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# Daily Bulletin



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# Last chance



The bell calls for last round of these Nordic Championships, and the players go for their very last chance. Friday gave us lots of dramatic in the Open as well as in the Ladies Series, but now it looks like Finland has survived the loss to Denmark and want to play safe in Saturday's match. The Norwegian girls made an incredible come back in last match, but the Swedes will fight for their chance.



"Down under" the Nordic Bridge Union has discussed the future of bridge in the Nordic, and the EBL-president told about his plans for the European scene. See page 2 of this bulletin.



Championships 2007 -Lillehammer - Norway

The 30th Nordic Bridge Teams

The result of a match is not always decided at the bridge table alone. Sometimes an extra chapter is written to the story as in this case:











# New format of the Nordic Championships

**Ib Lundby** 



I joined yesterdays' NBU-meeting and will give you a short information about the decisions made.

EBL-president Gianarrigo Rona joined the meeting as well and told the Nordic leaders about his plans for the future.

#### **Nordic Championships**

To reduce the costs the format is changed to a four days event, either with a single or double Round Robin. This could be the schedule:

Wednesday Arrival + Captains Meeting Thursday 2 matches (32 boards per match)

Friday 2 matches

Saturday 1 match + Victory Banquet

Sunday Departure

The forthcoming hosts: 2009 Finland, 2011 Sweden, 2013 Iceland, 2015 Faroe Islands.

Finland plans to invite us to send a senior team as well, to a parallel (unofficial) event without financial support from the NBU.

#### **Juniors**

Junior Championships + juniorcamp in Sweden Eastern 2008

NBU-Juniorcamp in Norway 2008 connected to the Festival

Juniorchampionships every second year (odd years) – Eastern or August.



# Store stik på små værdier

**Ib Lundby** 

Bridge er - sammen med musik det eneste universale sprog. Li Lanqin, Vicepræsident i Kina

I bulletinrummet fortalte GeO mig om en 3ut, hvor han for nogle år siden i en stor parturnering fik tre stik med • JT9 på bordet og • Q8 på hånden!?

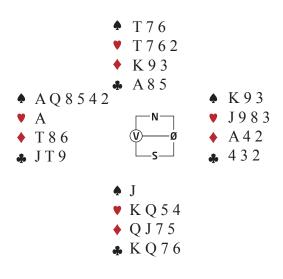
Jo, Vest inviterede i spar fra kongen fjerde, • J fra bordet, mens Øst faldt fra, og GeO stak med damen. Vest kom ind i en anden farve og fremturede med en lille spar. • 10 fra bordet og ... Øst havde et billede af • AQ hos spilfører, så han faldt fra endnu en gang, og bordets • 9 tog stikket.

Det blev Vest så sur over, at han kastede • A af et par stik senere, hvorefter GeO skvisede hans makker til at lægge • K, fordi han skulle holde en anden farve. Tre stik!



Tilbage i Lillehammer, hvor Bjarní Einarsson fra Island i 3 ♠ med ♣ 432 på bordet og ♣ JT9 tog to klørstik!?

Spillet så således ud i kampen mod Sverige i 8.runde:



VEST NORDØST SYD Per-Ola Sigurdbjørn Johan Bjarni Cullin Haraldsson Upmark Ernarsson 2 🌲 D pas 3 🌲 pas pas pas

Min kilde var ikke helt sikker på meldingerne, men kontrakten blev i hvert fald 3 •, hvor det ligner 8 stik. Men Bjarni tog 10!

Der kom trumf ud, og Bjarni trak alle seks trumfstik, hvor Syd kastede en ruder, en hjerter og tre klør, mens Nord fik lagt to klør. Klør fra Bjarni, og så var Bjarni blev belønnet med "kun" at afgive 4 imps på spillet. Ved det andet bord havde holdkammeraterne på NS-kortene været i 4 ♥, der gik to doblede beter til 300.

