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18.00 - 19.30	Round 10





A View from the Bridge

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Turning to the bridge, in the Mixed Teams Championship the 87 squads will start today dreaming of being one of the sixteen who will qualify for the knock out stage. Amidst the breathtaking scenery, it would be easy to forget that the championships got under way yesterday. So far the designation of the tournament is brought home by the fact that eight of the top ten teams in the Mixed are transnational, with only squads from Italy and China breaking the mould. WWW Guts Com lead the way followed by Breno, Valio, Gunsmoke & Stabell.







MURDER IN THREE ACTS

by Mark Horton

In 2014 Tromsø played host to the Chess Olympiad, marking the event with a poster campaign, 'Where Great Minds Meet'.

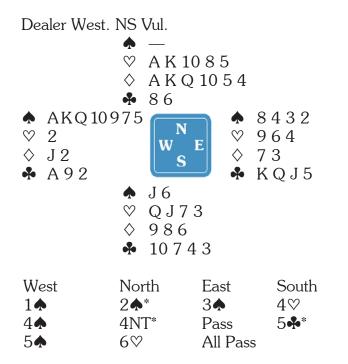
It is not too difficult to find specific analogies between bridge and chess. In both it is easy to overlook the need for thought that is required in what appears to be a simple position.

Chess is famous for being divided into three parts, the Opening, the Middlegame and the Endgame. It occurred to me that Bridge could be thought of in the same way.

For a chessplayer the opening phase of the game can lead to the development of many spectacular innovations - nowadays many of these are discovered not by burning the midnight oil, but by asking a computer to delve into the inner secrets of a position.

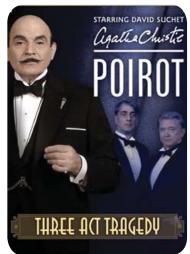
The bridge equivalent is the bidding phase of the game. Fertile minds are continually investigating not only new systems, but also looking for conventions that might confer some advantage, however slight, on its exponent.

Here is one such idea - not new, but certainly worthy of consideration if it is not already part of your arsenal.



On this deal (recently reported by Andrew Robson in The Times) from a Gold Cup match, North succeeded in lulling West into a false sense of security by using Blackwood, implying that his hand would not contain a void.

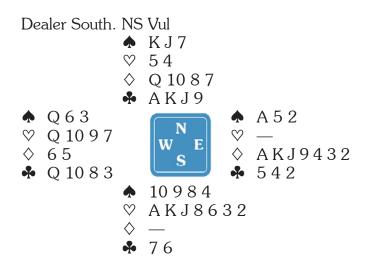
Imagining his aces would cash, West gave no thought to sacrificing and when he led the ace of spades declarer was soon claiming his doubled slam.



One way for EW to avoid this catastrophe would be for East to bid 3⁴ rather than 3⁴. Another (and this is where a conventional idea might come in useful) would be for East to double 4NT, which would ask for the lead of the lowest unbid suit.

Once the opening (and the bidding) are over we move on to the next stage, the middlegame. In bridge terms this equates to the period where the declarer prepares for one of the many possible endgames that can arise.

This deal, which provides the inspiration for my title (along with an Agatha Christie drama featuring Hercule Poirot playing David Suchet) was, coincidentaly, reported by Robson's partner, Tony Forrester, in the Daily Telegraph just three days earlier.



The first act of the tragedy came in the bidding phase.

West	North	East	South
			$4 \heartsuit$
Pass	Pass	$5\diamond$	Pass
Pass	$5 \heartsuit$	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	All Pass	

Who knows what demons persuaded North to bid $5\heartsuit$ rather than double $5\diamondsuit$ and then to redouble?

West led the six of diamonds and declarer ruffed and cashed a top trump. When East not unexpectedly discarded a diamond declarer played the nine of spades and overtook it with dummy's jack. East took it with the ace and returned a spade to the ten, queen and king.

Declarer continued the middlegame by ruffing a diamond, and followed it with three rounds of clubs, ruffing, and then played the carefully preserved four of spades to dummy's seven.

This was the position:

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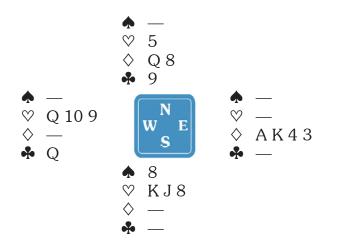
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Declarer ruffed dummy's remaining club and exited with the eight of spades, forcing West to ruff and lead into the \heartsuit KJ.

A beautiful endgame, I'm sure you will agree.

However, I promised you three acts, so let's rewind to the point where declarer played dummy's jack of spades.

Tragically, all East had to do was duck.

Then it is impossible for declarer to reach the desired ending. For example, if declarer ruffs a diamond, plays three rounds of clubs and then runs the ten of spades East wins and plays a third diamond. Now West ruffs and exits with a club, ensuring another trump trick.

Where then is the third act?

All declarer had to do was contribute dummy's seven of spades on the nine.

If East ducks, declarer plays a second spade to dummy's jack. If East wins that declarer can reduce his trumps as previously described, so East must again withhold the ace.

That prevents the trump reduction, but declarer ruffs a diamond and plays a club to the jack. After two top clubs pitching a spade, declarer ruffs a club and exits with a spade. East wins and plays a diamond, but declarer ruffs with the eight of hearts after overruffing, West must lead into the trump tenace.





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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

While most of us were on route to Tromsø the Norway Chess 2015 tournament was coming to a conclusion. It was noteworthy for many reasons, not least because of the poor form of the World Champion, Magnus Carlsen, who lost four games. The first of these came about in Round 1 where, with an overwhelming position, Magnus overstepped the time limit.

That game, like all the other at the tournament was subjected to an intense amount of computer analysis, allowing the commentators to point out what the players had missed.

You will understand that the computer is allseeing and will suggest moves that will escape the attention of even the most powerful human players.

The situation is not so different in bridge - programmes such as Deep Finesse will see all the ways in which to make or break a contract. As a journalist what you have to do is consider whether or not a player could have been expected to see the possibilities.

In Chess, old pre-computer games are constantly being re-evaluated and it is possible to do the same in bridge.

