

# PRESSURE BUILDING FOR KNOCKOUT HOPEFULS



With only five matches left in the Open series round-robin, it's time for teams on the fringes of qualifying to put some oomph in their performances if they hope to make it to the championship round of the World Bridge Olympiad.

Although only four teams in each of the four groups in the Open series will still be playing in the Olympiad after Friday, there were many teams with hope remaining – and still danger for those now sitting in the 16 qualifying spots.

One disastrous round – or huge victory – could mean the difference between qualifying and missing the cut.

The Women's round-robin will continue through Saturday and produce 16 qualifiers.

Leading the qualifiers in the Open series after 12 rounds were Italy, USA, England and France. In the Women's series China and the Netherlands were in the top spots.

The leaders of the respective groups in the Open and Women's will have the privilege of picking their opponents for the round of 16.

In the International Senior Cup, where the winner of the round-robin takes the gold medal, the Netherlands were putting a bit of distance between themselves and the other contenders, but with 13 rounds left to play anything is possible. A veteran USA team finished play on Wednesday only 18 Victory Points out of first place.

## VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN	ROUND 13 <b>USA v China (GROUP B)</b>	10:00
OPEN	ROUND 14 <b>Germany v Norway (GROUP B)</b>	14:00
OPEN	ROUND 15 <b>England v Poland (GROUP C)</b>	17:30

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## OPEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 12 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 ITALY	243	1 U.S.A.	238	1 ENGLAND	257	1 FRANCE	225
2 NETHERLANDS	221	2 CHINA	235	2 POLAND	228	2 JAPAN	224
3 ARGENTINA	219	3 TURKEY	224	3 HUNGARY	224	3 SWEDEN	212
4 NEW ZEALAND	202	4 GERMANY	214	IRELAND	224	4 BRAZIL	208
5 ICELAND	201	LEBANON	214	5 EGYPT	221	5 SPAIN	207
6 LATVIA	198	6 NORWAY	210	6 DENMARK	207	6 INDONESIA	203
RUSSIA	198	7 INDIA	207	7 ROMANIA	205	7 PAKISTAN	200
8 GEORGIA	192	8 AUSTRALIA	200	8 AUSTRIA	189	8 GREECE	192
9 SCOTLAND	181	9 ESTONIA	185	9 ISRAEL	188	9 SOUTH AFRICA	189
10 BELGIUM	178	10 BULGARIA	184	10 MALAYSIA	187	10 PORTUGAL	183
11 HONG KONG	176	11 SWITZERLAND	157	11 FINLAND	184	11 WALES	177
12 CANADA	165	12 CROATIA	152	12 SAN MARINO	178	12 LITHUANIA	162
13 CHINESE TAIPEI	164.5	13 MARTINIQUE	142	13 MEXICO	135	13 BOSNIA/HZVNA	155
14 MOROCCO	154	14 TUNISIA	135	14 PHILIPPINES	123	14 BERMUDA	152
15 SERBIA/MNGRO	143.5	15 CHILE	131	15 CYPRUS	114	15 BOTSWANA	140
16 GUADELOUPE	132	16 LUXEMBOURG	130	16 FR POLYNESIA	109	16 JORDAN	139
17 BANGLADESH	129	17 SINGAPORE	120	17 REUNION	98	17 CZECH REP.	127
18 MAURITIUS	106	18 KENYA	115	18 VENEZUELA	94	18 COSTA RICA	105

## WOMEN'S SERIES RANKING AFTER 12 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B	
1 CHINA	247	1 NETHERLANDS	228
2 FRANCE	234	2 CROATIA	221
3 CANADA	212	3 U.S.A.	215.3
4 AUSTRIA	210	4 GERMANY	208
5 RUSSIA	209	5 POLAND	207.3
6 ITALY	190	6 GREECE	203
SWEDEN	190	7 ENGLAND	198
8 FINLAND	188	8 ISRAEL	194
9 BRAZIL	186	9 NEW ZEALAND	193
SCOTLAND	186	10 NORWAY	188
SWITZERLAND	186	11 DENMARK	181
12 INDIA	185	12 JAPAN	180
13 BULGARIA	184	VENEZUELA	180
14 PAKISTAN	179	14 INDONESIA	179
15 EGYPT	177	15 SOUTH AFRICA	173
16 AUSTRALIA	176	16 ARGENTINA	167
17 HUNGARY	170	17 IRELAND	153
18 TURKEY	169	18 MOROCCO	140
19 SPAIN	155	19 WALES	136
20 MEXICO	111	20 KOREA	114
21 JORDAN	92	21 REUNION	109
22 KENYA	75		

## SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 16 ROUNDS

1 NETHERLANDS	319
2 U.S.A.	301
3 ISRAEL	285
4 DENMARK	281
5 JAPAN	280
6 TURKEY	272
7 SWEDEN	271.5
8 FRANCE	271
9 POLAND	265
10 GERMANY	264
11 PAKISTAN	261
12 CHINA	260
13 ENGLAND	259.5
14 AUSTRIA	252.5
15 SCOTLAND	245
16 WALES	242
17 ITALY	238.5
18 CANADA	237
19 CHINESE TAIPEI	235
20 NEW ZEALAND	234.5
21 PORTUGAL	233
22 AUSTRALIA	224
23 SWITZERLAND	219
24 BELGIUM	215
25 SPAIN	196
26 IRELAND	168
27 VENEZUELA	155.5
28 GUADELOUPE	151
29 COSTA RICA	75

# OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

## GROUP A

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	Belgium	Argentina	22 19	16	14
2	Serbia & Montenegro	Bangladesh	35 59	10	20
3	Scotland	Canada	32 42	13	17
4	Russia	Chinese Taipei	36 32	16	14
5	New Zealand	Georgia	41 35	16	14
6	Netherlands	Guadeloupe	30 32	15	15
7	Morocco	Hong Kong	55 31	20	10
8	Mauritius	Iceland	35 50	12	18
9	Latvia	Italy	26 30	14	16

## GROUP C

Match		IMPs		VPs	
19	Mexico	Austria	18 61	6	24
20	Malaysia	San Marino	26 38	13	17
21	Cyprus	Denmark	17 70	5	25
22	Israel	Egypt	13 94	0	25
23	Ireland	England	25 24	15	15
24	Hungary	Finland	40 27	18	12
25	Venezuela	French Polynesia	25 38	12	18
26	Romania	Philippines	32 19	18	12
27	Reunion	Poland	15 65	5	25

