## COPENHAGEN BRIDGE INVITATIONAL IV



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## Junior Domination



After 7 out of 19 rounds in the Copenhagen Bridge Invitational, Ola and Mikael Rimstedt have taken the lead with 611 imps ahead of Tom Hanlon-Vincent Demuy.
Demuy-Hanlon have been leading most of the day and began the event with a knock out of Zia-Gromov, who are still slowly recovering.
Third is Sabine Auken and Roy Welland, and last... well, we normally don't talk about it, but since they won the event in 2015, we hope they don't mind us teasing them a bit...

The Radisson Blu Scandinavian IMP Pairs is led by Gunn Tove Vist-Torild Heskje from Norway (they are not junior but look so), ahead of Swedes Peder Skaj-Simon Ekenberg (also a junior).
The IMP Pairs finished with a wine tasting for all participants hosted by Mikael Warberg from Frederiksberg Vinimport/Sæsonvine, a participant himself.


## Long weekend

By Mark Horton

English celebrity chef Richard 'Rick' Stein OBE is a restaurateur and television presenter. He is Head Chef and co-owner of Rick Stein at Bannisters at Mollymook, New South Wales, Australia, and owns four restaurants in Padstow, a fish and chip shop in Falmouth, Cornwall and fish and chip shops in Porthleven and Newquay, Cornwall. Luckily for your editor he recently opened a restaurant in Marlborough, just a short drive from my village.

His most recent series for the BBC is Long Weekends, in which he embarks on a series of culinary long weekends in search of food excellence and brilliant recipes, heading to markets, restaurants, wineries, cafes and bars. Just a few days before this year's invitational he visited Copenhagen (an ideal spot for a long weekend - but then you already knew that!). During his trip he cooked fried pork belly with lovage potatoes and parsley sauce - voted Denmark's favourite dish. You can see the programme at:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/ bo83bzx2 - but be quick it runs out in 22 days!


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Just before we turn to the first session of the Invitational a question - what is Denmark's favourite bridge event?

Any hopes the players may have entertained for a quiet start were quickly brushed aside:
Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

- K Q 1053
$\bullet 82$
- 10
\& 109632

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4 A962
- Q 6
- AQ843
\& Q 7
- J
- J 10754
- KJ75 2
\& 84
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AK 93
\& $\mathrm{AK} \mathrm{K}_{5}$

West North East South
Zia Hanlon Gromov Demuy

- 2^ Dble Pass

3^* Pass 4^ Pass
4* Pass $4^{\star}$ Pass
5* All Pass
What a nasty problem for East.
He knew that $2 \uparrow$ would probably be going down, but his side might be being robbed. North led the king of spades and declarer won with the ace, crossed to dummy with a club, played a diamond to the queen and cashed the ace of diamonds, getting the bad news. he unblocked the queen of clubs, cashed the queen of hearts and crossed to dummy with a heart to play a club. South ruffed with the seven and although declarer could overruff he could not avoid the loss of three tricks, one down, -50 .


West North East South
Brogeland Helness Lindqvist Helgemo

| - | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $2 \boldsymbol{\varphi}^{*}$ | $2 \boldsymbol{\mu}$ | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | All Pass |  |  |

North's intervention on the second round reminds me of the famous dentistry scene from Marathon Man, where the character played by Laurence Olivier keeps asking Dustin Hoffman 'Is it safe?' Well, as you can see $2 \boldsymbol{\uparrow}$ doubled was not at all safe.

East led the ace of clubs and switched to a trump. West took the ace, cashed the queen of clubs and switched to the queen of hearts and a heart, East winning, cashing the king of clubs and switching to the nine of diamonds for the king and ace. That gave the defenders the first seven tricks and had West now continued with the queen of diamonds declarer would have been four down. His trump return allowed declarer to 'escape' for -500.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

- Q 7
- K 87
- A 7
\& KQ7542
- AK $4{ }^{2}$

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- 1093
\(\bullet\) Q \(_{3}\)
- J 962
¢ J 1098
- J 865
\(\bullet 96542\)
- 105
\& 63
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- AJ 10
- KQ843
\& A

| West | North East | South |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Zia | Hanlon | Gromov | Demuy |
| - | - | - | Pass |
| Pass | 1NT | Dble | $2 \boldsymbol{\varphi}^{*}$ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | All Pass |

It looks as if South's $2 \boldsymbol{q}$ was the start of a scramble.
West led the jack of clubs and declarer played low, pleased to see East's ace appear. east cashed the king of spades and switched to the king of diamonds. When that held he took the ace of spades and exited with a
diamond to dummy's ace. When declarer played a low heart from dummy East decided to go in with the ace and that meant declarer emerged with six tricks, -300 .