Tak for spillet! ☺

#### **SATURDAY'S MATCH**

### Match 10 - Saturday 9th June

Open

Finland - Faroe Islands

Sweden - Norway

Denmark - Iceland

Ladies

Finland - Faroe Islands

Sweden - Norway

Denmark - Iceland

# From the good old days

by GeO Tislevoll

#### **Extraordinary plays - Alfred Sheinwold**

This article has been re-written from The Bridge World, may be the best brigemagazine in the World. TBW has been very helpful giving permission to use some of their historical articles. This on is from the april issue 2001, the article "Fifty Years Ago".

Alfred Sheinwold demonstated over many decades his superior ability to spot extraordinary possibilities in ostensibly mundane situations. The most lucious fruits from this orchard sprouted in The Bridge World. Seeif you canspot the unusual opportunity in this deal from his article in April 1951 issue:

West dealer, North-South vulnerable.

- ♠ 982
- ♥ KQ943
- ♦ J53
- ♣ J3
- **♦** K O 3
- ♥ J 10 5
- ♦ AQ6
- ♣ AK64

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	3 🜲	Double
3 •	3 💛	Pass	3NT
all pass			

West led the ten of diamonds: East followed, and South won with the queen. From the bidding and the first trick, declarer placed West with six-zero in the minors. When South attacked hearts, both opponents followed low twice; West won the third heart as East discarded a club. Forced to lead spades, West led the four-spot to East's ace, and....

And South dumped the queen! Had South kept his king-queen, he would have been given the lead in spades with no way to make more than two tricks ineach suit. However, after South ublocked in spades, the unwelcome lead was trust upon East-West. After a spade to the king and a spade exit, the defenders could make no more than one heart and three spades. Then, they had to give up both a trick in one minor or the other plus an entry to dummy to cash a heart.

# Today's test (4)

by GeO Tislevoll

Do you recognize this play?

#### Nord

- **2**
- ♥ Q 6 4 2
- ♦ K 7 5 3 2
- AKQ

#### South

- **♠** A K Q 7
- ♥ J 7 5
- ♦ A 6 4
- **♣** 6 5 3

South opened 1 club and North tried his suits in the bidding, and later also tried to support South's clubs. But South was not at all in the mood for anything but NT and ended in 3NT. West led the spade four, deuce from dummy and the ten from East. How do you plan playing this game contract?

#### **RESULTS AND STANDINGS**

#### Match 8 - Friday 8th June

#### Open

Sweden Iceland	21 - 9
Norway Faroe Islands	25 - 3
Denmark Finland	19 - 11
Ladies	
Sweden Iceland	18 - 12
Norway Faroe Islands	25 - 2
Denmark Finland	8 - 22

### Match 9 - Friday 8th June

#### Open

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Faroe Islands Sweden	9 - 21
Iceland Finland	14 - 16
Norway Denmark	15 - 15
Ladies	
Faroe Islands Sweden	2 - 25
Iceland Finland	16 - 14
Norway Denmark	16 - 14

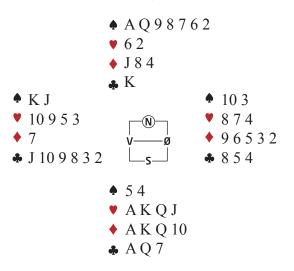
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1. Finland	171	1. Norway	175
2. Denmark	155	2. Sweden	171
3. Sweden	140	3. Iceland	141
4. Norway	131	4. Denmark	138
5. Iceland	128	5. Finland	120
6. Faroe Isl	74	6. Faroe Isl	53

# What is the trumpsuit?

by GeO Tislevoll

Michael Askgaard and Gregers Bjarnarsson from Denmark have a very effective system. Strong artificial club with relays, and relay possibilities after other openings as well. However, in this hand a small error helped them to a result no other pair could match! Board 9, round 7



North opened 1 spade, and South responded 1NT, forcing to game. Then it came a lot of realys. North had shown a long, strong spade suit and given diffent other information. But after a while South bid 4NT, Key Card Blackwood. That should lead them to the normal 6 spade (or even the better 6NT) contract when South realizes the spade king is absent, shouldn't it?

