	Pass
7♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		7♠

A take-out double at the six level? This is Goulash, and Balicki surely intended his action as being for take-out. Equally clearly, Zmudzinski did not see things the same way. He passed and found that there was no defence to seven, let alone six. That was +1310 to Efremov/Bezuglaya.

Gladysz opened the East hand a level lower and was again raised to the six level. Radohleb chose to overcall 6♠ and, having no idea who could make what, Churlin went on to 7♥ with the West hand. It was not too taxing for Chubarova to bid 7♠ as South and now the best Churlin could do was to double.

Gladysz led his diamond. Churlin won and switched to a club, which Gladysz ruffed. He returned a trump and, in the fullness of time, Churlin had to come to another diamond trick for down three; -800 but 11 IMPs to Radohleb/Chubarova (team 8-5-0-0).

E. Gladysz, I. Churlin, C. Balicki and A. Zmudzinski won by 24 IMPs. They have now won the NN Cup for four consecutive years (the first year with A. Shudnev added). Churlin was also the winner of the previous event so has now won five years in a row.

While the bulk of the field came from Russia, it is open to all – there was a team from London this year as well as players from nearby countries – so if this unusual event appeals to you, consider it for next year, so long as it doesn't clash with the World Championships in Beijing, of course.



Adam Zmudzinski

# VENICE CUP

# Round 3



France

v China Global Times



## China Thwarted by French Defence

by Mark Horton

Two of the favourites for the Venice Cup, the holders France and China Global Times, met in Round 3.

They had to cope with a challenging set of deals – and both teams got a lot of things right.

It was China who made the early running.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ming-Sun	d'Ovidio	Hongli-Wan	Gaviard
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When West delivered a major in response to her enquiry, East took the eminently practical decision to bid game.

North led the king of diamonds. Declarer won and played a spade to the jack and ace. South switched to the two of clubs and declarer put up the jack. When that held, she played a spade to the king, ruffed a spade, a club to the ace, ruffed a spade, cashed the ace of hearts and played a heart. That delivered the ten tricks she required, +420.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Zhang	Cronier	Gu
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Facing a weak no trump style rebid there was no reason for East to make a move towards game.

South led the two of clubs, and in due course declarer arrived at nine tricks, +140, and a 7 IMP start for China.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ming-Sun	d'Ovidio	Hongli-Wan	Gaviard
			Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Here it was South who took a practical course by bidding game once a heart fit was revealed.

East led the king of diamonds and switched to the six of hearts. Declarer won in hand with the eight and played a club to the eight and king. West switched to the six of spades, declarer winning with her ace, crossing to dummy



Ya La Zhang

with a trump and taking a third round when everyone followed. Now a club to the ace and another club gave declarer enough winners, +420.

It was suggested that a diamond from West at trick four would have put declarer in trouble. It is certainly a tougher nut to crack, but declarer might still prevail. For instance, say she ruffs, crosses to the ace of clubs, ruffs another diamond, draws trumps (overtaking dummy's last heart) and plays the last trump.

East, who is probably down to ♠Q98 ♦5 ♣Q, cannot stand the pressure, although if she smoothly discards a spade it is still possible that declarer might go wrong.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Gu</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the ace of diamonds and switched to the eight of spades. When dummy's jack held, declarer organized two diamond ruffs to flatten the board.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Ming-Sun</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Hongli-Wan</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
	Pass	INT	All Pass

South led the three of hearts and declarer put up dummy's jack. When that held, she played a heart to the queen. With two tricks in the bag she could have relied on the diamond suit to behave, but she preferred to play a third heart, a slightly mysterious choice with no certain entry to dummy, not to mention all those missing honours in the black suits.

North won, South discarding the four of diamonds, and switched to the three of clubs. South played the jack and when that, held she switched to the four of spades. That surely promised the ace in this situation, so it was surpris-

ing that when declarer played low from dummy North withheld the king. Declarer won with the ten and had eight tricks when the diamonds proved to be 3-3, +120.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Gu</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

It was no trumps at this table too – but this time North was the declarer. East cashed five diamonds (she carefully played the seven at trick four, which strongly suggested she had no interest in spades), then she exited with the six of clubs.