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Brogeland Helness | Lindqvist Helgemo |  |  |

2NT Minors
South led the two of hearts, and declarer took North's king with the ace and played a diamond to the jack and ace, claiming twelve tricks, +620.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

- K Q 9
- AK10962
- Q
\& Q 96

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- AJ 75
\(\bullet-\)
- J 107632
- 873
↔ 4
\(\bullet\) QJ 87

\(\bullet 95\)

\(\bullet\) AKJ 1042
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- 108632
$\checkmark 543$
- AK 84
* 5

West North East South
Zia Hanlon Gromov Demuy

-     -         - 1\%

Pass ${ }^{1}$ Pass $2 \downarrow$
Pass $4{ }^{*}$ Pass $4 \mathrm{NT}^{*}$
Pass 5 $\boldsymbol{\oplus}^{*}$ Pass 6 $\mathbf{~}$
All Pass
4* Splinter
4NT RKCB
5^ 2 key cards + Q.
With a six card suit North felt entitled to show the queen of hearts, but it put his side overboard. East cashed the ace of diamonds and West followed with the three. When East continued with the king of diamonds declarer could claim, +1430 .

I'll leave you to ponder that one, but given declarer had promised a singleton diamond should West have followed with the jack at trick one as suit preference signal?

| West <br> Brogelan | North | East | Sou |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | - | - | $1 \%$ |
| Pass | $1 \checkmark$ | Pass | 2 |
| Pass | $3{ }^{*}$ | Pass | 3** |
| Pass | 4NT* | Pass | 5** |
| Pass | $5^{*}$ | All Pa |  |

After a couple of cue bids North asked for key cards and signed off when South showed only one, +650.

As the players took their seats for the second match I noticed that the leading pair was Hanlon-Demuy with +349 IMPs - good choice by the organisers!