## GROUP A

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	Argentina	Netherlands	45 24	19	11
2	Bangladesh	Morocco	42 54	13	17
3	Belgium	Mauritius	44 33	17	13
4	Canada	Latvia	34 52	11	19
5	Chinese Taipei	Italy	7 98	0	25
6	Georgia	Iceland	44 69	10	20
7	Guadeloupe	Hong Kong	35 32	16	14
8	New Zealand	Scotland	38 44	14	16
9	Russia	Serbia & Montenegro	40 48	14	16

## GROUP C

Match		IMPs		VPs	
19	French Polynesia	Austria	26 79	5	25
20	Finland	San Marino	54 76	10	20
21	England	Denmark	47 46	15	15
22	Venezuela	Egypt	28 83	4	25
23	Romania	Hungary	6 81	1	25
24	Reunion	Ireland	12 70	4	25
25	Poland	Israel	38 60	10	20
26	Philippines	Cyprus	63 26	23	7
27	Mexico	Malaysia	34 53	11	19

## GROUP A

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	New Zealand	Argentina	51 95	6	24
2	Netherlands	Bangladesh	88 25	25	3
3	Morocco	Belgium	46 55	13	17
4	Mauritius	Canada	21 58	7	23
5	Latvia	Chinese Taipei	90 48	24	6
6	Italy	Georgia	110 25	25	0
7	Iceland	Guadeloupe	46 38	16	14
8	Serbia & Montenegro	Hong Kong	54 46	16	14
9	Scotland	Russia	22 54	8	22

## GROUP C

Match		IMPs		VPs	
19	Austria	Malaysia	46 30	18	12
20	San Marino	Cyprus	71 23	25	5
21	Denmark	Israel	30 64	8	22
22	Egypt	Ireland	11 81	2	25
23	England	Hungary	52 19	22	8
24	Finland	French Polynesia	18 54	8	22
25	Mexico	Romania	31 58	9	21
26	Philippines	Reunion	57 62	14	16
27	Poland	Venezuela	131 24	25	0

## GROUP B

Match		IMPs		VPs	
10	Luxembourg	Australia	9 40	9	21
11	Lebanon	Bulgaria	48 32	18	12
12	Kenya	Chile	46 24	20	10
13	India	China	35 32	16	14
14	Germany	Croatia	23 37	12	18
15	USA	Estonia	57 9	25	5
16	Turkey	Martinique	34 10	20	10
17	Tunisia	Norway	45 24	19	11
18	Switzerland	Singapore	28 41	12	18

## GROUP D

Match		IMPs		VPs	
28	Bermuda	France	13 45	8	22
29	Bosnia	Czech Republic	39 12	21	9
30	Botswana	Jordan	42 20	20	10
31	Brazil	Costa Rica	70 20	25	5
32	Greece	Sweden	23 46	10	20
33	Indonesia	Spain	18 19	15	15
34	Japan	South Africa	16 40	10	20
35	Lithuania	Portugal	23 34	13	17
36	Pakistan	Wales	70 11	25	4

## GROUP B

Match		IMPs		VPs	
10	Australia	India	81 24	25	4
11	Bulgaria	Germany	37 59	10	20
12	Chile	Estonia	54 31	20	10
13	China	Croatia	45 59	12	18
14	Kenya	Turkey	24 68	6	24
15	Lebanon	Tunisia	42 61	11	19
16	Luxembourg	Switzerland	9 54	6	24
17	Martinique	Singapore	46 57	13	17
18	Norway	USA	51 29	20	10

## GROUP D

Match		IMPs		VPs	
28	Czech Republic	Bermuda	41 68	9	21
29	Jordan	Bosnia	33 66	8	22
30	Costa Rica	Botswana	61 65	14	16
31	Wales	Brazil	44 49	14	16
32	Sweden	France	40 66	10	20
33	Spain	Greece	51 79	9	21
34	South Africa	Indonesia	26 61	8	22
35	Portugal	Japan	27 74	6	24
36	Pakistan	Lithuania	57 61	14	16

## GROUP B

Match		IMPs		VPs	
10	Australia	Lebanon	43 50	14	16
11	Bulgaria	Kenya	77 30	24	6
12	Chile	India	40 79	7	23
13	China	Germany	75 69	16	14
14	Croatia	Estonia	62 75	12	18
15	Luxembourg	Turkey	35 42	14	16
16	Martinique	Tunisia	44 47	14	16
17	Norway	Switzerland	89 10	25	1
18	Singapore	USA	16 132	0	25

## GROUP D

Match		IMPs		VPs	
28	Bermuda	Bosnia	65 18	24	6
29	Botswana	Sweden	19 90	2	25
30	Brazil	Spain	19 49	9	21
31	Costa Rica	South Africa	43 44	15	15
32	Jordan	Portugal	68 33	22	8
33	Czech Republic	Pakistan	43 64	11	19
34	France	Lithuania	51 32	19	11
35	Greece	Japan	46 63	11	19
36	Indonesia	Wales	43 75	8	22

# WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

## ROUND 10

### GROUP A

Match		IMPs		VPs		
40	India	Australia	30	5	21	9
41	Hungary	Austria	45	24	20	10
42	France	Brazil	37	20	19	11
43	Finland	Bulgaria	34	19	18	12
44	Egypt	Canada	2	48	5	25
45	Kenya	China	50	36	18	12
46	Turkey	Italy	19	11	17	13
47	Switzerland	Jordan	33	36	14	16
48	Sweden	Mexico	20	27	14	16
49	Spain	Pakistan	29	30	15	15
50	Scotland	Russia	10	25	12	18

### GROUP B

Match		IMPs		VPs		
50	Greece	Bye	0	0	18	0
51	Korea	Argentina	42	14	22	8
52	Japan	Croatia	34	24	17	13
53	Israel	Denmark	33	19	18	12
54	Ireland	England	34	28	16	14
55	Indonesia	Germany	3	31	8	22
56	Wales	Morocco	41	38	16	14
57	Venezuela	Netherlands	27	23	16	14
58	USA	New Zealand	42	24	19	11
59	South Africa	Norway	15	32	11	19
60	Reunion	Poland	16	86	1	25

## ROUND 11

### GROUP A

Match		IMPs		VPs		
40	Australia	Austria	55	49	16	14
41	Brazil	Turkey	47	48	15	15
42	Bulgaria	Switzerland	38	38	15	15
43	Canada	Sweden	75	20	25	3
44	China	Spain	60	3	25	3
45	Egypt	Scotland	31	61	8	22
46	Finland	Russia	39	56	11	19
47	France	Pakistan	59	29	22	8
48	Hungary	Mexico	43	41	15	15
49	India	Jordan	49	10	24	6
50	Italy	Kenya	85	12	25	0

