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## WELCOME TO BERMUDA !!



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Hello and welcome to the Bermuda Regional. I'm Donna Leitch, Tournament Chairman for the upcoming Regional, which will start on Saturday evening, January 24th with a black tie Charity Game and end on Friday evening, January 30th, 2009 with a Prize Giving and Banquet. We are pleased to announce that the venue remains the beautiful Fairmont Southampton Hotel.

This year we are celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of tournament bridge in Bermuda. We started with Sectionals in the early years then grew to a full Regional around 1975. We have some really exciting events planned, as well as bridge, so we hope that you will come along and help us celebrate.

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### Today's Programme

8:15 pm Stratified Charity Pairs  
Novice Stratified Charity Pairs



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# 2009 Schedule of Events

<b>Saturday, Jan. 24th</b>	<b>8:15 pm.</b>	<b>Stratified Charity Pairs + Newcomer Stratified Charity Pairs+</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 25th</b>	<b>1 pm.</b>	<b>Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (1st Session)</b> <b>Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series Session 1</b> <i>(Total of 5 single session side games)</i> <b>Newcomer Stratified Pairs</b>
	<b>8:15 pm.</b>	<b>Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2nd Session)</b> <b>Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series Session 2</b> <b>Newcomer Stratified Pairs</b>
<b>Monday, Jan 26th</b>	<b>9 am.1 pm.</b>	<b>Compact Knockout Teams - Cedar Series</b> <i>(Two 12 board matches) (Finishes Tuesday morning)</i> Maximum 4 players per team <b>Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series Session 3</b> <b>Bracketed Championship KO Teams (1st Round*)</b> <i>(continues to Thursday)</i> <b>Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series Session 4</b> <b>Newcomer Stratified Pairs</b>
	<b>8:15 pm.</b>	<b>Stratified Championship Pairs (1st Session)</b> <b>Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series Session 5)</b> <b>Newcomer Stratified Pairs</b>
	<b>Tuesday, Jan 27th</b>	<b>9 am.</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Expert Panel Show</b>
	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Bracketed Championship Knockout Teams (2nd Round*)</b> <b>Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series Session 2</b> <b>Newcomer Stratified Pairs</b>
	<b>8:15 pm.</b>	<b>Stratified Championship Pairs (2nd Session)</b> <b>Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series Session 3</b> <b>Newcomer Stratified Pairs</b>
<b>Wednesday, Jan 28th</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Swiss Teams (1st session)</b> <b>Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series Session 4</b>

# 2009 Schedule of Events (cont.)

<b>Wednesday, Jan 28th</b> (cont.)	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Championship Bracketed KOs (Semi-finals)</b> <b>Compact KO Teams Sandy's Series</b> Maximum 4 players per team (finishes Thursday afternoon) <b>Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series Session 5</b> <b>Newcomer Stratified Pairs</b>
	<b>8:15 pm.</b>	<b>Stratified Open Pairs (1st Session)</b> <b>Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series Session 6</b> <b>Newcomer Stratified Pairs</b>
<b>Thursday, Jan 29th</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Swiss Teams (Final session)</b> <b>Stratified Side Game - Paget Series Session 1</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Expert Panel Show</b>
	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Championship Bracketed KOs (Finals)</b> <b>Compact KO Teams</b> Sandy's Series (Completion) <b>Stratified Side Game - Paget Series Session 2</b> <b>Newcomer Stratified Pairs</b>
	<b>8:15 pm</b>	<b>Stratified Open Pairs (Final Session)</b> <b>Stratified Side Game - Paget Series Session 3</b> <b>Newcomer Stratified Pairs</b>
<b>Friday, Jan 30th</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Flighted Swiss Teams (1st Session)</b> <b>Stratified Side Game - Paget Series Session 4</b>
	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Flighted Swiss Teams (2nd Session)</b> <b>Stratified Side Game - Paget Series Session 5</b> <b>Newcomer Stratified Pairs</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Cocktail Party and Prizegiving+</b> <b>followed by Gala Dinner Dance+</b>

**Championship** events are in red.

\* **KO Teams** continue daily at 1pm. until a winner is declared.

+ **Formal dress** suggested

**Players may play in any number of Stratified Side Games with the same or different partners.**

# NOTICE BOARD



The Fairmont Southampton  
is a non-smoking building.