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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- Q 103
- AJ 7
- 43
\& AJ 753
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- AK8765 か 2
\(\bullet 10943\)
\(\bullet\) KQ8
- 109 - AKQJ 876
\& 9
\& Q 6
- J 94
- 652
- 52
\& K 10842
```

West North East South
Upmark Bakhshi Nyström de Wijs

- $\quad$ - 1中* Pass

14 Pass 2 ${ }^{4}$ Pass
2 ${ }^{4}$ Pass 2NT Pass
3 Pass $3 \bullet$ Pass
4* Pass $\mathbf{5}^{\star}$ All Pass
1\% 16+
A sound auction, which pinpointed the club weakness.
South led the two of clubs and North took the ace and played two rounds of hearts, declarer claiming,+600.


East led the eight of hearts and West won with the queen, cashed the ace and continued with the three. Declarer ruffed with the jack of spades and when East could not overruff he played a spade to the ace. After cashing the queen of spades he came to hand with a club, drew trumps and claimed.

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pedersen | Quantin | Werdelin Lorenzini |  |
| - | - | - | 1 |
| 2 | Pass | 4 | Dble |
| $4 \star^{*}$ | 4 | Pass | Pass |
| 5 | 5 | Pass | Pass |
| 6 | Dble | All Pass |  |

Declarer lost tricks to the three aces, only two down, -300.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

- A 964
$\bullet 4$
- Q 73
* Q J 986

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@ 7
* AQ1052
- J 10 9
& A10 32
- 7
\(\bullet\) AQ10 52
- J 109
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- K 108532
$\checkmark$ J763
- 842
-     - 
- Q J
- K 98
- AK 65
\& K 754
West North East South
Upmark Bakhshi Nyström de Wijs
${ }^{17}$ Pass $4^{\boldsymbol{*}}$ All Pass
North led the queen of clubs (whenever I do this dummy has K10x and declarer Ax) and declarer won in hand, pitching a diamond from dummy and played a spade. West went up with the ace and switched to the three of diamonds and South cashed the king and ace and exited with the five of clubs. Declarer ruffed in dummy, pitched a diamond on the king of spades and played the ten of spades. South had to ruff else declarer would pitch a club, play a heart to the ten, ruff a club and repeat the heart finesse, but declarer could overruff, ruff a club, play a heart to the queen, ruff a club and claim, +620 .
It was hard for North to find a diamond lead at trick one, but had he withheld the ace of spades at trick two, declarer has too much to do. If he tries to play a cross ruff South can pitch a club on the third round of spades. If he plays a partial cross ruff and then exits with a diamond, North can win and play a trump, leaving declarer a trick short.


## Investerings Rådgivning



Board 18. Dealer North. All Vul.

- 9763
$\bullet$ J 10
- KJ32
- A 82


## - K Q 4

- A987
- A 106
\& J 97
- AJ 8
- Q6432
- 9
\& K 1064
© 1052
- K 5
-Q8754
\& Q 53

| West | North East | South |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Carroll | Auken | Garvey | Welland |
| - | - | 1 | Pass |
| 2NT* | Pass | $3 \boldsymbol{4}$ | Pass |
| $4-$ | All Pass |  |  |

2NT Heart raise
South led the four of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the seven of hearts for the ten, queen and king.

He ruffed the diamond return and played a heart to the eight. That lost to the king and with two clubs to lose the contract was one down, -50 and 90 IMPs for NS.

| West | North East | South |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Nab | Birman | Drijver | Padon |
| - | - | Pass | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | $2{ }^{*}$ | Pass |
| 2 | Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{*}$ | Pass |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | All Pass |  |  |

## 2• Transfer

North led the six of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a heart to the ace and a heart, +420 and 10 IMPs.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { \& Q } 976 \\
& \bullet \text { K Q } 32 \\
& \text { Q } \\
& \& Q_{52}
\end{aligned}
$$

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4 K 5
\bullet }10
-7642
& A J 10 }7
    @ J 10 43
    \bullet864
    *A10985
    & 6