Declarer could do no more than cash her tricks in that suit, but when West discarded a spade on the run of the clubs, East also let one go, so declarer took three spade tricks and was home, another +120 and 6 IMPs for China.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Ming-Sun</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Hongli-Wan</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
INT	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣	Dbl	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

There was no convenient way for North to come in over INT as 2♣ would have promised the majors and a red suit bid would have been a transfer.

In that context it was reasonable to bid on the next round, but it was still a fine effort given her partner was a passed hand.

South made her own significant contribution by committing her side to game and the excellent game was reached.

On this layout the contract was never going to be in danger and declarer was not hard pressed to record eleven tricks for a well-deserved +450.



**Closed Room**

<b>West</b> <i>Willard</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Zhang</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Cronier</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Gu</i>
INT	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣	Dbf	Pass	3♥
4♣	All Pass		

In a similar situation South took a conservative view that ended up costing 8 IMPs – declarer got the trumps right to be –100.

Having recorded their first significant swing, France immediately took the lead with something even more substantial:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

<b>West</b> <i>Ming-Sun</i>	<b>North</b> <i>d'Ovidio</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Hongli-Wan</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Gaviard</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West's INT response to the strong club put North on lead and she tabled the queen of spades. (Many pairs invert the meaning of the 1♣ and INT responses to avoid this situation where the weak hand becomes declarer.) Declarer ducked and when South dropped the ten, North switched to a heart. Declarer won in dummy and tried a diamond to the eight. When that lost to the ten, the contract was in tatters and declarer finished three down, –150.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b> <i>Willard</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Zhang</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Cronier</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Gu</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Here South was on lead and the five of clubs was covered by the three, ten and queen. Declarer crossed to dummy with a heart and played a diamond to the nine. When that held declarer could force out the diamond honours and score nine tricks. (According to the play record she cashed a second heart first, but that is clearly wrong, as the de-

fenders would then be able to remove the heart entry to the diamond winner).

+400 gave France 11 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

<b>West</b> <i>Ming-Sun</i>	<b>North</b> <i>d'Ovidio</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Hongli-Wan</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Gaviard</i>
1♣*	1♠	Dbf*	All Pass

West took a reasonable stance when she passed her partner's point-showing double, although doubtless she would have preferred to have better trump pips.

East led her spade and West ducked. Declarer continued with the jack of hearts, and when that held, she played the nine of hearts and overtook it with the ten. West won, cashed the ace of spades and played clubs. That gave the defence six tricks, but there was no way to get another, –160.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b> <i>Willard</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Zhang</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Cronier</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Gu</i>
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	All Pass		

According to the convention card INT was not forcing, but West, with an awkward hand for the French methods (a strong NT with a five-card major) took another bid.

INT would probably have made, but 2♣ also proved to be a viable spot.

Declarer won the trump lead and played a diamond. North won and switched to the king of spades. Declarer won and knocked out the king of diamonds. She took the heart switch with her ace, cashed the ace of clubs, played a club to the queen and discarded a spade on a winning diamond. North could ruff but declarer had three winners left in dummy, +80 and 6 IMPs to France.

The rock solid French team had conceded points on only three deals to secure a 26-16, 17-13 VP victory over one of their most dangerous rivals.

# BERMUDA BOWL Round 4



**Egypt**

v

**Poland**



by Brian Senior

Prior to their fourth-round, clash in the Bermuda Bowl, Poland had three wins out of three while Egypt had started with two losses out of three, so were a little more in need of a good result. In a generally low-scoring affair, the Egyptians got what they needed to put some momentum into their push for a place in the last eight.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K 8 7 6 ♥ J 9 6 ♦ K 10 9 5 ♣ J 9	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 9 5 3 2 ♥ A K 8 7 3 2 ♦ — ♣ 10 7
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	S										
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West	North	East	South
Chmurski	Nadim	Gawrys	Heshmat
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	3♥	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Sadek	Gierulski	El Ahmady	Skrzypczak
	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Piotr Gawrys, for Poland, opened 2♥, showing a weak hand with at least five-five in hearts and any other suit. Suspecting which that other suit would prove to be, Bartosz Chmurski passed rather than look for a miracle.

Mohamed Heshmat led the ace of diamonds. Gawrys ruffed and led a low spade towards dummy's bare queen. Heshmat went in with the ace and switched to the ♥4, to the jack and ace, and Gawrys played two more rounds of trumps, throwing clubs from the dummy.

