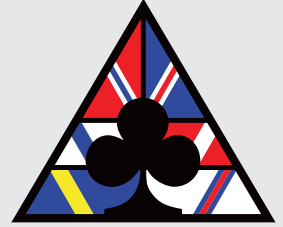


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The 30th Nordic Bridge Teams Championships 2007 - Lillehammer - Norway

Finland and Denmark in front



Fra venstre Clas Nyberg, Finland, Olle Wademark, Sweden, Kauko Koistinen, Finland, and Jan Andersson, Sverige.

The first day included only three out of ten matches. There is a long way to go before the champions shall be celebrated on Saturday night. The teams will meet each other two times, and for sure they who lost today's matches will struggle hard for revenge later this week.

In the Open series Finland had a very strong performance, with an average of almost 21 VP per match. Second is Iceland 12VP behind the leaders, with Denmark third on average score, after being beaten heavily in the last match by Finland. The others are not far behind. One lost match for Finland, and everything is totally open again.

In the Ladies series Denmark is in front after a very good start against the pre-favourites, Sweden. The Swedes came back and are on third place so far. The home team, Norway are only 3VP behind the leaders on second place.

All of us look forward to the coming matches. For sure it will be a lot of excitement. Let us also hope the nice summer weather in Lillehammer continues. The first day of the Nordic Championship was a nice one in all ways, let the next days be the same!





Chairman's Cup
 är en tävling öppen för alla.
 Den spelas på Elmiamässan i Jönköping.
 Denna lagtävling inleds med ett kval i form av
 Gröna Hissen och avslutas med raka cupmatcher.
 Tävlingsens namn kommer av att ordföranden för Förbundet
 Svensk Bridge, Mats Qviberg, sponsrar tävlingen.

Chairman's Cup 2007

28 juli – 2 augusti

STARTAVGIFT

- Gröna Hissen: max 2.000 kr/lag
 (125 kr/junior, 500 kr/senior)
- Måndag och framåt: 500 kr/lag

PRISER VID

	80-89 LAG	100+ LAG
1:a pris	30.000:–	35.000:–
2:a	12.000:–	15.000:–
3:e	8.000:–	10.000:–
4:e	6.000:–	7.000:–
5:e-8:e	2.000:–	3.000:–

SPELUPPLÄGGNING

Chairman's Cup inleds lördag och söndag med ett kval i form av Gröna Hissen. Antal lag som kvalificerar sig till cupmatcherna beror på antal startande lag.

Avslutningen från och med tisdag är kvartsfinal, semifinal och final, alla över 64 brickor. På finaldagen (torsdag) spelas även match om tredje pris över 32 brickor. Måndag eftermiddag spelar 16 lag cupmatch över 32 brickor. Måndag förmiddag spelas följande:

- De lag som har kvalificerat sig från helgens spel spelar cupmatch över 32 brickor. Det rör sig om mellan 24 och 28 lag.
- Övriga lag, det vill säga utslagna lag och lag som till minst 50% består av spelare från damernas parfinal, kan spela återkval. Detta spelas som Gröna Hissen över 30 brickor.

Om det blir 80 lag eller fler kommer en cupmatch att spelas söndag eftermiddag.



SKÄRMAR OCH RAMA

Med start i kvartsfinalen kommer matcherna att spelas med skärmar. Semifinalen och finalen kommer att sändas på Internet.

MÄSTARPOÄNG

I Gröna Hissen spelas om silverpoäng. Från kvartsfinalen och framåt spelas om guldpoäng medan de tidigare cupmatcherna ger silverpoäng. I Andra chansen spelas om bronspoäng.

VANDRINGSPRIS

Vinnarlaget får förutom prispengar även en inteckning i kampen om vandringspriset. Seger ger 10 poäng. Tommy Gullberg toppar just nu på 22 poäng. 30 poäng krävs för att erövra priset för gott.

SYSTEMREGLER

B-system gäller i Gröna Hissen och de korta cupmatcherna (lördag-måndag). Från och med de långa cupmatcherna (kvartsfinalen; tisdag) tillåts A-system. Oavsett systemnivå ska deklarerationer överlämnas till motståndarna direkt vid val av motståndare.

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GeO's view



This will be a tight one!

