



Daily Bulletin



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









A relaxing day

After two days playing three matches a day, most participants were happy to play only 24 boards Thursday morning, then having the rest of the day off. After a nice excursion to Maihaugen, and a quiet afternoon and night, all should be fit for fight again.

Finland (Open) and Norway (Ladies) have good chances to grab the titles, but nothing is for sure yet.

Our warmest welcome to the President of the EBL, Gianarrigo Rona and the other NBU-guests arriving Thursday and Friday.



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GeO's view



Nothing new, but....

In the one and only round on Thursday, Finland continued their run for the gold medals in the Open Series, that most of us believe they will win. But after all, is that outcome so obvious? In round 7 Denmark shortened the gap a little, winning 23-7, while Finland scored 18VP. The leaders are 23VP in front of the Danes, but the two teams will meet in the morning match on Friday, so there is some hope for an exciting finish. As predicted yesterday, that match will be a kind of final, and probably the last chance to stop the Finns. Still the fight for the bronze medals is pretty open.

In the Ladies Series Sweden came a bit closer to the leading team, Norway, after Thursday's match. Now they are only 6VP behind. Much can happen on Friday, but there is a good chance the last round in the Ladies Series will include a final match as well, Sweden - Norway. However, the Danish ladies still hope to get into the gold fight. Thursday they were back on the winning track, and two good matches on Friday may help them to a position where they can snatch the championship from the two most likely gold aspirants.

The program is not so tough any more, only two matches Friday and one match the last playing day, after having a relaxing day on Thursday as well. How this will affect the different team's performances nobody knows, but it's for sure something else to play only 48 boards or 24 boards a day, comparing to 72 boards each of the two first days.

We all look forward to a trilling finish of this event!

GeO



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Today's dinner

This is in "koisene" - down in the garden!

19.30 hours



The President of both NBF and NBU, Helge Stanghelle has arrived.

Programme - Schedules

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

Match 7 - Thursday 7th June

Open

Iceland - Norway	14 - 16
Finland - Sweden	18 - 12
Faroe Islands - Denmark	7 - 23
Ladies	
Iceland - Norway	13 - 17
Finland - Sweden	10 - 20
Faroe Islands - Denmark	9 - 21

Ranking after 7 of 10 matches

Rank Open		Rank Ladies	
1. Finland	143	1. Norway	134
2. Denmark	120	2. Sweden	128
3. Iceland	108	3. Denmark	116
4. Sweden	98	4. Iceland	113
5. Norway	91	5. Finland	84
6. Faroe Isl	62	6. Faroe Isl	49

Match 8 - Friday 8th June Open

Sweden - Iceland

Norway - Faroe Islands

Denmark - Finland

Ladies

Sweden - Iceland

Norway - Faroe Islands

Denmark - Finland

Match 9 - Friday 8th June Open

Faroe Islands - Sweden

Iceland - Finland

Norway - Denmark

Ladies

Faroe Islands - Sweden

Iceland - Finland

Norway - Denmark

Match 10 - Saturday 9th June Open

Finland - Faroe Islands

Sweden - Norway

Denmark - Iceland

Ladies

Finland - Faroe Islands

Sweden - Norway

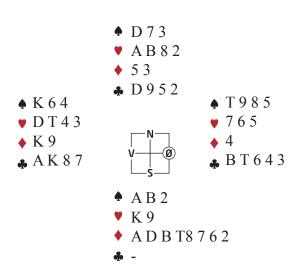
Denmark - Iceland

Dræbende åbningsudspil

Først Farven, så kortet!

af Ib Lundby

Når man skal vælge sit åbningsudspil, er rutinerede spillere godt klar over, at man først skal vælge farven, der skal spilles ud i, og derefter kortet. I denne slem fra runde 7 var kortet dog ligegyldigt.



