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# C.A.C. BRIDGE

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## 1977 C.A.C.B.F. Tournament

The sixth annual C. A. C. B. F. championships were absolutely the most splendid ever: the organization, the venue, the welcoming committee, the visiting dignitaries and experts, the opening ceremony, the gadgetry, the direction, the bilingual daily bulletins, the tournament emblems and flags, the mothers day gifts, the performance by Simadanza, the world press coverage, the stamp issue, the victory banquet and more.

It was Bon Bini at the airport from the welcoming committee and the airport edition daily bulletins in English and Spanish. We were then ferried in tournament-designated taxis to the gorgeous Holiday Inn hotel. It was beautiful. On May 6 there was a splendid gala opening ceremony and cocktail party at the nearby Hilton hotel. We were addressed by Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, the World Bridge Federation President.

Then on May 7 the C.A.C. Pairs championship began. The title was won by our daily bulletin editor, the New York Times columnist Alan Truscott and his expert wife Dorothy Hayden Truscott. Of special interest, it was the first time a pair tournament was conducted with screens. The overall winners:

1. Alan and Dorothy Truscott, USA	65.97%
2. Anton Cahn-Speyer, Carlos Reyes, Colombia	62.29%
3. Mr. Risk, Mr. Derivery, Guadeloupe	61.14%
4. Mr. Rosenkranz, Mr. Reygadas, Mexico	60.99%
5. Mr. Pasquini, Mr. Onorati, Venezuela	60.87%
6. Mr. Wong, Mr. Levy, Jamaica	58.65%
7. Mr. Calvo, Mr. Hand, Panama	58.47%

### OPEN PAIRS CONSOLATION

1. Mr. Clarke, Mr. Hart	63.65%
2. Mr. Bombali, Mr. Brisbane	61.57%
3. Mr. Hirschberg, Mr. Gottfried	57.17%
4. Mr. Chen, Mr. Chin See	56.59%
5. Mr. Gillette, Mr. Fraser	55.43%
6. Mr. and Mrs. Arnal	55.32%

Only the Truscotts, Risk-DeRivery and the Hellenbergs of Holland reached the best contract of 7NT on these cards:

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

7NT not only gives you the best match-point score but also has the best percentage chance: you can play the spades before playing clubs and the spade break gives a clue who is more likely to have three clubs. In practice one defender had four spades to the jack onside and a void in clubs.

On May 9 the premier event began with thirteen countries competing in the national teams. There was a complete round robin with a stake of 20 victory points per match, the top four teams qualifying for the playoffs.



The Victorious Venezuelans. From the left: Roberto Benaim, Paolo Pasquini, Mario Onorati, Francis Vernon, and Steve Hamaoui.

### The round robin results:

1. Panama	201	8. Guadeloupe	119
2. Venezuela	188	9. Neth. Antilles	101
3. Colombia	176	10. Guyana	94
4. Mexico	170	11. Trinidad	80
5. Barbados	144	12. Surinam	71
6. Jamaica	142	13. Aruba	53
7. St. Kitts	124		

Juan Manuel Nuñez of Colombia produced the best play of the tournament on this hand against Mexico in the fifth round:

### East-West Vulnerable

	NORTH	
	♠ 9 6 5 4	
	♥ A 10	
	♦ A K 5 4	EAST
	♣ A 10 2	♠ A 3
WEST		♥ J 8 6
♠ K J		♦ J 10 7 3 2
♥ K 9 7 5		♣ Q 8 6
♦ —	SOUTH	
♣ K J 9 7 5 4 3	♠ Q 10 8 7 2	
	♥ Q 4 3 2	
	♦ Q 9 8 6	
	♣ —	

West	North	East	South
1♥	Dbl.	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♠	Pass	4♣

South won the club lead with the ace in dummy and finessed the spade ten. Nuñez, who had opened one heart rather than one club because he was using the Blue Club

system, shrewdly won this trump trick with the king instead of the jack. This play could hardly lose, but few players would think of it in the heat of battle.