## Saturday Evening

### Charity Game - 8:15 pm

The Charity game is formal - Black tie or jackets is requested, but not mandatory!

Make plans to attend the Cocktail Reception after the Charity Game and enjoy the Steel Pan player..



1. Please make reservations at the Concierge Desk for the Opening Night Buffet in Windows on Saturday night. We encourage everyone to attend!
2. Come for the Bermuda breakfast on Sunday. Look for the Bermuda station in Windows where you will see the traditional Bermuda breakfast of codfish, bananas, avocado, egg and Johnny Bread.
3. Make your reservations at Bacci, the Newport Room, Waterlot or Jasmine - Sunday- Thursday. (Saturday too if not coming to buffet). Shuttle bus service to Bacci and Waterlot.
4. There will be high tea each afternoon in the Poinciana foyer after the afternoon session.



## ATTENTION !!

Reminder: Those of you who have not yet renewed your ACBL memberships will be charged an extra \$1 per session entry fee.

The Tournament Directors will gladly take your renewal for you. Payment may be made by cash, credit card or cheque.



Register at the Hospitality desk and get your goodie bag.

# NOTICE BOARD (cont.)

## PRIZE DRAW!



Register at the Hospitality desk so you can be entered into the draw for free return airfare and hotel room for the 2010 Regional! Overseas visitors only.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT



There will be a golf tournament Wednesday. Register at the Hospitality desk for a tee time.

## No Ferry

This year, a shuttle will take the place of the ferry to Hamilton. Times of the shuttle are:

### Monday to Friday

7:45 am & 6:30 pm to Hamilton  
9:00 am & 5:30 pm to Southampton

### Saturday and Sunday

10:15 & 5:00 pm to Hamilton  
9:30 am & 5:30 pm to Southampton

The shuttles operate between the Fairmont Southampton and the Hamilton Princess Hotels.

## TAXI TOUR

If you would like to do a taxi tour and would like to share a taxi with others, register at the Hospitality Desk.



## Homes & Garden Tour

There will be a Homes and Garden Tour on Wednesday morning at 10 am. There are only 20 spaces available, so sign up early at the Hospitality Desk.

## Victory Banquet

Sign up at the Hospitality Desk for the Victory Banquet. Start getting a table together or ask us to assign you to a table.



Drinks tickets will be available at the Hospitality desk for after games bars. Wine, beer, mixed drinks \$6.75, soda/water \$4.00. They can be charged to your room.

## Alert !!



1-800,866,877,888 phone calls are not free from the Hotel & will be charged at International rates.

Shops in the Hotel are open 10-4 except on Sunday, when they are closed.

# NOTICE BOARD (cont.)

## Jim Linhart 1936-2009

by Jack Rhind



The Bermuda Regional lost an ambassador and staunch supporter earlier this month with the sudden

passing of Jim Linhart. A retired City Planner from New York City, Jim attended the Bermuda Regional for more than 35 years and won virtually every event during that time, some of them several times! He was a fixture on the morning panel shows with David Ezekiel and others.

The following account illustrates the gentle giant that Jim was:

Two ladies are playing against Jim who was close to seven feet tall. One says, "Alice, hold your cards back, he can see." Jim says, "Alice, it's too late."

This year's tournament will not be the same without Jim. We wish his wife June our deepest and sincerest condolences.

Also missing from this year's tournament is Myles Walsh who passed away during the last year. Myles was another player who attended the Bermuda Regional for many years and had some key wins.

## Expert Panel Show



Join David Ezekiel and special guests Allan Graves & others on Tuesday and Thursday morning for an entertaining discussion of the previous day's deals and other topics.  
Gardenia Room - 10:30 a.m.

## Attention Event Winners!

We would like to have pictures of all **event** winners, including flight winners (there are just too many sections to publish all you section winners). To have your photo taken for the Daily Bulletin, please come to the table in the corner of the main playing area, just to the right of the Directors' table as you face it. Katie Thorpe will be pleased to take your photo.



## *Willow Stream Spa & Fitness Centre*

\$29 per person daily, or \$99 per person during hotel stay  
Call 6924 for information about services available and other rates.

