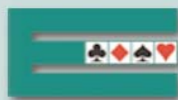




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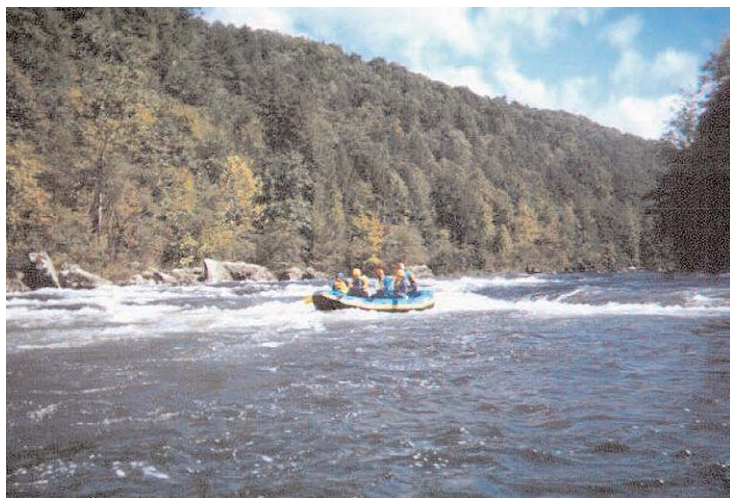
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# White Knuckles on White-Water

## A White-Wash by Patrick Jourdain



Those of you who thought the rafters would have a quiet time compared with the skiers were wrong. "What's its going to be like?" asked one of the girls. "Have you seen The River Wild?", I said. "Don't mention Deliverance, you'll worry us all," said one of the Americans.

Seven boats with five in each set out. I think they all survived. We had been warned not to take mobile phones on the raft, but no-one suggested leaving the packed lunches, towels, money etc. on the bus.

The steering incompetence was hilarious. A boat has momentum, and once it starts swinging it will continue to swing. Unaware of this several were overcorrecting every time a strong current came, and spent as much time going backwards as forwards with the downriver flow.

Then the first white-water appeared. It only lasted a few tens of metres, but five of the seven boats did not make it upright, and quickly turned over and sank. Packed lunches, water bottles, anything loose, went careering down river. Everyone had to struggle to the bank to lift and turn the rafts to empty them of water.

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### Teams Tournament

The Teams Tournament on Friday and Saturday evening is a two session event. Your team can have four, five or six team members, but at most two can come from the same country.

Attached to this bulletin is the voting form for the WBF Youth Award. Please complete it and return to one of the camp organizers.

### Team Sports

Team sports will take place this afternoon at 14:30. Squads should be of 6-8 players, from at least four different nationalities. Activities will include Beach Volleyball, Mini-soccer, Basketball and swimming.

Thomas Schoenfeldt will be organizing, so please speak to him if you need help in putting your team together.

### TUESDAY

Departure times, i.e. exact time and location from which your flight or train leaves, MUST be advised on the notice-board by TODAY (Friday) at 6pm.

### OUTING ON SATURDAY

If you want to go on Saturday's Bratislava outing which leaves at 8-45am and returns in time for dinner, you MUST sign up on the list on the notice-board. There is a maximum of 90 people. A hotel lunch will be provided for those not going, who have free time for unorganised activities such as football, going to Piestany spas or visiting the lake.

### Schedule for Today

08:30 – 09:45	Breakfast
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:15 – 14:15	Lecture
14:30	Team Sports
18:00 – 19:30	Dinner
20:00	Teams Tournament Part I
23:30	Snack

# Lecture Two – Psychology & Behaviour

by Patrick Jourdain

## Do not Copy Your Elders, do Better!

### 1. For your opponents

Always greet them. Do not gloat over or patronise their errors. Always start with the assumption that they are ethical. If you have to call the TD, give advance warning: "We had better call the Director..." Do not claim redress merely because you hope to get the benefit of the doubt. Try to avoid discussions that exclude opponents. If you lose a match congratulate them. At the prize-giving, APPLAUD.

### 2. For officials

Listen to instructions. Do your administrative duties conscientiously. Accept rulings gracefully which are not in your favour. Be less inclined to appeal where an adjustment is not made in your favour, than when it has been made against you. Play to a reasonable speed.

### 3. For partner

How can critical remarks help the partnership? Most arguments are defensive. Never use sarcasm or humiliation. Sympathise with mechanical error. When dummy, start from the assumption that declarer had a reason for choosing the losing line. In defence remember that partner's mistakes could often have been avoided with your help. In bidding, when disagreeing about the meaning of a bid, remember:

- lack of prior agreement is a joint fault;
- many arguments can be avoided by referring to a written agreement;
- the system should not be changed at the table;
- if an undefined bid is clarified at once (in case it arises again before the end of play), say: "For the moment, shall we...?" Neither player must treat this as settling who was right or wrong.

