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goodmorning bridge

Hi!

We made a really good agreement with those who are in charge of weather, so sun still serves us. It seems that nice weather also influences general atmosphere between players so our TD-s don't have too much work, and that means they are happy too.

There is only main pairs tournament left, but don't forget that we have 4 more additional days here. If you don't really have too much work at home, it would certainly be nice to catch a few more days of this late summer, and play some leisure bridge in relaxed atmosphere. If you decide to do that, just come to us (or directly to hotel reception) and we will prolong your stay.

I am spying telephone conversation right now. Croatian junior player is talking with someone about the results of Open teams. She said they haven't win a match so far (after ninth round) but sounds pretty (she looks pretty too) satisfied. She says: 'we are getting 3 by 3 VPs every round ... and you know the sayings: stone by stone: a palace.' So don't be too upset if your actual result is not matching your expectation. It is great to be a winner, but afterall it is only a game.

This will be the last bulletin of the festival, so I wish you a successful next year, until we see each other again, here in Pula or at some other bridge tournament around.

Don't forget that all information about Pula bridge tournament you can always find at: www.crobridge.com/pula/eng.



Team Tesla (Tesla, Tomić, Borevković, Zorić) won the Open Teams tournament!

Congratulations! Although they were leading almost the whole event, the final difference was only one IMP!

Thank you all who contributed to this bulletin, and helped with all other stuff. Special thanks to Zrile & Sendvič.

Hope you had, and are still having great time.

See you around,
Tihana

Pula 2005

open teams

14-15. 09. 2005

		VP	IMP
A			
1	Tesla Tesla Tomić Borevković V.Zorić	93	160
2	Batman Stefanov Batov Popova Gunev	92	187
3	Pacyfic Kowalski Taciuc Narkiewicz Pilch	92	123
4	Lajos Honti Harangozo	91	128
5	Juka Cios Lichawski Michalek Stworzewicz	87	94
6	Tutu Zsa'k Cseho Czimer Ga'l	87	84
7	Letve Tica Dolarević Vuleta Mašić	80	66
8	R.A.G. Chodorowska Chodorowski Kozyra Ohrysko Milaszewski Gorzynski	76	51
B			
9	Bridge + Vanchev Karaivanov Ivanchev Trendafilov	92	120
10	BBE Gero Bartis Gero Nikolits Marjai	88	137
11	Hajdu-Split Hajdu Balasy Szilagy Hegedus	86	96
12	Didi Canesi Cedolin Cividin Gallnotti	82	113
13	Silesia Nowakowski Sliwon Pietrzak Tomsia Novotnz	82	77
14	Russyan Russyan Bonaciosi Kalida Szmakfefer	82	76
15	Bridge plus Stamatov Zahariev Tsonchev Karakolev	81	109
16	Niko N.Šver Du.Diklić M.Pilipović Zipovski Vlajnić	81	93
17	West Rosenblum Rybnikov Panina Zapadinski	81	62
18	Senator Kucharski Rafalski Pajak Turczynowicz	80	64
19	Olwar Sadoš Kulinski Kulinska Chindelewicz Strelczyk	80	59
20	Terraneo F.Terraneo S.Terraneo Ch.Terraneo Kriftner	80	45
21	Zmaj M.Radojević G.Radojević Kikić Kalčić	78	70
22	Jaguar Lebedeva Rekunov Khazanov Solntchev	76	50
23	Prim 8 Pasternak Araszkievich Szytowitz Razik Grzelak Ralko	74	81
24	Vito Roussev Iochev Mihov Nanev	74	21
25	Fenix Ilieva Hristov Popov Tcherveniakov	72	14
26	Kokica J.Carić V.Lamza B.Šver V.Tomašković	70	-2
27	Vrt Šantek Poldrugač Pavičić Mokni	69	-5
28	AGFA Krautsak D.Martinović N.Čaklović I.Novosel	69	-34
29	Archibald Duić S.Babić Z.Petrović O.Škreblin	67	10
30	Novi Sad Slipčević Radišić Đuričić Parežanin	64	-25
31	Lancia Stoklasek Szyzkowski Nicoletti Sehhelrath Radmilović	58	-90
C			
32	Muc Vagi Stroesch Weisz Lena 81 67		
D			
40	Garp Harasimowicz Swiatkowska Swiatkowski Kusion 78 65		
E			
48	AlizeeFisher Saurer Bruggemann Brower75 29		
F			
56	Baf+BergA.Gaenger H.Gaenger Bamberger Frandel 70 4		
G			
64	Piast Maczynski Gorski Maszczyszyn Lyskawa Pudlik Kuza 68 13		
H			
71	Svietlana Biel Wegner Majdanski Kazmierczak 62 -35		
I			
78	Pula Kauzlarić Jakupović Ivanov Hajdaraj Simić A.Horvat 60 -40		