### GROUP B

Match		IMPs		VPs		
50	Morocco	Bye	0	0	18	0
51	Argentina	Croatia	59	61	15	15
52	Denmark	Wales	83	12	25	1
53	England	Venezuela	36	59	10	20
54	Germany	USA	43	43	15	15
55	Greece	South Africa	46	18	22	8
56	Indonesia	Reunion	102	12	25	0
57	Ireland	Poland	45	61	11	19
58	Israel	Norway	19	36	11	19
59	Japan	New Zealand	16	47	8	22
60	Korea	Netherlands	20	97	0	25

## ROUND 12

### GROUP A

Match		IMPs		VPs		
40	France	Australia	39	30	17	13
41	Finland	Austria	37	57	10	20
42	Egypt	Brazil	28	33	14	16
43	China	Bulgaria	58	7	25	4
44	Kenya	Canada	15	64	4	25
45	Turkey	Hungary	34	50	11	19
46	Switzerland	India	43	54	13	17
47	Sweden	Italy	38	28	17	13
48	Spain	Jordan	60	31	22	8
49	Scotland	Mexico	62	25	24	6
50	Russia	Pakistan	10	47	6	24

### GROUP B

Match		IMPs		VPs		
50	Germany	Bye	0	0	18	0
51	Israel	Argentina	39	52	12	18
52	Ireland	Croatia	37	57	10	20
53	Indonesia	Denmark	49	41	17	13
54	Greece	England	41	44	14	16
55	Wales	Japan	43	11	23	7
56	Venezuela	Korea	40	45	14	16
57	USA	Morocco	111	1	25	0
58	South Africa	Netherlands	61	34	21	9
59	Reunion	New Zealand	10	66	3	25
60	Poland	Norway	17	62	5	25

# NOTICE TO TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS

There is now limited space for any new teams to enter the Transnational Mixed Teams, and entries that have not been registered in advance will be taken on a strictly first come – first served basis. Teams wishing to register should come to the WBF Office as soon as possible, at the times listed below.

Pre-registered teams **MUST** come as soon as possible to the WBF Office during the opening hours listed below to confirm their entry and pay any outstanding entry fee

The office will be open for Transnational entries and for pre-registered teams to confirm their entries between:

10.00 – 12.00 and 14.00 – 17.00 hours

# SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

## ROUND 13

Match		IMPs		VPs	
60	New Zealand	Bye	0 0	18	0
61	Belgium	Pakistan	6 68	0	25
62	Denmark	Portugal	27 43	11	19
63	Austria	Ireland	56 5	25	2
64	Wales	Germany	38 33	16	14
65	Chinese Taipei	Venezuela	18 25	13	17
66	Switzerland	France	10 33	9	21
67	Israel	China	27 37	12	18
68	Netherlands	Australia	61 12	25	3
69	Italy	Guadeloupe	46 23	21	9
70	USA	Canada	78 10	25	0
71	Japan	Costa Rica	54 12	25	4
72	Scotland	Sweden	19 24	14	16
73	Turkey	England	40 27	19	11
74	Spain	Poland	21 22	15	15

## ROUND 14

Match		IMPs		VPs	
60	Wales	Bye	0 0	18	0
61	China	Chinese Taipei	16 13	16	14
62	Guadeloupe	Belgium	19 48	7	23
63	Germany	USA	33 26	17	13
64	Pakistan	Scotland	5 14	13	17
65	Australia	Japan	27 20	17	13
66	Costa Rica	Switzerland	19 79	1	25
67	Venezuela	Spain	26 23	16	14
68	Canada	New Zealand	36 8	22	8
69	England	Denmark	14 1	19	11
70	France	Netherlands	7 11	14	16
71	Portugal	Ireland	14 7	17	13
72	Turkey	Austria	31 49	10	20
73	Sweden	Italy	7 39	7	23
74	Poland	Israel	12 28	11	19

## ROUND 15

Match		IMPs		VPs	
60	Poland	Bye	0 0	18	0
61	China	Germany	41 26	19	11
62	Ireland	Australia	22 47	8	22
63	Scotland	Austria	44 36	17	13
64	Belgium	England	29 31	14	16
65	Denmark	Costa Rica	59 22	25	5
66	Venezuela	Canada	17 62	4	25
67	Israel	New Zealand	36 37	15	15
68	Switzerland	Sweden	10 30	10	20
69	Italy	Portugal	48 16	23	7
70	Netherlands	Guadeloupe	40 18	21	9
71	Chinese Taipei	Wales	17 61	4	25
72	Spain	USA	1 57	1	25
73	Japan	Pakistan	26 31	14	16
74	Turkey	France	29 26	16	14

## ROUND 16

Match		IMPs		VPs	
60	Poland	Bye	0 0	18	0
61	China	Germany	41 26	19	11
62	Ireland	Australia	22 47	8	22
63	Scotland	Austria	44 36	17	13
64	Belgium	England	29 31	14	16
65	Denmark	Costa Rica	59 22	25	5
66	Venezuela	Canada	17 62	4	25
67	Israel	New Zealand	36 37	15	15
68	Switzerland	Sweden	10 30	10	20
69	Italy	Portugal	48 16	23	7
70	Netherlands	Guadeloupe	40 18	21	9
71	Chinese Taipei	Wales	17 61	4	25
72	Spain	USA	1 57	1	25
73	Japan	Pakistan	26 31	14	16
74	Turkey	France	29 26	16	14

### Playing times

#### Open and Women's:

Round 13	10.00
Round 14	14.00
Round 15	17.30

#### Seniors:

Round 17	10:45
Round 18	13:30
Round 19	15:45
Round 20	18:00

### Changes in starting times

The program for the Seniors on Saturday and Sunday has been changed as follows:

On Saturday there will be three matches with starting times of 13.30, 15.45 and 18.00.

On Sunday there will be two matches with starting times of 10.45 and 13.30.

After these two matches, the Seniors' meeting will start at 15.15.

For the Women's series, the starting time for the final three rounds on Saturday have been changed to 11.00, 14.00 and 17.00.

## World Championship Book 2004



The official book of these 2004 World Championships will be published around the end of March, price £22-00. You can order a copy in advance during the championships at the special reduced price of US\$30-00 or 25 Euros, inclusive of surface mail, by going to the Press Room and filling in one of the forms available there and handing it, along with your preferred currency, to Jan Swann, who is in charge of the Press Room.

As always, the chief analysts will be Eric Kokish, Brian Senior and Barry Rigal. The book will consist of 336 large pages, and will feature every deal of the finals and semi-finals of both Open and Women's events, plus extensive coverage of the earlier stages, and also the Senior, University and Transnational events. There will be a full listing of all the teams taking part, a full results service, and many photographs.

# OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

## ROUND 13

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Morocco	Argentina	10 Germany	Australia	19 Austria	Egypt	28 Bermuda	Jordan
2 Mauritius	Bangladesh	11 Estonia	Bulgaria	20 San Marino	Denmark	29 Bosnia	Costa Rica
3 Latvia	Belgium	12 Croatia	Chile	21 England	Romania	30 Botswana	Brazil
4 Italy	Canada	13 USA	China	22 Finland	Reunion	31 Czech Rep.	Sweden
5 Iceland	Chinese Taipei	14 Turkey	India	23 Fr Polynesia	Poland	32 France	Spain
6 Hong Kong	Georgia	15 Tunisia	Kenya	24 Hungary	Philippines	33 Greece	South Africa
7 Serbia & M'gro	Guadeloupe	16 Switzerland	Lebanon	25 Ireland	Mexico	34 Indonesia	Portugal
8 Scotland	Netherlands	17 Singapore	Luxembourg	26 Israel	Malaysia	35 Japan	Pakistan
9 Russia	New Zealand	18 Norway	Martinique	27 Cyprus	Venezuela	36 Lithuania	Wales

## ROUND 14

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Argentina	Canada	10 Australia	Bulgaria	19 Austria	Hungary	28 Bermuda	Lithuania
2 Bangladesh	Belgium	11 Chile	Turkey	20 San Marino	Fr Polynesia	29 Bosnia	Japan
3 Chinese Taipei	Scotland	12 China	Tunisia	21 Denmark	Finland	30 Botswana	Indonesia
4 Georgia	Russia	13 Croatia	Switzerland	22 Egypt	England	31 Brazil	Greece
5 Guadeloupe	New Zealand	14 Estonia	Singapore	23 Ireland	Romania	32 Costa Rica	France
6 Hong Kong	Netherlands	15 Germany	Norway	24 Israel	Reunion	33 Jordan	Czech Rep.
7 Iceland	Morocco	16 India	Martinique	25 Cyprus	Poland	34 Pakistan	Sweden
8 Italy	Mauritius	17 Kenya	Luxembourg	26 Malaysia	Philippines	35 Portugal	Spain
9 Latvia	Serbia & M'gro	18 Lebanon	USA	27 Mexico	Venezuela	36 South Africa	Wales

## ROUND 15

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Argentina	Italy	10 Norway	Australia	19 Austria	San Marino	28 Sweden	Bermuda
2 Bangladesh	Iceland	11 Martinique	Bulgaria	20 Denmark	Romania	29 Spain	Bosnia
3 Belgium	Hong Kong	12 Luxembourg	Chile	21 Egypt	Reunion	30 South Africa	Botswana
4 Canada	Guadeloupe	13 Lebanon	China	22 England	Poland	31 Portugal	Brazil
5 Chinese Taipei	Georgia	14 Kenya	Croatia	23 Finland	Philippines	32 Pakistan	Costa Rica
6 Latvia	Scotland	15 India	Estonia	24 Fr Polynesia	Mexico	33 Lithuania	Jordan
7 Mauritius	Russia	16 USA	Germany	25 Hungary	Malaysia	34 Japan	Czech Rep.
8 Morocco	New Zealand	17 Turkey	Singapore	26 Ireland	Cyprus	35 Indonesia	France
9 Netherlands	Serbia & M'gro	18 Tunisia	Switzerland	27 Israel	Venezuela	36 Wales	Greece

# SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

## ROUND 17

61 Japan	Guadeloupe
62 Israel	USA
	Venezuela
63 Spain	Wales
64 Switzerland	Pakistan
65 Turkey	Australia
66 China	Canada
67 Poland	Germany
68 Italy	England
69 Chinese Taipei	New Zealand
70 Belgium	Austria
71 France	Denmark
72 Scotland	Portugal
73 Costa Rica	Ireland
74 Netherlands	Sweden

## ROUND 18

61 Denmark	Canada
62 England	Pakistan
63 Spain	Belgium
64 Netherlands	Venezuela
65 Guadeloupe	Portugal
66 Ireland	Germany
67 Scotland	Israel
68 Austria	Sweden
69 Wales	Australia
70 USA	Costa Rica
71 Switzerland	China
72 Chinese Taipei	Italy
73 Japan	Poland
74 New Zealand	France
	Bye
	Turkey

## ROUND 19

61 Germany	Turkey
62 Venezuela	Japan
63 Denmark	Bye
	Portugal
64 Israel	Belgium
65 Pakistan	Austria
66 Costa Rica	New Zealand
67 England	Guadeloupe
68 Poland	Switzerland
69 France	Wales
70 Italy	Spain
71 Canada	Ireland
72 Chinese Taipei	Scotland
73 Australia	USA
74 China	Netherlands

## ROUND 20

61 USA	France
	Bye
62 Japan	Ireland
63 Belgium	China
64 Spain	Chinese Taipei
65 Turkey	Scotland
66 Germany	Canada
67 Netherlands	Denmark
68 New Zealand	Poland
69 Austria	Australia
70 Switzerland	Guadeloupe
71 Wales	Venezuela
72 Portugal	Costa Rica
73 Sweden	Pakistan
74 Israel	England
	Italy

## WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

### ROUND 13

GROUP A		GROUP B	
40 Turkey	Australia	51 Wales	Argentina
41 Switzerland	Austria	52 Venezuela	Croatia
42 Sweden	Brazil	53 USA	Denmark
43 Spain	Bulgaria	54 South Africa	England
44 Scotland	Canada	55 Reunion	Germany
45 Russia	China	56 Poland	Greece
46 Pakistan	Egypt	57 Norway	Indonesia
47 Mexico	Finland	58 New Zealand	Ireland
48 Jordan	France	59 Netherlands	Israel
49 Italy	Hungary	60 Morocco	Japan
50 Kenya	India	Bye	Korea

### ROUND 14

GROUP A		GROUP B	
40 Australia	Bulgaria	51 Argentina	England
41 Austria	Brazil	52 Croatia	Denmark
42 Canada	Turkey	53 Germany	Wales
43 China	Switzerland	54 Greece	Venezuela
44 Egypt	Sweden	55 Indonesia	USA
45 Finland	Spain	56 Ireland	South Africa
46 France	Scotland	57 Israel	Reunion
47 Hungary	Russia	58 Japan	Poland
48 India	Pakistan	59 Korea	Norway
49 Italy	Mexico	60 Morocco	New Zealand
50 Jordan	Kenya	Netherlands	Bye

### ROUND 15

GROUP A		GROUP B	
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## NOTICE

**WBF Seniors Committee**

**Annual Meeting**

**Today 28 October 2004**

**WBF Meeting Room on L2 at 20.00**

**Agenda**

- 1) Format of WBF Senior events
- 2) Age limits
- 3) Future Events
- 4) Any other business

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Captains, NBO Presidents.