An occasional "Well done" does no harm!

### 4. For yourself

Forget the past, only the current deal matters. Elation and depression are both dangerous. Prepare for important events: learn what makes you play well or badly:

Usually bad: alcohol, over-eating, travel, watching TV, even reading newspapers, too much sun. But above all TIREDNESS & WORRY.

Usually good: physical fitness, confidence in and a liking for partner, knowledge of the system.

### Exercise

During the duplicate:

**Memory:** Look at and memorise your cards before bidding then return them to the slot. Bid without seeing your cards. When play starts dummy goes face upwards, but the other three players must name the card they are to play: number and suit. Dummy checks to see whether the player holds that card. If he does, he plays it and scores 1 point, if he does not have the card, he loses one point and must state again what card he is to play. After losing two points, dummy makes him play the closest card that he has (e.g. if he says ♠6, then ♠7 but only has ♠5 he loses two points and plays ♠5).

**Behaviour:** (Scores to be decided by your opponents)

*Plus points:* As dummy you give a plausible reason for declarer's losing line. (Other than that he is an idiot! Editor)

In defence you give a good reason how a different play by you could have avoided the mistake made by partner.

In bidding, when your side has reached the wrong contract, if you can suggest a different bid by yourself which your opponents agree would have been better than the one you actually made.

*Minus points:* If you remove the cards from the first board of a round without having said hello to the opponents. If you argue with either side, or the Director.

## Hands for Lecture 2

### Hand 1

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### The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	2♠	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	All pass

Opening lead: Spade king. South must duck the first spade in order to get more of a count on the hand, and finds West has seven. Then South tests clubs and hearts. West has two cards in each suit and must have two diamonds. So the ♦Q must drop.

### Hand 2

Dealer: South

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West leads a spade against South's 3NT, reached after South has shown 12-14 balanced. South wins the second spade (in case spades are 6-2 with the diamond honours split, when ducking will exhaust East of his spades) and should the sneakily cross to dummy with ♣Q in order to lead the ♦Q, as if finessing. A smart East will still rise with the king to protect partner's entry, after all, if declarer has ♦A you won't set the hand, will you? Did anyone find this at the table?

**Hand 3**

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The bidding is up to you, but a possible sequence might be 1♦-1♥-1♠-4♦ (splinter, even in partner's suit!) etc. to 6♠.

South leads a trump and declarer must play to set up hearts not diamonds because of the entry position. The best sequence involves winning ♠K, and playing ♥A ruff a heart, club towards the ♣K. As the cards lie, South can do nothing, but even if the ♣K loses to the ♣A and a club comes back you cash ♦AK pitching a club, then play a second trump, ruff a heart, and ruff a minor suit to dummy to draw the last trump.

**DAILY TRIVIA**

Who was Life Master #1 in the USA?

**BRIDGE PERCENTAGES**

How should you play these combinations for four tricks to best effect?

- |    |      |        |       |
|----|------|--------|-------|
| a) | AJ43 | facing | K1092 |
| b) | AJ43 | facing | K1082 |
| c) | AJ43 | facing | K952  |

(Bonus question: How do you play this last suit for three tricks?)

**3rd Pairs Tournament**

by Peter Gill

It's always a thrill to make a doubled contract against a World Champion, especially when you are 14 year old Nabil Edgton, the second youngest participant at the Camp. Nabil is on his second overseas trip, the previous one being to the New Zealand Nationals last year as a member of the Australian Colts Bridge Team.

Board 10. Dealer East All Vul.

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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Houlberg	Bilde	Grue	Edgton
2♥	2♠	3♣	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West led ♥6 to the queen, ruffed. Edgton played ♣5 to the king and ace, Grue switching correctly to ♠Q which Edgton won with the ace. After cashing ♣Q and ruffing a club, Edgton ruffed another heart. A diamond to the king allowed another heart ruff. This unusual technique of making one's trump tricks by deliberately shortening the trumps in the long trump hand was called Elopement in Kelsey and Ottlik's classic book 'Adventures in Card Play'.

Edgton played his last club, ruffed by West's ♠9. West drew the last trumps with the king, but had been reduced to leading diamonds, to declarer's benefit. 3♠X was cold now, and when West chose to exit with ♦10, Nabil Edgton made an overtrick for plus 930.

On Board 14, many declarers in 3NT had to play a diamond suit of 109543 opposite AQ876 in dummy. The best play is not to play a low diamond to the queen. Nor is it to cash ♦A.

The best play is to lead ♦10, tempting the defender to cover from K J 2. If the defender plays the two, you finesse the queen. One declarer scored plus 720 when he led ♦10 and it was covered by the jack, a reflex covering of an honour which is cost-free for declarer to play for.