In open series Finland has made an impressive performance. This should be no a surprise for anyone. I, myself had Finland as possible medalist in the bulletin editors private betting competition, but not as winners. I may have underestimated the experienced team a bit. But to be honest, GeO's account have never been filled up because of skillful betting, and will probably not be this time either. However, my colleague in the bulletin staff, Kåre K believed even less in the Finnish team. But that is normal. Kåre is not at all famous for his betting performances, believe me.

Finland's team in the Open series may go all the way, but the others will for sure give them a hard struggle. Finland's score of 62VP in three matches is very strong. Still I have a feeling this will be a tight tournament, with many teams fighting for medals, for the whole week. I suspect it will be very exciting, and that it on Friday night will be many players and captains having difficulties falling asleep.

In the ladies series Denmark is in the lead, no surprise either. I am sure the big win against their Swedish rivals was a nice revenge for the happenings in Parken on Saturday. But in the third match today Denmark slowed down a little, perhaps just to make it more exciting for the spectators?

When it comes to the Ladies Series Kåre K. is more into it with his predictions. He suggested before the tournament the danish girls to finnish second. As I still uphold my view about Kåre's betting skills, it could be a great danger that it will not end this way, I am afraid. So, maybe the Danish ladies will go on to win the whole tournament?

Norway's team in the Ladies Series has started in a strong way. After two big wins they struggled against well playing ladies from the Faroe Islands,

but the Norwegian girls came back and won a tight match.

I still think my suggestion for the results will stand, but both Finland in the Open, and Danish and Norwegian girls in Ladies impressed us today. The two top teams in the Ladies Series fight each other in the first match Wednesday. Finland meet in the morning the bulletin staff's pre-favourites, Island. A lot of nice hands to be played. And a lot of exiting matches to go.

Enjoy - if not elsewhere on channel 26 on the TV!

Today's test (I)

by GeO Tislevoll

Every day we will have a test for the bulletin readers. It will not be mainly for the experts playing in the championship, but at a level where all readers of the bulletin should have a chance solving it.

Today's problem: You (South) are playing in a team match. You are in 6 clubs, and at first glance you are a bit dissatisfied not beeing in a grand slam. But how do you play the slam after West had led the king of hearts? You will find the solution later in this bulletin. (N/All)

North

♠ K 9
♥ 5 4 3 2
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A Q 9

South

♠ A 4 3 2
♥ A
♦ A J 9
♣ K 10 8 7 6

The Norwegian Bridge Federation's 60 years anniversary

By William B. Herseth

In December 1931 came the great international breakthrough for bridge. Ely Culbertson challenged the former US' "bridge-king", Sidney Lenz, to

THE BRIDGE BATTLE OF THE CENTURY

Culbertson's bet was 5.000 dollar against 1.000 from Lenz - a huge amount of money those days.

The profit should be given to charity. The match which included 150 games of robber, became a front page story in the US newspapers. A considerable statistic showed that the honour tricks between the combatants throughout the match was approximately even shared, 3.649 against 3.648. Culbertson got 1.745 aces against Lenz' 1.771. The number of kings was for Culbertson 1.775 and for Lenz 1.741.

Culbertson won the match with almost 9.000 poeng, and now Culbertson's fortune was made. Han produced a bridge program for the cinemas, which gave him 360.000 dollar (which would have made him a millionaire in Norwegian kroner), and he got 10.000 dollar per week for bridge on the radio. Obviously Culbertson's success was recognized all over the bridge playing world.

Already the 26th of January 1932 35 well established Norwegian citizens sent out this invitation: "The undersigned takes the opportunity to invite to the establishing of a bridge federation for the whole Norway.

The purpose of the organizations will be more precisely decided by group working with it, but we can already mention this: "to give the members advices and consulting in all matters concerning bridge", "make a healthy development for the game of bridge", "establish a co-operation with similar foreign organizations"

Already the 29th of January, only three days after the invitation was sent out, a constitutonal meeting was held at Grand Horell, Oslo, with 21 of the invitators present, all of them from Olso (except one from Bergen). Election was held, and Principal Midsem became chairman. The 8th of April 1932 a constitutonal genereal assembly was held, also at Grand Hotell, Oslo. Midsem was elected the first president of The Norwegian Bridge Federation.