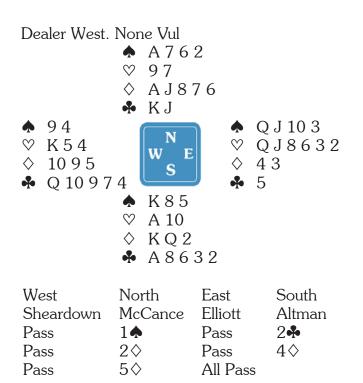
A project gave me cause to examine the deals played at the Third World Bridge Team Olympiad in Deauville in June 1968.

It was bordering on the miraculous that the Olympiad took place at all. That it could overcome nationwide strikes in France which affected not only industry, but also communications and transport, was a testament to the organisational skill of the French Bridge Federation.

Less than ten days before the scheduled starting date of June 5, no planes were landing in Paris, and there were barricades in the streets. Conditions in France were chaotic.

Remarkably, most of the teams managed to arrive.

When Australia met Canada in Round 14, the team from the Southern Hemisphere made a significant gain on this deal.



North's One Spade was the start of a canapéstyle sequence and South's Four Diamonds was forcing.

East led his club and declarer took West's queen with the king, drew trumps and unblocked the jack of clubs.

He ducked a spade to West, won the club return with dummy's ace, and ruffed a club. There was no squeeze, so declarer was +400.

West	North	East	South
Cummings	Murray	Seres	Kehela
Pass	$1\diamond$	$1\heartsuit$	2♡*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3•
Pass	3�	Pass	3♡
Double	4•	Pass	$4\diamond$
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♡	Pass	6◊
All Pass			

Here the more natural opening bid gave East a chance to throw in an overcall after which the Canadian pair propelled themselves to the diamond slam.

Play developed along similar lines to those at the other table, declarer winning the club lead, drawing trumps, unblocking clubs and ducking a spade.

In due course declarer had to concede a second trick, -50 and 10 IMPs to Australia.

According to the tournament book it was 'A not unreasonable contract, played to the best advantage, seemingly lacking the necessary bit of luck to come home.

The combination of East's overcall, West's double of three hearts and the play to trick one make it clear that East has overcalled on a modest collection of high cards and is therefore likely to have a little distribution to offset the lack of points.

Suppose after winning the club lead declarer draws only two rounds of trumps, with the king and jack, unblocks the jack of clubs and then plays three rounds of spades. East has to win and cannot prevent declarer from ruffing a spade in dummy, the losing heart being discarded on the ace of clubs.

If East leads a heart at trick one declarer has to win, take a club finesse, draw two rounds of trumps, unblock the clubs, play a spade to the king, discard a club on the ace of hearts and then play two more rounds of spades.

Perhaps the necessary bit of luck was present after all?

In the same tournament this deal from Belgium v USA also caught my eye, not least because it features a rare miss by the legendary Edgar Kaplan:

 ▲ A 10 5 4 ♡ 10 8 7 6 ◇ J ♣ 8 4 2 	 ▲ K Q 7 ◇ Q ◇ K Q 9 ◆ K 10 5 2 	53 ♦ J ♥ A ♦ A ♥ Q	K 5 4 3 10 8 6 J 6
West Robinson Pass 2♡ 3♡	North Polak 1◊ 3◊ All Pass	East Jordan 1♡ Double	South Rubin 2♣ Pass

I can't tell you the motivation behind South's whimsical entry into the auction or explain North's failure to raise. Remember it was 1968.

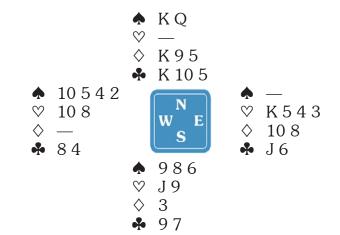
South led the seven of diamonds and declarer won with the ace, cashed the ace of hearts and ruffed a diamond. A trump to the king saw North discard a club. A diamond ruff was followed by a club, South taking the queen with the ace and cashing the last trump. He exited with a club and North won and cashed the king of diamonds, declarer claiming the rest, +140.

West	North	East	South
Monk	Kay	Silberwa	sserKaplan
Pass	$1\diamond$	$1\heartsuit$	Pass
$2 \heartsuit$	Pass	$4 \heartsuit$	All Pass

The stakes were higher this time.

As before, South led a diamond, for the queen and ace. Declarer ruffed a diamond and rather than play a club came to hand with a trump, collecting North's queen. He played a spade to dummy's ace and a club to the queen and ace. South returned a spade and declarer ruffed, ruffed a diamond and played a club. North won and played a third club, but declarer won and played his last diamond, leaving South with no good move. +620 and 10 IMPs to Belgium.

This was the position after South had won a trick with the ace of clubs:



If South exits with the jack of hearts, declarer cannot avoid the loss of three more tricks. Even Homer nods.



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MAHAFFEY VS CASINO FLOOR

by **David Bird**

What do I look for in a match report? Big hands or 'extremely interesting' $2\diamond$ contracts? It's a close decision for some writers but on this occasion I will go for the big hands.

Board 1 Deal	ler North Nei	ther Vul.
	♠ J 2	
	♡KQ963	
	♦ A K	
	🗣 J 9 6 4	
	N K Q 4 3 ♦ A K Q 4 3 ◊ J 5 2 ◊ 10 7 6 3 ♠ A	 ▲ 10 8 7 6 5 ♡ 4 ◊ J 8 5 2 ♣ K Q 10

Open Koom			
West	North	East	South
Hoftaniska	Lev	Bertheau	Levitina
	$1\heartsuit$	Pass	1
Pass	2	Pass	$2\diamond$
Pass	2NT	Pass	$4 \heartsuit$
All Pass			

It's a good slam if hearts are 3-2. On a club lead, you win and play a trump to the king, then a trump to the jack. If the defenders take the trump ace, you still have protection in clubs. If they don't, you switch to spades.

It was difficult to reach a slam with these values, and East led a diamond against $4 \heartsuit$. Sam Lev won the $\diamondsuit Q$ with the $\diamondsuit A$ and played the queen of trumps and a trump to the jack, both ducked. West won a third round of trumps and returned the $\clubsuit 9$, hoping to break communications. Declarer won with the $\bigstar J$ and drew the last trump; East, meanwhile had thrown the $\clubsuit 10$ and $\clubsuit Q$. Lev crossed to the $\clubsuit A$, bringing down the king. He returned to his hand with the $\diamondsuit K$ and played his last trump. Twelve tricks were then claimed on a spade-diamond squeeze against East. No use was made of the $\clubsuit J-9$, which had become good.

