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Miles to go in England and France



WBF officials who led the WBF Congress Meeting on Saturday: from left, Hon. Secretary George Retek, President Emeritus Jaime Ortiz-Patino, President Gianarrigo Rona, former President José Damiani, Counsel Jeff Polisner and Treasurer Marc De Pauw.

The president's report from the meeting is on page 14.

The men's marathon in the Olympic Games in London is scheduled for today, just as players in the Open, Women's and Senior teams begin the third of five days of roundrobin play – a marathon in itself as teams strive to qualify for the knockout phases of their events.

Akis Kanaris, Lay out editor - Ron Tacchi, Photographer

The runners make their way on foot for 26.2 miles through London, but the event will be over for most of them in less than three hours.

In Lille, players in the Open and Women's events have already played three days with three more to go. The Seniors continue through midday on Wednesday.

Four-member teams will have 175 deals under their belts by Wednesday, the Seniors even more with 17 round-robin matches. The round of 16 begins for the Open and Women's teams on Wednesday.

















Bye

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 7 GROUP C GROUP A GROUP B GROUP D II USA Bye Netherlands China Hong Kong 21 Kenya Italy 31 Costa Rica Monaco 2 Korea Mexico 12 Portugal **Pakistan** 22 Singapore Slovakia 32 Turkey Australia 3 England Bosnia & Hrzna 13 Estonia Chinese Taipei 23 Sweden Trinidad & Tbgo 33 China Finland 4 Germany Switzerland 14 Bangladesh New Zealand 24 Russia Bermuda 34 Israel Reunion 5 Denmark Chile 15 Ukraine Austria 25 Argentina Thailand 35 Greece Venezuela Jordan 16 San Marino Ireland 26 Scotland South Africa 36 Iceland Latvia 6 Spain 17 Poland Morocco 7 Belgium Guadeloupe France 27 Canada 37 Norway Japan 18 Bye Brazil 28 Romania 8 India Egypt Bye 38 Botswana

ROUND 8

GROUP A		GRO	GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
I Netherlands	Korea	II Chinese Taipe	ei Pakistan	21 Italy	Singapore	31 Monaco	Botswana	
2 England	Bye	12 Poland	San Marino	22 Sweden	Kenya	32 China	Costa Rica	
3 Germany	Mexico	13 France	Ukraine	23 Russia	Slovakia	33 Australia	Japan	
4 Denmark	Bosnia & Hrzna	14 Brazil	Bangladesh	24 Argentina	Trinidad & Tbgo	34 Greece	Finland	
5 Spain	Switzerland	15 Ireland	Estonia	25 Romania	Bermuda	35 Iceland	Reunion	
6 Belgium	Chile	16 Austria	Portugal	26 Canada	Thailand	36 Norway	Venezuela	
7 India	Jordan	17 New Zealand	China Hong Kong	27 South Afric	a Morocco	37 Turkey	Latvia	
8 Egypt	Guadeloupe	18 USA	Bye	28 Scotland	Вуе	38 Israel	Вуе	

ROUND 9

GROUP A		GROUP B			GROUP C		GROUP D			
I Guadeloupe	Netherlands	П	Pakistan	USA	21	Morocco	Italy	31	Japan	Monaco
2 Jordan	Egypt	12	China Hong Kong	Chinese Taipei	22	Singapore	Sweden	32	Latvia	Australia
3 Chile	India	13	Portugal	New Zealand	23	Thailand	Scotland	33	Venezuela	Turkey
4 Switzerland	Belgium	14	Estonia	Austria	24	Bermuda	Canada	34	Reunion	Norway
5 Bosnia & Hrzna	Spain	15	Bangladesh	Ireland	25	Trinidad & Tbgo	Romania	35	Finland	Iceland
6 Mexico	Denmark	16	Ukraine	Brazil	26	Slovakia	Argentina	36	Botswana	China
7 Bye	Germany	17	San Marino	France	27	Kenya	Russia	37	Costa Rica	Israel
8 Korea	England	18	Poland	Вуе	28	South Africa	Bye	38	Greece	Bye

ENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

	ROUND 7				ROUND 8			
GROUP H		GROUP I		GROUP H		GROUP I		
71 Scotland 72 Germany 73 Australia 74 Israel 75 Turkey 76 Belgium 77 Canada 78 Brazil 79 England	France Indonesia India South Africa Morocco Egypt Singapore China Hong Kong Bye	81 Denmark 82 Netherlands 83 Pakistan 84 Sweden 85 Hungary 86 Spain 87 Argentina 88 Japan 89 Italy	USA Poland Guadeloupe Ireland Reunion Kenya New Zealand Chinese Taipei Bye	71 Egypt 72 Morocco 73 South Africa 74 Israel 75 Indonesia 76 Scotland 77 Germany 78 England 79 India	France Singapore China Hong Kong Turkey Australia Brazil Canada Belgium Bye	81 Kenya 82 Reunion 83 Ireland 84 Sweden 85 Poland 86 Denmark 87 Netherlands 88 Italy 89 Guadeloupe	USA New Zealand Chinese Taipei Hungary Pakistan Japan Argentina Spain Bye	

ROUND 9

GROUP H

				Ш
71 France	Singapore	81 USA	New Zealand	
72 Egypt	China Hong Kong	82 Kenya	Chinese Taipei	
73 Morocco	India	83 Reunion	Guadeloupe	
74 South Africa	Australia	84 Ireland	Pakistan .	
75 England	Israel	85 Italy	Sweden	-
76 Indonesia	Canada	86 Poland	Argentina	to
77 Scotland	Belgium	87 Denmark	Spain	
78 Germany	Turkey	88 Netherlands	Hungary	 €2
79 Brazil	Bye	89 Japan	Bye	

GROUP I

Duplimates for sale

The Duplimates used during the ournament are sold at the Jannersten book stall for 2350.

WOMEN's TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 7

GROUP E					
41	England	Argentina			
42	Guadeloupe	Egypt			
43	Chinese Taipei	Australia			
44	Jordan	Scotland			
45	Poland	Russia			
46	Turkey	Canada			
47	Spain	Kenya			

GROUP F				
51	San Marino	USA		
52	Ireland	Japan		
53	Netherlands	China Hong Kong		
54	Israel	New Zealand		
55	Denmark	Mexico		
56	Indonesia	Chile		
57	Austria	India		
58	Reunion	Bye		

	GROUP G				
6	China	Venezuela			
62	Morocco	Lebanon			
63	Pakistan	South Africa			
64	Palestine	Brazil			
65	Philippines	Norway			
66	France	Italy			
67	Sweden	Germany			

ROUND 8

GROUP E				
41	Egypt	England		
42	Argentina	Australia		
43	Guadeloupe	Scotland		
44	Chinese Taipei	Spain		
45	Jordan	Canada		
46	Turkey	Poland		
47	Russia	Kenya		

GROUP F				
51	Japan	India		
	Netherlands	San Marino		
53	Israel	Reunion		
54	Denmark	China Hong Kong		
55	Indonesia	New Zealand		
56	Austria	Mexico		
57	Ireland	Chile		
58	USA	Вуе		

