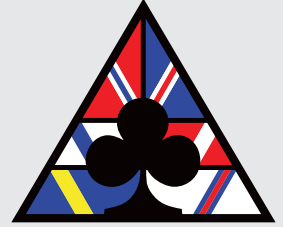


Wednesday 6th June 2007

# Daily Bulletin

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

### Strong leaders!

After a fantastic performance Finland has taken quite a comfortable lead in the Open Series, and the Norwegian ladies have increased the gap to Sweden.

We have now finished the first round of the second Round Robin, but still the hunters from behind have their chances.

Just go for it!



The Finnish team have a 28VP lead to the next team.



To be in front brings forward the smiles. The Norwegian ladies after last match.



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## Can anyone stop the leaders?

The performance by the Finnish team in the Open Series is becoming stronger and stronger, and more and more impressive. If this continues there is no reason to imagine they should not be the winners when the Finnish finish on Saturday. Finland kept their very strong average from the first day (more than 20VP per match)! Not to make the leaders nervous, but the only reason to believe that they will not succeed is that my colleague in the bulletin, Kåre K, has changed totally. Today he said: Finland will win!

However, though it is difficult to see why the strong team from Finland should collapse, there are four matches to go, and one bad result can give the other teams contact. But still we are quite sure the gold medals will go to Finland. Tomorrow there will be only one match, and the break is better for the other teams than the team playing in such a nice float.

Another reason to put your money on Finland, is that none of the other teams so far are playing at the same standard as the leaders. Denmark has scored well, and the match Friday against Finland might be their chance. The home team in the Open Series has disappointed us. Will they be able to struggle back into the medal fight?

In the Ladies Series it looks much more open, but the home team has got a good grip on it. The Norwegian girls have played better than most of us expected, if you don't count their optimistic captain Per Grime. It seems that he is right about his optimism! Sweden has recovered from the bad start, and will hunt the Norwegian ladies all the way. In the very last round these two teams will meet. Is that going to be the real final for the gold medals? But the other teams have not given up. Denmark did not follow up their strong start, but still they can enter the medal battle. As said yesterday, this will be exciting!

Tomorrow all the players will have almost one day off, only 24 boards to play. The bulletin staff wish you a nice break, and hope it will set you up for the the two last days.

GeO



## BULLETINPRICES 2007

During The Nordic Teams Championship 2007 a jury of three members will decide price winners in four different categories. Only hands printed in the bulletin will be nominated for the prices.

PRICE FOR BEST DECLARENCE - Given by NBU (Nordic Bridge Union)

PRICE FOR BEST DEFENCE - Given by NBF (Norwegian Bridge Federation)

PRICE FOR BEST BIDDING - Given by BIN (The Bridge Magazine: Bridge In Norway)

PRICE FOR BEST BRIDGEARTICLE - Given by NBP (Norwegian Bridge Press)



# Today's Excursion

*Dont miss today's visit to the  
Maihaugen Folks Museum.*

*We will meet in the lobby  
at latest 14.00 hours*

## INVITE to Chairmans Cup

Vi erbjuder samtliga Nordiska länder att  
ställa upp med ett "landslag" i Chairmans  
Cup - fri startavgift för laget!

Regards

Micke Melander  
Förbundet Svensk Bridge

## Programme - Schedules

### Thursday 7th June

0900 1040 *Match 7*  
1050 1230  
1300 1400 Lunch  
1400 1700 Visit Maihaugen  
2000 Dinner

### Friday 8th June

1000 1140 *Match 8*  
1150 1330  
1330 1430 Lunch  
1430 1610 *Match 9*  
1620 1800  
1930 "Dinner in the cabins"  
with other guests and entertainment

### Saturday 9th June

1000 1140 *Match 10*  
1150 1330  
1330 Lunch - no organized activities until 7 pm  
1900 Cocktail  
1930 Anniversary dinner and prize ceremonies