Ingen i damerækken meldte ruderslemmen (to var endda doblet i 5 ◆), men i åben række kom fire af seks borde i 6 ◆. To af dem gik ned, fordi de spillede stærk klør og fik lagt slemmen på Nords hånd. Østfra sættes den både med hjerter og spar ud, og to af de tre østspillere fandt ◆ 10 frem i det blinde udspil (måske efter en dobling af et spar-cuebid sydfra?). Den tredje Øst valgte derimod ♣ B, og så vandt Nord sin slem.

I Færøernes kamp mod Danmark gik meldingerne således:

VEST Hansen	NORD Boogi	ØST Bilde	SYD ¹ / ₂ -berg
		pas	1 🔷
D	1 💙	pas	3 •
pas	3NT	pas	6 🔷
pas	pas	pas	

Hvad skal Vest spille ud?



Hallberg havde en god hånd, men gik ned i 6 ◆.

Ruder duer nok ikke ②, og Syd må være renonce i klør, når han melder slem uden trumf konge. Spar synes for aggressivt, så dit valg falder måske på hjerter! Og tag den selv herfra, for det er ligegyldigt, hvilken hjerter du vælger nu og senere, når du inde på ◆ K selvfølgelig spiller hjerter igen og sætter kronen på værket. Skvisen er brudt.

Vestfra kan slemmen kun sættes med dobbelt angreb i hjerter – ellers bliver Vest skviset sønder og sammen. Aktuelt valgte Hansen at starte med ♣ E, men Hallberg gik galt i spilføringen og endte med at gå en bet.



af Ib Lundby

It's always the partner's fault. Murphy's First Law of Bridge

NORD	ØST	SYD
Bilde	Wademark	Gamle
	pas	1♦
1♥	pas	2♠
3NT *)	pas	4♣ **)
4 🄷	pas	4♥***)
?		
	Bilde 1 ** 3NT *) 4 **	Bilde Wademark pas 1 pas 3NT *) pas pas pas

*) Svagere end 2NT. **) Naturligt. ***) Cuebid.

"Når man nu endelig har gode kort," tænkte Bilde og sprang til 6◆, og den sad lige i øjet. Gamles hånd:

♦AKT2 **♥**A **♦**AK972 **♣**AT3

Sparene sad 3-3 og trumferne 3-2, så det eneste problem var, at svenskerne ved det andet bord valgte at spille 6, der også vandt.

Denne slem gav dog fuld valuta:

 ↑ T 4 2 ↑ A T 2 ↑ K D 3 ↑ 7 6 3 2 	 AKB95 ♥ 963 A762 5 	 ♦ 863 ♥ 874 ♦ T954 ♣ DT8
	♣ D 7♥ K D B 5◆ B 8♣ A K B 9 4	

VEST	NORD	ØST	SYD
Anderson	Bilde	Wademark	Gamle
		pas	1♣
pas	1♠	pas	2♥
3 ◆	pas	3 .	pas
4 ♦*)	pas	4♥*)	pas
4NT	pas	5 ♣ **)	pas
5 • ***)	pas	5 * ****)	pas
6♠	pas	pas	pas
*) Cue. **) 1 es	. ***) ♠ D?	****) Ja + ekstra h	jerterværdier.

Slemmen blev kun meldt ved 4 af de 12 borde - svenskerne ved det andet bord stod i 3NT.

Efter sidste aftenrunde onsdag sad jeg og spillede netpoker i bulletinrummet, da Jørgen Hansen kom forbi. "Hov, har du ikke et spil, Jørgen?"

"Snakke med Morten om", brummede gamle Hansen og satte sig for at se på sidste rundes resultater i kampen mod den blå-gule arvefjende. Pludselig gryntede han i skægget, så jeg rykkede nærmere for at følge med – måske var der alligevel et spil?

