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THE WINNERS

2013 World Championships

Bermuda Bowl: Italy - Agustin Madal, Antonio Sementa, Lorenzo Lauria, Norberto Bocchi, Alfredo Versace, Giorgio Duboin

Venice Cup: USA - Jenny Wolpert, Jill Levin, Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Janice Seamon-Molson, Jill Meyers, Migry Zur-Campanile, Sue Picus, NPC

d’Orsi Bowl: Germany - Ulrich Wenning, Reiner Marsal, Kareen Schroeder(npc), Ulrich Kratz, Michael Elinescu, Bernhard Sträter, Entscho Wladow

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Personalities of the Year: Andrew Robson & Bauke Muller

Andrew Robson and Bauke Muller with a Balinese dancer at the World Championships in Nusa Dua

IBPA member Andrew Robson, bridge columnist for The Times, Money Week and Country Life, was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in Queen Elizabeth of England’s 2013 New Year’s Day Honours List for his services to bridge and charity. Robson previously won the IBPA Sportsmanship Award in 2002 “for his spectacular recovery from adversity”. Robson also has the distinction of receiving the IBPA award for Best Defence of the Year both as a player (1999) and as a journalist (2002). Robson’s bridge wins include the Common Market Games Teams Championship, the World Junior Teams Championship, the European Teams Championship, the Cap Gemini Pairs (three times), the Sunday Times-Macallan Pairs, the Gold Cup (five times) and the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams (twice). One of Robson’s most-cherished victories came at the 1989 World Junior Teams Championship, where he not only won the bridge gold medal, but also the impromptu tennis championship!

In 2012, Bauke Muller received a Royal Decoration from Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands. After the victory in the Bermuda Bowl in 2011 (Muller’s second), the Queen appointed Muller as a Knight in the Order of Oranje-Nassau as the most successful bridge player of his country. His teammates now refer to him as “Sir Bauke”. At only 52, Muller is the oldest and most experienced player of the Dutch Open team. He is the only player who was also on the team the first time the Dutch team won the World Championships back in 1993. He then partnered Wubbo de Boer, who is nowadays the captain of the Dutch juniors. Bauke Muller and Simon de Wijs began their partnership in 2005. Since the beginning they have been the backbone of the Dutch Open team with two Open European championships (2005 and 2009) and rarely place outside the podium, the highlight of course being the Bermuda Bowl in 2011. In addition to the two Bermuda Bowl wins and the two European Open Team Championships titles, Bauke Muller’s other bridge successes include a European Champions Cup and wins in both the Teams and Pairs at the 2012 SportAccord World Mind Games.
Master Point Press Book of the Year
Winner: Fantunes Revealed, Bill Jacobs, Australia

Shortlist:
Winning Suit Contract Leads - David Bird & Taf Anthias
Bridge Philosopher 3 - James S. Kauder
Duplicate Bridge Schedules, History and Mathematics - Ian McKinnon (Removed in favour of the Truscott Award)
Diamonds Are the Hog’s Best Friend - Victor Mollo

Alan Truscott Memorial Award
Recipient: Ian McKinnon, Australia

Margaret Parnis England Junior Sportsmanship Award
Recipients: Justin Howard, Australia and Emil Buus Thomsen & Frederik Skovly, Denmark
Richard Freeman Junior Deal of the Year
Winner: Chen Yuechen, China
Journalist: Fu Tsiang, China
From IBPA Bulletin 583.9, “A Textbook Defence in a Real Match”

Shortlist:
Shivan Shah-Alex Roberts (Michael Byrne, 573.2)
Danuta Kazmucha (Brian Senior, 573.3)
Adam Kaplan (Philip Alder, 573.3)
Jovana Marinkovic (Christer Andersson, 574.4)
Wouter Van Den Hove, Harald Eide & Jakub Wojcieszek (Patrick Jourdain, 583.2-3)

Keri Klinger Memorial Declarer Play of the Year
Winner: Fulvio Fantoni, Monaco
Journalist: Toine van Hoof, The Netherlands
From IBPA Bulletin 575.13, “Fantoni’s Fantastic”

Shortlist:
Danielle Avon (Hervé Pacault, 573.5-6)
Tony Forrester (John Carruthers, 577.14)
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Josef Piekarek (Brent Manley, 579.14-15)
Fred Gitelman (Phillip Alder, 580.15)
Petter Tondel (Patrick Jourdain, 582.16)
Marc Jacobus (Karen Allison, 583.13)
Douglas Doub (Phillip Alder, 583.12)

Gidwani Family Trust Defence of the Year
Winner: Agustin Madala, Italy
Journalist: Ana Roth, Argentina
From IBPA Bulletin 574.17, “From Another Galaxy”

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Fredrik Nyström (Micke Melander, 572.15-16)
Per-Ola Cullin-Peter Bertheau (Mark Horton, 573.5)
Martin Schifko-Sacha Wernle (David Bird, 575.13)
Sjoert Brink-Bas Drijver (John Carruthers, 578.7)
Roy Welland (Richard Colker, 580.4)
Peter Fredin-Björn Fallenius (Tjolpe Flodqvist, 580.16)
Paul Hackett-Tom Hanlon (Patrick Jourdain, 581.7)

Yeh Bros. Best Bid Hand of the Year
Winner: Peter Bertheau, Sweden
Journalist: Micke Melander, Sweden
From IBPA Bulletin 572.14, “Mama Mia”

Shortlist:
Bauke Muller-Simon de Wijs (Mark Horton, 572.9)
Peter Fredin (Shane Blanchard, 574.6)
Giorgio Duboin-Antonio Sementa (John Carruthers, 574.8)
Andy Bowles (Paul Lamford, 574.14)
Sumampouw-Andhani (Mark Horton, 582.13)
THE MEDALLISTS

41st World Bridge Championships, Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia, September 16-29, 2013

41st Bermuda Bowl

1st: ITALY
Norberto Bocchi/Agustin Madala; Giorgio Duboin/Antonio Sementa; Lorenzo Lauria/Alfredo Versace

2nd: MONACO
Fulvio Fantoni/Claudio Nunes; Geir Helgemo/Tor Helness; Franck Multon/Pierre Zimmermann

3rd: POLAND
Cezary Balicki/Adam Zmudzinski; Krzysztof Buras/Gregorz Narkiewicz; Krzysztof Jassem/Marcin Mazurkiewicz

19th Venice Cup

1st: USA
Hjordis Eythorsdottir/Janice Seamon-Molson; Jill Levin/Jenny Wolpert; Jill Meyers/Migry Zur-Campanile

2nd: ENGLAND
Sally Brock/Nicola Gardener; Fiona Brown/Susan Stockdale; Heather Dhondy/Nevena Senior

3rd: THE NETHERLANDS
Carla Arnolds/Jet Pasman; Marion Michielson/Meike Wortel; Anneke Simons/Wietske van Zwol

7th d’Orsi Bowl

1st: GERMANY
Michael Elinescu/Entscho Wladow; Ulrich Kratz/Bernhard Sträter; Reiner Marsal/Ulrich Wenning