Well, North was not sure which suit they had agreed up on as trumps in the bidding sequence they had made, and believed it was clubs! (South had not shown anything, just asked). Therfore he responded two aces (spade ace and club king, the trump king!). Now, believing North to have ace-king of spades, South could count twelve top tricks. The thirteenth trick could come in different ways, he believed. Conclusion: 7NT!

It was not excactly like South had in mind, but the 7NT contract was not at all dead anyway. It depended only on the spade finesse, and when the king was well placed the Danes scored a massive 1520. Most pairs played in 6NT or 6 spades, no others in grand slams.

# GeO's view



# Thriller!

With a 16VP lead the Finnish squad supposingly takes the gold in the Open Series. They were a bit down, almost making an exciting situation out of the gold fight, when playing against Denmark Friday morning. But they recovered well getting their first loss to be not worse than 11-19VP. The Danes played excellent in that match, but a few unlucky hands cost a lot, so their struggle were not rewarded.

It is still possible that Finland will not win, but we don't believe so. Denmark takes silver, and the bronze-fight will be between Norway and Sweden, fighting each other in the last match. Well, the bulletin staff's pre-favourites Island has not yet given up the bronze, but they need a good match themselves, and also some help from the others.

In the Ladies Series it looked like the Norwegian team collapsed when they was 1-45 down against Denmark in the last match Friday. But they made a fantastic come back, and turned the match to a 16-14 victory! The Swedes are in a nice float and have not lost a match since the first one they played, against Denmark. They are only 4VP behind Norway now, and those two teams meet in the last match. Exciting!

Our bets were on the Swedish ladies before this tournament, but we now have to say sorry to the girls from Sweden: the bulletin editors are obliged to hope for a Norwegian victory tomorrow!

We can't wait, the final matches will be such a thriller!

GeO

# Match of the day - IV

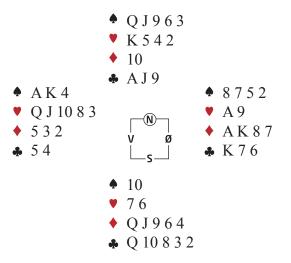
By GeO Tislevoll

#### **Round 8: Denmark - Finland (Open)**

#### First half

This match was supposed to be the last chance to stop the Finns from cruising to the gold medals. Denmark needed a big win to shorten the gap to the leaders.

The first board was promising for Denmark.



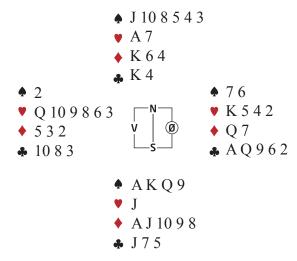
Bilde - Hansen was allowed to bid alone, and South passed when North bid hearts in the second round. What should South bid? 2 hearts was no fun, four down, he went. But 200 to East/West was not neccesarily a strong score. This was the bidding in the closed room:

West	North	East	South
	1 🌲	pass	1NT
2 💙	3 ♣	double	pass
3 •	pass	3 🏚	pass
3NT	all pass		-

Strange bidding, we though. But the explanation was that Souht's 1NT showed clubs (or GF), which explains North's second bid.

North led the club 9. Bjarnarsson played low from dummy. If he had taken the king at once the defence would have had an easy task to beat the contract. North was allowed to hold the club nine and continued with the ace an another club. Now declarer established hearts and had nine tricks. Perhaps South should have overtaken the club nine and shifted to the spade 10? Then there would have been no way to nine tricks. But as it happened, it was 5 imps to Denmark.

