



# Welcome to Vienna

## Thanks and Welcome

It is usual to give a vote of thanks at the end of an event, since one does not know in advance how things will go, the norm being to start with a "welcome". However in this case, we want to say thanks to all those who have helped us during the last two years. The list of assistants is too long to publish here but we do want to name the four pillars on whom the foundation of these Championships have been built. We wish to thank Gianni Baldi and his VuGraph team together with the FIGB for the equipment. Messieurs Svoboda and Margiol, who's careful preparation and organisation has ensured that everything in the Vienna City Hall functions perfectly. Alexander Prosek and Christian Bernscherer and the

PARSEC-team for the computer equipment and it's installation. Last but not least, Gunther Purkarthofer, who created and printed the programs and various forms, working furiously until the last minute.

These are just some examples of the friendly helping hands that have made these European Youth Championships possible for you, and given us the opportunity to welcome you to Vienna. We worked hard and gained friends in the process.

We wish you all a most pleasant stay in Vienna.

*Richard Wehler-Hardt and Gavriel Unger*

## Dinner Break

Starting today you can take your evening meal from 6.00pm onwards.

## Achtung!

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## Austria start in style!

The host nation made a spectacular start in the Junior Championship when they handed neighbours Germany a heavy defeat to collect one of only two maximums scored in the first round. A packed VuGraph saw Austria race into an early lead which they never surrendered. It will be interesting to see if any

country can surpass their total of 108 IMPs. As a result they are neck-and-neck with Belarus, who powered past Great Britain.

Elsewhere, in other key encounters, France got the better of the favourites, Norway, the first of the many all Scandinavian clashes saw Denmark ease past Iceland, and Israel just got the better of Poland.

## Passport Control

All Captains, please produce your player's passports to Anna Gudge as soon as possible. You will find her in the EBL office that is located at the far end of the main corridor, adjacent to the daily bulletin and the press facility.

**Panos Gerontopoulos**  
*Chairman of the EBL Youth Committee*

# Juniors

## Results

### Round 1

Home Team	Visiting Team	VPs	IMPs
Yugoslavia	Greece	46-39	16-14
Italy	Hungary	33-54	11-19
Denmark	Iceland	66-56	17-13
Russia	Turkey	60-54	16-14
Israel	Poland	71-47	20-10
Czech Republic	Spain	58-26	22- 8
Germany	Austria	46-108	3-25
Sweden	Croatia	71-41	21- 9
France	Norway	62-54	16-14
The Netherlands	Finland	43-39	14-16
Belarus	Great Britain	93-34	25- 4

## Standings

### After Round 1

1. Belarus	25
2. Austria	25
3. Czech Republic	22
4. Sweden	21
5. Israel	20
6. Hungary	19
7. Denmark	17
8. Yugoslavia	16
9. France	16
10. Finland	16
11. Russia	16
12. Turkey	14
13. The Netherlands	14
14. Norway	14
15. Greece	14
16. Iceland	13
17. Italy	11
18. Poland	10
19. Croatia	9
20. Spain	8
21. Great Britain	4
22. Germany	3

## QUICK CHANGE

Bernd Saurer of the Austrian team had his graduation ceremony in Law from the University of Vienna just an hour before the Opening Ceremony of these championships. But he managed to attend both. Well done!

## Program

### Friday 17, 1998. 10:30 am

### Round 2

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1.	Russia	Yugoslavia
2.	Poland	Iceland
3.	Italy	Czech Republic
4.	Austria	Greece
5.	Hungary	Sweden
6.	Norway	Denmark
7.	Turkey	The Netherlands
8.	Great Britain	Israel
9.	Spain	Belarus
10.	Finland	Germany
11.	Croatia	France

### Friday 17, 1998. 15:50 am

### Round 3

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1.	Yugoslavia	Poland
2.	Czech Republic	Russia
3.	Iceland	Austria
4.	Sweden	Italy
5.	Greece	Norway
6.	The Netherlands	Hungary
7.	Denmark	Great Britain
8.	Belarus	Turkey
9.	Israel	Finland
10.	France	Spain
11.	Germany	Croatia

## Today's Vugraph



10:30

Round 2

Spain - Belarus

15:00

Round 3

The Netherlands - Hungary

## Predictions

In accordance with time-honoured tradition, various members of staff have attempted to forecast the results of these Championships. The consensus of opinion is that Norway is expected to win the Junior title, whilst Great Britain and France are considered to have the best chance in the Schools competition.