At the other table a more penetrating $\clubsuit K$ was led against $4\heartsuit$ and only ten tricks were made.



Thor Erik Hoftaniska, team Casino Floor

There was excellent play at both tables on this board:

Board 5 Dea	aler North ♠ 6 5	N/S Vul.
	♡K983	
	♦ K J 10	73
	🗣 K 4	
🔶 A 10 9		♠ K J 8 4 2
\otimes 1		♡AQ
♦ Q 8 5 2		$\diamond A 6$
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🗣 A Q 8 3 2		🗣 J 10 9 7
	🔶 Q 7 3	
	♡ 1076	542
	♦ 9 4	
	♣ 65	

Open Room

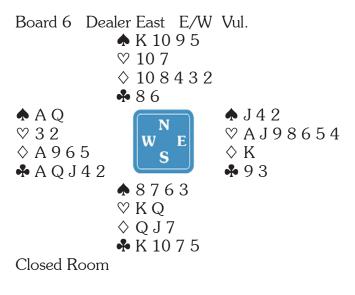
West	North	East	South
Hoftaniska	Lev	Bertheau	Levitina
	Pass	1 🛧	Pass
24	Pass	$2\diamondsuit$	Pass
$2 \heartsuit$	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3•	Pass
4•	Pass	$4\diamond$	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♡	Pass
6	All Pass		

The slam appeared to be a good one, unless the defenders could do some damage with a diamond lead at Trick 1. Lev did indeed lead the \diamond J. However declarer assesses the prospect of running this, there is little to be gained by rising with the \diamond A: You would then need to bring in both black suits. Hoftaniska (and Boye Brogeland at the other table), both ran the lead successfully to the queen.

Lev crossed to the $\Diamond A$ and ran the $\clubsuit J$ to the $\clubsuit K$. Lev then switched to the $\heartsuit 9$. After considerable thought Hoftaniska rose with the ace. He then crossed to the $\clubsuit A$, trumps breaking 2-2, ruffed a diamond and led the $\heartsuit Q$. When this was not covered by South it was reasonable to place the $\heartsuit K$ with North. He was known to have started with ten points outside spades and had not opened the bidding. Hoftaniska duly ruffed his last diamond in dummy, cashed the $\bigstar K$ and finessed South for the $\bigstar Q$.

Boye Brogeland followed the same line of play. One small difference was that he rose with the \heartsuit A on the heart switch even though North had made a lead-directing double of a 4 \heartsuit bid by West! It was a very classy flat board.

We will end with a deal where the bidding appeared puzzling at first sight:



West	North	East	South
B.Brogeland	Charlsen	T.Brogeland	Larsson
		2♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	3�	Pass
6•	All Pass		



Boye Brogeland has acquired a reputation for adventurous bidding. Had he finally lost his marbles? No, there was reason behind his apparent madness. First of all, $2\heartsuit$ was not a weak two-bid; it showed 10-13 points. The $3\diamondsuit$ rebid indicated shortage in diamonds. East was unlikely to have opened $2\heartsuit$ with a 4-card spade suit, so could her hand-pattern be 3-6-1-3 or 2-6-1-4? With the perfect fit in diamonds, was there not every chance that the advertised 10-13 points would fill most of the gaps elsewhere? Yes, Boye concluded, closing the auction with a leap to $6\clubsuit$.

Dummy was a disappointment to him. The maximum number of cards in spades and the seventh card in hearts meant that only two trumps were on display. The required magical lie of the trump suit did not materialize and the slam went two down. At the other table Kathrine Bertheau's 3% opening was raised to 4%, and that was a swing of 13 IMP.

So, in the first session of the championships there was a generous allocation of big hands from the Great Dealer in the first session of the championships. Two late swings to Casino Floor meant Mahaffey lost this match by 21-27.





VIDIGAL AGAINST THE PATRIOTS (ROUND 2)

by **Barry Rigal**

The teams had drawn their initial encounters, but the traffic in this match was strictly one way. It started with the first deal. In this report the Weimans will be referred to by their first names, Magnus and Maureen.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.
♠ KQ986
♡ J85
♦ 96
🗣 K75
 ▲ A 10 4 3 ♦ 10 3 ♦ A K 10 7 5 4 ♥ E ♥ 4 ♦ Q J 3 ♣ A Q 10 6 4 3 ♠ 5 ♥ A K Q 9 7 6 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ J 9 2

Open Room

West Campanile	North Maureen	East McAllister	South Magnus 4♡
Dble 5◊	Pass Pass	5 ♣ 6◊	Pass All Pass
Closed Room		0 •	1 11 1 035
West	North	East	South
Hunter	Verhees	Fienberg	Vidigal 1♡
$2\diamond$	$2\heartsuit$	3�	3♡
3♠ Pass	Pass Dble	4 ♠ All Pass	Pass

Ana Carolina Vidigal's demure 1° opener worked much better than the 4° call chosen by Magnus (the call always seems to act as a transfer to 4° - though as we can see that is not such a bad thing!). Louk Verhees had no idea what a faux pas his double of 4° might have turned out to be, had anyone rescued themselves to diamonds. But East and West trusted each other more than him, and $4^{\circ}x$ on repeated heart leads did not go well. Even escaping for 300 would require fine card reading and the net result was a penalty of 500.

In the other room Migry Campanile chose ac-

tion over inaction at her first turn – as would we all? John McAllister assumed he was facing extra values – quite reasonably, and boosted his partner to slam. On a top spade lead Campanile found $6\diamond$ easier to make than $5\diamond$ (quite a few tables received a heart lead and spade shift and ducked... oops!). She won the top spade lead, cashed the $\diamond A$ to find both defenders following, then finessed in clubs and ruffed out the suit to make 12 tricks painlessly. A mere 16 IMPs to Vidigal.