UPCOMING EVENTS

By Sandra Ruso

Yesterday was really very exciting day in Open team. Tesla was lucky and won for one imp (minor trick – diamond finesse, if I was correctly informed). In many sections results were so close that the winners were decided in the last round and anyone from the first two tables could have won.

Today we shall have an exciting day too.

The main reason is that most of us shall play this kind of tournament for the first time.

I didn't understand much.

The only certain information I know is that we shall start at 20:30 on Friday and 14:00 on Saturday.

We shall play 3 rounds each day, 10 boards per round. After every round there will be a small brake (10-15 minutes) which we shall use for smoking and Čaja and the guys will calculate our results. In the mean time we shall change positions and section. Please listen to the instructions carefully to avoid delays and complications.

History:

2004

1. Popov - Tcherveniakov
2. N Šver - M Pilipović
3. A Babsch - Bieder
4. V Mihov - I Nanev
5. J Szutowicz - R Szczepanski

2003

1. Krzeminski Olanski
2. Mihov Nanev
3. Czajer Kowalczyk
4. Gierulski Szyrak
5. Fucik Stojanović

2002

1. Trendafilov – Karaivanov
2. Du.Diklić – Miladin
3. V.Biondić – N.Čaklović
4. Schiffko – Wornle
5. Fischer – Saurer

2001

1. Viktor – Gal
2. Borisov – Tconchev
3. Stamatov – Ivonova
4. Vladić – Perković
5. Šver N. – Pilipović

2000

1. Kowalczyka – Witek
2. Schinitzer – Biener
3. Pantarrotas – Zenari
4. Ralca – Novak
5. Popov – Ivanov

Some instructions and warnings:

Please leave your mobile phones at home (here, not in your own country). It is completely forbidden to receive any calls, messages or even to look at your phone. Any breach of this regulation will be seriously penalized.

Always alert – even if you are not sure whether it is necessary or not.

Take some time to fill in the convention card if you don't have one already. Only the convention card can save you when you forget the system, bid wrongly or your explanation is different from the one your partner will tell.

I have to warn you that we have a limited number of pairs so please hurry up. We have already enrolled more than 200 pairs and you might have a problem if you come too late.

Have a nice time and a good play.

We hope that you will join the victory ceremony and help us end this Pula with joy and lot of fun.

TWILIGHT ZONE

TIMZZZZZZ

By SchTsch

This was my last board on teams tournament and it's not something You see every day:

♠ x x x x
♥ -
♦ A Q x x
♣ J 10 9 8 7

♠ Q J x x	♠ A K x x x
♥ x x x	♥ A K Q J 10 x
♦ K x x	♦ x
♣ x x x	♣ x

♠ -
♥ x x x x
♦ J 10 9 x x
♣ A K Q x

7♣ is unbeatable on N-S hands. Of course, it doesn't look likely that You will bid a slam on this hand. Especially with a major suit monster on East. Seems normal that E-W will play five of a major and go off if the defense gets the cards right. Well, this is what happened at our table:

West	North	East	South
-	-	2♣	2♦
X	3♦	3♥	pass
3♠	pass	4NT	pass
5♦	X	6♠	all pass

2♣ was strong, 2♦ is not a perfect suit to bid but it looks like a normal bid. Now the things started to complicate when West doubled 2♦ because East didn't give a shit about that bid as could be seen afterwards and West thought that it showed no ace. 3♠ bid looks a bit funny but

OK, everyone has his own methods. Now spades will be played from the right side and you cannot go off in 4♠. But of course, East had some other ideas when he produced blackwood in the auction. Now West thought that as she already showed no aces this is a king ask and responded one king. East, of course, thought that it showed one ace and bid a slam. There was no double so this looked like a relatively easy 200 for N-S. Well, almost... North led the ♦A and after seeing the dummy and "knowing" that West has the ♣A probably lost interest in this board as it looked nothing could be done. So he played another diamond... End of story...

Teams is fun....

By Jost

Take this hand

W	E
♠ -	♠ 10 9 x x
♥ A J 10 x x	♥ x
♦ x	♦ A K x x x x
♣ A K Q 10 9 x x	♣ x x

Bid goes like this :

N	E	S	W
			1♣
2♠	3♦	3♠	4♥

All pass.....

Lead is small ♣, small from the table, J, taken in the hand with the Ace (hehe...) why help the enemy to figure out your hand ? Then I play the small ♦ to the Ace, followed by the K for the discard of 10♣ (just to fool the enemy even more....) Now single trump from the table to the 10♥ in the hand (doesn't cost nothing to finesse some high ♥ does it ?... taken by North's K. Then I get a ♠ in return ruffed in hand and followed by the Ace of trump (to get rid of some of the opponents....) Now comes the time when I can't hide my clubs anymore.... OK 3 Down....

At the other table, the player sitting West obviously had a drink or two before the game and passed for a start... Then came some bidding from our partners and in a sudden awareness (awakeness ?) he suddenly bid 6♣ out of nowhere. Our partners thought it was their normal duty to double this bid and this was followed by a redouble: contract made : nice double (writing)
End of the story

INTERVIEW

By Zrile

Apolinary Kowalski

I caught a really big fish today; I have talked to the nr1 in Europe, Poland bridge player Apolinary Kowalski. As most of the interviews usually go, I have also started with the basic questions about his bridge history.

GM: For how long have you been playing bridge?

Kowalski: I started playing bridge about the same time I started Polytechnic studies in Warsaw, and had finished with my other sport, which was swimming, in which I was also pretty successful (used to be a Polish champion). It was about 35 years ago.

GM: What are your latest results?

Kowalski: Well, in this year European Championship in Tenerife we had some pretty good results, in teams competition we have finished 2nd, and pairs competition me and my partner Tuszynski had won. I must say we had much luck. Maybe not in teams' finals, we have played against Dutch team, and they had much more luck than us. In pairs competition luck served us well. We have played more than hundred boards, and in that kind of competition luck is of the most importance.

GM: Are you planning to go to next European Championship in Warsaw?

Kowalski: I don't know yet, in Poland we have to go through trials, which start at the beginning of the next year. I don't know the rules yet, if there will be teams or pairs trials. I would prefer pairs trials, but it is up to the Poland bridge federation. If I don't qualify in open pairs I will probably go as a senior. Since I'm 57, I can compete in both categories. I would, of course, prefer open pairs.

GM: You probably travel a lot with bridge, how do you manage both business and bridge?

Kowalski: I own a private family business in Poland, so I have much more free time to dedicate to bridge. It's a bit easier for me than the most.

GM: What are your nearest plans in the future?

Kowalski: First on my calendar is World Championship in Estorie (Portugal), then a competition in Denver (US), and I also have a contract with the Mirolio (Italian team), so I will probably participate in 2 or 3 team competitions in Italy. And for the next year the most important is a World Championship in Verona, then European Championship in Warsaw, and so on.

