

## Welcome

*Dear bridge friends!*

*The Danish Bridge Federation welcome all the players, officials and visitors to the 3rd Politiken World Pairs at Pairs at Phoenix Copenhagen.*

*The bridge result is not in our hands, but we will do our outmost to give you a pleasant stay and many good experiences. As we know that the first impression is the more important, at your arrival you may have noticed the many flags and flowers in the streets of Copenhagen.*

*Our beloved Queen Margrethe may have thought that we did all this to celebrate her 60 years birthday last Sunday, but, of course, you know better.*

*We wish you a pleasant stay in Copenhagen – and especially in the world of excellence at this wonderful hotel.*

*Kristen Klausen*

### Official Opening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Politiken World Pairs

At 11:30 a.m. there will be a players presentation to the audience. The official opening will be made by Mr Svend Auken, the Danish Minister of Environment, shortly after 1<sup>st</sup> session, at 5:00 p.m.

### Rooms and tables

The eight matches are played at tables numbered 1-8 as mentioned in the programme. In due time before a round begins, table numbers for each room will be announced on the white-board in the hall.

The eight playing tables are in the following rooms (see plan in programme):

Vu-graph Room (The Salon):	1 table
Pit Room (Gyldensteen):	2 tables
Open Room (Frederik 3):	3 tables
Closed Room (Kabinet):	2 tables

### Allocation of tables - ROUND 1

Vu-graph Room (The Salon):	table 2
Pit Room (Gyldensteen):	tables 6 and 8
Open Room (Frederik 3):	tables 3, 5 and 7
Closed Room (Kabinet):	tables 1 and 4

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### The contract played

For the benefit of the spectators the player bidding the final contract is encouraged to place the relevant bidding cards on the board in the middle of the table.

### Smoking

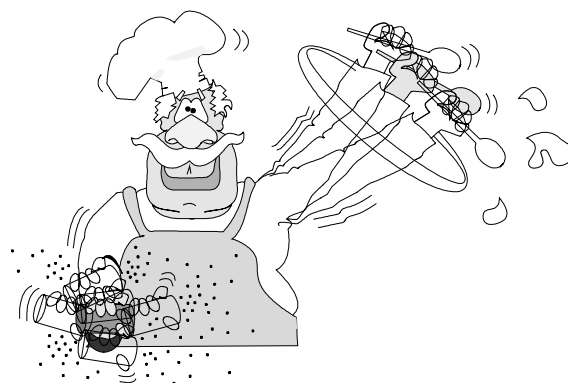
The players are allowed to smoke during play, but please be considerate. The spectators are not allowed to smoke in the playing area.

### Conditions of contest

If players have questions concerning the interpretation of these conditions, the Tournament Directors and Manager will answer the questions and communicate the answers to all players.

### Visits to the wash room

When a player wants to go to the wash room during play, the scorer at the table will make sure that the player is escorted to the wash room.



### Brunch and dinner

Brunch:	07.00 - 11.30 hrs.
Dinner:	17.30 - 19.00 hrs.


Make sure to remember to bring your ticket as payment for the meals.



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# Highlights from the 1997 edition of POLITIKEN

In the previous edition of the POLITIKEN, played in November 1997, the transnational combination of Krzysztof Martens from Poland and Geir Helgemo from Norway secured their overall victory on the last board of the penultimate round. After this board, they were already more than 100 V.P. ahead of the runners-up so nobody could catch them any more. A pity they are not here to defend their title. This last board looked like this:

Board 20	♠ A K J 9 2	
W/ALL	♥ K Q	
	♦ Q 3 2	
	♣ J 4 3	
	N	
♠ 8 6 4 3		♠ -
♥ 10 7 6 5		♥ A 8 4 3
♦ 7		♦ A J 10 9 8 4
♣ Q 7 5 2		♣ A 10 8
	S	
	♠ Q 10 7 5	
	♥ J 9 2	
	♦ K 6 5	
	♣ K 9 6	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Wang	Helgemo	Fu	Martens
pass	1 NT	pass	2 ♠
pass	3 ♣	3 ♦	dbl.



Martens - will he do it again?

East could not bid diamonds at his first turn, as this would have been conventional. When he came in later, South was quick to double. Had West redoubled, the situation would have changed dramatically as 3♥

might well have been made. In 3♦ declarer had no chance to avoid two down. NS +500 brought them 12 more imps and the tournament victory with one round to spare.



Lawyer Cohen in action

On the last morning, we spoke to Larry Cohen and Dave Berkowitz. They admitted that they had not been performing quite up to their own standards, finishing 5th in the end, but on this board they certainly showed what they are capable of:


WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Berkowitz	Sælensminde	Cohen	Brogeland
pass	1 NT	2 ♦	dbl.
redbl.	pass	pass (!)	2 NT
pass	3 ♠	pass	4 ♠
pass	pass	dbl.	all pass

2♦ showed diamonds and a major. The redouble was S.O.S., but holding such a good hand Larry could afford to pass! When his opponents reached 4♠ after all, he had an easy double as he could foresee the defence: ♦A, diamond ruff, ♣A, diamond ruff, ♥A, next board... This defence brought them 12 imps, most of the margin of their 63-37 victory in this round.

