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LEVIN, WEINSTEIN STRIKE OPEN GOLD



Open Pairs champs Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein

Four years after their disappointment in Verona, where they lost out to a late rally by another pair, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein made sure no one could catch them in the final of the Generali Open Pairs, leading all the way to win by more than two tops.

Second place went to Bjorn Fallenius and Peter Fredin. Josef Piekarek and Alexander Smirnov earned the bronze medal.

In the Generali Women's Pairs, Lynn Deas and Beth Palmer won by nearly three tops over Canadians Kismet Fung and Susan Culham. Fung and Brian Glubok were second in the Mixed Pairs earlier in the tournament. Third went to Carla Arnolds and Bep Vriend of the Netherlands, who won in 1994.

The IMP Pairs championship went to Wolfe Thompson and

Marc Zwerling. They were followed by Joao-Paulo Campos and Miguel Villas-Boas. Third place went to Kelley Hwang and John Zilic.

In the Mixed Swiss Teams, the team captained by Greg Hinze won the gold, followed by the Hansa Narasimhan squad in second and Steelers, an American team. Hinze's teammates were Shane Blanchard, Connie Goldberg, Dale and Lynn Johannessen and JoAnn Sprung.

In the World Junior Championship for the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy, Israel defeated France 169-151. Poland won the World Youngsters Championship for the Damiani Cup by defeating England 182-138. In the World Youth Individual, Dennis Bilde won the Juniors, Adam Grossack won the Youngsters.

GENERALI WORLD OPEN PAIRS**Final Results (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result			
1	Bobby LEVIN - Steve WEINSTEIN	57.58	37	Bart BRAMLEY - Nikolay DEMIREV	50.18
2	Bjorn FALLENIUS - Peter FREDIN	55.86	38	Ralph KATZ - Nick NICKELL	50.16
3	Josef PIEKAREK - Alexander SMIRNOV	54.94	39	Jason FELDMAN - John KRANYAK	50.15
4	Vladimir MIHOV - Jerry STAMATOV	54.55	40	David BAKHSHI - Tom TOWNSEND	50.07
5	Fulvio FANTONI - Claudio NUNES	54.27	41	Tor HELNESS - Danny SPRUNG	49.90
6	Eric GRECO - Geoff HAMPSON	53.85	42	Rui LI - Jiang TONG	49.84
7	Ricco van PROOIJEN - Louk VERHEES JR	53.78	43	Curtis CHEEK - Joe GRUE	49.46
8	Martin FLEISHER - Mike KAMIL	53.66	44	Michael POLOWAN - Jacob MORGAN	49.38
9	Lixin YANG - Ban Xiang ZHANG	53.25	45	Krzysztof JASSEM - Krzysztof MARTENS	49.34
10	John HURD - Joel WOOLDRIDGE	53.20	46	Bill POLLACK - Jeff ROMAN	49.23
11	Taufik Gautama ASBI - Robert PARASIAN	52.99	47	Hailong AO - Jian-Jian WANG	49.21
12	Bob HAMMAN - Mike PASSELL	52.66	48	Dominik FILIPOWICZ - Michal NOWOSADZKI	49.18
13	Honey B PRABHAKAR - Rajeshwar TEWARI	52.37	49	Janusz MAKARUK - Pawel NIEDZIELSKI	49.11
14	Jan JANSMA - Gert Jan PAULISSEN	52.31	50	Franck MULTON - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	48.61
15	Gheorghe SERPOI - Calin STIRBU	52.12	51	Joanna STANSBY - Lew STANSBY	48.46
16	Tim COPE - Glen HOLMAN	52.10	52	Alexander DUBININ - Andrey GROMOV	48.39
17	Steve GARNER - Howard WEINSTEIN	51.93	53	Yury KHIUPPENEN - Vadim KHOLOMEEV	48.33
18	Dawei CHEN - Kazuo FURUTA	51.83	54	Xu HOU - Miao SHI	48.03
19	Boye BROGELAND - Gavin WOLPERT	51.68	55	Borislav POPOV - Stefan SKORCHEV	47.90
20	Marc BOMPIS - Jean-Christophe QUANTIN	51.46	56	Jie ZHAO - Zhong FU	47.64
21	Stephen BURGESS - Michael COURTNEY	51.45	57	Siu-Kau Samuel WAN - Derek ZEN	47.48
22	Jim FOSTER - Larry SEALY	51.37	58	Sunit CHOKSHI - Subhash GUPTA	47.39
23	Perry JOHNSON - Jeff MECKSTROTH	51.00	59	Marius IONITA - Cornel TEODORESCU	47.16
24	Ashley BACH - Ishmael DELMONTE	50.93	60	Fred STEWART - Kit WOOLSEY	47.12
25	Brian GLUBOK - Philip GORDON	50.86	61	Hemant LALL - Justin LALL	47.07
26	Peter BOYD - Steve ROBINSON	50.79	62	Karl GOHL - Neil KIMELMAN	47.06
27	Zia MAHMOOD - Eric RODWELL	50.72	63	Kalin KARAIVANOV - Tony RUSEV	46.96
28	Piotr GAWRYS - Piotr TUSZYNSKI	50.65	64	Sherif NOSHY - Ahmed YOUSRY	46.70
29	Eldad GINOSSAR - Ron PACHTMAN	50.65	65	Shane BLANCHARD - Brad MOSS	46.29
30	Alexander ALLFREY - Andrew ROBSON	50.65	66	Marian KUPNICKI - Leszek MAJDANSKI	46.17
31	John DIAMOND - Brian PLATNICK	50.56	67	Piotr WALCZAK - Jan ZADROGA	45.98
32	Dominique PILON - Lionel SEBBANE	50.48	68	Doug DOUB - Adam WILDAVSKY	45.42
33	Tom HANLON - Hugh MCGANN	50.46	69	Michael ROSENBERG - Warren SPECTOR	45.32
34	William JACOBS - Ben THOMPSON	50.42	70	Pierre SAPORTA - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	45.08
35	Jouri KHOKHLOV - Georgi MATUSHKO	50.38	71	Xinli GAN - Qiang ZHANG	44.23
36	Cezary BALICKI - Jacek PSZCZOLA	50.27	72	Yuliy CHUMAK - Oleg ROVYSHYN	43.59