"Se her! Stakkels Morten havde denne hånd:

* T 0 2	M7(22	A O O 7	• D T 7
9 1 9 2	7 6 3 2	() () ()	● B I /

VEST Anderson	NORD Bilde	ØST Wademark	SYD Gamle
pas	pas	pas	2.
4	pas	pas	5 .
pas	5♥	pas	6♥
pas	pas	pas	

Gamle kunne høre Bilde rykke lidt i stolen på den anden side af skærmen, forståeligt nok, men der faldt ro over ham, da Hansen lagde disse billetter ned på bordet:

♦ A K Q 3 ♥ A K 9 8 4 ♦ - **♣** A K 8 6

Bilde tog hurtigt sine 12 stik – ligespil. Men Bilde havde skam også gode kort ind imellem:

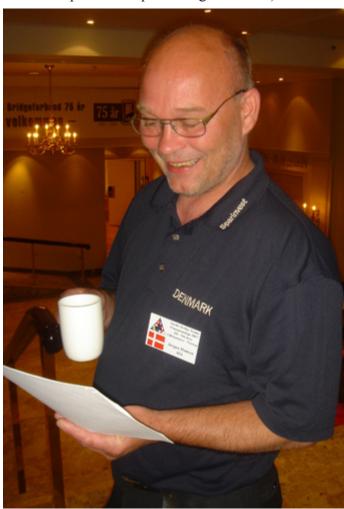
♦Q86 ♥J1097 ◆1084 ♣KJ2

Endelig et udspilsproblem, som Bilde ikke løste. Han sad med:

♦62 ♥JT93 ◆K654 **♣**K53

og skulle spille ud mod 6., hvor svenskernes relæsystem havde afsløret bordet med fordelingen 6-0-3-4.

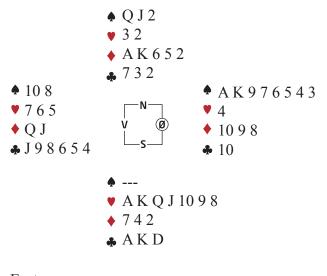
Bilde prøvede med ruder. Dumpet! (A72 på bordet og QT9 på hånden). Hjerter ud er ikke bedre (renonce på bordet og AQ84 på hånden). Klør ud duer heller ikke (J962 på bordet og AQT på hånden, hvor udspillet dog ikke er nok, men spilfører kan siden slutspille Bilde på •K og få 12 stik).



Så spil dog trumf ud, mente Gamle Hansen, da han så fordelingen bagefter! ☺

Today's test (III) by GeO Tislevoll

I friend came over with a piece of paper one day, with a hand of interest, he stated. I had to give him right. I never got to know where he had the hand from, so it's not possible to credit anyone for it. Anyway, the bidding was not excactly standard:



East, none

West North East South 4 6 pass 7 all pass

West led the ten of spades. How would you play this grand?

(Solution later in this bulletin)

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Match of the day - III

Round 7: Finland - Sweden, Open Series

First half

The start was not good for the leaders when they didn't bid a game were no other pairs played below game! Eight imps to Sweden who played in 3NT making 11 tricks at the other table. Seven imps went the other way when it was Sweden's turn to stay out of a normal 4 heart contract on board 3. Finland bid it, and took ten tricks.

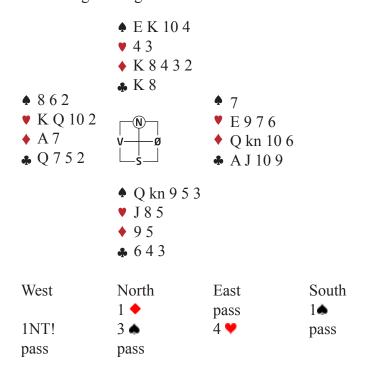
Six pushes in a row was followed by the biggest swing of the match on board 10. Finland won 6 diamonds where Sweden went two down. This was a very interesting hand. Read more about it in Ib Lundby's article another place in this bulletin. This meant 16 imps to Finland, now in the lead with 23-8.

Five imps went back to Sweden when Finland went down in 3 hearts in the last board of the set. Sweden played in 2, making.

Half time result: Finland 23 - Sweden 13.