The first-ever POLITIKEN tournament was inevitably won by Zia Mahmood, the only player in the world who regularly wins invitational tournaments of this calibre with any partner. So far, he has won five of the 14 Cap Gemini events he played in, playing with four different partners in the process, and here at Phoenix he also won, this time with yet another partner, Peter Weichsel. As it happened, they did not do so well in 1997, but Peter Weichsel still found the lead of the tournament on this board from the fourth session.




Zia reading about Mahmood

Board 8	♠ A Q J 5 4	
W/-	♥ 9 7 3	
	♦ 8 6 4	
	♣ A 5	
	N	
♠ K 10 9 6		♠ 8 7
♥ A J 10 6		♥ Q 8 5 4
♦ A K 7 3		♦ Q 2
♣ 8		♣ K J 6 4 3
	S	
	♠ 3 2	
	♥ K 2	
	♦ J 10 9 5	
	♣ Q 10 9 7 2	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Blakset L.</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>	<i>Christiansen</i>	<i>Zia</i>
1 ♦	1 ♠	dbl.	pass
3 ♥	pass	4 ♥	all pass

Against this bidding, Peter Weichsel found the remarkable lead of his low club, away from the doubleton ace! Maybe, Lars Blakset is to blame for not putting up the ♣K in dummy, this being his only chance to keep South away from the lead. When dummy's Jack was played, Zia could win his ♣Q and lead a spade through, getting an overruff of dummy in the third round of the suit. One down and 7 imps to Zia-Weichsel.

On the very last board of the 1995 edition Jaggy Shivdasani and Santanu Ghose, who had been enjoying a very good last day, fully exploited the chances offered to them by the goddess of fortune:

Board 30	♠ Q 5 3	
E/-	♥ 10 9 8	
	♦ Q J 2	
	♣ J 10 9 4	
	N	
♠ A J 9 8 4		♠ K 7 6 2
♥ 6 2		♥ A J 5 4 3
♦ 10 7		♦ 5 3
♣ 8 7 6 2		♣ K 3
	S	
	♠ 10	
	♥ K Q 7	
	♦ A K 9 8 6 4	
	♣ A Q 5	




Santanu Ghose - doubled in 5 diamonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Auken</i>	<i>Ghose</i>	<i>Koch-Palmund</i>	<i>Shivdasani</i>
1 ♠	2 ♣	1 ♥	dbl.
3 ♠	pass	2 ♠	3 ♦
dbl.	5 ♦	pass	5 ♣
		dbl.	all pass

In this round too, things had gone well for the Indians. South's first-round double certainly would not be everybody's choice, but as it happened, it was not partner who held the spades. With the opponents in the doubling rhythm, after the double of 5♣ they axed 5♦ as well, but this was the wrong decision. 12 tricks came in on a heart lead, 9 imps to the Indians.

Zia had the last word on this board. When Mittelman opened 1♥, he simply bid 3 NT! Would you find the lead of the ♠A, or even more artistic, the ♠J?

The most beautiful board in 1995 undoubtedly was this one from the fourth session. It won prizes for both declarer play and defence, so it's only proper to bring it back under the spotlights once again.

Board 20	♠ -	
W/ALL	♥ A J 4	
	♦ 9 6	
	♣ A Q J 10 7 6 3 2	
	N	
♠ K J 9 5 3		♠ 10 7 6 4
♥ Q 7		♥ K 10 9 3 2
♦ A K 8 7 3		♦ 10 4 2
♣ 9		♣ 8
	S	
	♠ A Q 8 2	
	♥ 8 6 5	
	♦ Q J 5	
	♣ K 5 4	

Both Peter Weichsel (against Lanzarotti-Buratti) and Dennis Koch-Palmund (against Berkowitz-Cohen) overcalled 5♣ over West's 1♠ opening bid. Both Easts led a spade, but from there, the paths diverged.

First, let's watch Peter Weichsel's declarer play. He played low from dummy and ruffed in hand. After drawing trumps with the ♣Q he advanced the ♦9 and ran it when East did not cover with the ♦10! West had to win the King and he found the best return, the ♥Q. Weichsel won in hand, crossed to dummy's ♣K by leading the ♣7 from hand, pitched a diamond on the

♠A and ran the ♦Q, pitching a heart when West did not cover. A very nice way to make the hand.

Now over to the defence. Against Dave Berkowitz' spade lead, declarer put up dummy's Ace and pitched a diamond from hand. His next move was to call for a low diamond, away from dummy's ♦QJ5. After long deliberation, Larry Cohen guessed right by playing low. Berkowitz won the ♦10 and returned a spade. Declarer ruffed high, crossed to the ♣K with a middle trump, ruffed a diamond high, crossed to dummy's ♣5 and ruffed the last diamond high. Next came the ♥A, on which Larry Cohen unblocked the ♥Q, followed by a low heart. Suddenly, the spotlights turned 180°.

