

A-Hunting We Will Go!



Marion Michielsen and Meike Wortel (Netherlands), Els Toutenel (Belgium), Ben Green, Duncan Happer and Michael Byrne (England), Carlota Venier (Italy) tied with Miroslava Kemenova (Slovakia), Radu Nistor (Romania), Lars Nielsen, Anne Sorensen and Mads Krogsgaard (Denmark), Jamie Corry (Ireland).

With four females in the winning team, it was victory on two Sundays in a row for the females, after Sara Sivelind and Cecilia Rimstedt had won the bridge last weekend.



Tonight's Talent Show

Please tell the organisers (Andrea or Thomas) what act you will perform.

Group acts are encouraged.

Practise makes perfect, but we do not expect perfection.

TREASURE HUNT RESULTS

***1st** Team N Marion Michielsen and Meike Wortel (Netherlands), Els Toutenel (Belgium), Ben Green, Duncan Happer and Michael Byrne (England), Carlota Venier (Italy). 68 points

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3rd Team M Adam Finnison, Olafur Hanneson, Ellert Smari Kristbergsson and Gabriel Gislason (Iceland) and Andrew Luke (USA). 63 points

4th Team A 62 points

5th Team B 59 points

6th Team H 54 points

7th Team L 53 points

8th Team J 47 points

9th Team K 42 points

9th Team C 42 points

11th Team I 41 points

12th Team F 39 points

Did not finish: Teams E and G

Schedule

Monday July 10

- 08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
- 13:15 – 14:15 Lecture
- 14:30 Crazy Bridge tournament
- 20:00 – 20:30 Closing Ceremony
- 20:30 – 21:30 Farewell dinner
- 21:30 – 22:30 Talent Show

If time permits; Karaoke after Talent Show.

- 23:30 Disco

Tuesday July 11

- 08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

PLEASE CHECK THE MAIN NOTICE BOARD. BUS TIMES FOR BRATISLAVA AIRPORT ARE NOW LISTED.

Hands from Lecture Two

by Klaus Reps

Signalling on defence

1.

<p>♠ A 10 4 ♥ Q 10 9 8 3 ♦ K 6 ♣ A K Q</p>	<p>♠ K Q 9 3 ♥ A 4 ♦ A Q 9 7 ♣ 7 6 5</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N</p> <p style="text-align: center;">W E</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ J 7 6 5 ♥ K J 7 2 ♦ J 10 ♣ 4 3 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 2 ♥ 6 5 ♦ 8 5 4 3 2 ♣ J 10 9 8</p>
<p>West 1♥ 2♠</p>	<p>North Dble Pass</p>	<p>East 2♥ 3♥</p>	<p>South Pass All Pass</p>

After the lead of the ♠K South should show count since the ♠J is in dummy, assuming North can infer that his encouragement is based on holding a doubleton spade. West will win and play a heart. North knows he will not beat the contract if South has four spades as opposed to two. So he has to rise with his trump ace because he knows his partner has only two trumps at most, cash his ♠Q and give partner a ruff with the ♠9 (suit preference) to ask for a diamond. A diamond return now will set the contract one trick; note that a club play would let the contract make.

2.

<p>♠ J 9 2 ♥ A 9 2 ♦ Q J 10 9 ♣ A 7 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 4 3 ♥ J 3 ♦ A K 6 5 ♣ K Q J 10</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N</p> <p style="text-align: center;">W E</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ A K 10 7 ♥ Q 5 ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ 8 6 4 3</p>	<p>♠ 8 6 5 ♥ K 10 8 7 6 4 ♦ 8 4 ♣ 9 5</p>
<p>West Pass</p>	<p>North INT 2♥</p>	<p>East Pass All Pass</p>	<p>South 2♦</p>

On the lead of the ♠A East gets a discouraging signal by West. Without the ♠Q in partner's hand East will switch now to a club or a diamond. Say he plays a club: when West gets in with the ♣A he will play a spade through declarer's queen, which scores tricks number 3 and 4 for the defence. After East got off lead in a minor declarer will now play the ♥J, which must be covered by East's queen, in order for West's ♥9 to produce the setting trick.

3.

<p>♠ 9 8 3 ♥ K J 7 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ Q J 10 6</p>	<p>♠ Q J 4 ♥ 8 6 5 2 ♦ Q J 10 9 ♣ 8 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N</p> <p style="text-align: center;">W E</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ A K 6 5 2 ♥ Q 10 ♦ A K 5 ♣ 7 5 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 7 ♥ A 9 4 3 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ A K 9 3</p>
<p>West 2♠</p>	<p>North All Pass</p>	<p>East 1♠</p>	<p>South Dble</p>

On the lead of the ♣A partner South does not need an attitude signal, since he sees the ♣Q in dummy. North shows count with his doubleton after which we can cash the ♣K and give partner a club ruff with our ♣9 (suit preference) to ask for hearts. North will play a heart to South for the fourth club. A ruff with a spade honour by North now promotes a trump trick as the setting trick for the defence.

4.