Then, on board 2 came a massive swing:



In the closed room East opened 2 clubs, and North/ South found no way to the slam who will win if declarer guesses where the diamond queen is. Bilde - Hansen bid the slam in the open room. Ace of clubs and another blub was the start. Bilde ruffed a heart and cashed all his tricks but the diamonds. In the three card ending he had a good overview of the distribution, and with two diamonds in East's hand, and three with West, he played West for the queen. No luck, and this choice meant a swing of 26 imps, or 5VP!

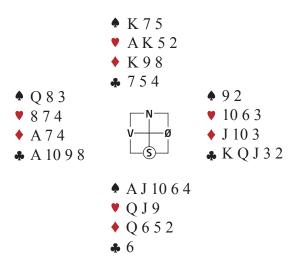
After a push on board 4 Askgaard opened 2 hearts on this hand (board 5):

The opening showed below opening strength and both majors. That was to difficult for the Finns to tackle this time, and having a partner holding only 5 hcp Askgaard was allowed to play in 2 hearts on this trump suit against partners singelton queen! Five off, minus 250, and when Bilde - Hansen played 4 hearts N/S (!) making elleven tricks at the other table it meant 9 imps to Denmark.

Another 10 imps to Denmark on board 6 when Bjarnarsson - Askgaard bid 3NT needing a natural club lead to win, and Finland stayed out of the game.

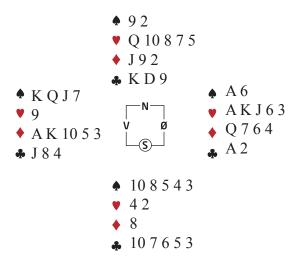


More to come:



Both North/South pairs bid to 4 spades, and both declarers got a heart lead. The continuance was also the same, spade to the king and spade to the jack, West winning the trick with the queen. Now West for Finland continued hearts, and declarer was soon able to discard his club on the hearts. With two losers in diamonds he won the contract. Bjarnarsson for Denmark swithced to clubs and the contract had to go one down.

Is it a possibility to play on combined chances on this one? Cashing ace and king of trumps succeeds when the queen drops, but also when the opponent holding the trump queen third also have at least three hearts, so declarer have time to get rid of the club loser. Anyway, Denmark won their game for 10 more imps, and now they were in the lead with 27-15. Board 8 and 9 were pushes. Denmark picked up 1 more imp on board 10, and 5 more on board 11 on a double score in partscores. Then the last hand of the set, a powerful one:



Morten Bilde for Denmark overcalled in red against green with the North hand, a decision not many will agree upon. The Finns were not in the mood to be nice to him here, and the Dane had to play his contract doubled going five down, 1400! But what's the problem when you have good teamates! Bjarnasson - Askgaard bid nicely to the super 7 diamond contract:

West	East
1 •	1 💙
1 🌲	2 🐥
2 •	3 🄷
3 🌲	4 🐥
4 NT	5 🐥
5 <b>Y</b>	7 🔷
pass	

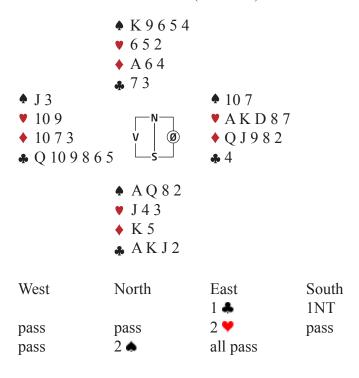
The start was natural, and 2 clubs fourt-suit-forcing. Two more natural bids followed, and then 3 spades showed a strong spade suit. Then came one cuebid, Key Card Blackwood, and 5 hearts asking for the trumpqueen. Since that bid was over the trump suit at the 5 level, it also meant grand slam interest. 7 diamonds was the conclusion. Nice bidding! The play was a formality, and Denmark scored 1 imp, leading by half time with 43-15. If the choice in the slam on board 2 would have been correct (the Dane played with the odds), the lead would have been more than 50 imps! But the gold fight is still living, anyway!