It was decided to create Norwegian bridge laws. Because it existed only a few bridgeclubs, the federeation was based on both personal member-

ship and membership from clubs. In the beginning the federation got 236 personal members, and three clubs, Iris, Faresonen og Forcingklubben, all the clubs from Oslo. The fee for membership was set to kr. 2,-, and architect Morten Wagle became the organizations first secretary, which for he was paid kr. 25,- per month. Throughout the country the organization was build up by non-payd secretarys in the different towns.

The federation proved to able to live. Already in september 1933 it was 700 members, inclusive 23 bridgeclubs, 10 of them from Oslo.

By the end of 1933 the number of members was increased to 2000, inclusive 31 clubs, 13 of them from Oslo. Now the clubs was the main part of the federation. The 31th of December 1933 it was only 258 personal members (187 from Oslo)

Because the clubs was become the most important part of The Norwegian Bridge Federation, Bergen Bridgeclub suggested in 1933 that the Federation should be based upon clubs and not personal members. This was met by scepticism by the federation, probably because it would meen the end of the domination by Oslo, which have existed in the first period og the federation. But in 1934 it was decided that only clubs could be members of The Norwegian Bridge Federation, and then it got the organisational structure as we can see today.

Internationally the new Norwegian federation presented itself at once. Less then two months after it was created the following team was picked to play the great interational tournament in Scheveningen, Holland, 4th to 10th of June 1932: Captain Johannes Brun, Lawyer of the SupremeCourt Reidar W. Gunderson, Manager

Jan Groos Helmer, Lawyer of the SupremeCourt Erling Onsager and Stock Broker Trygve Sommerfelt. In the tournament participated Belgium, England, Netherlands, Norway, Germany and Austria. Since the federation didn't have much money yet, all the Norwegian participaters payed their own travelling costs. The Norwegians played well. When two rounds where left the held second place, only 18 points behind the leaders, Austria. The Norwegian team gambled to win the tournament, but failed and finished third.

When Culbertson arranged his first "World Bridge Olympic" in 1932, a tournament including the whole world, it was a sensation that Isak Nielsen - Otto Krefting from Norway finished at first place! Good international results had of course an impact on the rapid growth of The Norwegian Bridge Federation.

Bridge for pensionister

av Ib Lundby

„Når man bliver pensioneret, er der to ting, man skal lære: at spille golf og bridge. Så kommer man aldrig til at kede sig.“

Poul Schlüter (tidl. dansk statsminister).

Selvom jeg har passeret den alder, hvor man i Danmark modtager støtte fra det offentlige, har jeg ingen planer om at gå på pension lige med det samme. Jeg spiller endnu ikke golf, og bridge har jeg stadig ikke lært – og lærer det måske aldrig. Jeg tog til Lillehammer i håb om, at der var bridge for pensionister, så jeg kunne lære kunsten, men selv ikke juniorrækkens bortfald kunne motivere arrangørerne til at lukke op for pensionister i spillesalen, så jeg må nøjes med at være passiv tilskuer.

Jeg havde overvejet at skifte til fodbold, men så så jeg Danmarks kamp mod de blå-gule i TV. Kors i hytten! Næh, så hellere bridge, for der er vi dog fri for den slags, ikke?

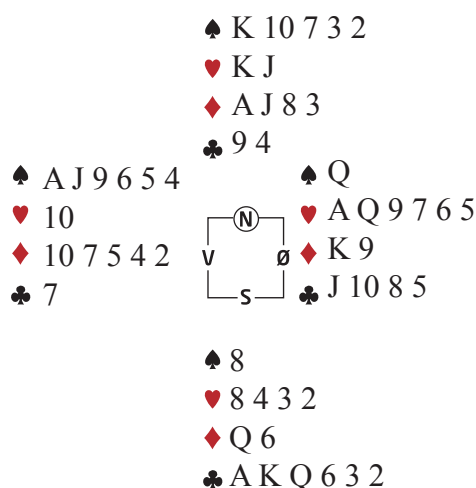
Nej! Jeg overværede et par spil i Danmarks kamp mod Sverige i åben række, og der blev fægtet med arme og ben, så den myndige turneringsleder, Harald Skjæran, måtte tilkaldes for at dæmpe gemytterne. Spillet husker jeg ikke, men den ophidsede stemning forplantede sig til en tilskuer, der løb ind på banen og overfaldt den uskyldige official:



Heldigvis fik spillerne lagt sig imellem, så dommeren slap med skrækken, men han nægtede efter sigende at dømme resten af kampen og justerede det endelige resultat til 16-14. Hvordan pokker kan vi ellers tabe til Sverige?