Second half

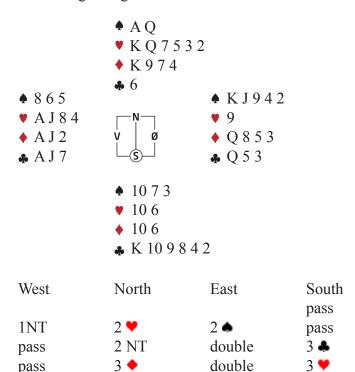
Interesting bidding in the closed room on board 13:



West's 1NT showed hearts and clubs, and East had an easy 4 heart bid. A double from west would probably also shown interest in the unbid suits, but may be doubling would have shown stronger cards? East took took only ten tricks, so Finland lost 1 imp since Sweden at the other table made 650. The nice game contract was found after East overcalled with 1 diamond over Norths 1 club opening.

Sweden earned 5 imps more on board 14 when they won 1NT, Finland going two down in the same contract.

Then a big swing came on board 15:



Kiema (East) started soft but came back stronger. Finland had stopped in partscore were the cards was friendly placed, but North helped them to a better score than 170. 3 hearts was a disaster, but E/W did'nt defend very well, and North played as good as possible. He escaped with two off, minus 500. When Sweden played 2NT, making 10 tricks, Finland won 8 imps, now leading 31-19.

pass

pass

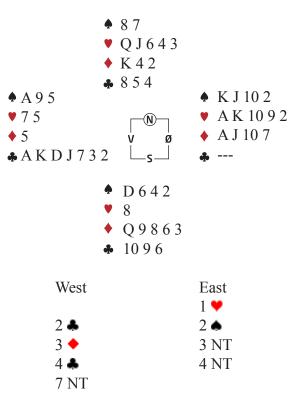
pass

double

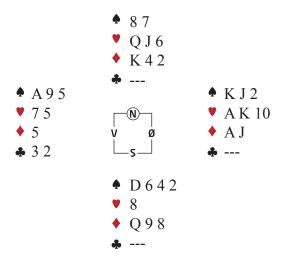
8 imps went back to Sweden when Finland overbid to 4 spades in the closed room. Nice defence by Cullin - Upmark meant two down, +200. At the other table Sweden stopped in 3 spades, and not so good defence allowed declarer to take nine tricks, + 140.



Then a huge one on board 17, making Osmo Kiema a candidate for the Best Played Hand price, perhaps?

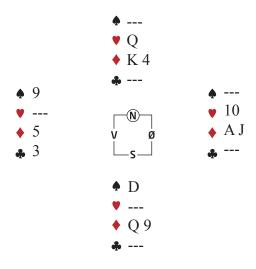


7 clubs is a bit better contract than 7NT. Grand slam in clubs was the contract in the Open room, making 13. Kiema who played in 7NT got a club lead. He continued clubs till this position was reached:



Now Kiema found himself squeezing dummy, and that's not the best idea. Much better to squeeze the opponents! Therefore he left clubs for a while, and cashed the two heart honors. When the heart split appeared he had no problems any more. The only thing needed now was that East had at least four spades from start, or that he held the spade queen. Kiema played king of spades and a spade to the ace, no finesse. No finesse needed! A text-book double squeeze occured when declarer cashed his clubs.

Before the last club this was the situation:



When the club 3 is played North must keep his heart and South the spade queen. Can anyone keep more than one diamond? Answer: No one!

Winning 7NT meant only 2 imps to Finland even though some pairs in the other matches stopped in game, not even getting to a small slam!

On the next board Finland went two down doubled in 4 spades, and Sweden escaped with minus 50 in 4 spades undoubled at the other table. 6 imps to Sweden, and at this moment the match was even, 33-33!

A nice slam in board 19 was bid and won at both tables, though some pairs didn't bid it in the other matches, and a few playes went down in slam.

Ten imps went to Finland on board 20 when Koistinen bid a major game practically by himself with 19hcp and a nice six card suit. Only Faroe Islands (Open) and Norway (Ladies) of the other teams bid this game.

Board 21 was a normal game, a push.

On board 22 Finland bought the contact in 3 spades at one table, 3 hearts at the other. The 3 heart contract could have been beaten after the defence started well, but the contract was allowed to make. Plus 140 to Finland at both tables meant 7 more imps to the leaders.