Michael Askgaard, Denmark.

#### Second half

The lively first set was followed by a not so lively start of scond half. Two pushes were followed by a 4 imp gain for Finland were Denmarks declarer went down in 2 spades were Finland won it, and a 5 imp gain for Denmark were agressive bidding from Denmark in the closed room pushed Finland to a shaky game, going 2 down. Then Denmark won two partscore swings, increasing the lead to 54-19. But Finland came back at once (board 18):



The 1 club opening showed 12-16 hcp, any distribution, an opening allowing Koistinen - Nyberg to use superlight majoropenings (8-11hcp).

Should North have bid already in the first round? Anyway, the major game was laydown, and was bid at the other table:

West	North	East	South
		1 💙	double
1NT	2 🌲	pass	4 🌲
all pass			

The double made it easier, expecially since West's 1NT made North's bid promising some values. South went to game, 10 imps, Finland now beeing behind with 29-54.

Then came a couple of pushes, normal game contracts.





Do you fancy opening a weak 2 with this hand?

East

- **◆** J 10 9 8 4 3
- ♥ A 4
- **9** 8
- **♣** 10 6 3

At both tables East opened 2 spades. Denmark's West responded 4 spades on this hand:

West

- **♠** A
- ♥ K Q J 6 2
- ♦ AKQJ
- ♣ J 5 2

Both majors broke 5-1, and the Danish 4 spades got doubled. That was 500, a strong result for Finland. West for Finland responded 3 hearts and was raised to game in that suit, a much better contract. Unfortunately for Finland it was a trump loser in addition to the three club losers, but one down still meant 10 imps to the leaders of the tournament.

On board 22 Finland played partscores at both tables, going down both places, 5 imps to Denmark.

Then, on board 23 Hansen for Denmark received a pleasent defence an had early nine tricks in his 3NT, scoring 600. At the other table Askgaard overcalled at the 2 level with this hand:

East

- **A** A Q 4
- ♥ J 10 7 4 3
- ♦ Q 4 3
- ♣ A 3

Most players will regret overcalling because they won't give partner the idea to lead hearts, but this time the singelton heart lead was not to bad. After that the Danes defended well, and the Finnish player had not his best time, declaring. Finally he went two down.

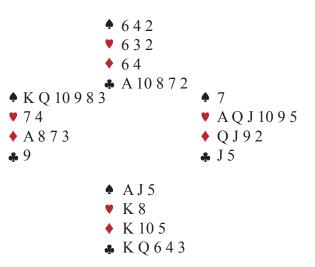
This meant 13 imps to Denmark, but Finland struck back once more. On the last board of the match they bid a marginal, but nice slam not reached at the other table, 12 imp back.

Denmarks very good attempt to get life into the gold fight ended with a 19-11VP victory over the leaders.

# Opportunity taken!

by GeO Tislevoll

The nice hand from yesterday, including a possible prize giving defence suggested by BBO co-ordinator Roalnd Wald, had some interessting happenings in more matches than the one referred to in "A lost Opportunity", This was the hand, a 4 heart contract played by East:



A suggestion for defence by the commentators was that North should rise with the club ace and play a trump through declarer. That was not good enough, declarer could later squeeze South in spades/diamonds to make his contract. Many South-players was left on play after winning the first trick with the club king. The creative shift to the diamond king would have beaten the game contract, as we told in the bulletins a couple of days ago. The conclusion is that the best defence is North rising with the club ace in the first trick, and plays a diamond. The Finnish North did so in the match against Faroe Islands, and this also happened in a few other matches. South for Fareo Islands, Roi a Rogvu Joensen actually shiftet to the diamond king in trick 2, but unfortunatly only against 3 Hearts!

Later we have recognized that also a small diamond from South in the second trick beats 4 Hearts. Declarer wins in hand and ruffs his club. Then the heart finesse, but South wins and plays the king of diamonds. Declarer will have to win in dummy and have no way of getting to his hand. If he instead of finessing in trumps plays the spade king, South also wins and plays the king of diamond.