(Andrew Sinclair ducked smoothly in precisely this position and was rewarded against Sofia Ryman as declarer, when she rose with the ♦Q, exactly as Peter Gill would have predicted)

## Death of a Legend

Dorothy Truscott, perhaps the most successful woman player ever, died yesterday after a long battle with Parkinson's disease, at the age of 80. She had been married to Alan Truscott (perhaps the world's most famous journalist, as correspondent of the New York Times for over 40 years) till his death last year.

When she entered the Hall of Fame in the USA, the ACBL produced this biography of her, from which we quote.

As a five-year-old kibitzing the family bridge game, Dorothy Hayden Truscott never dreamed that bridge would lead her to world travel, four international championships and election to the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame.

For Truscott, bridge was a life-long love affair. "I can't remember when I didn't know the game," she says. "My parents played bridge and when I was little, there were always bridge games going." Truscott was permitted to kibitz "if I would stay very quiet."

She played her first bridge hand at about age seven. A guest was late, "so I was allowed to play for one hour. From then on, I was hooked. I couldn't wait for the next guest to be late." Truscott became one of the world's leading players and the only person who has competed in all four forms of major world championship competition.

She has won the Venice Cup three times and the World Olympiad Women's Teams (one of her teammates was Mary Jane Farrell, also a 1998 inductee into the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame).

Truscott placed second in the 1965 Bermuda Bowl - the only American woman other than Helen Sobel Smith till Rose Meltzer to represent ACBL in world open team competition - and third in the Open Pairs at the 1966 World Championships in Amsterdam, the highest finish ever by a woman in open competition.

She won more than 30 NABC titles - nine with Emma Jean Hawes, three with B. Jay Becker, three with her husband Alan, three with Gail Greenberg and the remainder with "nine or 10 various partners."

She won her first two NABC titles - the Mixed Pairs with John Crawford and the Women's Pairs with Betty Goldberg, both in 1959 - before she became a Life Master. In fact, "I had never played a session of bridge with either one of them."

Truscott described herself as a good partner. "I'm adaptable. I'm pleasant to play with and I'm lucky. Luck is a very big part. When you win any event, you have to be lucky. I must say I've been very lucky with partners."

She remembered a passed-out board from years ago. "We got 25 out of 25. When that happens, you know you're lucky."

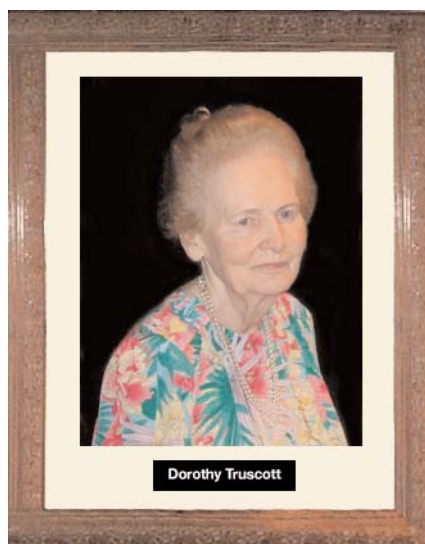
Truscott was lucky, conceded former world champion and former teammate Betty Ann Kennedy, but she was also "a tenacious competitor and a very supportive teammate and

partner. She was a real student of the game. She was open to new ideas and she used them."

Among the new ideas attributed to Truscott are an unusual jump to show a singleton or void along with support for partner's suit (a splinter bid) and responses to Blackwood after interference (DOPI).

Truscott also received credit as the author of two bridge books which are considered classics: *Bid Better, Play Better* and *Winning Declarer Play*. She maintains now, however, that there are "too many bridge books around. I'm writing no more bridge books." Instead, in the last years of her life till forced to give up the game through ill-health she concentrated on the three NABCs plus teaching "a little bit of bridge" and working with husband Alan. "Bridge has been very good to me," she said. "Bridge is challenging, it keeps my mind stimulated and it also puts me in contact with people."

On a personal note, I was privileged to know Dorothy only in the last decade of her life, when slowed down somewhat by her health. But she was still as mentally alert, genial, and unfailingly kind as any one I have ever known. Our results in partnership and on the same teams were always rather better than the sum of our parts would have suggested. As indicated above, it was part of what she brought to the game to make her partners play well. Dorothy will be much missed.



### Answer to the Daily Trivia

DAVID BRUCE/BURNSTINE

### Answers to the Bridge Percentages

a) This combination is a straight guess. You can increase your chances fractionally over a straight 50% guess by tackling the suit by leading the 10 initially, intending to play the ace from dummy if nothing happens. Some of the time West will cover or betray possession of the queen.

b) You cannot guard against Q9xx in the West hand. So protect against the 4-1 splits by leading to the ace, then running the jack. This makes whenever the queen is with East, even in a four-card suit.

c) If you need four tricks lead low to the jack initially. this picks up singleton queen with West -whereas leading the king initially results in a loser

For three tricks cash the ace then lead towards your hand, putting in the nine if East follows small.