2nd: USA
Roger Bates/Garey Hayden; Marc Jacobus/Eddie Wold; Carolyn Lynch/Mike Passell

3rd: POLAND
Julian Klukowski/Victor Markowicz; Apolinary Kowalski/Jacek Romanski; Krysztof Lasocki/Jerzy Russyan

9th Transnational Teams

1st: GORDON (USA)
David Berkowitz/Alan Sontag; Mark Gordon/Pratap Rajadhyaksha; Jacek Pszczola/Michael Seamon

2nd: SAICVW (PRC)
Dai Jianming/Yang Lixin; Hu Mao Yuan/Liu Yi Qian; Shao Zi Jian/Zhuang Zejun

3rd: WHITE HOUSE (NETHERLANDS)
Jan Jansma/Gert-Jan Paulissen; Richard Ritmeijer/Magdalena Ticha

17th World Computer Bridge Championship

1st: Jack (Hans Kuijf, The Netherlands)
2nd: WBridge5 (Yves Costel, France)
THE DEALS

Ana Roth, Buenos Aires
Marek Wojcicki, Przemsyl, Poland
Jan van Cleeef, The Hague
Mark Horton, Sutton Benger, Wilts., UK
Brent Manley, Memphis, TN
Michael Akeroyd, Bradford, UK
Mickey Melander, Stockholm
Katie Thorpe, Kingsville, ON

In all events in these World Championships the competitors played the same boards simultaneously. The knockout matches were 96 boards long over two days, except that the Transnational Teams KO matches were 48 boards in length. Thus, the TNT quarterfinal, for example, played the same boards as the second half of the other events’ semifinals in order to synchronize the boards. Some of those boards were reported on from more than one event. For these reasons, we report the deals in chronological order, rather than by event.

BRAZIL-AUSTRALIA (AR)

Sunday, September 08, 2013: Brazil made good their pledge to treat their Independence Day friendly against Australia like a World Cup match, trouncing the outclassed Socceroos 6-0 at the Mane Garrincha stadium. On the second day of the Bermuda Bowl Round Robin, Match #4, Brazil confronted Australia again, but this time the athletes used cards instead of a ball.


| ♠ A Q J 9 |
| ♦ 10 2 |
| ♥ Q 8 |
| ♣ Q 9 ♦ 6 5 |

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

In one of the rooms, Brazil arrived at a four-club contract. After East’s weak two-heart opening bid, Chagas reopened the bidding with a double. As North/South couldn’t get to three notrump because of the lack of a heart stopper, they decided to stop before game. They scored plus 130.

At the other table, Australia again displayed aggressive tactics. Miguel Villas Boas also opened two hearts, weak, but here, South doubled, West raised to the three hearts and Lavings closed with the spade game. João-Paulo Campos penalized. The declarer was two down …12 costly IMPs.

Campos would have regretted his decision to double four spades had Lavings run to five clubs. There, the double would have revealed how to play the spade suit for four tricks to build a discard for the diamond loser and plus 750 to Australia would have been the result instead of minus 500. Lavings merely needs to use his entries to the dummy to finesse spades three times. The first spade play can even be to the queen but the second must be to the nine.


| ♠ A 6 4 3 |
| ♥ 9 8 3 |
| ♦ 10 2 |
| ♣ K 9 8 7 |

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

1. Spades and another suit

After the weak notrump opening bid by East, Chagas, instead of defending against four hearts, chose to sacrifice in four spades. Terry Brown led the four of hearts and George Bilski won with the ace and continued with the queen. Chagas ruffed in dummy and led a spade to the ace and a diamond to the king. Declarer came back to hand with a club to his king and led another diamond up. Brown won with his ace and continued the force on dummy with another heart. Chagas accepted the force and cashed the king of spades - had they been 3-2, he would have claimed. As it was, he played the queen of diamonds from dummy, discarding a club. Brown ruffed, cashed the other top spade and led his fourth heart. Chagas, having discarded dummy’s diamonds on the last two tricks,
ruffed the heart in hand and took the club finesse for one off, minus 200.

The defence might have done better had East not ruffed the queen of diamonds, instead discarding a club. Then, if declarer ruffs a diamond, East overruffs, draws the last trump and leads his last heart. West takes two heart tricks for plus 800. Of course, declarer can instead play the ace and jack of clubs to force East and still hold his losses to minus 200.

Nevertheless, declarer does best to delay drawing trumps altogether. He ruffs the second heart in dummy, plays a club to the king, a diamond to the king, and a second diamond from dummy. He can then always hold his losses to four tricks by maintaining trump control.

At the other table, Brazil also arrived in four hearts, but this time, Australia chose to defend. That was two down and Australia gained 7 IMPs.

Ironically, on the next board, #22, Australia went down at both tables and Brazil recovered 5 IMPs.

**RR#4. Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.**

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   ♠ A Q 8
   ♦ A K Q 7 5 2
   ♣ J 7 6
   ♥ 2
   ♠ K 9 6 5 3
   ♦ J 1 0 7 2
   ♥ 9
   ♦ K Q 9 8 5
   ◇ 4
   ♥ 7 5
   ♣ A K 6 4 3
   ♦ 4
   ♥ 8 6 4
   ♦ A 1 0 3 2
   ♣ Q J 1 0 9 8
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**West**  **North**  **East**  **South**

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1. Weak, spades and a minor

This deal showed the teams’ different criteria for opening the bidding. Bilski opening the West hand while his counterpart, Campos, playing weak two-bids, did not. Brown’s undisciplined four-spade bid resulted in a very precarious contract, down two on spotty declarer play.

Chagas led a high heart and shifted to his singleton club, which Bilski won in dummy to lead the diamond four. Brum could have won the ace and given Chagas a club ruff, but he chose to duck. Bilski won with his king and crossruffed diamonds and hearts for five tricks before leading a trump, the jack, to North’s queen. Chagas continued with a heart, forcing out declarer’s fourth trump. With Chagas down to two trumps, including the ace, and good hearts, Bilski could only score his last trump. That was plus 500 to Brazil.

At the other table, the Australians were left to declarer four hearts undisturbed for ten tricks and a 2-IMP loss.

Had Bilski, upon winning the king of diamonds, simply led a club, he’d have held his losses to four tricks, three trumps and a heart, for minus 200 and a 6-IMP gain.

Brazil complemented their football victory with a bridge victory (by 12 IMPs), but this time the win was a lot closer.

**A SLENDER INFERENCE (AR)**

Bridge is a combination of inductive and deductive reasoning. There is a movement in all bridge deals between the inductive (from the given partial and perhaps-confused data) and the deductive (a suggested comprehensive/inclusive) situation. The movement is most commonly from inductive to deductive, but may be in the other direction or it may even be back and forth.

In moving from the deductive to the inductive, the suggested whole - a meaning, an idea - is connected to the particular facts, tying these to one another and to additional facts suggested by the generalization. As inductive reasoning takes a specific representative case or facts and then draws generalizations or conclusions from them, it must be based on a sufficient amount of reliable evidence.

