

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



# “Trials” and Tribulations

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## Results:

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60
1	Diamond	143	23	53	28	39
2	Fireman	131	55	33	37	6

### Newsorthy Information ...

The 2015 Southamerican Bridge Championships selected two teams for each category; Open, Ladies, and Senior to represent the Zone 3 for the 2015 Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d’Orsi Cup, to be held in Chennai, India from September 26 through October 10th. Open: Brazil – Argentina, Ladies: Brazil – Venezuela and Senior: Argentina – Brazil.

## SENIOR ENTRIES CLOSED 1 or 3 ADDITIONAL TEAMS MAY ENTER

At the end of Monday, May 11, the last day for teams to enter the Seniors USBC and be guaranteed of entry, there are nine teams entered. The Conditions of Contest call for entries to remain open but only if additional teams will improve the format of the event. Therefore, entries will remain open and we will accept either one or three additional teams, in order to have an even number of teams in the Round Robin.

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# High court ruling paves way for courts to decide whether bridge is a sport ... April 27 ... The Guardian

Bridge, the genteel and physically unchallenging card game played by millions, may exercise the brain muscle, but is it a sport?

That is the question taxing legal minds as a high court ruling on Monday paved the way for a courtroom battle to decide.

The row centres on a refusal by Sport England to recognise the trick-taking game as a legitimate sport and thus eligible for lottery grants.

The English Bridge Union claim it ought to be recognised as a “mind sport” and want Sport England’s refusal to do so declared unlawful.

An estimated 300,000 people regularly play Bridge in the UK. It receives no public funding, with members funding international bridge activities.

Sport England, who hold the purse strings for lottery grants to non-professional sporting groups in the UK, however insist bridge is no more a sporting activity than “sitting at home, reading a book”.

Mr Justice Mostyn, who has admitted enjoying a hand or two himself on social occasions, granted the Aylesbury-based union permission to mount a full judicial review of Sport England’s decision. He also directed that the World Chess Federation (FIDE) be informed of his decision, as they “might want to get in on it”.

Richard Clayton QC, representing the union, told the judge: “This case raises a short but important point: whether Sport England is entitled to refuse to recognise bridge as a sport.

If it was recognised as a sport, it would open the road to grants from public funds for bridge tournaments, and also for it and other bridge bodies to qualify for valuable tax exemptions.

Kate Gallofent QC, for Sport England, said: “Sport means all forms of physical activity aimed at improving physical fitness and wellbeing, forming social relations and gaining results in competition at all levels”. She added the definition is based on a European Sports Charter, issued in 1992, and had the benefit of promoting “a common European definition of sport”.

“The starting point of the definition of sport is physical activity. Bridge cannot ever satisfy this definition,” she said.

However, the judge was told other EU countries, including the Netherlands, Ireland and Poland recognised bridge as a sport, and the International Olympic Committee also “recognised in 1999 that bridge and chess should be recognised as “mind sports”.

“There is nothing in the Sport England charter that limits sports to physical activities, and the health benefit of playing bridge is well documented,” said Clayton.

Giving permission for the judicial review “by a narrow margin”, Mostyn said it was arguable that the card game was a physical activity “if the brain is a muscle”.

Mostyn said: “You are doing more physical activity playing bridge, with all that dealing and playing, than in rifle-shooting. There are a number of physical activities, such as running on a treadmill in a gym, which are physical recreations but not sports.”

Arguing against the decision, Gallofent said there was an “absolutely clear bright line” between bridge, chess and currently recognised sports. In snooker or rifle-shooting, no one else could take your shot, she said. While in bridge, “somebody else could step up and play my cards for me in these sort of mind games”.

“There is a difference between sport and recreation. I can enjoy sitting at home reading a book – it does not mean I can