Anyway, in the match between Faroe Islands and Finland both declarer was held to nine tricks in their heart contracts. Opportunity taken!

### **Today's test (4) - Solution**

by GeO Tislevoll

In this problem you you should find a reasonable plan in South's 3NT.

#### Nord

- **2**
- ♥ Q642
- ♦ K 7 5 3 2
- ♣ AKO

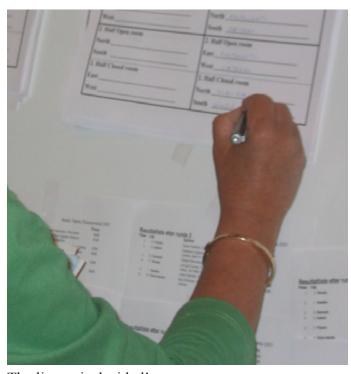
#### South

- **♦** AKQ7
- ♥ J75
- ♦ A 6 4
- **4** 653

If you cash the ace of diamonds to early, when there is a 4-1 break in diamonds the opponents can force you to choose between cashing your spade tops (allowing East/West to run the rest of the suit) and stranding yourself in dummy!

The solution is:

Win the spade lead and play low diamond from both hands. Win (say) the spade return, and (unless diamonds broke 5-0) again play low diamond from both hands! Having done that, you can use the ace of diamonds as an entry to cash your last spade winner. You get three spades, three diamonds and three clubs, total of nine, and that what was you asked for, wasn't it?



The lineup is decided!

#### Bridgefestivalen er for alle!

I år arrangeres Bridgefestivalen for 8. gang, og 3. gang på Lillehammer. I løpet av disse årene har mange vært innom festivalen. Bare de siste to årene på Lillehammer har over 1600 av forbundets vel 11 000 medlemmer lagt noe av ferieturen innom Bridgefestivalen. Noen spiller spiller en turnering og reiser igjen, mens andre spiller alt de kan komme over hele uka. Har du ennå ikke tatt turen innom Bridgefestivalen, så håper vi at noen av de nye tilbudene vi har i år vil friste deg. Uansett hvilken kategori du tilhører, er du velkommen til en ny bridgefestival på Lillehammer 27. juli til 5. august.

#### Nye tilbud!

Som et resultat av fjorårets spørreundersøkelse under bridgefestivalen, har vi altså noen nye tilbud som vi håper vil bli tatt vel imot. Tirsdag 31. juli arrangerer vi en lagturnering for veteranlag, og torsdag 2. august er det lagturnering for damelag. De har ikke fått NM-status i år, men hvis deltagelsen blir stor, kommer turneringene på programmet med NM-status til neste år.

Et annet tilbud som ble etterspurt i fjor, var en ekstra pulje i Avslutningsturneringen. Mange har nok fryktet nivået der, og det skal ikke stikkes under en stol at det har vært en oppgave å ta fatt på. I år har vi derfor gleden av å invitere også til en Avslutningsturnering for de som ikke føler seg hjemme blant den ypperste eliten. Tilbakemeldingene i fjor tatt i betraktning, her forventes stor deltagelse. Meld dere derfor på tidlig selv om det er mulig å melde seg på helt fram til start hvis det fortsatt er plass i salen!

Et tredje tilbud som vi er spente på hvordan vil bli tatt imot, er det faglige påfyllet vi vil legge opp til på formiddagen før spillingen. Vi har fått noen av landets fremste bridgelærere til å komme med bidrag i timen før turneringene starter på formiddagen. I skrivende stund kjenner jeg ikke detaljene i opplegget, men kanskje det er klart innen denne avisa går i trykken? Du vil uansett finne mer informasjon på festivalsidene på internett (www.bridgefestival.no).