The board in this article was played in the 10th round at 66 tables, 22 tables in each of the three championships. In the d’Orsi Bowl (Seniors), less than half the tables played in four spades and only two made it. In the Venice Cup (Women’s), five pairs played four spades and two of them made it. And in the Bermuda Bowl (Open), half of the tables played it, but only four made it.

**RR#10. Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.**

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   ♣ K J 9 5 2
   ♠ A 6
   ◇ A 6
   ♥ 9 6 4 2
   ♠ A 8 4
   ♣ Q
   ♥ 8 4 2
   ◇ K 9 5
   ♦ 7 3 2
   ◇ K Q J 1 0 4
   ♠ K 1 0 7 7
   ♥ Q 8 5 3
   ♦ 1 0 7 6 3
   ◇ Q J 1 0 7 3
   ♥ 9 8 5
   ♠ A
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The bidding at one table in the Poland-Argentina match was as follows:
The opening lead was the king of diamonds. There are three inevitable losers: a diamond, a spade and a heart. North needs to guess the stiff queen of spades to make his contract.

To find the lady with the available confused and partial data, declarer needed enough reliable evidence. Declarer ducked the opening lead and won the queen of diamonds continuation with his ace as West followed with low diamonds. He continued with a club to the ace and the queen of hearts. East won that with the king of hearts and returned a heart.

Declarer won the heart return with his ace and ruffed a club, came back to hand by ruffing a diamond, again seeing West follow suit with a low diamond. He ruffed another club, then ruffed a heart to hand and ruffed another club, observing the fall of the king from West and the queen from East.

Declarer played the ten of spades from the dummy … West played low.

Declarer had already connected the data together: from the bidding he knew East had 1=3=5=4 distribution, confirmed during the play. East had the king of hearts, the king-queen-jack of diamonds and the queen of clubs (West had followed to three diamonds with low ones, leaving the jack and ten with East): 11 high-card points.

West had the king and jack of clubs, and because of the the raise from two clubs to three, North is certain West has the ace of spades as well. If he also held the queen of spades, East might not have opened the bidding. Conclusion: East had the singleton queen of spades.

Declarer thus played the king of spades, seeing the fall of the queen, and claimed 10 tricks.

**AN ENGLISH RARA AVIS (AR)**

Each New Year’s Day, the reigning British monarch announces an honours list. British and Commonwealth subjects are recognized for especially meritorious achievement in almost any field. This year, the English bridge personality Andrew Robson became an officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for services to bridge and charity.

Board 31 (RR12) was a *rara avis* in the World Bridge Championships. In the Bermuda Bowl for Open Teams, only one person, Robson, bid and made six clubs.

When I was kibitzing on BBO, this was what the commentators wrote (edited very slightly only for spelling and grammar - Ed.):

**OosmanB:** 6♥ on non-♦ lead?

**game over:** as the cards lie you can make 6♠ after a ♦ lead: play a diamond to the king, West must rise, but East will become subject to a ♦ and ♠ squeeze

**OosmanB:** we might see some pairs in 6♠, I feel - North has a very nice hand

**OosmanB:** you’re right, a ♦ and ♠ squeeze

**game over:** and if West ducks, you can exit with a low diamond, but totally DD

**game over:** you should go for a diamond ruff and will get overruffed...

**OosmanB:** will have some interesting comparisons on board 31

We decided to interview the only person who made six clubs in the Open and this is what he told us:

“My partner opened one spade, RHO bid two hearts, I said three clubs. I couldn’t say four clubs because it would have been a splinter bid. It came…pass... three spades…pass, back to me. I had to look for a forcing bid; four clubs wasn’t clearly forcing. I felt I didn’t have another real option so I said four hearts, and after four spades, six clubs. My partner knew that six clubs was where I wanted to play and passed."

“I would have made it on any lead actually, but East led a diamond to the ace, then West continued with the jack of diamonds. I thought about ruffing the third diamond in dummy, but I felt East had six of them and that therefore West would overruff me. So looking over the spades, I thought that I had a good chance for a 3-2 break, and played that line, making my contract.”

The main character of this story is Andrew Robson, playing in Bali 2013 for England in the Bermuda Bowl.

Note: *rara avis* = an unusual, uncommon, or exceptional person or thing.
TABLE PRESENCE (MW)

Cezary Balicki is well-known not only for his declarer skills, but also for his table presence. Both those attributes were in evidence on the first board of the 13th Round Robin match of the Bermuda Bowl.


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- Pass
- 1 Pass 1
- 2 Pass 2
- 3 Pass Pass

1. Clubs with 15+ HCP or 12-14 balanced or any 18+ HCP
2. 7+ HCP and 4+ hearts
3. Game-forcing relay
4. 7-9 HCP, exactly 4 hearts

After Balicki’s response to Zmudzinski’s Polish Club, East had shown some interest in the bidding, asking about the one-heart bid.

The defence started with the ace, king and a third club from East. Balicki ruffed in hand and made first move towards ten tricks, starting with the jack of hearts, king, ace, four. Next he played the ace of diamonds, two top spades and a spade ruff in hand. East overruled with the eight of hearts, leading to this ending:

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

East played a club. Balicki ruffed with the three of hearts in the dummy and overruled with seven in hand. Then he cashed king and queen of diamonds, discarding both spades and made the contract with the trump coup.

These were the East/West hands:

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

THE ‘OBVIOUS’ SWITCH (JVC)


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1. Forcing to game spade raise
2. Minimum hand with no shortness

The diagrammed auction was a typical one on this board.

In the Round Robin match between The Netherlands and Hong Kong, the open room North led a top diamond against four hearts played by Bep Vriend. South contributed the jack. North switched to a heart and now the contract was made. Vriend won the queen, cashed the ace and queen of trumps and pitched a diamond on the third heart. East/West plus 420.

In the closed room, Chris Niemeijer led a high diamond as well: six, jack and queen(?) . North simply cashed another diamond and four hearts went down one: 10 IMPs to The Netherlands.

Assuming an auction similar in meaning to our diagrammed example, and with South looking at both black kings in his own hand and deducing the ace-king of diamonds with North, South can picture declarer with the ace-king of hearts. Thus South should do everything in his power to ensure that North takes the other high diamond and does not make the ‘obvious switch’. Whether that means following with the three or the ten at trick one, South should play his most encouraging card. Since the jack, informative as it is, places the queen with declarer, that card should be avoided.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING (AR)

“Good offence wins games … great defence wins championships.”

The two players in a bridge partnership have to defend in a synchronized-swimming-like motion because a single weakness can cause the entire defence to fail. When your offence is struggling, good defence can
### 681. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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**West** | **North** | **East** | **South**
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Pass | Pass | Pass | 1♠️
4♦️ | 5♦️ | 6♦️ | 6♠️

Obviously, North's cue bid of five hearts promised a huge raise in spades and would usually be based on a void in hearts. As he had no wasted values in hearts, South was happy to bid the slam in spades.