After a no-trump game was pushed at nine tricks by both tables, Vidigal added to their lead.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

board 15. De	ealer Inorti	n. Ali vui	
	4		
	♡AQ	52	
	♦ QJ	72	
	🗣 KJ		
 ↑ 7 ♡ J 10 9 7 ◊ 10 8 5 3 ↑ A 9 8 2 	N W S $ A 10$	E ♥ ↓ 0 5 2 3	KQJ9863 K8 AK96 —
Open Room West	North	East	South
VVESL		Lasi	Jouli

West	North	East	South
Campanile	Maureen	McAllister	Magnus
	$1\diamondsuit$	1 🛧	Pass
Pass	Dble	4♠	Dble
All Pass			



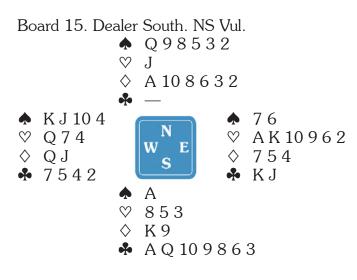
Migry Campanile & John McAllister



Hunter/Fienberg had contented themselves with +140 in a spade partscore, McAllister aimed for a higher target – and Magnus informed him that he had overshot the mark. Sitting behind South I saw him toy with the idea of a club lead – which may look bad but defeats the contract trivially, since declarer surely cannot avoid two trump losers and at least one trick in each red suit.

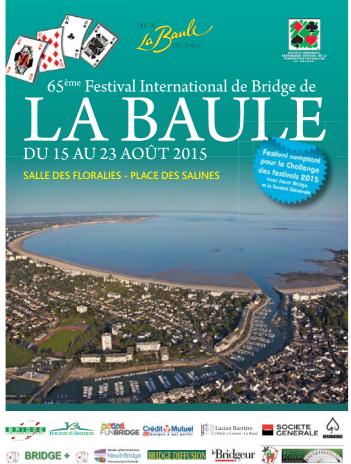
As it was, Magnus led a diamond to the jack and ace. He ducked the first trump, and when a second top trump was led, he had an interesting problem. If partner has \heartsuit AK, there are two diamond ruffs to come. He therefore won the trump and played the heart six. Maureen gave her partner the diamond ruff, and this was the defenders' last chance. They needed to exit with a majorsuit, leaving declarer with a diamond loser at the death. But after a club shift, declarer could discard his diamond loser and claim ten tricks for +790 and 12 IMPs.

Vidigal increased her lead to 31 when Verhees overplayed a Moysian partscore. He followed it up with some super-human restraint.



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Campanile	Maureen	McAllister	Magnus 1 %
Pass	$1\diamondsuit$	$1\heartsuit$	24
$2 \heartsuit$	2	3♡	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	$5\diamond$
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Hunter	Verhees	Fienberg	Vidigal
		0	14
Pass	1	2♡	3♣
3♡	All Pass(!)		

Verhees bid his spades then sold out discreetly low (we might be less complimentary had partner held Ax – and note that according to Deep Finesse 4A is cold). By contrast Maureen forced her hand to game, and Magnus assumed he was facing 5-6 with extra values. $5\diamond$ on repeated heart leads made nine tricks, and Vidigal now led 38-0. The only other significant swing came when Verhees brought home another thin game after a light initial response from his partner. The match finished 44-2, just short of the maximum 20VPs.



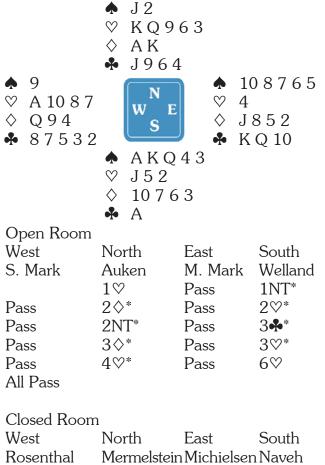


FLYING START FOR THE CHAMPION

by Micke Melander & Jos Jacobs

In the previous European Mixed Team Championships, Marion Michielsen won the tournament with a Dutch/Austrian team. This year she's playing with "Rosenthal" who are really a transnational mix of players with German, Dutch and American players on the team. Team Rosenthal got a flying start in the championships when Roy Welland took immediate control of the situation against Graizer from Israel on board one.

Board 1. Dealer North. None.



Mermeistein Michielsen Navel		
$1 \heartsuit$	Pass	1♠
24	Pass	$2\diamondsuit$
2NT	Pass	$4 \heartsuit$
	1♡ 2♣	1♡ Pass 2♣ Pass

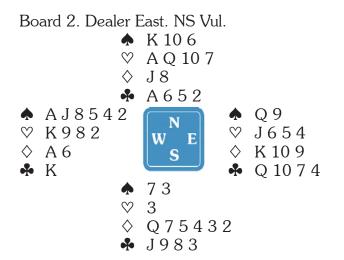
All bids by Welland, except his final call, were essentially relays asking for more information. Auken showed 4+ with two diamonds, 2524, 1615 or 1714 with 2NT. Three Diamonds confirmed 2-5-2-4 and 10-14 high card points. Auken's last bid in the auction with Four Hearts described a maximum with two keycards (with hearts as trumps), the queen of hearts and no king of clubs. That was enough for Welland to take a chance on slam, but he would obviously have been scared as to what damage a diamond lead could do them. In real life, curiously, he should have been more worried about a club lead which would have defeated the contract. That was not obvious to see from his point of view during the bidding.

Auken got the five of diamonds lead, which went to the three, queen and her ace. She then played a heart to dummy's jack and West's ace. That player then returned another diamond, though it seems that even at this point, a club return to dummy's ace still sets the contract as declarer does not yet know about the 4-1 trump split. Sabine won with the king and continued with the king of hearts. When she realised that East wasn't following trump any longer, she could now continue with a club to the ace to take the heart finesse. When declarer then played all her trumps, East was in big trouble. He was squeezed in three suits, for twelve tricks to declarer. That was 11 IMPs to Rosenthal.

At the other table, declarer also got a diamond lead but then, his next move was to play the $\heartsuit Q$ from hand. Now, if West wins this, the $\heartsuit J$ is the entry for the trump finesse and if West ducks the ace, a low heart to dummy's jack will reveal the trump split while the $\clubsuit A$ is still there as the entry to take the trump finesse and execute the same squeeze.