When South ruffed the next club he was not unnaturally under the impression that East held the spade jack. And if East held the ace as well as the hypothetical jack it was vital to lead the next trump from dummy. So he led a diamond to get to dummy to repeat the spade finesse. But Nuñez ruffed the diamond and got out with another club. Eventually the defense scored the ace of spades and a heart trick to beat the contract one.

Simultaneous with the national team round robin was the open team round robin. Thirteen teams entered. The results:

1. Truscotts, Dhers, Zanalda, Hirschhaut 229
2. Hall, Ziadie, ChinSee, Chen, Scott, Boxer 193
3. Traboulay, Viera, Mapp, Morton, Higgs, Hill 153

A swiss team event was held during the national team playoffs on May 13-14. Twenty-four teams entered. The results:

1. Hirschhaut, Dhers, Berah, Zanalda 5
2. Eisenberg, Kantar, Sasson, Lawner 4 3/4
3. Truscott, Truscott, Prieto, Prieto 4 1/2
- 4/5. Berend, Bongers, Hansen, Bongers 4 1/4
- 4/5. Hamel-Smith, DeVerteuil, Clarke, Hart, Herold, Chambers 4 1/4

In the National team semi-finals Mexico beat Panama and Venezuela nosed out Colombia. In the finals Venezuela led by 30 IMPs with 20 boards to go and went on to win 225-97. The champions were: Mario Onorati, Paolo Pasquini, Francis Vernon, Steve Hamaoui, Hector Manrique and Roberto Benaim.

Venezuela made four hearts in one room but found the defense to beat it in the replay on this hand from the finals:

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

Four hearts made on a spade lead and a percentage heart guess. Venezuela on defense led three rounds of clubs. Declarer led a heart to the jack but now a fourth round of clubs ruffed with the queen promoted a second trump trick for the defense.

The Victory Banquet was exceptional. Besides the entertainment and endless presentations, there were speeches by Johannes Hammerich – 1st vice president of the WBF, Alberto Calvo – C.A.C.B.F. Secretariat, Bob Lopez Henriquez – President of the Netherlands Antilles Bridge Federation and chief tournament organizer, and Jimmy Cozier – President of the Barbados Bridge League, the site of this years tournament. There was an eye-catching presentation preluding the wonderful events in Barbados this year.

There was an exhibition match at the end of our tournament between our zonal all-stars and world champions



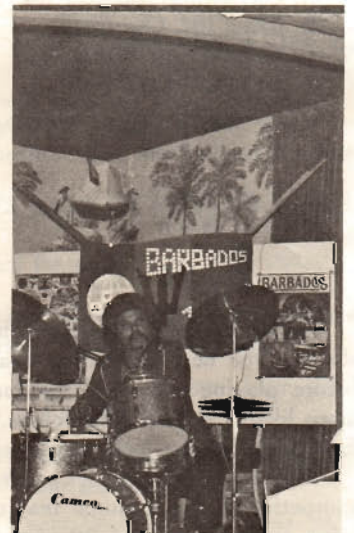
The Open Team Winners. From the left: Alan Truscott, Edgar Kaplan, Alberto Dhers, Dorothy Hayden Truscott, Fida Hirschhaut, and David Zanalda. The Truscotts also won the Open Pairs. Hirschhaut, Dhers, and Zanalda, along with David Berah also won the Swiss teams.

Hamman-Wolff, Eisenberg-Kantar, and Soloway-Goldman. The world champions won.

Thanks go out to the visiting bridge editors – the Kaplans for their vu-graph commentary and coverage in Bridge World magazine, and to the Truscotts for their efforts in producing a daily bulletin and coverage in the New York Times.

And thanks also go out to our perrenial shining star, director Bill Schoder, who was assisted by his wife Margaret, A. Steffan (Holland) and Leo Van Eldik (Aruba). Beautifully done again Bill.