West led the three of clubs. After West's preemptive overcall, it was easy for declarer to read this as the lead of a singleton. As he was playing a 6-5 trump fit, declarer's thoughts were of an elimination play.

After winning the first trick with the ace of clubs, declarer ruffed a heart in dummy, then returned to his hand with a trump to the ace and ruffed his remaining heart in dummy. Declarer's next move was to play ace, king and another diamond. West could rise with the queen of diamonds and would have to concede a ruff-and-discard, allowing declarer to ruff in the dummy and discard a club from the South hand. Alternatively, he could play low and then see East win the trick. He, in turn, would have to either lead a club into dummy's king-ace tenace or return a heart for a ruff-and-discard. Either way, declarer had his slam.

### 682. Dealer North. NS Vul.

West led the three of hearts against South's adventurous six-spade contract. Declarer called for dummy's ace and could see only one chance to bring home the slam; he needed to make three diamond tricks. (See top of next column.)

At trick two declarer led the three of diamonds from dummy. His prospects improved when East played the queen of diamonds. Declarer took this with the ace, crossed to dummy with a trump to the queen and played the king of clubs, discarding the ten of ten of diamonds from hand. After discarding a heart on the ace of clubs, declarer played dummy's jack of diamonds. East covered this with the king of diamonds and declarer ruffed this with a low trump, thereby establishing two diamond winners in dummy.

After crossing back to dummy with the king of trumps, he was delighted to find that neither of his good diamonds was ruffed and he was able to discard two more hearts. All that remained was to ruff a club with the ten of trumps and draw West's two remaining trumps with the ace and jack.

Declarer took six trumps, a heart, a fortunate three diamonds and two clubs for a total of twelve tricks, while East-West considered themselves unlucky.

### 683. Dealer South. EW Vul.

Strangely, the same declarer in the last deal played this one as well, just a few days later, in a Canberra teams match.
At both tables, West led the queen of spades. The other declarer took this with the king, drew trumps and played a diamond to the jack, king and ace. He had to lose three diamonds and a club.

“Our” declarer remembered the previous deal and ducked the queen of spades. His idea was that if East had the king and queen of clubs (or a more unlikely honour doubleton in clubs) then, as long as trumps were 2-1, he could make the contract no matter who had the ace of diamonds.

After winning the spade continuation in hand with the king, he led the jack of clubs to dummy’s queen. He could do no better than play the queen of clubs. Declarer took this with the ace of clubs and then led the two of trumps to dummy’s seven. After discarding the jack of clubs on the ace of spades, declarer continued with the ten of clubs. East rose with the jack of spades and paused to consider his options. Eventually, he shifted to the queen of hearts, which declarer allowed to win – otherwise he would have no entry back to his hand to cash his ninth trick, the king of spades. At this point, conceding to the inevitable, West took his king of clubs and declarer claimed. That was very competent and careful play. For once, dummy complimented declarer.

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684. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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-- 2♣ 2NT Pass
Pass Pass Pass
Pass
Pass

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keep you in the game until your offensive boards start to arrive.

Nevertheless, most players still don’t make defence a top priority when developing their game. Why is that? To start with, learning how to defend at bridge is hard work. Sadly enough, most players aren’t willing to put in the time and effort needed to become successful on defence. The other reason most players aren’t dedicated to improving their defensive game is that it isn’t as fun as other aspects of the game. However, in order to become complete and well-rounded in all aspects of the game, players must dedicate a portion of their time to learning how to play defence. It’s critical to their success!

**QF#1. Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.**

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♠ K 10 4
♥ Q 9 2
♦ A Q 9 3
♣ A J 9
♠ 9 8 7 6
♥ A 5 4
♦ J 5 4
♣ 7 6 5
♠ A J 5 3
♥ J 7 6
♦ 10 6 2
♣ K 4 2
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At our diagrammed table, the declarer was David Bahkshi from England; on defence were Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness of Monaco. Helness led his heart three. Declarer played a low heart from dummy; Helgemo playing his ace and returning the four(!). Bahkshi unblocked his queen and Helness won with his king (letting declarer win the trick in hand might have helped him to guess the spades) and continued with his eight of hearts. Declarer won the third heart with the jack in dummy and led a diamond to the nine. Helness won with his king of diamonds and returned...a diamond!

The stage was set. Declarer had two top spades, one heart trick, three diamond and two clubs: eight tricks in all. From Bahkshi’s point of view, East had three hearts and West four. Helgemo’s was now the danger hand so, needing only one extra spade trick for his contract, Bahkshi took the spade finesse through Helgemo and into Helness who was waiting with his queen of spades and the thirteenth heart. One down and 12 IMPs for Monaco.

**ALLES AUF EINE KARTE SETZEN (MH)**

When the following deal flashed on to the screen in the Vugraph Theatre, one of the commentators checking the results in the various matches said, “I can see how you can go down in four hearts after a diamond lead, but on a club lead it is impossible” Chief commentator Barry Rigal was quick to disabuse him, as were the well-known doctors from Germany.