## Results

### Match 4 - Wednesday 6th June

#### Open

Sweden Faroe Islands 23 - 7  
Finland Iceland 17 - 13  
Denmark Norway 15 - 15

#### Ladies

Sweden Faroe Islands 25 - 4  
Finland Iceland 8 - 22  
Denmark Norway 14 - 16

### Match 5 - Wednesday 6th June

#### Open

Faroe Islands Finland 3 - 25  
Norway Sweden 14 - 16  
Iceland Denmark 12 - 18

#### Ladies

Faroe Islands Finland 6 - 24  
Norway Sweden 15 - 15  
Iceland Denmark 22 - 8

### Match 6 - Wednesday 6th June

#### Open

Norway Finland 9 - 21  
Faroe Islands Iceland 11 - 19  
Denmark Sweden 19 - 11

#### Ladies

Norway Finland 25 - 2  
Faroe Islands Iceland 6 - 24  
Denmark Sweden 9 - 21

## Tables

### Open

1. Finland 125  
2. Denmark 97  
3. Iceland 94  
4. Sweden 86  
5. Norway 75  
6. Faroe Isl 55

### Ladies

1. Norway 117  
2. Sweden 108  
3. Iceland 100  
4. Denmark 95  
5. Finland 74  
6. Faroe Isl 40

## Tomorrows match

### Match 7 - Thursday 7th June

#### Open

Iceland - Norway  
Finland - Sweden  
Faroe Islands - Denmark

#### Ladies

Iceland - Norway  
Finland - Sweden  
Faroe Islands - Denmark

## Today's test (II)

by GeO Tislevoll

Today we'll give you a practical problem, not one of those more teoretical ones from the text books. This contract would probably have been a big task for many players, and a top player was not pleased by himself when he went down declaring it on BBO. You will find the solution later in this bulletin. S/All

Nord

♠ Q 9 7 2

♥ ---

♦ A K J 8

♣ A 7 6 5 4

Syd

♠ 3

♥ A K J 3 2

♦ Q 10 9 2

♣ K J 2

North

2♣

2♠

3♦

4♣

5♣

pass

South

1♥

2♦

3♣

3♥

4NT

6♦

North-South was allowed to bid without intervening, and reached the nice contract of 6 diamonds. West's lead was the club 3, small from dummy, East playing the queen and South the king. What would be your plan after this start?

## Concentrate on the youngsters!

by GeO Tislevoll

In yesterdays bulletin we promised to try getting an exclusive interview with Annie Struksnæs, the old lady (celebrating her 100 years birthday now in June!) who played in the very first Nordic Championships in Oslo, 1946. I made her a phone call, and had a short chat. She was loud and clear, and could easily remember the championships in '46. But she did not want the interview, which we of course we regret, but have to respect.

Struksnæs had a good point when telling us not to look so much to the old players and the old times. Concentrate on the future and on the youngsters, she said. A very wise statement!

The words from the old lady matches perfectly what the Norwegian Bridgefederation says these days. The federation is planning a big campaign of recruiting new players. The campaign has a lot of activities, including using star football player, and captain of Norways international team, Martin Andresen in promoting plans. Also celebrity Christian Vennerød will stand up for the recruiting campaign.

# Match of the day - II

## Round 5: Norway - Sweden, Ladies Series

This round gave us another “hate-match”, Norway vs. Sweden. Since the match in the Open Series was transmitted on BBO, and Swedish ladies were hunting the two leader teams, Norway and Denmark, we naturally decided to follow the Norwegian and Swedish ladies as Match of the Day.

### First half

The Norwegians took a small lead when they managed to stop in 2 spades where Sweden pre-empted to 3 spades, going down (board 2). Sweden could have bid and won 3 in of a minor over the Norwegian 2 spade in the closed room. Then a slamswing:

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

In the open room Marianne Harding (North) for Norway pre-empted with 3 clubs over West's 1 spade opening. The Swedish East bid 4 clubs, but when West signed-off in 4 spades, East gave up slam. West's hand was also quite nice, and stronger than the 11hcp she counted at first. At the other table West cuebidded 4 diamonds after the same start. A bit pessimistic by both Swedish players, and if East gives it another try, West should for sure bid on to the slam! 6 spades had very good chances, but was not at all obvious to win! Because of North's club bid it would be easy to eliminate clubs with (or without) a finesse, ruffing a club, and ruff a diamond as well. This would have been a good move if trumps had been 2-1. Firstly, the king of trumps might have fallen from behind, secondly if the king had been doubleton the opponent holding it would have been end played after the elimination. This time banging down the trump ace was not the thing, and declarers who played like that had afterwards to guess where the heart queen was placed. Anyway, Norway won 6 spades in the closed room, and then Norway was in

the lead 17-1 after three boards.