GENERALI WORLD WOMEN'S PAIRS**Final Results (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result			
1	Lynn DEAS - Beth PALMER	57.10	19	Janice SEAMON-MOLSON - Carlyn STEINER	49.65
2	Susan CULHAM - Kismet FUNG	54.21	20	Gen GEIGER - Gigi SIMPSON	49.43
3	Carla ARNOLDS - Bep VRIEND	53.65	21	Ming SUN - Hongli WANG	49.17
4	Ling GU - Yan LU	53.58	22	Cynthia HINCKLEY - Diana SCHULD	49.16
5	Georgiana GATES - Pat NORMAN	53.15	23	Nevena DJUROVIC - Pauline EVANS	49.08
6	Xuefeng FENG - Yanhui SUN	53.14	24	Pinpin DENG - Julie ZHU	49.03
7	Ping WANG - Shaohong WU	52.85	25	Maria GARATEGUY - Maria Elena IACAPRARO	48.85
8	Lynn BAKER - Karen MCCALLUM	52.61	26	Petra HAMMAN - Peggy SUTHERLIN	48.58
9	Victoria GROMOVA - Tatiana PONOMAREVA	52.41	27	Ellie HANLON - Maryse SAVKO	48.19
10	Sylvia MOSS - Judi RADIN	52.18	28	Maud KHOURI - Nada WATTAR	47.80
11	Renee MANCUSO - Sheri WINESTOCK	51.94	29	Allison HOWARD - Pamela NISBET	47.76
12	Jet PASMAN - Anneke SIMONS	51.58	30	Agota MANDELLOT - Leda PAIN	46.54
13	Geeske JOEL - Tobi SOKOLOV	51.05	31	Bing DU - Juan LI	46.45
14	Cheri BJERKAN - Rozanne POLLACK	50.76	32	Sue PICUS - Shawn QUINN	46.43
15	Brenda BRYANT - Kathy SULGROVE	50.70	33	Sylvia CALEY - Gail Moss GREENBERG	46.41
16	Angela DOSSENA - Luigina GENTILI	50.49	34	Patrizia CECCONI - Rita PASQUARE	46.05
17	Joan EATON - Candace GRIFFEY	50.41	35	Maddalena SEVERGNINI - Antonella SORESINI	45.23
18	Aida SALDZIEVA - Betty SPEELMAN	49.90	36	Jo CASEN - Mickie CHAMBERS	44.97