**QF#4. Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.**

```
♠ 9 7 4
♥ K 10 4
♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ A J 3
♠ A K 5 3 2
♥ Q J 3 2
♦ A 9 6
♣ 7
♠ Q 10 6
♥ A 9
♦ 10 8 7 3
♣ 8 6 5 2
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With declarer marked with at least nine cards in the majors, North knew it was essential to attack in a minor. Weighing up the chances, he decided to 'bet everything on one card' and led the ace of clubs, South following with the two, promising an even number.

With no switch looking attractive (and if South held a doubleton club he might be able to score a ruff), North continued with the three of clubs and declarer won with dummy's king, pitching a spade, and played a heart for the nine, jack and king. Back came the jack of clubs to dummy's queen, declarer discarding another spade.

South won the next heart with the ace and played his fourth club, promoting North's ten of hearts into the setting trick.

**THE BATTLE OF NORTH AMERICA (BM)**

**QF#4. Board 30. Dealer East. Neither Vul.**

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Double dummy, Bobby Levin's contract, from his USA I match against Canada, can be made. Win the opening club lead, play a second club to the jack, followed by three rounds of hearts, ending in the North hand. A heart ruff follows and declarer will take five clubs in hand, three high hearts, a heart ruff in dummy plus three winners in spades and diamonds.

In actual play, Levin won the opening club lead in hand and pulled trumps. With the bad splits in the red suits, Levin was limited to 11 tricks, USA1 minus 50.

By stopping in game (and making 11 tricks), Canada picked up 10 IMPs.

**SCIENCE? (MA)**

The following deal from the d’Orsi Bowl in Bali 2013 was analysed in the tournament’s Daily Bulletin No. 11, 28th September 2013, pp. 4-5, in the commentary on the Germany-Indonesia quarterfinal match.

**QF#5. Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.**

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The author was unimpressed by this Open Room auction and suggested that three spades was a better and more scientific rebid for Kratz, giving West the space to show his scattered values.

In the Closed Room, the Indonesian Seniors reached the slam:

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The author commented waggishly, ‘Who needs science?’

Well, I think Bert Toar Polii did use science to justify his imaginative leap to six spades, but it was the science of ‘guesstimation’. The bidding of North and South, both vulnerable and missing the ace-jack of hearts strongly suggests that West has a singleton heart. The theory of Suit Distributions ([http://www.durangobill.com/BrSuitStats.html](http://www.durangobill.com/BrSuitStats.html)) predicts that West is likely to possess at least two spades and the theory of Vacant Places predicts that West’s 9-10 places for the minor suits gives him an excellent chance of possessing either the king of clubs or the ace of diamonds. If the defenders manage to frustrate declarer’s attempt to ruff the two
heart losers in dummy, one can be ruffed and the other discarded on the king of clubs (for example).

Durango Bill gives 55% for the chance that an 8-card suit will receive two-or-more-card support in dummy, but that is in the ‘pure’ case. Here, given the opponents’ bidding, the possibility that West possesses a singleton heart must push the odds up to well over 55%.

(If East’s hand is typical for their system - precisely 9½ to 10 tricks with a self-sufficient suit - then perhaps it is Strater in the Open Room who should have rebid differently. A five-club call would have ensured reaching this cold slam. True, if East’s red suits had been interchanged, some luck on opening lead, or in the diamond or club suit, may have been required. - Ed.)

**THE BATTLE OF NORTH AMERICA CONTINUES (BM)**

**QF#5. Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.**

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[Q  8  7
  A  10  6
  ♠️ 10  7  4  3 ]
[♠️ 8  6  5
  ♠️ 9  4  3
  ♠️ A  J
  ♠️ Q  9  7
  ♠️ A  9  8
  ♠️ K  9  8  7  6  5  4  3
  ♠️ J  Q  J  10  9  8  7  6  5  4  3 ]
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West North East South
Korbel Levin D. Wolpert Weinstein
— Pass 3NT Pass Pass
Pass Pass
1. Intermediate

Wolpert led the queen of diamonds, taken by Levin with dummy’s ace. Declarer played the king of clubs next, taken perforce by East. When East cashed two high diamonds, Levin could claim for plus 600.

It would not have helped Wolpert to exit with a spade. Levin simply goes up with the ace and runs his club winners, to reach this position:

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[Q  8
  A  10
  ♠️ 10  7
  ♠️ — [K  9  8  7  6  5  4  3
  ♠️ — 3
  ♠️ A
  ♠️ K  J
  ♠️ 5
  ♠️ — — ]
  ♠️ J
  ♠️ Q  9  7
  ♠️ 8
  ♠️ 2 ]
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When the final club is played, if East retains a spade to reach his partner’s hand, he must come down to doubleton in the red suits (declarer knows who has the king of hearts, so baring it would not help). Declarer could then play dummy’s jack of spades, establishing his queen. West could return a diamond, but the defenders would get only two dimaond tricks.

Norberto Bocchi, for Italy, played three no trump as North, knowing that East was something like 5-5 in the red suits. He played exactly as suggested above and said ‘it was mathematical, a very easy game’.

At the other table in the North America match, Thurston’s normal two-club overcall allowed Bathurst to enter the fray with a negative double, persuading Dwyer to leap to four diamonds, shutting everyone else up.

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West North East South
Bathurst Smith Dwyer Thurston
— Pass 2 Pass Pass
Double 4 Pass Pass
Pass Pass
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The negative double had been a prelude to bidding spades to show a hand not good enough to bid directly (all things considered, pass seems more prudent).

Dwyer went two down for minus 200, but USA1 still gained 9 IMPs.

**QF#5. Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.**

```
[5  2
  K  10  8  7
  ♠️ A  Q
  ♠️ K  Q  J  6  3  2  1  0  9  8  7  6  5  4
  ♠️ J  2  1  0  9  8  7  6  5  4 ]
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West North East South
Korbel Levin D. Wolpert Weinstein
— Pass 3NT Pass Pass
Pass Pass
1. Intermediate

Levin led the king of diamonds, ducked by declarer. A second diamond went to dummy’s ace, and Korbel pulled trumps in three rounds before taking the heart finesse. Now the jack of clubs went to the eight, three and queen. Korbel ruffed the diamond return and played a low club from hand, Levin playing the ace. Had Korbel unblocked the ten of clubs from dummy, he would still have had a chance to make the contract thanks to Weinstein’s play of the club eight earlier (with
the right view, Korbel could enter dummy with the ace of hearts and play a low club to his seven). With the blocking ten of clubs in dummy, there was no chance. Korbel ruffed the diamond return with his last trump and cashed the king of clubs. When there was no good news, he had to concede one down, minus 50.

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Smith also led the king of diamonds, ducked, and continued the suit. Bathurst won and played the ten of spades, then a spade to the jack, before playing a low club from hand. Smith won with the queen of clubs and cashed the ace of clubs before continuing with the queen of diamonds. The ruff-sluff allowed Bathurst to discard a low heart from hand, so he cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart, pulled the last outstanding trump and could claim for plus 420 and 10 IMPS.

One of the more interesting boards from the first day of the semi-finals was Board 29 in this second segment, where most Easts were the declarer in three notrump.

**PLEASE PASS ME THE SCISSORS (MH)**

**SF#1. Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.**

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North led the queen of spades and declarer won in dummy and, sensing no danger, played the jack of clubs. South took the ace and had only to play a spade to ensure the defeat of the contract. When he exited with the two of clubs declarer ruffed and ran the jack of hearts to South’s queen. The diamond return went to dummy’s jack and declarer unblocked the ace of hearts, played a spade to the jack followed by the ten of hearts. South won, but declarer claimed the balance, plus 420.

**Closed Room**

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Once again North led the queen of spades. Steve Robinson, commentating on BBO, said he could not see how the contract could make – well, Nunes showed him how.

After taking the spade, he cashed the ace of hearts and continued with a second round. South took the king and switched to a diamond. Declarer won with dummy’s queen, played a spade to the jack, overtook the ten of spades with the king and played the six of spades, matching it with the six of clubs from his hand – a classic example of the Scissors Coup. With the link to his partner cut off, South could take only the master trump, plus 420.

The way to defeat four hearts is for North to lead a diamond. Declarer wins with dummy’s jack, and after the ace of hearts and a heart, South must underlead his club honours so North can get in and lead a diamond for South to ruff.

In the unlikely event of declarer cashing just one heart and then playing four rounds of spades, a la Nunes, South wins and now plays a black card at every opportunity, which is just too much for declarer, who eventually runs out of trumps.

Susan Stockdale for England, in the Venice Cup, declared four hearts doubled from the West seat and followed Nunes line exactly. Stockdale’s doubled game came home for plus 590 and a big swing to England.

**JACOBUS AT THE HELM (MM)**

**SF#2. Board 29. Dealer North. Both Vul.**

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Roger Bates, in the Closed Room, led the jack of hearts (Rusinow) and Jerzy Russyan went up with dummy's ace and called for the jack of diamonds from dummy, which went to the king, ace and four.