Næh, lad os hellere se noget kønt. Vi tripper ind i damerækken og falder over spil 17, hvor normalkontrakten var 3 sans efter indmelding i hjerter af Øst:

Spil 17, Kamp 1



Der kan sikkert skrives mange historier om dette spil, men de fleste blev indledt med hjerter ud til

♥ B, tre klørstik med et stille suk fra spilfører og af sted med ♦ D.

En glad færing fik for ♦ K, tog sine hjerter- og klørstik, hvor det sidste modspilsskvisede Nord. Fem beter!

I de danske damers kamp mod Sverige serverede Stense Farholt også med en lille hjerter, men da spilfører Catarina Midskog efter de tre klørstik og det stille suk fortsatte med ♦ D, og Vest ikke dækkede, huskede hun Zia Mahmoods tip: ”Dækker de ikke, har de den ikke!” Altså stak hun op på ♦ E og sparede et stik. Fire beter!

Ved det andet bord startede Emma Sjöberg østfra i det blinde udspil med en mystisk ♥ 9, så Anita Jensen nordpå fik visioner. Også hun måtte af med det stille suk, da klørsitsen blev afsløret. Hun kunne have klaret sig med en, men gik to beter.

I åben række gik det svenske NS-par galt i byen og endte i 3♦. Fem beter. Ved det andet bord klarede Jørgen Hansen sig bedre i 3 sans. Efter hjerter til ♥ B og tre klørstik spillede han spar, og da Vest faldt fra, gik ♠ K hjem. Gamle Hansen kunne nu brillere ved at spille hjerter, så Øst til sidst måtte spille ud fra ♦ K. To beter!

Måske skulle man alligevel prøve på fodboldbanen? Har hørt, at der er en ledig plads på det danske landshold.



The Norwegian npc Per Grime comes from a “meeting” with Swedens Katrine Berthau. Did he try to get the norwegian lady to play for Norway?

Match of the day

by GeO Tislevoll

Round 1: Sweden - Denmark

Two of the pre-favourites in the Open Series, Sweden and Denmark met in the first round.

First half

It started with a dull game, but continued with a phantom sacrifice at both table on board 2. North/Souths 4 spades would have failed, but both East/West pairs bid on to the five level. Denmark to a dangerous 5 hearts doubled, where declarer could have made nine tricks. But afraid of giving away a telephone number after he had been shortened in trumps, he played safe for minus 500. In 5 diamonds doubled Sweden escaped for 300, and took the lead by 5 imps.

Board 3 was an interesting declaring:

<p>♠ J 5 3 ♥ A 9 8 4 2 ♦ A Q 8 ♣ 9 2</p>	<p>♠ A 10 4 ♥ 10 6 3 ♦ 10 9 7 6 ♣ 8 5 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 7 6 ♥ K J 2 ♦ K 5 3 2 ♣ E K 4</p>	
<p>♠ K 9 8 2 ♥ Q 5 ♦ J 4 ♣ Q J 10 7 6</p>			

The 4 heart contract was depending on escaping without trump loser, a difficult one. 3 NT was much better, and was reached at both table in Match of the Day. Bilde - Hansen (Denmark) bid as follows:

S/E-W

West	East
Pass	1 ♦
1 ♥	1NT
2 ♦	2 ♥
3 ♥	3NT
Pass	

1NT in the second round showed 15-17, and the 2 diamond bid was a gameforce. Then natural bidding, and a good conclusion. 3NT was superior to 4 hearts. The lead was the club queen. This time the notrump game was easy to make, and the danish declarer got ten tricks when the defenders tried to beat the contract by trying to cash spade tricks (perhaps worth a

try?) when in on the heart queen. But the play could have been more difficult. The swedish declarer, Jan Andersson, spotted a nice safety play. After winning the club, declarer should cash the heart king. Then a diamond to dummy and a small heart towards the jack. This guards against 4-1 at both sides. Not playing the heart king first may lead to giving away to the single heart queen finessing in the first round of hearts. If so, declarer would have been in trouble! (It might however be better taking a "normal" heart finesse if hearts are 5-0).

Then a couple of not so interesting hands came, but on board 5 Sweden earned another 5 imps when the Danes stole the contract at both tables, because both contracts went one down.