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    West North East South
        Carroll Auken Garvey Welland
        - \(\mathbf{2 ~}^{*}\) Pass 3『
        All Pass
    2 $4^{\oplus}, 5^{+\bullet, 10-14}$ or $16+$
3 Invitational opposite 16*

West led the six of diamonds for the queen, king and ace and declarer played a club for the queen and king. East exited with a heart to the king and declarer ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club and played the ten of spades. West took the king and returned a spade, but after winning with the ace East cashed the ace of hearts, allowing the contract to make, +140 and 51 IMPs.

|  | West | North East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Nab | Birman Drijver | Padon |
|  | - | 2* Dble | 24 |
|  | 2NT* | Pass 3* | 3 |
|  | Pass | Pass 3NT | Pass |
|  | 4* | All Pass |  |
| 2 | 11-16, | $\bullet$ \& ${ }^{\text {¢ }}$ |  |
| 2NT | Leben | ohl |  |

Although 3NT can be made in theory, it would not be easy to take the right view in clubs when you know that North has nine cards in the majors.
You would have more chance if the auction started 1 -1NT-2 - maybe thta is what happened at the two table where +400 was recorded (worth 71 IMPs).
South led the jack of spades and declarer won with the ace, cashed the king of clubs and played a club to the ace as South pitched the five of diamonds. He cashed the king of spades and ducked a heart to North, who cashed the queen of clubs and exited with the queen of diamonds for the king and ace. That left declarer one trick short, -50.

Round 4 was the quietest so far and left me struggling to find something to write about.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

|  | - 9765 <br> $\bullet 764$ <br> - A 8 <br> \& 10965 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ¢ KJ |  | - A 1042 |
| - AQJ32 |  | - K95 |
| - Q 74 |  | - J 102 |
| \& 874 |  | - $\mathrm{AJ}^{2}$ |
|  | $\text { © Q } 83$ |  |
|  | $\bullet 108$ <br> -K9653 |  |
|  | $\& K \text { Q } 3$ |  |


| West | North East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Krefeld | Madsen | Hammelev Blakset |
| 1 | Pass | 10 | Pass



North started with two rounds of diamonds, ruffed the third round and exited with a trump. Declarer won in hand, cashed the ace of hearts, crossed to dummy's king and played a spade to the jack. The subsequent fall of the queen on the third round of the suit meant there were ten tricks, +620 and 9 IMPs.
A club looks best for the defence, but if declarer wins with dummy's ace and plays a spade to the jack he will score ten tricks.

| West | North East | South |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wortel | Rimstedt Michielsen Rimstedt |  |  |
| 1 | Pass | 2\&* | Pass |
| 2** | Pass | 2ゅ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

2^ Game forcing, 2+\&, balanced or natural or heart fit
2 Waiting
2 . Three card heart support
Playing in 3NT looked good, as there is work to be done in $4 \boldsymbol{}$.

North led the ace of diamonds and continued the suit, South taking the ace and returning the five. Declarer won with the queen, cashed two rounds of hearts ending in dummy and played a spade to the jack, taking the rest of the tricks, +660 , worth 19 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

- K Q 83
-K7
- AQ87
\& AK 3

| $9652$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| -63 |  |
| \& 1064 |  |
|  | ¢ J 1097 |
|  | $\checkmark 93$ |
|  | - J 5 |
|  | \& Q J 875 |

West North East South
Krefeld Madsen Hammelev Blakset
2** Dble 2** Pass Pass 2NT* 3 ${ }^{\boldsymbol{*}}$ All Pass

2• Multi
2v Pass or correct
2NT 19-21
The multi is still scoring points after all these years. Do you think North should have preferred a double to 2 NT ?
3 had to go one down, -50 but it scored 81 IMPs.

| West <br> Wortel | North East |  | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rimsted | Michiels | en Rimstedt |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 34* |
| Pass | $3{ }^{*}$ | Pass | $3{ }^{*}$ |
| Dble | 3* | Pass | 4* |
| All Pa |  |  |  |