# Hamilton 1997 – World Junior Teams

Hamilton, Ontario, was the site of the 1997 World Junior Teams. For the first time ever, the event became a truly global affair, as the number of participating teams went up to 18, with representation from all the WBF zones. Europe provided four of the teams, and showed themselves to be very much the dominating influence at this tournament. 3 of the 4 teams made it through to the semi-finals, and the final was an all Scandinavian event, as Denmark took on, and eventually disposed of, Norway. Russia beat Canada for the bronze medals, with Canada being the bridesmaid rather than the bride in fourth place, for the second championships in a row. What was interesting to me was the equalization of standards that seemed apparent at these events. Although a couple of teams who were competing for the first time were still in need of further experience, it was generally true that there were no easy matches in the tournament.

One other surprise was the remarkably poor showing of the USA teams. For the third championships in a row the USA did not make it through to the finals, and indeed in the last two championships both USA teams have failed to make it past the qualifying stage. Since the individual members of both teams were clearly competent, and had recorded a series of good results at open level, how can one explain the poor showing as a team? It is hard to do so.

There were several outstanding plays during the tournament, but it is hard to imagine a more sustained display of virtuosity than the following performance by Morten Madsen of the Danish juniors, who deservedly won the award for the best defended hand of the tournament, and indeed perhaps made the shortlist for the defence of the year.

Morten passed the first test when he led the eight of hearts rather than a diamond, and South took it in dummy and tried the ace of diamonds, then the queen of diamonds. Naturally Morten ducked this, his second good play, and when the bad split was revealed South played the ten of clubs. Morten made his third fine play by ducking this trick, and winning the next club cheaply to press on with hearts. Now South led his spade towards the ace-queen. Morten contributed the jack, and discarded the king of spades under the ace. If he had not made this play he would have been thrown in with a spade to concede the ninth trick, but as it was he had a small spade left with which to get off play and the defence had five winners to take.

For the Norwegian runners up Boye Brogeland and Oyvind Saur have represented their country at open level, and Brogeland was on his way to the Bermuda Bowl later that year. His partner Saur is prone to flashes of brilliance, which the Norwegians refer to as Saur Power.

Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Morten Madsen</i>		<i>Lars Madsen</i>	
1♠		Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

North-South were playing a five-card major system with a forcing no-trump response, so North showed 18-19 points at his second turn, allowing South to bid game.

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Saur</i>
2♦	3♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

Four Hearts is a reasonable contract, reached by all four tables in the semi-finals of the World Junior Teams. Since this was a junior event, it is hardly to be wondered at that three of the four tables led the king of clubs rather than the mundane small spade which beat the contract out of hand at the fourth table! Nonetheless at two of the three tables where the top club was led, the contract went down; at the fourth table Saur showed how it should be done, against Canada. He took the ace of clubs, and drew two rounds of trumps. West took his ace and played a second club, and Saur took it in dummy and played the ace of diamonds, then a diamond to the queen and king. West won, and exited with a spade, and Saur took the king, then ran all his trumps. In the three card ending East could not come down to two spades and a club or he would be endplayed with the club to lead into the spade tenace. He smoothly bared the queen of spades early, then

pitched a club, hanging on to his third diamond, but Saur dropped the queen of spades nonetheless, and made his contract.

Mike Roberts was the unlucky defender in the above hand, but as the following hand will demonstrate, he had his moments of good fortune. Indeed when this hand appeared in the Daily Bulletin it was printed under the heading Rueful Roberts, remarking on the similarity that his play had exhibited to that of the Rueful Rabbit.

Dealer South. Non Vul.

♠ J 10 6 5 3 ♥ 9 7 6 3 ♦ 4 2 ♣ J 10	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ — ♥ 8 5 4 2 ♦ K 10 8 ♣ A K 7 5 4 2	♠ Q 9 7 4 2 ♥ J ♦ A Q 9 7 5 ♣ Q 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Nohr</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Kristansen</i>	<i>Roberts</i>
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			4♠

Both tables in the Canada-Denmark match reached Four Spades, and both Wests accurately started the defence off on the right foot by leading clubs. East took the first two tricks and pressed on with a third round of clubs. The Danish declarer discarded a diamond, which ensured the contract unless West was about to ruff while holding all five spades (or an unlikely singleton spade) and thus went quietly one down.

However Mike Roberts had forgotten that dummy's nine of clubs was high. He ruffed in with the seven of spades and Mikkel Nohr off-handedly discarded the four of diamonds. A



*Morten Madsen, Denmark*

trump to the ace brought the bad news, and now Roberts cashed four rounds of hearts discarding three diamonds from hand, then played a trump towards dummy. West had to split his honours, and Roberts took the king, then exited with a diamond. In the three card ending, West was forced to ruff his partner's winner, and lead a trump into declarer's queen-nine, to concede the last two tricks!