GROUP G				
61	Brazil	Morocco		
62	South Africa	Venezuela		
63	Italy	Palestine		
64	Lebanon	China		
65	Norway	Pakistan		
66	Germany	Philippines		
67	France	Sweden		

ROUND 9

GROUP E				
41	Canada	England		
42	Spain	Russia		
43	Scotland	Poland		
44	Australia	Turkey		
45	Guadeloupe	Chinese Taipei		
46	Argentina	Jordan		
47	Egypt	Kenya		

	GROUP F					
51	India	USA				
52	Chile	Japan				
53	Mexico	Ireland				
54	New Zealand	Austria				
55	China Hong Kong	Indonesia				
56	Reunion	Denmark				
57	San Marino	Israel				
58	Netherlands	Bye				

	GROUP G			
61	Italy	China		
62	Norway	Germany		
63	Brazil	Sweden		
64	South Africa	France		
65	Lebanon	Philippines		
66	Venezuela	Palestine		
67	Morocco	Pakistan		

VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS

	Round 7 (10.30)				
Match	Teams	Series			
VG	Poland – France	Open B			
вво і	Denmark – USA	Seniors I			
BBO 2	Kenya – Italy	Open C			
вво з	Turkey – Australia	Open D			
BBO 4	Germany – Switzerland	Open A			

	Round 8 (14.00)			
Match	Teams	Series		
VG	Italy – Singapore	Open C		
вво і	France – Sweden	Women G		
BBO 2	Ireland – Estonia	Open B		
вво з	Germany – Canada	Seniors H		
BBO 4	Turkey – Poland	Women E		

Round 9 (17.00)				
Match	Teams	Series		
VG	Japan – Monaco	Open D		
вво і	France – Singapore	Seniors H		
BBO 2	Morocco – Italy	Open C		
BBO 3	Pakistan – USA	Open B		
BBO 4	Canada – England	Women E		

OPENTEAMS RESULTS

		GROUP A		
	Ma	itch	IMP's	VP's
- 1	Netherlands	Jordan	52 - 13	24 - 6
2	Chile	Guadeloupe	20 - 31	13 - 17
3	Switzerland	Egypt	45 - 17	22 - 8
4	Bosnia Herzeg.	India	4 - 31	9 - 21
5	Mexico	Belgium	44 - 19	21 - 9
6	Korea	Denmark	5 - 57	4 - 25
7	England	Germany	17 - 28	13 - 17
8	Spain	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
		GROUP C		

	GROUP C					
	Ma	tch		IMP's	VP's	
21	Sweden	Russia	7	- 32	9 - 21	
22	Thailand	Morocco	38	- 26	18 - 12	
23	Bermuda	South Africa	5	- 57	4 - 25	
24	Trinidad Tobago	Scotland	36	- 26	17 - 13	
25	Slovakia	Canada	34	- 43	13 - 17	
26	Kenya	Romania	24	- 30	14 - 16	
27	Singapore	Argentina	8	- 73	I - 25	
28	Italy	Bye	0	- 0	18 - 0	

		GROUP A		
	Ma	tch	IMP's	VP's
- 1	India	Netherlands	11 - 2	17 - 13
2	Egypt	Belgium	6 - 16	13 - 17
3	Guadeloupe	Spain	7 - 40	7 - 23
4	Jordan .	Denmark	9 - 9	15 - 15
5	Chile	Germany	9 - 32	10 - 20
6	Switzerland	England	21 - 11	17 - 13
7	Bosnia Herzeg.	Korea	40 - 6	23 - 7
8	Mexico	Вуе	0 - 0	18 - 0

		GROOF C			
	Mar	tch		IMP's	VP's
21	Scotland	Italy	- 1	- 42	6 - 24
22	South Africa	Canada	34	- 13	20 - 10
23	Morocco	Romania	5	- 34	8 - 22
24	Slovakia	Kenya	23	- 26	14 - 16
25	Thailand	Russia	4	- 35	8 - 22
26	Bermuda	Sweden	26	- 4	20 - 10
27	Trinidad Tobago	Singapore	16	- 53	6 - 24
28	Argentina	Bye	0	- 0	18 - 0

		ONO OI A		
		Match	IMP's	VP's
- 1	Netherlands	England	55 - 10	25 - 5
2	Germany	Korea	93 - 13	25 - 0
3	Spain	Mexico	58 - 24	23 - 7
4	Belgium	Bosnia Herzeg.	77 - 31	25 - 5
5	India	Switzerland	45 - 51	14 - 16
6	Egypt	Chile	45 - 32	18 - 12
7	Guadeloupe	Jordan	25 - 37	12 - 18
8	Denmark	Вуе	0 - 0	18 - 0

	GROUP C					
	M	latch	IMP's	VP's		
21	Italy	Sweden	23 - 26	14 - 16		
22	Russia	Singapore	47 - 34	18 - 12		
23	Argentina	Kenya	40 - 27	18 - 12		
24	Romania	Slovakia	67 - 32	23 - 7		
25	Canada	Trinidad Tobago	48 - 34	18 - 12		
26	Scotland	Bermuda	43 - 39	16 - 14		
27	South Africa	Thailand	35 - 53	11 - 19		
28	Morocco	Вуе	0 - 0	18 - 0		

	GROUP B					
	М	atch	IMP's	VP's		
- 11	San Marino	USA	5 - 54	4 - 25		
12	Poland	Bangladesh	34 - 24	17 - 13		
13	New Zealand	Chinese Taipei	11 - 50	6 - 24		
14	France	Estonia	51 - 31	20 - 10		
15	Brazil	Portugal	44 - 21	20 - 10		
16	Ireland	China Hong Kong	21 - 19	15 - 15		
17	Austria	Pakistan	23 - 15	17 - 13		
18	Ukraine	Вуе	0 - 0	18 - 0		

		GROUP D		
		Match	IMP's	VP's
31	Monaco	Latvia	56 - 2	25 - 3
32	Venezuela	Japan	7 - 75	I - 25
33	Reunion	Australia	19 - 28	13 - 17
34	Finland	Turkey	20 - 22	15 - 15
35	China	Israel	16 - 31	12 - 18
36	Costa Rica	Iceland	20 - 54	7 - 23
37	Botswana	Greece	19 - 33	12 - 18
38	Norway	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0
	32 33 34 35 36 37	32 Venezuela 33 Reunion 34 Finland 35 China 36 Costa Rica 37 Botswana	Match 31 Monaco Latvia 32 Venezuela Japan 33 Reunion Australia 34 Finland Turkey 35 China Israel 36 Costa Rica Iceland 37 Botswana Greece	Match IMP's 31 Monaco Latvia 56 - 2 32 Venezuela Japan 7 - 75 33 Reunion Australia 19 - 28 34 Finland Turkey 20 - 22 35 China Israel 16 - 31 36 Costa Rica Iceland 20 - 54 37 Botswana Greece 19 - 33