That looks like a Puppet Stayman auction, North's 3 promising at least one major wit South's 3 showing spades. Declarer lost a heart, a diamond and a spade, +420 and 5 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

|  | - KQ8 3 <br> $\bullet 9843$ <br> - AK 97 <br> 44 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -9 |  | A A 1062 |
| $\bullet$ AJ 5 |  | $\checkmark \mathrm{Q}^{2}$ |
| - QJ 1052 |  | -643 |
| \& 8762 |  | \& 10953 |
|  | ¢ J 754 |  |
|  | - K 1076 |  |
|  | - 8 |  |
|  | \& AK Q J |  |
| West | North East | South |
| Demuy | Volcker Hanlon | Bessis |
| - | 1- Pass | $1{ }^{*}$ |
| Pass | 2 Pass | $4^{*}$ |
| All Pa |  |  |

West led the nine of spades, but East withheld the ace and now declarer played four rounds of clubs, getting rid of dummy's remaining spades and emerging with an overtrick, +450.
Maybe it would be better to keep a spade switch in reserve, as it was not unreasonable for partner to play you for a doubleton spade.

| West <br> Bertheau | North East |  | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Th | Cullin | Houmøller |
| - | $1 *$ | Pass | $1{ }^{*}$ |
| Pass | 2 | Pass | 24 |
| Pass | 4** | Pass | $4^{*}$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

West led the queen of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart to the ten and jack. Now West switched to the nine of spades, but when declarer played dummy's king East ducked (strange after South's $2 \boldsymbol{A}$ ). A second heart resolved the situation in that suit and declarer lost only to the major suit aces for +420 .
Suppose West cashes the ace of hearts before switching to a spade? Would that be enough for East to win and give his partner a ruff?

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

- KQJ86
$\checkmark 1043$
- Q 2
\& A J 10

| - 1074 |  | - A 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - KJ 8 |  | - A 965 |
| - KJ764 |  | - A 103 |
| + Q 3 |  | \& K 875 |
|  | -952 |  |
|  | $\bullet$ Q 72 |  |
|  | -985 |  |
|  | +9642 |  |


| West | North East | South |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Demuy | vocker | Hanlon | Bessis |
| - | - | 1NT | Pass |
| 3NT | Dble | All Pass |  |

Do you have an agreement about the meaning of North's double? Here the commentator suggested it asked South to lead his weaker major. Some partnerships play it as requesting a specific suit (frequently spades, although in one of my partnerships it asked for a diamond).
South led the two of spades, and declarer ducked, won the next spade, cashed the ace of diamonds and played a diamond to the ten - two down,-500.

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

|  | - K 732 <br> - K 98 <br> - 965 <br> \& Q 104 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Q 1054 |  | - A986 |
| $\checkmark 5$ |  | $\checkmark 7432$ |
| - QJ43 |  | - AK 2 |
| \& KJ97 |  | \& 32 |
|  | ¢ J |  |
|  | $\bullet$ AQJ 106 |  |
|  | -1087 |  |
|  | \& A 865 |  |

West North East South
o Rimstedt Versace M Rimstedt Tokay

| - | - | $1 \boldsymbol{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dble* | $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ | $2 \boldsymbol{1}$ | Pass |
| $3 \boldsymbol{*}$ | Pass | $4 \uparrow$ | All Pass |



South led the seven of diamonds and declarer won with the king and played a club, putting up dummy's king when South followed with the five. His next move was to play a heart, North winning with the nine and playing the queen of clubs followed by the ten. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a heart, played a diamond to the ace, ruffed a heart, cashed the jack of diamonds and played a club, ruffed by North with the three of spades and overruffed by declarer, who ruffed a heart with the ten of spades. North could overruff, but that was the last trick for the defence, +420 and 61 IMPs.

| West | Nort | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Helgemo | Gromov | Helness | zia |
| - | - | Pass | $1{ }^{*}$ |
| Pass | 2 | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | Pass | 24 | $3 \times$ |
| All Pas |  |  |  |