So much about making 12 tricks. In another match, the expert declarer at the helm received a diamond lead as well. He next led a trump to the jack and ace and duly got the club return. Dummy's ace won perforce and next came a trump to the king. Now, instead of leading a spade to dummy's queen and taking the trump finesse, as Philippe Cronier did to land his contract, our unnamed declarer played the $\bigstar J$ and another. When west ruffed this and returned his last trump, the contract suddenly was one down.

More IMPs to Rosenthal on the next board when both tables practised to play and defend Two Hearts.



Open and Closed Room West North East South S. Mark Auken M. Mark Welland Rosenthal MermelsteinMichielsen Naveh Pass Pass 1NT Pass 1 Pass $2\heartsuit$ All Pass

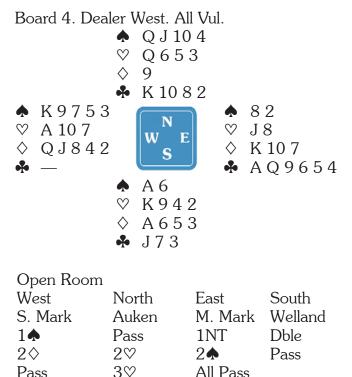
In the Open Room Sonia Mark got the jack of diamonds as the opening lead. She jumped up with the king from dummy and took the spade finesse, apparently thinking she had no real problems scrambling eight tricks now. North returned another diamond, which declarer this time won with the ace. The ace of spades and the king of clubs followed. Auken won with the ace of clubs and returned her last spade. When declarer now discarded a diamond from dummy, South was allowed to ruff with his singleton three. Declarer thus had actually found a line of play to go down in what looked like a cold contract - even though trumps weren't behaving.

In the Closed Room Rosenthal received the



same opening lead but followed a different route when he ran it to his ace and then played the king of clubs. North won with the ace and continued the diamond attack; declarer won in dummy with the king and played a heart to the king and North's ace. North now played a club, which declarer ruffed in hand to exit with a low spade towards dummy's queen-nine! North jumped up with the king and returned another club, but the defence was helpless when declarer won with the queen in dummy, cashed the queen of spades and took another club ruff. Declarer then cashed the ace of spades before playing on trumps to collect nine tricks! 140 and 50 was 190 to Rosenthal and more 5 IMPs.

Two boards later, we saw another partscore swing to Rosenthal, this time because they were declaring the contract in both rooms.



In the Open Room, Roy Welland made a rather aggressive take-out double at his first turn. When North had a good enough hand to compete twice, NS eventually bought the contract. This should have gone down one since the defence are entitled to a spade, two clubs and two trumps; but to get to their legitimate tricks, they would have to be patient.

East duly led a spade through to immediately establish the trick in that suit. But when declarer ducked and won the spade return with dummy's ace, West could not wait to ruff when a low club

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was next led from dummy. Now, declarer could win the diamond return with dummy's ace, play a low trump to West's ten and her Queen and lead a top spade through East. Of course, East ruffed this but dummy overruffed. Declarer then ruffed a diamond in hand to play her last top spade for a club discard. She thus lost only a club ruff, a spade, the ace of trumps and the last club for nine tricks and +140 to Rosenthal.

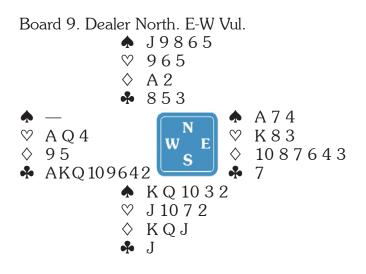
At the other table, there was less aggression:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rosenthal	Mermelstei	n Michielse	n Naveh
1	Pass	1NT	Pass
$2\diamond$	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Rosenthal was allowed to play a quiet partscore. North led a low club and when dummy's queen was called for and won the trick, declarer could shed his second losing heart on the \clubsuit A and lead a spade up to his king. After that, he simply lost three trumps and the \diamondsuit A for another +140 and 7 IMPs to Rosenthal.

On the penultimate board of the match, Michielsen set her opponents an insoluble problem.



In the Open Room, a very aggressive weak two by North quickly saw EW reach the proper contract.

North	East	South
Auken	M. Mark	Welland
2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass		
	Auken 2♠	Auken M. Mark 2 Pass

No room left for any sensible slam explorations but no need for it either, on the actual layout.



Twelve tricks on the "obvious" spade lead. Graizer +620.

When North did not open in the Closed Room, EW were given a little more room...

Closed Roor	n		
West	North	East	South
Rosenthal	Mermelstei	in Michiels	en Naveh
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	4♠	$5\diamond$	Dble
6	All Pass		

...which they made more than good use of, as you can see. West had to show his strong hand first but when North jumped to game, East had a problem. She tackled it by showing her six-card support for one of partner's presumed suits. When South then expressed a view on the proceedings so far, East must have felt she was holding some useful cards when West retreated to his own suit. One might argue that on this auction, $\Diamond A$ is the obvious lead, even more so after partner's double but why should this double be mainly based on diamond strength?

When North led a spade, a diamond went away and declarer quickly claimed his 12 tricks as soon as the &J appeared. Rosenthal +1370 and another juicy 12 IMPs to them.

Rosenthal won their first match 51-0, of course 20-0 in VP's, a great score over 10 boards. It will be interesting to see if Michielsen will be able to defend her title – no one has been able to do – since the new format was introduced in 2003. If that happens, Roy Welland will score his second win in these championships! He won the very first edition in Menton 2003. The answers will be known on Tuesday evening when the tournament is over. Nonetheless, Rosenthal got the flying start they needed.



CHAMPIONSHIP DIARY

by Mark Horton

These will be historic Bulletins, being the first to be published only online. I plan to count the number of people coming down to breakfast with their noses glued to their tablets.

We are looking at a suggestion from Francesca Canali (our layout Editor and Photographer here in Tromsø) which might revolutionise the way in which material is presented in the future.

If you would like a sneak preview go to:

www.frachannels.com

If you would like to comment on anything you read in the Bulletins you can contact the Editor by email: **markhorton007@hotmail.com**

That's also the address to use if you can't find our office which is located behind the curtains at the rear of the Press Room.

Followers of Facebook will have spotted a photograph of the Editor attempting to play Scrabble.

When Micke Melander enquired by how many points he had lost he was quickly disavowed, 'I made four seven letter words'.

