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A Gold-Colored Rose



Rosenblum winners: the Rose Meltzer team

In 2001, Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness were on the Norwegian team that lost to Rose Meltzer's squad in the Bermuda Bowl. In Verona, they joined Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, Alan Sonntag and Roger Bates to earn their first world championship – the Rosenblum Cup.

It wasn't easy, as the valiant team captained by Christal Hener-Welland team mounted a comeback toward the end of the 64-board match that had Meltzer partisans worried. The rally fizzled out, however, and Meltzer won handily, 179-133.

The bronze medal went to Yadlin, 69-65 winners over Welland in the play-off. Left out of yesterday's report were the McConnell bronze medallists – Katt-Bridge, 70-67 winners over China Global Times.

As the tournament nears its conclusion, the pairs events are entering their final stages.

Leading qualifiers, through play on Wednesday:

Open Pairs – Jens Auken and Soren Christiansen.

Women's Pairs – Nikica Sver and Marina Pilipovic.

Senior Pairs (for the Hiron Trophy) – Nico Klaver and Roald Ramer.

IMP Pairs – Laurent Thuillez and Wilfred Librecht.

VuGraph Programme



Teatro Verdi

10.30 Open Pairs Final 1
15.45 Open Pairs Final 2

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

Open and Women's Pairs (Final)

10.30 Session 1
15.45 Session 2

IMP Pairs

10.30 Final A, Final B - Session 1
15.45 Final A, Final B - Session 2

Senior Pairs

10.30 Session 5
15.45 Session 6

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ROSENBLUM CUP

Final Standings

Final

		Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Total	
		1-16	17-32	33-49	50-64		
1	Meltzer	Henner	36 - 20	44 - 32	43 - 39	56 - 42	179 - 133

Play-Off

2	Yadlin	Welland R	18 - 26	51 - 39		69 - 65
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WBF bar-coded cards are for sale at the Hospitality Desk. The cost is 1 Euro per pack, and they are sold in sets of 10 packs.

L' Arena

IL GIORNALE DI VERONA

The Closing Ceremony

All participants (players, officials, journalists, staff, etc.) in the championships are invited to the closing cocktail and buffet lunch in the room at the far end of the Players' Plaza on the lower ground floor, starting as soon as possible after the end of the pairs on Saturday afternoon – i.e., at approximately 14.30 hours.

This will be followed by the Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony, which will be held in the auditorium at 16.00 hours.

The odd-numbered rows from A to E on the left of the central aisle will be reserved for officials, while all the other seats in rows A to I (i.e., the front of the auditorium) will be reserved for medallists in all the events.

OPEN PAIRS

Semi-Final Phase (After 5 Sessions)

Rank	Names	Total		Total	
1	Jens AUKEN - Soren CHRISTIANSEN	58.94	25	Franck MULTON - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	53.65
2	Konrad ARASZKIEWICZ - Dariusz KOWALSKI	58.46	26	Ilan HERBST - Ofir HERBST	53.55
3	Jerome ROMBAUT - Lionel SEBBANE	56.76	27	Richard SCHWARTZ - Chris WILLENKEN	53.36
4	Jacek PSZCZOLA - Cezary BALICKI	55.94	28	Andrew ROBSON - Zia MAHMOOD	53.29
5	Apolinary KOWALSKI - Piotr TUSZYNSKI	55.32	29	Alex KOLESNIK - Roberto SCARAMUZZI	53.23
6	Andreas GLOYER - Wolfgang LAUSS	55.30	30	Marc BOMPIS - Thierry De SAINTE MARIE	53.19
7	Jean-Paul BALIAN - Philippe TOFFIER	54.90	31	David BAKHSHI - Andrew MCINTOSH	53.02
8	Bengt-Erik EFRAMSSON - Anders MORATH	54.87	32	Mario D'AVOSSA - Stelio DI BELLO	52.93
9	Rossen Geourgiev GUNEV - Julian STEFANOV	54.76	33	Jean-Jacques PALAU - Pierre-Yves GUILLAUMIN	52.93
10	Rafal JAGNIEWSKI - Boguslaw PAZUR	54.58	34	Jon Egil FURUNES - Per Erik AUSTBERG	52.88
11	Kazuo FURUTA - Kyoko SHIMAMURA	54.54	35	Maris MATISONS - Andris SMILGAJS	52.87
12	Vadim KHOLOMEEV - Jouri KHIOUPPENEN	54.41	36	Fulvio FANTONI - Claudio NUNES	52.84
13	Jason HACKETT - Justin HACKETT	54.23	37	Andrei GROMOV - Alexander DUBININ	52.77
14	Norberto BOCCHI - Giorgio DUBOIN	54.23	38	N. K. GUPTA - Sandeep THAKRAL	52.74
15	Archie SEQUERA - Ramawatar AGARWAL	54.15	39	Michael BAREL - Yaniv ZACK	52.71
16	Tim COPE - Glen HOLMAN	54.07	40	Assaf LENGY - Gadi LEBOVITS	52.67
17	Larissa PANINA - Michael ROSENBLUM	53.97	41	Fred GITELMAN - Brad MOSS	52.63
18	Marcin LESNIEWSKI - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	53.90	42	Michael PRESCOTT - Stephen BURGESS	52.62
19	Vincent RAMONDT - Berry WESTRA	53.89	43	Paul CHEMLA - Philippe CRONIER	52.62
20	Wojciech OLANSKI - Włodzimierz STARKOWSKI	53.87	44	Ahu ZOBU - Victor ARONOV	52.53
21	Jan JANSMA - Louk VERHEES JR	53.79	45	Ismail KANDEMIR - Suleyman KOLATA	52.53
22	Tom TOWNSEND - David GOLD	53.77	46	Marcelo BRANCO - Diego BRENNER	52.50
23	Julien GAVIARD - Thomas BESSIS	53.73	47	Larry N. COHEN - David BERKOWITZ	52.44
24	David BIRMAN - Alon BIRMAN	53.71	48	Krzysztof MARTENS - Vytautas VAINIKONIS	52.25
			49	Win ALLEGAERT - Jaggy SHIVDASANI	52.25
			50	Desislava Borissova POPOVA - Georgi KARAKOLEV	52.19