GM: Did you have much success in World Championships so far?

Kowalski: 1994 in Albuquerque I won the mix pairs with a Polish bridge player, I haven't had that much success in the open pairs tournament, the same year I was 4th. That's my best result so far.

GM: For how long have you been coming to the Pula bridge festival?

Kowalski: Well. I started coming to Pula about 30 years ago, it was one of my first tournaments outside of Poland, and this is my 5th or 6th time here in Pula.

GM: Why do you like it here?

Kowalski: I like Pula very much, the weather is always nice, I can remember only one year with the bad weather, and I can combine bridge with holidays. During the summer it is a hard period for bridge players in Poland, there are a lot of competitions, and no free time, and here I can rest. You have great sea, it is not too expensive here, and the people are also great and beautiful women of course. And the tournament itself is of high quality, last year there was about 200 pairs, and the numbers increase every year, so it is a really big tournament, one of the biggest in Europe. Although most of bridge players don't play with their usual partners, but with friends and sponsors, the level of the bridge is very good. I'm also not playing with my usual partner here, I'm playing with my Romanian friend.

GM: What do you think about Croatian bridge players?

Kowalski: I think that the woman Croatian team is very good, I can remember they had very good results in Istanbul, and in one of my first European Championships I have played against Croatian team, and we had lost a lot. So they are pretty good in my opinion.



GM: What is important for a good steady partnership?

Kowalski: Firstly sympathy for the partner, than hard work, talking about the system, experience. If you have all

that success comes by itself. For me sympathy is of the most importance.

GM: What about your partner?

Kowalski: My partner is Piotr Tuszynski, we have had a steady partnership for about 10 years, we had a pause after 6, but we have been playing together for 3 years now. I had also played with him in European Championship in Tenerife.

GM: What were your results in Pula so far?

Kowalski: I had won one time, I'm sorry I didn't play in mix teams this year, because I came too late. At the moment in open teams we are at the top. I am always satisfied when I finish in the first ten.

GM: Thank you very much Mr. Kowalski, and good luck too you in the following competitions.

As I'm writing this interview Mr. Kowalski is playing at the first table, at the North-South position against Tesla (one Croatian team). As I have to be a little subjective I have to root for our team, and wish for a little less luck for Mr. Kowalski, just this once. No hard feelings, I hope. ☺

TD's CORNER

By Frano

Business as usual

Things are going on smoothly. During Mix Pair tournament several 'usual' situations happened. Some of them are not for press – like when one of directors got a penalty. Here comes instead example of misinformation with happy end: take a look at a diagram.

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♠ A K Q J
♥ -
♦ A 9 7 6 3
♣ 10 9 6 4

♠ 9 7 5
♥ Q 10 9 7 3 2
♦ J 2
♣ Q 7

♠ 4 3
♥ A J 8 5 4
♦ Q 5
♣ K 8 3 2
    
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West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦!	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣!	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	All Pass

NS played in 3NT doubled after Polish Club auction. East doubled final contract. Since board was played with screens both East and West have to give description of

double. Declarer received information that double is penalty and Dummy was told that double request diamond lead. Diamond jack was tabled and declarer went one down after trying to establish diamonds. TD was called and after establishing facts result was changed to 3NT just made. Wrong explanation influenced declarers plan to try to establish diamonds. After diamond jack lead declarer brings contract home after playing on clubs.

Another common situation happened on board where declaring pair had 7-4 heart fit together with 6-3 closed clubs. After heart lead declarer had easy way to thirteen tricks but at the end stayed with king of diamonds in hand after all thirteen tricks were played. Obviously king was forgotten during fast play. Defect trick rule in book says that this card should be inserted to appropriate trick, but which one? Also rule 67 says revoke could be applied on this card. Since thirteen tricks was usual result declarer was given his result because penalty would be severe (total zero) and defending side got adjusted score - twelve tricks. Business as usual.