West led the five of spades and East won with the ace and surprisingly returned a spade, allowing declarer to pitch a diamond on the king of spades. He came to hand with a heart and played a club to the ten. When that held declarer played a club to
the ace and a club and claimed - he could ruff a club in dummy, +140 but only 3 IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.
$\stackrel{\oplus}{\bullet}-63$

- 84
\& AKJ 108765
- KJ 97
- K 10872
- AK 10
\& 2
- A 108432
- Q95
- J 76
\& 3
- Q 65
$\bullet \mathrm{A}_{4}$
-Q9532
\& Q 94
West North East South
O Rimstedt Versace M Rimstedt Tokay

| $1 \boldsymbol{1}$ | 4 $^{\boldsymbol{*}}$ | Pass | Pass |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dble | Pass | $4^{\boldsymbol{4}}$ | All Pass |

South led the four of clubs and North won with the king and switched to the four of diamonds. Declarer took South's queen with dummy's ace, played a spade to the ace, drew trumps via the marked finesse and played a heart to the queen, +620 and 80 IMPs.
West North East South
Helgemo Gromov Helness Zia
1-4 Pass $5^{\boldsymbol{4} \boldsymbol{4}}$
Dble All Pass

East led the five of hearts, the defenders scoring a heart and two diamonds for +200 and rare result - zero IMPs. Would you have bid 54 and hoped to make it?

Mustafa Cem Tokay with Elisa De Paola, who Zia was so fortunate to play with in the pro/am


## Radisson Blu Scandinavia IMP Pairs

By Jacob Kehl

The side event at the Copenhagen Bridge Invitational is well underway.
No less than 94 pairs are participating and on the first day of the qualifying this hand was dealt.
Lise-Lotte Nielsen og Allan Laursen were sitting NS against Morten Vanderbilde, as he is known as in Denmark after his remarkable win in the Vanderbilt with his son, Dennis. Dennis used to known as the son of Morten; today Morten is known as Dennis' father.
Sadly Dennis Bilde had to play a tournament in Australia with his Italian Lazav-va-team and had to cancel his participation in the main event, but we have his father to comfort all the opponents he faces.

What do you open third seat vulnerable on


| West | North East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Krogh | Nielsen | Bilde |
| Laursen |  |  |
| Pass | Pass | 3母 |
| All Pass |  | Dble |


| $20$ <br> VIAlle | - KDT64 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | - B764 |
|  | - DB4 |
|  | +6 |
| - B8532 | - 7 |
| - ET5 | - KD9 |
| - E6532 | - T97 |
| + | +K98543 |
|  | - E9 |
|  | - 832 |
|  | - K8 |
|  | + EDBT72 |

Morten Bilde experimented with the tactical approach of trying to get his opponents in trouble.

Unimpressed by the Danish National Team Player, Laursen doubled and Nielsen hapily passed.
The lead was ace of spades, and when the smoke was gone opponents had taken 800 . So much for experimenting. The Qualification is led by the fierce Norwegian women Gunn Tove Vist and Torild Heskje in front of Peder Skaj-Simon Ekenbeg from Sweden.
Best Danish pair is the only 20 and 15 -year olds Victor Todd-Moir and Søren Bune in 7th.


Everyone was at their best on Thursday Night, and we are happy to see so many maintain a fine dress code on friday as well.



## This and That ${ }_{\text {вy }}$ christina Lund Madsen

## The New Boss

Charlotte Fuglsang is the new CEO of the Danish Bridge Federation. She started January 2nd in the eye of the CBI-storm. Not even a bridge player, Charlotte has fought to become acquainted with both bridge and the amazing people within the environment.
If you see her, you are welcome to say hi to her - and you can even give her a bridge hand. She took a one-day course in Blaksets Bridgecenter, and already got annoyed at her partner, so bridge is definitely something for her!

## Participants from afar

In the Radisson Blu Scandinavia IMP Pairs we have participants from all over the world. The Norwegians are dominating with 391/2 pair (the half is quite important as I made a bet with Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness about whether there would be 40 pairs. I would have lost a lot of money had we included the two Norwegian pairs in the main event...)
Denmark is the second-largest nation, and then we have pairs from Sweden, England, the US and other countries.