There is much controversy as to the meaning of a double of a slam by a hand that has previously entered the auction with an earlier double. On the hand that follows from the semi-finals of the World Junior teams between Denmark and Russia, this issue turned out to decide the match. Denmark won by 4 IMPs, but Russia converted a gain of 13 IMPs into a loss of 14 IMPs by failing to agree on this point.

Dealer West. Both Vul.

♠ 9 8 3 2 ♥ J 6 ♦ 7 4 3 2 ♣ 10 3 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ J 10 7 6 5 ♥ 10 8 5 3 2 ♦ — ♣ K Q 5	♠ A Q ♥ 7 ♦ K J 10 8 ♣ A J 9 7 6 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Khokhlov</i>	<i>Morten Madsen</i>	<i>Sazonov</i>	<i>Lars Madsen</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	Dble	All Pass

When Russia were sitting North-South they stopped in Five Hearts, but at the other table the auction gathered greater pace after East opened One Diamond, playing a strong club system. Blackwood discovered the two aces missing, but Morten Madsen decided that his diamond void was working overtime, and raised to slam over his partner's sign-off. Sazonov doubled, either on general principles, or to say that he did not want a diamond lead, but Khokhlov was not on the same wavelength. He led a diamond, and now Lars Madsen played for his only chance to come home. He pitched a club from table at the first trick, ruffed a diamond, and came back to hand in trumps, then ruffed another diamond, drew the last trump, and threw both of dummy's remaining clubs away when diamonds split 4-4. Now he ruffed a club in dummy, played a spade, and claimed his contract when the ace appeared.

The Russian team which lost the semi-final of the World Junior Teams featured one of the strongest pairs ever to play in a Junior event. At the open level Petrounine and Khiouppenen are ranked first and sixth in their country's national ranking list, and they played at a very high level throughout the event. The defence that follows was typical of the high level of their card play.

Dealer West. Both Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Wolpert	Petrounine	Pollack	Khiouppenén
Pass	Pass	2♣	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Petrounine's Two Clubs opening bid showed a limited hand with long clubs, and North-South brushed it aside to reach game. After that opening bid it was always going to be nearly impossible to reach Three No-trumps from the North seat, and South became declarer in Four Spades. Petrounine led the six of clubs, which went to the ten and queen. Wolpert had to win for fear of the impending club ruff if the suit was 6-1, and had to be compelled to draw three rounds of trumps now. When he led the eight of diamonds from hand, intending to run it, Petrounine rose with the king!

Now declarer was helpless; he ducked the trick, and the defence cashed their clubs, then the ace of hearts for one down. But if Petrounine had not risen with the king of diamonds, the 3-3 split in diamonds would have seen declarer home. The defence only get one diamond, one club and one heart, since declarer has to guess hearts right for fear of letting West in to play clubs through the dummy.



Lars Madsen, Denmark

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There was an instructor in the first and last raft. I was on the last and when we re-started we found one disconsolate rafter sitting on the bank, with no paddle, and the rest of his crew hurtling down stream unable to stop. We rescued him and his paddle a hundred metres ahead, and carried him until the quieter water allowed him to rejoin his crew, who had at last controlled their raft.

There was one more white water section to traverse. "I'm walking past it," insisted one rafter, and that was arranged. From then on, there was less excitement, but plenty of hard work, interspersed with idyllic floating down stream on a beautiful summer's day, passing swimmers, nudists, campers.

"I need another cigarette," complained a weary Andrea Pagani. "Row, row" I cried as we neared the bank on his side.

So, it was a tired but happy group that after three hours and many kilometres arrived at the waterside café where the bus was waiting for us to reload the boats. Some lunch, a couple of beers and the bus was on its way. The group compared their sunburnt knees, then fell asleep until the hotel appeared.

"Did you enjoy it?" I asked the Hungarian on our crew. "I am sorry we did not sink" was his only disappointment.

### This Week's Activities

The Lecture Room for Patrick Jourdain's advanced lectures is the Conference room near the jewellery store. For the less experienced players, Klaus Reps' lectures take place in the Internet room where the evening snacks are provided.

### The Schroeder Cup

The Schroeder Cup, named after Dirk Schroeder who presented it, will be given to the player who performs best in the five pair games.

The only rules are that it is your top three pair games that are counted, and your three qualifying performances must involve playing with partners from three different countries - and obviously none of those sessions can be with players from your own country, since the Camp rules forbid that!