Both teams had a chance to score 12 imps on the next hand:

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

The only game contract having real chances was 4 hearts, and it was reached at both tables. South for Sweden led a club, and declarer made 11 tricks. South for Norway found the diamond lead that can beat the game. If North plays three rounds of diamonds declarer has really no chance! When coming in on the trump ace over one of East's honors South can play another diamond for North to ruff with the ten or nine. South must later get a promoted trump trick for her eight of hearts, the setting trick! Unfortunately North did not find this defence, and Norway won only one 1 imp. Or put it in another way, Sweden in open room lost 1 imp in spite of winning a game which could go down on the actual lead!

On board 6 Sweden won 6 imps when Bertheau - Midtskog got into the bidding and pushed N/S to the three level, going down. At the other table N/S quietly played in 1NT scoring 90. Board 7 was a standard game, and a push

Sweden's pair in open room continued to win back the imps they lost on the early missed slam. On board 8 Midtskog was allowed to play 3 clubs doubled, minus 1. It was one or two down depending on the heart guess, and when it went only minus 100 it was 8 imps to Sweden since they played in the normal 3NT at the other table, scoring 430.



A few dull hands was followed by this one:

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

Sweden's East/West-pair missed this nice grand. In the closed room the Norwegians bid like this:

Siv Thoresen	Gunn Tove Vist
West	East
1♥	2♦
3♣	3♥
3♠	4♣
4♥	4NT
5♣	5♦
6♥	7♥ all pass

The start was natural. 3 spades and 4 clubs were cue-bids. Then Key-Card Blackwood, and 5 diamonds asking for the trump queen. 6 hearts from Thoresen told that she had the trump queen, and now Vist could see the grand had to be a good one: 7 hearts! Nice bidding, worth 11 imps, and Norway was on lead with 29-19. The last hand was a push.

### Second half

The very first board of the segment included power:

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

In the closed room Norway as E/W was allowed to play in 2 hearts making nine tricks, a strange result. At the other table the Norwegians went on to the tough game of 4 spades! After dropping the trump king declarer still has a choice of play, the ace of

hearts in front, then giving away two clubs, or using the entries in trumps to finesse clubs. Still there are problems if East ducks with club the ace when declarer enter dummy and plays a club to the jack. Actually the line of play chosen could have led to one down, but declarer was allowed to win her contract, 13 imps to Norway.

After another push Sweden struck back on board 15. This time they bid a tough game, missed by the Norwegians in the open room. Norway in the closed room sacrificed at the five level, and went three down, minus 500. That meant 8 imps to Sweden.

Not long after came a disaster for the Norwegian ladies. It was a quite normal 4 spades at most tables, but the Norwegians in open room managed to double Emma Sjöberg - Sandra Rimstedt in 4 clubs! With ten trumps, and the trump king and heart king inside the Swedes were able to take ten tricks for a massive 510! 14 imps to Sweden, and now the match was close again (42-41). After a few dull hands Norway won 6 imps by buying the partscore at low level at both tables, both making.

Another 8 imps went to the home team on board 21 when a 3NT was allowed to win, where the defence had two chances to cash four diamond tricks and the club ace.

Then some good news for Sweden on board 22:

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

Most pairs played in partscores here, but Sjöberg-Rimstedt went on to game, and the best game 3NT. Since South had opened the bidding with 1 club, North led the club 3, and the jack won. Sandra Rimstedt played on hearts, South winning in the third round of the suit. South played a club back, to the queen and king, and another club cleared the suit. Now Sandra had a good view over the hand. When she played a spade to the king and South's ace, South cashed her good club. Sandra got rid of a diamond, and South exited with the diamond king. But a spade finesse over South's jack brought home the bacon, 600 to the Swedish girls, worthy 10 imps. Sweden picked up 4 more imps on the last hand, and the match ended in a draw, 15-15.