Dr Nissan Rand

Chairman, WBF Seniors Committee

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**KONICA MINOLTA**





Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠K ♥AKJ9 ♦AQ32 ♣10543	N W     E S	♠94 ♥852 ♦K1065 ♣A976
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♠A10753 ♥10643 ♦4 ♣KQ8	♠QJ862 ♥Q7 ♦J987 ♣J2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weigkricht	Wang	Grumm	Wang
1♣*	Pass	1♠*	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

East showed three controls and whilst West's rebid might offend the purists it was probably the best choice on the hand. When North led the five of spades declarer was over the first hurdle, but with both red suits failing to oblige she could only arrive at eight tricks. Sometimes there is no reward for enterprise.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Erhart	Gu	Terraneo
1♣*	1♥*	Dble*	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Maria Erhart came in over the strong club with a canapé overcall and her side won the part score battle. Three Spades was unbeatable, +140 and 1 IMP to Austria.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠1062 ♥AQ10972 ♦A ♣Q54	N W     E S	♠A ♥KJ ♦QJ1097652 ♣A3
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♠KQ95 ♥854 ♦843 ♣K72	♠J8743 ♥63 ♦K ♣J10986
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weigkricht	Wang	Grumm	Wang
1♥	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♦	All Pass

East's Two Club response was canapé, and she could not resist a smile when her partner bid hearts for the third time. Five Diamonds was a practical choice, but of course declarer made all the tricks, +440. Tacchi pointed out that in Vaupillon you always make Six Diamonds, as South will cover the queen of diamonds (cover an honour with an honour) even with the bare ace in dummy.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Erhart	Gu	Terraneo
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♦	All Pass

East was not really any better placed here, but took the more optimistic view, which proved to a winning one. +940 was worth 11 IMPs. You can expect to see this hand appear in a few bidding panels before too long.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠QJ842 ♥J75 ♦K42 ♣106	N W     E S	♠A3 ♥K643 ♦J73 ♣AKQ2
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♠K95 ♥A1092 ♦AQ10 ♣J54	1076 ♥Q8 ♦9865 ♣9873
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Honglin Wang, China

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weigkricht	Wang	Grumm	Wang
Pass	1♣*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Six Hearts needed only one trump loser and a finesse. Not this time, -50.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Erhart	Gu	Terraneo
All Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT

No problems here, declarer making eleven tricks to earn the same number of IMPs.

On Board 12 the South players held: ♠8532 ♥KJ107654 ♦10 ♣2. The VuGraph commentators posed the question, 'What is this hand pattern known as and who named it?' Kokish went for a swan and Terence Reese. Half right, it was a giraffe. Incidentally in Germany it is known as a Cologne hand, 4711, named after the famous fragrance. (You will find a story about it in *For Love or Money* at the Jannersten book stall.)

## Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weigkricht	Wang	Grumm	Wang
2♥	3♦	1♣*	2♦
4♣*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass	4♦*	Pass

The Austrian pair had time for a couple of cue bids before they stopped at a safe level. Declarer played North for the queen of hearts, so she made eleven tricks, +450.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Erhart	Gu	Terraneo
4♦*	5♦	1♣*	3♦
		Dble	All Pass

The over enterprising Austrian bidding (see how polite we are) was severely punished. Zia, commentating in VuGraph, tried to inveigle Kokish into a \$10 bet that declarer would escape for -800. However, my Finessing friend tells me that six tricks are the limit.

West led the jack of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a diamond to West's king. West cashed the ace of hearts and played a heart to East's king. East cashed the king of spades and the ace of diamonds and played the queen of spades. Declarer ruffed and tried the ace of clubs. So, she made only six tricks, -1100 and a loss of 12 IMPs. So, Zia would have lost his bet. However, if declarer had played a low club, instead of the ace, planning to endplay East, Zia would have been on to a winner.

The way to ensure a five trick defeat is very hard to see. After cashing the king of spades East must play the king of clubs while West still has a trump

## Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



Iris Grumm, Austria

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weigkricht	Wang	Grumm	Wang 1♣*
1♥	Pass	4♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Declarer ruffed the opening club lead (we like Zia's tongue in cheek suggestion of a psychic lead of a low club, trying to suggest a non-existent void!), drew trumps, played a diamond to the king, ruffed a club and then played all her trumps bar one before playing hearts, with gratifying effect, +650.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Erhart	Gu	Terraneo 1♣*
Pass	1♦*	4♠	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

This was the obvious two down, -200, but Austria had 11 IMPs.

China had strengthened its position at the top but Austria remained in third place. Both teams look to be in the form that might make them winners.

## Change of call

On Monday, spectators at the Vugraph saw the following: an opening bid of 1♠ by West, the tray pushed to the other side with Pass and INT. The tray was pushed back with 2♦ and Pass. Then Pass, 2♥ and the tray pushed back again. Now spectators saw the tray going back and the 2♥ changed to 2♠. So this was the auction

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♥/2♠	

This was a surprise to some: is such a change possible?

It is when you know what happened. 2♦ was explained as diamonds and hearts at the bidding side. It was not until after the 2♥ bid and the transfer of the tray to the other side that the 2♦ bid was explained to show hearts as well.

Of course, East would never have bid hearts knowing this and, according to Law 21 he was allowed to change his call even at that moment.

Since East became dummy, there was not unauthorized information for the offending side any more since all hearts became visible.

— Ton Kooijman

## A play made from hunger?

by Barry Rigal

In the World Championships, a bid or play made from hunger is one where a player seems to be desperate for a swing. Walid El Ahmady of Egypt might legitimately make such a play: he is observing Ramadan while generally playing three matches a day.

In the final match of the second day, he found a play that suggests hunger is no obstacle to him.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Against Denmark, the auction went as follows (El Ahmady was West).

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♥	1♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	4♣
6♠	All Pass		Pass

It's a hopeless contract, right?

On a heart lead, El Ahmady won in hand and played the ♠A and ♠J to the king, then a low diamond from dummy! Can you blame South for taking the bait? Holding the ♦8, South "knew" West had the ♦K, so he hopped up with the ace – contract made!

## P.O. and the Olympiad

P.O. Sundelin of Sweden has noticed the comments about players who have attended several of the World Bridge Olympiads. He wishes to point out that he has attended nine straight, starting in 1972. In that year, he was non-playing captain of the Swedish team. From 1976 through 1988, he came as a player. In 1992 and 1996, he worked as a commentator, then in 2000 (and again this year) he returned as a player.