#### Oppgradert utstyr

Ved siden av disse tilbudene, har vi takket være vår økonomiske garantist, Rune Hauge, kunnet gjøre en rekke oppgraderinger av datautstyret, bord, kort, mapper osv. Dette vil gjøre jobben enklere for oss i staben, og opplevelsen enda bedre for alle spillerne.

#### NBFs 75-årsjubileum – Bursdagsfest for alle!

Som du sikkert har fått med deg, er det i år 75 år siden forbundet ble stiftet. Når tiden kommer for festivalen, har dette blitt markert flere ganger, men hvorfor ikke ta enda en bursdagsfest? Mandag 30. juli blir det en storstilt folkefest i hagen på Radisson SAS Lillehammer Hotell, og alle er velkomne. Billetter til denne festen, som også inkluderer mat og underholdning, får du kjøpt underveis på festivalen. For pris og nærmere opplysninger om dette arrangementet henviser jeg til festivalsidene og forbundets egne hjemmesider.

#### Velkommen til Lillehammer!

Med alle disse nye tilbudene håper vi selvfølgelig nok en gang å kunne forbedre suksessen fra de foregående festivalene, og det vil du vel ikke gå glipp av? Vi ses på Lillehammer, gjør vi ikke?

Vel møtt! Bridgehilsen fra Festivalgeneralen



# Bridgefestival 2007 28 juli – 5 augusti

#### **NIO DAGARS BRIDGE**

Bridge, massor av bridge i dagarna nio! 28 juli – 5 augusti vankas återigen Bridgefestival, den 13:e i ordningen. Våra bokningssystem ligger öppna, först till kvarn garanteras i vanlig ordning plats. Många nyheter står för dörren och vi vågar påstå att det nya programmet ger dig möjligheter att spela mera bridge än i någon tidigare festival. Vi har tävlingarna för alla, från handikapptävlingar till internationella lagtävlingar och SM-finaler. Självklart går det bra att också komma ensam. Vi garanterar att alla alltid får partner via vår partnerförmedling.

#### SEMESTERVECKAN FÖR HELA FAMILJEN

En bridgevecka är oftast en angelägenhet för hela familjen, där man kombinerar sina intressen. Bridgefestivalen är i detta fall inget undantag. Skillnaden mot Öland, Falkenberg och de andra veckorna, är att festivalen är så mycket större.

#### NYHETER

♠ En handikapptävling kommer att spelas varje dag. Det blir en extra insatt bronstävling kl 14.30 lördag-lördag.

- ♠ Jourspelare finns till alla brons- och silvertävlingar.
- ♠ Minilag-knockouter kommer att spelas tre gånger per dag mellan tisdag och fredag.
- ♠ Miniseminarier med genomgång av brickor från handikapptävlingen kommer vid intresse att hållas vid tre tillfällen i början av veckan.
- ♠ Sista chansen till SM-par (Öppen

klass) kommer att spelas på torsdagen kl 16.00. Alla förbundsmedlemmar får delta, oavsett om man kvalat tidigare eller inte. Man spelar om två fasta platser till SM-finalkvalet på fredagen. Av dbf ej tillsatta platser senast den 2 augusti kl 09.00 tillfaller också potten. På så sätt hoppas vi undvika blindbord i finalkvalet.

♠ Alla distrikt får en (1) gratis startavgift i Chairman's Cup. Kravet är att medlemmarna i laget inte tidigare har deltagit i Chairman's Cup.

#### **NYHETSBULLETINER**

Varje morgon kommer en nyhetsbulletin med nyheter, reportage, resultat och mycket mer som förknippas med Bridgefestivalen.

#### HÄRLIG OMGIVNING

Elmias nära omgivning erbjuder många möjligheter till andra aktiviteter såsom fotboll, boule, bowling, badminton, inne- och utomhusbad. Självklart finns också ett flertal golfbanor i grannskapet för den som så önskar. Jönköping erbjuder också andra värden i form av nöje och kultur.

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