# From the good old days

by GeO Tislevoll

## Credit where credit is undue

In the same article where Albert H. Morehead tells about making up his own deal, recognizing it in a played hand one year after, he gives a story about one of all time classic hands. And he discusses the problem that many different persons get the credit for both hands played, or constructed.

This hand has been told in several versions, but the best one, I think, and probably the original one, is Mr. Moreheads from The Bridge World 1944. His story is actually from 1932. Morehead lived in New York, and this happened on a vist to Boston. He dropped in to Boston Art Club some time after midnight, where a duplicate game just had finished. The players were sitting around post-morteming. Norman Bonney, one of his best friends in Boston, showed him this hand (from here on, I use Moreheads own words from his article):

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

“Can You make four spades?” asked Norman. I replied “yes” after a very brief glance. I was very in vain, in those days, of my knack for rapid analysis, a knack I have since lost. “Oh, no, you can’t” crowd Normann. “West leads the nine of hearts, and East overtakes wiht the ten. East leads back his diamond. Now East has to get in at at least the second round of spades, and leads the seven of hearts. West overtakes with the eight to return a diamond, and you’re down one”.

“Wanna bet?” I challenged. “After winning the diamond in dummy, I cash the ace and king of clubs, then lead the jack of spades. East covers; I win with the ace. Now I lead the nine of clubs and discards dummy’s heart.”

“You win,” said Norman, “so I’ll make the deal even better. East gets the queen-jack-deuce of clubs. He

unblocks his honors under the top clubs and beats the contract” We let it go of that. Of course, Normann and I were each quite proud of our performance on that deal, but nobody ever played the deal my way or defended his. In fact, Norman had imagined the original position on a similar but not identical layout that had come up in that night’s duplicate game.

But how that deal has been published (often with the suits rearranged), and what credit has been given and taken for it! It appears, in its original form, on page 213 of Culbertson Red Book on Play. When that volume was written, Ely, Josphine, Sheinwold, Moyse, Malowan, Mott-Smith, Fry and I were each given credit for having played one of the examples. I choose this deal, calling it “The Coup Without a Name”. George Coffin, who had been shown the exhibit by Bonney, used it in his book Endplays, giving both Culbertson’s title and hos own (The Rainbow Coup). Georg carefully said that Norman had showd it to him, and perhaps implied that Norman had actually played it, but he didn’t come right out and say so.

A British magazine picked it up out of Coffin’s book and reprinted it. Just last month, Florence Osborn picked it up from the magazine, publishing it in the Herald Tribune, and gave Bonney credit for having defended with the East hand. Bonney was one of the few players who might have found that defence had he ever had the chance.

## Resultater butler (individuel)

Navn	Lag	Score	#	Snitt
Adalsteinn Jorgensen	Iceland	116	96	1,21
Sverrir Armannsson	Iceland	116	96	1,21
Kauko Koistinen	Finland	169	144	1,17
Clas Nyberg	Finland	169	144	1,17
Siv Thoresen	Norway	147	132	1,11
Gunn Tove Vist	Norway	147	132	1,11
Ann Karin Fuglestad	Norway	107	120	0,89
Marianne Harding	Norway	107	120	0,89
Sandra Rimstedt	Sweden	109	144	0,76
Emma Sjöberg	Sweden	109	144	0,76
Gregers Bjarnarsson	Denmark	83	144	0,58
Michael Askgaard	Denmark	83	144	0,58
Jouni Juuri-Oja	Finland	82	144	0,57
Osmo Kiema	Finland	82	144	0,57
Gudrun Oskarsdottir	Iceland	66	132	0,50
Anna Ivarsdottir	Iceland	65	144	0,45
Maria Rahelt	Denmark	42	144	0,29
Stense Farholt	Denmark	42	144	0,29
Per-Ola Cullin	Sweden	42	144	0,29
Johan Uppmark	Sweden	44	156	0,28
Morten Bilde	Denmark	29	144	0,20
Jørgen Hansen	Denmark	29	144	0,20
Hjordis Sigurjonsdottir	Iceland	18	144	0,13
Ragnheidur Nielsen	Iceland	18	144	0,13



# Swedish Bridgefestival XIII

with the prestigious Chairman's Cup team tournament



All tournaments are open for everybody as long as they can show a membership card to any NBO being a member to the World Bridge Federation.