## Timeo Gallos et Dona Ferentes

*I fear the French, even when bearing gifts.*

by Mark Horton

One of the joys of the services provided by [www.bridgebase.com](http://www.bridgebase.com) or [www.e-bridgemastr.com](http://www.e-bridgemastr.com) is that even while confined to the Bulletin Room one can dip in to one of live broadcasts. I happened to choose the perfect moment when France met Greece in Round 9 of the Open Series. The French gave their opponents two tremendous opportunities, but the Greeks did not take advantage.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palau	Papakyriacop.Rombaut	Filios	
4♦	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

This auction was reproduced at many tables. Here West led the king of diamonds. Declarer won with the ace and advanced the queen of hearts. When West failed to follow he mysteriously failed to go up with the ace and play on clubs – and that would have been the indicated line even if West had followed with a small heart. Assuming the contract was the same at the other table it rated to be an expensive mistake.

Before we move on to see what happened in the replay it is of more than passing interest to see if West can find the lead that will defeat the slam.

The late Terence Reese maintained that on every hand there was always a clue or indication, however slight. When North bids Five Diamonds he must have a diamond control, almost certainly a void, so there can be little point in leading that suit. Unless dummy is 4-5-0-4 he will have at least a five card black suit, and therefore a po-

tential source of discards.

Given that you have three spades and two clubs there is a very small indication that the long suit will be clubs, and therefore you should lead a spade.

You may not be convinced, but I can tell you that in the match between Luxembourg and the USA Michael Rosenberg led a spade to defeat Six Hearts.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kannavos	Multon	Triandaphy	Quantin
4♦	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

North thought he was investigating the possibility of a Grand Slam with his Six Club bid, while South took a different view. Jean Paul Meyer and I spent some time discussing the theoretical aspects of the situation, and this might make a nice question for one of the 'You be the Jury' type problems that used to appear in The Bridge World.

Six Clubs had two unavoidable losers, so there was no swing.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palau	Papakyriacop.Rombaut	Filios	
5♠	4♦	4♠	5♦
Dble	6♦	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

Why North bid Six Diamonds is of passing interest, but when East led the ace of spades, unlikely as it was that West was doubling on the strength of any potential spade tricks, declarer was in with a chance. He ruffed, crossed to dummy with a heart and advanced the jack of diamonds. When West played low he ran it, and East was not slow to switch to a club to collect +500.

For the second time a finesse had proved to be declarer's downfall.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kannavos	Multon	Triandaphy	Quantin
5♠	4♦ All Pass	4♠	5♦

The defenders were not slow to cash their four red suit winners, two down, -200 and 12 IMPs.

## Cheap trick

By Ross Crichton (Australia)

This is the story of the 4-3-2-2 trick during the Seniors round-12 match between Australia and Switzerland.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

The bidding was simple:

West	North	East	South
Pass	INT	All Pass	Pass

East led the ♠K and followed with the ♠A and the ♠3. Declarer played two rounds of clubs, then a third to East's ace. East switched to the ♥5: 8, queen, ace. Declarer then played the ♦7 to the 3, queen and ace.

West exited with the ♥4 to the ♥3, ♥2 and ♦2.

On the heart continuation, North claimed seven tricks.

## Championship Diary

As word spread that Tuesday's VuGraph match between Italy & The Netherlands was outstanding, the spectators who missed it asked for a repeat, hence its appearance as the third match of yesterday's schedule. (That's our excuse and we are sticking to it.)

The real match on offer featured the runaway leaders of Group C, England, and Hungary.

Our Canadian Correspondent believes that Dianna Gordon played in the seven Olympiads prior to this one and partnered Sharon Reus in five of them.

Why should the distribution 1453 be especially noted here in Istanbul?

Badly damaged by the sack of Constantinople at the hands of Roman Catholic invaders in 1204 and diminished in size, the Byzantine Empire fell to Muslim invaders in 1453.

Following on from that, Jack Marx (The Headmaster) not, as some believe one of the Marx Brothers, but a founder of the Acol System, and the inventor of Stayman, developed a complex series of responses to a 4NT enquiry. As the Roman Empire was followed by that of Byzantium, he called his convention Byzantine Blackwood. If yet another version appears, should it be called Ottoman Blackwood?

When I typed into Google the phrase 'Inventors of Acol' it enquired if I meant 'Inventors of Alcohol'. Close enough!

The Round 11 match on Vugraph proceeded at a snail's pace, prompting Tacchi to postulate that eternity will consist of a 24 board match involving Rosenberg, Sundelin, Robson and Shenkin.

In the Seniors match between Israel and The Netherlands on one of the boards the auction lasted 17 bids and the final contract was a mere 1♥ doubled. That prompts the question of what is the maximum number of bids that can occur in an auction where the final contract is at the one level? Tacchi knows the answer, or at least he thinks he does!



SENIORS

Israel v The Netherlands

ROUND 11

After ten rounds of the Seniors series The Netherlands had moved into the lead. In Round 11 they faced fourth-placed Israel in a match that could have a major impact on the final standings.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Boegem	Schwartz	Janssens	Romik
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	1♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Levit	Trouwborst	Kaminski	Doremans
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

For Israel, Yeshayahu Levit and Amos Kaminski had a free run to the decent no trump game. With the cards lying very favourably for declarer, Kaminski came to eleven tricks; +660.

At the other table Adrian Schwartz scraped up a take-out double on the North cards and Onno Janssens re-doubled. Schwartz ran first to diamonds then to hearts, being doubled both times.

Perfect defence holds 1♥ doubled to three tricks for -800 but, as is usually the case, perfect defence was difficult to achieve against a one-level contract. Janssens led ♣Q followed by ♣J and Willem Boegem overtook to play a third club, which Schwartz ruffed. He crossed to the king of diamonds and tried a spade to the king but that lost to the ace and back came the ♠J, overtaken, and a third spade to the ten. At last, Janssens found the heart switch, ten, low, low, ace. Schwartz tried to cash the ace of diamonds but Boegem ruffed. A club was ruffed with

the eight and over-ruffed with the queen and now the play of the thirteenth spade assured declarer of one more trick; down two for -300 but 8 IMPs to Israel.