51	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Ernesto MUZZIO	52.16	116	Calin STIRBU - Gheorghe SERPOI	49.02
52	Carel BERENDREGT - Bert PAPING	52.12	117	Jaanus MARIUU - Tanel KOIVUU	48.98
53	Tomasz GOTARD - Josef PIEKAREK	51.99	118	David KENDRICK - Patrick COLLINS	48.97
54	Nick SANDQVIST - Artur MALINOWSKI	51.99	119	Sartaj HANS - Tony NUNN	48.80
55	Michael ROSENBERG - Ralph KATZ	51.95	120	George JACOBS - Alfredo VERSACE	48.75
56	Ton BAKKEREN - Huub BERTENS	51.95	121	Kamal Kumar ROY - Debashish ROY	48.72
57	Jacek CIECHOMSKI - Piotr JUREK	51.93	122	Piero ARGANINI - Grant BAZE	48.72
58	Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK	51.93	123	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	48.64
59	Matthias THORVALDSSON - Magnus MAGNUSSON	51.70	124	Hans-Herman GWINNER - Andreas PAWLIK	48.62
60	Majja ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	51.63	125	Philippe COENRAETS - Olivier NEVE	48.58
61	Giuseppe FABBRINI - Niccolo FOSSI	51.55	126	Andrzej JASZCZAK - Piotr WALCZAK	48.54
62	Geoff HAMPSON - Eric GRECO	51.53	127	Giovanni ALBAMONTE - Riccardo INTONTI	48.38
63	Steve ROBINSON - Peter BOYD	51.34	128	Peter HECHT-JOHANSEN - Knut BLAKSET	48.33
64	Rajesh TIWARI - Bo PRABHAKAR	51.17	129	Tor BIRKELAND - Espen LINDQVIST	48.27
65	Jose Carlos HENRIQUES - Juliano BARBOSA	51.16	130	Paulo Goncalves PEREIRA - Antonio PALMA	48.24
66	Vasil BATOV - Ilko BONEV	51.12	131	Thibault MALARME - Romain TEMBOURET	48.18
67	Pierre SAPORTA - Jean-Louis MARLIER	51.01	132	Aubrey STRUL - Bobby JONES	48.14
68	Tezcan SEN - Okay GUR	50.98	133	Nils Kare KVANGRAVEN - Tom HOILAND	48.11
69	Craig GOWER - Henry MANSELL	50.97	134	Gianpaolo CENTIOLI - Angelo VIOLA	48.09
70	Giordano SCULLIN - Paolo BAGHETTI	50.88	135	Raju TOLANI - Ajay KHARE	48.00
71	Valerie GARDINER - Peter GILL	50.82	136	Stephen LANDEN - Pratap RAJADHYAKSHA	47.99
72	Gabriel CHAGAS - Miguel VILLAS-BOAS	50.75	137	Bryan MAKSYMETZ - Lars ANDERSSON	47.92
73	Enrico LONGINOTTI - Giampaolo FRANCO	50.72	138	Matilda POPLILOV - Lilo POPLILOV	47.90
74	Maxim ZHMAK - Denis DOBRIN	50.59	139	Igor CURLIN - Dmitri PROKHOROV	47.47
75	Tobias TORNQVIST - Johan UPMARK	50.59	140	Bart BRAMLEY - Chris COMPTON	47.47
76	Guido FERRARO - Agustin MADALA	50.50	141	Wei Dong LIU - Hong Lu ZHONG	47.44
77	Patrick GRENTHE - Michel DUGUET	50.49	142	Rene HERMANS - Willem Van EIJK	47.24
78	Sven Olai HOYLAND - Sam Inge HOYLAND	50.45	143	Ulli JAHR - Berthold ENGEL	47.20
79	Alain DELFOUR - Francois STRETZ	50.42	144	Stanislaw GOLEBIEWSKI - Tomasz SIELICKI	47.13
80	Bobby RICHMAN - Zoltan NAGY	50.41	145	Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO	47.08
81	Yossi ROLL - Ilan BAREKET	50.39	146	Ashok Kumar GOEL - Kamal MUKHERJEE	47.05
82	Alain NAHMIA - Dominique BEAUMIER	50.33	147	Aymeric LEBATTEUX - Nicolas LHUISSIER	47.02
83	Waleed El AHMADI - Tarek SADEK	50.29	148	Giorgio MENINI - Mauro SALVETTI	46.98
84	Giulio BONGIOVANNI - Jacek ROMANSKI	50.29	149	Gordon CAMPBELL - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	46.96
85	Bang Xiang ZHANG - Jia Xiang SHEN	50.27	150	Connie GOLDBERG - Wafik ABDOU	46.89
86	Fried WEBER - Martin LOFGREN	50.15	151	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	46.89
87	Howard WEINSTEIN - Steve GARNER	50.13	152	Lia VASILEV - Ivan NANEV	46.74
88	Piotr BIZON - Michal KWIECIEN	50.10	153	Gilles-Rene QUERAN - Jean-Gilles HERVE	46.65
89	Marian RADULESCU - Bogdan MARINA	50.09	154	Dominique PILON - Gerard IZISEL	46.63
90	Olivier BESSIS - Godefroy De TESSIERES	50.03	155	Arnaud ANCESSY - Frederic BRUNET	46.62
91	Avi KANETKAR - Nigel ROSENDORF	50.01	156	Dominique GERIN - Patrick DADOUN	46.54
92	Joe GRUE - Curtis CHEEK	49.94	157	John ARMSTRONG - John HOLLAND	46.53
93	Jorgen MOLBERG - Terje AA	49.85	158	Rui WANG - Sheng Hong CHEN	46.44
94	Alain LEVY - Herve MOUIEL	49.84	159	Ro VENKATRAMAN - Sunit CHOKSHI	46.43
95	Nikola BARANTIEV - Ivan IVANOV	49.81	160	Lucian TACIUC - Mihai STAVRACHE	46.38
96	Robert LEBI - Nader HANNA	49.80	161	Jason FELDMAN - Ari GREENBERG	46.32
97	Pritish KUSHARI - Sumit MUKHERJEE	49.79	162	Guy LAFFINEUR - Jean-Christophe QUANTIN	46.31
98	Jacek KALITA - Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ	49.72	163	Paolo CLAIR - Carlo TOTARO	46.30
99	Jacques POTIER - Richard NAIGARD	49.71	164	Sjoert BRINK - Bas DRIJVER	46.27
100	Stefano CATA - Giancarlo MARINI	49.70	165	Jean Francois ALLIX - Eric MAUBERQUEZ	46.25
101	Arno LINDERMANN - Martin SCHIFKO	49.69	166	Eli SOLHEIM - Ivar M. ANFINSEN	46.24
102	Keiran DYKE - David WILTSHIRE	49.64	167	Rene STIENEN - Ernst WARENDORF	45.94
103	Adam WILDAVSKY - Doug DOUB	49.60	168	John DAVIDSON - Michael WHIBLEY	45.77
104	Rajendra GOKHALE - Sk IYENGAR	49.58	169	Simon GILLIS - Boye BROGELAND	45.76
105	Antonio SEMENTA - Giovanni DELFINO	49.58	170	Moza PANAHPOUR - Ishmael DELMONTE	45.72
106	Bjarni EINARSSON - Sigurbjorn HARALDSSON	49.53	171	Marlene KIRSTAN - Niels KROEJGAARD	44.98
107	Herve VINCENT - Federico GODED	49.43	172	Boris BARAN - Mark GORDON	44.90
108	Badal Chandra DAS - Sibnath Dey SARKAR	49.29	173	Gitte HECHT-JOHANSEN - Valentin Dgiassim AL-SHATI	44.63
109	John DUQUETTE - Dave COLBERT	49.28	174	Federico IAVICOLI - Giuseppe DELLE CAVE	44.63
110	Michel BESSIS - Maurice SALAMA	49.27	175	Luca DARBI - Claudio BRUNELLI	44.39
111	Hans Christian NIELSEN - Lars BLAKSET	49.24	176	Martin REINERTSEN - Erik RYNNING	43.59
112	John KRANYAK - Ron SMITH	49.23	177	Bo NORGREN - Jan OLSEN	42.88
113	Pablo LAMBARDI - Adolfo Daniel MADALA	49.22	178	Roberto MINERO - Piercarlo MUSSO	41.79
114	Stephen BLACKSTOCK - Stephen HENRY	49.19	179	Alan NELSON - Kath NELSON	41.55
115	Alexandru ELIAN - Dan ZARA	49.12	180	Antonio LARDO - Francesco NATALE	40.11

WOMEN'S PAIRS

Semi-Final Phase (After 5 Sessions)

Rank	Names	Total		Total	
1	Nikica SVER - Marina PILIPOVIC	57.30	27	Ruth FARKAS - Ora DAN	50.29
2	Marion MICHELSSEN - Meike WORTEL	56.39	28	Jet PASMANN - Anneke SIMONS	50.16
3	Pamela GRANOVETTER - Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE	56.15	29	Ora LOURIE - Sally STRUL	49.78
4	Vanessa REESS - Nathalie FREY	55.81	30	Lynn DEAS - Beth PALMER	49.74
5	Ewa HARASIMOWICZ - Malgorzata PASTERNAK	55.32	31	Nadine WOOD - Linda MALONEY	49.32
6	Sally BROCK - Heather DHONDY	55.07	32	Elke WEBER - Ingrid GROMANN	49.25
7	Renee LEGER - Laurence RIMBAUD	54.54	33	Nur CINAR - Sevil AKIN	49.02
8	Grazyna BREWIAK - Anna SARNIAK	54.11	34	Vera TAGLIAFERI - Monica AGHEMO	48.81
9	Gemma MARIANO - Tina J. Del GALLEGRO	53.44	35	Gloria COLOMBO BRUGNONI - Mietta PREVE	48.74
10	Pascale THUILLEZ - Dominique JEANIN-NALTET	53.14	36	Antonella BACOCOCCI - Tiziana ROSI	48.61
11	Debora CAMPAGNANO - Irene BARONI	52.93	37	Yan HUANG - Yan Hong WANG	48.54
12	Carla GIANARDI - Laura ROVERA	52.93	38	Sylvia MOSS - Judi RADIN	48.23
13	Margie GWOZDZINSKY - Cathy STRAUCH	52.83	39	Faith MAYER - Victoria EGAN	48.22
14	Petra MANSELL - Merle MODLIN	52.47	40	Donna COMPTON - Gigi SIMPSON	48.08
15	Carla ARNOLDS - Bep VRIEND	52.14	41	Lila PANAHPOUR - Benedicte CRONIER	48.03
16	Lynn BAKER - Karen MCCALLUM	52.12	42	Monica BURATTI - Darinka FORTI	48.01
17	Shawn QUINN - Mildred BREED	52.11	43	Barbara NIST - Helen ABBOTT	47.39
18	Joann GLASSON - Lisa BERKOWITZ	51.76	44	Emanuela CAPRIATA - Cristina GOLIN	46.61
19	Veronique BESSIS - Sylvie WILLARD	51.56	45	Natalija VEKSA - Liga BRIKMANE	46.21
20	Catherine FISHPOOL - Claude BLOUQUIT	51.56	46	Nevena SENIOR - Janine FORD	46.13
21	Gianna ARRIGONI - Gabriella OLIVIERI	51.24	47	Jo MORSE - Susie MILLER	46.03
22	Luigina GENTILI - Maddalena SEVERGNINI	51.00	48	Janine Elise PECCOUD - Renata SAPORTA	45.97
23	Ana Maria De ALONSO - Monica ANG. De BALDASARRE	50.59	49	Pat MEEHAN - Rose O'FARRELL	45.20
24	Sylvie DUMON - Muriel CLEMENT	50.51	50	Katherine WEI-SENDER - Linda GREEN	44.79
25	Ewa SOBOLEWSKA - Anna SZCZEPANSKA	50.46	51	Christine BOYLSON - Michelle BRUNNER	44.47
26	Anne-Frederique LEVY - Blandine De HEREDIA	50.41	52	Minnie TANANBAUM - Elisabeth HUGON	42.34
			53	Judy BUSSELL - Stephanie KYME	39.43