## A Few Words with Donna Leitch, Tournament Chairman

DB: We can guess that your first stint as Tournament Chair was a positive experience for you since you're back again this year. In what way did the experience differ from what you expected?

DL: It was far better than I could ever have imagined. It was like planning a huge party- I loved it!

DB: What did you learn?

DL: Our best advertising comes from those that have been to the Bermuda Regional. If they have a good time, you can guarantee they will recommend it to others. We can put out all the ads we want- but in the end, it is the past attendees that sell our tournament. We would like to

make them our Ambassadors. If we get their names and clubs, we can send info to them early so they can promote our tournament.

DB: What were the best and worst parts of chairing the Regional?

DL: The best was getting to know the visitors, I wanted to thank everyone one of them for coming to Bermuda - I can't think of anything bad about Chairing the tournament. It was great fun.

DB: What special events have you got planned for the 50<sup>th</sup>?

DL: We have the Opening Cocktail Party, a Bermuda Night with free Dark n Stormies, a Bermuda Bridge Club night, a piano bar with sing-a-long, a golf tournament, Garden Club tour to name just a few.

DB: How do you plan to integrate the celebration of Bermuda's 50<sup>th</sup> Regional with the islands' 400<sup>th</sup> year?

DL: We are hoping everyone will take note of Bermuda traditions by enjoying the Codfish breakfast on Sunday morning, try our Rum Swizzle Saturday night, the Dark n Stormy Monday night, meet the Bermuda Bridge Club members Wednesday night and visit our local craftsmen's stalls at the Wednesday market and support them.

DB: Will you be back as Chair for the 51<sup>st</sup> next year?

DL: No - Jane Clipper will be taking over from me and she will do a fabulous job. She has been working with me

all year on the 50<sup>th</sup>.

DB: Thanks, Donna, and good luck!

DL: You're welcome.

## Meet the Editors



John Carruthers and Katie Thorpe live in Toronto with their four cats Justine, Balthazar, Mountolive and Clea. They have lived together for 35 years and have been playing bridge longer than that..

JC has represented Canada in World Championships on several occasions as a player and as a Non-Playing Captain. Katie has won medals in both the Olympiad and Venice Cup as a player for Canada.

JC is currently the Editor of the International Bridge Press Association Bulletin and the Ontario Kibitzer. He is also the Conductor of Marks & Comments, a bidding forum in Bridge magazine of the UK and is writing the Senior Bowl portion of the 2008 World Championship book.

Katie is still gainfully employed by Dominion of Canada Insurance Company, with no retirement date in sight as she needs to support JC in the style to which he has become accustomed.

# *Bermuda Regional Bridge Tournament*

## **Restaurant Choices**

*Please take the opportunity to stop by the Concierge Desk in the Main Lobby to book your Dinner Reservations for the entire week. Please note that the Newport Room is open this year, while Wickets is closed.*

### **WATERLOT INN**

*Steeped in Bermudian History.* Our magnificent and historic waterfront inn, gracefully nestled dockside on Jew's Bay, has been offering breathtaking sunsets and delectable Bermudian fare over 320 years and proudly boasts both AAA Four Diamond and Wine Spectator Awards. You are guaranteed the Best Steak in Bermuda. Beamed ceilings and an inviting and gracious décor provide a wonderful setting to enjoy savoury Prime and Dry Aged Steaks to please the most discerning steak connoisseur. Service is impeccable, but friendly.

Open each evening from 5:45 p.m. Jackets suggested.

### **BACCI**

*Lively Italian Cuisine.* Delight in authentic Italian Cuisine delivered with real fine dining flare in a stylish yet relaxed family atmosphere. Our chef has creatively blended the very best of classical Italian traditions with the latest world-class cooking trends to create a symphony of original recipes and blended flavors from select regions of Italy. Bacci is a celebration of the life, wine and great food of Italy.

Open each evening from 5:45 p.m. Dress code is Smart Casual.