Mona Alzaben and Ayman Azzam come from Jordan/Egypt. They heard about the event and checked out the website and decided to go see The Little Mermaid. They were slightly disappointed meeting me instead.
We took them aside for a piture, but Ayman didn't want to pose as he hadn't shaved! As we told him it was no problem as nobody would be looking at him...


## Mark Horton has been fired

It didn't take my co-editor Mark Horton many seconds after arrival to get in trouble. Meike Wortel came up to me with the words: "Christina, I am sorry, but you have to fire Mark Horton."
"Whyever?" I replied.
"He just asked me when I am due," Meike said.
Her son is nine weeks old.
(In Mark's defense, his knowledge of women is rather limited. He has only been married four times.)


## The Operator <br> By Charles



Two years ago our popular BBO Operator Jan EDB Nielsen was wrong sided at the BBO table playing in the PRO-AM with Alfredo Versace. We saw the two exiting games in the bulletin.
This year Jan had the pleasure of JeanChristophe Quantin in the PRO-AM. They never reached the BBO table, but Jan told mee about this deal.


| West <br> M. Rimstedt | North <br> Quintin | East <br> Enkvist | South <br> Jan |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1* | Pass | $1 *$ | Pass |
| 3v | Pass | $4 \omega$ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass |  |  |

## Lead $\quad$ J.

West played $\bullet$ A and more heart. North continued spades and another heart to North followed by another spade ruffed. Mikael played two Rounds of Trumfs.


The 5 card ending:


Mikael Rimsted played $\star \mathrm{D}$ to $\star \mathrm{K}$ followed by $\uparrow \mathrm{E}$ and $\uparrow \mathrm{J}!$ and there was nothing The Operator could do. $\$ 6$ was too small. © 450 and a big score for EW.
(Mikael Rimstedt)


## Radisson Blu Scandinavia IMP Pairs

## Qualification after 16 rounds

|  | Total | Plac. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gunn Tove Vist - Torild Heskje | 3644 | 1 |
| Simon Ekenberg - Peder Skaj | 3152 | 2 |
| Arne Ericson - Tomas Winquist | 3109 | 3 |
| Paula Leslie - Sølvi Remen | 3032 | 4 |
| Göran Selldén - Björn Wenneberg | 2886 | 5 |
| Simon Gillis - Tom Paske | 2797 | 6 |
| Søren Bune - Victor Todd-Moir | 2751 | 7 |
| Espen Anfinsen - Kjetil Helgesen | 2533 | 8 |
| Michael Justesen - Christian Reinholdt | 2514 | 9 |
| Stig Meno Farholt - Peter Fredin | 2379 | 10 |
| Christian Lahrmann - Thomas Svendsen | 2303 | 11 |
| Ida Grönkvist - John McAllister | 2192 | 12 |
| Karl Christian Baumann - Jan Erik Olsen | 2014 | 13 |
| Povl Sommer - Frank Paaskesen | 1982 | 14 |
| Mona Alzaben - Ayman Azzam | 1980 | 15 |
| Jan Gulbrand Ohren - Vidar Smith | 1941 | 16 |
| Allan Cohen - John Vermehren Norris | 1894 | 17 |
| Asbjørn Kindsbekken - Roar Voll | 1838 | 18 |
| Marianne Harding - Stine Holmøy | 1791 | 19 |
| Mads Eyde - Simon Jacob Hult | 1724 | 20 |
| Daniel Bang-Ortmann - Shivam Shah | 1686 | 21 |
| Jan Kristen Lutro - Trond Are Nitter | 1558 | 22 |
| Børre Lund - Jørgen Molberg | 1389 | 23 |
| Christian Bakke - Anders Kristensen | 1386 | 24 |
| Kjeld Hansen - Jeppe Juhl | 1232 | 25 |
| Anne Birgitte Fossum - Aksel Hornslien | 1137 | 26 |
| Finn Hansen - Rasmus Nygaard Nielsen | 1126 | 27 |
| Niels Foged - Lars Frost Mathiesen | 1093 | 28 |
| Maija Romanovska - Ugis Jansons | 1001 | 29 |
| Atle Grefstad - Martin Reinertsen | 972 | 30 |
| John Møller Jepsen - Carsten Sørensen | 943 | 31 |
| Erik Eliassen - Thorleif Skimmeldal | 700 | 32 |
| Hans Chr Graversen - Peter Graversen | 669 | 33 |
| Lars $\emptyset$ ivind Allard - Per-Ove Grime | 501 | 34 |
| Sophie Bune - Johanne Bilde Kofoed | 464 | 35 |
| Kjell Gaute Fyrun - Arild Rasmussen | 431 | 36 |
| Anders Hagen - Jonas Houmøller | 343 | 37 |
| Thomas Berg - Geert Max Jørgensen | 334 | 38 |
| Åse Mogstad - Jan Gunnar Kristensen | 327 | 39 |
| Lars Erik Eide - Terje Garseg | 290 | 40 |
| Ole Fuglestad - $\emptyset$ yvind Saur | 277 | 41 |
| Gunnar Andersson - Adam Stokka | 240 | 42 |
| Michael Askgaard - Kasper Konow | 147 | 43 |
| Henrik Frydenlund - Palle Reimann | 140 | 44 |