		GROUP B			
	Mat	ch		IMP's	VP's
- 1	New Zealand	USA	16	- 27	13 - 17
12	Chinese Taipei	Austria	- 1	- 37	7 - 23
- 13	B Pakistan .	Ireland	21	- 26	14 - 16
14	China Hong Kong	Brazil	7	- 33	9 - 21
13		France	20	- 14	16 - 14
-10	S Estonia	Poland	34	- 29	16 - 14
1.7	7 Ukraine	San Marino	35	- 12	20 - 10
- 18	Bangladesh	Bye	0	- 0	18 - 0

		GROUP D			
		Match		IMP's	VP's
31	Turkey	Monaco	15	- 21	14 - 16
	Australia	Norway	20	- 6	18 - 12
33	Japan	lceland [*]	41	- 28	18 - 12
34	Latvia	Greece	23	- 27	14 - 16
35	Venezuela	Israel	15	- 26	13 - 17
36	Reunion	China	14	- 22	13 - 17
37	Finland	Botswana	39	- 7	23 - 7
38	Costa Rica	Вуе	0	- 0	18 - 0

		GROUP B		
	Match			VP's
11	USA	Poland	70 - 7	25 - 2
12	Pakistan	China Hong Kong	26 - 41	12 - 18
13	Brazil	San Marino	28 - 30	15 - 15
14	Ireland	Ukraine	53 - 36	19 - 11
15	Austria	Bangladesh	58 - 24	23 - 7
16	New Zealand	Estonia	59 - 33	21 - 9
17	Chinese Taipei	Portugal	25 - 36	13 - 17
18	France	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

I			GROUP D			
			Match		IMP's	VP's
	31	Monaco	China	54	- 4	25 - 4
	32	Israel	Botswana	68	- 10	25 - 3
	33	Greece	Costa Rica	76	- 24	25 - 4
	34	Japan	Latvia	36	- 53	11 - 19
	35	Norway	Finland	42	- 11	22 - 8
	36	Turkey	Reunion	70	- 22	25 - 4
	37	Australia	Venezuela	55	- 18	24 - 6
	38	Iceland	Bye	0	- 0	18 - 0
	30	iceiand	ьуе	U	- 0	10 - 0

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

		GROUP E		
	Ma	itch	IMP's	VP's
41	Jordan	England	10 - 54	5 - 25
42	Spain	Scotland	10 - 20	13 - 17
43	Turkey	Guadeloupe	44 - 5	24 - 6
44	Poland	Argentina	41 - 48	14 - 16
45	Russia	Egypt	47 - 20	21 - 9
46	Canada	Australia	26 - 18	17 - 13
47	Chinese Taipei	Kenya	23 - 14	17 - 13

	GROUP F		
Ma	tch	IMP's	VP's
51 USA	Chile	27 - 20	16 - 14
52 Mexico	India	17 - 36	11 - 19
53 New Zealand	Japan	44 - 33	17 - 13
54 China Hong Kong		13 - 21	13 - 17
55 Reunion	Austria	26 - 23	16 - 14
56 San Marino	Indonesia	21 - 41	10 - 20
57 Netherlands	Israel	38 - 19	19 - 11
58 Denmark	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

		GROUP G		
		Match	IMP's	VP's
61	Palestine	China	10 - 55	5 - 25
62	Philippines	Pakistan	41 - 14	21 - 9
63	France	Morocco	55 - 31	21 - 9
64	Sweden	Venezuela	56 - 9	25 - 4
65	Germany	Lebanon	49 - 27	20 - 10
66	Italy	South Africa	23 - 31	13 - 17
67	Norway	Brazil	22 - 42	10 - 20

		GROUP E		
	Match			VP's
41	Poland	England	47 - 33	18 - 12
42	Russia	Turkey	33 - 33	15 - 15
43	Egypt	Argentina	43 - 31	18 - 12
44	Spain	Jordan	24 - 50	9 - 21
45	Scotland	Chinese Taipei	42 - 22	20 - 10
46	Australia	Guadeloupe	80 - 21	25 - 2
47	Canada	Kenya	58 - 41	19 - 11

SKOOT I					
	Match			VP's	
51	USA	Netherlands	22 - 72	4 - 25	
52	India	Chile	48 - 41	16 - 14	
53	Denmark	San Marino	47 - 36	17 - 13	
54	Indonesia	Reunion	50 - 35	18 - 12	
55	Austria	China Hong Kong			
56	Ireland	New Zealand			
57	Japan	Mexico		14 - 16	
58	Israel	Вуе	0 - 0	18 - 0	

GROUP F

Į			GROOP G		
		Match			VP's
	61	Sweden	China	28 - 39	13 - 17
	62	Germany	France	35 - 55	10 - 20
	63	Italy	Philippines	47 - 29	19 - 11
	64	Norway	Palestine	41 - 38	16 - 14
	65	Brazil	Pakistan	87 - 17	25 - I
	66	South Africa	Morocco	37 - 11	21 - 9
	67	Lebanon	Venezuela	32 - 49	11 - 19
	62 63 64 65 66	Germany Italy Norway Brazil South Africa	France Philippines Palestine Pakistan Morocco	35 - 55 47 - 29 41 - 38 87 - 17 37 - 11	10 - 2 19 - 1 16 - 1 25 - 21 -

		GROUP E		
	Match			VP's
41	England	Spain	27 - 13	18 - 12
42	Scotland	Canada	24 - 7	19 - 11
43	Australia	Russia	13 - 20	14 - 16
44	Egypt	Poland	6 - 39	7 - 23
45	Argentina	Turkey	15 - 29	12 - 18
46	Chinese Taipei	Jordan	22 - 40	11 - 19
47	Guadeloupe	Kenya	19 - 42	10 - 20

	GNOO! I		
Ma	tch	IMP's	VP's
51 Ireland 52 Japan 53 India 54 Chile 55 Mexico 56 New Zealand 57 Reunion	USA Austria Indonesia Denmark Israel Netherlands San Marino	13 - 37 8 - 26 18 - 25 20 - 46 16 - 30 21 - 33	11 - 19 14 - 16 9 - 21 12 - 18 12 - 18
58 China Hong Kong	Вуе	0 - 0	10 - 0

GROUP G					
		Match	IMP's	VP's	
61	China	Norway	20 - 41	10 - 20	
62	Brazil	Italy	18 - 27	13 - 17	
63	South Africa	Germany	14 - 24	13 - 17	
64	Lebanon	Sweden	19 - 31	12 - 18	
65	Venezuela	France	2 - 45	5 - 25	
66	Morocco	Philippines	38 - 7	22 - 8	
67	Pakistan	Palestine	5 - 26	10 - 20	

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WBF Women's Committee Meeting

Monday 13th August at 09.30

In the room Cologne 2 (the WBF Meeting Room)

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SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP H				
Mat	ch	IMP's	VP's	
71 China Hong Kong 72 Singapore 73 Egypt 74 Morocco 75 South Africa 76 Germany 77 Indonesia 78 Scotland 79 Belgium	France India Australia Brazil Canada England Turkey Israel Bye	10 - 30 15 - 21 30 - 46 21 - 67 17 - 48 25 - 46 19 - 7 14 - 35 0 - 0	10 - 20 14 - 16 11 - 19 5 - 25 8 - 22 10 - 20 18 - 12 10 - 20 18 - 0	