<p>♠ 10 8 3 ♥ A 5 ♦ J 10 7 5 2 ♣ A K 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 6 5 ♥ K 10 7 3 ♦ K Q ♣ Q 10 4 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N</p> <p style="text-align: center;">W E</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ K 9 4 2 ♥ 9 6 ♦ 9 8 4 3 ♣ 9 7 5</p>	<p>♠ A J 7 ♥ Q J 8 4 2 ♦ A 6 ♣ J 8 6</p>
<p>West Pass Pass</p>	<p>North 2♦ 4♥</p>	<p>East Pass All Pass</p>	<p>South 1♥ 2♥</p>

West leads the ♣A and receives a count signal (odd number of cards) by East since the ♣Q is in dummy. West should switch to a spade now since it is only in spades that it might be necessary to develop a trick at once.

So West tries a small spade and East has to put up the ♠9 (not the ♠K) in third position, which is won by declarer. On lead with the ♥A West can now set up a spade trick, that must be cashed as soon as West gets in with the ♣K.

South American Junior Championships

by Peter Gill

Six teams from five countries played in the 1st South American Junior Teams Championships in Buenos Aires from 28 April to 1 May 2006. Chile (Ben Robles, Jack Smith, Joaquin Pacareu and Rodrigo Borgono) topped the qualifiers, comfortably dealt with Uruguay in their semi-final, and won a thrilling Grand Final by one imp. Chile thus qualified for the World Junior Championships in Bangkok, where they hope to improve on their 10th out of 18 teams in Sydney last year.

These hands are from the other semi-final between Argentina and Brazil, Ecuador having been the fifth country involved.

At favourable vulnerability, partner deals and opens INT (15-17). After RHO passes, what would you call with J73, 86, K9876542, void? Answer later.

Board 20 is one of those high level competitive bidding situations in which one wonders whether it is luck or skill that determines the IMP flow.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ 8 ♥ A K 7 6 5 3 2 ♦ K 10 5 4 ♣ 7</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ J 5 ♥ Q J 10 8 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ Q 9 6 3</p>	<p>♠ A K 9 6 ♥ 9 4 ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ J 10 5 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Debarnot</i>	<i>La Rovere</i>	<i>Alonso</i>
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

Had Marcello La Rovere raised the 4♥ opening to 5♥, it's hard to see how N/S can win the hand, because if South bids 5♠, surely North will raise to 6♠. Such a 5♥ bid may seem double dummy, but perhaps one can anticipate that N/S are about to bid 4♠ and that the immediate 5♥ gives N/S the last guess.

Fernando Alonso ruffed ♥A lead, played a spade to the ace, ruffed a heart and crossed to ♠K to lead ♣J. Best defence is to duck, the general principle being that one covers the last of the consecutive honours in dummy, i.e. one ducks the jack then covers the ten. La Rovere covered, and after four rounds of clubs finessing the nine, Alonso exited with ♦J. Roberto Barbosa played the king, then ♦5 on which ♦9 was played, plus 650.

Brazil's Brum – Rossi partnership had more space, but did not bid to the five level.

West	North	East	South
<i>Aluyas</i>	<i>B Brum</i>	<i>A A Madala</i>	<i>Rossi</i>
1♥	Pass	3♦	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Bidding five over five is something that many players avoid at all costs, although a void in the opponents' suit is sometimes an exception. Gabino Aluyas lost the obvious three tricks for an 11 IMP gain to Argentina.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J 7 3 ♥ 8 6 ♦ K 9 8 7 6 5 4 2 ♣ –</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A 8 2 ♥ A Q J 9 4 ♦ 10 3 ♣ A 5 4</p>	<p>♠ K 10 6 5 ♥ K ♦ A J ♣ K J 10 9 7 6</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Aluyas</i>	<i>B Brum</i>	<i>A A Madala</i>	<i>Rossi</i>
5♦	All Pass	INT	Pass

Gabino Aluyas took an intelligent punt with his direct 5♦ call. It has three ways to succeed – 5♦ might make, or it might be a good undoubled save over 4♥, 4♠ or 5♣, or it might goad the opponents to bid at too high a level.

♣J was led to the ace, declarer pitching a heart. When Aluyas cashed ♥A and ♥K dropped, declarer still wasn't home. A trump now would fail if there is a spade switch, so Aluyas instead played ♥Q. This was ruffed, and there was no defence as the cards lie. Plus 400 was worth 6 IMPs to Argentina when the other table stopped in 3♦. We offer no verdict on whether the preemptive 5♦ bid is better than milder calls, expect to point out that the favourable vulnerability strongly favours the direct 5♦ call. Despite these boards, Brazil Juniors went on to defeat Argentina Juniors 127 – 95, setting up the Final against Chile.

The website for the Championships is:
<http://www.bridgesudamericano.com>.



Dorothy Truscott Revisited

by Phillip Alder



Phillip Alder's obituary of Dorothy Hayden Truscott, who died on Tuesday, which was published in the New York Times July 8, 2006 described her as one of the greatest female bridge players of all time. She learned the basics of bridge when she was 7, watching her mother play and occasionally taking her father's cards when he had to prepare drinks.