Friend of mine called me from home to wish me good luck on mobile. Why is this so important? My team was punished with one VP for this. Thanks pal.

Remember ruling question from last bulletin? Declarer is left without any trick. Ace of clubs is taken by defense and it cannot be taken away. Ace of spades which should be played could take a trick so this one also goes to defending side. After this – one trick penalty for revoke.

Une Amuse

Fritz Babsch, Vienna

This amusing deal is from the Team Tournament in Loiben.

Dealer N, none

N		E	
♠ 4		♠ A Q 8 5	
♥ K Q J 8 6 5 3		♥ 10 2	
♦ 8 7 5		♦ K Q 10 6 3	
♣ 6 3		♣ Q 2	
W		S	
♠ K J 10 9 7 6 3 2		♠ -	
♥ -		♥ A 9 7 4	
♦ A 9 4		♦ J 2	
♣ 8 5		♣ A K J 10 9 7 4	

Open room:

W	N	E	S
	pass	1♠	2♣
4NT	5♥	pass	6♥
6♠	pass	pass	7♥
pass	pass	dble	pass
pass	pass		

Closed room:

W	N	E	S
	3♥	pass	5♥
5♠	6♥	6♠	7♥
pass	pass	7♠	pass
pass	pass		

South had a clear case for bidding seven clubs rather than seven hearts, but then there would have been no story. As it was...

Open room: Lead: ♠A ... plus 1770 for North-South
Closed room: Lead: ♥K ... plus 1510 for East-West

This was 22 IMPs for a Dutch team. Had the Austrian team found better leads, it would have gained 9 IMPs instead.

The Teams (81 teams) was won by ALIZEE (Morten Andersen, Doris Fischer, Bernd Saurer, Josef Simon).

Mixed Pairs (165 Pairs)

1. S. Spangerberg / B. Daemen (NL)
2. Adele Gogoman / Lindermann

Miss Spangenberg is 17, Miss Gogoman 20.

Open Pairs (176 Pairs)

1. Jan Fucik / Hubert Obermair
2. Andreas Babsch / Renate Hansen

Doris Fischer was Miss Loiben, Bart Daeman (NL) Mister Loiben (for best performance in Mixed, Teams and Pairs).



DYNAMIC SWITCH

by Srfa

Isn't it nice when your partner chooses active lead against 3 NT and hits you with excellent holding there? All you have to do is to knockout single stopper declare has, and than wait for any of you to gain a lead, when you will cash-out your suit, and leave happily thereafter. But some of us have a gift to look deeper rather than to woodenly "win and return partner suit".

Dealer: **W**
all **vul**

	NORTH	
	♠ A Q J 7 3	
	♥ 8 5 2	
	♦ A K 4	
	♣ K J	
WEST		EAST
Dražen		Željka
♠ 6 5 4		♠ K T 2
♥ Q 9 7 3		♥ K J 4
♦ 9 8		♦ T 7 6
♣ Q T 5 4		♣ A 8 5 2
	SOUTH	
	♠ T 5	
	♥ A T 9	
	♦ Q J 5 3 2	
	♣ 6 5 2	

Bidding is sweet and simple, North opens a spade, and than raises partner's 1 NT response to no trump game. Our hero on this deal is Željka Karaman-Martinović. Her father is a player, her husband is a player, and so you will not be surprised that she is a player as well!

She sits in East site.

She listens to the bidding carefully.

She is expecting which lead his husband will choose.

She is for once happy with his choice, four of clubs.

She is warmly hoping that declarer will misguess from his KJ combination in dummy.

She is disappointed as declarer guesses to play a jack, so she wins her ace.

She is about to play back a club, as most of us mortals would do in a split of second, but she stops to reconsider.

Her husband rarely has a five card suit.

In that case, three club tricks and expected trick with king of spades will not be enough to beat a game.

And suddenly she sees a chance; switch to hearts will do a trick, just if partner is kind enough to produce four hearts to the queen.