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# Teams in Order by Seeding

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

<b>Diamond</b> Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>John Diamond, Capt</b> <b>Eric Greco</b> <b>Justin Lall</b>	<b>Brian Platnick</b> <b>Geoff Hampson</b> <b>Kevin Bathurst</b>
<b>Hamman</b> Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>Robert Hamman, Capt</b> <b>Ross Grabel</b> <b>Ron Rubin</b>	<b>Roger Lee</b> <b>Howard Weinstein</b> <b>Peter Weichsel</b>
<b>Fleisher</b> Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>Martin Fleisher</b> <b>Brad Moss</b> <b>Michael Rosenberg</b> <b>Jan Martel, NPC</b>	<b>Chip Martel</b> <b>Ishmael Delmonte</b> <b>Chris Willenken</b>
<b>Cayne</b>	<b>Jimmy Cayne, Capt</b> <b>Curtis Cheek</b> <b>Michael Kamil</b>	<b>Michael Seamon</b> <b>Joe Grue</b> <b>Zia Mahmood</b>
<b>Gordon</b>	<b>Mark Gordon, Capt</b> <b>Alan Sontag</b> <b>Jacek Pszczola</b>	<b>Pratap Rajadhyaksha</b> <b>David Berkowitz</b> <b>Kevin Dwyer</b>
<b>Bramley</b>	<b>Bart Bramley, Capt</b> <b>Kit Woolsey</b> <b>Matthew Granovetter</b>	<b>Lew Stansby</b> <b>Fred Stewart</b> <b>Roger Bates</b>
<b>Mahaffey</b>	<b>Jim Mahaffey, Capt</b> <b>Gary Cohler</b> <b>Mike Passell</b>	<b>Sam Lev</b> <b>Billy Cohen</b> <b>Brian Glubok</b>
<b>Harris</b>	<b>Martin Harris, Capt</b> <b>Neil Chambers</b>	<b>Jacob Morgan</b> <b>John Schermer</b>
<b>Gupta</b>	<b>Vinita Gupta, Capt</b> <b>Steve Garner</b> <b>Adam Kaplan</b>	<b>Billy Miller</b> <b>Ron Smith</b>
<b>Fireman</b>	<b>Paul Fireman, Capt</b> <b>John Kranyak</b> <b>John Hurd</b>	<b>Gavin Wolpert</b> <b>Vincent Demuy</b> <b>Joel Wooldridge</b>
<b>Borker</b>	<b>Jay Borker</b> <b>Larry Robbins</b>	<b>Doug Doub</b> <b>Adam Wildavsky</b>
<b>Milner</b>	<b>Reese Milner, Capt</b> <b>Mark Lair</b> <b>David Grainger</b>	<b>Hemant Lall</b> <b>Ira Chorush</b>
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<b>Cappelli</b>	<b>Robert Cappelli, Capt</b> <b>Robert Bitterman</b> <b>Joe Harris</b>	<b>Frank Treiber III</b> <b>Jerry Helms</b> <b>Leon Lowe</b>
<b>Ivatury</b>	<b>Uday Ivatury, Capt</b> <b>Jon Sorkin</b>	<b>Christal Henner</b> <b>Lapt Chan</b>
<b>Denison</b>	<b>Daniel Denison, Capt</b> <b>Jason Feldman</b>	<b>Richard Unger</b> <b>Greg Hinze</b>
<b>Ware</b>	<b>Peggy Ware, Capt</b> <b>Greg Humphreys</b>	<b>Spencer Jones</b> <b>Adam Parrish</b>
<b>Ganzer</b>	<b>Craig Ganzer, Capt</b> <b>Franco Baseggio</b> <b>William Watson</b>	<b>Robert Brady</b> <b>Brady Richter</b> <b>Howard Liu</b>
<b>Dinkin</b>	<b>Sam Dinkin, Capt</b> <b>Adam Grossack</b>	<b>Kenk Tunçok</b> <b>Zachary Grossack</b>
<b>Becker</b>	<b>Drew Becker, Capt</b> <b>Kenneth Zuckerberg</b>	<b>Jason Rosenfeld</b> <b>Daniel Wilderman</b>

Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose.  
Bill Gates



# Into the Finals ...

Board 9

Dealer: N ♠ QJ8542

E/W Vul. ♥ 94

♦ AK7

♣ 62

♠ A6

♥ KQ

♦ QT963

♣ AJT4



♠ K93

♥ J65

♦ 5

♣ KQ753

♠ T7

♥ AT8732

♦ J842

♣ 9

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Hampson	Kranyak	Greco
	1S	2C	2H (nf)
2S	Pass	3C	Pass
3D	Pass	3NT	Pass
4C	Pass	5C	All Pass

## Open Room

Platnick	Fireman	Diamond	Wolpert
	1S	Pass	1NT
Pass	2S	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, with nine HCP and a 6-card suit, Kranyak overcalled 2C after Hampson's opening 1S bid. Some would find that call aggressive, but I think Kranyak's mom would approve!!!