Truscott had a stellar bridge career, highlighted by 11 world championship medals: four gold, one silver and six bronze. She also won a gold medal as a nonplaying captain. She captured more than two dozen national titles, starting in 1959.

Her main strengths as a player, apart from technical skill, were being an excellent partner, never criticizing the person sitting opposite her and having an impassive demeanor. Alder said he played many times with her, and whenever he laid down his dummy, he gained no clue about our contract's chances. Alan Truscott, the bridge columnist of The New York Times from 1964 until his death last year – and Dorothy's husband as of 1972 – was the antithesis of this. As soon as Alder tabled my cards, he knew whether the contract was lay-down, touch-and-go or no-play.

Dorothy Truscott taught math for one year. This experience helped her become a top bridge teacher, and she used that aptitude in two excellent books, "Winning Declarer Play" and "Bid Better, Play Better."

Truscott invented DOPI and splinter bids. DOPI stands for Double = 0 and Pass = 1. When an opponent overcalls a four-no-trump Blackwood bid, the replier doubles with no aces and passes with one. A splinter bid, which is an unusual jump to show a singleton (or void) in the bid suit, a good fit for partner's suit and at least game-going values, was also devised independently by an Englishman, David Cliff. Both DOPI and splinters are used by almost every pair in the tournament world.

Truscott, who was 80, was a World Grand Master and became a member of the American Contract Bridge League's Hall of Fame in 1998.

She had two particularly famous partnerships. The first was with B. J. Becker, with whom she won three national titles. She also played with him in the 1965 Bermuda Bowl world team championship, becoming only the second woman to represent the United States in that event. (Helen Sobel had played in 1957.) This Bermuda Bowl was notorious because Dorothy Hayden (as she was then), Alan Truscott and Becker accused a British pair, Terence Reese and Boris Schapiro, of illegally signaling by varying the number of fingers they placed in front of their cards.

In women's events Truscott was most successful with Emma Jean Hawes, winning those four world titles and nine national championships. They defended beautifully on the diagramed deal. After Hawes (West) opened with a weak two-spade bid, South jumped to four hearts, keeping his club suit hidden.

Dealer West. Both Vul

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West	North	East	South
2♠	Pass	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Truscott (East) won the first trick with her spade ace and shifted to the club ten, West ruffing South's ace. West continued with the spade king, declarer ruffing and drawing trump in three rounds. At this point Truscott knew that South had begun with 1-6-1-5 distribution. If he had the diamond ace, the contract was unbeatable, but if he had a low diamond, West might duck declarer's diamond lead toward the board, hoping that South had two diamonds and would be forced to guess the suit to make his contract.

To stop this from happening, Truscott discarded her diamond queen! Now when declarer led his diamond, West stepped in with her ace and played a high spade. South ruffed and ran winners, but he had to lose the last trick to East's club nine. The defenders took one spade, one diamond, one club and one club ruff.

Truscott was a wonderful ambassador for the game, touring the world and charming everyone she met.

Interview With Jenny Lin

In the world of the ACBL it often seems to me (the Bulletin Editor) that juniors are seen as an unnecessary irritation - people on whom money hardly needs to be spent. This impression might be reinforced by the knowledge that the ACBL no longer has a junior department, with the departure of Charlotte Blaiss from their ranks.

So it comes as a pleasant surprise to discover that at least one person in authority is taking the profile of Junior Bridge seriously. And history has been made in a sense, since the new representative on the ACBL Board of Governors is Jenny Lin, who is still a junior, and is one of the bridge players at the Camp.

I sat down to talk with her, and before we began I tried to establish a little bit about the structure of the ACBL and her role in it - and also how she got involved in ACBL politics.

Jennifer's father taught a cousin of hers to play bridge when she was five, and her father told her she was too young to learn. She badgered him for five years to teach her, and when she was ten he relented and taught the basics of the game to her eight year old brother and her. He was a club player in Taiwan, and the home-grown methods included 4♣ always being Gerber, four-card majors, and 16-18 no-trump. But in addition to that, he also taught them about movements and IMPs and matchpoints, so that by the time she came to go to High School she was ready to run a Pairs Tournament - even though she had never played in one!

Jenny told me she took over the classes of Noble Shore, a junior who had taught bridge classes at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Noble is on the second US team for Thailand this summer, but was occupied with marriage, work, and other unimportant trivia...

From that Jenny had liaised with her local district, that of Northern Virginia, which is just south of Washington DC. Jennifer's attempts to raise funds for Juniors led her to decide to stand for the Board of Governors. The BOG consists of a group of five in her district, three elected and two ex officio, who do not have anything like the power of the Board of Directors - there is one member of the BOD from each district - but who do get to review the decisions of the BOD and comment on them. The BOD gets funding to attend meetings at each of the Nationals, whereas the BOG pays its own way.

Anyway, Jenny had decided to stand for the BOG next year when one of the current governors took ill, and has since unfortunately died. She stood down and Jenny was co-opted to the team.