Declarer then played another diamond and when South discarded, he was two down when he, in an attempt to make his contract, tried to find South with both the ace and the king of spades.

Jacobus played very well at the other table. He ducked the queen of hearts lead and South shifted to the four of diamonds and that went to dummy's jack and the king from North, whereupon declarer again ducked!

Kowalski, who didn’t know what to believe, returned a diamond (a club switch here is the killer since, despite finding the queen of clubs for declarer, it destroys the communication between declarer and dummy).

Declarer won the diamond in dummy, South discarding a heart. Jacobus now continued with the two of spades, the three, nine, ace. Romanski returned the eight of spades to the five, ten and declarer's jack. Jacobus cashed the king of hearts and played a spade to Kowalski's king. Declarer still only had eight tricks and had already lost four when North was to play from:

| ♠ | ♠ | ♠ 7 5 4
| ♠ Q
| ♦ A 7
| ♦ —
| ♦ K J 9

Romanski exited with the ten of diamonds, ace from declarer, and South discarded the eight of clubs, dummy the jack of clubs. Jacobus next played a club to the king in dummy, cached the heart ace, forcing a diamond discard from North. The spade queen administered the coup-de-grâce as North had to keep a diamond and South a heart. Thus neither could keep two clubs and the queen of clubs had to fall under the ace. That was a very well-deserved 13 IMPs to USA 2 for that terrific declarer play by Jacobus in a very difficult contract.

**DON’T GIVE AWAY THE SHOW! (BM)**

This board was played in the notrump game or in the diamond slam at every table. Only one East-West pair went plus; here is how they did it.

**SF#3. Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.**

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

**West** | **North** | **East** | **South**
---|---|---|---
Passell | Lasocki | Wold | Russyan
— | — | — | 1 ♣
Pass | 1 ♦ | Pass | 2 ♦
Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3 ♣
Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass | 6 ♠
Pass | 6 ♦ | Pass | Pass
Pass | 1. Forcing

Mike Passell did very well to stay out of the auction (had he bid one heart, East would have shown a preemptive raise and declarer would have known to take the spade finesse rather than play on clubs. Passell then selected the heart lead that gave declarer nothing. Russyan won and led a club to the king, smoothly ducked by Passell, persuading declarer to draw trumps and lead another club to his hand. Down one!

**SWAN LAKE (MM)**

**SF#4. Board 29. Dealer North. EW Vul.**

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

| ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♠ 7 5 4 |
| ♠ Q |
| ♦ A 7 |
| ♦ — |
| ♦ K J 9 |

| ♦ A 10 6 |
| — |
| ♦ J 9 |
| — |
| ♦ Q 8 3 2 |
Yan Liu played like a ballet dancer dancing in ‘Swan Lake’ on this board.

Susan Stockdale led the nine of hearts, to the two, ten and queen. Things didn’t look that good for declarer since a lot had to be done to be able to scramble nine tricks. Our prima ballerina, Yan Liu, swirled around and started with the jack of diamonds, which went to the king, ace and seven. Yan’s key play, came next, a club to the nine and South’s jack. Stockdale shifted to a spade and Yan won with the king. The queen of clubs followed and when that wasn’t covered, she ran it. When the ten appeared from North, declarer had one spade trick, two hearts and three tricks in each minor suit - nine in all.

**THE ELEVENTH HOUR (BM)**

This board was critical in both the women’s semi-final match between The Netherlands and USA II and the quarterfinal match between Polish Students and Gordon in the Transnational. Both American teams desperately needed a good result, and got one.

The USA women were allowed to make three notrump against the Dutch (king of diamonds lead, queen of diamonds continuation - East following with the two, seven).

**SF#6 (TNT QF#3). Board 31. Dealer South. NS Vul.**

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Gordon declared two spades at one table, and defended four spades at the other. North/South had had a disagreement about South’s double, South believing he had made a penalty double and North believing South had made a good, as opposed to a competitive, three-spade bid.

Berkowitz made 10 tricks in two spades against less-than-inspired defence for plus 170.

Michael Seamon led his singleton heart against four spades. Declarer won in hand and crossed to a top club to lead the jack of spades. Had East made the normal play of ducking, declarer would have been able to complete the drawing of trumps and come to ten tricks via the club finesse. But Jacek Pszczola covered the jack of spades with his queen - this was excellent defence. Declarer won with the ace of spades and tried another club, to the ace, ruffed by East, who returned his last trump. Declarer still had two hearts and two diamonds to lose for minus 200, down two, and 9 IMPs to Gordon, drawing them to within 1 IMP in the match with one board to play.

A better chance for declarer would have been to crash the spade honours, drawing three rounds of trumps and splitting them out 3-3, but the bad club break would have held him to nine tricks anyway.

**CAUGHT AT THE WIRE (KT)**

After my team had been unceremoniously shown the door in the Venice Cup, I took the opportunity to sightsee in Bali and watch a little BBO VuGraph. The following deals were very entertaining.

The first deal occurred in a close match, and the circumstances were very dramatic. In the Transnational Teams semifinal, the Polish Students team (Stanislaw Golebiowski/Piotr Tuczynski; Pawel Jassem/Jakub Wojcieszek; Michal Klukowski/Piotr Zatorski) was leading the Gordon team (David Berkowitz/Alan Sontag; Mark Gordon/Pratap Rajadhyyaksha; Jacek Pszczola/ Michael Seamon) by 1 IMP, 105-104, with one board to play, when the following deal appeared:
East led a diamond and declarer won, drew trumps and established a long spade for his thirteenth trick.

David Berkowitz made two very clever bids here. The first was three spades - he wanted to discover if Alan Sontag had any secondary honours in the black suits, in which case he'd try three notrump. When Sontag bid four hearts, Berkowitz still had a likely six notrump in reserve, but asked Sontag for a choice of slams. When Sontag rebid six hearts, Berkowitz knew that, missing the king of hearts, Sontag's hearts had to be internally solid. Thus he raised to the grand slam.

1. Game forcing heart raise
2. RKCB
3. 2 key cards and the heart queen
4. 3rd-round club control?
5. Yes, and extras in diamonds

At the prevailing vulnerability, Fiona Brown's three-diamond call is quite remarkable, even with the knowledge that partner is short in hearts, probably void. Mightn't partner take you seriously? Perhaps not as you're a passed hand.

Without this three-diamond call, Susan Stockdale might have had a nasty guess on opening lead against seven hearts doubled. As it was there were only 12 tricks in seven notrump and England was plus 50.

CHUTZPAH (KT)

This deal is from the third set of the final of the Venice Cup, England (Sally Brock/Nicola Gardener; Fiona Brown/Susan Stockdale; Heather Dhondy/Nevena Senior) versus USA2 (Hjordis Eythorsdottir/Janice Seamon-Molson; Jill Levin/Jenny Wolpert; Jill Meyers/Migry Zur-Campanile). At the time, the score was tied at 70 IMPs apiece ...


