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## 70 TEAMS for the 70th ANNIVERSARY



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### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

#### U26, Women U26, U16

10.00 **Round 1**

12.20 **Round 2**

15.30 **Round 3**

17.50 **Round 4**

#### U21

10.00 **Round 1**

11.50 **Round 2**

14.30 **Round 3**

16.20 **Round 4**

18.10 **Round 5**

Welcome to Samorin and congratulations for being here, as this means that you have been appointed to represent your country in a European event.

The 'real' journey begins today. These Championships have the dual purpose to decide the European Champions and medallists in all four categories, and secondly to decide Europe's representatives at the 2018 World Championships in the under 26, women under 26 and under 21 series.

### FORMATS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Based on the final number of participants in each series, the formats are as follows:

Series	Teams	Format	Boards/ round	Playing time	Line up procedure
U26	27	Round Robin	14	2 hours	As Sec. 4.1.2 and 4.1.4 in Supplemental Conditions
U26 - W	10	Triple RR	14	2 hours	
U21	17	Double RR	10	1 hr 30 min	
U16	16	Round Robin	12	1 hr 45 min	

**Mobile devices must be switched off in the playing area and visible at all times.**

**Line-up must be submitted 15 minutes after the end of each round.**

**Captains are recommended to frequently check their email in the championship communication system.**



# DRAW TODAY

U26 ROUND 1	
BBO 1	POL ISR
BBO 2	RUS SVK
BBO 3	CZE SCO
BBO 4	TUR BEL
	DNK SPA
	HUN ENG
	IRE ROM
	NED PRT
	GRE FRA
	EST LVA
	HRV NOR
	GER AUT
	SWE SRB
	ITA Bye
TIME: 10.00	

U26 ROUND 2	
BBO 1	NOR DNK
BBO 2	HUN SPA
BBO 3	ROM SRB
BBO 4	EST HRV
	TUR NED
	POL GRE
	LAT GER
	AUT BEL
	CZE RUS
	ITA SVK
	PRT SWE
	SCO FRA
	ENG IRE
	ISR Bye
TIME: 12.20	

U26 ROUND 3	
BBO 1	ITA NED
BBO 2	TUR LAT
BBO 3	HUN IRE
BBO 4	SRB DNK
	ENG GRE
	BEL SVK
	NOR POL
	CZE GER
	SPA ISR
	RUS SWE
	ROM SCO
	HRV PRT
	FRA EST
	AUT Bye
TIME: 15.30	

U26 ROUND 4	
BBO 1	NED SWE
BBO 2	GRE SRB
BBO 3	ITA DEN
BBO 4	FRA AUT
	SVK CRO
	SPA EST
	IRE SCO
	PRT ISR
	ROM BEL
	HUN RUS
	CZE LAT
	GER ENG
	TUR POL
	NOR Bye
TIME: 17.50	