# A Review of the 2006 World Youth Pairs Championships

It's now four days since the finish of these great events. First, some statistics:

- 142 pairs played in the World Junior Pairs and 68 pairs in the World Schools Pairs.
- The 105 tables, 2nd largest ever after 2001, was half the size of the 2006 World Open Pairs and also half the size of the 2006 Rosenblum Teams in Verona.. Or 40% of the size of Verona, if one includes the Women's events at Verona.
- The percentage of female participants was 23%, possibly the highest ever. Total females 96 of 420, Juniors 65 of 284 and Schools 31 of 136. . .
- There were no appeals.
- There were 4 revokes in the last hour of the last session, suggesting that the four sessions each of 28 boards is long enough.
- The youngest participants were 11 years old.
- 5 Zones of the WBF were represented: Europe, North America, South America, Pacific Asia and South Pacific.
- The highest number of HCPs on which a 3NT game failed was 30: Typical of the spirit of the event was that the declarer wanted his misery reproduced in the Bulletin.
- Cecilia Rimstedt aged 17 is the youngest ever winner of the World Junior Pairs.
- Fifty percent of the medallists in the World Junior Pairs were females.
- Last but not least, this is the first time in a major mind sport (bridge or chess) World Championship open to both sexes that a female pair has come first.

Technically, there were no hitches, not a single problem that we noticed. The electronic scoring devices called Bridgemates, which were introduced internationally in 2005, were used here in Slovakia to universal acclaim. The two person scoring team of Marc van Beijsterveldt and Harvey Fox deserves special praise for handling such a large event with such efficiency. All the Slovak local helpers should also be praised for providing excellent help to the WBF staff, despite their lack of experience.

Subsequently at the Bridge Camp, an extra option has been switched onto the Bridgemates, so that players can flick through all the scores at all the tables on the board they have just played. This too has proved very popular.

As usual at this event, the players, press, Bulletin staff and spectators were delighted by the Barometer method, in which Boards 1-4 were played at all tables in the first half an hour, so that the progress scores after four boards and the frequencies and other details of each of the four boards could be seen on the overhead projector screens while boards 5-8 were being played, and so on until Board 25-28. The vast amount of extra pre-dealing required for this was worthwhile.

The Bulletin Editors would like to thank Tournament Directors Mirek Mecik from Gdansk in Poland and Eitan Levy from Israel for their photographs of the players.

The behaviour and sportsmanship of the players was of a very high standard. It is good that so many NBOs take the

trouble to educate their young players in the etiquette and proprieties of bridge. The food and the venue also were of a high standard.

One of the new teenagers from America last weekend wondered how he would fit in, saying that with players here such as Joe Grue, who has almost ten thousand masterpoints, he would be out of his depth. American organiser Charlotte Blaiss therefore arranged for Joe to meet the youngster. Joe had a friendly chat, explaining that ten years ago at his first Junior Bridge Camp in Miami, Joe was nervous and apprehensive about the whole experience, with only twelve months' bridge experience and no knowledge of the game, but going to that Camp was one of the best things he has ever done. The youngster was delighted that one of today's bridge stars was happy to meet him.

Even now that he and John Kranyak are the 2005 World Champions, Joe still comes to the Camp because he values so highly the friendships made and the wonderful feeling that prevails.

The best from each Zone were:

## World Junior Pairs Championship:

Europe	1st Cecilia Rimstedt and Sara Sivelind (Sweden)
North America	4th Josh Donn and Jason Feldman (USA)
South America	83rd Adolfo Andres Madala (Argentina) – Shivam Shah (England)
Pacific Asia	69th Chun King Lee and Tin Yau Felix Wong (China Hong Kong)
South Pacific	25th Michael Whibley (New Zealand) and Paul Gosney (Australia)

## World Schools Pairs Championship

Europe	1st Bartłomiej Igła and Artur Machno (Poland)
North America	8th Kevin Dwyer - Owen Lian (USA)
Pacific Asia	51st Nabil Edgton (Australia) - Luke Gardiner (New Zealand)

Finally, Josh Donn's 30 HCP marvel:

Session 3 Board 9. Dealer North E/W Vul

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

Josh played 3NT from the North seat. East did very well to find the ♠5 lead, leading 3rd and 5th. At Pairs, it is necessary to finesse ♥Q, because safety plays cost vital overtricks. ♥6 was continued, which Josh had to win with ♥A at Pairs, again in case the other suits were friendly.

Josh played a diamond to the king, on which both opponents cleverly gave false count. It looked like diamonds weren't breaking, so he tried the three top spades. Still not confident about the diamonds, he tried a club to the king. Curtains. As an encore, Josh asked us to write the hand up in the Bulletin.

Alert readers will have observed that in the long run, Josh's expertise at Pairs serves him well, as he appears on the list of best performing pairs above. And it is a tribute to his temperament that his partnership went on to score above average on the next 13 deals!