Then the first big swing came on board 6:

West

♠ Q 10 9 8 3 2
♥ K 8 2
♦ A
♣ A K 3

What do you think taking up this hand opposite a 1 spade opener? Surely most of us will end up in slam, even when opener shows a minimum hand, when we suddenly find out partner has two aces (two out of five, including the trump king). But the Swedes managed to stop in game.

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

The slam needs two cards to be onside. Firstly: diamond king by South, so it can be ruffed out, and an established diamond trick gives a heart discard. Secondly: the heart ace must be onside as well. The diamond king behaved, but not the heart ace. No luck for the slambidders, one down. Only one declarer in the whole tournament won slam, and he was the only one to make twelve tricks as well. That was Bogi Simonsen from Faroe Islands. (Read about his play in another article in this bulletin). The slam hand (or not slamhand) on board 6 gave Sweden 13

imps, and they were at this point leading the match by 24-1! The lead increased to 29-1 when the Danes once more stole the contract at both tables, and again went one down both places. 29-1!

Denmark then picked up four times one imp(?), but Sweden had a nice lead at half time, 29-5.

Second half

It was not many hands of the text-book type in this segment, but Denmark made their come back anyway. They earned 4 imps when Bilde - Hansen were allowed to play 2 hearts doubled, two down (-300) against a not-vulnerable 3NT (board 14). Another 4 imps to Denmark on board 17. Bilde - Hansen ended in a normal 3NT, going down on a bad club-break. The Swedes in open room ended in a horrible 3 diamond contract on a 4-2 split. Good defence by Bjarnasson - Askgaard brings in 250 to the Danes, for five down! Then Sweden increased the lead to 35-13 when they stopped correctly in 3 spades, 140, and the Danes bid game, one down (board 19). After that came a few dull ones before Bilde won 3NT on this hand (board 22):

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

At both tables West opened in third seat with 1 diamond! With Denmark East/West the opening was natural, and East led his partner's suit. Then the contract was doomed, and declarer went two down. At the other table the diamond opening did not promise diamonds, and East naturally led his spade queen. Bilde won and cashed the club ace before giving East a club trick. West discarded a heart. Now East shifted to diamonds to declarer's king. On the club king West discarded another heart. Establishing clubs now would mean only eight tricks, but Bilde could play the king of hearts to make his contract. West couldn't take this, because if he does declarer has four heart tricks, and ten in all! So North got the trick for his king, and then shifted back to clubs,

establishing the rest of the suit. Nine tricks, 11 imps to Denmark.

Another 7 imps went to Denmark on board 23 when Bjarnasson - Askgaard were allowed to play 4 diamonds doubled one down, minus 200, where a vulnerable 4 spades makes for the opponents. At the other table Wademark - Andersson for Sweden had to go to 5 diamonds over 4 spades, minus 500. A few small pic ups each way in the ending made the match result 16-14 VP, in Sweden's favour.

Results

Match 1 - Tuesday 5th June

Open	
Finland - Norway	20 - 10
Iceland Faroe - Islands	13 - 17
Sweden Denmark	16 - 14
Ladies	
Finland - Norway	11 - 19
Iceland Faroe - Islands	23 - 7
Sweden Denmark	5 - 25

Match 2 - Tuesday 5th June

Open	
Norway - Iceland	15 - 15
Sweden Finland	12 - 18
Denmark - Faroe Islands	25 - 0
Ladies	
Norway Iceland	25 - 4
Sweden Finland	17 - 13
Denmark Faroe Islands	25 - 4

Match 3 - Tuesday 5th June

Open	
Iceland - Sweden	22 - 8
Faroe Islands - Norway	17 - 13
Finland - Denmark	24 - 6
Ladies	
Iceland - Sweden	5 - 25
Faroe Islands - Norway	13 - 17
Finland - Denmark	16 - 14

Tables

Open		Ladies	
1 Finland	62	1 Denmark	64
2 Iceland	50	2 Norway	61
3 Denmark	45	3 Sweden	47
4 Norway	38	4 Finland	40
5 Sweden	36	5 Iceland	32
6 Faroe Islands	34	6 Faroe Isl	24

From the good old days

by GeO Tislevoll

Morehead making up his own deal

Since this tournament is an anniversary, the 30th Nordic Championship, and NBU was 60 years last years/Norwegian Bridgefederation 75 years this year, we like to present something historical besides all what matters the ongoing championship. Histories including old classic hands are both instructive and fun reading. This story is re-written with permission from my favorite bridge magazine The Bridge World, from an article in 1944.