U21 ROUND 1	
	FIN NOR
	NED ISR
	HUN TUR
	POL SWE
	FRA IRE
	CZE SVK
	BUL ITA
	ENG BEL
	GER Bye
TIME: 10.00	

U21 ROUND 2	
	SVK BEL
	ENG IRE
	ITA SWE
	HUN CZE
	NED FRA
	NOR POL
	TUR GER
	FIN ISR
	BUL Bye
TIME: 11.50	

U21 ROUND 3	
	ISR GER
	NOR TUR
	NED POL
	FRA HUN
	CZE SWE
	ITA IRE
	SVK ENG
	BEL BUL
	FIN Bye
TIME: 14.30	

U21 ROUND 4	
	TUR FIN
	GER POL
	NOR FRA
	CZE NED
	ITA HUN
	ENG SWE
	IRE BEL
	BUL SVK
	ISR Bye
TIME: 16.20	

U21 ROUND 5	
	ITA FRA
	POL ENG
	TUR BEL
	BUL ISR
	SVK FIN
	IRE GER
	NOR SWE
	HUN NED
	CZE Bye
TIME: 18.10	

W. U26 ROUND 1	
	CZE GER
	NOR LAT
	HUN ENG
	POL FRA
	NED TUR
TIME: 10.00	

W. U26 ROUND 2	
	CZE POL
	ENG TUR
	LAT NED
	FRA GER
	NOR HUN
TIME: 12.20	

W. U26 ROUND 3	
	CZE FRA
	NED HUN
	TUR NOR
	GER POL
	ENG LAT
TIME: 15.30	

W. U26 ROUND 4	
	CZE HUN
	FRA NOR
	NED GER
	LAT TUR
	POL ENG
TIME: 17.50	

U16 ROUND 1	
	FRA IRE
	TUR SWE
	ISR DNK
	GRE SCO
	CZE POL
	ENG GER
	NOR BUL
	NED ITA
TIME: 10.00	

U16 ROUND 2	
	FRA NED
	NOR ITA
	GER BUL
	CZE ENG
	POL SCO
	DNK GRE
	ISR SWE
	TUR IRE
TIME: 12.20	

U16 ROUND 3	
	FRA ENG
	BUL POL
	ITA GRE
	NED ISR
	TUR NOR
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	SWE CZE
	DNK SCO
TIME: 15.30	

U16 ROUND 4	
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# WELCOME MESSAGE

## by the EBL President



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to welcome all of you to Šamorín, players, officers, journalists, operators and guests to participate in the 26th European Youth Bridge Team Championships.

It is a great pleasure to recognise the degree of participation at this championship with players coming from 29 countries.

We are breaking the record of participation in U26 with 27 teams, in U16 with 16 teams and of course in the total of teams with 70 teams.

I am confident that you will enjoy discovering Slovakia and, in particular, this sporting resort in Šamorín.

I would like to express my gratitude to all authorities who have contributed to the choice and organisation of these Championships in Šamorín, in particular Mr Gabriel Bárdos – Mayor of Šamorín.

My thanks and congratulations go to the Slovakian Bridge Federation, its President Peter Belčák, and the organising committee led by Radúz Dula for the great job they have accomplished.

These 26th European Youth Bridge Team Championships give you the opportunity to compete with players coming from many countries, to renew old friendships and make new ones.

More than ever in Youth Championship, our motto “Bridge for Peace” is reflected in the combination of sporting spirit, fair play and friendship.

Enjoy your play and your stay in Šamorín.

I officially declare open the 26th European Youth Bridge Team Championships.

*Yves Aubry*



# WELCOME MESSAGE

## by the Slovakian Bridge Federation President

This view is nothing but great. I haven't seen so many young bridge players in our country over the last ten years. Cumulatively, I mean.

This adventure started some 18 months ago I was approached by an EBL official asking whether Slovakia could host a youth teams championship. What? Slovakia? With our hundred something players? Barely successful in recent championships? Missing an entire generation of bridge addicts in their most productive period? These ideas sprang into my mind in the few milliseconds following the original question. Surprise is not the expression I would use, I was silenced, stunned. Paralyzed.

And then, taking a deep breath, I remembered Mr. Edison and his famous quote: "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like hard work". After all, this was an opportunity, wasn't it? I looked up into the eyes of the EBL official and with no additional words spoken between us I could feel a deep sense of truth and courage. He wanted me to know that hope is the answer and he trusted I would find it. That we - EBL and SBZ - together would find it.

And today you are here in Šamorín. In the last couple of months the organizers tried their best to prepare in this lovely modern resort an enjoyable environment for players, accompanying staff, tournament directors, commentators, officers. You will meet my colleagues and myself in the forthcoming days so feel free to ask for an advice, to suggest an improvement or to report a shortcoming. As the local partner of EBL we all hope that when the competition is over, you will remember the event as a really good one. And my small personal wish is that the EBL official, who first proposed hosting this championship, will close his final report by a frank nod: hard work done, opportunity used, trust proved well-founded.

I wrote the above lines because the very same ideas use to come to my mind again and again when sitting at a bridge table I face a contract that is something between challenging and utterly impossible to make, a deal that requires the best of my abilities. I look up to my partner asking how we've got here just to see the hope he tries to convey over the table, his trust that I can make it. That we can make it.

As the representative of the host NBO I wish you to have courage, hope and trust in your skills, in your partner, in your team members, in your coaches. Have them during the forthcoming championship as well as for many years to come and they will navigate you to identify opportunities rather than to wait for your piece of luck. If you're making mistakes, it means you're out there doing something. And the mistakes in themselves can be inspirational. With passion and hard work a success cannot be missed. In bridge, in other sports, in professional life. Well, there is no better example of it than Mr. Edison himself.