### Double Dummy From Dallas

#### Solution

Yesterday we left you in 3NT by South. You could pick the lead and best play thereafter, and had to work out the result.

♠ K 2 ♥ K 7 6 5 4 ♦ K 9 ♣ 7 6 5 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 10 4 ♥ 10 8 3 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ Q J 3 2	♠ Q J 9 7 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ 7 6 4 3 ♣ A 10
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Clearly declarer has no problem in setting up nine tricks or more on a heart or spade lead. On a diamond lead declarer plays on spades and the defence just get three diamonds and a spade. So West must lead a low club. If declarer ducks the defence switch to diamonds, and declarer stands no chance.

So South wins the first diamond and plays on spades. If East wins the first or second spade, what can he do? The clubs are blocked -all you can take is two clubs and two aces. So East ducks twice and now declarer plays third spade, which East wins as dummy is squeezed. BUT, declarer actually has ten potential winners (five hearts, three spades, a diamond and a club) so can pitch a heart from dummy.

But now comes the coup de gras. East leads a low club to West's ♣K, and that player exits with the fourth spade, squeezing dummy again - and this time it is fatal!

If you have ever seen this form of suicide squeeze, in apposition where the count has not been rectified and where a loser is being played, then you have the advantage of all the double-dummy experts on the bulletin.

### Speedball Teams Revisited

Eldad Ginossar has managed to find a number of deals over the years that show Thomas Bessis in a very good light, but on all previous occasions he has been playing against Thomas. In the Speedball Teams Eldad was sitting West, and this time partnering Bessis.

Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ K Q 10 ♥ J 8 7 ♦ K 9 7 6 2 ♣ 8 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A J 2 ♥ A 10 6 5 4 ♦ 8 4 ♣ Q 7 3	♠ 9 8 5 3 ♥ K 3 ♦ Q J 5 ♣ J 9 6 4
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<b>West</b> <i>Ginossar</i>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b> <i>T. Bessis</i>	<b>South</b>
Pass Pass	1♥ 3NT	Pass All Pass	1♣ INT

Eldad led the ♦6 to the ♦J, ducked, and the ♦Q was ducked as well. Declarer took the third diamond and now had to decide what was the right way to broach hearts, keeping West off lead. One option is to lead low to the ♥10 (protecting yourself against a bare honour in West) but the alternative approach of leading to the ace and back to the ♥Q guards against both honours with East. That was what declarer decided on, and on the lie of the cards it appears that he should have succeeded even against the lie of the cards here. But he had reckoned without Bessis - who unblocked the ♥K under the ♥A. Declarer eventually gave up a heart to West, who cashed out for down one. But actually South could have succeeded even after Bessis' brilliancy. Assuming East to have five red-suit cards only, declarer runs four club tricks with the aid of the finesse, and reduces to this position:

♠ K Q ♥ J 8 ♦ K 9 ♣ -	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A J 2 ♥ 10 6 ♦ - ♣ -	♠ 9 8 5 3 ♥ 3 ♦ - ♣ -
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Note that West still has to find a discard. If he pitches a spade or heart declarer gets an extra trick there. So he lets go a diamond winner, and now two rounds of spades endplay West to lead hearts at trick 12.