	GROUP I		
M	latch	IMP's	VP's
81 Chinese Taipei 82 New Zealand 83 Kenya 84 Reunion 85 Ireland 86 Netherlands 87 Poland 88 Denmark 89 Spain	USA Guadeloupe Pakistan Japan Argentina Italy Hungary Sweden Bye	51 - 19 59 - 17 16 - 65 11 - 49 16 - 44 12 - 56 31 - 7 43 - 10 0 - 0	23 - 7 25 - 5 4 - 25 6 - 24 8 - 21 5 - 25 21 - 9 23 - 7 18 - 0

GROUP H					
Ma	tch	IMP's	VP's		
71 France 72 Turkey 73 Belgium 74 Canada 75 Brazil 76 Singapore 77 India 78 China Hong Kong 79 Australia	Israel England Germany Scotland Indonesia Egypt South Africa Morocco Bye	3 - 29 19 - 19 2 - 22 17 - 17 7 - 33 10 - 24 19 - 23 22 - 13 0 - 0	9 - 21 15 - 15 10 - 20 15 - 15 7 - 19 12 - 18 14 - 16 17 - 13 18 - 0		

GROUP I					
Ma	tch	IMP's	VP's		
81 USA 82 Hungary 83 Spain 84 Argentina 85 Japan 86 New Zealand 87 Guadeloupe 88 Chinese Taipei 89 Pakistan	Sweden Italy Netherlands Denmark Poland Kenya Ireland Reunion Bye	22 - 22 29 - 11 5 - 28 14 - 29 17 - 16 37 - 17 15 - 27 38 - 18 0 - 0	15 - 15 19 - 11 10 - 20 12 - 18 15 - 15 20 - 10 12 - 18 20 - 10 18 - 0		

GROUP H					
Ma	atch	IMP's	VP's		
71 France 72 South Africa 73 Turkey 74 Indonesia 75 Scotland 76 Germany 77 England 78 Israel 79 Singapore	Morocco Egypt Belgium China Hong Kong India Australia Brazil Canada Bye	41 - 31 31 - 21 67 - 28 36 - 44 47 - 36 24 - 18 63 - 17 28 - 43 0 - 0	17 - 13 17 - 13 24 - 6 13 - 17 17 - 13 16 - 14 25 - 5 12 - 18 18 - 0		

GROUP I					
	Mato	:h		IMP's	VP's
81 US	Α	Reunion	79	- 25	25 - 3
82 Ire	land	Kenya	44	- 19	21 - 9
83 Hu	ingary	Spain	45	- 28	19 - 11
83 Hu 84 Po	land '	Chinese Taipei	27	- 52	9 - 21
85 De		Guadeloupe	29	- 34	14 - 16
86 Ne	therlands	Pakistan '	42	- 24	19 - 11
87 Ital	У	Japan	22	- 21	15 - 15
	eden	Argentina	73	- 23	25 - 4
89 Ne	w Zealand	Bye	0	- 0	18 - 0

ONLINE PLAY

Round 7 (10.30)			
Match	Match Teams		
CRS I	San Marino – USA	Women F	
CRS 2	Germany – Indonesia	Seniors H	
CRS 3	France – Italy	Womer G	
CRS 4	USA – China Hong Kong	Open B	
CRS 5	Estonia – Chinese Taipei	Open B	
CRS 6	England – Bosnia & Hrzna	Open A	
Our- Game	China – Finland	Open D	

Round 8 (14.00)		
Match	Teams	Series
CRS I	Denmark – Bosnia & Hrzna	Open A
CRS 2	Egypt – England	Women E
CRS 3	Poland – San Marino	Open B
CRS 4	Japan – India	Women F
CRS 5	Israel – Turkey	Seniors H
CRS 6	Sweden – Hungary	Seniors I
Our- Game	Lebanon – China	Women G

	Round 9 (17.00)			
Match	Teams	Series		
CRS I	Singapore – Sweden	Open C		
CRS 2	Norway – Germany	Women G		
CRS 3	India – USA	Women F		
CRS 4	Finland – Iceland	Open D		
CRS 5	Switzerland – Belgium	Open A		
CRS 6	Indonesia – Canada	Seniors H		
CRS 6	Botswana – China	Open D		

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OPEN TEAMS - Ranking after 6 rounds

	GROUP A	
I	Netherlands	125
2	India	118
	Switzerland	118
4	Germany	116
5	Spain	109
6	Denmark	106
7	Belgium	97
8	Bosnia Herzeg.	84.5
9	Mexico	84
10	Egypt	83
11	Guadeloupe	80.5
12	. England	79
13	Jordan	66
14	Chile	60
15	Korea	27

	GROUP B	
I	USA	122
2	France	116
3	Austria	104
4	Brazil	102
5	Estonia	96
6	Ireland	94
7	Chinese Taipei	91
8	Poland	90
9	New Zealand	87
10	Bangladesh	82
П	Pakistan	77
	Ukraine	77
13	China Hong Kong	74
	Portugal	74
15	San Marino	73

	GROUP C	
1	South Africa	127
2	Italy	120
3	Russia	119
4	Argentina	98
5	Singapore	97
6	Romania	96
7	Thailand	93
8	Canada	92
9	Sweden	89
10	Morocco	82
11	Trinidad Tobago	78
12	Bermuda	77
13	Kenya	69
14	Scotland	61
15	Slovakia	55

GROUP D	
I Monaco	133
2 Israel	121
3 Norway	113
4 Turkey	105
5 Iceland	102
6 Finland	98
7 Australia	94
Japan	94
9 Greece	91
10 China	87
II Latvia	80
12 Costa Rica	67
13 Botswana	59
14 Venezuela	57
15 Reunion	54

WOMEN's TEAMS – Ranking after 6 rounds

	GROUP E	
1	Russia	127
2	Turkey	115
3	Australia	113
4	Poland	110
	Scotland	110
6	England	96
7	Kenya	91
8	Canada	82
	Egypt	82
10	Jordan	81
П	Spain	74
12	Chinese Taipei	68
13	Argentina	57
14	Guadeloupe	33

GROUP F	
I Netherlands	126
2 Israel	109.5
3 India	107
4 China Hong Kong	101
5 Indonesia	99
6 Denmark	96.5
7 Austria	96
8 Japan	93
9 USA	87
10 Ireland	84.5
11 New Zealand	80
12 San Marino	79.5
13 Chile	78
14 Mexico	66
15 Reunion	56

	GROUP G	
	Sweden	126
7	2 Brazil	112
3	3 China	108
4	France	106
Į	i Italy	102.6
6	Germany	96
7	South Africa	94
8	3 Norway	89
9	Palestine Palestine	81
I	0 Philippines	78
I	l Morocco	73.4
I	2 Pakistan	64
I	3 Lebanon	60
1	4 Venezuela	57

SENIOR TEAMS – Ranking after 6 rounds

	GRO	UP H	
I England	123	10 China Hong Kong	85
2 Israel	113	11 Egypt	83
3 Turkey	111	12 Scotland	81
4 France	105	13 Singapore	77
5 Australia	100	14 Belgium	76
6 Canada	98	•	
7 Indonesia	95	15 Morocco	73
8 India	93.5	16 South Africa	72
9 Germany	87	17 Brazil	69.5

GROUP I			
I Japan	116	USA	95
New Zealand	116	11 Poland	92
3 Hungary	106	12 Ireland	90
4 Chinese Taipei	102.5	13 Spain	80
5 Netherlands	102	14 Argentina	76
6 Sweden	100	_	60
7 Denmark	99	15 Guadeloupe	
Italy	99	16 Kenya	55
9 Pakistan	95	17 Reunion	54

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by Marjo Chorus

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Successful Dutch business man Harry Otten, passionate draughts player, enthusiastic bridge player and ordinary chess player, recently retired from most part of his business life and decided to devote his time to, among other things, the presidency of the World Draughts Association, the FMJD. However, a businessman cannot easily ignore his nature...