### **JASMINE**

*The Place for the Quintessential Martini.* Elegant and relaxing, Jasmine is the ideal spot for meeting, greeting or simply relaxing, any time of the day, open from 11:00a.m. to 2:00a.m. Your favourite cocktails are served throughout the day along with an elegant selection of light entrees, snacks, sandwiches, salads and sinful desserts. In the evening Jasmine steps up the pace from 6:00p.m. to 2:00a.m. with live entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure. Don't miss the Drink Special of \$6.75 for all Bridge Players.

Reservations not required. Dress code is Smart Casual.

### **NEWPORT ROOM**

*The only AAA Five Diamond award winning restaurant in Bermuda.* This premier dining experience combines a menu of contemporary French cuisine and the finest wines perfectly presented with style and gracious attention. Silver service, elegant crystal, fine bone china, Egyptian linens, brass and mahogany fittings, scenes from the Newport-Bermuda yacht race and immaculate service make this the ultimate dining memory.

Open every day from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Reservations required. Dress code: Jacket required, tie suggested.



# 2008 Champions

## Charity Pairs

**Flight A:** Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; McKenzie Myers, Charlottesville, VA

**Flight B:** S Ganeshan, Mississauga ON; Eva Herman, New York NY

**Flight C:** Jim Leitch, Smith's BDA; John Rayner, Hamilton BDA

## 199<sup>er</sup> Charity Pairs

**Flights A, B & C:** Rosemary Smith, Hamilton BDA; Julia Patton, Warwick BDA

## Swiss Teams

**Flight A:** Jean Johnson, Devonshire BDA; Allan Graves, Vancouver BC; Bill Souster, Newport Gwent, UK; Eric Murray, Orangeville ON; John Carruthers, Toronto ON

**Flight X:** Peggy Robinson-Ann Panzer, Boca Raton FL; Emmy Stegeman, Albion RI; Gloria Golden, Cranston RI

**Flight B:** Magnus Weiman, Nashua NH; Kurt Schneider, Hudson NH; Nea Willits, Paget BDA; Lynn O'Neill, Warwick BDA

**Flights C&D:** Russell Craft, Warwick BDA; Dee Griffiths, Smith's BDA; Jane McCleary-Daniel McCreary, Paget BDA

## Championship Pairs

**Flight A:** Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Dan Morse, Houston TX

**Flight B:** Nancy Jose, Rehoboth Beach DL; Audrey Hildebrand, Belleair Bluffs FL

**Flight C:** Jill Thompson-Leonard Wells, Toronto ON

## Mon-Tue Compact KO Teams

**Bracket 1:** Vera Petty-Roman Smolski, Warwick BDA; Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Dan Morse, Houston TX

**Bracket 2:** Claude Danner-Ottmar Danner, S Yarmouth MA; Susan Milsky, Eastham MA; Wendy Seymour, E Orleans MA

**Bracket 3:** Julia Lunn-Patricia Siddle-Vivian Siddle, Hamilton BDA; Gill Gray, Pembroke BDA

## Wed-Thu Compact KO Teams

**Bracket 1:** Ellie Hanlon-Mary Savko, Tequesta FL; Ronald Andrews-Deborah Drury, Vero Beach FL

# 2008 Champions

(cont.)



**Bracket 2:** Ottmar Danner-Claude Danner, South Yarmouth MA; Martha Round, St Augustine FL; Betsy Hines, Marshfield Hills MA

## Championship KO Teams

**Bracket 1:** Vera Petty-Roman Smolski, Warwick BDA; Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Dan Morse, Houston TX, Michael Cornes, Shropshire UK

**Bracket 2:** Karen Barrett-Jean Thoma-Penelope Glassmeyer, Darien CT; Susan Mayo, Vero Beach FL; Marcelle Davidson-James Davidson, West Chester PA

**Bracket 3:** Mona Marie Gambrill, Paget BDA; Magnus Weiman, Nashua NH; Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire BDA; Kurt Schneider, Hudson NH

## Open Pairs

**Flight A:** Ed White, Grand Blanc MI; Bert Newman, West Bloomfield MI

**Flight B:** Penelope Glassmeyer, Darien CT; Susan Mayo, Vero Beach FL

**Flight C:** Martha Round, St Augustine FL; Betsy Hines, Marshfield Hills MA

## Morning Swiss Teams

**Flight A:** Ed White, Grand Blanc MI; Bert Newman, West Bloomfield MI; Jim Linhart, Raleigh NC; Cecil Cook, Long Beach CA