IMP Pairs winners Wolfe Thompson and Marc Zwerling

IMP PAIRS

Final Results (subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Result		Result
1	Wolfe THOMPSON - Marc ZWERLING	5778.2	37	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Ernesto MUZZIO -470.2
2	Joao-Paulo CAMPOS - Miguel VILLAS-BOAS	5485.4	38	Alon APTEKER - Craig GOWER -491.8
3	Kelley HWANG - John ZILIC	5402.0	39	Craig GANZER - R POPPER -504.0
4	Thomas CHARLSEN - Thor Erik HOFTANISKA	4697.6	40	Mckenzie MYERS - Robert TODD -532.0
5	Ari David GREENBERG JR - Billy MILLER	4448.2	41	Morten BILDE - Jorgen HANSEN -583.8
6	Daniel WILDERMAN - Kenneth ZUCKERBERG	4022.0	42	Jiang GU - Xiaodong SHI -589.0
7	Gary COHLER - Eric ROBINSON	3916.0	43	Rajeev GUPTA - Joyjit SENSARMA -604.6
8	Waldemar FRUKACZ - Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ	3666.0	44	R Jay BECKER - Robert SARTORIUS -710.9
9	Ricardo ANGELERI - Marcelo VILLEGAS	3404.2	45	Andrew HOSKINS - Jason ROSENFELD -726.6
10	Julien GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN	3177.4	46	Steve BEATTY - Ronald GERARD -771.8
11	Michal KOPECKY - Josef KURKA	3014.8	47	Isabella VARGAS DE ANDRADE - Stanley BARG -1058.0
12	Andrew ROSENTHAL - Aaron SILVERSTEIN	2811.2	48	Karen Lee BARRETT - Carol Ann CLIFFORD -1156.0
13	Willem van EIJCK - Nicolas HAMMOND	2495.0	49	Gordon CAMPBELL - Piotr KLIMOWICZ -1205.0
14	J BRYANT - Mark LAIR	2028.4	50	Philippe SOULET - Maurice TCHENIO -1252.6
15	Bobby JONES - Jim KREKORIAN	1987.6	51	Mehmet GUNEL - Naci YUKSEL -1255.6
16	Serge BERGHEIMER - Jean-Claude FOUASSIER	1934.0	52	Radu MIHAI - Paul WEINSTOCK -1263.4
17	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	1804.0	53	Chuck BURGER - Dennis KASLE -1386.5
18	Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK	1787.9	54	Manol ILIEV - Stefan STEFANOV -1552.0
19	Ahmed HUSSEIN - Apolinary KOWALSKI	1582.0	55	Maurice DE LA SALLE - Michael YUEN -1673.0
20	Bob ETTER - Bob MORRIS	1508.0	56	Richard COREN - Barnet J SHENKIN -1702.4
21	Meng KANG - Shaolin SUN	1495.4	57	David WALKER - Kevin WILSON -1871.0
22	Onno ESKES - Vincent KROES	1445.2	58	Volodymyr DANYLYUK - Vladimir PORHUN -2114.6
23	Bruce FERGUSON - Robert HOLLMAN	1346.9	59	Richard MORGEN - Andy MUENZ -2270.4
24	Peter BERTHEAU - Gunnar HALLBERG	1284.2	60	Claire TORNAY - George TORNAY -2271.4
25	Dario ATTANASIO - Guiseppe FAILLA	1121.2	61	Adam PARRISH - Randall RUBINSTEIN -2442.0
26	Kaustubh BENDRE - Sandeep THAKRAL	981.4	62	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS -2492.6
27	Adi KALIANIWALA - B WADIA	921.0	63	Anna ST CLAIR - Dee HARLEY -2703.0
28	Ralph BUCHALTER - Alexander ORNSTEIN	694.0	64	Sally CLARK - Robin TAYLOR -3079.0
29	Jaroslaw CIESLAK - Piotr ZAK	654.4	65	Makiko SATO - Kyoko SHIMAMURA -3098.3
30	Alex GIPSON - Paul GIPSON	372.2	66	Pedro Leonel Ioklon IEONG - Samuel IEONG -3690.0
31	Shireen MOHANDDES - Andy BOWLES	339.4	67	Irving LITVACK - William F. Eldon TUCKER -3940.4
32	Roberto BARBOSA - Paulo Roberto BRUM	171.0	68	Catherine CAPLAN - Paul CAPLAN -3988.0
33	Masayuki INO - Tadashi TERAMOTO	125.0	69	Stanley DUB - Greg MICHAELS -4136.0
34	Harley BRESS - Garth YETTICK	100.0	70	Robert HEITZMAN - Stan TULIN -4720.0
35	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	-293.0	71	Ender AKSUYEK - Marco TER LAARE -4881.6
36	Barry SPECTOR - Randy THOMPSON	-410.6	72	Maritha POTTENGER - Judy RIMER -5959.0