And above all the tournament was a great success thanks to the hard working tournament committee headed by Bob Lopez Henriquez, president of the Netherlands Antilles Bridge League. Thanks go to: Mrs. Ivy Van Den Ende, Mrs. Riet Dijkhout, Henny Dorsman, Leo Van Eldik, Henk de Meer, and Siem Van Den Ende. Henny Dorsman invented the sliding boxes used in the finals, handled technical logistics, and organized his students from Fynmetal M.L.H. school into making endless gifts and gadgetry. Bob Lopez Henriquez presided over the tournament organization, of which enough cannot be said, and was vital in organizing the stamp issue that produced great funds for the tournament organization. Superb show Bob.



At the Victory Banquet, the man who engineered the show: Bob Lopez Henriquez, and a prelude to the wonderful events this year in Barbados.

# Torneo Internacional de Bridge de Venezuela

The first annual international bridge tournament of Venezuela was held last year after Aruba. Competition was fierce. Roitman-Cahn-Speyer of Colombia were leading for a while but in the end it was: 1st) Bob Goldman-Paul Soloway, 2nd) Hamman-Wolff, 3rd) Dano DeFalco-Giulio Denna (Italy), and 4th) Eisenberg-Kantar. In the teams the three abovementioned American pairs defeated Alberto Dhers, Joe Amsbury, Alberto Calvo, and Jeff Hand by 20 IMPs in the finals. In the third place playoffs the Argentine national team defeated the Italian squad led by Denna-DeFalco.

The second annual international bridge tournament of Venezuela will be held this year directly after the New Orleans Olympiad.

## ITALY SUSPENDED

The World Bridge Federation, by a unanimous vote of its executive council last October, temporarily suspended the Italian Bridge Federation (IBF) from membership. The suspension resulted from the failure of the president of the IBF to fulfill commitments made to the WBF on May 1, 1976. At that time he promised to furnish full documentation and a certified copy of the Burgay-Bianchi tape. The suspension is effective until March 15, 1978, with the WBF management committee having authority to maintain the suspension until June 15, 1978. The Executive Council will meet again on June 15, 1978. A general election of IBF officers is expected to take place before March 15.

The Burgay-Bianchi tape concerns possible cheating in previous Bermuda Bowl competition by Italian players.

## BOOK REVIEWS

No Passing Fancy by Sue Emery. A fascinating history of contract bridge from the days of Culbertson through the fifties. Hard to put down.

Bridge Humor by Edgar Kantar. A collection of Kantar's funniest stories. Some of them are absolutely hilarious.

## JULIUS L. ROSENBLUM

(1906 - 1978)

Julius Rosenblum, former World Bridge Federation president, died at his home in New Orleans on January second. He had a long and distinguished career in the promotion of tournament bridge throughout the ACBL and the world. He was instrumental in the foundation of our federation. He, in company with his wife Natalie, visited our tournaments in Barbados (1971), Panama (1972), and Caracas (1975). In 1975 he presented a "plaque" commemorating the 50th anniversary of bridge to the Panama government. He served an unprecedented three terms as WBF president, where he saw tremendous growth of the WBF. He was a great man, one whom the bridge world will always miss.

## News Bits

The 1977 Maccabiah games (Israel Olympics) bridge tournament was competed by 12 teams last July. 1st) Israel 79%, 2nd) South Africa 75%, 3rd) USA 74%.

India easily won the Far Eastern championships 1st November. The winners: S. Ganguly, S.K. Ghosh, S.R. Ghosh, K. Mukherjee, G. Singha, and M.C. Mitter (n.p.c.). Australia won the womens teams.

The 1978 Sunday Times Pairs was won by Per Olof Sundelin and Sven-Olov Flodquist of Sweden. In second place were Gabriel Chagas and Pedro Pablo Assumpcao of Brazil, third: Jorgen Lindquist and Anders Brunzell of Sweden, and fourth: Giorgio Belladonna and Pietro Forquet of Italy.