Jos Jacobs (standing in for Ron Tacchi) interjected, 'Better than seven four letter words.'



The EBL is close to finalising details with the Hungarian Bridge Federation that will take next year's Championships to Budapest.

Norwegian legend Tommy Sandsmark sent us this story from the glorious past:

In the good old days, I was the editor of the Daily Bulletin during the European Junior Championship in Hasselt, Belgium in 1984. This was my first international editorship, and with the exception of my secretary, I was quite alone in the bulletin room. The men's room was quite a distance away, at the other end of the building, while the ladies' room was right around the corner from the bulletin room. So, having quite a lot



to do, I normally went to the ladies' room to relieve myself. There was normally no danger in doing so, for there weren't many ladies there.

However, on one of these occasions, when opening the door to the ladies' room I found myself face to face with the Italian multiple World champion, Giorgio Belladonna, who was there to coach the Italian junior team.

"Hi, Tommy", Giorgio said, and as he scanned me seriously through his bushy eyebrows, he continued: "What are you doing here? Don't you know that this is the ladies' room?"

I started explaining him about toilets and distances, and then I stopped abruptly and said: "But you are also here! How come?"

"I have every right to be here", he smiled and continued: "After all, my name is Bella Donna, which is Italian for....."

We both smiled. There was no need to utter another word.

The Salvation Army runs a very fine hotel in London. A sign at the Reception Desk says, 'In God we trust, others pay cash'.

There is a rumour that the IBPA outing will involve helicopters flying members of the press corps over the North Pole. Watch this space for more information.

Last night we set out to explore the city. In an unthinking moment, one of the Editors suggested we should go back to the hotel when it got dark.



MIXED TEAMS

TEAM ROSTERS

1 9 LIV

STRAN Kay SELFORS Trude ERLANDSEN Tor Einar VAAGLAND Anette ELLINGSEN Stig

2 BADGER Graham OSBORNE Paula LESLIE Frances HINDEN Jeffrey ALLERTON

3 BERGEN AK

Solvi REMEN Sven Olai HOYLAND Kristine BREIVIK Tor BAKKE

4 BRENO

ZALESKI Romain Andrea MANNO Massimo LANZAROTTI Francesca PISCITELLI Gabriella OLIVIERI Cristina GOLIN

5 MAHAFFEY

Boye BROGELAND Tonje A. BROGELAND Jim MAHAFFEY Judi RADIN Sam LEV Irina LEVITINA Jim MAHAFFEY cpt

6 CASINO FLOOR

Thor Erik HOFTANISKA Kathrine BERTHEAU Jessica LARSSON Thomas CHARLSEN

7 CORNELL

Faith MAYER Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL Michael CORNELL Vivien CORNELL

8 DE BOTTON Janet DE BOTTON Artur MALINOWSKI Sally BROCK Barry MYERS Ewa MISZEWSKA Apolinary KOWALSKI

9 EGIL HOMME Kjell Otto KOPSTAD Egil HOMME Marianne HOMME Jorunn FENESS

10FUGLESTAD Aase LANGELAND Geir HELGEMO Ann Karin FUGLESTAD Geir BREKKA

11 GOLD

Susanna GROSS David GOLD Paul FEGARTY Catherine CURTIS

12 GRAIZER

Nurit GRAIZER Shimshon HORVITZ Nurit NAVEH Gabi MERMELSTEIN Micha MARK Sonia MARK

13 GUNSMOKE Gunn HELNESS Tor HELNESS

Fredrik HELNESS Anne-Lill HELLEMANN

14 JUST DO IT Gunn Tove VIST Frank SVINDAHL Jonny HANSEN Ann Birgitte FOSSUM

15LILLEBALUBA Helge STANGHELLE Gerd Marit HARDING Frank BOGEN Anne Irene BOGEN Haakon BOGEN

16MANY HERRINGS Alex KOLESNIK Kitty COOPER David CAPRERA Anne BRENNER

17 MGP Knut PETTERSEN Ann Marie PETTERSEN Haavard MOE Oddrun GODEJORD

18MINA

Victor ARONOV Ahu ZOBU Enver KOKSOY Umran SEMERCI Netsy SAYER Zahari ZAHARIEV

19MMA GRAFISK Ellen KJAER Vegard BREKKE Turid BONES Geir Egil BERGHEIM

20MOSTINGAN

Sissel SNEVE Ola RONNING Finn R. NICOLAYSEN Hege C. FABER

21 MUNKHOLMEN Hans NORENG Solfrid NILSEN

Vigdis MOEN Einar Asbjom BRENNE

22NORGE

Randi NYHEIM Arild JAKOBSEN John Helge HERLAND Ann-Elin DANIELSEN

23PANDORA

Agnes WESSELING Niels VAN DER GAAST Paula McLEISH David W. McLEISH

24 PASS O DOUBLE

Else UNDEM Rolf UNDEM Oystein GARVIK Ragnhild SOLUM

25 PENFOLD

Sandra PENFOLD Brian SENIOR Nevena SENIOR Roumen TRENDAFILOV

26 QUEENS

Ranja SIVERTSVIK Stine HOLMOY Kurt-Ove THOMASSEN Simon HINGE Ann-Mari MIRKOVIC Jon-Egil FURUNES

27 SIDDIS

Hilde BJORLO Sjur NEDREBO Erik ELIASSEN Mona LINDSTROEM

28 SLAM

Marte H. KLINGEN Lars A. JOHANSEN Annika HAUGEN Stein BJERKSET

29 SOLHEIM

Eli SOLHEIM Bente M. BIRKELAND Jan FJAELBERG Svein MARKUSSEN Rrnnaug ASLA Ivar M. ANFINSEN

30 THORESEN

Siv THORESEN Jo-Arne OVESEN Tom HOILAND Torild HESKJE

31 TOGRAM

Krista THARALDSEN Rolf HANSEN Magne EIDE Margot ALFHEIM

32 TUPPEN

Kristine KVERNSTROM Harald HUGLEN Siri BRAATANE Bo Andreas BERG

33VALIO

Marta NIKOLOVA Diana MARQUARDT Valentin KOVACHEV Vladislav N. ISPORSKI

34 YABBIES

Ross CRICHTON Richard J BRIGHTLING Pam CRICHTON Leone MOFFAT

35 ZEN

Thierry DE MENDEZ Sybil BRAGADIR Laurence DUC Stephan MAGNUSSON

36ROSSARD

Martine ROSSARD Jerzy ROMANOWSKI Danielle AVON Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE Grazyna BREWIAK Wojciech GAWEL