I asked her which activities she was particularly keen to see Juniors involved with, and she responded that she was hoping to raise funds, and general awareness about juniors by adding two initial days for juniors at the start of the Hunt Valley Regional in Maryland. (For the record, each District has four Regionals a year, but is allowed to run additional Senior or Junior Regionals, open only to them. In the past only one such Junior Regional has happened, which offered the players cheap hotel rooms, and low entry fees with meals included as well.)

Jennifer wants to make use of the fact that Thomas Jefferson High School has a number of children signed up through the



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ACBL schools program - a scheme set in place by David Banh, who is playing at the Camp here - and that the two junior days at the regional might encourage them to play against other juniors from around the USA.

As to her own game she is modest about it - she claims justifiably so - but she is clearly one of the stronger female Juniors from the States. She plays with Victor Chubukov, when they can find the time or a convenient location, with Victor being based in California. That brings her to another sore point; how come there are no Girls tournaments in US while Europe is organizing them alongside the Junior Europeans? She looks forward to World Girls events with relish.

And finally her job: Jennifer works as a computer programmer on government contracts. She is currently working for the FBI. We can tell you more - but then we'd have to kill you.

DAILY TRIVIA

What convention known to the world was originally published by a pseudonymous author under the name of Wormwood?

BRIDGE PERCENTAGES

How should you play

K 7 3

facing

A J 6 4

For three tricks, and how should you play the suit for four tricks?

The Junior Camp in Frostburg

In 2002 it was the turn of Frostburg Maryland to host the Camp after the Summer Nationals in Washington. So on the morning after the Nationals finished 75 barely awake juniors hoisted themselves on to buses and we made the trip to Frostburg University, a State (i.e. State-sponsored) University on the Pennsylvania border of Maryland.

In case the term State University gives you the wrong idea, Frostburg has a splendid campus and a well-appointed series of buildings. The rooms were air-conditioned, no small deal given the heat-wave the North-East was experiencing, and was also at 1500 foot elevation considerably cooler than some of the alternative locations we might have chosen.

The Juniors had a schedule of optional sport in the morning, then lectures for the beginners/intermediates, lunch, advanced lectures, and two sessions of Bridge, before pizza and twelve o'clock snacks before the midnight game.

We had a duplicate Barbu tournament, a crazy game, and other entertainments laid on, all of which meant that if anyone did not have a good time, he was not really trying!

The 75 Juniors had a staff of about 10 helpers including myself as a bulletin writer, and I had a layout editor, Lisa to do the donkeywork on an IBM Mac. Sounds easy? Well my personal computer had a printer but no toner. My pc talked to the Mac - but only in rich text files. The finished product on the Mac was unreadable on my machine and we could not print out at all from the Mac so all proofing had to be done onscreen, and then the text e-mailed so as to be printed in another building miles away. The solutions to the problem were laborious and inefficient, but in the end we got a bulletin out every day.

The first event was an Individual - a good way to let everyone get to know one another. One of the camp organizers, Stefan Back, showed me this deal, where his own overbid had put Gerben Dirksen in a perilous spot.

Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J 10 9 7 ♥ A 5 ♦ K Q 3 ♣ K 9 6 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 6 4 3 ♥ K 8 2 ♦ 2 ♣ Q 8 5 4</p>	<p>♠ K 2 ♥ 10 9 6 2 ♦ 10 9 8 7 6 4 ♣ 7</p>	<p>♠ A 5 ♥ Q J 7 4 ♦ A J 5 ♣ A J 10 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
All Pass			3NT

Gerben won the club lead in hand and led a heart to the king and a club to his jack. When West exited with a club Gerben won two rounds of the suit ending in dummy, observing East throw three diamonds. Now he led a heart to the seven! He inferred that East's failure to pitch a heart suggested four, hence West's ace had to be bare. When West led the diamond king Gerben let him hold it, and then West's jack of spades went to the queen king and ace. Now came two winning hearts, this being the position as the last heart was led:

<p>♠ 10 9 ♥ - ♦ Q 3 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ 8 6 4 3 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ 2 ♥ 10 ♦ 10 9 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ J ♦ A J ♣ -</p>
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On the last heart West came down to the bare nine of spades and the doubleton queen of diamonds, but Dirksen threw him in with a spade to lead diamonds into the tenace. Contract made!

As well as the daily sport, we also had an outing scheduled. Maybe Toad of Toad Hall from Wind in the Willows put it best when he said something along the lines of. "There is nothing as much fun as simply messing about in boats." However the 70-odd people - and in some cases I DO mean odd - who embarked from the camp at 10.00 on Thursday morning were not intending to mess about in boats. Rather (although they perhaps did not know it) they were intending to traverse seven miles of Grade II rapids down the Yough River.

We were taken on an hour's bus journey into Pennsylvania (did somebody say, "On the whole I'd rather be in Philadelphia"? No that was WC Fields on his deathbed) and then kitted up with life jackets and protective headgear. Yours truly demonstrated the role he was intending to play by being the last person capable of doing up either garment. I was lucky enough to be in a boat with four people each of whom had considerably more competence than I in steering a boat - not hard you may say and you would be right. The first two were staff members, the second two were juniors.