Brazil defeated Argentina in the finals of the 28th South American champions by 7 IMPs. Argentina won the womens teams.

The United States Invitational Bridge Classic with a \$100,000 first prize to be held 1st November in Las Vegas was cancelled.

Subscriptions to "Popular Bridge Monthly", the fine British bridge magazine, can be sent either to your editor Jeff Hand or to Probray Press, Popular Bridge Monthly, 480 Mansfield Road, Sherwood, Nottingham, England.

Interested in having a professional bridge teacher visit your country for a short period of time? Contact Jeff Hand.

Interested in playing with a professional expert in Barbados? Roger Bates, a top professional from the USA, will be captain of the Panama team and will have free time for professional engagements.

Argentina hosted a special invitational tournament earlier this year, and going into the final match all six teams had a chance for the two-team final. Israel, represented by their 1975 European championship team, won, followed by USA, Canada, a tie between Italy and Brazil, and then Argentina. Voted the most effective pair were Gigli-Consalvi of Italy.

## 1978 Cavendish

The 1978 Cavendish invitational tournament had two events this year: an IMP pairs and an IMP individual. Competition was fierce, with four reigning world champions and six former world champions competing. Many countries were represented: USA, Canada, Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, Scotland, France, and Italy. The pair from Scotland, Michael Rosenberg - Barnett Shenkin were leading the pairs competition until the last board. The pair winners: 1) Paul Swanson Roy Fox, 2) Rosenberg-Shenkin, 3) A. Sontag-P. Weichsel, 4) A. Kaminski-J. Shakofaky, 5) O. Jacoby-B. Pettis, 6) M. Becker-R. Stern, 7) P. Trent-K. Larsen and 8) B. Hamman-B. Wolff. The individual winners: 1) Tom Sanders, 2) B.J. Becker, 3) Ira Rubin, 4) Peter Weichsel, 5) Phil Feldesman, 6) John Lowenthal, 7) Paul Chemla, 8) Boris Koytchou.

## TEST YOUR PLAY

NORTH (dummy) NORTH (dummy)

# 1	♠ 10 9 2	# 2	♠ 7 6 2
	♥ Q J 4		♥ K 8 5
	♦ A Q 6 3		♦ A K 7 6 4 3
	♣ Q 8 2		♣ 9

SOUTH (you)

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

SOUTH (you)

♠ A 9 4  
♥ A 3  
♦ 9 2  
♣ K Q J 6 3 2

Contract: Six Spades  
West leads the five of hearts, Dummy's queen wins, plan the play.

Contract: 3NT  
Opening Lead: ♥ Six

# 1977 Bermuda Bowl

# W. B. F. President

# Honored

North America won the 1977 Bermuda Bowl held last October in Manila, Philippines. The winners (Eddie Kantar-Billy Eisenberg, Bob Hamman-Bob Wolff, Paul Soloway-John Swanson), who had qualified by winning the North American championships, defeated another North American team in the finals (Hugh Ross-Erik Paulson, Fred Hamilton-Mike Passell, Ira Rubin-Ron Von der Porten), who had qualified as defending champions. It was the last year the Bermuda Bowl defending champions automatically qualify. In the future only one team per zone will play in the Bowl. The defenders qualify only if they win their zonal championship.

The round robin results: 1) Defending champions 136.5, 2) North America 119.75, 3) Sweden 94.75, 4) Argentina 91, 5) Australia 79, and 6) Taiwan 68.75. The finals:

	c/o	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	65-80	81-96	Penalty	Total
Defenders	30.5	35	47	32	35	20	18	-3	214.5
Challengers		43	3	52	38	80	31	-2	245



JAIME ORTIZ-PATIÑO

Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, World Bridge Federation president, briefly visited Panama last April. He was certified honorary president of the Panama Bridge Association.