In 1986 in the Netherlands, Otten launched a very daring business; he set up an enterprise called Meteo Consult, specialising in everything that has to do with the weather. Why daring? Because in the Netherlands, the government holds the monopoly on weather business, thanks to the Royal National Meteorological Institute. But Meteo Consult became a tremendous success in all media. In 2008, Meteo Consult launched WeatherPro on the iPhone, an app that reached the top of the national sales charts quickly in a number of countries. This app, of course is also available on iPad and on the Android platform, has been downloaded millions of times. At the request of Microsoft, the app is being adapted now for use on their platform.

On the look-out for extra mind sports revenues

In 2011, Otten retired from his company to pursue other ideals. In 2009 he had already accepted the presidency of the FMDJ, a job that required him to travel around the world. Because of his interests in the other mind sports, you would also meet him at large-scale events involving bridge, chess and go. Otten thus found out that all mind sports have financial challenges in organising their big events.

Once a businessman, forever a businessman. Otten says: "I'm thus looking for possibilities to generate more income for the mind sports."

Every day three puzzles on your app

From his experiences with Meteo Consult, Otten developed a mind-sports app for smartphones and tablets, on the Apple platform and on Android. An app on which each mind sport publishes a problem (and a solution) every day. The problems are created by recognised champions in their craft. For bridge, among those are former Venice Cup winner Marijke van der Pas, as well as Jack Zhao and Huub Bertens, both well-known experts world-wide.

The costs: €0,01 a day.

A subscription will cost you €3,99 per annum, which amounts to a little over I eurocent a day. And what is going to happen to the revenues? A substantial part of them will be used to support mind sports events all over the world.

Prior to your subscription, you can get the app on trial for a few days. Each day, the level of the problems is different, so the app is interesting for both the advanced and the less experienced performers. All problems and solutions will



Harry Otten, President of the World Draughts Federation:

"Part of the revenues of the Mind Sports app will go back to the mind sports to support mind sports events all over the world."

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be published, for the time being, in English, French, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese and Bahasa Indonesia. The problems/solutions will be stored in an archive that is accessible for each subscriber at any time. Let us hope the app will be a great success. In that case, there will be important extensions too.

Have a look inside Apple's app-store and get a five-day

Sales Info:

The app will be available as from August 17.

WBF Laws Committee

The WBF Laws Committee will meet at 10:30 am. on Tuesday, August 14th, in the Cologne I room on the ground floor.



Credentials, Systems Committees meet:

Monday, 13th August – Credentials Committee at 11:00 Tuesday, 14th August – Systems Committee at 9:30

Both meetings will take place in the WBF Meeting room – Cologne 2

Olympic Update

by Herman De Wael

On Friday afternoon, the Russian team won the synchronized swimming competition. This was the third time running, and on the team were Anastasia Davydova, Maria Gromova and Elvira Khasyanova, who had also been on the two previous teams. They are now the 165th, 166th and 167th triple champions.

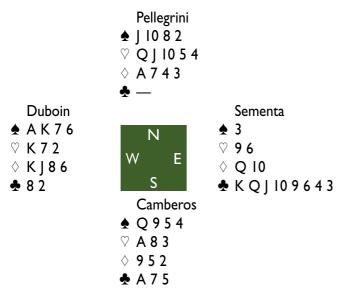
Rules were made to be broken?

by Ana Roth and Fernando Lema

Argentina v Italy Round 3, Open

On 15 July 1964 Oswald Jacoby called his Bridge column in the Saint Petersburg's Evening Independent: 'Rules were made to be broken'. The article begun with these words: 'One of the most difficult problems a bridge player faces is that of knowing when to break a rule'.

Board 2: Dealer South. E/W Vul.



At both tables the contract was $4\clubsuit$ by East. Camberos chose the lead of the $\heartsuit A...$ and declarer lost only 3 tricks: $\diamondsuit A$, $\heartsuit A$ and $\clubsuit A$.

In the other room for Argentina in E/W were: Palazzo-Fornasari, and in N/S Bocchi-Madala. As everybody knows Agustin Madala (25) was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina but since all his family was from Italy he has been playing in the Italian Open team for some years. Agustin is a very close friend of the Argentinian pair Palazzo-Fornasari and when the match begun the Vu-Graph operator wrote that Agustin said: 'questo è un incontro che non posso perdere' (this is a match I cannot lose).

The Open Room was the one in which the Italian commentators chose to comment in Italian, and before the bidding finished these were their comments:

- I) 4♣ si fanno, vabbè... (4♣ cold...oh well..)
- 2) si, 3 polli per noi e stop... (yes, 3 tricks for us and stop)
- 3) Tea time:)

The bidding ended in 44 and Agustin was the leader. Rule: Against a suit contract never lead away from an ace on the opening lead.

Lead: ♡3

Declarer played a little heart and one second later he was Idown...The Italians wrote:

- I) vero che non si attacca sotto asso, ma quali chances aveva? (It is true: Never lead from an Ace... but what chance did he have?).
- 2) ecco, questo non l'avevo previsto... (here, that I did not foresee).

3) ma che bella pensata!!! questa è la differenza tra noi e loro... (what a beautiful thought! This is the difference between us and them).

Noi and loro? Agustin was born in Argentina and Bocchi's mother is from Argentina, and he has lived in Argentinia ... so perhaps it would be better to write: This is the difference between us and US...

Note: All the tables (Open, Women and Seniors) that played 4♣ in board 3... scored +130.

WBF Congress

by Micke Melander

A positive financial report and announcement of venues for World Championships through 2018 were the highlights of the WBF Congress meeting on Saturday.

Treasurer Marc De Pauw reported that the overall financial result for 2011 was \$231,665 (US) compared to \$59,089 for 2010.

Questions were raised by delegates primarily about two issues:

- * Lower membership fees for small federations
- * The WBF requirement that countries participate in all official tournaments to be able to play in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup or the Senior Bowl.

President Gianarrigo Rona answered the questions, explaining the problem and said that both questions will be put on the agenda for the WBF Executive committee, adding that he could not promise any decision.

The President also presented the following plan for the World Championships:

2013 Bali, Indonesia (16-30 September) Youth will be in the USA: Atlanta or Orlando

2014 A) Poznan, Poland

- B) Lucca, Italy
- C) Izmir, Turkey

A decision is to be made in November 2012

- 2015 A) Left out from 2014 is a candidate
 - B) Left out from 2014 is a candidate
 - C) Monaco

2016 Brazil

2017 Gold Coast, Australia End of August

2018 Orlando, Florida, USA End of September

The full President's report is on page 14.