Heshmat switched to a low club so Gawrys called for a low card from dummy, his only real chance. Tarek Nadim won with the jack of clubs and switched to king and another spade to the jack; down one for -50.

Walid El Ahmady opened 3♥, which ended the auction. Jerzy Skrzypczak also tried the ace of diamonds. El Ahmady ruffed and played three rounds of hearts, South winning the queen and switching to ace, jack and a third spade. Boguslaw Gierulski won with the ♠K but that was it for the defence; +140 and 5 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 7 6 3 ♥ 9 8 5 3 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ K J 5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 5 4 ♥ A K 10 7 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ 7 4 3 2
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West	North	East	South
Chmurski	Nadim	Gawrys	Heshmat
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Gierulski	El Ahmady	Skrzypczak
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	All Pass

The respective Wests decided this deal by their choice of rebid. Tarek Sadek contented himself with bidding out his shape, rebidding 2♦, then passing El Ahmady's simple preference. Gierulski led the ♥8. Sadek won the ♥A and played



Tarek Sadek



<b>West</b> Chmurski	<b>North</b> Nadim	<b>East</b> Gawrys	<b>South</b> Heshmat
	Pass	1♠	2♦
Dble	Pass	4♠	All Pass

<b>West</b> Chmurski	<b>North</b> Nadim	<b>East</b> Gawrys	<b>South</b> Heshmat
	Pass	2♠	All Pass

<b>West</b> Sadek	<b>North</b> Gierulski	<b>East</b> El Ahmady	<b>South</b> Skrzypczak
	Pass	1♠	2NT
3♣	4♣	4♦	5♣
5♥	Pass	5♠	All Pass

<b>West</b> Sadek	<b>North</b> Gierulski	<b>East</b> El Ahmady	<b>South</b> Skrzypczak
	Pass	1♠	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Heshmat's 2♦ overcall did not excite Nadim sufficiently for him to get involved in the auction, so Gawrys was left to play in 4♠ on a club lead. He won with the ace and played a spade to the queen and ace. When Heshmat tried to cash a club, Gawrys could draw the last trump and give up a heart; 11 tricks for +650.

Skrzypczak preferred an unusual 2NT overcall to get both minors into the game. Naturally enough, that caused Gierulski to look with more enthusiasm at his hand and he bid freely at the four level, encouraging South in turn to bid once again, pushing the Egyptian East/West to the five level.

Here too, the lead was the king of clubs to dummy's ace. Gierulski followed with the ♣7, reverse carding, but South played a low club upon winning the ace of spades at trick two. Had he found a diamond switch, rather than played to put partner in to lead a diamond through, El Ahmady would have had to pick up the hearts without loss to make his contract. Mind you, he might well have managed just that, as the defence has a lot of discards to make on the run of the spades.

On the actual club continuation, El Ahmady could ruff, cash the jack of spades, then play a heart to the king and a low heart back to his seven, a classic safety play. Though the heart lost to the ten, declarer had the rest for a flat board.

Nadim opened a top-weight weak 2♠ and played there. With no attractive opening lead, Gawrys tried a low club away from the ace. Nadim won in hand with the queen and played the ♦10. Gawrys took the ♦A and played ace and another club to dummy's king. Nadim led the ♠9, which Chmurski won with the ace and gave his partner a heart ruff. There was still the queen of spades to come but that was it; eight tricks for +110.

Gierulski opened 1♠ and it was natural for the Poles to reach 4♥. Of course, this contract can be beaten, but Skrzypczak managed to bring it home. Sadek led the two of diamonds, won by El Ahmady, who switched to the ♣2. Declarer put in the ten and Sadek played low, presumably to show an odd number. The low diamond was ruffed, the ♥A cashed, and now declarer played the queen of clubs. El Ahmady won with the ace and returned the suit to declarer's king. After cashing all the trumps, declarer led a spade up and Sadek had no option but to win with the ace and put him back in hand with a diamond; a rather fortunate ten tricks; +420 and 7 badly needed IMPs to Poland.

The last board helped the Polish cause a little but Egypt still came out on top by 27-15 IMPs, 18-12 VPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

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