37 MALUISH

Owen CAMP Anisia SHAMI Andrew John MILL Annette E. MALUISH

38 PANDA INTERN.

Rosaline BARENDREGT Marie EGGELING Yngve LAMO Thomas GOTARD Danuta KAZMUCHA Cezary SEREK

39VI E KLAR

Margrethe LINDQUIST Ludvig KRISTOFFERSEN Ingunn SKRE Egil Inge REITAN

40 SMYKALLA

Henning BOHNSACK Susanne BOHNSACK Gisela SMYKALLA Michael SCHNEIDER

41 FULL HOUSE

Johan UPMARK Cecilia RIMSTEDT Cenk TUNCOK Karen McCALLUM

42HELMER

Trygve LISLAND Unni WELANDER Aud HAALAND Kjell Ove HELMERSEN

43 HUNS AND SAXONS

Erlend SKJETNE Tove STOEN Marian GRUDE Tor Eivind GRUDE Thomas PASKE Catherine SEALE

44 OPTIMISTS

Lisbeth Aulid EIDE Terje LOBBEN Inger S. ROLFSTAD Erling BREKKA

45WARD PLATT

Kiki WARD-PLATT Bernard CABANES Thomas BESSIS Benedicte CRONIER

46 GEELY AUTO

Bangxiang ZHANG Shengyue GUI Jianming DAI Wen Fei WANG Liping WANG Qi SHEN (1) Shengyue GUI cpt Xiaojing WANG coach

47 MIXED

Ron PACHTMAN Clara HETZ Nathan HETZ Ronnie BARR Eldad GINOSSAR Tone T. SVENDSEN

48WWW GUTS COM

Lise BLAAGESTAD Pernille LINDAAS Peter FREDIN Jorn Arild RINGSETH **49IQ 64** Simon GILLIS Marianne HARDING Odin SVENDSEN Ida WENNEVOLD Marianne HARDING cpt

50ROSENTHAL

Andrew ROSENTHAL Marion MICHIELSEN Chris WILLENKEN Dana BERKOWITZ Roy WELLAND Sabine AUKEN

51 TAKK

Teruko NISHIMURA Ayako MIYAKUNI Kenji MIYAKUNI Kazuo FURUTA

52MORTENSEN

Maria D. MORTENSEN Kristoffer HEGGE Kristian ELLINGSEN Astrid Steen LYBAEK

53UELAND

Tommy SOOILAND David UELAND Charlotte VOLL Lisbeth GLAERUM

54VYTAS

Victoria GROMOVA Andrey GROMOV Vytautas VAINIKONIS Tatiana PONOMAREVA Alexander DUBININ Anna GULEVICH Vytautas VAINIKONIS cpt

55 VIDIGAL

John MCALLISTER Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE Ana Carolina VIDIGAL Louk VERHEES Jr

56 SANBORN

Kerri SANBORN Steve SANBORN Lisa BERKOWITZ David BERKOWITZ Steve SANBORN cpt

57 BEIJING TRINERGY

Dong LU Yanhong WANG Shaolin SUN

Tromsø, Norway

Xiaoyi LI Yan HUANG Shaohong WU Dong LU cpt

58INOVENTIO KOLB.

Einar KNUTSEN Gerd Irene KNUTSEN Gunn ROBERTSEN Baard LIAN

59ZIMMERMANN

Philippe CRONIER Franck MULTON Pierre ZIMMERMANN Joanna ZOCHOWSKA Sylvie WILLARD Catherine D'OVIDIO Pierre ZIMMERMANN cpt

60THE PATRIOTS

Magnus WEIMAN Maureen WEIMAN Matthew FIENBERG Jill HUNTER Magnus WEIMAN cpt

62ANDERSEN

Roger FAGERDAL Wibeke ANDERSEN Tommy KRISTIANSEN Stine ELSTAD

63MELBOURNE 1

Cathy MILL Grant KILVINGTON Eva CAPLAN William FRISBY Henry SAWICKI Rachel FRENKEL

64 MORAWSKI

Irmeli SALONEN Lukasz BREDE Ewa BANASZKIEWICZ Dariusz MORAWSKI

65 CAYNE

Patricia CAYNE Jacqui MITCHELL Jimmy CAYNE Dano DE FALCO

66TEAM ATLANTIC

Eva HAGEN Anton R GUNNARSSON Vigdis THOREN

Erik RYNNING AntanRGUNNARSSON qt Erik RYNNING coach

67A J DIAIMONDS

Cathy BALDYSZ Ewa HARASIMOWICZ Anna SARNIAK Andrzej JASZCZAK Przemysław JANISZEWSKI Jakub WOJCIESZEK Andrzej JASZCZAK cpt

68KIBE

Ayse OZGUNES Basak KUTUK Dogan UZUM Omer KIZILOK Ayse OZGUNES cpt

69 BRIDGE OF KING F1

Maxim FEOFANOV Elena KHONICHEVA Viacheslav GUSEV Alexandra NIKITINA Maxim FEOFANOV cpt Maxim FEOFANOV coach

70STABELL

Leif-Erik STABELL Tolle STABELL Gail CAMERON Vanessa VOS Leif-Erik STABELL cpt

71NONSTOP

Anne Lise FJAELBERG Reidar LERBREKK Kirsten DUBLAND Vegard HERMANSEN Anne L. FJAELBERG cpt Reidar LERBREKK coach