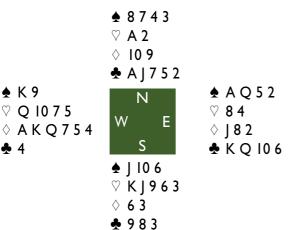
Well needed Polish Comeback

by Micke Melander

When just looking at the draw, Group B in the Open series looks like a race between two or three clear favourites to qualify from the group. Those were USA, Poland and France. Equally clearly, we could see several competitors for the last qualifying place. One of the more serious contenders are probably Ireland. Therefore it was quite interesting to check what Ireland could to do to put a spoke in Poland's wheel.

Ireland kicked off in great style, Polish mistakes and errors in judgement set them back. One of the reasons was this deal:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Fitzgibbon	Balicki	Mesbur
			Pass
I ♦	Pass	I♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	All Pass		

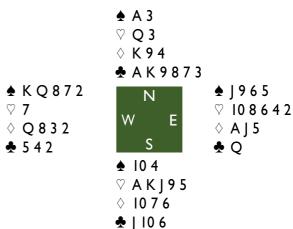


Cezary Balicki, Poland

Balicki tried fourth suit to extract more information from Zmudzinski. Without getting any really valuable information (except maybe an extra diamond from partner) he made a quantitative bid of 4NT. Zmudzinski didn't have enough to bid slam, but re-invited instead of passing and the Polish pair was then too high.

Mesbur lead his longest and strongest which was hearts and Fitzgibbon made the story short by thoughtfully cashing his two aces before returning a heart back to partner's king. That was 13 IMPs to Ireland when the Irish at the other table had a quieter ride to 3NT, because Hanlon simply jumped to game over 2%.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Narkiewicz	Hanlon	Buras
			Pass
Pass	INT	2◊*	3◊*
4♠	Dbl	All Pass	

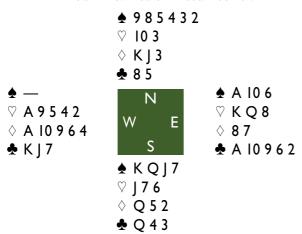
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Fitzgibbon	Balicki	Mesbur
			Pass
Pass	 ♣ *	Pass	Ι♡
I♠	2♣	3♣*	Pass
3♠	3NT	All Pass	

More IMPs were distributed on this hand. Hanlon over-called INT with 2♦, showing spades and another suit. Buras transferred to hearts promising at least five hearts with invitational values. McGann however left little space left for the Polish and made the immediate sacrifice to 4♠ making life more difficult for the opponents. When Narkiewicz elected to double, no-one had anything further to add...

In the Closed Room the Polish pair did what they could to keep the Irish out, Fitzgibbon's 3NT ended the auction and declarer had little problems making his contract when the queen of clubs fell under the ace. Eleven tricks and another Irish swing.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Fitzgibbon	Balicki	Mesbur
Ι♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♡	All Pass

2NT was forcing to game with three card heart support, and a series of cue bids followed before Balicki decided he had heard enough and jumped to the small slam.

Fitzgibbon led the four of spades and Zmudzinski went into the tank considering how to play the hand. Finally he decided to ruff the lead, play a heart to the king, cashing the ace of spades (discarding a diamond from hand), pulled trumps and went to an end-position where he needed Fitzgibbon as North had to have the queen of clubs to be able to make the contract. Zmudzinski could have used his entries to dummy more wisely... When the queen of clubs was in South he was bound to go down; I I IMPs to the Irish when they stopped in game at the other table, scoring eleven tricks. With four boards left to play the score in the match was 44-6 to the Irish, since the Polish had managed to get a couple of overtricks in some boards earlier on.

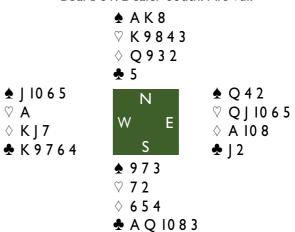
Then came a huge comeback from the Polish team. With three boards left the Irish bid a game where the Polish correctly stopped in partscore, giving 6 IMPs. Lots of blood was spilled on the next:





Nicholas Fitzgibbon, Ireland

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Fitzgibbon	Balicki	Mesbur
			Pass
2♣	DЫ	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	2♡	DЫ	All Pass

Both rooms opened with 2Φ , Precision style, and North made a take-out double; but when Balicki decided to bring out the re-double the Irish had nowhere to escape. $2\heartsuit$ eventually went three down for 800, a huge score when they could not make any game themselves. In the other room Hanlon bid $2\heartsuit$ instead of redoubling, and was left to play the contract. When that also went one off it was 13 IMPs to Poland who also got another 8 IMPs on the last board, gaining 27 IMPs on the last three hands. 44-33 to Ireland.

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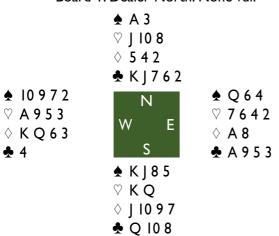
England v Belgium

ROUND 3

by Mark Horton

Prior to London 2012 Great Britain's best result in the Olympic Games came in 1908 when they won 146 medals, including 56 Golden ones, easily topping the medal table ahead of the USA who took only 47 medals including 23 Gold. In the final of the men's water polo they defeated Belgium 9-2. They have long memories in the low countries and Belgium was out for revenge when they met England in round 3 of the Open. (For some reason many Europeans find it hard to understand that there is a distinction between Great Britain and England.)

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Carcassonne	Allfrey	Labaere
	Pass	Pass	I♣
DЫ	I♠	2♡	All Pass

West's light double got his side into a sound contract. South led the jack of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's king and played the ten of spades. North took the ace and played back a spade, South winning with the jack. It looks impossible to go down from here, but the record says that declarer lost six tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Donder	Patterson	Coenraets	Crouch
	Pass	Pass	I♦
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

West may well have been right to double (would $2\Diamond$ have been natural?) but when East decided to defend it turned out badly.