IMP PAIRS

After 4 Sessions

Rank	Names	Total IMPs		Total	
1	Laurent THUILLEZ - Wilfried LIBRECHT	1.79	23	Jyotindra SHAH - Sandeep KARMARKAR	0.82
2	Tommy GARVEY - John CARROLL	1.74	24	Yeshayahu LEVIT - Ronnie TOR	0.80
3	Irina LADYZHENSKY - Alexander LADYZHENSKY	1.61	25	Ernesto D'ORSI - Fabio SAMPAIO	0.78
4	Abdelkamal RERHAYE - Said Mohamed BERRADA	1.56	25	Vincenzo BURGIO - Salvatore GATTO	0.78
4	Michael ROCHE - John RAYNER	1.56	27	Furio MENEGHINI - Roberto SALTARELLI	0.77
6	Artur RUTKOWSKI - Henryk BRODAWSKI	1.54	27	Alexandra NIKITINA - Sergei SYTSEVICH	0.77
7	Chuck BURGER - Howard PERLMAN	1.32	29	Patrice PIGANEAU - Francois LEENHARDT	0.75
8	Linda GORDON - Robb GORDON	1.30	30	Jan Petter SVENDSEN - Erik SAELENSMINDE	0.71
9	Barnet SHENKIN - Jim MAHAFFEY	1.26	31	Maciej DOBRZYNSKI - Wojciech ARCZEWSKI	0.69
10	Frederic VOLCKER - Quentin ROBERT	1.21	31	Farid ASSEMI - Edward WOJEWODA	0.69
11	Gary GOTTLIEB - Peter FREDIN	1.20	31	Hans FRERICHS - Ulrich WENNING	0.69
12	Michael CORNELL - Ashley BACH	1.18	34	Kit WOOLSEY - Fred STEWART	0.64
13	Sven SESTER - Olavi OJA	1.17	34	Mckenzie MYERS - Joel DATLOFF	0.64
14	Guillaume GRENTHE - Sabine BERG	1.11	36	Giorgio ZANARDI - Giuseppe De MONTIS	0.61
15	Marc SMITH - Peter CZERNIEWSKI	1.05	37	Christine BERNARD - Michel REBILLARD	0.60
16	Alvin LEVY - George RETEK	1.02	38	Tadashi TERAMOTO - Shunsuke MORIMURA	0.57
17	Angela DE BIASIO - Donatella GIGLIOTTI	0.96	39	Hilary DOWLING-LONG - Ann Marie HORAN	0.53
18	Shireen MOHANDAS - Andy BOWLES	0.93	39	Janet DE BOTTON - Gunnar HALLBERG	0.53
19	Gerardo DE MARCO - Francesco DE GENNARO	0.92	41	Ange AGNETTI - Franck MATEOS-RUIZ	0.50
20	Otto RUTHENBERG - Jerzy KOZYCZKOWSKI	0.91	42	Alexander F LEWIS - Anal SHAH	0.48
21	Terry WALSH - Brid KEMPLE	0.90	42	Francois BOUCHER - Marc LACHAPPELLE	0.48
22	Poul CLEMMENSEN - Hans Christian GRAVERSEN	0.86	42	Thanos KAPAYANNIDIS - Petros TRIANTAFILLIS	0.48
			45	Pierre ADAD - Pascal RINGUET	0.47
			46	Jeff SAPIRE - Neville EBER	0.46

47	Rana ROY - Kalpana MISRA	0.45	106	Lydie TRAJMAN - Harold ANTONSON	-0.20
47	Nels ERICKSON - Marjorie MICHELIN	0.45	106	Louise MITCHELL - Diarmuid REDDAN	-0.20
49	Valerio GIUBILO - Guido BONAVOGLIA	0.44	109	Lutz DOHNERT - Zoraida DIEBOLD	-0.24
50	Gene FREED - Bill WICKHAM	0.42	109	Lillian MORGANTI - Ugo MORGANTI	-0.24
51	Tien-Chun YANG - Robert TODD	0.41	109	Cosmin MINDRUTA - Dan VOINESCU	-0.24
52	Bernard DONDE - Alon APTEKER	0.41	112	Tony WATKINS - Dave BLACKMAN	-0.26
53	Jelena ALFEJEVA - Vladimir GONCA	0.40	112	Candice FEITELSON - Vincent DEMUY	-0.26
54	Jp GOENKA - Alok SADHU	0.38	114	Daniela BALDASSIN - Giovanni Carlo PRINCIPE	-0.27
55	Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER	0.35	115	Fabienne PIGEAUD - Lewis KAPLAN	-0.27
55	Wolfgang BIEDER - Andreas BABSCH	0.35	115	Yves AUBRY - Jean-Claude THUILLIER	-0.27
57	Dan MANEA - Gabriel BALITA	0.34	115	Marlene WATTS - Heather RENTON	-0.27
57	Sotiris NINOS - Petros AGGELOPOULOS	0.34	118	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE	-0.28
57	Patrick NAELS - Jerome GRENTHE	0.34	119	Cornel TEODORESCU - Aldo Giovanni GERLI	-0.31
60	Robert STOLINSKI - Adam HINTERTAN	0.31	120	Kotomi ASAKOSHI - Akiko MIWA	-0.32
61	Paolo COMUNIAN - Claudio BIANCHINI	0.30	120	Barry SCHAFFER - Colby VERNAY	-0.32
62	Peter CLARK - Michael GAMBLE	0.27	122	Pierluigi IOTTI - Giancarlo GIACHETTI	-0.36
63	Paolo PASQUINI - Jose Maria VALDES	0.26	122	Pony Beate NEHMERT - Ulrike MULLER	-0.36
64	Henri SCHWEITZER - Dominique JOEGNE	0.24	122	Enrico GUERRA - Massimo MORITSCH	-0.36
65	Michel COVENEY - Carole COVENEY	0.23	125	Tore GUNDERSEN - John Arthur FROGE	-0.38
66	Krzysztof BURAS - Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ	0.22	126	Orlando PURGATORIO - Manlio TOMASSINI	-0.39
66	Henrik-Carl NOBERIUS - Arvid WIKNER	0.22	127	Danielle AVON - Myriam VARENNES	-0.40
66	Antonio TOMADINI - Luciano ZANETTE	0.22	128	Francesco FIORETTI - Luigi FRAZZETTO	-0.41
69	Rune HAUGE - Ingvar ERGA	0.20	129	Karin WENNING - Gerda HEINRICHS	-0.43
69	Marlene DUGUET - Pierre-Jean LOUCHART	0.20	130	Anil PADHYE - Rajesh DALAL	-0.45
71	Adolfo Andres MADALA - Shivam SHAH	0.19	131	Xiao HU - Jun CHEN	-0.47
72	Robert HOLLMAN - Bruce FERGUSON	0.17	132	Silvia BOLDT - Gloria IRIBARREN	-0.48
73	Marios FERENTIU - Gabriel NEAMTU	0.16	133	Vivien CORNELL - Elizabeth BLACKHAM	-0.53
73	Mine BABAC - Aydin UYSAL	0.16	134	Astrid DEKKER - Rosalien BARENDREGT	-0.55
75	Jacques HENRI - Jean-Pierre LAFOURCADE	0.15	135	Shalh MOFAHKAMI - Giorgio ODELLO	-0.56
75	Vassili LEVENKO - Prit HALLER	0.15	135	Aldo MOSCA - Antonio PASQUARELLA	-0.56
77	Sandra FRASER - Douglas FRASER	0.13	137	Stephane SANT - Christophe MARRO	-0.59
78	Patrizia CECCONI - Paola RONCHI	0.09	138	Anna MATWIJOW - Bernard JADCZAK	-0.59
78	Ajit CHAKRADEO - Gopinath MANNA	0.09	139	Francesc MURGIA - Franco TROMBETTA	-0.65
78	Mike HARGREAVES - Valerie HARGREAVES	0.09	140	Alvin FITZPATRICK - Joseph HOWARD	-0.68
81	Tadashi IMAKURA - Masayuki INO	0.07	141	Marita MAI - Francesco Ariatta	-0.72
82	Harumi SHIBANO - Yoshiyuki NAKAMURA	0.06	142	Sara TISHLER - Adam SARTEN	-0.75
83	Patrick ALLEGRINI - Jean Michel HUC DE BAT	0.05	143	Margaret PARNIS-ENGLAND - Mario DIX	-0.76
84	Valerie BLOOM - Maureen HOLROYD	0.04	143	Di GMUR - Carol VAN RENSBURG	-0.76
85	Maurizio ROSCIANO - Leandro POLITANO	0.03	145	Linda TRENT - Brian TRENT	-0.77
86	Alessio CECCHI - Carlo DEGLI INNOCENTI	0.01	146	Nicole SCHULMANN - Jacques GONFREVILLE	-0.79
87	Himani KHANDELWAL - Rajeev KHANDELWAL	-0.01	147	Annamaria PIROVANO - Dino VIOTTI	-0.81
87	Alberto MASOLI - Carlo SIRCHI	-0.01	148	Ena CLEARY - Jeannie FITZGERALD	-0.84
87	Jeroo MANGO - B.n. PARASRAMPURIA	-0.01	149	Andrew CRUISE - Melvin CARVALHO	-0.96
90	Kypiacos PANAYIOTOU - Andreas PAVLOU	-0.02	150	Usha KOTHARI - Marianne KARMARKAR	-0.99
91	Mario D'AGOSTINO - Gaetano MASSA	-0.04	151	Cian HOLLAND - Gay KEAVENEY	-1.00
91	Gyorgy MARJAI - Ferenc ZOLD	-0.04	152	Maria Rosa STERZA - Roberto TOLUZZO	-1.01
93	Rena LORDOS - Frosso TILLYRIS	-0.05	153	Bodil FOSSAN - Vigdis MOEN	-1.04
94	G_VENKATESH - Krishna Kumar KANNINGAT	-0.06	154	Annette HENRY - Pamela NISBET	-1.09
95	Jean-Marc BOLOMEY - Guillaume FREJACQUES	-0.08	155	Gilda PENDER - Patricia KELLY	-1.14
95	Janice ANDERSON - Richard ANDERSON	-0.08	156	Iva CROMBERG - Susana PRADO	-1.20
95	Vincent VIDALAT - Simon POULAT	-0.08	157	Nadia BERTOCCHI - Elisabetta SIZZO	-1.23
98	Per JANSSON - Niclas JOHANSSON	-0.09	158	Dora DAVERONA - Sotos CHRISTOFIDES	-1.26
99	Anna BOZZO - Livia CIGNOLINI	-0.10	159	Sahar OUDA - Hans KREUNING	-1.41
99	Agnes TRIOMPHE - Isabelle MAGIS	-0.10	160	Tos McGEE - Antoinette MCGEE	-1.47
101	Alexandra BERTRAN - Paul WENS	-0.14	160	Luke GARDINER - Paul GOSNEY	-1.47
102	Marie-Claude GOUVERITH - Alain SAMY	-0.15	162	Vicki BENN - Gabi BENN-NISSAM	-1.50
102	Martine ROSSARD - Johanna RACZYNSKA	-0.15	163	Loukia TRIANTAFYLLI - Despina KANELLOPOULOU	-1.57
104	Eric DEBUS - Piet VANDEREET	-0.16	164	Khawar Saeed ANSARI - Saeed Hasan ANSARI	-1.72
105	Herman DRENKELFORD - Maarten SCHOLLAARDT	-0.19	165	Aldo CORRADO - Vincenzo CRISPO	-2.10
106	Gila EMODI - David BROWER	-0.20			