72 TROENDERMIX Helen JOHANSEN Ame Georg AUNOIEN Solvang BRITT HELENE KANDAHL EIVIND Helen JOHANSEN cpt

73HOFFMAN

David HOFFMAN Sue PICUS Andrew BRAITHWAITE Susan BRAITHWAITE

74SJODAL

Elisabeth G. SJODAL Rolf SJODAL Sofie G. SJODAL Stig DYBDAHL

75WITO

Willy Roger OTTEMO Marianne ERIKSEN Tore HANSSEN Solbritt LINDAHL

76PUNCH

Sam PUNCH Tim REES Sarah TESHOME James THROWER

77 ANITAS DANS

Hilde Anita LARSEN Finn G. OVSTEDAL Anita OWER Geir ENGEBRETSEN Vaardal HELGE

78DARLING

Marina DARLING Justin HOWARD Reidar JOHNSEN Liv BUGGE

79ROBERTSON

Marion ROBERTSON Stefan SKORCHEV Desislava MALAKOVA Simon COPE

80HOUSE OF CARDS

Are SIVERTSEN Lisbeth GROVE Kari-Anne OPSAL Henrik GOSVIG

81 WHITE HOUSE

Jacco HOP Meike WORTEL Ton BAKKEREN Christina L.MADSEN

82 LEGEANKA

Anton THORSTENSEN Gerd Inger AUSTLI Lennart JANSSON Kari BAKKE

83HAUGE

Rune HAUGE Anna MALINOWSKI Erik SAELENSMINDE Danuta HOCHEKER Miroslaw CICHOCKI Miroslaw CICHOCKI cpt

84 MIKLAGARD

Robert LARSSON Linnea EDLUND Ferda CAKICI Erdem OZTURK

85NO STRESS

Ergun BANKOGLU Lelia BANKOGLU Nesim M. HALFON Tola HALFON

86PEREZ

Christophe MARRO Henri PEREZ Nicole PEREZ Daniele GAVIARD

871 SISTE ELITEN

Berit RUBACH Ingebrigt JENSSEN Brit-Helen N. SOLUM Skjalg N. SOLUM

88HIMANI

Himani KHANDELWAL Rajeev KHANDELWAL Barbara GOTARD Tomasz GOTARD



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1	WWW GUTS COM	78.60
2	BRENO	74.30
3	VALIO	72.64
4	GUNSMOKE	69.44
5	STABELL	68.27
6	CASINO FLOOR	67.09
7	ROSENTHAL	66.61
8	BEIJING TRINERGY	66.44
9	DE BOTTON	65.26
10	BADGER	64.70
11	MINA	63.01
12	LILLEBALUBA	62.82
13	VYTAS	62.56
14	ROBERTSON	61.12
15	I SISTE ELITEN	61.01
16	ZEN	60.44
17	MIXED	60.31
18		59.80
	MUNKHOLMEN	59.66
	SOLHEIM	59.31
21	MORTENSEN	58.91
22	GOLD	58.73
23		58.64
	NO STRESS	57.76
	BRIDGE OF KING F1	57.74
	THORESEN	57.72
27	A J DIAMONDS	57.64
	HIMANI	56.31
	FUGLESTAD	56.16
	SANBORN	56.14
	WHITE HOUSE	55.97
	NORGE 4	54.64
	TUPPEN	54.45
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13	VYTAS	62.56	60	YABBIES
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15	I SISTE ELITEN	61.01	62	TOGRAM
16	ZEN	60.44	63	ROSSARD
17	MIXED	60.31	64	MIKLAGAI
18	FULL HOUSE	59.80	65	KIBE
19	MUNKHOLMEN	59.66	66	SLAM
20	SOLHEIM	59.31	67	HUNS ANI
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23	ZIMMERMANN	58.64	70	CAYNE
24	NO STRESS	57.76	71	LEGEANK
25	BRIDGE OF KING F1	57.74	72	PANDORA
26	THORESEN	57.72	73	MOSTING
27	A J DIAMONDS HIMANI FUGLESTAD SANBORN WHITE HOUSE	57.64	74	MALUISH
28	HIMANI	56.31	75	ANITAS DA
29	FUGLESTAD	56.16	76	WITO
30	SANBORN	56.14	77	TROENDE
31	WHITE HOUSE	55.97	78	NONSTOP
32	NORGE 4 TUPPEN CORNELL	54.64	79	MAHAFFE
33	TUPPEN	54.45	80	OPTIMISTS
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35	GEELY AUTO MELBOURNE 1	53.96	80 81 82 83	GRAIZER
36	MELBOURNE 1	53.84	83	THE PATR
37	QUEENS AND JACKS	53.62	84	DARLING
38	PUNCH	53.58	85	VI E KLAR
39	PANDA INTERNATIONA	L 53.38	86	PEREZ
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42	MORAWSKI	51.61		
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44	HOFFMAN	50.24		
45	BERGEN AK	49.41		
46	VIDIGAL	49.40		
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48	TAKK	49.21
49	SMYKALLA	49.09
50	TEAM ATLANTIC	48.70
51	SIDDIS	48.51
52	EGIL HOMME	48.19
53	HELMER	47.36
54	ARCTIC ZOO	46.18
55	JUST DO IT	45.81
56	WARD PLATT	45.26
57	UELAND	44.59
58	MGP	44.51
59	IQ 64	44.31
60	YABBIES	44.14
61	SJODAL	43.87
62	TOGRAM	43.53
63	ROSSARD	43.50
64	MIKLAGARD	43.43
65	KIBE	42.69
66	SLAM	42.63
67	HUNS AND SAXONS	41.89
68	INOVENTIO KOLB.	40.90
69	GAMMA GRAFISK	40.25
70	CAYNE	39.09
71	LEGEANKA	38.80
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83	THE PATRIOTS	30.56
84	DARLING	28.54
85	VI E KLAR	25.64
86	PEREZ	25.52
87	PASS O DOUBLE	23.88

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THE SWEDISH RIDGEFESTIVAL 2015

Welcome to the Swedish Bridgefestival in Örebro, July 24th to August 2nd – where many new tournaments start each day!



 \mathbf{A} t the Swedish Bridgefestival, four side events start every day. There are money-prizes in all tournaments.

The Bridgefestival kicks-off with the international teams tournament – The **Chairman's Cup** – and the pairs tournament **The Goldmine** closes the festival. In other words, there are plenty of opportunities here for bridge players. Just pick and choose!

The venue is Örebro, a beautiful city between Stockholm and Gothenburg. The city is well connected by train from these cities as well from Arlanda airport (3 hrs). For connections, see www.sj.se.

"The Swedish Bridgefestival is simply fantastic! I really do hope to come back in a near future. The play is at highest level and the organization is word class!

Michael Byrne, England, Chairman's Cup winner 2014