WORLD MIXED SWISS TEAMS

FINAL – Ranking *(subject to confirmation)*

1	Hinze	226		De Botton	196
2	Hansa Narasimhan	220	14	Payen	195
3	Steelers	217	15	Schwartz	194
4	Hauge	213	16	Kamras	192
5	Hansen	208	17	Gordon	190
6	O'Rourke	207	18	Lay	183
7	Ida	205		Very Mixed	183
8	India Alizee	203	20	Nice Girls	180
9	Amigos	201	21	Chagas	179
10	Frind	198	22	Green	175
11	Glasson	197	23	Cayne	173
12	Auken	196	24	Stienen	164

PLATE – Ranking *(subject to confirmation)*

1	Cushing	207	19	Wheeler	171
2	Goldstein	197	20	Gabrial UI	170
3	Willenken	189.56	21	Isporski	168
4	Harris	189.38		Kahlenberg	168
5	Pin An	189.36		Levine	168
6	Allison	183	24	Dulet	166
	Hargreaves	183	25	Ferlema	164
8	Callaghan	182		Latins	164
	Hennings	182		Rayner	164
	Meltzer	182	28	Djarum	160
11	Harding	180	29	Rasmussen	157
12	Horn Lake 6	179	30	Stober	150
13	Berg	178	31	Cassini	149
14	Barrett	175	32	Argemex	144
	Hawkes	175	33	Giesler	139
	Moscow	175		Meadow	139
17	Ekeblad	174	35	Fulton	134
18	Beijing Trinergy	172			

ORTIZ-PATIÑO TROPHY

World Junior Championship

FINAL

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
I	Israel	58	28	48	35	169
	France	9	26	43	73	151

DAMIANI CUP

World Youngsters Championship

FINAL

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
II	England	18	21	54	45	138
	Poland	45	64	18	55	182

WORLD YOUTH INDIVIDUAL CONTEST

Final Results (subject to confirmation)