Each had their own little peculiarities though. Brian (the groin) Meyer would persist in jumping out of the boat at the slightest opportunity to move the boat off any obstacle on which we got stuck - and there were a lot - then attempt new contortions on each occasion to get back into the boat.

Kevin "Bloody" Wilson was initially keen on steering the boat from the rear position - presumably because that involved less work than any other job. I was unanimously elect-

ed to this position as soon as the crew saw that I was not joking when I demonstrated my "power"— rowing stroke.

Ophir (desperado) Reshef followed a particularly Israeli approach to the concept of team rowing. Rather than call a direction to go, he would wait to see what was announced, and then ignore it if it did not seem right to him.

And Paul (Benedict Arnold) Ferman made up the crew. Gifted with more common sense than the rest of us, he immediately realized that this was a sinking ship that even the non-rats would want to desert. Accordingly he fell out of the boat with such monotonous regularity that we were all beginning to smell a rat by the fifth such accident.

Did we survive the trip in one piece? Well as to me, one tendon strain, and a severe case of sunburn on my knees, coupled with a sore gluteus maximus from too much sitting on uncomfortable surfaces were mere scratches. At least I managed to be the sole crewmember in my group to avoid falling out of the boat. A soaked wallet (and what was I doing bringing it you may ask) was entirely my own fault. Very little blood was spilt throughout the trip; Panos Gerontopoulos, our WBF representative only fell into the water once and Charlotte Blaiss, the ACBL organizer failed to photograph the occasion for posterity. One combatant lost a shoe, and a few crewmembers lost confidence in their colleagues. However, we all made it home in approximately one piece, and celebrated with pizza for all.

We may not be any the wiser, but we will certainly all be better informed about what white-water rafting involves next time. (Or will we – ask Patrick Jourdain! Editor)

Back to the Bridge. My next hand in this article shows a really nice play – I'll hold off telling you which hand made it until you have digested the deal.

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
1♠	2♦	1♥	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	3NT
			All Pass

N/S really belong in a partscore - 2NT is their best-scoring spot but an aggressive auction such as the one shown is quite reasonable. What would you expect the fate of the contract to be? Well on a spade lead by West declarer drives out the ♦A and the defence must play clubs to hold declarer to nine. On a heart lead and club shift, or on a club lead at trick one, declarer cannot make more than eight tricks. Agreed?

Well, consider East's problem if his partner leads a heart to trick one. The obvious solution is to go up with the ace; if no honour appears, shift to clubs and hope for the best. Nice logic but...

Ophir Reshef was sitting South and on the auction shown above he was treated to a heart lead. Gauging the situation accurately, he called for a low heart from dummy, and when East put up the ace he dropped the queen! East sniffed the air suspiciously for a few minutes then took the bait and returned a low heart, letting Ophir run this to dummy's nine and collect his ten tricks for all 15 matchpoints out of 15.

On the other deal a former junior Tom Carmichael, paying a flying visit to the camp to get in the Barbu tournament and the Crazy Game, rounded out the Staff team and produced this interesting deal:

Dealer North. North-South Vul.

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In his room he had bought the hand as South in 2♠ and the defence started with four rounds of clubs, which he ruffed in dummy as East threw one heart then the jack of diamonds. Backing his judgment that East had a 4-5-2-2 shape Tom ran the ♠9 then cashed the ♦A, finessed spades again, and led a heart to the jack. The 'Dentist's Coup' had extracted all of East's safe exits, so all he could do was lead his other top heart. Tom ruffed, then played ace and queen of spades to East, who had only low hearts left, and had to lead one round to dummy to let Tom pitch his diamond loser on dummy's queen of hearts.

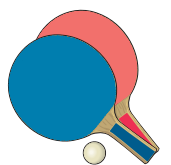
Total winner at the camp for their Bridge performances was Joe Grue, edging out Lukasz Brede of Poland.

Camp awards for their personal contributions to the smooth running of the event went to Gerben Dirksen of the Netherlands, Christina Mortensen of Denmark, and Nathan Walters and Xing Yuan of the USA. Courage awards went to Lindsay Nathan and Rob Klingenberg, both of whom came to the camp with minimal Bridge knowledge and survived unscathed.

Table Tennis Tournament

Semi Finals

Cohen & Co vs Aymeric & Nabil
 Dan & Adam vs Karl & Rawad





Treasure Hunt Quiz!

Multiple Choice on Bridge:

- 1) Which of the following did not reach the final of the French Open Team trials this year?
- Catherine d'Ovidio
 - Alain Levy
 - Daniele Allouche-Gaviard
- 2) Which of these women has not won a World Bridge Championship in 2006?
- Sabine Auken
 - Sara Sivelind
 - Rose Meltzer
- 3) Which bulletin writers' middle name is not David?
- Peter Gill
 - Barry Rigal
 - Patrick Jourdain
- 4) What is the chance of a 2-2-split in a suit?
- 40%
 - 50%
 - 60%
- 5) Who is the only Greek to have won a world title in Bridge?
- Philippos Karamanlis
 - Miltos Karamanlis
 - Costas Karamanlis
- 6) Which one of the following is not a co-author of "Adventures in Card-Play"?
- Hugh Kelsey
 - Geza Ottlik
 - Terence Reese

Multiple Choice on Slovakia:

- 7) Which city is the capital of Slovakia?
- Bratislava
 - Nitra
 - Kosice
- 8) How long is Slovakia from East to West?
- 290km
 - 450km
 - 680km
- 9) Which country does not have a border with Slovakia?
- Slovenia
 - Ukraine
 - Hungary

10) When did Slovakia separate from the Czech Republic?