## Teams

Chairman's Cup

July 28	Swiss	Time 12.00
July 29	Swiss	
July 30	KO	
July 31	KO	
August 1	KO	
August 2	KO	

## Pairs

All One session events  
B=24 boards and S=42 boards

July 28	B1, B2, S1
July 29	B3, B4, B5, S2
July 30	B6, B7, B8, S3
July 31	B9, B10, B11, S4
August 1	B12, B13, B14, S5
August 2	B15, B16, B17, S6
August 3	B18, B19, S7
August 4	B20, B21, G (session 1)
August 5	B22, G (session two)

Pairs marked in red are all calculated by Handicap scores. B11 is mixed and B22 is an individual. S6 is calculated by IMPs across the field scoring.

## Venue

We play at Elmiamässan, in Jönköping Sweden. 4000 square meters only for bridge play with more than 300 tables at the same time. Parallel to the festival we also arrange the finals of all the Swedish national pairs events. More information about the venue at <http://www.elmia.se/>.

## Entry fees

Chairman's Cup SEK 2000 per team for the Swiss and 500 if the team qualifies to the KO. So the maximum entry fee for the teams is SEK 2500.

Pairs marked B SEK 70, S costs 150 and G 250, all per player.

## Prizes

Cash prizes in all tournaments. In all pairs events 40% of the entry fees go directly back to the cash prizes.

In the Chairman's Cup a minimum of SEK 30 000 is given to the winner, 12 000 to the second and then 8000 (3<sup>rd</sup>), 6000 (4<sup>th</sup>) and 2000 (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>).

Replicas of the elegant Chairman's Cup will be given to the winner of the tournament and an inscription of the team and players names will be made in the trophy.

Swedish master points in all tournaments.

## Registration

There is no need to register for any of the pair tournaments. It's just to "drop in and sit down" to play.

To the Chairman's Cup; last day and time of entry, Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 13.00. E-mail the following: Name of the team, Name of the players and point out who is the captain. Send the e-mail to the address mentioned below.

## Special arrangements

Accommodation can be booked at reduced prices. The main hotel is Scandic Elmia SEK 720 per double room and night including their big breakfast buffet. If staying 2-4 nights the price will be 690 per day and 5+ nights 640 per night. If you book and pay before June 13 a special discount will be given of 50 SEK per night, on top of what is mentioned above.

## Euro vs SEK

1 Euro is approximately SEK 9.30. If you want to check the exchange rate of today have a look at <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>

## Questions & Entries

Send an e-mail to Micke Melander at the Swedish Bridge Federation;  
[mme@svenskbridge.se](mailto:mme@svenskbridge.se).

More information to be found at

[http://www.svenskbridge.se/e107\\_plugins/content/content.php?content.1239](http://www.svenskbridge.se/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.1239)

*Welcome to the 13<sup>th</sup> Swedish Bridgefestival*

# A lost opportunity

by GeO Tislevoll

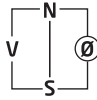
BBO co-ordinator Roland Wald spotted this brilliant defence when watching Norway - Sweden in the Ladies Series, in round 4. It happened early in the match, and the Norwegian debutant Gunn Tove Vistwas declarer. This hand really had some power in it:

<p>♠ 6 4 2 ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ 6 4 ♣ A 10 8 7 2</p>	<p>♠ 7 ♥ A Q J 10 9 5 ♦ Q J 9 2 ♣ J 5</p>	<p>♠ A J 5 ♥ K 8 ♦ K 10 5 ♣ K Q 6 4 3</p>
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The Danish E/W pair in the closed room reasonably enough ended in a partscore, scoring 140. In the open room East/West reached 4 hearts. The lead was the club king. A suggestion for defence by the commentators was that north should rise with the club ace and play a trump through declarer. An even better defence after winning the club ace in the first trick, is to play diamond from the North hand, trying to knock out the entry to the spades. This will be a killing defence which we will see later. What a triumph shift from North, East must rise with the ace, and ruff her club. Now it looks like she is in trouble. She is on the wrong hand, not having the possibility to establish two spade tricks, which seems to be needed for diamond discards. But it will still be possible to win 4 hearts. After ruffing her last club the spade king is played. South must take it with the ace. Then she cashes her trump king and exit with a club, which East ruffs. No declarer runs all her trumps. In the ending, before the last trump the situation is:

<p>♠ Q 10 ♥ --- ♦ A 8 7 ♣ ---</p>	<p>♠ 6 4 ♥ --- ♦ 6 4 ♣ A</p>	<p>♠ --- ♥ 9 ♦ Q J 9 2 ♣ ---</p>
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<p>♠ J 5 ♥ --- ♦ K 10 5 ♣ ---</p>		
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When East plays the heart 9 South is squeezed. The suggested defence was not good enough. Actually it was the right thing to let South be on play after the first trick - this time, because it gives South a chance to end up with the Best Defence Prize. But it was impossible to find, of course, even difficult to see with all cards seen: The creative shift to the diamond king will set the contract! It must of course be taken by the ace, but what shall declarer do then? Let's say she plays a heart to the ace and ruff his club. Then she exit with the spade king. South takes it and play another diamond. When in on the trump king South is able to give partner a diamond ruff, the setting trick! If declarer plays the spade king earlier South continues diamonds and can give partner the diamond ruff when she comes in with the heart king. Marvellous! Impossible, yes but anyway a pity noone in the tournament found this beautiful defence, probably noone in the world had found it. For sure it would have been candidate for - and probably the winner of - for the best-defence prize. The BBO-coordinator spotted it, but I am afraid we cannot give that prize to Roland Wald, after all.....



No one have typed more letters than Roland Wald on BBO ever. I still think when I log in to BBO, does he ever sleep? (Phototext: Kåre Beyer Kristiansen)

# Gode og dårlige hænder

af Ib Lundby

*Sex er ligesom bridge. Har man ikke en ordentlig makker, må man selv have en god hånd.  
Mae West*



Danske Helle Rasmussen er sprunget ud som sit hjemlige fynske forår, og hun gør det imponerende flot på det danske damehold sammen med makkeren Anita Jensen (pigen, der skifter hårfarve så tit, som jeg skifter strømper) og de rutinerede og velsammen-spillede Stense Farholt og Maria Rahelt.

Jeg fulgte lidt af morgenkampen mod Norge på BBO. Det var ikke lige kønt alt sammen, men der var mange interessante og spændende spil.

Tag Helle i hånden i et af dem, hvor hun havde et meldeproblem. Hun sad Syd med denne gode/dårlige hånd:

♠ A 8 3  
♥ 4  
♦ A T 9 8 5 4  
♣ Q 8 5

VEST	NORD	ØST	SYD
Thoresen	Jensen	Vist	Ras-
mussen			
2♦*)	3♣	pas	?
*) Multi			

Hvad melder du?

Der er ingen fjendens farve at overmelde i, så de fleste spiller sikkert med, at 3 i farve er krav med 5+farve, 4♣ er invit, og 4 i farve er Splinter. Jeg synes, hånden er god nok til 4♥, men Helle valgte konservativt at melde 5♣, og derved blev det. Måske er hun vant til luftige indmeldinger fra makker?

Hele spillet:

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

6xk er en super kontrakt, som i åben række blev meldt af Cullin/Uppmark (SE), Baldursson/Jonsson (IS) og Bilde/Hansen (DK), mens Koistinen/Nyberg (FI) fik banen for sig selv. Det udnyttede finnerne på denne elegante måde:



VEST	NORD	ØST	SYD
Sverrir	Koistinen	Adalstein	Nyberg
pas	1♣*)	pas	2♥**)
pas	3♣	pas	4♥***)
pas	4NT	pas	5♠****)
pas	7♣	pas	pas

\*) 17+

\*\*) 6+♦, 8+hcp

\*\*\*) Splinter

\*\*\*\*) 2 esser af 5 + trumf dame

Hos damerne var kun et enkelt par i slem, nemlig islandske Sigurjonsdottir/Nielsen, der øvede sig i 6♠, der også vandt.