SENIOR PAIRS*After 4 Sessions*

Rank	Names	Total		Total	
1	Nico KLAVER - Roald RAMER	58.86	57	Werner SCHNEIDER - Robert KOCH	50.11
2	Entscho WLADOW - Reiner MARSAL	58.69	58	David A JACKSON - Pat BARRY	49.86
3	Fritz KUBAK - Alexander MILAVEC	56.68	59	Claire TORNAY - George TORNAY	49.79
4	Dano De FALCO - Guido RESTA	56.68	60	Harry Van De PEPPEL - Koos VRIEZE	49.65
5	Andrzej ALEKSANDRZAK - Antoni ZDZIENICKI	56.55	61	Jean-Claude PELLETIER - Jacqueline CASSIN	49.45
6	Marco RICCIARELLI - Franco BARONI	55.41	62	Giuseppe MONTANARI - Gianni BALBI	49.43
7	Jan ROGOWSKI - Jozef POCHRON	55.25	63	George BILSKI - Barry NOBLE	49.40
8	Krzysztof ANTAS - Tadeusz KACZANOWSKI	55.08	64	Tony WATERLOW - Paul D HACKETT	49.38
9	Hanspeter BOESIGER - Walter SPENGLER	54.96	65	Irmgard CHARLES - Darrell CHARLES	49.31
10	Ulrich KRATZ - Bernhard STRATER	54.54	66	Tor BAKKE - Jan TROLLVIK	49.16
11	Mario LUCCHESI - Paolo ROMANO	54.39	67	Beat SCHMID - Rolf WEINBERG	49.09
12	Robert SHEEHAN - Bill EISENBERG	54.39	68	Koeno BROUWER - Loek VERHEES SR	49.04
13	Nico DOREMANS - Jaap TROUWBORST	54.29	69	Vivian PRIDAY - Tony PRIDAY	48.93
14	Reese MILNER - Sam LEV	54.10	70	Nicola SMITH - Kitty TELTSCHER	48.87
15	Stefan CABAJ - Wlodzimierz ILNICKI	54.09	71	Rossana MAGLIONI - Alfredo GOLDSTAUB	48.80
16	Walter HOEGER - Stanislaus KOSIKOWSKI	54.08	72	Gordon LESSELLS - Aidan CLEARY	48.28
17	Victor MELMAN - Shalom ZELIGMAN	54.02	73	Claartje BAK - Inez Van EIJK	48.15
18	Gail GREENBERG - Jeff HAND	53.88	74	Ed SCHULTE - Diana HOLT	47.71
19	Paolo FARINA - Ruggero FILIPPINI	53.75	75	Andre GIGNAC - Serge CHEVALIER	47.50
20	Victor MARKOWICZ - Jerzy ZAREMBA	53.73	76	Wolfgang ACHTENBERG - Halit BIGAT	47.48
21	Wlodzimierz STOBIECKI - Jerzy RUSSYAN	53.54	77	Harriette BUCKMAN - Fred BUCKMAN	47.06
22	Giuseppe MASSAROLI - Amilcare POZZI	53.52	78	David LIGGAT - Roy BENNETT	47.03
23	Ezio FORNACIARI - Carlo MARIANI	53.48	79	Martin HOFFMAN - Ross HARPER	46.80
24	Merih TOKCAN - Faik FALAY	53.47	80	Carla SOLDATI - Giovanna FRANCESCONI	46.72
25	Lea DUPONT - Benito GAROZZO	53.38	81	Ursula FLEISCHMANN - Alfred FLEISCHMANN	46.38
26	Ali YALMAN - Ergun BANKOGLU	53.37	82	Fred MONDOR - Antoine DELCOURT	46.28
27	Ferruccio RAINIERI - Pierino DATO	53.32	83	Michael KOUMAS - Dimitris KALAVANAS	46.24
28	Lew FINKEL - John MOHAN	53.30	84	Charna HELLER - Lalit MOHAN	46.21
29	Kyoko OHNO - Akihiko YAMADA	53.17	85	Tony TURNAGE - John CRUICKSHANK	46.16
30	Wil BUKET - Ely SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER	53.05	86	Mauricio COLOMBO - Gianantonio CASTIGLIONI	46.16
31	DON STACK - Tom KNIEST	53.01	87	Ergun KORKUT - Orhan EKINCI	46.01
32	Hans HUMBURG - Goran MATTSSON	52.90	88	Salvatore LUCENO - Daniele SCHWARZ	45.91
33	Marinella CANESI - Franco CEDOLIN	52.75	89	Erik LUND - Niels Joergen TOBIASEN	45.67
34	Albert FAIGENBAUM - Romain ZALESKI	52.71	90	Vicky TELLIER - Michel TELLIER	45.63
35	Adalberto DALLACASAPICCOLA - Giovanni MACI	52.67	91	Lorenzo SAVELLI - Antonio VIVALDI	45.63
36	Wlodek BUZE - Zdzislaw KOWALEWSKI	52.60	92	Carlo LO CASCIO - Rita MARZANO	45.27
37	Mario BENBASSAT - Jacques DELORME	52.39	93	Max COPPOLANI - Claude PEYRONNIE	45.24
38	Julian KLUKOWSKI - Aleksander JEZIORO	52.33	94	Tommaso NACCA - Franco BOVE	44.93
39	Henryk KOSIANKO - Kazimierz PUCZYNSKI	52.33	95	Erwin OTVOSI - Marek BOREWICZ	44.80
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41	Shapour MOHTASHAMI - Jean-Michel RUNACHER	51.95	97	Sharon JABBOUR - Zeke JABBOUR	44.50
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56	Ranan RIMON - Raimo HONKAVUORI	50.21			

WBF Systems Committee

There will be a meeting of the WBF Systems Committee at 09.30 today in the WBF Meeting Room (Sala Mozart) on the first floor of the Verona Fiere.

Why University Bridge?

Did you visit the stand about University Bridge?

We invite all countries to send a maximum of two national teams to the 3rd FISU (International University Sport Federation) Championships in Tianjin (China) to be held from 21st to 27th October. A lot of countries have already registered, but many countries are still missing! It is not too late to enter via your National University Sport Federation!

The WBF is focusing on recruiting young players (see bulletin #4). FISU can certainly contribute towards this goal.

FISU recognized bridge as a sport in 2001. EUSA (European Universities Sport Association) is currently considering the recognition of bridge. In the event of such recognition, EUSA will inform all universities and high schools in Europe so that they can include bridge in the official sport programme of the university or high school. Then, bridge can be easily taught at universities, then many more university bridge clubs should be the result!!

Young players must not only find a sport attractive to learn, they must also like the spirit and the environment in which they will practice the sport, otherwise it is possible that they will stop playing after a while.

University Bridge offers a young and sporting environment, together with a university spirit. We try to establish an attractive environment for university students, for example:

- participation in international events
 - o FISU World Championships in the even-numbered years;
 - o In Europe a Bridge Cup Competition between universities in the odd-numbered years which reached 29 different universities in 2005 in Rotterdam;
- a private university Internet club for students on Bridge Base On-line (registration via www.unibridge.org)

- an Internet platform www.unibridge.org to exchange all information on university bridge;
- many other incentives, such as
 - o sport competitions, cultural visits and workshops during international events;
 - o the winner of the best played hand in Rotterdam has the chance to play a tournament with Zia Mahmood and Sabine Auken. Indeed, stars attract young people!! Thanks to Zia and Sabine!

But what will University Bridge offer for your Federation?