| Peter Jacobsen - Erling Munk Nielsen | 99 | 45 |
| Gunn Kari Helness - Ida Wennevold | 63 | 46 |
| Atle Lunde - Ståle Frøyland | 9 | 47 |
| Bjørn Kvaran - Marcello Palagi | -9 | 48 |
| Jonny Hansen - Frank Erik Svindahl | -10 | 49 |


| Henrik Kruse Petersen - Peter Lund | -85 | 50 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tor Anders Hauge - Anders Johansson | -115 | 51 |
| Bettina Kalkerup - Martin Seligman | -120 | 52 |
| Fredrik Wahlberg - Johan Wahlberg | -123 | 53 |
| Ase Langeland - Svein Arild Naas Olsen | -261 | 54 |
| Mona Lindstrøm - Ranja Sivertsvik | -281 | 55 |
| Per Ebdrup - Ole Elmegaard Mortensen | -307 | 56 |
| Morten Bilde - Michael Krogh Andersen | -346 | 57 |
| Vivianne Ås - Michael Ås | -360 | 58 |
| Malene Holm Christensen - Bas van Engelen | -382 | 59 |
| Are Sivertsen - Espen Torp | -412 | 60 |
| Liv Marit Grude - Bodil Nyheim Øigarden | -422 | 61 |
| Vegard Brekke - Stig Martinussen | -448 | 62 |
| Hjordis Eythorsdottir - Magnús Ólafsson | -579 | 63 |
| Birgit Wedell-Wedellsborg - Frederik Wedell-Wedellsborg | -720 | 64 |
| Jep Loft - Lars R. Mathiesen | -746 | 65 |
| Kim Bensby - Lars Pedro Villinger | -782 | 66 |
| Kell Krogh - Jacob Røn | -784 | 67 |
| Jens Pauli G. Nolsøe - Rói Á Rógvu Joensen | -831 | 68 |
| Henrik Gosvig - Cato Sundeng | -881 | 69 |
| Frederik Bjerregaard - Mogens Müller | -955 | 70 |
| Anders Fodstad - Gunnar Nordby | -1146 | 71 |
| Henning V. Mikkelsen - Anders Neimann-Sørensen | -1197 | 72 |
| Brita Garval - Mikael Warberg | -1226 | 73 |
| Katarina Ekren - Ann-Mari Mirkovic Juvik | -1465 | 74 |
| Arnstein Nymoen - Olav Ukkelberg | -1497 | 75 |
| Ingrid Ledertoug - Lisbeth Smed | -1628 | 76 |
| Maja Rom Anjer - Lise Blågestad | -1643 | 77 |
| Jesper Kragh - Albert Mylius Nielsen | -1782 | 78 |
| Lone Bilde - Helle Rasmussen | -1813 | 79 |
| Bjørn Henning Grandal - Hans-Thomas Holmøy | -2011 | 80 |
| Johnnny Hofseth - Per Arild Kvist | -2042 | 81 |
| Håvard Larsen - Sten Anfeldt Nilsen | -2197 | 82 |
| Terje Fosså - Roald Lauvsnes | -2252 | 83 |
| Rikke Capion Justesen - Amalie Palmund | -2292 | 84 |
| Emil Buus Thomsen - Troels Buus Thomsen | -2445 | 85 |
| Lars Peter Damgaard - Niels Krøjgaard | -2462 | 86 |
| Tom Anders Høiland - Helge Stornæs | -2949 | 87 |
| Ann Karin Fuglestad - Geir Brekka | -2951 | 88 |
| Ulla Korre Pedersen - Eric Korre Horten | -3006 | 89 |
| Anne Mette Staugaard - Asger Paaske | -3015 | 90 |
| Susan Just Olesen - Kim Nørgaard Nielsen | -3213 | 91 |
| Birgitte og Finn Thunbo Christensen | -3542 | 92 |
| Sune Pettersson - Lars-Inge Svensson | -4231 | 93 |
| Liselotte Nielsen - Allan Laursen | -5041 | 94 |

## Copenhagen Bridge Invitational

## After 7 out of 19 rounds

|  | Total | Plac. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Mikael Rimstedt - Ola Rimstedt | 611 | 1 |
| Tom Hanlon - Vince Demuy | 562 | 2 |
| Sabine Auken - Roy Welland | 388 | 3 |
| Thomas Bessis - Frédéric Volcker | 377 | 4 |
| Jean-Christophe Quantin - Cédric Lorenzini | 261 | 5 |
| Alon Birman - Dror Padon | 202 | 6 |
| Stig Werdelin - Sigurd Lauge Pedersen | 166 | 7 |
| Meike Wortel - Marion Michielsen | 86 | 8 |
| Peter Bertheau - Per-Ola Cullin | 54 | 9 |
| Espen Lindqvist - Boye Brogeland | -62 | 10 |
| Lars Blakset - Lars Lund Madsen | -94 | 11 |
| Fredrik Nyström - Johan Upmark | -104 | 12 |
| Bob Drijver - Bart Nab | -107 | 13 |
| Simon de Wijs - David Bakhshi | -146 | 14 |
| John Carroll - Tommy Garvey | -205 | 15 |
| Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness | -207 | 16 |
| Zia Mahmood - Andrey Gromov | -241 | 17 |
| Bjørg Houmøller - Signe Buus Thomsen | -307 | 18 |
| Camilla Bo Krefeld - Johan Hammelev | -589 | 19 |
| Alfredo Versace - Mustafa Cem Tokay | -645 | 20 |

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Radisson Blu Scandincavia IMP Pairs
Today's Schedule
Saturday 21st of January 2017
11:00-12:30 Round 17-20
12:30-12:45 Break
12:45-14:15 Round 21-24
14:15-15:30 Lunch (Tournament is
divided into A-, B- and C-finals)
15:30-18:15 Round 1-7 Finals
Remember to order sandwiches be-
fore 12 o'clock for the break!
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