## PAN AMERICAN PAIRS

The Tenozcalli Bridge Club of Mexico City staged its fourth annual Pan American invitational pairs tournament last October. The following sixteen pairs entered: reigning Bermuda Bowl champions Hamman-Wolff and Eisenberg-Kantar (USA), reigning Team Olympiad champion Pedro Pablo Assumpcao with G. D'Orsi (Brazil), 2-time Cavendish winners Sontag-Weichsel (USA), professional A.C.B.L. circuit players Gaylor Kasle-Garey Hayden, Kokish-Nagy (Canada), Calvo-Hand (Panama), Roitman-Cahn-Speyer (Colombia), Djemal-Abadi (Panama), Moss-Rosenblatt (USA), G. Sneider-Lichtemberg (Mexico), Alicia and Odon Duran (Mexico), M. Reygadas-L. Sneider (Mexico), and three pairs — Boulogne-Rimbaud, Vayron-Bouverse, La Place-Risk from Guadeloupe/Martinique. Mexican hospitality was typically super. Blanca Sneider and Sarita Reygadas threw some fantastic cocktail parties. And of course, Luis Sneider and the Tenozcalli bridge club provided a terrific venue. Unfortunately the USA ran off with all the



Enjoying the night life in Mexico are representatives of two bridge clubs and visiting experts. From the left: Alberto Calvo, Jaime Roitman, Laura Mariscal, Elias Kostantinovsky, Miquel Reygadas, Sarita Reygadas, Luis Sneider, Billy Eisenberg, Debbie Uber, and Jeff Hand.

prize money. The calcutta pool was \$12,100. First place was taken by Hamman-Wolff 211 VP, second Eisenberg-Kantar 203 VP, third Sontag-Weichsel 202 VP.

## TEST YOUR PLAY ANSWERS

1.

♠ 1092  
 ♥ QJ4  
 ♦ AQ63  
 ♣ Q82  
 ♠ Q7  
 ♥ K9752  
 ♦ J74  
 ♣ 654  
 ♠ K65  
 ♥ 1083  
 ♦ K10982  
 ♣ K3  
 ♠ AJ843  
 ♥ A6  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ AJ1097

	N		
W		E	
	S		

CONTRACT: 6♠

West leads the five of hearts, you play the queen from dummy which holds. Plan the play.

You have received a very helpful lead but you still have very few entries to dummy. Obviously you need the club finesse to be right, but ideally you need three entries to dummy (for two spade finesses and one club finesse) and you only have two (the queen of hearts and ace of diamonds). The solution is to play a small spade to the eight at trick two. Win the return, cross to the ace of diamonds and lead the ten of spades. If this is covered you can then cross to dummy with the nine to take the club finesse. If it is not covered you can now take the club finesse, taking care not to block them in case they are 4-1.

2.

♠ 762  
 ♥ K85  
 ♦ AK7643  
 ♣ 9  
 ♠ KJ8  
 ♥ Q9762  
 ♦ QJ10  
 ♣ 54  
 ♠ Q1053  
 ♥ J104  
 ♦ 85  
 ♣ A1087  
 ♠ A94  
 ♥ A3  
 ♦ 92  
 ♣ KQJ632

	N		
W		E	
	S		

CONTRACT: 3NT

LEAD: ♥6

You must win the first heart because if you duck it the defence may just kill you dead by switching to a spade. You must be careful to win it in dummy and lead a club, hoping that either East has the ace or that they break 3-3. If the king of clubs holds you can now duck a diamond, and play for them to break 3-2 (better odds than playing for a 3-3 club break). If you lose the first club trick you will have to hope that that suit comes in.

## 1978 PAIR OLYMPIAD VENUE

Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Orleans

Opening Ceremonies and Cocktail Reception: June 17 18:00-19:30

Open Pairs/Ladies Pairs: June 18-23 13:30 and 20:30. Ten sessions.

Mixed Pairs: June 24-25 13:30 and 20:30. Four sessions.

Open Teams/Venice Cup: June 26-30 13:30 and 20:30. Nine sessions.

Victory Banquet: June 30 19:30.