The last time I visited Vienna I inevitably found myself in one of the many cafes that are located in this magical City. Perusing the menu one item in particular caught my eye; it was listed under 'Ice creams'. Can you guess what it was? No? It was the only possible choice:

# Vienna Coup

I had always planned to include an example of this, perhaps the best known of all the technical plays that have found their way into the bridge dictionary, in the first bulletin of these Championships.

How appropriate that a perfect illustration occurred in the recent EC Junior Championships in Salsomaggiore. This was the layout:

**Dealer South. E/W Game**

♠ A K Q J ♥ A Q ♦ A K 10 ♣ K 8 6 3	♠ 8 6 5 2 ♥ K 10 9 3 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ A Q <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto;">                     N W E S                 </div> ♠ 10 7 ♥ 8 6 5 4 2 ♦ 7 6 4 2 ♣ 10 7	♠ 9 4 3 ♥ J 7 ♦ 9 5 3 ♣ J 9 5 4 2	
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from hand. North wins and plays a second spade. When he comes in on the next round he exits with a spade to leave the following position:

♠ A ♥ A Q ♦ A K 10 ♣ K 3	♠ 5 ♥ K 10 9 3 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ - <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto;">                     N W E S                 </div> ♠ - ♥ 8 5 4 2 ♦ 7 6 4 2 ♣ -	♠ - ♥ J 7 ♦ 9 5 3 ♣ J 9 2	
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In the Open Room Sweden's Thommy Johansson had opened the South hand with the 'obvious' weak two in hearts. That led to West declaring Three No-Trumps, which had no chance when North led his partner's 'suit'. (As an aside a heart lead is probably the right one on this hand. You might even try the king, catering for a singleton queen or jack.)

In the Closed Room South surprisingly passed which led to the following auction:

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♣	Dble	Pass	3♥
Dble	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

You can't blame North for leading a heart, which made life easy when the trumps behaved, but the real interest lies in what would have happened on a spade lead.

Declarer wins and has no alternative to playing trumps

At this point anyone experiencing the delights of the Austrian capital for the first time would doubtless cash the ace of hearts, discard a diamond on the ace of spades and play the remaining trumps, discarding the queen of hearts from hand on the last one. The more frequent visitor, well able to digest more than one ice-cream, might prefer to discard a heart on the ace of spades and then cash the ace and king of diamonds. This time the ten of diamonds is thrown and once again North has no answer.

It's not often you get two 'ice-creams' on the same deal!

## YOUNGEST PLAYER IN THE JUNIORS

Petr Jelinek of the team from the Czech Republic was born on the 4th October 1982, making him, we believe, at 15.7 years, the youngest player in the Junior Team Championships. If you know of one younger please inform the Bulletin Office.

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# Match Of The Day

Austria - Germany

The home team left the starting blocks faster than Linford Christie. The first six boards provided a feast of massive swings. The outcome of the first deal of the championships depended principally on whether North opened with one of a suit or One Notrump:

## Board 1. Dealer North. Love all.

<p>♠ K Q 7 5 ♥ 6 ♦ Q J 9 8 6 5 ♣ 4 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 3 2 ♥ A K Q 7 ♦ 10 3 ♣ A Q J 10</p>	<p>♠ A 9 8 6 4 ♥ 8 3 ♦ A K 4 ♣ 9 8 7</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ J 10 9 5 4 2 ♦ 7 2 ♣ K 6 5 3</p>
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Closed			
West	North	East	South
Kornek	Lindermann	Huesken	Puerstl
Pass	INT 4♥	Pass All Pass	4♣

VuGraph			
West	North	East	South
Gloyer	Linde	Saurer	Balschun
4♠	1♣ 5♥	1♠ All Pass	2♥

Advocates of the weak notrump often claim one of its advantages as its pre-emptive effect. However, we have noticed the strong notrump, though less frequent, often gains by keeping out the opposition. Here, the pre-emptive effect of the strong notrump prevented East from entering the auction, so Austria, via a high level transfer, reached Four Hearts without opposition. On VuGraph the lower opening by North let East in with One Spade. North-South now had to go to Five Hearts over the solid Four Spades.

Both defences took the obvious three tricks, but Austria recorded a 10 IMP gain.

The next board was a bigger swing. This time it was the lead that made the difference:

## Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Game.