1. First of all, young members are essential for a normal sport-age pyramid. It will create member stability within your Federation.
2. The university can be a partner and a sponsor for your Federation. It will offer logistic and even financial support to teach bridge at universities and facilitate the creation of university bridge clubs where students find their own spirit.
3. The university students of today will be the managers of tomorrow. They will take responsibility within your Federation or may well become a future sponsor of our sport;
4. It will certainly contribute to a positive image of our sport, which is important for authorities to recognise and/or support and which is also necessary to be able to attract new young members.

To conclude, FISU is willing to support all initiatives from WBF and all federations to develop bridge at universities and high schools. Don't miss this chance! Don't hesitate to contact me to help you on this issue.

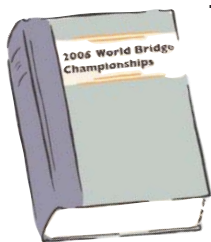
Thank you in advance! See you in Tianjin!

Geert Magerman

FISU Chairman Technical Committee Bridge

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World Championship Book 2006



The official book of these championships in Verona will be available before the end of the year at a price of US\$34. However, for those present in Verona, the book can be pre-ordered at the very special reduced price of US\$25 or 20 Euros, including surface mail to anywhere in the world (Airmail is extra).

To order and pay for your copy, please see Jan Swaan in the Press Room – go through the door marked Staff and Guests only, one floor down from the main playing area, and the Press Room is through the Bulletin Room. Please, when you fill in the form, write your name and address very clearly in capital letters, as every year I have to guess at several addresses.

The book will be 336 large pages, its usual size, and will include a full results listing and many photographs. There will be coverage of every championship, with the principal analysts being Eric Kokish and Brian Senior. Barry Rigal is taking a year off, but there will be one or two guest special contributors to look forward to.

OSSERVATORIO

All'inizio del terzo turno dei quarti Rosenblum la formazione americana di Welland e quella francese di Soulet erano praticamente pari (53 a 54). Dire che questo equilibrio non e' durato niente rende abbastanza l'idea.

Azione di disturbo

Board 1. Dich. Nord. Tutti in prima.

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Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Sussel	Martel	Soulet	Stansby
	Passo	1♠	2♦
3♠	Passo	4♣	Passo
4♦	Passo	4♠	Fine

Fermiamoci per un momento in questa sala dove le cose sembrano essere rimaste sotto controllo. Il contratto raggiunto da E/O e' normale, preceduto da un minimo di tentativo che si e' spento rapidamente appena Est ha sentito la presenza di valori a quadri nelle carte del compagno. Tornando un giro indietro, si puo' discutere sul mancato tentativo di Ovest di penalizzare le 2♦ avversarie, passando in attesa del contro di riapertura, ma il fit a picche e il basso livello devono averlo dissuaso. Stansby ha attaccato Re di fiori e Soulet ha preso con l'Asso e ha tirato 3 giri di cuori scartando la rimanente fiori del morto. Poi ha proseguito con fiori taglio e 7 di picche a girare, sulla piccola di Nord. 4♠ + 1. Il movimento e' venuto dall'altra sala dove la Gaviard, in Sud, ha elevato troppo il suo intervento a quadri, sbarrando a livello quattro e pagando 1100 per 5 down contrate.

Si fa?

Board 4. Dich. Ovest. Tutti in zona.

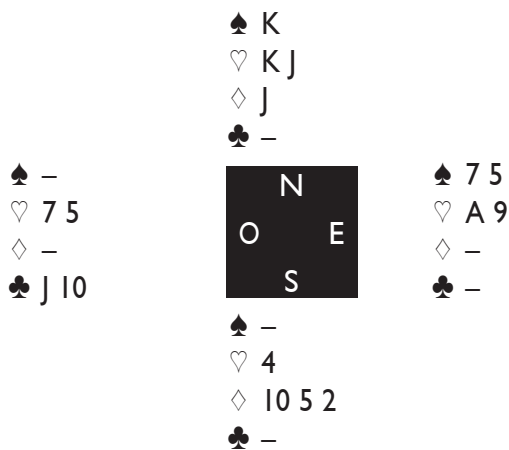
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Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Sussel	Martel	Soulet	Stansby
Passo	1♦	1♠	3♦
4♣	Passo	5♣	Fine

Essendo proibito per storia e attitudine transalpina un barrage con le carte di Ovest (che sarebbe obbligatorio per la maggior parte degli aggressivi di altre nazioni, alla faccia della quarta di cuori), la decisione di rientrare al secondo giro non ha impedito alla coppia francese di arrivare ad un contratto decente. Abbastanza piu' decente di quello raggiunto dagli omologhi della chiusa, 3SA, un down sull'attacco. Per battere 5♣, a carte viste dall'analista, ci vuole l'attacco di un onore di cuori a scelta, subito, immediato, diretto. Dopo e' gia' troppo tardi. Martel ha intavolato l'Asso di quadri e' tornato quadri per il Re del compagno che ha giocato fiori. Nel seguito il dichiarante ha tirato in testa le fiori finendo un down per una mano pari. Vediamo cosa succede se Sud, in presa con il Re di quadri, attenda le comunicazioni giocando cuori nella fourche per bruciare un ingresso e cercare di impedire l'incasso della picche affrancata. Cuori Dama, fiori Asso (un minimo di decenza!) picche impasse, Asso di picche, fiori impasse vedendo di restare al morto per giocare picche taglio, Asso di fiori. Siamo qui:



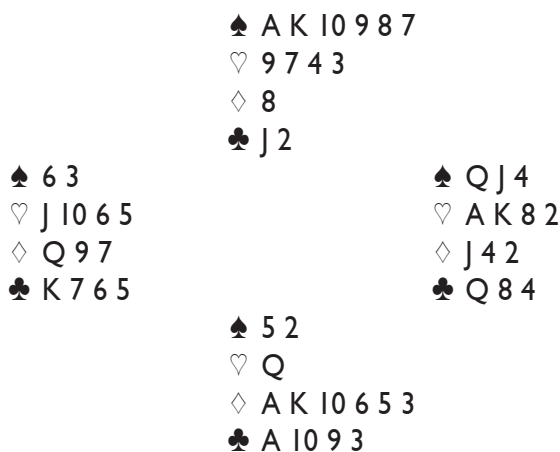
Chip Martel, USA



Tirate il Fante di fiori e Nord scartera' la quadri. Tirate anche il 10 di fiori e Nord imbussolera'.

A saperlo!

Board 6. Dich. Est. E/O in zona.



Ovest <i>Sussel</i>	Nord <i>Martel</i>	Est <i>Soulet</i>	Sud <i>Stansby</i>
		1♣	1♦
Contro	1♠	Passo	2♦
Passo	Passo	2♥	Passo
Passo	2♠	Fine	

Soulet, riaprendo una licita spenta a 2♦ ha rischiato in due maniere differenti, una costosa e l'altra costosissima. In effetti lui credeva di dover competere, non si aspettava che gli avversari, così remissivi, fossero in grado di allineare senza colpo ferire 4♠ (questa e' quella costosa). Per non parlare di un eventuale contro punitivo a 2♥. E' un massacro così composto: Asso Re di quadri (scartando fiori da Nord), quadri taglio, fiori per l'Asso, fiori taglio, Asso Re di picche e picche tagliata dalla Dama di Sud. Avete contato? 800, per 2♥ x -3! Hai capito le riapertura...



Championship Diary

Hans Werge rushed into the office sweating profusely. He complained that he had arrived at 09.31 to take the shuttle to the venue from his hotel, only to discover that it had already left, and had had to make his way on foot.

Of course, he had failed to realise that it was the 09.00 shuttle that had left – he wasn't late – he was early!

This is for our many (both of them) football fans. A bridge player noticed that his right hand opponent was looking at his cards. Luckily he had not finished sorting them, so he had 'peaked' too soon.

A charming young lady walked through the Bulletin Room and said 'Buongiorno.' Quick as a flash came the reply, 'Buongioryes!'

Mario Dix found a delightful restaurant in town and we asked him for directions. Tacchi interjected 'What's it called?' 'Well, it's not that difficult', said Mario, answering the previous question. 'Strange name for a restaurant', said Tacchi.

Only one day after winning a world title Janice Seamon-Molson put herself in line for an even greater prize, the Brent Manley award for being the first person to allow the Bulletin coffee machine to overflow. (The trophy is named after the Editor, the first holder of the trophy, who captured the title in Istanbul.)

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Comeback Time

by Brian Senior

Trailing by 34 IMPs to YADLIN going into the last 15-board segment of the Rosenblum semi-final, it had to be comeback time if the HENNER-WELLAND team was to make it to the final. With the other half of the family clearly doomed to lose the other semi-final, Christal Henner-Welland had an extra incentive to win to avoid a double disappointment on the same day.

It didn't start well for the US/Swedish combo as YADLIN picked up a partscore swing on the first board of the session to extend the lead to 39 IMPs. The second deal was flat, but then came just what the doctor ordered for HENNER-WELLAND.

