

is poor because East knows his partner must hold ♠AK. He would never contemplate a club return".

Nevertheless, Chagas' article was well ahead of the rest of the field and James Jacoby, Derek Rington and Kitty Bethe had to struggle for the runner up position. "Save the deuce" by James Jacoby came second and many members of the jury applauded his article. José le Dentu (France): "Even good players do not pay enough attention to their deuces and it is a good idea to build a Bols tip on this point. Besides, the diamond grand slam will fill with joy many hearts." Patrick Jourdain (England): "Jacoby's tip is simple to implement, relevant in practice (most average players habitually dispose of their smallest cards at the earliest opportunity) and will occasionally hit the jackpot". And Terence Reese wrote: "The original purpose of the Bols Bridge Tips was to suggest ways in which keen players might improve their game. Of the present set, only Jacoby's tip qualifies". Uno Vligand (Estonia): "Save the Deuce is the best article but many articles contain useful advice for players of different rank. But... the most beautiful thing about this competition is that Bols is sponsoring bridge and organising this competition".

The King lives, long live the king" by Derek Rington got a lot of approval. John Wignall (New Zealand): "I found it easy to make my first choice which is a bright and original idea". Kitty Bethe found herself in 4th place with her article "The Trappist Rule". Although no less than 13 members of the jury appointed this article as the best one, the opinions were divided. Irene Chodorowska (Poland): "All your bridge wisdom and knowledge is seriously affected if it is disturbed by tongue wagging. That is why I value so much Kitty Bethe's tip". And Vladimir Krass (Czechoslovakia): "For me Kitty Bathe is the winner because I am playing with my wife". Henry Francis (USA): "Since the Bols tips are primarily designed for average players, tips such as those offered by Bethe and Nicholson are invaluable. It is most important for partnerships to survive storms that arise. If the tips were designed for more advanced players, no doubt my choice would have been different". But others are saying that Kitty Bethe's tip has nothing to do with bridge and that it doesn't deserve a single point.

What to say about this year's competition in general? The members of the IBPA sometimes had completely different opinions. Eddie Kantar (USA): "All the tips were good, it was hard to decide". Eric Bowtell (England): "A splendid set of tips with nice touches of humour, the whole attaining the high level of those which have gone before". Others are not very content with this series. Lars Blakset (Denmark): "Some of the articles are just old stuff in new cans". The level this year is a little bit lower than in preceding years (Jean Besse, Arne Hofstad, Bob van de Velde, Mini Mur-

phy, Anders Wirgren) and Hugh Kelsey says that most articles are far too long for an average bridge column. Rodrigo Cunha (Portugal) suggests that the target should be defined more explicitly.

Nevertheless, the readers of the different bridge columns all over the world will enjoy the winning articles of this year's series. We thank all the jury members who submitted their voting forms most heartily.

DON'T SPOIL YOUR PARTNER'S BRILLIANCY

By Gabriel Chagas

From time to time, sitting at the bridge table, you will get the opportunity to rise to the occasion. This does not always succeed because there is also a partner who must understand what is going on. Everybody knows the situation: you underlead an ace against a trump contract, and your partner looks a little surprised when his king wins the trick. This is an awkward moment for your partner, whose first duty is to discover WHY you underled your ace. He has to recognize that you made a brilliant move, and it is necessary not to spoil your brilliancy.

Dir. South. ♠ 8 2
 Love all. ♥ J 10 4 3
 ♦ A K 10 9 8 7 6
 ♣ none

♠ Q 6
 ♥ 9 8 7
 ♦ J
 ♣ K 10 9 7 6 5 2

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	pass
3NT	All Pass		

North-South play five card majors, the 2NT as less than 15 points, and 3♦ as forcing. Partner leads the ♣3, dummy discards a small heart, you play the ♣K as East, and declarer takes the ace. The prospects are gloomy. If declarer has diamonds, then seven tricks are already in the basket. South plays the ♦3, your partner contributes the QUEEN and, to your surprise, declarer plays LOW from dummy! Are you in a meeting of wizards? It is impossible that partner has a singleton diamond, because in that case, declarer would have played the king. Nevertheless there is not much time to think because, in the next split second, your partner has put the ♠4 on the table. What is going on? Why not another club? The mystery deepens when you put on the queen, and it wins the trick! (Declarer playing the 3.)