Pass 1NT
West North East South
Seamon Jassem Pszczola Wojcieszek
Pass 1NT
Pass 2NT
Pass 3NT
Pass 6NT
Pass

1. Pick a slam

Migry Zur-Campanile. At the time, the score was tied at 70 IMPs apiece ...


Pass 1NT
West North East South
Levin Brown J.Wolpert Stockdale
Pass 1NT
Pass 3NT
Pass 4NT
Pass 4NT
Pass 6NT
Pass 7NT
Double
Pass

1. Game forcing heart raise
2. RKCB
3. 2 key cards and the heart queen
4. 3rd-round club control?
5. Yes, and extras in diamonds

At this table, Nevena Senior stuck it out in seven hearts doubled, but Jill Meyers unerringly put her finger on the five of clubs for plus 100 and 2 IMPs to USA2.
## RESULTS

### 41st Bermuda Bowl

**Round Robin Rankings:**
1. USA1 293
2. Italy 284
3. Monaco 280
4. Poland 257
5. Netherlands 254
6. England 252
7. China 246
8. Canada 243

**Quarterfinals:**
- USA 214 - Canada 158
- Italy 242 - China 146
- Monaco 178 - England 226
- Poland 242 - Netherlands 119

**Semifinals:**
- Monaco 241 - USA1 - 160
- Italy 201 - Poland 79

**Final:**
- Italy 210 - Monaco 126

**Playoff:**
- Poland 146 - USA1 142

**Butler Rankings:**
1. Fantoni Fulvio-Nunes Claudio, Monaco +1.12
2. Bocchi Norberto-Madala Agustin, Italy +0.99
3. Levin Robert-Weinstein Steve, USA1 +0.99

### 19th Venice Cup

**Round Robin Rankings:**
1. Netherlands 297
2. USA1 281
3. Poland 280
4. China 260
5. USA2 258
6. Turkey 258
7. France 255
8. England 245

**Quarterfinals:**
- Netherlands 204 - Turkey 131
- England 203 - USA1 138
- USA2 173 - Poland 125
- China 204 - France 192

**Semifinals:**
- USA2 181 - Netherlands 165
- England 230 - China 157

**Final:**
- USA2 229 - England 220

**Playoff:**
- Netherlands 152 - China 139

**Butler Rankings:**
1. Stockdale Susan-Brown Fiona, England +1.01
2. Pasman Jet-Simons Anneke, Netherlands +0.94
3. Liu Yan-Yan Ru, China +0.89

### 7th d’Orsi Bowl

**Round Robin Rankings:**
1. France 304
2. USA2 281
3. Germany 269
4. Belgium 263
5. Poland 259
6. Indonesia 258
7. Scotland 254
8. Netherlands 248

**Quarterfinals:**
- France 251 - Netherlands 91
- USA2 288 - Scotland 139
- Germany 222 - Indonesia 172
- Poland 236 - Belgium 163

**Semifinals:**
- Germany 222 - France 195
- USA2 247 - Poland 178

**Final:**
- Germany 172 - USA2 161

**Playoff:**
- Poland 130 - France 80

**Butler Rankings:**
1. Passell Mike-Wold Eddie, USA2 1.20
2. Maas Anton-Vriend Bep, Netherlands 1.11
3. Wladow Entscho-Elinescu Michael, Germany 1.05

### 9th Transnational Teams

**Swiss Rankings:**
1. Yeh Mix 218
2. Fleisher 193
3. Gordon 192
4. PD Times 192
5. SAIC VW 189
6. Polish Students 185
7. Indonesia Open 183
8. White House 183

**Quarterfinals:**
- White House 162 - Yeh Mix 40
- SAIC VW 180 - Fleisher 73
- Gordon 115 - Polish Students 105
- PD Times 133 - Indonesia Open ME 96

**Semifinals:**
- Gordon 109 - White House 64
- SAIC VW 71 - PD Times 68

**Final:**
- Gordon 92 - SAIC VW 81

**Playoff:**
- White House 55 - PD Times 51

**Butler Rankings:**
1. Smirnov Alexander-Piekarek Josef, Germany +1.71
2. Levitina Irina-Sanborn Kerri, USA +1.38
3. Piskanto Piskanto-Novry Kaligis, Indonesia +1.33
IBPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday morning, 23rd Sep 2013 – Bali
Minutes

0. Attendance: 38 (see list below)

1. Remembrance of members deceased since last AGM: Petra Mansell, Chris Diment, Joan Gerard, Leonard Helman, and Honour and Founding Member Jimmy Ortiz-Patiño

2. Minutes of the EGM and AGM held on 16th August 2012 in Lille - Approved.

3. Officers’ Reports: President, Chairman, Secretary (attached)

4. Appointees’ Reports: Editor, Liaison Officer, Membership Secretary (attached)

5. Treasurer
Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2012 is read out by Per Jannersten and approved. Auditor’s report for 2012 (Richard Fleet) (attached) – Approved. Budget and proposal regarding subscriptions (unchanged) for the year 2014 – Approved.

6. Elections:
Proposed for annual election are: Hon. General Counsel: Bill Pencharz (England); Hon. Auditor: Richard Fleet - Approved

7. Election of Executive members:
Proposed for a 3-year election to 2016: David Stern (Australia); Brent Manley (USA); Tadashi Yoshida (Japan) - Approved

8. The IBPA Annual Awards

9. Any other competent business.
   - we should ask people who run websites to recruit new members from among those that only publish on-line
   - members are reminded to mention the IBPA and the sponsors if they write about the awards
   - the website looks ancient and should be updated
   - there might be more photos in the bulletin, including those of the journalists.
   - we have a large bank balance – what shall we do with it?
Suggestions from the floor include free copies of bulletins at championships, reduced subscription, perhaps just for new members, 5-year and lifetime memberships – to be discussed at next Executive meeting.
   - an e-mail has been sent to all members requesting information about the readership
   - discussion on new VP scale. Two elements: bridge technical and public relation. A vote in the meeting points to a rejection of the new scales. Will be considered at the next Executive meeting.

Herman De Wael, secretary, with help from Jan van Cleeff.

List of attendees to the AGM
Sevinc Atay, Bianca Barden, John Carruthers, Denis Cimon, Simon Cochemé, Donna Compton, José Damiani, Herman De Wael, Jeremy Dhondy, Josef Harsanyi, Mark Horton, Anna Jannersten, Britt Jannersten, Per Jannersten, Alf Jensen, Patrick Jourdain, Ron Klinger, Slawek Latala, Fernando Lema, Alvin Levy, Christina Lund Madsen, Brent Manley, Micke Melander, George Retek, Barry Rigal, Andrew Robson, Gianarrigo Rona, Piet Spruit, David Stern, PO Sundelin, Jon Sveindal, Jan Swaan, Paul Thurston, Geo Tislevoll, Jan van Cleeff, Elisabeth van Ettinger, John Wignall, Marek Wojcicki (38)
President’s Report 2013

Following the 2011 rewrite of the Constitution, the 2012 rewrite of the Job Descriptions and the stability this year of your Officers, it has been a less stressful year for your President, apart from acquiring two new ceramic hips. The Job Descriptions went on the website early this year.