Peter Fredin was in the same contract but from the other side of the table following a bidding sequence all of his own. Melih Ozdil led the queen of spades, ducked to Fredin's king, and Fredin led the jack of diamonds, Ozdil winning the ace, perforce. The defence cashed the spades now before exiting with a club. Fredin knew that West was six-four in the majors, and he might have played low on the lead of the diamond jack had he held a doubleton. Accordingly, he took the heart finesse then played to the nine of diamonds to bring home his contract. A very nicely played +600 and 14 IMPs to HENNER-WELLAND, closing to 82-107.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Bertheau	D. Yadlin	Nystrom	I. Yadlin
		Pass	1♦
1♥	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ozdil	Lindkvist	Ginossar	Fredin
		Pass	INT
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Both North/South pairs bid aggressively to the thin 3NT after West had shown his hearts, but from different sides. Fredrik Nystrom led the queen of clubs and Dorn Yadlin ducked, which appears to be an error. Nystrom switched to a low spade so that, although the king won the trick, the defence had established sufficient tricks to defeat the contract – win the first club and, though you still require the ace of spades to be onside, declarer can succeed if diamonds come in and the heart finesse wins. Yadlin played the king of diamonds to the ace and Peter Bertheau played the ♠Q, ♠J and ♠10 to Nystrom's ace. As dummy had thrown a club, Nystrom could now afford to play a club to the bare ace. Declarer cashed two diamonds then played the jack of hearts to the king and ace, cashed the ♥Q and conceded the rest for down three; –300.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	D. Yadlin	Nystrom	I. Yadlin
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ozdil	Lindkvist	Ginossar	Fredin
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Lindkvist/Fredin had a normal auction to the safe spade partscore. Ozdil led the king of clubs then switched to a trump for the queen and ace. Fredin gave up a club, after which the defenders failed to take their third club trick so came to only the ace of diamonds; +170.

Israel Yadlin picked a very bad time to bypass his four-card spade suit and a distinctly inferior partscore was reached. Nystrom led a low trump to declarer's queen and Doron returned the suit. Bertheau won and switched to the ten of hearts for the queen, king and ace and declarer drew the third round of trumps. It all came down to the spade guess now and Doron got it wrong, leading low to his jack. That lost and he had only seven tricks; down one for –50 and 6 IMPs to HENNER-WELLAND. The gap was closing at 88-107.

Five quiet boards saw the score move on by only 2 IMPs, in favour of HENNER-WELLAND, making it 90-107, when the next significant swing came along.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A 9 5 ♥ 10 8 6 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ K 9 8 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 4 2 ♥ A K Q 2 ♦ A 4 3 ♣ Q 10 2
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W E					
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West	North	East	South
Bertheau	D. Yadlin	Nystrom	I. Yadlin
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
	1♦	INT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Ozdil	Lindkvist	Ginossar	Fredin
	Pass	1♣	All Pass

Nystrom opened a strong club and Israel doubled 1♦, spades and diamonds or hearts and clubs. One Diamond was pass or correct, and Nystrom showed his strong no trump type, ending the auction. Israel led a heart to the ten and king. Nystrom led a low diamond to the ten and Doron won. With the spades well placed for declarer, ducking would not have helped. He returned a heart to declarer's ace and Nystrom cashed the ♦A, ♥Q, and the rest of the diamonds, after which the defence took the remainder; +90.



Yadlin – Welland, Rosenblum play-off

In the other room, Eldad Ginossar's 1♣ opening was either natural or balanced and it ended the auction, leaving him to play a rather unattractive contract. Ginossar won the heart lead and played three more rounds of the suit, ruffing the fourth round and being over-ruffed. Magnus Lindkvist led a club to Fredin's jack and Fredin switched to a low spade for the eight, nine and king. Ginossar now led a spade back and guessed wrongly, putting up the queen and losing to the ace. Fredin played ace and another trump, after which Lindkvist played a low diamond through. Ginossar went wrong again by putting up the ace and was two down for -200 and 7 IMPs to HENNER-WELLAND. With five deals to play, they were only a game swing behind at 97-107.

After two partscore deals, HENNER-WELLAND had added 1 IMP to trail by 98-107, then:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Bertheau	D. Yadlin	Nystrom	I. Yadlin
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♦	Pass	2♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Ozdil	Lindkvist	Ginossar	Fredin
Pass	Pass	2♥	Dble
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Ginossar's weak opening was raised to game by Ozdil and now Fredin was pretty much committed to bidding out his hand. Ozdil led the queen of clubs against 4♠ and Ginossar ducked. In the fullness of time the defence came to a spade, a diamond and two clubs for down one; -100.

Nystrom's one-level opening put less momentum into the auction. Bertheau showed a constructive heart raise and Nystrom signed off in 2♥. Now many would have thought 2♠ to be sufficient on the South cards but Israel jumped to show the strong jump overcall and Doron raised him to game. Bertheau was prepared to trust his partner to have some defence, even for a favourable vulnerability third-seat opening, so doubled. He too led the queen of clubs and the play went as at the other table for down one and 3 IMPs to HENNER-WELLAND, only 6 IMPs down at 101-107.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	D. Yadlin	Nystrom	I. Yadlin
	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ozdil	Lindkvist	Ginossar	Fredin
	1♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

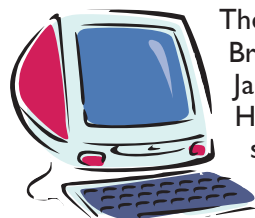
Doron opened 2NT then denied a four- or five-card major, and Israel invited slam. Doron had tricks but was very minimum in high-card terms so judged to pass. Sitting behind dummy, I thought that they had got lucky when the four-zero club split came to light after the spade lead to dummy's ace. Had declarer had a fifth major-suit card, I would have been

correct as there would have been a club and a spade to lose in 6♣. But on the actual deal the spade loser goes away on the third heart, so 6♣/♦ is quite cold. Doron took his eleven tricks for +660 and hoped his opponents would be in the fair grand slam at the other table.

Fredin made a mildly aggressive response at the other table, after which clubs were agreed and there was an exchange of cuebids. Lindkvist suggested seven, but Fredin had nothing more to say and the Swedes stopped safely in the small slam. With just a trump to lose, that was worth +1370 and 12 IMPs to HENNER-WELLAND.

This deal was the match-breaker. There was no swing on the final, partscore, deal, so HENNER-WELLAND had come back to win by 113-107, having kept their opponents scoreless for the last 14 deals.

World Computer-Bridge Championship



The 10th annual World Computer-Bridge concluded on Wednesday with Jack (Netherlands), developed by Hans Kuijf, outclassing the field of seven robots from around the world.

In the final, a 64-board match, Jack defeated Micro Bridge (Japan), 217-54.

The semi-final losers were Wbridge 5 (France), last year's champion, and Q-Plus Bridge (Germany).

The computer-bridge tournament was suggested by the late Alan Truscott, bridge editor of The New York Times, and has been organized and promoted by American Al Levy, a member of the American Contract Bridge League board of directors and former ACBL president.

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brooches and exclusive art items. The exhibition has met with great interest and is open every day until 24th June.

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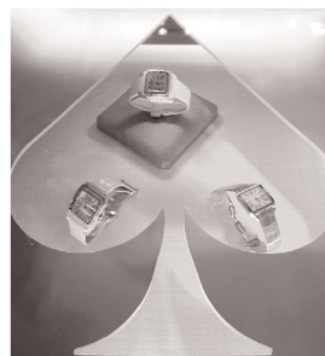
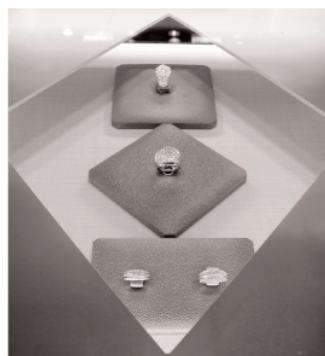
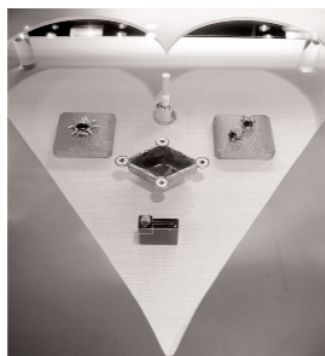
Continua con successo la mostra "il gioco e la fortuna" presso la Boutique Cartier di Via Mazzini 37.

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Orologi, collier, gioielli preziosi che richiamano il mondo del gioco e della fortuna, come le coccinelle di platino, diamanti, corallo da usare come spille ed esclusivi oggetti d'arte. Accolta con grande interesse, la mostra è aperta tutti i giorni e proseguirà sino al 24 giugno.



Final – Session 3

McConnell Cup

All the Players were Valiant

by Mark Horton

There were swings a plenty in the third session of the McConnell final, as the teams battled for supremacy. (Many thanks to Janice Seamon-Molson for providing bidding and play records from the Closed Room.)

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Meyers	Gromova	Levin
Pass	2♦	2♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Dble
			All Pass

The defence started with three rounds of clubs, North ruffing and switching to the jack of hearts. With both red suit finesses working the contract rolled home, +420.



Victoria Gromova, Russia

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West	North	East	South
Stansby	Sokolow	Rosenberg	Seamon-Molson
Pass	2♥*	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		Pass

2♥ Both majors, 4-9

South led a club and the defenders took the first five tricks and switched to a diamond. Declarer put up the ace and took the heart finesse; -50 – a loss of 10 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Meyers	Gromova	Levin
3♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♥	Dble
		5♦	All Pass

North led the ten of hearts and declarer won in dummy and played a club. The contract was in no danger as one club ruff was assured and when South, hoping that West might be without the king of spades discarded two of them giving declarer an overtrick; +620.