Had Janssens not used the ♥8 to force the queen, dummy would still have had to ruff, but now Janssens would have been able to ruff the thirteenth spade and defeat the contract by an extra trick.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Boegem	Schwartz	Janssens	Romik
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Rdbl	1♠
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Levit	Trouwborst	Kaminski	Doremans
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass



Yeshayahu Levit, Israel

I am not sure what was going on in the Israeli auction but what mattered was that they reached 4♥ and made it, with an overtrick for +650. I thought that Boegem might have bid game in the other room also when Janssens made a try with 3♦, which fitted his hand well enough, but it appears that he did not like the ♠K. Here too, eleven tricks were made, but that was only +200 and 10 IMPs to Israel.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Boegem	Schwartz	Janssens	Romik
—	2♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Levit	Trouwborst	Kaminski	Doremans
—	2♦*	2♠	All Pass

Boegem opened with a natural weak two bid and was left to play there. Janssens led a top club then switched to a diamond to the ace. Back came a club and he won and played a third round for the ♠9 and ♠10. Schwartz led ace and another spade now and Janssens was able to draw all the outstanding trumps then switch to a heart. Declarer just made the ♦K from here for down five; -500.



Nico Doremans, the Netherlands

Jaap Trouwborst opened with a multi and Kaminski overcalled 2♠. Had Levit gone on with 2NT, he would have been raised to the making 3NT and held the board to only a modest loss for Israel, but Levit imagined that hearts were sitting over him and that his queen might be of dubious value, so he passed. Nico Doremans led a club and Kaminski won and played two more rounds, ruffing with the nine and being over-ruffed with the ten. Trouwborst switched to a heart round to dummy's queen and declarer played a spade to the king then ace of hearts and a heart ruff, a diamond to the ace and another heart ruff, and had nine tricks for +140 but 8 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Boegem	Schwartz	Janssens	Romik
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	4♥	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Levit	Trouwborst	Kaminski	Doremans
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	4♥	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The auctions were identical up to South's decision over 4♠. Romik went quietly and led his singleton diamond. That went to the jack, queen and ace and Janssens tried a club to the king. Schwartz won the ♣A and returned a diamond for Romik to ruff. Romik next cashed the ♣Q before playing a heart to the ace and collecting a second ruff. There was still the king of spades to come so that was down three for -150.

Doremans went on to 5♥ at the other table, being unsure who could make what. After a spade lead to the ace, Kaminski cashed the king of diamonds and seems to have misread the position as his diamond continuation gave the contract; +650 and 11 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Boegem	Schwartz	Janssens	Romik
-	2♦	Dble	5♦
6♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Levit	Trouwborst	Kaminski	Doremans
-	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The weak 2♦ opening on a five-card suit worked beautifully here as Pinhas Romik could bounce all the way to 5♦ over Janssens' take-out double. Given that East/West have no making contract at the five level, the best they could do now would be to double and collect 800, but Boegem liked his five-five shape and cuebid, which got his side to 6♥. Romik cashed the ace of diamonds but then switched to a club, assuming his partner to hold six diamonds. That allowed Janssens to

get rid of his second diamond loser on a club, but the heart was offside and he had to go one down for -100 and 12 IMPs to Israel.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Boegem	Schwartz	Janssens	Romik
—	—	—	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Levit	Trouwborst	Kaminski	Doremans
—	—	—	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Did Levit/Kaminski outbid their opponents when they bid to the club slam, or was it actually Boegem/Janssens who won the bidding battle, as 6♣ goes off on a diamond lead? You may have your own opinion as to what contract you would like to play. However, the bottom line was that the lead to 6♣ was a spade and now declarer could draw trumps and play on hearts for twelve easy tricks; +920.

Four hearts was safer and made twelve tricks when, after a club lead, the defence failed to take its ruff; +480 but 10 IMPs to Israel.

And that was that. A diamond lead against 6♣ could have saved the match for The Netherlands. As it was, Israel ran out winners by 43-23 IMPs, or 20-10 VPs. Both teams are still very much in the hunt for the title.



Pinhas Romik, Israel



## Good Luck

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

The Senior teams of England and Wales contain good friends who play golf together, but there is still an edge to the match with honour at stake. In Istanbul, Wales reversed the defeat suffered in the Home Internationals, mostly because of this deal from Round 10:

Board 19. Dealer South. Vul E/W.

<p>♠ 8</p> <p>♥ Q J 9 8 5</p> <p>♦ A Q J 4</p> <p>♣ Q J 7</p>	<p>♠ A K 10 9 3 2</p> <p>♥ 2</p> <p>♦ K 2</p> <p>♣ A K 8 2</p>	<p>♠ J 6 4</p> <p>♥ 3</p> <p>♦ 10 7 6 5 3</p> <p>♣ 10 9 5 3</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div> <p>♠ Q 7 5</p> <p>♥ A K 10 7 6 4</p> <p>♦ 9 8</p> <p>♣ 6 4</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tedd	Hassett	Jourdain	W. Hirst
Pass	2NT	Pass!	2♥
Pass	4♥	4♠	3♠
All Pass			Dble

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rue	M. Hirst	Stanley	Luck
Pass	2♠	3♠	2♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	4♥
			All Pass

In the Open Room I was able to have some fun with the East cards. Bill Hirst (the two Hirsts, Bill for England and Mike for Wales, are no relation) opened a weak two in hearts. John Hassett made an enquiry of 2NT. This could be semi-pyschic with big heart support and not necessarily much in the way of high cards. I decided to bid 4♠, but had the option of doing it at once, or waiting to gain some information from South that might help in the play of the cards. Choosing the latter course I passed, and South showed a maximum in high cards with a six-card suit.

When I bid 4♠ as planned, the double from South came back without delay, but North, on my side of the screen, suspecting a trap, pondered before he passed. No worry, as the cards lay there was a loser in each suit, and England chalked up 200 points.

In the Closed Room, after a Multi from South, and a game try from North if partner held hearts, South bid the game. East decided to double 4♥.

West led a spade to the king and East returned a trump. Jim Luck, at the helm for Wales, won in hand, ruffed a spade, returned with a trump, and ruffed his last spade. Now he exited from dummy with a high club. When East won he was endplayed. Any return allowed South to dispose of his losing diamond and score up 590 and 9 IMPs for Wales. Wales won the match 19-11.

### WBF Congress meeting

The WBF Congress meeting will be held on Saturday, 30th October 2004 in the Auditorium at the Grand Cevahir Hotel at 10:00 a.m. The auditorium is situated on level F1 (Vugraph).

All countries represented in Istanbul are urged to send a delegate to this meeting. Delegates can pre-register their names, if they have not already done so, with Carol in the WBF Secretariat office on level L2.

Exceptionally, there will be no Vugraph presentation on Saturday morning.