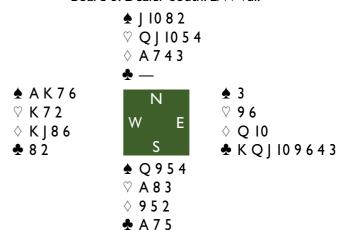
East led the six of hearts and West took the ace and returned the three. Declarer won and attacked clubs, East winning the third round and playing another heart. Declar-



Andrew Robson, England

er won in hand, cashed his clubs and then scored three spade tricks, +380 and 8 IMPs to England.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Carcassonne	Allfrey	Labaere
			Pass
♣*	IŸ	5♣	All Pass

North led the queen of hearts and South took the ace and switched to the four of spades. Declarer won with the ace and tried to slip a diamond past North. That did not work and the ace of trumps was the setting trick, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Donder	Patterson	Coenraets	Crouch
			Pass
I♦	Ι♡	2♣	2♦
Pass	3♡	4♣	All Pass

It was easy enough to stop in a part score, +130 handing Belgium 6 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul. **★** K 8 7 5 4 ♡ 4 \Diamond A K I0 7 4 2 **♣** O **♠** Q 10 9 **♠** | 6 2 N ♡ KQJ8753 ♡ A 10 ♦ 865 ♦ 09 ♣ AK9853 **♠** A 3 ♥ 962 ♦ | 3 ♣ | 10 7 6 4 2

Open Room

W	est	North	East	South
Rob	son	Carcassonne	Allfrey	Labaere
			♣	Pass
 	k	2♣*	Pass	2♦
3♡		4 ♦	4♡	All Pass
I♦	Hearts			
2♣	_+			

North cashed the king and ace of diamonds and then switched to a spade. The defenders played three rounds, South ruffing for +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Donder	Patterson	Coenraets	Crouch
		INT	Pass
2◊*	4 ◊*	Pass	4♠
DЫ	All Pass		
4♦ ▲+♦			

For my money $4\Diamond$ is too ambitious, but it might easily have worked.

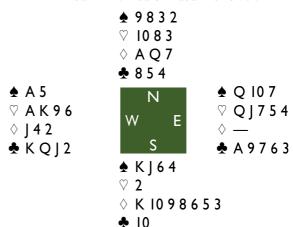
West led the king of hearts and now East should overtake and play clubs, West's second round ruff ensuring a one trick defeat. When East allowed his partner to hold the trick declarer was in with a shout. He ruffed the next heart, cashed the ace of diamonds and played a spade to the ace followed by a diamond to the king. He cashed the king of spades and when West dropped the queen he had a decision to take.

If declarer was sure about the heart position he knew 12 of West cards - was the last one a spade or a club? Would West have doubled with Φ Q9? If so, might he not have led his singleton club? Are these just straws in the wind?

Declarer opted for safety and played the jack of diamonds. East ruffed and West had to score the master trump, one down, -100 and 7 IMPs to Belgium.

This low scoring match was decided near the end.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Carcassonne	Allfrey	Labaere
		I♡	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣	3◊
3♡	4 ♦	Pass	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♡	All Pass

The intervention made it difficult for East/West but if East had bid 60 there might have been some chance that West would have taken a pot at a grand slam.

Declarer won the club lead and drew trumps, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Donder	Patterson	Coenraets	Crouch
		Pass	Pass
♣	Pass	Ι♡	2◊
3◊*	DЫ	Rdbl	3♠
4♡	All Pass		

Did East intend his redouble to show first round diamond control? If so, the message was lost on West. The 11 IMPs England gained on this deal saw them win 29-27 IMPs, 16-14 VP.



Alain Labaere, Belgium

President's Report to the WBF Congress

Mr. Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, WBF President Emeritus, Mr. José Damiani, WBF Chairman Emeritus, dear colleagues, dear Delegates, dear friends, good morning and welcome to Lille for the celebration of the WBF Congress.

Before going more deeply into our matters, I would like to remember with you the friends who have sadly passed away. From all these friends I particularly remember Ding Guan Gen, President of the WBF Congress, who died few days ago. Mr. Ding was a great personality who honored his country and the entire bridge movement. His passing will leave a great void in the bridge family, but also, I am convinced, a great memory. May I ask you to please rise for a minute's silence in his memory.

Almost two years have passed since our Congress in Philadelphia, where I had the privilege and the honor to succeed José Damiani as President of the Federation and today, for the first time, I am here, in the position of WBF President, to report to you about the activities carried out since then.

First of all I want to express my gratitude to my predecessors Jimmy Ortiz-Patiño, Ernesto d'Orsi, Bobby Wolff and José Damiani for the exceptional job they did in building and developing this great Federation. I had the opportunity to work with them, to learn from them and, above all, to have their friendship. I hope to have been a good student and to be able to put into practice their valuable teaching, and I am grateful that they are still close to me and offer me their suggestions and support.

In my presentation to the Executive Council in Philadelphia I said, and I repeat here, that our primary objective should be to consolidate definitively the organizational structure of the Federation and its rules. Thus a solid and unshakeable structure can be built which permits us to plan calmly without worrying about the future; a structure capable of guaranteeing functioning and efficiency, irrespective of the officers at the helm: men pass but institutions remain, and this is more probable the more solid the institution's structure is.

I believe that the WBF today needs modern, clear and precise By-Laws (Statutes), maintaining and consolidating, of course, our roots, principles and traditions, inspired by the most advanced associative criteria, the fundamental principles of the IOC, and especially by the inalienable criteria of transparency and democracy. The general principles of the By-Laws (Statutes) are therefore democracy, the certainty of the rules, the division of power, transparency and publicity. The Statutes must include the Institutional and Constitutional rules of the Federation. It is necessary to institute Systematic Regulations; that is, the Regulations for putting into effect the statutory rules which dictate the fundamental principles but not the procedures: Regulations, therefore, which provide not only the functioning procedures of the Executive Council and the various Committees, but also the procedures and administrative functions of the whole apparatus. This is necessary in order to

have guidelines which will allow us to operate without problems and especially without needing to re-interpret every time and consequently require opinions and consultancy.

The Executive Council unanimously shared this program and we immediately started work.

The first step was to organize the work of the Executive Council and the Committees. We decided to continue the annual EC Meetings during the World Championships, and to have a meeting of the Presidential Council and the Management Committee in Spring and in Autumn respectively, hosted alternatively by the ACBL and the EBL, who both agreed to cooperate with us, giving us the opportunity to realize this program. The system works and is very successful, and I take the occasion to thank both the ACBL and EBL once again for their great help and support.

With respect to the structural organization, we agreed to put all our efforts into building and organizing of a true secretariat structure with all the services brought together in the headquarters in Lausanne, in common with the majority of the other International Sport Federations. In addition to any other political consideration, this is the best way to rationalize the work organization and the resources at our disposal, finally bringing together what used to be spread out in different places.

Now the office is alive with personnel operating. The office has been equipped with the necessary furnishings, we have our own telephone and internet lines and Carol von Linstow has been working there regularly since 1st July 2011.

At the same time, the Technological Commission started to work on restructuring the organization of our web-site and at the end of this year the project will be completed. From 1st January 2013 it will start to operate. It means that we will have our new self-governing web-site and the operator web-master will take his place in the Lausanne Office.

We have already obtained official recognition from the Canton de Vaud and the City of Lausanne and we can benefit from all the fiscal and administrative facilities (i.e. tax exemption).

With the help of our Swiss lawyer, we planned to fulfill all obligations concerning the documentation to submit to the Authorities, to be definitively incorporated in the Swiss





Law. First of all the registration at the Chamber of Commerce in Lausanne as an International Sports Body and then the notarization of our Constitution and By-Laws, to have finally an official recognized document to prove our legal existence beyond doubt.

From the point of view of the Laws and the Regulations, the Executive Council approved the Disciplinary Code, instituting the Disciplinary Commission, the Eligibility Code, the TDs Rules & Regulations, and instituting the WBF TDs Official Register. With our Lawyers in Lausanne we are studying a restructuring of our By-Laws, to introduce Statutes which reflect the above mentioned considerations, in perfect harmony with the principles of the Olympic Charter.