So she switches to heart, and declarer is a dead duck. If he takes his ace, he will be defeated with three heart tricks, plus spade and club. If he decides to duck, switch back to clubs will again defeat him, with inevitable three clubs, heart and spade to loose.

Now that is what I call a dynamic switch!

Eight of Spades

About Utrechtian bridge folklore, and what could, and should have been.

by Norb (nop98)

In the year 2005 many, if not all bridge-players, know about the 'beer card', ♦7. Score the 13th trick with this card and your opponents (or partner) are supposed to buy you a drink. But, **all** bridge-players? No! The members of Student Bridge Club „Dombó” in Utrecht, The Netherlands, are still resisting. We renounce that card, ♦7! It's most ordinary of all cards! We shrug when it scores the last trick, and ignore the resulting pandemonium (but might buy you a beer). But we're not agnosts. No sir. We believe in the Eight of Spades.

The Eight of Spades plays a fundamental role in our game. On every board, it's lurking, waiting to make its customary devastating appearance. On every board, members of Dombó are hoping to win the last trick with it – preferably in a non-spade contract. Or they will try to ruff with it, overruff you, or squeeze you (with the Eight as squeeze card, or better, the winning menace, of course).

Some of our members have obtained near-mythical status by their antics with the Card. When you play the annual Dombó tournament (I can recommend it!), you can win the special Eight of Spades price for the most remarkable action featuring the Eight. Highest honours are reached by defeating an opposing attempt to score the ♦7 in the very last trick by ... winning that very same trick with the Eight. *Eat that, thy heather!*

My partner for the Pula Teams this year, Dennis, once managed to score the Card in the last trick on two consecutive boards in the Dombó tournament. He went on to beg and bribe his opponents to let him score the Eight in the last trick of the third board in-a-row, and deservedly ran out as winner for the Eight of Spades price that year.

Remco, in my team in Pula this year, and partner for years in The Netherlands, once scored the last trick against a 6♣ by our opponents by ruffing that last trick with his singleton Eight. I take small pride in having underruffed during declarers cross-ruff with the 9 from 9x just to enable my partners brilliance. The fact that that board made us loose the match (of course our team-mates missed the slam) and knocked us out a prestigious annual Team Cup, was of secondary importance only. Remco was admired, and he talked about it, for years to come.

Nominated for „Hand of the Year 2005” in the Netherlands is our fourth player's successful attempt to score with the Eight. Having pre-empted 4♠ with AKQJT9xx and a void in Hearts, Hans found himself on lead against 5♣. Of course, he led ♠x, to find his partner with the Eight. After having fallen off his chair, his partner realized what was happening and gave his partner the heart ruff. Hans actually ruffed with ♠Q from ♠QT-doubleton, which

subsequently fooled declarer into a losing finesse against ♠10. Declarer has since given up bridge (muttering the famous words *Bridge is zinloos en verschrikkelijk* – horrible and meaningless), or that might be my imagination.

I was lucky enough to have been present at the birth of the myth. It all started with a hangover. A bad hangover. After some obscure party, lasting until no-longer-small hours, myself and the Creator of The Myth, our dear friend Lennart, and me, were playing in a Dutch Junior Pairs qualification tournament. Not surprisingly on a morning when even coffee is too dangerous for your stomach, our play was a disaster. Duck after duck after duck went by, as in a blur, when we found ourselves defending a modest 2NT. After a spade lead we managed to somehow defeat the contract (and scoring our only top of the day), by some fancy unblocking in the spade suit, involving a pivotal Eight of Spade. Please don't ask me for details as I told you we had drunk Grolsch until dawn. All I remember is being happy not having been barred from our noble game because of our abject play. Lennart wrote several articles about just that hand, but the Legend was born! Rumour has it his book on the matter has been rejected by all publishers thusfar. Yes, it would have been a tell-tale successor to his best-selling debut *Balance Like A Moron* – or maybe this is the Karlovačko speaking.