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**OPEN** **Sweden v Brazil** **ROUND 8**

**Trading places**

When Sweden and Brazil sat down for their eighth-round match in the Open series of the World Bridge Olympiad, the South Americans were leading Group D by a scant 3 Victory Points (tied with France). When the match was over, the Scandinavians had inched ahead, but by the slimmest of margins.

Brazil earned the first major swing of the match.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Peter Bertheau had passed as dealer on Board 1 (no one vulnerable) with the following hand:

♠ K J 9 6 5 2
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ 7
♣ 5 2

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Villas Boas	Bertheau	Chagas	Nystrom
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
Pass			

The question, then, was whether he considered the North hand on Board 5 worth an opening at unfavourable vulnerability. As you can see, he did, and the result was not pleasant. Gabriel Chagas had a textbook takeout double, and Miguel Villas Boas took no time converting the double to penalty. That was plus 800 for Brazil, made worse by what happened at the other table.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Fredin	Junqueira	Lindkvist	Maia
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
		4♥	All Pass

On a good day, Magnus Lindkvist might have brought this one home, but the bad splits doomed the contract. and he finished three down for minus 150 and 14 IMPs to Brazil.

Sweden got 3 IMPs back on the next deal in an unlikely way.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Villas Boas	Bertheau	Chagas	Nystrom
Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠
		All Pass	

Villas Boas led the ♥Q, and if Chagas had let him hold the trick, the contract could have been defeated: ♣A, heart to the king, club return for a ruff. Chagas, however, overtook the ♥Q with the king and cashed the ace, returning a low club. Fredrik Nystrom made no mistake, playing low and collecting plus 420.

Brazil had another chance to pick up IMPs in the other room, but that chance was not realized either.



Miguel Villas Boas, Brazil

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Junqueira</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Maia</i>
		Pass	2♠
4♦	5♠	6♦	All Pass

Peter Fredin's 4♦, sometimes referred to as Leaping Michaels, showed the two-suited hand. Guilherme Junqueira's 5♠ put pressure on Lindkvist, and he took the push to the diamond slam. Had Junqueira found his red card, the plus for Brazil would have been 800 and a gain of 9 IMPs instead of a loss of 3.

More aggressive bidding produced another small gain for Sweden. But for a good defensive play by Chagas, the gain might have been more.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Junqueira</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Maia</i>
	Pass	Pass	INT
Dble	2♠	Dble	3♠
3NT	All Pass		

Alcio Maia's INT opener did nothing to slow down Fredin and Nystrom, who cruised into the vulnerable notrump game with ease. That was plus 600 for Sweden.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Villas Boas</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♣	2♠	3♥	3♠
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Once the Swedes found the good 4♠ save, it was important for Chagas and Villas Boas to exact the maximum penalty – and they did. Chagas started with the ♣K, switching at trick two to the ♥7. Bertheau put up the king and followed with the ♠A and another spade. Villas Boas won the ♠K and returned a heart to get his ruff, followed by the minor-suit aces for plus 500, the best they could do. Getting the heart ruff held the loss on the board to 3 IMPs. instead of 7. Sweden was leading by 1 IMP when a slam swing put them ahead for good.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Villas Boas</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
Pass	2♥	Dble	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Perhaps Villas Boas thought he had already bid too much with his jump to 3♠, but his 4♠ bid seems conservative. It was an easy plus 480. At the other table, South became an unwitting assistant in the Swedes' auction to the good slam.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Junqueira</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Maia</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Lindkvist's splinter bid of 4♦ might have been enough by itself to propel the pair into the slam, but the task was



Fredrik Nystrom, Sweden

made much easier by South's double, allowing West to pass and East to continue with the 4♥ cuebid. Reaching slam was then a trivial matter and the Swedes had themselves an 11-IMP gain.

The final swing of the match occurred on this wild deal.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 10 8 4 ♥ A K 10 5 ♦ K 9 8 6 ♣ J 9</p>	<p>♠ A 7 5 2 ♥ Q 9 ♦ — ♣ A Q 10 7 6 4 3</p>	<p>♠ K Q J 3 ♥ 3 ♦ Q J 7 5 4 3 2 ♣ 5</p>	<p>♠ 9 6 ♥ J 8 7 6 4 2 ♦ A 10 ♣ K 8 2</p>			
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The auction was not available from the other room, but Maia and Junqueira bid to 6♣ doubled for minus 500. There was even more action on Vugraph.

West	North	East	South
Villas Boas	Bertheau	Chagas	Nystrom
2♥	3♣	5♦	1♥
Pass	6♣	6♦	Pass
Dble	All Pass		7♣

Chagas' bluff after his shapely but point-starved 1♦ opener worked to perfection, pushing the opponents to a no-play slam. Had Nystrom simply doubled 6♦, the Swedes would have had a 13-IMP gain for plus 300 and plus 500. It's hard to blame Bertheau for his bidding, considering his control-rich hand and a doubleton honor in the suit his partner had overcalled, and that may have influenced Nystrom, with first-round control of diamonds, to bid one more himself. The result was minus 800 and a 7-IMP loss.

The Swedes prevailed 36-25 anyway, moving them 1 Victory Point ahead of their opponents after eight rounds.



Gabriel Changas, Brazil

## Sweden's Hallen still going strong

When Hans-Olof Hallen first joined the WBF Laws Commission, he thought some of the members "had been around too long."

He has a different view now, having been a member himself for 39 years. In fact, he is chairman of the group.



Hallen, a member of the Swedish Senior team competing in Istanbul, celebrates his 75th birthday today.

It was more than 60 years ago that Hallen learned bridge, playing in a three-handed game with his parents. He played his first duplicate in about 1948 and has been involved with bridge in a variety of capacities ever since, including stints as a tournament director. At one time, he was chief tournament director for the European Bridge League.

The Swedish Bridge Federation honoured Hallen three months after his 70th birthday by giving him the gift of a trip to the World Bridge Championships in Bermuda in early 2000.

Still spry, Hallen credits bridge for keeping his mind sharp and an exercise regimen of walking for keeping him fit.

Hallen confessed that his Seniors team, although in contention, had a bad day on Wednesday and might have fallen out of medal contention at the Istanbul tournament.

It's clear, however, that Hallen isn't planning on retirement from the bridge wars any time soon. Sweden might not win the Senior Cup this year but, says Hallen, "Maybe next time."

## No smoking

Smoking is prohibited in ANY lobby area other than the area near the hotel's main reception desk. Smoking is also prohibited in any areas of the Congress Centre, including the Press and Bulletin rooms, the WBF Main Office, the Scoring and Results Room and the VuGraph Auditorium.

Violations of this policy will subject you to a fine of 2VPs. Continued violations will result in the player being prohibited from playing and the team not being admitted to the playing area.