The organization of the Championships is one of the most important duties of our office. In 2011, we organized the World Youth Congress in Opatja, Croatia and the World Teams Championships, together with the World Transnational Open Teams, in Veldhoven, Netherlands. In 2012, we organized the Youth Teams Championship in Tai Cang, China.

All the events have been successful, and I am very pleased to express once again our gratitude to the Organizers and the Sponsor friends who enabled us to achieve this success.

The Youth Bridge Congress was held from 19th to 31st August 2011. The organization of the event was excellent, thanks to the Youth Committee, chaired by Ata Aydin and the remarkable work done by the LOC, chaired by Goran Grguric, and the Croatian Federation and its President Jurica Caric, to whom our gratitude goes together with many congratulations.

The 2011 Veldhoven Championship, sponsored by BC 't Onstein and its Chairman Hans Melchers, met with tremendous success. It was organized in cooperation with the Dutch Federation following the criteria of the highest standards for the comfort of the players and was characterized by the latest technology and media broadcasting. For the first time in a World Championship, the Card Reader System was used, operating with cameras registering the bidding and play, thus capturing all the data and providing video-records of the entire match. I am very pleased to commend the perfect job done by our Dutch friends, led by Eric Laurant, Jos van der Mars and Armand Trippaers.

Just a few days ago in Tai Cang, we ran the World Youth Teams Championship. I can assure you that it was a truly great event, attended by 47 teams representing 23 NBOs, thanks the marvelous organization of the LOC and the CCBA. I want to express once again our gratitude to the President Xiang Huaicheng, the General Secretary Fan Guangsheng and our colleague Chen Zelan.

Despite the success of these events, we need to be aware that we are living one the most difficult moments for the economy. It is one of the most severe crises of the last century: a crisis that has persisted for a long time, involving almost every sector and which has had a very heavy effect on daily life.

It is impossible to believe that this situation would not influence our discipline and our movement. It influences the organization and development of our discipline starting at club level (which represents the grass roots of every sports movement); it influences the organization of our events and the attendance; it influences the research for resources both internal and external in our world, making it ever more difficult each day.

In any case, the success of these events should not give us the impression that we are immune. For this reason, in planning our future activity, we need to pay particular attention to the situation. We must not forget that, behind each corner, a surprise is always possible and we need to be able to face any difficult situation. The Championship that we are living here in Lille seems to confirm this.

One of the primary objectives of our activity is the development of Youth Bridge. We all have to be aware that Youth Bridge represents the sole guarantee of our future, the sole guarantee of the continuity and the existence itself of our discipline and our movement.

We are working to constitute a fund for the solidarity and development of Youth Bridge and we decided to organize three or four simultaneous events a year, starting next autumn, devolving the entire income to this project. In addition, the Technological Committee is studying the possibility to introduce regular internet tournaments, whose income will be entirely devolved to this project.

We believe that Internet today is the most important way to stimulate the Youth to approach bridge. We already have a fantastic internet bridge program both for teachers and pupil, very easy to find and to use, and we are reinforcing the activity of our Teaching Committee to improve it further

Our relations with the International Bodies, IOC, SportAccord and IMSA are excellent and we can reap great advantages in developing, improving and consolidating our movement by cooperating with them.

Starting from November 2010, I had the opportunity to visit practically all the Zones, many NBOs and several clubs. Everywhere I was warmly welcomed with friendship and I found passion, enthusiasm, professionalism and dedication everywhere I went, which showed that our movement is alive and has tremendous potential.

Before closing my report I want to express my thanks to my colleagues of the Executive Council and the Committees, to Anna, Carol, Marina and Maurizio who are my closest collaborators and practically assist and support me daily, armed with great patience, and last but not least to our fantastic Championship Staff: all of them have done and are still doing a very good job, enabling the WBF to realize its programs and achieve its objectives.

Finally I want to thank you, the Federations, for your friendship and cooperation. Let me say, once again, that if the WBF is able to achieve any result it is because of you, because you have to be aware that you are the WBF and we are at your service. You are the sophisticated car, we are simply the privileged drivers, hoping to be up to the task you assigned to us for this fantastic race.

Thank you dear friends and un abbraccio to you all.

Gianarrigo Rona, President, World Bridge Federation

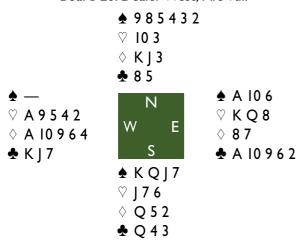
Quien me quita lo bailado...

by Ana Roth and Fernando Lema

Monaco v Venezuela Round 2, Open

In Spanish "Quien me Quita lo bailado" means something like: "I enjoyed it, and nobody can change that"...and we think that must have been Gusso-Hantos' state of mind after scoring up. The final numbers were: Monaco 69 –Venezuela 26.

Board 28: Dealer West, N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Pasquini	Helness	Valdes
Ι♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	5♡	All Pass

He-He stopped their bidding sequence before slam ... and made 12 tricks.

In the other room, Hantos decided to keep bidding until the cows came home and Venezuela landed in a delicate contract.

West	North	East	South
Hantos	Fantoni	Gusso	Nunes
IŸ	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Double
4♣	Pass	4♡	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♡	All Pass

Lead: ♠9

Declarer won the lead with dummy's $\triangle A$ (pitching a club) and ducked a diamond, Fantoni played his $\lozenge J$ and returned another spade. Hantos ruffed in his hand, continued with $\lozenge A$ and another diamond ruffed in dummy. When diamonds behaved, he continued with $\heartsuit K$ and $\heartsuit Q$ and a club to his hand to play the $\heartsuit A$ and claim 12 tricks ... and 11 IMPs for Venezuela.

Championship Diary

I have been asked numerous questions about Thursday's opening ceremony.

It has been suggested that I was asked to act as Master of Ceremonies because the organisers were keen to use ideas linking the Championships to the Opening Ceremony of the London Olympiad. My email address contains the numbers 007 so I was the logical choice once Daniel Craig was unavailable. High winds grounded the helicopter that my partner Cécile Hodson and I were due to jump out of.

Plans to have Kenneth Branagh read the speech from As You Like it, starting:

All the world's a stage,

And all the men and women merely players;

They have their exits and their entrances;

And one man in his time plays many parts,

had to be shelved when his Isambard Kingdom Brunel hat got stuck in the Eurotunnel.

A last minute technical hitch meant that the on screen projection of Mark Newton (Mr Bean could not make it) repeatedly depressing a single key on his computer had to be dispensed with.

Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia is a cult movie directed by Sam Peckinpah. It features regularly in the famous BBC radio show 'I'm sorry I haven't a clue'. The panel have to come up with subtle variations of the title as it might apply to other movies - for example a film about the baking industry: Bring me the bread of Alfredo Garcia, or the one about a gang of metal thieves operating in the East End of London: Bring me the lead of Alfredo Garcia.

Well, you get the idea.

Can you come up with any variations? Drop into the Bulletin Room with your suggestions or email them to us at: markhorton007@hotmail.com

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