<p>♠ A 7 6 2 ♥ K 8 ♦ 7 6 3 2 ♣ J 8 2</p>	<p>♠ 4 3 ♥ 6 4 3 2 ♦ A J 8 5 ♣ A 5 4</p>	<p>♠ J 8 5 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ K 7 6 3</p>	<p>♠ K Q 10 9 ♥ A 9 7 5 ♦ K Q ♣ Q 10 9</p>
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Closed			
West	North	East	South
Kornek	Lindermann	Huesken	Puerst
Pass Pass	Pass 2♣ 4♥	INT Pass All Pass	2♥

VuGraph			
West	North	East	South
Gloyer	Linde	Saurer	Balschun
Pass Pass All Pass	2♣ 4♦	Pass Pass	INT 3♣ 4♥

On VuGraph South's Three Club response to Stayman promised both majors, and North then transferred to Four Hearts, which was also reached at the other table.

In the Closed Room the defence led a diamond. Declarer needs the trumps to break so it looks right to unblock the second diamond, and follow with ace and another trump. However, if the defence get to draw the third trump declarer could be in trouble... on a club switch he can win and take two discards but then has to get the spades right.

In practice, declarer won the diamond lead, and ducked a trump without unblocking the diamond. East won and played a spade to the king and ace, and West played a second diamond. Declarer simply drew a second trump, and made sure of his game without the spade guess.

On VuGraph the camera showed West hesitating over his lead, but eventually he hit on the dangerous but highly successful club from J82. Declarer naturally played low from dummy. East won and returned a spade taken by West, and the defence later made two trump tricks to set the game. This was a further 12 IMPs to Austria. They led 22-0.

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The deal makes a good double-dummy problem. Could South have made Four Hearts even on the club lead?

Suppose, double-dummy, declarer rises with the ace, plays a diamond to hand, and overtakes the next diamond. He can discard a club on the third diamond, and thanks to the fortunate fall of 109x can play a fourth diamond discarding another club. If East trumps this diamond, declarer can clear trumps in two rounds, so East does best to discard. But now declarer follows with a spade finesse, and later plays two rounds of trumps.

Board 3 was an oddity..... no swing! But here was the next biggy....

ruffed and led a trump. Now Lindermann showed imagination by rising with the ace and leading a third club, relying on South for the ten of trumps. South duly made his remaining trump. Suppose he now gives North a heart ruff. North is endplayed to lead away from the king of diamonds, or give a ruff and discard. So South did best by playing a diamond. Declarer actually finessed so North won and had the chance to take a heart ruff. This he missed by playing another diamond, but the penalty was still 800 and a 12 IMP swing to Austria who led 34-0.

The misery for Germany was not yet over, for this deal came next, on which a bidding misunderstanding was the culprit....

**Board 4. Dealer West. Game All.**

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

	♠ 10 6		
	♥ A 9 8 2		
	♦ J 6 5 4 3		
	♣ 7 6		

**Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Game.**

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

	♠ 9 4		
	♥ J 8 6 3 2		
	♦ 10		
	♣ K J 7 6 2		

**Closed**

West	North	East	South
<b>Kornek</b>	<b>Lindermann</b>	<b>Huesken</b>	<b>Puerstl</b>
Pass	1♣	2♣	Pass
4♠	5♣	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

**VuGraph**

West	North	East	South
<b>Gloyer</b>	<b>Linde</b>	<b>Saurer</b>	<b>Balschun</b>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
	6♥	All Pass	

East's Two Clubs was a Michael's Cuebid showing both majors. This is supposed to be 5-5 so his sacrifice in Five Spades with a flat hand violated more than the Law of Total Tricks.

**VuGraph**

West	North	East	South
<b>Gloyer</b>	<b>Linde</b>	<b>Saurer</b>	<b>Balschun</b>
1♠	2♣	3♣	Pass
3♠	4♣	All Pass	

Three Clubs showed a raise to at least Three Spades. The winning spot for North-South is Three Notrumps, but this is difficult for North to find, and Linde was not unhappy with Four Clubs just making. He lost a spade and two diamonds.

In the Closed Room West was in Five Spades doubled. Lindermann led a top club and continued the suit. West

In the Closed Room Austria reached the normal Four Hearts after a Strong One Club and complex sequence. Declarer had to lose a diamond and two trumps, but he guessed the clubs successfully to emerge with ten tricks and 620 to Austria.

By contrast Germany over-reached to an impossible Six Hearts. North's leap to slam looks odd, but he interpreted South's 3♦ transfer, followed by a raise to game, as a slam try with six hearts. If South had intended to bid Four Hearts without slam interest he should have used a high level transfer. The problem may have arisen because South, with only five poor hearts, decided first to use the low level transfer, and then changed his mind about continuing with Three Notrumps.

Whatever the reason for the mishap Austria had recorded another gain, this time of 13 IMPs. Their lead after a dramatic five boards was an incredible 47-0.