None of the teams in this match found the slam on board 23, depending on getting no trump loser with nine trumps, missing the queen (the queen was a singelton). The last board was also a push, which meant that the match result was 50-33 to Finland, 18-12VP.

12 imps out of nothing

af Ib Lundby

Helle Rasmussen var tæt på at kyle et glas juice i hovedet på mig, da jeg torsdag morgen dukkede op ved morgenbordet.

"Hvorfor sku' du lige vise det spil i bulletinen?", knurrede hun.

Det var nu ikke for at hænge Helle ud, men jeg må hellere reparere på skaden med et spil, hvor Helle havde en indbringende afgørelse.

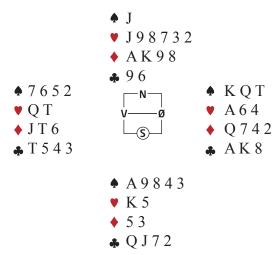
Vi er ved et af de sidste spil i Danmarks kamp mod Sverige i runde 6, og Helle sidder med dette afskyelige meldeproblem som Vest med Ø-V alene i zonen:

٠	7652 V QT	◆ J T 6	♣ T 5 4 3
VEST Helle	NORD Catarina Anita	ØST	SYD Kathrine
pas	1NT *)	D	2 ♣
pas ? *) 6-12 hcp	2 •	D	pas

Hvad melder du?

Med til historien hører, at der var svensk uenighed om meldingerne på grund af Østs doblinger. Syd forklarede, at hun havde vist 5-4 i sort, men Nord forklarede Syds 2 ♣ som enten spar med 15+ hcp eller noget andet – hvad blev jeg ikke helt klar over.

Under alle omstændigheder fandt Helle et grønt skilt frem, og det samme gjorde Nord. Det blev en dansk dans på roser:



Anita startede i ruder, og da røgen havde lagt sig, var kontrakten gået tre ned til 500, hvor danskerne ved det andet bord satte Øst to gange i 2NT.

Helle for 12 imp! ⊙



Helles pas blev opgjort til +12 imp.

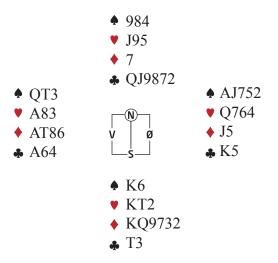
Both ways lead to Rome

of Tor Ove Reistad

In Tuesday's match 3 we were witness to an exciting deal:

Board 5 in Round 3:

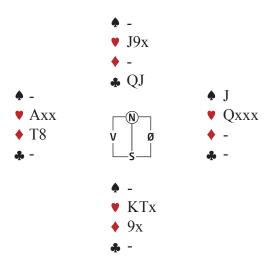
N/ NS vuln



Seven out of ten tables ended up in 4spades played by East, whereas the other tables doubled NS in some minor part score, going for 200 or 500. Both the Swedish Easts played well here and were the only two to make the game.

Catarina Midskog got the king of diamonds lead after an undisturbed auction to game. After winning, she led 10 of spades to the king, and South continued with the 10 of clubs to the king. Next she removed the trumps and played diamond jack to South's queen who freed herself in clubs which was eliminated.

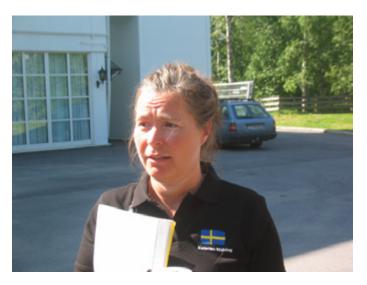
This is the position before the final trump is played:



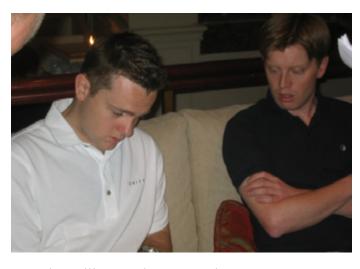
On the play of the spade, South discarded a small heart, then played king of hearts in the next trick to avoid being end played. Unfortunately this set up the 10th trick for Q of H and game made.