One of the great names of the childhood of bridge is Albert H. Morehead. He told this story in The Bridge World in 1944.

Morehead contributed to Culbertson's legendary book "The Red Book". When Culbertson worked on the masterpiece in 1931, Morehead's lot was to describe "defence against squeeze". He constructed this hand to illustrate the matter:

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

Try it yourself, as a defence problem, 76 years later (although you have received a little extra advice by the introduction above). South is playing 4 spades, and west leads the heart deuce. East puts up the ace and naturally shift to the diamond jack.

Declarer takes the ace (with nowadays signals west would have discouraged now), and plays a spade to the queen and East's ace. Lets say East plays another diamond to the king, and declarer draws trumps. Then declarer plays the queen of hearts, taken by the ace. What would you play now as East?

It looks like a safe continuation to play a third round of diamonds, but that's not good enough.

This was the complete deal:

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

If the play has gone like described, declarer takes the third diamond play and run all his remaining trumps. Before the last one this is the situation:

♠ ---		♠ ---
♥ 9		♥ 3
♦ ---		♦ ---
♣ A J		♣ 6 3
♠ ---		♠ 6
♥ 10		♥ ---
♦ ---		♦ ---
♣ K D		♣ 10 8

West is squeezed in clubs/hearts when the trump six is played. This could have been avoided. When East gets his second heart trick he has his last chance to kill the squeeze. He should play a club! The club return knocks out dummy's last entry, breaking the squeeze.



From "good old days" GeO writes. Who said old?
(Picture and text KåreK)

Yes, sir. HE can boogie!

by GeO Tislevoll

This hand was arranged, and has never been played. But a year later, Morehead was playing in a rubber game at Crockford's club, and this was dealt:

<p>♠ A J 3 2 ♥ 3 2 ♦ 9 6 5 4 ♣ Q 8 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 6 ♥ D J 10 ♦ A K J ♣ J 10 9 3</p>	<p>♠ 9 4 ♥ A K 7 6 5 4 ♦ Q 2 ♣ A K 7</p>
<p>♠ K Q 7 5 ♥ 9 8 ♦ 10 8 7 3 ♣ 6 5 4</p>		<p>♠ 4 ♥ A Q 10 6 ♦ 10 7 5 4 2 ♣ 8 6 4</p>
		<p>♠ A K J 7 5 ♥ J 5 4 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ 7 2</p>

As South, Morehead reached 4 hearts after North had responded in spades. West led a small diamond. East won and returned the club jack. Morehead took it with the ace and played a low trump, won by East per force. He continued clubs which was taken by the king. Morehead played the diamond queen taken by East's ace, and a third round of clubs ran to dummy's queen. Now a diamond was ruffed, making West the only defender to keep diamonds. Now all the trumps were played, squeezing West in spades/diamonds, in a similar position as the squeeze in the arranged hand above. And as Morehead concludes in his article: "East should have tried a spade early - breaking the squeeze -, but he was in a disadvantage. He had'nt made up the deal. I had."

In the first round Bogi Simonsen from the Faroe Islands managed to be the only one in the whole tournament, both series, to make twelve tricks on board nr. 6. And he and his partner Hallberg Arnfridsson had bid the slam!

<p>♠ Q 10 9 8 3 2 ♥ K 8 2 ♦ A ♣ A K 3</p>		<p>♠ 6 ♥ 9 7 3 ♦ K 9 6 3 ♣ Q J 10 9 5</p>
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Many pairs bid slam with East as declarer. All of them but Bogi went down. The slam depends theoretically on the diamond king and heart ace being in South's hand. The diamond king is ruffed out, and the established diamond trick gives a heart discard in dummy. The hopes are increasing when the diamond king is friendly, but when the heart ace is behind the king the party is over. One down.