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West	North	East	South
Stansby	Sokolow	Rosenberg	Seamon-Molson
2♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass	3♥	Pass

North led a club and the defenders cashed six tricks for -200 and 13 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Levin</i>
Pass	1♦	2♦	3♦
4♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♠	6♦	All Pass	

South had the right cards to justify North's brave decision to go on to Six Diamonds, but East led the ace of clubs and continued the suit. West ruffed and played the seven of hearts and declarer refused the finesse; two down for -200.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
4♠	5♦	All Pass	INT



Jill Levin, USA

Here East led her singleton heart; twelve tricks for +620 and another 13 IMPs.

Steiner was building up a significant lead, but their opponents were not done yet, picking up a somewhat fortuitous swing on the next deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Levin</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the five of diamonds and declarer put up dummy's ace and played the ten of hearts. When East played the jack the defenders had lost all hope of defeating the contract. West took declarer's queen with the ace and returned the ten of clubs. East won and tried a hopeful king of diamonds.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dble	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♦*	Dble*	4♠
All Pass			

- 2♣ Transfer, game interest
- 2♦ Extra values
- Dble Don't lead diamonds

The precise meaning of North's Three Diamonds is, according to her partner, unclear, but it did not affect South's decision to bid game.

West led the ten of clubs and East ducked. (The only genuine winning defence is to take the ace of clubs and play three rounds of hearts - West having to take the ace of hearts even if South refuses to cover the jack of hearts - not at all easy to see.) The threat of a club ruff meant declarer had to draw trumps and after three rounds of spades she played a club. East took the ace and played the king of hearts. The heart position was such that the contract was secure, but declarer inadvertently played the eight of hearts on this trick and could not recover. West won the next heart trick and played a dia-

mond. Declarer made a desperate attempt to recover by finessing, but when that lost she had to go two down; -100 and 11 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

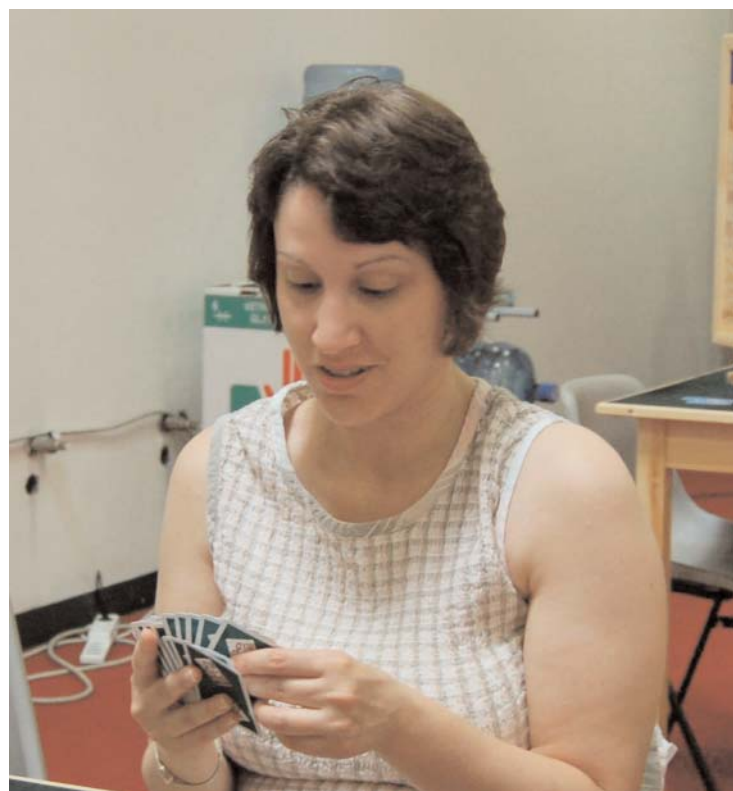
♠ K 9 6 4 3		♠ Q 8 5
♥ K J 3		♥ A 4
♦ J 6 4 3		♦ 7 5 2
♣ Q		♣ K J 10 8 6
♠ J 10		♠ A 7 2
♥ 10 6 5 2		♥ Q 9 8 7
♦ A K Q 8		♦ 10 9
♣ A 5 4		♣ 9 7 3 2



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Levin</i>
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2NT	Pass

South led the seven of hearts to the king and ace and declarer now made the surprising play of running the jack of clubs. North won and switched to the four of spades. South took the ace and returned the suit but when North ducked the defenders had missed their chance to cash out and declarer had survived; +600.



Debbie Rosenberg, USA

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West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
1♦	1♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	All Pass	2♣	2♠

The defenders took two spades and a heart; -130, but recovered virtually all the points they had lost on the previous deal.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Levin</i>
2♣	2♥	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		Pass

North led the three of diamonds and declarer played low from dummy, South winning with the nine and switching to the seven of hearts. North won with the king and switched back to diamonds. Declarer put up dummy's king and when that held she must have had high hopes. They were dashed when North discarded the four of hearts on the second club, so declarer now had to rely on the spade suit. Naturally she finessed on the second round, so she finished three down for -150.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
1♣	1♥	1♠	Pass
3♣	3♥	3♠	2♥
4♠	All Pass		Pass

South led the queen of diamonds and North put up the ace and cashed a top heart - an immediate club switch would have been only slightly more testing - before switching to a club. Declarer won in dummy, cashed the king and ace of spades and took the ruffing heart finesse for eleven tricks; +450 and 12 IMPs.

Steiner had won the set 57-30 and would go into the last set with a healthy, but far from decisive, lead.

Final – Session 4

McConnell Cup

Final Countdown

by Mark Horton

Although Steiner was 18 IMPs ahead, with fifteen deals still to go the question of who would become the new owners of the McConnell Trophy was clearly in doubt.

After the dramas of the previous session the bridge gods relented and delivered a much calmer set of boards.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
	1♠	2♦	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

North led the ten of clubs and dummy's jack took the trick. A low diamond went to declarer's queen and when she saw North's jack she abandoned the suit, running the jack of spades and then exiting with a heart. North won, exited with a club, won the next heart with the ace and played a spade. On this trick South inexplicably discarded the ten of hearts so declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and exited with a diamond. South could take her red suit winners but then had to give declarer the last two; +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Solow</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
	1♠	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Knowing she had the diamonds under control South doubled, not worrying about her singleton spade. North led the jack of diamonds and South won with the king and switched to the four of hearts. North won with the jack, cashed the ace and played the queen. Four heart tricks meant one down and in the fullness of time North took a trick with the queen of spades; +300 and 9 IMPs.

Both sides did well to reach game on this deal – it was missed at three of the four tables in the Rosenblum.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
Pass	1♦	Dble	1♥
Pass	2♦	2♠	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

This 'old fashioned' auction saw East show a powerful hand and with four-card support West did not hesitate to raise.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Solow</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♦	Dble	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

This 'modern auction' saw East show significant extras at her second turn – no swing.

Steiner was maintaining her lead and with time running out there was finally a swing in favour of the chasing team:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

North led the eight of hearts and declarer played three rounds of the suit, discarding a club. She continued with ace of diamond and a diamond, covered by the jack, queen and king. North found the essential switch to a club, but she chose the king rather than a small one. (On a small club South wins and switches to the jack of hearts.) When the king held North played a diamond and South ruffed and played the jack of hearts. If declarer discards a diamond on this trick the friendly spade position will lead to eight tricks, but she ruffed with the eight and North overruffed and played a club. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a club with the king of spades and ruffed a club. That was seven tricks, but the defenders had the last two for -100.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Sololow</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	All Pass

South led the jack of diamonds, picking up the trump suit for declarer, who followed three rounds of diamonds with three top hearts for a club discard. The favourable spade position meant eleven tricks, +150 and 6 IMPs.

However, those points were soon recovered:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
Pass	3♠	All Pass	1♠

West led the seven of clubs and declarer won in hand with the jack, crossed to the ace of clubs and played a spade to the

king. She discarded a heart on the king of clubs and ruffed a club. East overruffed and declarer still had to score two hearts, one diamond and a trump for down one; -50.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Sololow</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
2NT	3♠	All Pass	

The play to the first three tricks was identical but then declarer played a second spade. The 2-2 break meant she lost only three more tricks; +140 and 5 IMPs.

The outcome was finally put beyond doubt on the penultimate deal:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	7♣
			All Pass

You would certainly not mind reaching this grand slam, but the cruel 4-0 trump break was a killer; -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Sololow</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
	2NT	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
			All Pass

A comfortable +1370, 16 IMPs - and a World title!

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Final – Session 1

Rosenblum Cup

Going For Gold

by Brent Manley

Until this tournament, no team had made it to the final of the Rosenblum Cup with a female member. This year, the two teams in the final were both captained by women – Rose Meltzer and Christal Henner-Welland.

They were at the same table for the opening set, taken by Meltzer 36-20.

In the early going, it was quiet with relatively few IMPs changing hands. After eight boards, in fact, the score was 8-1 in favor of Meltzer, most of them involving overtricks and undertricks.

This deal helped Meltzer to 3 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Helness	Bertheau	Helgemo
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
All Pass			3NT

Peter Bertheau started with a heart to the queen. Tor Helness won the ace the rattled off five rounds of clubs, followed by a low diamond from dummy. There was just a small pause before Helness put up the ♦A and he was soon two down for Minus 200.