JUNIORS

YOUNGSTERS

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Dennis BILDE	58.12	1	Adam GROSSACK	55.57
2	Haakon BOGEN	57.54	2	Kristoffer HEGGE	53.80
3	Chun Ting Arthur LAU	55.80	3	Daniel GULLBERG	53.39
4	Prajwal BACHIRAJU	55.07	4	Richard JENG	53.33
5	Raghavendra RAJKUMAR	53.62	5	Massimiliano DI FRANCO	53.30
6	Matthew MECKSTROTH	52.90	6	Yujie JIANG	53.28
7	Adam KAPLAN	52.03	7	Po-Hsiang HAO	53.04
8	Hiroki YOKOI	51.45	8	Krisztina ORMAY	52.03
9	Eric ARVIDSSON	50.87	9	Barnabas SZIRMAY-KALOS	51.68
10	Yin Wai LEUNG	50.43	10	Chun-Yao HUANG	51.51
11	Sam KATZ	50.14	11	Magdalena HOLEKSA	50.99
12	Joanna TACZEWSKA	50.00	12	Kornel LAZAR	50.00
13	Michael BELL	49.57	13	Shan HUANG	49.57
14	Lars Arthur JOHANSEN	49.13	14	Danuta KAZMUCHA	49.22
15	Konstantinos KONTOMITROS	48.84	15	Mats EIDE	48.84
16	Belinda GU	48.41	16	Kai LU	48.64
17	Marius BARTNES	48.12	17	Csaba KONKOLY	48.41
18	Raja Sekhar GUTHI	47.54	18	Shih-Yao LEE	48.14
19	Pui TSANG	47.39	19	Po-Yi LIN	47.94
20	Vassilis VROUSTIS	46.52	20	Ola RIMSTEDT	47.51
21	Erlend SKJETNE	46.38	21	Kevin ROSENBERG	47.28
22	Mohit AGARWAL	45.07	22	Renjie TANG	46.00
23	Bruno FURLAN	44.06	23	Manlin LUO	45.25
24	Hiroaki MIURA	41.01	24	Asya LADYZHENSKY	41.30

A message from José Damiani



Mr President Emeritus,
Dear Jimmy:

We are so glad that you are with us here in Philadelphia as it is always a pleasure and a privilege to be with you, and this time we are also privileged to have my two predecessors and good friends, Ernesto d'Orsi and Bobby Wolff.

All good things must come to an end and, in my particular case, this is not only the end of an incredible championship but also the end of my tenure as President of the World Bridge Federation.

You will, I am sure, wish to join me in thanking the USBF and the ACBL for all they have done to ensure the success of this Championship in excellent playing conditions. A particular vote of thanks must go to Joan Gerard, without whom none of this would have been possible. She took charge of every aspect of the organization of this event – a truly remarkable feat.

During the last 16 years I have endeavored to drag the WBF into the 21st century, making full use of all the new technology that is now available to us: bridge tables with full screens, bidding boxes and cards, symmetrical playing cards, duplication, Bridge Mates, Bridge Vision and computerized line-ups. And, thanks to Al Levy, we had very successful Computer Bridge Championships. We are now developing an automatic recording system with web cam and an electronic reader that will allow every match to be broadcast on Internet and keep track of all the bidding and play. It will also remove the need for recorders and eliminate human error.

I have always worked for the comfort and good of the players while also trying to make the image of bridge more dynamic. We have created new events – the Transnationals and the Mixed events – to encourage not only the elite players but also the medium-ranked ones. Bridge should be a celebration for all the participants.

We have created the African Zone – Zone 8 – and have finally succeeded in getting Zones 4 and 6 to work together to apply for the 2014 Asian Games.

In line with this, we have also seen the WBF recognized by the IOC as an International Sports Federation and we have become a member of the ARISF, the non-Olympic group of sports federations recognized as International Federations. We are also members of SportAccord, the biggest international sport organization bringing together all the Olympic and non-Olympic International Federations – about 100 in all.

In 2005 I created IMSA and we held our first World Mind Sports Games in Beijing in 2008. This was a very significant date in the history of the WBF as we were able to invite and pay for nearly 110 youth teams and some 25 women's teams. As we all know, the youth are the future of our great federation and I am delighted to have our Youth teams with us here.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with, and for, you all throughout both the good times and the not so good times. And before leaving I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the whole team who have worked with me throughout this period.

I am obviously referring here to my colleagues on the Executive Council which I have chaired for the past 16 years in what I believe was an atmosphere of harmony. But I am also obviously thinking of the whole WBF team who come from all the corners of the world to work before and during the Championships. All of them will be mentioned in the Bulletin but I would like to thank them all from the bottom of my heart – thank you, thank you very much.