Bogi got the club queen lead as all the other declarers did. He told me he didn't believe in the heart ace being in the leaders hand, after all it's not unusual to lead an ace against a slam. Therefore he tried a psychological plan, cashing the diamond ace before playing a small heart towards the jack! His hope was that North did not have the heart queen, and got afraid the hearts in dummy would disappear on declarers possible strong diamonds. From North's point of view this could have been the case if declarer has K-Q-x in diamonds, and the heart queen, and South has a trump trick. If so, North should rise with his ace. But this time North had both the ace and queen in hearts, so he of course won the trick with his queen. Declarer had during the bidding shown a balanced hand, so North must have fallen asleep for some seconds now. He did not take the heart ace, but was not in a hurry. But when Bogi later played another small heart towards his hand, North played low! He must have believed declarer had a singleton heart in spite of the bidding, and maybe a club loser? The jack won the trick, and declarer could ruff out the diamond king and later discard dummy's last heart on his diamond trick. Twelve tricks in an impossible slam! Boogie, boogie!!!

Today's test (I) - Solution

by GeO Tislevoll

The problem was: You are playing in a team match. You (South) are in 6 clubs, and at first glance you are a bit dissatisfied not being in a grand slam. But how do you play the slam after West have led the king of hearts? (N/All)

North
 ♠ K 9
 ♥ 5 4 3 2
 ♦ K Q 7 3
 ♣ A Q 9

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

When dummy came down you had a feeling of missing a grand slam. One should always think through the hand carefully before playing, but when the contract looks so obvious to win, and you believe not having bid high enough, you should be on the alert. Are there any pitfalls?

When this hand occurred declarer took the first trick with the ace of hearts, then ace, queen of trumps. East could not follow the second round, and now South started thinking. Much too late! He tried king of spades, spade to the ace and ruffed a spade. Then a diamond to the ace, and king of trumps. Now he played on diamonds, hoping West, who had the last trump, also had at least three diamonds. In that case he would have had time to get rid of his last spade. But West ruffed already in the second round of diamonds, and cashed a spade trick for down one.

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

At the other table South saw the danger, and therefore could recognize the safety play.

After winning the first trick he played a spade to the king and the trump nine. When East followed low he played low from his hand as well! This time West could win the trick with his jack. But whatever West played, declarer had communications between North and South, so he could ruff a spade before going back to South and draw trumps. Then he could cash his diamonds discarding his last spade. Five trump tricks including one ruff in dummy, four diamond tricks and three top tricks in the majors gave him a total of twelve, and the contract. This line of play could give away one IMP sometimes, but the reward for the safety play was 16 IMPs!

1946 it was!

Later we hope to bring an interview with Annie Struksnæs who played in Nordic Championships in Oslo 1946. She is still going strong.



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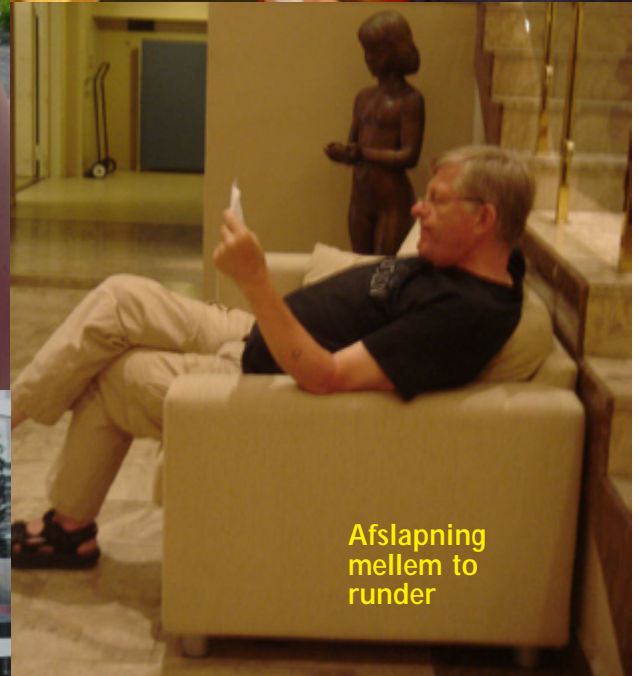
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Da Kyrre Tangen ankom til SAS-hotellet med bilen fyldt med materiel til Nordisk Mesterskab, bakkede han forsigtigt hen mod indgangen, men stoppede brat, da han mente, at han var kommet for tæt på og havde kollideret med døren.

Kyrre steg ud for at se, om der var sket noget, og ganske rigtigt ... ak og ve. Den gamle antikke lampe!

Mens Kyrre stod og græmmede sig, kom en hotelportier forbi. Kyrre tilstod sin brøde, men blev afbrudt af en fnisende portier:

„Den der? Sådan har den hængt i fire år!“



Hvor ligger Nordpolen?