I wish to you: have trust, have hope, have passion. And most of all: Enjoy your B-week with us.

*Peter Belčák*





# ENGLISH ENDPLAY

by Michael Byrne

From the  
**2015 European Youth Teams Championships**  
**Tromso, Norway**

Italy gained a small win over England in the first round of the U21 Championship, but it was England who picked up a game swing on this deal.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K 9 6 3 ♥ 7 3 ♦ A 9 8 3 ♣ A Q 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 8 5 4 2 ♥ 5 4 2 ♦ 5 2 ♣ 10 8 5	♠ J ♥ K 10 9 6 ♦ K 10 6 4 ♣ 9 7 4 3 ♠ A Q 7 ♥ A Q J 8 ♦ Q J 7 ♣ K J 6
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Italy were down in 4♥ on the N/S cards in the other room, but England's Sam Behrens, partnering Nick Dean, managed to bring home the game.

West led the three of hearts round to Behrens' eight and he played ace of spades and ruffed a spade, overtook the king of hearts with the ace and played his last spade, ruffing in the dummy. Next he played a diamond to the jack and West ducked, so Behrens drew the last trump before reverting to diamonds. West ducked the diamond queen but had no choice but to win the next diamond. He played the king of spades but Behrens did not ruff, he discarded his low club, and West, down to nothing but clubs, was endplayed to give the game-going trick and 12 IMPs to England. Nicely played.

In a Teams match when both your pairs have a disaster on the same deal the positive way of thinking is to say it is better than having them on separate boards. And that is how it was for Portugal on this deal:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 10 9 ♥ A 10 6 4 2 ♦ 7 6 5 ♣ Q 6 4	<table border="1" style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K 6 4 3 ♥ 7 ♦ Q J 9 8 2 ♣ 10 9 ♠ Q J 8 ♥ 9 ♦ A K 4 3 ♣ A K 7 5 2 ♠ 7 5 2 ♥ K Q J 8 5 3 ♦ 10 ♣ J 8 3
	N										
W		E									
	S										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moraes	Verbeek	Coutinho	v.Engelen
–	–	–	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Redouble was for rescue and 2NT would have been for the minors so there was an implication North had spades. He was planning to correct a rescue to clubs into diamonds.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
v.Overbeek	Ramos	Polak	Costa
–	–	–	2♦ (i)
Pass	2♥ (ii)	Dble	All Pass

- (i) 2♣ was Multi
- (ii) 2♥ Pass or correct

The key decision was that of Verbeek to rescue when West passed Two Hearts doubled for penalties. South might have held six hearts and four clubs so it is not clearcut to do so. However on the actual deal Two Spades doubled can go only one off against Two Hearts doubled two off so the swing in the auction was 7 IMPs to the Netherlands. However there was much more to come in the play.



In the Closed Room where North was playing in Two Hearts doubled, the lead was a heart to the king and ace, and a spade return to the ace. Declarer tried a small diamond but East rose with the king to play the spade queen. Declarer won and led another diamond that East covered. Dummy made a small trump and then cashed two high ones. Whatever declarer did now the defence had the rest. East won the spade exit on which West threw his last diamond. East now underled his ace, king of clubs to West's queen and on a club continuation poor declarer found himself subject to a trump coup at trick 11. This was 800 to the Netherlands when declarer might have managed a trick more by not cashing both top trumps. Eventually West can be end-played into conceding another trump to South. Anyway, very well defended by van Overbeek and Polak.

In the Open Room the real damage occurred in the defence. South was declarer in Two Spades doubled.

On a club lead the defence can cash two winners and the heart ace, and then continue clubs. If declarer draws two rounds of trumps East, when in with the diamond, gets a chance to draw a third and make a second diamond; if declarer does not draw two trumps, East wins the first diamond and can get a trump promotion by leading a fourth club which partner ruffs with a middle trump.

That is a very tough defence to find.