On the technical side of the organization, the extremely competent WBF staff gave us another lesson in competence and efficiency. It is remarkable that over the years we have been able to gather so many people from so many different countries who work together in a spirit of harmony and good companionship. The scoring system run by Tomas Brenning ably assisted by Carl Ragnarsson, Gianluca Barrese, Harald Skjaran and Andreas Winge, and display of results, the intelligent on-line line-up, and the perfect duplication of more than 144,000 deals by Monica Gorreri with her team of Annie Chekroun, Lesley Collier, Terry Collier, Franco Crosta, Robert Maier, Monica Manaini, Tony Lopreste and Hélène Vivier.

But there was also the vu-graph with images of the players in action, the display of the hand and its development,

and the presentation of the results of all competitions simultaneously. Operators and commentators, Jean-Paul Meyer, Jan Van Cleeff, David Stern and Barry Rigal deserve our compliments.

In addition to all this fantastic apparatus, the indispensable team of tournament directors headed by Max Bavin, ably assisted by Richard Grenside, Rick Beye, Bernardo Biondo, Gustavo Chediak, Anthony Ching, Walleed El Menyani, Bertrand Gignoux, Laurie Kelso, Slawek Latala, Rui Marques, Jeanne Meiracker, Magdy Mesadary, Sean Mullamphy, Guillermo Poplawsky, Ishan Qadir, Matt Smith, Marc van Beijsterveldt and Sol Weinstein and, for the Youth events, Dimitri Ballas, Pierre Collaros and Eitan Levy. Once again, they performed an irreproachable job.

The Bulletin Team with its coordinator Jean-Paul Meyer, Editor Brent Manley assisted by Philip Alder, Mark Horton, Brian Senior, Barry Rigal and Jan Van Cleeff, layout editor Akis Kanaris and web editor Mike Papadakis and photographer Ron Tacchi.

Fotis Skoularikis took care of the registration with the help of Monika Kummel.

The Internet vu-graph broadcasts were provided by Bridge Base Online. The Press Room was ably overseen by Jan Swaan while Bruce Keidan was our Press Attaché. JoAnn and Danny Sprung were responsible for the publicity and promotion of the event and Martine Schupp assisted with the payments

Behind the scenes on the technical side, Harvey Fox coordinated the IT, keeping the computers linked and the Internet alive, ably assisted by Duccio Geronimi, providing technical assistance where needed. Christine Francin, Anna Gudge and Carol von Linstow ran the WBF Secretariat with their usual efficiency and good humour. Thanks also go to Marina Madia who assisted our soon-to-be new President, Gianarrigo Rona.

Hervé Lustman ran the Internet Vu-Graph working closely with the Vu-Graph team of Bernard Delange, Bernadette Pasquier and Isabelle Barrière.

Maurizio Di Sacco did an excellent job of overseeing the entire operation with care and skill, working tirelessly throughout the event ably assisted by Manolo Eminent. A special mention for Jean-Claude Beineix for his continued presence at our Championships and his superb liaising skills between departments.

We also have to thank the Appeals Committee, under the able Chairmanship of Joan Gerard: Robert S. Wolff, Grattan Endicott (Coordinator), Jens Auken, John Wignall, Jean-Claude Beineix, Patrick Choy, Richard Colker, Jean-Louis Derivery, Ernesto d'Orsi, Ron Gerard, Mazhar Jafri,

Ton Kooijman, Jean-Paul Meyer, Dan Morse, Jeffrey Poliser and William Schoder.

The caddies did a great job under the leadership of Albert Ohana assisted by his wife Yvette and Fulvio Colizzi liaised with the Duplication.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the US Organizing Committee under the Chairmanship of Joan Gerard with Joanne Glasson, John Marks, Barbara Nudelman, Bill Pollock, Craig Robinson and Bill Rosenbaum and the always cheerful assistance of Tom Purl.