Greco bid 2H (non forcing); Demuy cued 2S in support of clubs. Kranyak rebid 3C showing a minimum and Demuy forced again with 3D. Kranyak tried 3NT but Demuy thought there was a chance for bigger and better things. He made one more try with 4C. Kranyak bid game and played it there. With only one diamond and one heart to lose, the game made easily. +600

In the Open Room, Diamond thought better of the overcall. After 1S-1NT, Platnick had no convenient bid. He passed; Fireman bid 2S and the auction ended. It seems like most players holding the West cards would balance... either with double of 2NT.

Diamond led his singleton diamond. Fireman won. Fireman played a spade to the ten and Platnick's ace. Platnick continued spades, Diamond winning his king. Diamond played a heart to dummy's ace. Fireman played a diaond off dummy to the king, Diamond ruffing. The H5 went to the queen; Platnick cashed the diamond queen; Platnick played two rounds of clubs and Fireman conceded down two. 11 IMPs to Fireman

Board 5

Dealer: N ♠ 62

N/S Vul. ♥ KJ93

♦ 9542

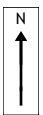
♣ 654

♠ KT

♥ 85

♦ K6

♣ AKQJT72



♠ AJ54

♥ AQ642

♦ QJ73

♣

♠ Q9873

♥ T7

♦ AT8

♣ 983

## Closed Room

Platnick	Fireman	Diamond	Wolpert
	Pass	1H	Pass
2C (GF, art.)	Pass	2S	Pass
4C (solid suit)	Pass	4NT (last train)	Pass
5C	All Pass		

## Open Room

Demuy	Hampson	Kranyak	Greco
	Pass	1H	Pass
2C (alerted)	Pass	2H (alerted)	Pass
2NT (alerted)	Pass	3C	Pass
3D	Pass	3NT	Pass
4C	Pass	4D	Pass
5C	Pass	4NT	Pass
6C	Pass	6D	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

Again, Diamond and Platnick look conservative next to their counterparts.

5C easily made six, while 6NT easily made six too. 11 IMPs to Fireman ... Fireman's on a roll...



## VuGraph Information

The 2015 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16, in which we will cover 2 or 3 matches. The Round of 16 will start Sunday, May 10th. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or download the BBO software to run BBO on your computer. If you choose the latter approach, after downloading, install the software on your computer, log on, follow the directions to become a BBO member and you'll be magically transported to the Lobby of the largest bridge club in the world. Click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch. There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

10:00-12:10  
12:25-2:35  
3:45-5:55  
6:10-8:20

During the Semifinals and Finals, all of the teams will play the same boards.

During the Round of 16, each team will play a different set of boards.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on the USBF site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2015USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page

**No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.**

**This applies to players AND kibitzers.**

**Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.**

**Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.**

**The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.**



# Knockout Schedule

Board 13 ♠ AT72  
 Dealer: N ♥ 94  
 All Vul. ♦ AKQ3  
 ♣ 854

♠ J64 ♠ Q8  
 ♥ KJ52 ♥ T3  
 ♦ J752 ♦ 986  
 ♣ Q9 ♣ AJT732  
 ♠ K953  
 ♥ AQ876  
 ♦ T4  
 ♣ K6



<i>Round of Sixteen</i>		
<i>Captains' Meeting in Playing Area at 9:45 AM</i>		
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>MAY 10TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 45-60
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>MAY 11TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>Quarterfinals</i>		
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>MAY 12TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>MAY 13TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>Semi-Finals</i>		
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>MAY 14TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>MAY 15TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>Final</i>		
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>MAY 16TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>MAY 17TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Hampson	Kranyak	Greco
Platnick	Fireman	Diamond	Wolpert
	1D	Pass	1H
Pass	1S	Pass	4S
All Pass			

Two identical auctions! Finally! However, that's where the similarity ends.

In the Open Room, Hampson declarer 4S and went down one.

Kranyak led the D6 to Hampson's ace. Hampson unsuccessfully finessed against the HQ, losing to Demuy's king. Demuy played a diamond to Hampson's king; Hampson pulled one round of trump with the ace; and went to dummy with the ace of hearts to ruff a heart. Kranyak overruffed the deuce with his queen. He continued the attack on diamonds, Hampson winning his queen.

Hampson played a spade to dummy's king, but it was too late. In the end, he lost two spades, a club and a heart for down one.

In the Closed Room, Fireman declarer 4S, played it very well, and made it.