In the real world West began with the trump ten. Declarer won in dummy and led a low diamond. East bravely, but unsuccessfully, played low hoping his partner held the ten. Declarer's singleton ten won and he tried the heart queen. West won and switched to a club. East took two tricks but then tried to cash a high diamond. Declarer ruffed and played a winning heart ditching a diamond. East ruffed and played another high diamond. Declarer ruffed again, reached dummy with a club ruff and when the remaining trumps fell together claimed an overtrick in his doubled contract. 870 at this table and 800 at the other gave the Netherlands a whopping 17 IMPs.



Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 8 7 2 ♥ J 10 6 3 ♦ Q 4 ♣ 8 7 6	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ Q 6 5 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ J 6 3 2 ♣ A K 5
♠ K 10 ♥ Q 9 8 7 5 ♦ K 8 ♣ Q J 10 3		♠ J 9 3 ♥ K 4 ♦ A 10 9 7 5 ♣ 9 4 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Salvato</i>	<i>Jaworska</i>	<i>Sciattioli</i>
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Chavarría</i>	<i>Piesiewicz</i>	<i>Costa</i>	<i>Moszczyńska</i>
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Almost identical auctions saw the two Easts declare 3NT. Sciattioli led the ten of diamonds, ducked to the queen, won the diamond return and cleared the suit. Izabella Jaworska played ace and another heart so Sciattioli won the king and cashed two diamond winners then led to her partner's ace of spades for down two and –100.

The problem with Jaworska's play was that, short of jack-ten doubleton heart with South, it only really established hearts when South held the king – along with the winning diamonds. Costa found a much more interesting line of play. After the same start, she too won the third diamond but then she led a spade to the ten. Piesiewicz won the ace and returned a club. If that looks wrong, consider that her partner's third diamond had been the seven and not the nine, so implying an interest in a lower-ranking suit. Costa won the club ace and cashed the king of spades then played two more rounds of clubs ending in hand. That stranded the last club in the dummy, but North had pitched a spade so she could now cash the queen and six of spades before exiting with her last diamond to endplay South into leading away from the heart king at the end to give the ninth trick for +400 and 11 IMPs to Italy; 12-0.



Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 6 ♥ K 9 4 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ J 10 7 6 3	♠ Q 5 ♥ Q J 5 2 ♦ J 6 2 ♣ Q 8 5 2	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ A J 8 4 3 ♥ – ♦ K Q 4 3 ♣ A K 9 4
♠ 10 9 7 2 ♥ A 10 8 7 6 3 ♦ 10 9 5 ♣ –			

West	North	East	South
<i>Indrebo</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Sjodal</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
–	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Leleu</i>	<i>Klingen</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>	<i>Hauge</i>
–	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Klingen led the queen of spades. Leleu won the king and led a club to the ace, a diamond to the ace and ran the jack of clubs. Next she played ace and a low spade, ruffed and over-ruffed. Klingen returned the queen of clubs but declarer was in control and the contract was just made for +1370.

Huberschwiller led the queen of hearts. The winning line is to discard from dummy, after which the heart king is a trick and the clubs can be picked up without loss. However, who would find that play? Indrebo ruffed the heart and cashed the ace of clubs. When Mourgues showed out she was in deep trouble as she could not afford to draw two more rounds of trumps while there was still a heart to lose. Indrebo tried a spade to the king and back to the queen and ace and now the legitimate line was to play for North to have played the queen as a bluff, knowing that declarer was about to finesse and play for the suit to be three-three onside so trying to distract her from what was about to be a winning line of playing two more spade winners to get rid of the remaining hearts as North ruffed. Then a second heart lead could be ruffed in hand and the remaining clubs picked up without loss. Indrebo believed the spade play and continued by ruffing spade with the jack. Huberschwiller wisely did not over-ruff, so Indrebo continued by trying to cash diamonds and Huberschwiller, who had pitched a diamond on the third spade, ruffed and forced dummy to ruff another heart to ensure a second defensive trump winner. the contract was down two for –200 and 17 IMPs to France, whose lead was up to 52-10.

Both pairs bid to the good club slam and it was all about the opening lead.



Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Westerbeek</i>	<i>Zanasi</i>	<i>R. Westerbeek</i>	<i>Delle Cave</i>
Pass	1♦	2♣	Dble
3♣	3♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Donati</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>v Overbeeke</i>
Pass	1♦	2♣	Dble
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
3♣	All Pass		

Italy bid to making partscores at both tables on this deal. After identical starts to the two auctions, Chris raised immediately to 3♣ while Donati did not, only bidding 3♣ when Polak's 2♦ came back to him.