And so begins a new era for the world of bridge, under the leadership of my great friend, Gianarrigo Rona. I wish him every success as he takes over the mantle as the new President of the World Bridge Federation. I am confident that you will all give him your unstinting support.

I will, of course, see you again in the future, but for now I wish you all farewell and good luck!

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Generali Women's Pairs winners Lynn Deas and Beth Palmer



They won the Mixed Swiss Teams: Lynn and Dale Johannesen, Connie Golberg, Shane Blanchard, JoAnn Sprung and Greg Hinze



Al Levy, center, congratulates Hans Kuijff, developer of Jack, the winning program in the World Computer Bridge Championships. WBF President José Damiani is at right. Also shown are Martin Pattenier and Wim Heemskerck. Jack defeated WB5 in the final



Israel, winners of the World Junior Championship for the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy, posing with Zia Mahmood, second from right

Numbers Game

Herman De Wael provided some interesting end-of-tournament statistics for your interest, as follows: There were 144,677 deals played during the championships; 19 appeals, a low number, and attendance was 5,631 tables, counted American style (one table = four players playing one session).



Dear José:

We have worked with you through the amazing 16 years of your presidency ...

Over the 16 years, you have found many people with diverse skills and expertise and have formed them into a cohesive team – the WBF team that comes to the Championships, where we meet as close friends and colleagues, working together for the good of the players. But all teams need a captain, a leader, and you have been the leader that we have looked up to and followed.

We are sure we speak for all your friends who work with you ... not only those here in Philadelphia, but also the ones who, for whatever reason, are not here, when we thank you for all you have done. It has been our pleasure and our privilege to be with you and we salute you.

Anna, Carol and Christine

Thank you!

On behalf of the journalists I thank the WBF, USBF and ACBL for the facilities at the World Bridge Series Championship 2010. I heard exciting news that there may be a sponsor who will provide the Press with modern computers next year.

Jan Swaan, Press Room manager

Fine Teamwork

Another championship is in the books, and it is time to say thank you to the hard-working Daily Bulletin team. As usual, Mark Horton has provided highly entertaining prose in reporting on the action at the tables, while Brian Senior was exemplary in covering the Youth competitions in addition to his usual duties.

Barry Rigal did triple duty as a Vugraph commentator, reporter and proof reader, and Phillip Alder was tireless in providing a mountain of good writing for Daily Bulletin readers.

Ron Tacchi, photographer, seemed to do the impossible – being in several different places at one time in the course of doing his job. Akis Kanaris, layout editor, put it all together and got it to the printer on time each night.

Harvey Fox and Herman De Wael, although in other departments, served unofficially but very ably as proof readers. Their efforts, especially Harvey's, were invaluable.

As always, it was a pleasure working with our coordinator, Jean-Paul Meyer, and we appreciate the confidence that the WBF, notably outgoing President José Damiani, showed in our team.

Brent Manley, chief editor

Jack and Fu

by Jan van Cleeff

In between VuGraph sessions I had a chance to kibitz China's Fu Zhong and Jack Jie Zhao, the defending world champions in the semi-final of the Open Pairs. This deal taught me a lesson in the art of pairs play:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Fu</i>		<i>Jack</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	All Pass	

East led a club and Fu, who developed his diamonds, had an easy route to nine tricks for an excellent score.

Post Mortem

Note that North refused to introduce his second suit (clubs), but preferred to rebid INT. Also note that South refused to mention his second suit (hearts), happy to play INT. Jack later explained that with better hearts he certainly would have bid them.



Jack Jie Zhao, China

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Over East's 3♦, Jack overcalled 3♠ and there it rested. West led the ace of diamonds and continued with a low trump. Declarer took in hand, ruffed a diamond, played a heart to the king and advanced a trump. This led to ten tricks, when the club loser vanished on the last heart. Again a great result for North-South.

Post Mortem

When the play was over, Jack turned his head to me: 'No, we did not miss game. West should switch to a club a trick two. I have to play carefully and win in dummy. Otherwise I might even go down due to the ruff. By the way, did you notice that they missed game? In 3NT they can take nine easy tricks.'