Fireman received the same diamond lead as Hampson. Fireman also took the immediate heart finesse, losing to the king. And, once again, a diamond was continued to the king. Fireman played the spade ace, and this is where things change... Paul played a second spade to dummy's king, pulling both of Diamond's trump. No possible overruff. Now ace of hearts, heart ruff, diamond ruff, heart ruff, DQ, pitching a club from dummy, a club to East's ace, club continued and ruffed in dummy, and the good H8 for the 13th trick... Contract making!

# Seeding Information

The teams in the USBC are seeded based on a combination of Individual Positioning Points & ACBL Performance Points, including masterpoints. The seeding points for an individual player are capped at 65. Teams are seeded based on the average seeding points for the team, except that the three teams with byes are seeded on the basis of their PPs. The teams and their seed positions are listed in the table below. Note that the top 4 finishers in the Round Robin receive additional seeding points, which may change the seeding order for the Knockout stage. Teams may also add or drop players before the USBC, which would change their seeding points.

Seed	Team Name	Team Average Seeding Points
1	Diamond	70 PPs
2	Hamman	46 PPs
3	Fleisher	41 PPs
4	Cayne	52.13 SPs
5	Gordon	43.56 SPs
6	Bramley	36.72 SPs
7	Mahaffey	30.82 SPs
8	Harris	28.54 SPs
9	Gupta	25.90 SPs
10	Fireman	23.05 SPs
11	Borker	17.41 SPs
12	Milner	16.00 SPs
13	Lo	13.58 SPs
14	Rigal	11.59 SPs
15	Cappelli	8.74 SPs
16	Ivatury	8.21 SPs
17	Denison	7.32 SPs
18	Ware	5.36 SPs
19	Ganzer	4.82 SPs
20	Dinkin	4.51 SPs
21	Becker	3.38 SPs



## Hospitality Suite Information

The hospitality suite for the 2015 USBC is room 3321. Our wonderful hostess, Lisa Berkowitz is in Chicago, where she is joined by Martha Katz & Phyllis Cheek, to welcome you to the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. The girls are serving breakfast each day from 8:00-10:30 and **lunch from Sunday-Sunday from 12:30-4:00.\***

The hospitality suite is open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

There is also a "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan's office) near the playing rooms starting on Tuesday. It has coffee, soft drinks and snacks available while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

**\*Note earlier starting time than originally planned please!**



		2	6			B		8				9	5		E
1				3				A		5	7				4
	9		C		7	0	1			2				3	
			7				8	D	3			1	A		
3			9	F						C	D				2
7	E		0		3		4	A			F				6
			D	0	E	C			4		7				5
				1			6	3				D	9		7
F		6	3				A	0			9				
B				5		6			E	3	4	F			
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4			A	8		F					E				3
6		3	E				9		D			0	B		

**Big  
Sudoku**

# Answers to Puzzle

A	3	2	6	D	4	B	F	8	7	1	C	9	5	0	E
1	D	8	F	3	6	9	2	E	A	0	5	7	C	B	4
E	9	5	C	A	7	0	1	4	F	2	B	6	8	3	D
0	B	4	7	C	5	E	8	D	3	9	6	1	A	2	F
3	4	A	9	F	8	7	5	6	1	C	D	B	0	E	2
7	E	B	0	9	3	D	4	A	2	5	F	8	1	C	6
2	6	1	D	0	E	C	B	9	4	8	7	3	F	A	5
8	C	F	5	1	A	2	6	3	B	E	0	D	9	4	7
F	7	6	3	B	1	4	A	0	C	D	9	2	E	5	8
B	A	D	8	5	9	6	0	2	E	3	4	F	7	1	C
5	0	C	4	E	2	3	D	F	8	7	1	A	6	9	B
9	2	E	1	7	F	8	C	B	5	6	A	4	3	D	0
D	F	7	B	6	0	5	3	C	9	A	2	E	4	8	1
C	8	0	2	4	B	A	E	1	6	F	3	5	D	7	9
4	1	9	A	8	D	F	7	5	0	B	E	C	2	6	3
6	5	3	E	2	C	1	9	7	D	4	8	0	B	F	A





# Puzzle Page ...

## The Cannibals

Three cannibals and three anthropologists have to cross a river.

The boat they have is only big enough for two people. The cannibals will do as requested, even if they are on the other side of the river, with one exception. If at any point in time there are more cannibals on one side of the river than anthropologists, the cannibals will eat them.