**Flight B:** Stephen Miller-Kathleen Miller, Kennett Square PA; David Wandler-Marjorie Paynter, Port Williams NS

**Flight C:** Carol Seager-Nancy Brown-Bari Boyer, Worcester MA; Candace Matthew, Woodville MA

## Friday Swiss Teams

**Flight A:** Jean Johnson, Devonshire BDA; Allan Graves, Vancouver BC; Bill Souster, Newport Gwent UK; Jim Linhart, Raleigh NC; Joe Wakefield, Smith's BDA

**Flight B:** Gertrude Barker, Warwick BDA; Jane Smith, Flatts BDA; Marilyn Simmons-Richard Simmons, Paget BDA

**Flight C:** Freya Giffen-Simon Giffen, Paget BDA; Dee Griffiths, Smith's BDA; Russell Craft, Warwick BDA

**Flight X:** Richard Palmer, Charlestown MA; Louis Oliari, Bridgetown MA; Ruth Weston, Marshfield MA; Lynda Edson, South Easton MA



## Broadway Billy at the World Mind Sports Games Senior Bowl

Billy Eisenberg was one of the best bridge players in the world during the 1970s and 80s. He was recruited by Bobby Wolff for Ira Corn's Dallas Aces and won two Bermuda Bowls with the Aces, partnering Bobby Goldman. With his youthful good looks, engaging and garrulous personality and love of the high life, he was a big hit with the ladies, earning him the nickname "Broadway Billy".

Billy soon tired of life in Dallas – it was very stifling and much too conservative for the born-and-bred New York free-thinking liberal. He left the Aces after a few years and returned to New York. Always a brilliant games player, Billy won the World Championship of Backgammon in 1975. He also won three more Bermuda Bowls, still in the 1970s, with three different partners – Fred Hamilton, Eddie Kantar, and Bobby Goldman. That made five Bermuda Bowls and a Backgammon World Championship in ten years.

Billy came close to winning a sixth bridge world championship this past fall in Beijing, at the first World Mind Sports Games. He was a member of the USA team which lost the Seniors final to Japan 202-200. Billy characterized that defeat, in a bridge career of five decades, as "the worst loss of my life."

Part of the reason for that comment was Billy's own performance toward the end of the match and the criticism he incurred on the following deals (especially on BBO where the commentators can see all four hands). One of Billy's more positive qualities is his ability to take criticism a lot better than most bridge players. And he's very hard on himself.

Here are the three deals in question. See if you agree with the criticism. (The match was 96 boards in length.)

### Board 80. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Yamada	Lev	Ohno	Eisenberg
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The final contract is against the odds, but it certainly has a play. The best line of play, however, is difficult to assess. Eisenberg made a good shot at it by winning the Rusinow queen of spades lead with his bare ace and playing a low heart to the king. Next came the jack of clubs, covered by the king and ace, and a low trump now went to the ace. The heart ten was led from dummy and overtaken in hand with the jack, which held.

Declarer was now in a good position. He planned to discard the losing club on the ace of hearts, then play a club to the queen, ruff a spade back to hand, ruff the club loser, ruff another spade. If the queen of hearts had not fallen on the third round, he planned to ruff the jack in dummy.

However, when Yamada ruffed the ace of hearts with the queen of diamonds and returned another trump, this reasonable plan was spoiled and declarer had to concede one down.

West	North	East	South
Gran	Abe	Ekeblad	Ino
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	6 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Winning Granovetter's spade king lead in hand, Ino also played a heart to the king and then the queen of clubs, not covered this time. The tempo was now better for Ino than it had been for Eisenberg – he was still in the dummy. Thus he played the heart ten to the ace and followed with a third heart. West discarded a club. Ruffing small on the table, Ino ruffed a spade, cashed the club ace and played his last heart, the jack. Again West discarded a club. Ruffing this with with the eight, a third spade was played and ruffed in hand and then declarer played the diamond nine to the ace.

Another spade was played now, which East ruffed with the ten, over-ruffed with the jack and West had to follow with the queen. The king of trumps was declarer's twelfth trick. The defence collected trick thirteen with both the trump queen and the club king.