Over the immediate 3♣ raise, Zanasi knew that his partner must be short in the suit and felt able to compete to 3♦ despite his minimum point-count. Three Diamonds ended the auction and Zanasi wasted no time in making his contract. Ricardo led a top club and, on seeing dummy's shortage, switched to a trump. Zanasi won the second round of trumps and played king of hearts and a heart to the ace then took the ruffing heart finesse and had ten tricks for +130.

In the other room, where Donati only gave delayed club support, it seemed that N/S had already done all their bidding on the board. Here, there was no free diamond rebid – and the actual 2♦ response to the negative double could have been the default action on a hand unsuitable for any other bid, hence van Overbeeke's reluctance to compete with the South hand despite the diamond support and ruffing value.

Gandoglia won the diamond lead and cashed two top trumps, getting the bad news. Next he played the heart queen and van Overbeeke took his ace and played a second diamond. Polak won and returned the ten of clubs to declarer's queen, and now Gandoglia played a second heart, ducking to the bare king. Polak returned his spade but Gandoglia rose with the king to play a fourth club. Polak won that but had nothing but diamonds to play. Gandoglia ruffed and van Overbeeke was squeezed in front of dummy's major-suit holdings to give the contract; +110 and 6 IMPs to Italy. Nicely played and Italy closed to 29-35.

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# COUP OF THE DAY 1

by Brian Senior



In bridge there are several play techniques known as Coups. Over the course of the tournament we'll look at examples of a few of these.

We start with the Trump Coup, one of the more valuable and common techniques that declarer can use to overcome an unfortunate trump break.

West led the ace then five of spades to dummy's queen. Declarer was very happy with her contract until, that is, West showed out on the second round of trumps.

Although declarer does not have another heart in dummy to lead to pick up East's trumps, it may still be possible to make the contract via a trump coup. Though dummy's diamonds are all winners, it is ruffing diamonds that is the key to success on this deal.

To succeed, it is necessary for declarer to reduce her trump length to match that of the opponent to be couped. After winning the second spade in dummy, declarer plays ace and king of hearts, getting the bad news. The ace and king of diamonds are followed by a diamond ruff, a club to the ace, and a second diamond ruff. Having shortened her trumps sufficiently, declarer now plays a club to the king and leads winning diamonds through East, trapping the jack of hearts.

Do you see the importance of shortening declarer's trumps to the same length as East's? If, in the ending, South had three trumps to East's two, she would have to ruff at trick eleven and would no longer be in the correct hand to trap the opposing heart holding at trick twelve.

Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

The Two Heart opening was weak and 2NT asked for further information. South's Three Spade rebid showed a maximum hand with high-card values in spades. North might have checked up on partner's trump quality now but preferred to just gamble it out in the small slam.

# CRISS-CROSS SQUEEZE REVISITED

by Daniel Gulyas

Believe it or not, I was a junior once, too.

Back in 1992, the Hungarian team had great players, including my then-partner, György (George) Szalay, who was already a world class player.

During our match against the local team, France (the Europeans were held in Paris) he played with another great player, Gabor Winkler (they played with different partners, George with four, Gabor with three, playing almost every hand).

The opening lead was a low diamond (the three, playing 3rd/5th, a true falsecard), probably hoping his partner can ruff it. George put up the ace, and played a spade, which North won, and returned a club to the ace. Declarer went into a long huddle, but found the winning line: heart to the queen, spade ruff, heart AK, diamond finesse.

On the spade king, both East and South discarded a club, and this was the position...

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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	♥ -										
	♦ -										
	♣ 3										
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	♠ -										
	♥ -										
	♦ Q 6										
	♣ Q J										

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♦	2♠	3♥*	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♥	All pass		

\*3♥ was forcing to game, showing four hearts exactly (Rubensohl).

Dummy played the last trump, declarer throwing a club, and South was caught in a criss-cross squeeze. He elected to throw a club, but George got it right: played a club to his king, and had the diamond entry to enjoy the now high club ten.

This declarer play was elected best of the tournament in 1992. Can you do better? Here is your chance, the tournament is on!

If you have a nice hand to report, look me up in the vu-graph or the bulletin room!

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