What plan can the anthropologists use for crossing the river so they don't get eaten?

Note: One anthropologist cannot control two cannibals on land, nor can one anthropologist on land control two cannibals on the boat if they are all on the same side of the river. This means an anthropologist will not survive being rowed across the river by a cannibal if there is one cannibal on the other side.

### Solution:

First, two cannibals go across to the other side of the river, then the rower gets called back. Next, the rowing cannibal takes the second across and then gets called back, so now there are two cannibals on the far side.

Two anthropologists go over, then one anthropologist accompanies one cannibal back, so now there is one anthropologist and one cannibal on the far side.

The last two anthropologists go over to the far side, so now all the anthropologists are across the other side, along with the boat and one cannibal.

In two trips, the cannibal on the far side takes the boat and ferries the other two cannibals across the river.

## The Father

A mother is 21 years older than her child. In exactly 6 years from now, the mother will be exactly 5 times as old as the child.

Where's the father?

**Solution:** With the mother. If you do the math, you find out the child will be born in 9 months.

## The Double Jeopardy Doors

You are trapped in a room with two doors. One leads to certain death and the other leads to freedom. You don't know which is which.

There are two robots guarding the doors. They will let you choose one door but upon doing so you must go through it.

You can, however, ask one robot one question. The problem is one robot always tells the truth, the other always lies and you don't know which is which.

What is the question you ask?

**Solution:** Ask one robot what the other robot would say, if it was asked which door was safe. Then go through the other door.

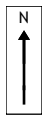
Board 20  
 Dealer: W  
 All Vul.

♠ 85  
 ♥ K862  
 ♦ A842  
 ♣ 982

♠ 92  
 ♥ JT  
 ♦ JT765  
 ♣ T654

♠ Q743  
 ♥ A975  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ KQ73

♠ AKJT6  
 ♥ Q43  
 ♦ KQ9  
 ♣ AJ



Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Demuy	Lall	Kranyak	Bathurst
Pass	Pass	2D (11-15, short diamonds)	Double
3C	3D	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Open Room			
Hampson	Fireman	Greco	Wolpert
Pass	Pass	2D (11-15, short diamonds)	Pass
3C	All Pass		

Both tables play that an opening 2D shows a minimum opening hand, three-suited, short diamonds.

In the Closed Room, Kranyak opened 2D and Bathurst doubled. Demuy preferenced 3C and Lall bid 3D. Kranyak passed and Bathurst ended the auction with 3NT.

Demuy led a fourth best club to the queen and ace. Bathurst played a heart to the king, hoping for the ace on his left, but knowing it was unlikely because of the opening bid on his right. Kranyak won his ace. Three rounds of clubs were cashed and the five of hearts went to declarer's queen.

Bathurst cashed the queen of diamond and the king of diamonds and the ace of spades. The nine of diamonds went to the ace and Kranyak was forced to part with either a heart of a spade. He chose the spade. Bathurst finessed the spade queen and successfully fulfilled his contract. +600

In the Open Room, it is somewhat amazing that Wolpert never bid. He does, in fact, hold 20 HCP and a five card spade suit. When Hampson bid three clubs, everyone went quietly.

Three clubs wasn't easy. A spade was led through the queen to the ten. The ace of spades was cashed and a small spade was continued. Hampson pitched a heart while Fireman ruffed with the deuce. A heart to dummy's ace was followed by a diamond to Wolpert's king.

Wolpert continued his attack on spades. Hampson ruffed with the ten and Fireman pitched the eight of hearts. Declarer ruffed a diamond in dummy and a heart in his hand. Another diamond ruff followed. Another heart ruff and the now good DJ, pitching a heart from dummy while Wolpert ruffed with the trump jack.

The ace of clubs and jack of spades were cashed, the contract failing two tricks. -200 9 IMPs to Diamond

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claim it's a sport," she said.

The judge said there were "a number of strong indicators that an essential ingredient of sport, even if it is not competitive, has to embrace physical activity". But, he added, the fact the IOC recognised bridge and chess as mind sports was "very significant".

"I do not conclude that this case is completely unarguable, or that this challenge is vexatious or frivolous," he said.

Outside court, Ian Payn, vice-chairman of the English Bridge Union, said: "We are very pleased with the decision." By being recognised as a sporting body, the union hoped to "strengthen its hand" in a separate, ongoing battle for tax exemptions, he added.



Ian Payn