Let's go back to Granovetter's discard of two clubs on the third and fourth hearts. It may appear dangerous to discard a spade, but does not dummy's lack of entries and your three trumps indicate spade discards? Had Granovetter discarded spades, the slam could not have been made. In any case it was 14 IMPs to Japan and the commentators thought that Ino had outplayed Eisenberg.

The Japanese had recovered from a deficit of 43 IMPs at the half way stage of the finals to lead by 21 IMPs with 16 boards to play. The USA was able to erase that deficit in the final stanza, and were leading by 10 IMPs with two boards to go.

**Board 95. Dealer South. NS Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Gran	Yamada	Ekeblad	Ohno
—	—	—	3 ♦
Pass	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Yamada led a diamond and Granovetter was able to lose a club to North, ensuring his contract, plus 400.

West	North	East	South
Abe	Lev	Ino	Eisenberg
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1 NT	3 ♦
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Here, Eisenberg believed he had too good a hand to preempt, but could not resist temptation later. "I've never done that before in my life," he confessed. When West doubled to show cards, East passed – after all, he had no guarantee of game. The damage was minus 800 and 9 IMPs to Japan, now behind by a single IMP with one board to go.

**Board 96. Dealer West. EW Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Gran	Yamada	Ekeblad	Ohno
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

There are three possible calls over partner's three diamonds: pass, three spades and three no trump. At this vulnerability, pass might be the most prudent course of action. Nevertheless, Ohno tried three spades, putting her partner into an awkward spot.

Granovetter led a club against the very thin game and Ohno won and tried the heart queen. Ekeblad won the ace and was very leery of leading away from that spade holding, so continued clubs. South was able to ruff her losing heart in the dummy and subsequently lost three trump tricks for minus 50.

West	North	East	South
Abe	Lev	Ino	Eisenberg
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The World Senior Championship would depend on how Billy Eisenberg handled the same contract. If he succeeded, or held the loss to down one, the USA would win. If he went down two or more, Japan would win.

The first two tricks at Eisenberg's table were exactly the same. But here, Ino, East did find the trump switch. Eisenberg had two plausible lines of play available:

(1.) Win the spade ace, ruff a heart and try to hold the trump losers to two. Declarer could do that if trumps were 3-3 or in certain 4-2 situations;

(2.) Duck the spade and hope East had the ten – if East did have the spade ten and West won the king or queen and continued spades, the losing heart still might go on the long club in dummy if spades were 4-2 and clubs were 3-3. And spades could be 3-3, anyway, allowing all the outstanding trumps to be drawn without further loss.

To his everlasting regret, Bill chose line (1.), winning the spade ace, ruffing the heart loser in dummy, coming to hand in clubs and leading a trump. West won the king and persisted in hearts, declarer ruffing. Now reduced to the same trump length as East, South could play a trump, making his contract when they were 3-3 and West had falsecarded with the king on the previous round. Or he could simply play winners and allow the defence to score both its trumps separately. He played trumps and the defence took both trumps and then had two heart winners. Down three, minus 150, 3 IMPs to Japan, leaving the final score Japan 202, USA 200.

Well, what do you think, did Billy blow it?

## A Letter from the Premier of Bermuda

It's all hands on deck as Bermuda turns 400.

This upcoming year of celebration will be like none other. Every sector is doing its part to participate in this landmark occasion and celebrate our history. The Government, the private sector, the artistic community, schools – every facet is showing enthusiasm and getting involved.

Countrywide involvement is critical as we celebrate this fourth centennial because history is about all of us. The central theme for 2009 will be "Celebrating Bermuda and Her People," a fitting title as our country is united under a banner of togetherness.

This informative website is dedicated to helping residents and visitors alike navigate the 400th Anniversary events. As you will see, there is a comprehensive to-do list from December 2008 to December 2009. The events will teach and entertain the entire family; I hope you will have a chance to take part and share it with your children.

Bermuda 2009 is the perfect opportunity for us to show once again why our country is quickly becoming the envy of the world.

Enjoy the yearlong celebration!

Sincerely,



**Dr. the Hon. Ewart F. Brown, J.P.,  
M.P. Premier and Minister of Tourism &  
Transport**



*Government of Bermuda*