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## PAIRS – Session 4



Rank	Names	Countries	Total
1	Meike WORTEL	NED – ISR	68.39
2	Alex MORRIS	ENG – USA	62.26
3	Radu NISTOR	ROM – NED	61.90
4	Godefroy De TESSIERES	OLD – NED	60.95
5	Merijn GROENENBOOM	NED – ENG	60.12
6	Joshua DONN	USA – ENG	59.76
7	Rutger VAN MECHELEN	BEL – NED	58.99
8	Philippe MOLINA	FRA – CYP	58.45
9	Konstantinos DOXIADIS	GRE – IRL	57.56
10	Simon BECH	SWE – AUS	57.32
10	Eric SIEG	USA – DEN	57.32
12	Christian BRUNO	DEN – ISL	57.08
13	Alon BIRMAN	ISR – BEL	56.96
14	Eliran ARGELAZI	ISR – BEL	56.37
15	Dror PADON	ISR – NED	56.31
16	Richard BOYD	IRL – SCO	56.25
17	Micke MELANDER	OLD – SWE	56.19
18	David BANH	USA – FRA	56.07
19	Mihaela BALINT	ROM – USA	55.71
20	Irene BARONI	ITA – USA	55.60
20	Michael BYRNE	ENG – SWE	55.60
22	Andrea PAGANI	OLD – FRA	55.42
23	Vincent NAB	NED – FRA	55.36
24	Sofia RYMAN	SWE – ITA	55.18
24	Daniel LAVEE	CAN – ITA	55.18
26	Yuval YENER	ISR – USA	54.70
27	Lars Moller SORENSEN	DEN – NED	54.58
28	Robert BRADY	USA – AUS	54.52
29	Troels KRISTENSEN	DEN – NZL	54.40
29	Vincent BROERSEN	NED – HUN	54.40
31	Yannick VALO	FRA – GER	54.35
32	Bob DRIJVER	NED – SWE	53.81
33	Wai Wa Victor LAU	ENG – LTU	53.39
34	Rosalien BARENDREGT	NED – USA	52.62
35	Klaus REPS	OLD – OLD	52.56
36	Steve DE ROOS	BEL – AUS	52.38
37	Joseph MELA	ENG – NED	52.08
38	Alexander SMIRNOV	GER – GRE	51.79
38	Lars TOFFE	DEN – ROM	51.79
40	Bas van BEIJSTERVELDT	NED – FRA	51.31
41	Olivier BESSIS	FRA – ISR	51.19
41	Camilla PAOLINI	ITA – IRL	51.19
43	Stuart HARING	ENG – ISR	51.07
44	Lars Kirkegaard NIELSEN	DEN – ENG	51.01
45	Johan FASTENAKELS	BEL – ITA	50.54
46	Andrew DUBAY	USA – FRA	49.82
47	Gudjon HAUSSON	ISL – USA	49.58
48	Emma SJOBERG	SWE – DEN	48.81
49	Eric MAYEFSKY	USA – ISR	48.27
50	Robert LUKOTKA	SVK – CZE	47.86
51	Owen LIEN	USA – FRA	47.80
52	Bronagh CONSIDINE	IRL – SCO	47.74
53	Ian W B JONES	IRL – FRA	47.14
54	Emil JEPSEN	DEN – NZL	46.73
55	George TRIGEORGIS	USA – FRA	46.13
56	Joachim LARSEN	DEN – USA	45.65
57	Martin HRINAK	SVK – LTU	45.24
58	Magnus MELIN	SWE – GRE	45.00
58	Dan RECHT	USA – DEN	45.00
60	Bjorn SORLING	SWE – USA	44.40
61	Wayne SOMERVILLE	IRL – ISL	44.35
62	Marion CANONNE	FRA – SWE	43.75
63	Nabil EDGTTON	AUS – BEL	42.32
64	Kornel LAZAR	HUN – FRA	42.20
65	Eleni VATSOLAKI	GRE – CZE	41.31
66	Mads KROGSGAARD	DEN – GRE	41.25
67	Hrefna JONSDOTTIR	ISL – SWE	40.83
68	Timothee BOEKHORST	FRA – ISL	40.30
69	Olafur HANNESSON	ISL – USA	40.00
70	Thomas TROMHOLT	DEN – ITA	39.11
71	Dennis BILDE	DEN – ISL	37.26
72	Matthew STAHLMAN	USA – LTU	36.85
73	James CORRY	IRL – USA	35.71
74	Kerri NASH	IRL – USA	35.42
75	David SYNNOTT	IRL – FRA	34.52
75	Martin Brorholt SORENSEN	DEN – ISL	34.52
77	Stanislav MIKLIK	SVK – LTU	34.40
78	Aymeric LEBATTEUX	FRA – GER	30.71
	Eldad GINOSSAR		
	Jason FELDMAN		
	Aarnout HELMICH		
	Marion MICHIELSEN		
	Duncan HAPPER		
	Ben GREEN		
	Gerbrand HOP		
	Marios KYRANIDES		
	Katrina LOMAS		
	Adam EDGTTON		
	Sidsel GOLTERMANN		
	Inda Hronn BJORNSDOTTIR		
	Els TOUTENEL		
	Benoit GUIOT		
	Jacco HOP		
	Alexander WILKINSON		
	Moa PETERSEN		
	Carole PUILLET		
	Kevin DWYER		
	Ari GREENBERG		
	Sara SIVELIND		
	Thomas BESSIS		
	Jessie CARBONNEAUX		
	Robin FELLUS		
	Aldo PAPARO		
	Victor CHUBUKOV		
	Marten WORTEL		
	Paul GOSNEY		
	Michael WHIBLEY		
	Bence BOZZAI		
	Maria WUERMSEER		
	Eric ARVIDSSON		
	Monika BARONAITE		
	Joe GRUE		
	Sveinn Runar EIRIKSSON		
	Nicholas RODWELL		
	Rens PHILIPSEN		
	Athanasios DARKADAKIS		
	Catalin-Lucian LAZAR		
	Vincent VIDALAT		
	Yotam BAR-YOSSEF		
	Ruth CONNOLLY		
	Eyal BEN-ZVI		
	Susan STOCKDALE		
	Antonio BORZI		
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	Dan ISRAELI		
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	Andrew SINCLAIR		
	Oscar COHEN		
	Luke GARDINER		
	Simon POULAT		
	Argenta PRICE		
	Arturas KUPRIJANAS		
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