The ♣10 is already in your hand but,wait, what would have happened if West had played a small diamond to the second trick? Apparently declarer has only two diamonds, and is prepared to give you a diamond trick. So you would have gained the lead with the jack and then, well, which card would you have played? The ♣10 of course. Ah! Your partner played the queen of diamonds in order to play a SPADE, not a club. He did not want a club continuation. He must have promising cards in spades, and know that the club suit offers no future. As the light dawns, you return a SPADE. And this was the full layout:

♠ 8 2	
♥ J 10 4 3	
♦ A K 10 9 8 7 6	
♣ none	
♠ A K 10 4	♠ Q 6
♥ Q 6 5	♥ 9 8 7
♦ Q 4 2	♦ J
♣ J 8 3	♣ K 10 9 7 6 5 2
♠ J 9 7 5 3	
♥ A K 2	
♦ 5 3	
♣ A Q 4	

Wave a flag for West playing the ♦Q! He knew declarer had the ♣Q and the ♥A and therefore nine tricks if you continued a club. So he found a way to gain the lead himself to make the killing switch. But what would have happened if, when you won the spade, you had thoughtlessly switched back to clubs? West would have slipped from his chair, and would have been ready for the mental hospital, to spend his days regretting this waste of beauty!

THE 1991 BOLS BRIDGE TIPS COMPETITION Chip Martel (USA)

CLEAR VICTORY FOR CHIP MARTEL IN BOLS BRIDGE TIPS COMPETITION 1991

87 journalists from 30 countries have made Chip Martel (USA) the winner of the Bols Bridge Tips Competition 1991.

This was the result of the voting:

1. Chip Martel (USA)	430
Play with all 52 cards	
2. Andrew Robson (GB)	356
Play a pre-emptor who leads his suit for a singleton trump	
3. Berry Westra (Neth)	252
Don't follow your partner's signals blindly	
4. Anders Brunzell (Sw)	182

Don't get impressed by an overwhelming enemy strength	
5. Sandra Landy (GB)	156
Remember what they didn't do	
6. Bobby Wolff (USA)	152
Your tempo is showing	
7. Terence Reese (GB)	146
See round corners	
8. Svend Novrup (Den)	44
Search for the eggs of Columbus	

Chip Martel received 33 first places, Andrew Robson 23, Berry Westra and Anders Brunzell 8, Sandra Landy 7, Bobby Wolff 5, Terence Reese 2 and Svend Novrup 1.

The voting members of the IBPA came from: GB 19; USA 13; Canada 5; Australia and Denmark 4; Netherlands, Norway and Sweden 3; Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Poland, Rumania and New Zealand 2; Argentina, Brazil, Finland, Hungary; Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Mauritius, Portugal, Russia and Switzerland: 1

Evelyn Senn, our Clippings Secretary, conveys her personal thanks to each member who submitted a clipping. She acknowledges that time was short, and it may have been difficult for some members to make the deadline, but this was extended until votes had been received from most areas of the world. In past years Evelyn has sent a "thank you" note to each member who had sent in a clipping, but this year the volume of letters, with the NEC and BOLS so close, makes that too difficult.

The Jury Competition

Five members of IBPA guessed 1, 2, 3 in exactly the right order. They will each receive a prize of 200 Dutch guilders.

The winners are: Luigi Filippo d'Amico (Italy), Henry Bethe (USA), Brent Manley (USA), Cees Sint (Netherlands), and Jan Worm (Netherlands).

Comments

The overwhelming majority of the IBPA members were very satisfied with this year's series of tips. Last year, there was an unusual mixture of psychological and non-technical aspects of the game which was not appreciated by everybody. But this year, the mere technical aspect of bridge re-appeared gloriously, the quality of almost all tips being very high. Chip Martel became the undisputed winner and his contribution "Play with all 52 cards" can be considered a real hit among the winners of the last years. Gabriel Chagas wrote: "Most tips were quite good but Chip's tip was a great alert for beginners and average players and also for top players who play too fast". And from England, David Bird confessed, "Martel's tip, with three fine