When Tihana asked me to write a little article for Good Morning Bridge, I was obviously happy to oblige, hoping to have a remarkable story about the Card to write. In round 10 of the Open Teams, my chance finally came!

Holding ♠Q6xx , ♥AJx , ♦KT9xx , ♣J, I heard my partner open 1♣. 1♥ was overcalled on my right, and I bid 1♠ (systematically from a 4 card). LHO found it necessary to consume all our bidding space by bidding 4♥. Dennis went in his box and came out with 5♥. Pass on my right, and it was my turn:

LHO	Dennis	RHO	me
-	1♣	1♥	1♠
4♥	5♥	pass	??

Even though even I knew that ♥AJx was a disastrous holding, I remembered my partner telling me „*de beuk erin*“ which, in short, means that we are certainly not going to miss any slams. My subsequent 6♠ (and resulting prayer) was an obvious choice.

The lead was an ominous ♦A. Dummy displayed:

♠ A T 8 x x
♥ -
♦ Q x
♣ A K Q T 9 x

opposite my

♠ Q 6 x x
♥ A J x
♦ K T x x x
♣ J

After some depressed pondering, it occurred to me I had a chance to shine after all: by leading the ♠Q from my hand, I would pin the singleton ♠J with RHO, scoring all honours in spades in one trick. I will subsequently return to my hand and play a spade to the Eight, to take care of the remaining ♠9x with LHO....

Unfortunately, it appeared the bridge Gods were busy somewhere else that board, because the Queen lost to the King and because rightie had started with KJx, I was subsequently down 2 for -100.

Not a good advertisement for the Eight, diligent readers that have made it through my rambling this far might think. Not so, because after a similar bidding on the other table (but a direct jump to 6♠ instead of the polite 5♥) Hans decided to venture a „*hallo, hero*“ (= guess who has the spades) double. Declarer went through the same motions as myself, leading ♠Q at trick 2, only to carve -300 on his scoresheet 40 seconds later. Netto result: 5 IMPs for Team Dombo.

It goes without saying that without the Eight in dummy, but, for example, ♠AT7xx, declarer would have had no choice but to play for -1 by cashing the ♠A and leading towards the ♠Q.

It also goes without saying that if I had indeed found the miraculous spade holding, I would have jumped out of my chair, hugged and kissed my partner Dennis, the opponents, the players on the near-by tables and the tournament director. I would have ran around the room like a complete lunatic, written +980 with a the biggest grin, and subsequently having been arrested for murder of both Remco and Hans when the other half would have humbly presented their -1210 for 6♠X making on the same board. In other words, the Gods were doing their job after all!

[My diligent proof reader Kristian remarks that if LHO had been a devious Follower of the ♦7, and indeed holding the coveted ♠K9x he would not have covered the running ♠Q, just to ruin the beauty of the second round finesse towards the Eight. Technically correct, of course, but I have to admit that this devious defense (although resulting in the same number of tricks), had never occurred to me. Kristian, how could you even think of such thing!!!]

Enough. I would like to take the opportunity to express my compliments for the fine organization of this tournament (and how do you manage to get the nice weather all the time!) – this is my third visit and I hope many more to come!

Please register for open pairs tournament as soon as possible!

The number of pairs is limited!

**NN – Cup-5
Goulash bridge tournament!**

14th – 16th October 2005
Moscow

The tournament is conducted on goulash deals generated by computer under special algorithm. Deals come out extremely sudden. So do not rely on theoretical probabilities and it is necessary to modify trading system. The tournament is played in three stages: first and second are in groups under round system, third is knock-out. There are matches with four deals per round under special goulash scale in groups and there is two five deals per round segments in knock-out.

Prize Fund USD 7.000

Participation: 16 teams

Organizers pay transportation costs to all invitee teams.

Please contact gladysh@tbngroup.com



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SchTsch!***

**Happy birthday
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*Croatian senior player is looking for a partner
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Preferably playing polish club or natural.

Please contact hotel room 231 in hotel Palma.

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