West	North	East	South
Meltzer	Jacobus	Larsen	Henner-Welland
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

Kyle Larsen also started with a low heart, taken by Marc Jacobus with the ace. He, too, played five rounds of clubs, but instead of cashing out, Jacobus ran the ♦J to Larsen's king. East and West had had ample opportunity to exchange signals, and they did not err at that point. Larsen cashed the ♠A (he had unblocked the 10 earlier) and played another spade to Meltzer's king. She cashed a long spade then pushed a heart through declarer's doubleton jack. There were no more tricks for declarer – Minus 300 and 3 IMPs to Meltzer.

Henner took the lead on the following deal.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Helness	Bertheau	Helgemo
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
	5♠	All Pass	

Note that the strain that Helgemo and Helness agreed to play in was not mentioned until the final bid of the auction. Over Helgemo's transfer, Helness showed a good hand with a spade fit and a doubleton club. After Helgemo showed diamond shortage, Helness might have been wary of the duplication, but he cooperated with a cuebid in hearts. When Helgemo bid diamonds again, presumably showing a void, Helness had to quit at the five level because it was apparent neither had a club control. This was obvious to the defenders as well, and Bertheau started with the ♣A, dropping Fredrik Nystrom's singleton king. Nystrom ruffed the second club with the ♠K. It didn't matter at that point what Nystrom returned – Bertheau had a natural trump trick for one down.



Tor Helness, Norway

West	North	East	South
Meltzer	Jacobus	Larsen	Henner-Welland
	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The defense was the same, but Jacobus and Henner-Welland were one level lower. Plus 420 was good for a 10-IMP gain for Henner.

The Henner lead did not last long. The next board produced a push, but then there was this deal.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Helness	Bertheau	Helgemo
			INT
2♦	Dble	3♥	3♠
Pass	3NT	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

On the bidding and the likely lead of a low heart, Helgemo probably would have made 3NT, but the issue was made academic when Bertheau put his neck in the guillotine with a bid of 4♥. Helgemo was only too happy to let loose the blade.

Helgemo started with the ♠A, switching to the ♥6 at trick two. Bertheau guessed correctly to play low. Helness won the ♥A and returned a heart to the queen and king. Bertheau ruffed a low diamond with his last trump, ruffed a spade and picked up Helness' last trump, but the tricks just weren't there. Bertheau ended three down for Minus 500.

West	North	East	South
Meltzer	Jacobus	Larsen	Henner-Welland
			1♦
1♥	INT	2♥	2NT
3♥	All Pass		

Meltzer was also in an impossible contract, but she was one level lower and not doubled. Jacobus led a spade to Henner-Welland's 10. The low heart switch went to the ace, and Meltzer played the 10 on the heart return, taking the queen with the king. Meltzer ruffed a diamond in dummy and played a low club to the queen and Jacobus' king. There was no way to take more than seven tricks – two down, Minus 100 but a 9-IMP gain.

Board 13 produced a swing for Henner.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Helness	Bertheau	Helgemo
	Pass	Pass	INT
2♣	3NT	All Pass	

Nystrom showed the majors with his 2♣ bid. Against 3NT, Nystrom led the ♥6, a good start for Helgemo, who let it run to his 9. He played the ♦10 from hand, taken perforce by Nystrom with the ace. Nystrom switched to a spade – 5, queen, ace.

Another diamond revealed the bad break in that suit, so Helgemo won the king in dummy and ran the ♣9 to Nystrom's jack. A spade to dummy's king cleared the suit, and when Helgemo played a club to his queen, Nystrom won the king and cashed three spades for two down.

West	North	East	South
Meltzer	Jacobus	Larsen	Henner-Welland
			1♣
2♣	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Meltzer's Michaels cuebid effectively took North/South out of the auction despite their 23 high-card points.



Meltzer – Welland on VuGraph

Henner-Welland started with the $\diamond 9$ to the ace. When Larsen played a low heart from dummy, Jacobus inserted the 10 and switched to a low trump. Henner-Welland won the ace and returned a spade to North's king. A club to the ace put Henner-Welland in again, and she got out with a trump. Jacobus did well to go one down. Combined with the minus for Meltzer at the other table, that was 7 IMPs to Henner.

Helgemo judged well on the next deal in a highly competitive auction.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 9 7 6 4 \heartsuit 3 \diamond J 8 2 \clubsuit J 8 7 6 2</p>	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>\spadesuit J 8 3 \heartsuit K J 10 8 6 2 \diamond 7 6 5 \clubsuit 3</p>	<p>\spadesuit A K Q 10 5 \heartsuit – \diamond A K 10 9 4 \clubsuit 10 9 5</p>
N						
W E						
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West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Helness	Bertheau	Helgemo
4 \heartsuit	4 \spadesuit	2 \heartsuit	4 \diamond
5 \heartsuit	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Helgemo considered his next move for a long time after Nystrom went to 5 \heartsuit (a good save – 4 \spadesuit was cold). Helgemo eventually pulled out the red card and quickly cashed two diamonds and a spade.



Fredrik Nystrom, Sweden

West	North	East	South
Meltzer	Jacobus	Larsen	Henner-Welland
3 \clubsuit	Pass	2 \heartsuit	Dble
4 \heartsuit	4 \spadesuit	3 \heartsuit	3 \spadesuit
5 \heartsuit	5 \spadesuit	Pass	Pass
		All Pass	

It's likely Jacobus did not count Meltzer for only four clubs for her lead-directing 3 \clubsuit bid, so it was not unreasonable for him to envision club shortness (or perhaps a stronger holding than three to the 10, given the strong bidding), so he took the push. The defense could not be denied three club tricks, so the contract was one down.

The final swing for Meltzer was a big one and again involved good judgment by the Norwegians despite a barrage from the opponents.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 9 7 5 2 \heartsuit K 5 4 \diamond A J 3 \clubsuit J 10 7</p>	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>\spadesuit K 8 3 \heartsuit 8 \diamond K Q 10 7 5 4 2 \clubsuit K 2</p>	<p>\spadesuit Q J 10 6 \heartsuit Q J 10 7 6 3 2 \diamond – \clubsuit 8 5</p>
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Helness	Bertheau	Helgemo
Pass	3 \heartsuit	4 \heartsuit	INT
5 \heartsuit	Pass	Pass	5 \clubsuit
Pass	6 \diamond	All Pass	6 \clubsuit

The vulnerable slam could not be defeated. Bertheau started with the $\spadesuit Q$, taken in dummy. Helness played a diamond to the king, then returned to dummy for another diamond lead – Plus 1370. The Swedes could have saved at 6 \heartsuit to salvage a few IMPs, but if Helgemo and Helness took the maximum ($\spadesuit A$, spade to the king, spade ruff, $\heartsuit A$ and two clubs) that would be five down and Minus 1100, saving only 1 IMP compared to what happened at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Meltzer	Jacobus	Larsen	Henner-Welland
Pass	1 \diamond	4 \heartsuit	1 \clubsuit
Pass	5 \diamond	Pass	Pass
5 \heartsuit	Dble	All Pass	

Henner-Welland and Jacobus did not get the maximum on defense. She started with a low diamond, and Larsen took the ace to discard one of his losing clubs. Now a heart went to the king, and Henner-Welland had another chance for a spade ruff. No doubt envisioning a strong spade holding for East, she exited with a second diamond. Now declarer had only two spades to lose for two down and Minus 300, a 14-IMP gain for Meltzer.

Appreciation

Gunnar Hallberg was the victim on this deal from the first session of the IMP Pairs on Wednesday, but he appreciated his opponent's deviousness so much that he felt compelled to report it. Hallberg was North.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A Q J 2 ♥ Q J ♦ 10 5 2 ♣ A K 9 7	N W E S	♠ K 9 5 ♥ A K 10 8 7 ♦ Q 6 ♣ J 6 3	♠ 8 7 6 4 3 ♥ 9 6 5 ♦ 3 ♣ Q 8 5 4
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West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ♦3, which Hallberg won in dummy. Hallberg tried to reason why West would double out of the blue. Was it a trump stack? A trump void?

After some thought, he played a low heart from dummy, and the queen appeared from West. Expecting East to show out, Hallberg was surprised when East followed. Still thinking there was some kind of trump stack out against him, Hallberg played a low spade from hand, planning to ruff at least one spade.

West won the spade and played a diamond, ruffed by East. Hallberg finished two down when, on the lead he got, he could have made two doubled overtricks.

He could only laugh about it and credit West with a clever plot. "He knew what he was doing," said Hallberg.



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Fiona's Feat

This deal comes from an event long past – the Mixed Pairs – but it is so good it is worth it anyway. The heroine was Fiona Brown of Australia, playing with Ireland's Hugh McGann.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K 5 ♥ A ♦ J 10 9 8 6 4 2 ♣ A 7 3	N W E S	♠ 6 2 ♥ Q J 9 2 ♦ A 7 ♣ K 8 6 4 2	♠ J 10 8 4 ♥ K 10 8 6 ♦ K Q 5 ♣ J 9
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West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	2♦
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Instead of leading a spade, Brown hit on the killing lead of a low club, which declarer ducked. McGann won the king and returned the suit. Declarer did well to win the ace at trick two, leaving the suit blocked. Declarer played a diamond from dummy, ducked by McGann, and when East continued with the other high diamond from hand, Fiona discarded the blocking ♣10 and the contract was two down for a great score for North/South.

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