Tilbage til Helle, som fik 4 imp for sin indsats. Ved det andet bord meldte Rahelt/Farholt nemlig 3♥ – D – 4♥ – D, og derved blev det. To ned til 300.



Oslo 1968:

## Bidding Boxes - the future?

by GeO Tislevoll

For us who play bridge these days bidding boxes is a must. Playing without will almost be like go skating without using skates, or cykling without a bicycle! We found this question in the title above in the Norwegian Bridge Federation's official magazine in 1968. This was the text when the federation discussed whether or not to use the bidding boxes or not in the European Championships in Oslo:

“As far as we know it has been suggested to use bidding boxes in the European Championship in Oslo in 1969. Shall a player really need to pick out 2500 - 3000 bidding cards during the tournament? And must a spectator have a total overview over the table to be able to follow the bidding? The bidding boxes have possibly a future, but they should not be used in championship before it is into the blood of the players!”

## Resultater butler (individuel)

Catarina Midskog	Sweden	10	144	0,07
Kathrine Bertheau	Sweden	10	144	0,07
Glenn Grøtheim	Norway	5	108	0,05
Ulf Håkon Tundal	Norway	5	108	0,05
Jon Baldursson	Iceland	4	96	0,04
Thorlakur Jonsson	Iceland	4	96	0,04
Sari Kulmala	Finland	-7	96	-0,07
Elina Laukkanen	Finland	-7	96	-0,07
Helle Rasmussen	Denmark	-36	144	-0,25
Anita Jensen	Denmark	-36	144	-0,25
Bogi Simonsen	Faroe Islands	-58	144	-0,40
Hallberg Arnfridsson	Faroe Islands	-58	144	-0,40
Pirjo Juuri-Oja	Finland	-48	96	-0,50
Päivi Hämäläinen	Finland	-48	96	-0,50
Rune Hauge	Norway	-40	72	-0,56
Jan Petter Svendsen	Norway	-40	72	-0,56
Marianna Kultilahti	Finland	-54	96	-0,56
Kirsi Virtanen	Finland	-54	96	-0,56
Jan Anderson	Sweden	-91	144	-0,63
Jon-Egil Furunes	Norway	-73	108	-0,68
Terje Aa	Norway	-73	108	-0,68
Olle Wademark	Sweden	-93	132	-0,70
Jorun Johannesen	Faroe Islands	-147	144	-1,02
Henriette Svenstrup	Faroe Islands	-147	144	-1,02
Bjarni H. Einarsson	Iceland	-102	96	-1,06
Sigurdbjørn Haraldsson	Iceland	-102	96	-1,06
Hedin Mouritsen	Faroe Islands	-166	144	-1,15
Roi a Rogvu Joensen	Faroe Islands	-166	144	-1,15
Majken Johansen	Faroe Islands	-175	144	-1,22
Susanne Dam	Faroe Islands	-175	144	-1,22
Tonje A. Brogeland	Norway	-31	36	-0,86
Tone T. Svendsen	Norway	-31	36	-0,86

## The following article where found in the archives of the New York Times:

### **BRIDGE**

By ALAN TRUSCOTT

Published: September 10, 1989

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Inevitably there is a fierce contest when these countries clash with each other, as they do every other year. At the end of June, Iceland, the host country, won its first Nordic title since the series began in 1946. Their victory, by the narrowest possible margin of one victory point, hinged on a psychological problem on the diagramed deal almost at the end of the championships.

A tense crowd, mainly Icelandic, was watching on Vugraph and frantically calculating the likely outcome as the home team played Denmark and Sweden met Norway. The opening bid of three clubs, by an Iclander, combined with a semi-psychic three no-trump response, provoked his opponents into reaching a good six-diamond contract. The question was whether South would make it.