In the open class Johan Upmark was also faced with making 10tricks. At that table the first tricks were identical, but declarer chose to eliminate club before playing diamond jack to the queen. At this point South is end played and had to give East a trick in either hearts or diamonds.

At the other table in the Swedish ladies' match Emma/Sandra found the correct defence. To defeat 4sp the defenders have to play a small diamond to ruff before cashing the diamond queen.



Catarina Midtskog.



Per Ola Kullin og Johan Upmark.

Thats why i never made it to the open team.....

by Nils Kåre Kvangraven

It's 9 o clock in the morning, a regular wednesday, and everybody are at work. As CFO i have the privlige to close the door to my office, logon to BBO and relax with some great vugraph bridge from the Nordic Championships held at Lillehammer.

Just seconds after i close the door one of my collegues shout out pretty upset... the online result webpage is down! Yes, as you already guessed we are more than one bridgeplayer at my office. Championships with BBO vugraph are pretty bad for us. It cuts down the bills to our customers to about half! But what a joy to follow every card...

Now my MSN has started to blink, its a online message from my good friend Kåre K. He is in charge of the bulletin and homepage at Lillehammer. He is desperate for articles to the bulletin. After not beeing friends with his bulletin collegue Geo for the 3rd day in a row he now has realised that he need to find help outside the bulletin room. He knew i couldnt stay away from the BBO vugraph so now the only thing he would ever ask me to do again the rest of our lives was to please help him out with an article!

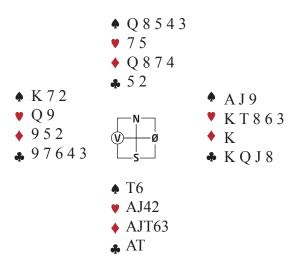
Nice as i am i told him i would make one for sure. Lucky enough the match on BBO was Norway vs Sweden in open class. Now i got the chance to write to the whole world how terrible the norwegian team played and maybe it was time for new players to get a chance? Me and Kåre agreed that my article would be right from the heart article, noone would escape my great analysis and thought comments.

Unlucky for me the norwegian team played pretty well. There wasnt much to put my finger on! Great relays from Tundal-Grøtheim to find a grand slam, Turbo raised his pd to a making 44 holding a yarbourough! AA played it so great that i even didnt see his line untill afterwards... my aunt would have made the contract since the finesse worked, but Terje found a much better line without the finesse, unlucky it went down. Nothing to laugh about....





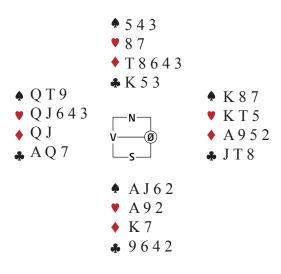
Then board 20 hit the table with Turbo Furunes as South: W/All



The Sweede ended up in 2♥ at East. All norwegians at BBO was upset that Turbo didnt bid 3♦ and i was getting ready to write my article.... then Turbo put ♦ A on the table! A new ♦ forced declearer to ruff. Turbo now grabbed his ♣ A when the king was played and forced with a new round of ♦. East ruffed again and did a little mistake when played 2 times ♣, Turbo could discard ♠T and Terje ruffed. Terje did no mistake either and returned his last ♥, Turbo took his ace and returned another ♥ bringing

200 on the scoresheet, so much for that 110 we was dreaming about in 3♦! Together with 130 from the other room it gave Norway 8 badly needed IMPs. Starting to realice my dream about the open team was pretty far away board 22 came up.