- 1.1.1946
- 1.1.1993
- 1.1.2000

11) How high is the highest mountain in Slovakia?

- 555m
- 1955m
- 2655m

12) What is "See you again!" in the Slovak language?

- Dovidenia!
- Mam poruchu!
- Na zdravie!

Multiple Choice on Piestany:

13) How many people live in Piestany?

- 15,000
- 25,000
- 35,000

14) Which is the symbol of Piestany?

- A man breaking his crouch
- A woman tearing her score card
- A baby starting to walk towards his mom

15) How hot are the thermal waters in Piestany?

- 41 degrees Celsius
- 67 degrees Celsius
- 93 degrees Celsius

16) Around what time did the health/wellness business start in Piestany?

- 1600
- 1750
- 1900

17) Which two countries form the biggest group of Piestany tourists?

- Germans and Austrians
- French and English
- Americans and Japanese

18) Whose mausoleum can be found in the vicinity of Piestany?

- Attila, the Hun
- King Zdenek III.
- General Milan R. Stefanik



Multiple Choice on General Knowledge:

19) Who did Germany play in the opening match of the soccer world championships 2006?

- a. Costa Rica
- b. Ivory Coast
- c. Korsica

20) Which is the longest surviving empire in Europe?

- a. Roman Empire
- b. Byzantine Empire
- c. British Empire

21) Which of the three places does not have a Formula 1 course?

- a. Monaco
- b. Bahrain
- c. Andorra

22) Which of the following is not a famous opera composer?

- a. Ludwig van Beethoven
- b. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- c. Guiseppe Verdi

23) Which of the following countries has the longest coastline?

- a. United States of America
- b. China
- c. Greece

24) How long is the border between France and the Netherlands?

- a. 0 km
- b. 25 km
- c. 500 km



Welcome to the Piestany Rally!

OPENING INSTRUCTIONS

During our game you will have to find four stations, where you will meet Thomas, Charlotte, Andrea and Klaus.

The full team has to show up at all four stations! Please come back, if you haven't found them within 2.5h hours (17:00).

At each station you will be given 3 to 4 letters to put in your "final solution paper". The team to fulfil this last task first will get 10 extra points.

- Hint to find station A: You will find Thomas close to an old boat. And where do you find boats usually? There will also be a sign saying 118, but as this is for boats it is not easy to see!

"By the way to find the way": Veterna does not stand for via eterna (or: the endless way), but for the shortest way.

From Thomas:

On your way to the next station, please answer the following question and give the solution to Charlotte at station B:

- 1) What does the only English tunnel graffiti say?

Now meet Charlotte close to the fountain "in" Jalta! (Station B)

- Hint: Make a left at the pirate's "boat"!

From Charlotte:

To find Andrea at station C you have to look for the "charging buffalo".

On the way answer these questions:

- 1) Find the shopping mall of "the Great" and tell us the highest price of a watch in the window of the gold and jewellery shop.

- 2) Later on, tell us who made the Adam Trajan monument and when?

Give both answers on a sheet of paper to Andrea, who should not be too far away from you now!

- Hint to answer the last question and find Andrea: Make a right on 101 (this not a highway - haha!)

From Andrea:

To find Klaus don't go to Belgium and don't go swimming. There is a much easier way to reach station D!

- 1) On the way translate the three words you can't miss if you look back on the successful way not to get in contact with the Vah.

- 2) On the way, tell us the name of the only open air stage.

- Hint how to find Klaus: "You won't find Adam but her". And Klaus is very close to a lot of ice-cream!

Give both answers to Klaus on a piece of paper!

From Klaus:

Last duty: On the way back buy us a souvenir of Slovakia for exactly 222 SLK (bring receipt as evidence!)

Fill in all the letters in your solution paper, do what it says and find Stefan to give him the souvenir you bought!

Final Solution Paper:

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Lecture Five – Agreeing a System with Partner

by Diane Greenwood and Patrick Jourdain

1. Any serious partnership striving to do well needs more system agreements that can be put on the standard system cards. You should have a system folder kept on computer so it can be updated and reprinted easily.

2. Start by having a Basic System e.g. "Bridge World Standard" or "Standard ACOL" where that is the agreement for any auction not described in the text. Then record all your actual agreements i.e. both members of the partnership have agreed to it.

Have a front index so you can look up a specific auction speedily. Use some clear notation for frequent phrases e.g. FTG = Forcing to Game; FI = forcing for one round.

Define your no-trump openings, and which suit you open if your shape is balanced but not in the range of the INT. Define which suit you open with three 4-card suits.