After long deliberation, Dave matched his partner's brilliancies by winning the trick with the ♥9. The problem, of course, was the location of the ♥J. The correct reasoning should be that West has to play the *Jack* from QJ bare, because declarer would probably have taken a finesse had he held ♥AQx.

Spectators from Denmark, or from Copenhagen and surroundings (according to your personal preference), may well consider the match where Sabine Auken has to play Jens (no, we do not forget the respective partners!) to be the most interesting encounter. It certainly was in 1997, when Sabine and Daniela beat Jens and Dennis by a mere 75-25. The male couple took an early lead on this one:



Will Sabine beat her husband again?

Board 1	♠ J 6
N/-	♥ 9 3 2
	♦ A
	♣ 10 9 8 7 6 5 2
	N
♠ K Q 10 2	♠ 5 3
♥ J 7	♥ A K Q 6 5
♦ 10 8 7 5 4	♦ K J 9 6
♣ Q J	♣ K 4
	S
	♠ A 9 8 7 4
	♥ 10 8 4
	♦ Q 3 2
	♣ A 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Koch-Palmund</i>	<i>Sabine</i>	<i>Jens</i>
	pass	1 ♣	1 ♠
dbl.	2 ♣	2 ♥	pass
2 ♠	dbl.	2 NT	pass
3 NT	pass	pass	pass

After Dennis' discouraging double of 2♠, Jens had even more reason to simply lead his partner's suit. After the ♣A and another, Jens was quick to go up with the ♠A at trick three and switch to a low diamond. Three aces and five more clubs made it four down or +200 to NS, good for 9 imps.

Overcalling on not so solid suits can backfire as well. Below, we show you the other side of the coin from that same match:

Board 3	♠ Q 10 8
S/EW	♥ A 7 5 4 3
	♦ Q 8
	♣ Q 9 3
	N
♠ K 4	♠ A 9 7 5 3
♥ J 9	♥ K 10 8 2
♦ K J 6 5 4	♦ A
♣ K 8 5 2	♣ J 10 6
	S
	♠ J 6 2
	♥ Q 6
	♦ 10 9 7 3 2
	♣ A 7 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Koch-Palmund</i>	<i>Sabine</i>	<i>Jens</i>
			pass
1 ♦	1 ♥	1 ♠	pass
2 ♣	pass	2 NT	pass
3 NT	pass	pass	pass



**Jens Auken was monitored**

The ♥Q looks a normal enough lead, but with the spades 3-3, declarer could not possibly fail in her contract any more. She went after the clubs first, only to see North switch to a spade when in with the ♣Q! Nine tricks, 600 to EW and 9 imps back. Another good board to the female pair looked like this:

Board 6	♠ J 7 5 4 3 2
E/EW	♥ K 10 5
	♦ A 8
	♣ K 9
	N
♠ A 9	♠ 8 6
♥ A 7 6 4 3	♥ Q J
♦ K Q 7 3	♦ J 6 5 2
♣ 6 3	♣ A Q 10 7 4
	S
	♠ K Q 10
	♥ 9 8 2
	♦ 10 9 4
	♣ J 8 5 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Koch-Palmund</i>	<i>Sabine</i>	<i>Jens</i>
		pass	pass
1 ♥	1 ♠	dbl.	2 ♠
2 NT	3 ♠	4 ♥	all pass

We graciously admit that 4♥ is not an obvious bid, nor was it a very good contract, but it is much better than 3 NT which effectively stands no chance. With trumps 3-3 and the ♣K well-placed there were no problems for declarer. A fortunate +620 thus gave the female pair another 10 imps to lead by 22 at this stage. On the last four boards, they managed to add three more imps to set the male pair an interesting target for their attempted revenge in 2000 ?!

A curious hand in 1997 was the one on which we all were reminded of the days we were Juniors.

Board 26	♠ K J 9 5	
E/ALL	♥ A 8 6 3 2	
	♦ 7	
	♣ Q 7 4	
	N	
♠ A 3 2		♠ 8 7 6
♥ K 10 7		♥ J 4
♦ 6 5 3 2		♦ K J 10 9 8 4
♣ 10 6 5		♣ 9 2
	S	
	♠ Q 10 4	
	♥ Q 9 5	
	♦ A Q	
	♣ A K J 8 3	

During our bridge life as a Junior, we all were taught that the worst thing you could do was to go down in a voluntarily bid contract of five in a major. A review of the scores on this board showed us, however, that all European pairs involved still know this lesson, but that, maybe, in the U.S.A. they missed this point. Both the American pairs who were dealt these cards ended up in 5♥ and went one off. We will keep our 1997 promise not to give you the details any more...



The Chief-TD blowing his whistle ...



Editor Jacobs

## ***This is YOUR bulletin!!***

This bulletin is made for you, for your information as well as for amusement. Bulletin #1 was printed before the tournament begins and before the editing staff has arrived. The editors have promised to do their best in providing you with both information and amusement, but I am sure that they would like some help with this job. So if you, your partner or your opponents have done some brilliant, maybe some stupid, or if you have a funny incident to tell about, please come to the editors.

Though it will be of great help you don't have to write it down – we are satisfied with your oral explanation.

Thanks!

*Ib Lundby*