Our Sub-committee set up in Lille to communicate in new ways has launched a Facebook page for IBPA members. It will be shortly be open to members of the public. It was set up by Rene Stienen of the Netherlands.

Here in Bali we enjoy an excellent Press Room well managed by Jan Swaan. I take this chance to thank the World Bridge Federation for their support for IBPA. We have received the annual grant and tonight our good friend Gianarrigo Rona hosts a dinner for IBPA members in good standing.

This year we give a warm welcome to a new sponsor for our Auction of the Year Award, Mr. Chen Yeh, introduced by Executive Member Tadashi Yoshida. We hope to greet Mr Chen Yeh later in this meeting. We also have a new Junior Sportsman Award to give out, donated by a member, Margaret Parnis England.

I also thank warmly our regular sponsors. Dilip Gidwani, Ray Lee and Nick Nickell are not able to be with us this year but we give a warm welcome to Ron Klinger, and, in her absence, his wife Suzie.

I conclude with thanks for your other officers and Executive. Herman De Wael, the Secretary, also fills the role of shopper for frames and printer of certificates. Our Membership secretary, Jeremy Dhondy, reports a small decline in Membership since Lille but I am happy to welcome almost enough new, rejoining and late-paying members here in Bali to recover the deficit. Barry Rigal, our Awards Chairman, denies himself many opportunities to win. Of 16 members of the Executive 13 are here in Bali and 11 were present for our meeting. Thank you all.

Patrick Jourdain

Chairman’s Report 2013

I am happy to report that our organization is in good standing (also in the eyes of Montana’s Secretary of State).

It is not a winning strategy to be standing, however. Members need to be reminded that they have a duty and self-interest to recruit new members. I hope that both individual members and the Executive will give recruiting high(er) priority in the future.

Per Jannersten

Secretary’s Report

My job entails no activity that needs to be reported on. I wish to remind members that even if they sometimes get a mail from my gmail-address, they should always use my skynet-address (hermandw@skynet.be) to reach me. I only use gmail when I’m away from home and the rest of the time it may take some weeks for me to notice incoming mail.

Herman De Wael

Editor’s Report

It was business as usual for the past 12 months. We had articles and reports from nearly all WBF Zones with, as usual, Europe, Australia and North America dominating the coverage and Asia, South America and BFAME contributing as well. Zonal Trials, World and European Championships and NABCs formed the lion’s share of our coverage.

Barry Rigal, Phillip Alder, Ron Klinger, Mark Horton and Brian Senior were our most frequent contributors. Katie Thorpe, PO Sundelin and Phillip Alder performed yeoman service in ensuring that my errors in spelling, grammar, formatting and analysis were kept to a minimum. Katie also ensured that each deal contained 52 unique cards. I am very grateful to all three of them.
It is worth reiterating that we welcome articles from all members, especially those in the less-populated Zones. If you are unsure of your English, you may submit them in your own language and I’ll try to get them translated into English – I can handle French and Swedish and have a crack team of translators standing by for other languages. Or, submit them in English, however fractured, and I’ll try to improve them.

We also welcome suggestions from members as to the content of the Bulletin. Currently we have an editorial, tournament reports and other articles, the column service, news & views, correspondence and an occasional appearance of the world bridge calendar. Please feel free to comment on the desirability of any of these features, as well as any others you’d like to see.

John Carruthers

**Liaison Officer’s Report**

Everything is OK. I am not aware of any problems.

Panos Gerontopoulos

**Membership Secretary’s Report**

IBPA Membership Report 2013

Membership is down by just over 4% in the last year. The number taking the printed bulletin continues to fall (by 27% in the last year) and may soon reach the point where it is no longer economical to do. On a brighter note there were 25 members joining for the first time or after an absence.

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** All who have not paid since 2006 have been marked as resigned in 2012

** All those who have not paid since 2007 have been marked as resigned

*** Includes those rejoining after absence

Members who have notified resignation or died since the 2012 AGM

Bruce Neill, Edwin Stoel, Arvid Wikner, Knut Blakset, Bill Townsend, Irving Gordon

Chris Diment (died Jan 2013) (lapsed member)

Petra Mansell (died Aug 2012)

Joan Gerard (died April 2013)

Leonard Helman (died June 2013) (lapsed member)

Those below have not paid since 2007 and are marked as resigned:

Harlit Bigat, Ralf Bystrom, KY Chen, Uri Gilboa, Stefan Gudjohnsen, Enrico Leufkens, Robert J Levin, Robert Lui, Rosa Lui, BJ O’Brien, Derek Rimington, Denis Robson, Luc Schrooons

New in 2012/13 Lille-31/8/13

Linda Lee, Katia Reznik, Nira de Waele, Martin Schifko, Luis Lantaron, Roy Hughes, Donna Compton, Jean-Christophe Quantin, Jan Veldkamp, Jan Feringa, Koby Shachar, Gilles Queran (rejoined), Tracey Yarbro, Zbigniew Janikci, Pietro Forquet (rejoined), Denis Cimon, Amit Chaudhuri, Constantin Vornicu, Louk Herber, Roy Welland (rejoined), Bianca Barden (rejoined), Jens Auken (rejoined), Bob Donkersloot (rejoined), Kirsten Rita Arnesen (rejoined), Kirsten Lund Madsen.

Jeremy Dhondy
Accounts for 2012 (excerpt)

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2012

Assets 2012 2011
$  $

Current Assets
Trade debtors 0 1,000
Cash and cash equivalents 72,568 75,285
Total assets 72,568 76,285

Current liabilities
Trade and other payables 797 1,637

Net assets 71,771 74,678

Reserves
Retained profit brought forward 74,648 77,218
Profit and loss account -2,877 -2,570
Total reserves 71,771 74,648

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION

INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2012

Note 2012 2011
$  $

Income
Interest received 58 738
Sponsored award money 2,960 3,000
Subscriptions due 4,074 3,242
Subscriptions due – printing 540
Subscriptions paid in advance 2,751 8,051
Subscriptions paid in advance – printing 1,506
Surplus on exchange rate 590 0
WBF grant 2,500 2,475

Expenditure 17,856 20,076
Printing and postage 2,837 3,402
Editor’s travel 500 1,000
Editor’s fee 10,600 8,287
IBPA awards 1,588 2,250
Bank charges 571 709
Deficit on exchange rate 0 1,248
Filing Fees 160 0
Membership secretary’s expenses Treasurer’s expenses 5000 5001,500
President’s expenses President’s travel 500600 500600
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EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME 2,877 2,570
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2012

1. Subscriptions paid in advance
Subscriptions paid in advance according to the income statement confirm a liability for the year ended 2012 to the extent of $4,257.

2. Assets
Computers, printers and fax machines are all written off to NIL during the year of purchase.

3. Cash Funds 31st December 2012. US$

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Richard Solomon

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IBPA Budget for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014
All figures in US dollars

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Richard Solomon & Patrick Jourdain