E/E-W



The Sweeds bid up to 3nt by west. Terje found the nice lead of a . Low from dummy and king from Turbo. The commentators at BBO did they usual analyses and asked for next board, 9 tricks was just to claim, and they started to talk about the weather in Florida, Switserland or whereever they came from. Then Tubro returned 4.2 and one of the very best commentators, Jon Sveindal, started to look more into the board. Maybe there was a hope for holding it down? The ♣ run to Q and Terjes King and he easlily returned another ♣. Declaerer was not done yet he could count 2 ♣ 4♥ 2♦ so if he just managed to grab a spade the 9th was there... so he played a low spade from dummy. Turbo wasnt very impressed by this and easily put up the ace and played another . Now there was noway for Sweden to make 9 tricks and Turbo got his ♥ Ace and the beautifull little ♣ nr 13......

Kåre, it looks like you safely can ask me for anther article next championships too.... Turbo didnt need more than 2 boards to show who's the man. My place will always be at BBO

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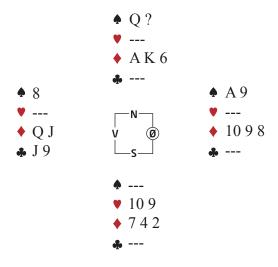
Resultater butler (individuelt)

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Navn	Lag	Score	#	Snitt
Siv Thoresen	Norway	183	156	1,17
Gunn Tove Vist	Norway	183	156	1,17
Sandra Rimstedt	Sweden	158	168	0,94
Emma Sjöberg	Sweden	158	168	0,94
Kauko Koistinen	Finland	153	168	0,91
Clas Nyberg	Finland	153	168	0,91
Adalsteinn Jorgensen	Iceland	96	120	0,80
Sverrir Armannsson	Iceland	96	120	0,80
Jouni Juuri-Oja	Finland	124	168	0,74
Osmo Kiema	Finland	124	168	0,74
Gregers Bjarnarsson	Denmark	113	168	0,67
Michael Askgaard	Denmark	113	168	0,67
Ann Karin Fuglestad	Norway	76	144	0,53
Marianne Harding	Norway	76	144	0,53
Gudrun Oskarsdottir	Iceland	56	156	0,36
Anna Ivarsdottir	Iceland	55	168	0,33
Morten Bilde	Denmark	54	168	0,32
Jørgen Hansen	Denmark	54	168	0,32
Maria Rahelt	Denmark	49	168	0,29
Stense Farholt	Denmark	49	168	0,29
Hjordis Sigurjonsdottir	Iceland	23	168	0,14
Ragnheidur Nielsen	Iceland	23	168	0,14
Glenn Grøtheim	Norway	15	132	0,11
Ulf Håkon Tundal	Norway	15	132	0,11
Johan Uppmark	Sweden	14	168	0,08
Per-Ola Cullin	Sweden	14	168	0,08
Jon Baldursson	Iceland	5	120	0,04
Thorlakur Jonsson	Iceland	5	120	0,04
Sari Kulmala	Finland	0	120	0,00
Elina Laukkanen	Finland	0	120	0,00
Helle Rasmussen	Denmark	-10	168	-0,06
Anita Jensen	Denmark	-10	168	-0,06
Catarina Midskog	Sweden	-10	168	-0,06
Kathrine Bertheau	Sweden	-10	168	-0,06
Marianna Kultilahti	Finland	-49	108	-0,45
Kirsi Virtanen	Finland	-49	108	-0,45
Jon-Egil Furunes	Norway	-64	132	-0,48
Terje Aa	Norway	-64	132	-0,48
Bogi Simonsen	Faroe Islands	-82	168	-0,49
Hallberg Arnfridsson	Faroe Islands	-82	168	-0,49
Olle Wademark	Sweden	-89	168	-0,53
Jan Anderson	Sweden	-89	168	-0,53
Rune Hauge	Norway	-40	72	-0,56
Jan Petter Svendsen	Norway	-40	72	-0,56
Pirjo Juuri-Oja	Finland	-89	108	-0,82
Päivi Hämäläinen	Finland	-89	108	-0,82
Jorun Johannesen	Faroe Islands	-148	168	-0,88
Henriette Svenstrup	Faroe Islands	-148	168	-0,88
Bjarni H. Einarsson	Iceland	-102	96	-1,06
Sigurdbjørn Haraldsson	Iceland	-102	96	-1,06
Hedin Mouritsen	Faroe Islands	-197	168	-1,17
Roi a Rogvu Joensen	Faroe Islands	-197	168	-1,17
Majken Johansen	Faroe Islands	-207	168	-1,23
Susanne Dam	Faroe Islands	-207	168	-1,23
Tonje A. Brogeland	Norway	-31	36	-0,86
Tone T. Svendsen	Norway	-31	36	-0,86
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Today's test (III) - Solution by GeO Tislevoll ♠ QJ2 **v** 3 2 AK652 732 ♠ AK976543 **♠** 10 8 4 **7** 6 5 1098 ♦ Q J ♣ J 9 8 6 5 4 **.** 10 AKQJ1098 **♦** 742 🚜 AKD West North East South 4 🌲 6 💚 all pass pass