Define all initial responses to an opening (e.g. is $1\heartsuit-5\clubsuit$ natural or Exclusion Keycard Blackwood?), and most of the possible rebids.

Generalize whenever possible to avoid long lists of auctions (e.g. change of suit after a two level response is FI).

Juniors often have too many conventions. It is much more important to define which bids are forcing and which are not, or which bids are natural and which are cues. E.g. after the fourth suit at the two level which continuations can be passed? After $2\clubsuit$ (strong, art)- $2\diamond$ (neg or relay)- $3\clubsuit$ (nat) are responder's bids natural or stoppers?

Define actions after intervention and by passed hand: e.g. Raises (pre-emptive, forcing?); new suits (natural, stoppers, fit-jumps? FI or FTG, fourth suit?); cuebids (good raise? Splinter? Forcing to what level); doubles (negative, responsive, support, game-try, competitive, lead-directing, penalty). Even redoubles?

Consider opponents' artificial openings and overcalls and the effect on your agreements. Have general agreements if possible to cover situations where you have not had time to discuss it (e.g. if the opponent opens with an artificial bid that promises at least 4 cards in the suit named, doubles will be take-out, but if it does not promise 4 cards in the suit named doubles will include values in that suit).

3. KNOW the system yourself and know how well your partner knows it. Trust is essential when an obscure part of the system arises. Know what is NOT agreed as much as what is. Refresh your memory of the system before major contests, not on the day, but one or two days before.

4. If a partnership survives, have an annual review. Remove artificialities that have not earned their keep. Remember you have to read and remember each artificiality. If it only comes up once per year it is not worth it!

5. Changing the system. Avoid changing the system at the table unless temporarily clarifying something not covered. Use that pending proper agreement. This must always be done away from the table after thought about the implications.

It is easier to remember additions than amendments so avoid frequent small changes. Instead note by hand amendments to be introduced NOW (urgent clarifications) or at the next review. When printing a new version of the system highlight the changes.

6. When disagreeing about the meaning of a bid at the table try to say "we can check that later". What is written in the system over-rides any personal view.

Patrick Jourdain – July 2006



Answer to the Daily Trivia

BLACKWOOD which was invented by Easley Blackwood, was originally published by him under a pseudonym. He worked in an insurance company and was not sure that they would approve of him playing cards!

Answers to the Bridge Percentages

You have no real choice if you need four tricks. Finesse the jack, cash the ace and king, and pray. You have a solid 18% chance of four tricks. If you only need three tricks, cash the ace and king and lead up to the jack. This line works whenever the suit is 3-3 or East has the length, and also whenever West has the doubleton queen – approximately 77% of the time.

Answers to Treasure Hunt Quiz

Bridge:

1. b
2. a
3. b
4. a
5. b
6. c

Piestany:

13. c
14. a
15. b
16. a
17. a
18. c

Slovakia:

7. a
8. b
9. a
10. b
11. c
12. a

General Knowledge:

19. a
20. b
21. c
22. a
23. a
24. b (in the Caribbean!)

Rally Answers

Thomas

- 1) I want to make sweet music with you (or something to that effect!)
- 2) Charlotte was at the Jalta Hotel

Charlotte

- The buffalo was a statue in town
- 1) the watch retailed for 10399 sk
 - 2) L.L. Pollack 1949

Andrea was at 101 - a drug store

Andrea

- To find Klaus go to Spa Island
- 1) Surge et ambula. Rise and walk
 - 2) Harmony is the name of the stage

The ice-cream stand was at 'Eva'

The Final Message Read:

GIVE DIMITRI A "LIPSTICK" KISS



TREASURE HUNT NOTES

In reply to the question about which woman has not won a World Bridge Championship in 2006, Team A added to the right of Sara Sivelind "is hot!"

A popular answer to the multiple choice question about the mausoleum near Piestany was that it is that of King Zdenek III. This king was invented by Andrea Pagan. The real answer is General Milan R Stefanik, the Slovak national hero who even has a statue dedicated to him in Cleveland, Ohio.

When you passed the Adam Trajan monument, how many of you thought about his famous poem 'The Healing Piestany Spa', written in 1642?

One of the tasks in the Treasure Hunt was to purchase an item and bring it back to Stefan with its receipt for exactly 222 Sk. One team found a suitable item for sale for 190 Sk in a souvenir store, so their Slovak group member asked the sales lady if they could buy it for 222 Sk. "No, no NO," she replied, I'm not letting you rip me off, you tourists always want to get bargains." After much reassurance that 222 was actually a bigger number than 190, the Treasure Hunters got their deal.

Another group was trying to find Thomas at his station near the old boat. Without thinking that perhaps there was more than one old boat on the River Vah, they asked a local who pointed them in the wrong direction. They found many old boats, but none with Thomas stationed at it. We are glad they turned back before they reached the Polish border, but after their long exhausting trip up the river, they had to retire from the Piestany Rally.