This deal is from session 5:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jack		Fu	1♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♥
Dble	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A lot can be said about the bidding, but I leave that to the experts. Let's focus on the play. North led a heart: 5, 9 and jack. The ♦8 ran to South's nine, who continued with a low heart to dummy's ten (North discarding a club). South won the next diamond (West throwing a club) and played ♥A and another heart (North parting with a diamond and a club, dummy a diamond). This was the position:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Jack Zhao cashed ace-king of clubs, ♠K, overtook the ♠10 with the ace and endplayed North by playing a club pitching the ♠8 from dummy. Declarer made the last two tricks with ♠Q and seven. Neatly done.

Post Mortem

Jack Zhao bested Deep Finesse by one trick. The double-dummy analyser rated eight tricks as the maximum, against perfect defense that is (a club lead is the killer).



Zugzwang

by Mark Horton

Zugzwang (German for 'compulsion to move') is a term originally used in chess which also applies to various other games. The concept finds its formal definition in combinatorial game theory. It describes a situation where one player is put at a disadvantage because he has to make a move – the player would prefer to pass and make no move. The fact that the player must make a move means that his position will be significantly weaker than the hypothetical one in which it were his opponent's turn to move.

There are numerous occasions in bridge where a player wished it was possible to avoid 'moving'.

Playing in the Hiron Senior Pairs, Lynda Nitabach of New York City was able to overcome a couple of bad splits by exploiting a situation where her opponent had no good move.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Solodar		Nitabach	
		1♥	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Dble	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

3♥ Limit raise

In response to North's obscure double, South led the ten of clubs. Declarer won in dummy and played a heart to the ace, discovering the bad split. Declarer cashed the ace of spades, the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. Now a low spade towards the king placed North in zugzwang. If he ruffed, declarer would play low, subsequently ruffing one more diamond in dummy and discarding the other on the master club.

If North discarded, declarer would win with the king, ruff a second diamond and discard her spade loser on the top club.

Checkmate!

Fantunes on Defence

by Jan van Cleeff

At the beginning of the Open Pairs Final, session 3, I grabbed the chance to kibitz the leaders, Claudio Nunes and Fulvio Fantoni, playing their round against South-Africans Glen Holman and Tim Cope.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Holman	Fantoni	Cope	Nunes
	INT*	Pass	Pass
Dble*	Pass	Pass	Rdbl*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥*
2NT*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

- INT 12-14
- Dbl Penalties (15+)
- Rdbl SOS
- 2♥ Majors
- 2NT Minors

In spite of lefty showing length in hearts and spades East decided that it was the right time to play game in spades. South kicked off with his doubleton club: nine and king. Winning the club return, declarer played the nine of trumps - ducked – and another trump. South won and switched to a diamond for his partner's queen. Fantoni cashed the ♦A and then tabled the ♥K, a fine play. Declarer took the ace and pitched two hearts on the diamonds. Nunes ruffed the fourth diamond and returned a trump. This way defense got another heart and the contract was three light. N/S 94 %.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Holman	Fantoni	Cope	Nunes
		2NT	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

- 3♥ Transfer to spades
- 4♥ Super acceptance

Four Spades had been made at most of the tables. Usually South led a heart or a club, taken in dummy. On the next trick declarer secures his contract by playing a trump. N/S 42%.

At 'my' table it was North's lead. Fantoni cashed ace and king of diamonds. South followed with the five and the four (reverse count). Declarer took the club switch in his hand, played a trump and again, ten tricks were on the table.

End of story?

Not completely. Instead of the five, South could have followed with the ♦J starting his reversed signal. And on the second diamond he might have played the four, indicating the ♣K. In the actual layout he would have played the five of course. That way North would understand that his only chance was to find his partner with the ♠J. A continuation in diamonds and, in with the ♠A, a fourth diamond would have established the trump promotion. (It might also be possible for South to pretend to have a doubleton, hoping partner holds the ace of spades – certainly a fair shot at IMPs, but maybe not at pairs. Editors.)