West led the ten of spades. How would you play this grand?

The only chance of making seven is on a squeeze in spades/diamond, so East has to be the one holding three diamonds. This may look quite easy, running all the trumps, trumpsqueezing East. But are you sure you have spotted the key play of this hand? Ruffing the spade lead and running all the trumps but two, and the three club tricks, gives this position:



Why is North's second spade a questionmark? North has two spades left, and if East is not giving up diamonds on the next trump, he has to go down to one spade. Diamond to the ace and a spade ruffed by South establish the thirteenth trick. I East discards a diamond, declarer takes ace-king of the suits, and uses his last trump as entry for the good diamond. But why on earth is North's second spade written like a questionmark? Did you use an spade honor in the first trick? That's not well played! And it gives

no benefit. The only thing you achieve by using an honor is to be fooled by East about the distribution in the ending. East could have had only seven spades from start, and four diamonds, declarer cannot know for sure. If East has the cards in the diagram, and discards a diamond early, in fact already giving up that suit (but South does'nt know that!), declarer might believe East had four diamonds from start. Then, when South's plays a trump (when having two trumps left), East, holding A-9-7 of spades and only two diamond(!), throws away the nine of spades (he has used the king over the jack in the first trick). It may look like East has gone down to singelton spade! If declarer believes that, he should play a diamond to dummy and ruff a spade. But then East follow with the seven of spades (!), and declarer will never get to his hand to the good diamond he did'nt know about!

The solution to this count problem in the ending is to play a low spade in the first trick. Now, with queen, jack of spades left in dummy, East has no way of fooling South in the ending.



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Maihaugen ... my magic moments

Ib Lundby



Yesterday the two Bulletin Editors told me that I had done a nice job and deserved a break: "You are the only one of us qualified to cover todays outing for the Daily Bulletin, they said, appearently with the best intentions.

I was very proud, and gladly I accepted the invitation.

Thursday wake up, I got my breakfast, we played the match against the Faroes, and as usual had a little too much of the fantastic lunch. I was told that a bus (coach) would be waiting outside for transportation, so no problem with a long exhausting walk in the incredible heat.

Wrong! No coach outside, no cars – a couple of wheel chairs, but both seemed to be occupied. I had to walk – oh, give me a break!

When I left Denmark a couple of days ago my weight was about 110+kilos ... but now – many meals later – unfortunately I need to add a couple of plusses. And all those kilos were invited to the outing as well ...



Bridge is a sport, and as such I had to participate without quarreling. I looked happy and walked (worked?) together with the large group of bridge players towards the Maihaugen collection. Maybe it was not mountain climbing, but at least that's the way I felt it.



Finally we reched our goal ... and please give me another break. Inside the Maihaugen we had to do lots of more climbing. Up, up and up ... before the outing finally finished. Then it was down, down, down ...

Well, maybe I am overdoing a bit. And maybe in fact it was a great and very interesting tour. We saw old interesting buildings from the 1940's, 80's etc., and in addition a house of future with lots of equipement and technology.

Thanks very much this great experience. I do not blaim the organizing committe nor the two bulletin editors, that I got lost when I walked home alone. I ended up downtown, but no problem ... as a bonus I lost some of the plusses.

Oh, give me a break!