TOURNAMENT RESULTS

PAIRS – Part 5



Rank	Names	Countries	Total	
1	Simon HOULBERG	Eric ARVIDSSON	DEN – SWE	65.00
2	Barry RIGAL	Irene BARONI	OLD – ITA	64.15
3	Inda Hronn BJORNSDOTTIR	Merijn GROENENBOOM	ISL – NED	62.50
4	Konstantinos DOXIADIS	Klaus REPS	GRE – OLD	60.20
5	Arturas KUPRIJANAS	Robert LUKOTKA	LTU – SVK	59.68
6	Ari GREENBERG	Jacco HOP	USA – NED	59.42
7	Joe GRUE	Sara SIVELIND	USA – SWE	57.59
8	Martin HRINAK	Dan RECHT	SVK – USA	57.48
9	Magdalena TICHA	Kevin DWYER	CZE – USA	57.38
10	Marten WORTEL	Catalin-Lucian LAZAR	NED – ROM	56.88
11	Stuart HARING	Marion MICHELSEN	ENG – NED	56.03
12	Victor CHUBUKOV	Gintare MALISAUSKAITE	USA – LTU	55.29
13	Bob DRIJVER	Hrefna JONSDOTTIR	NED – ISL	54.71
14	Aymeric LEBATTEUX	Bence BOZZAI	FRA – HUN	54.23
15	Monika BARONAITE	Stanislav MIKLIK	LTU – SVK	53.72
16	Nabil EDGTTON	Niclas Raulund EGE	AUS – DEN	53.48
17	Alexander SMIRNOV	Katrina LOMAS	GER – IRL	52.72
17	Nicholas RODWELL	Paul SEGUINEAU	AUS – FRA	52.72
19	Mads KROGSGAARD	Aris ANASTASATOS	DEN – GRE	52.54
20	Sofia RYMAN	David BANH	SWE – USA	52.52
21	Vincent BROERSEN	Luke GARDINER	NED – NZL	52.36
21	Susan STOCKDALE	Maria WUERMSEER	ENG – GER	52.36
21	Benoit GUIOT	James CORRY	BEL – IRL	52.36
24	Emil JEPSEN	Adam EDGTTON	DEN – AUS	52.17
25	Rutger VAN MECHELEN	Paul GOSNEY	BEL – AUS	51.54
26	Alexander WILKINSON	Karl ASPLUND	SCO – SWE	51.41
27	Duncan HAPPER	Eldad GINOSSAR	ENG – ISR	51.13
28	Joseph MELA	Vincent NAB	ENG – NED	50.82
29	Bjorn SORLING	Kornel LAZAR	SWE – HUN	50.54
30	Lea Troels MOLLER PEDERSEN	Eyal BEN-ZVI	DEN – ISR	50.49
31	Matt CORY	Lars Moller SORENSEN	USA – DEN	50.09
32	Mirto ATHANASATOU	Johan FASTENAKELS	GRE – BEL	49.24
33	Kerri NASH	Aarnout HELMICH	IRL – NED	49.09
34	Michalis SOFIOS	Aurelio MAUGERI	GRE – ITA	48.39
35	Yuval YENER	Jason FELDMAN	ISR – USA	47.77
36	Sidsel GOLTERMANN	Christina SIKIOTI	DEN – GRE	47.55
37	Lars TOFTE	Ian W B JONES	DEN – IRL	47.37
38	Lars Kirkegaard NIELSEN	Alex MORRIS	DEN – ENG	47.10
39	Wayne SOMERVILLE	Dan ISRAELI	IRL – ISR	46.94
40	Rosalien BARENDREGT	Jeremy FOURNIER	NED – USA	46.88
41	Miltos KARAMANLIS	George TRIGEORGIS	GRE – USA	46.57
42	Rawad HADAD	Andrew DUBAY	SWE – USA	46.47
43	Vassilis VROUSTIS	Yotam BAR-YOSSEF	GRE – ISR	45.74
44	Maria Dam MORTENSEN	Angela COLLURA	DEN – USA	45.53
45	Thomas TROMHOLT	Athanasios DARKADAKIS	DEN – GRE	44.96
46	Marios KYRANIDES	Carole PUILLET	CYP – FRA	44.33
47	Meike WORTEL	Joshua DONN	NED – USA	43.03
48	Anne Juhl SORENSEN	Miroslava KEMENOVA	DEN – SVK	42.53
49	Michael WHIBLEY	Michael BYRNE	NZL – ENG	42.08
50	Gerbrand HOP	Eleni VATSOLAKI	NED – GRE	41.58
51	Argenta PRICE	Magnus MELIN	USA – SWE	41.52
52	Simon BECH	Troels KRISTENSEN	SWE – DEN	41.52
53	Katarina TICHA	David SYNNOTT	CZE – IRL	41.20
54	Ellert Smari KRISTBERGSSON	Andrew SINCLAIR	ISL – SCO	40.85
55	Martin Brorholt SORENSEN	Eric MAYEFSKY	DEN – USA	40.71
56	Owen LIEN	Moa PETERSEN	USA – SWE	40.49
57	Ruth CONNOLLY	Eric SIEG	IRL – USA	39.95
58	Lucia ZAVODSKA	Randall RUBINSTEIN	SVK – USA	37.14