The opening club lead was ruffed in dummy, and South drew trumps. He then led a heart to the queen and ace, ruffed the club return high and cashed the heart king. He tried the ace-king of spades, hoping vainly to drop the queen, and entered his hand with a trump to the ten to reach this ending:

(The cards are not available)

Both defenders had played up the line in hearts, apparently showing an odd number of cards in that suit. But would they tell the truth when the information would help the declarer? South decided that they had both lied, but they had double-crossed him with the truth. He finessed the ten, influenced by a partial count of the distribution and failed by a trick.

Iceland gained 12 imps when they might have lost 13, for in the replay North-South rested in five diamonds. The proceedings in the other match favored Iceland for the Norwegians guessed better to make six diamonds against Sweden. This combination of results permitted the home team to snatch the Nordic title. The audience, which according to a local report, had been "on the verge of a nervous breakdown," was ecstatic. The final standings were: 1st Iceland 178 victory points; 2nd Sweden 177; 3rd Denmark 173; 4th Finland 149; 5th Norway 148; 6th Faroe Islands 65. Denmark won the Women's Team Championship.

A theoretical footnote is appropriate. For half a century Swedish players have signaled their length in dummy's suit in the contrary fashion: high with an odd number of cards, low with an even number. This has a theoretical advantage, since a player with a doubleton may not be able to spare his higher card for signaling purposes. Many American tournament players have therefore adopted "upside-down" count and duly explain this fact to their opponents.

# Today's test (II) - Solution

by GeO Tislevoll

This contract would probably have been a big task for many players, and a top player was not pleased by himself when he went down declaring it on BBO. S/All

Nord

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

Syd

♠ 3  
♥ A K J 3 2  
♦ Q 10 9 2  
♣ K J 2

North

2♣  
2♣  
3♦  
4♣  
5♣  
pass

South

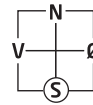
1♥  
2♦  
3♣  
3♥  
4NT  
6♦

North-South was allowed to bid without intervening, and reached the nice contract of 6 diamonds. West led the club 3, small from dummy, East playing the queen and South the king. What would be your plan after this start?

The lead looks very much like a singleton. A plan could be to ruff a couple of spades on South's hand, discard spades on the heart honors, and eventually also get the club suit good. This will fail after this lead which almost for sure is a singleton. Giving away a spade trick before drawing trumps will not work, because East will give his partner a club ruff, and one down will be the fact early. Then it comes down to relying on the heart suit. And with trumps 3-2 it will be a good chance if the heart suit is a little helpful as well. There will also be a small chance when trumps are 4-1.

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

♠ J 8 6 5 4  
♥ Q 10 8 7  
♦ 6 5 4  
♣ 3



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

♠ 3  
♥ A K J 3 2  
♦ Q 10 9 2  
♣ K J 2

After winning the first trick you should play ace, king and another heart, ruffing in dummy with the ace. Since the heart queen has not appeared (which is not enough in itself), the diamond 8 is played, not the king which looks natural. The 8 should be overtaken by South's 9 to get to declarer's hand. Another heart is ruffed, this time with the king, and now the fifth heart is good. Then, with a singleton jack of trumps left in dummy you play the jack. If East follows, the trumps are probably behaving well, and the jack is overtaken by the Queen. When West follows trumps to that trick you can draw the defender's last trump and claim your contract. If East is showing out when the jack of trumps is played, declarer has to play low, and take his last chance which is that West's lead wasn't a singleton after all. If so the club jack provides an entry to South's hand after taking the trick with North's trump jack.



Yesterday it was many supporters behind the Norwegian Open Team, now it's not that many.....





# Snapshots from Day Two

by Ib Lundby



Bridge is a fascinating sport for kibitzer(s)



Lille spejl i loftet dér skal Spar Dame knibes her?



Emma and Sandra in the Open Room

För svenska flickor är solen lycken ...

... men jeg liker bäst solen på ryggen! ☺



Det er ganske Vist (H.C.Andersen)



A couple of heavy (very very heavy) outside smokers!