Such a run could not last, and Board six gave Germany its first gain of the championships...

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## Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Game.

♠ 10 2 ♥ K 10 9 8 7 4 ♦ J 10 ♣ A 9 6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">           N            W      E            S         </div>	♠ J 9 5 ♥ A J 6 ♦ A Q 9 8 4 ♣ 10 5	♠ K Q 3 ♥ — ♦ K 7 5 3 ♣ K Q 8 7 4 3
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♠ A 8 7 6 4 ♥ Q 5 3 2 ♦ 6 2 ♣ J 2
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## Closed

West	North	East	South
Kornek	Lindermann	Huesken	Puerstl
		2♣	Pass
3♣	3♦	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♣	Dble
All Pass			

## VuGraph

West	North	East	South
Gloyer	Linde	Saurer	Balschun
		2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	All Pass

## Board 10. Dealer East. Game All.

♠ 8 6 4 3 ♥ J 9 6 5 ♦ J 10 9 ♣ Q 9	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">           N            W      E            S         </div>	♠ A Q 10 7 ♥ A 4 ♦ K Q 4 3 ♣ A K 10	♠ 5 2 ♥ K 8 7 2 ♦ 8 6 ♣ J 7 5 3 2
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♠ K J 9 ♥ Q 10 3 ♦ A 7 5 2 ♣ 8 6 4
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## Closed

West	North	East	South
Kornek	Lindermann	Huesken	Puerstl
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

## VuGraph

West	North	East	South
Gloyer	Linde	Saurer	Balschun
		Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Both Easts opened the equivalent of a Precision Two Clubs, a limited hand with at least five clubs. The Vugraph auction looks quite normal, and East did well in Three Clubs to make 11 tricks for 150 to Austria. The fireworks came in the Closed Room.

Kornek as West in the Closed Room decided to raise the clubs and this encouraged North to make a very bold overcall. This had the effect of pushing East-West into a Three Notrump contract which would surely fail. However, when South doubled East had second thoughts, and ran to Four Clubs. South, who had already doubled Three Notrumps, and had no club trick, should certainly pass this round to North. However, Four Clubs should fail on a trump lead and continuation when the defence next gain the lead. But South led a diamond, and North did not switch to a trump. East obtained three ruffs in dummy, for an overtrick and 13 IMPs to Germany.

The relief for Germany did not last long.

We don't have sufficient details of the Austrian system to explain the sequence fully. North began with a Strong Club, and South showed three controls. They finished in the best spot of Six Diamonds where the heart ruff provided the twelfth trick even if declarer misguessed hearts. 1370 to Austria.

The German auction reached Six Notrumps. Declarer has 11 top tricks. If he guesses the hearts right that will be the twelfth. Even if he plays a low heart to the ten and jack it looks as if there is a successful second string. Declarer can win any return, lay down ace of hearts, then run spades and diamonds finishing in dummy, to squeeze East in hearts and clubs! This would make the headline Vienna Coup in Vienna.

However, Saurer, East, found a club lead. Declarer won and led a low heart to the... ten. First chance gone. Then West led a second club. End of squeeze! The Austrians had found the double-dummy way to beat the slam. The swing was 17 IMPs to Austria and the match was effectively over at half-time.

Austria went on to win 108-46 a victory point result of 25-3. Congratulations to the host team!



# Heart Breaking

England's Colin Porch played this spectacular hand at the annual Killarney Congress, perhaps the best known of the Irish events. It helped him to capture the mixed pairs title in partnership with Amy Cherry.

Try it as a problem.

After East has opened a weak Two Spades South finds himself in Six Hearts. West leads the nine of spades.

jack of clubs so you win and play the queen of diamonds. West covers so you take the ace and return to hand with a trump. Now you can ruff a club and still get back to hand with a trump, something that would not have been possible if you had drawn two rounds earlier on.

Time to look at the full deal:

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 7  
 ♥ A K J 9 5 4  
 ♦ Q 10  
 ♣ K 6 2

♠ 9 6 ♥ 6 ♦ K 9 7 4 ♣ 10 9 8 7 5 3	♠ K J 4 ♥ Q 8 3 2 ♦ A 8 5 3 ♣ Q 4 <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto; text-align: center;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> ♠ A 7 ♥ A K J 9 5 4 ♦ Q 10 ♣ K 6 2		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2 ♥ 10 7 ♦ J 6 2 ♣ A J
	N										
W		E									
	S										

You can see eleven tricks via two spades, six hearts, one diamond, one club and one club ruff. The only chance for the twelfth, apart from the remote chance of a singleton king of diamonds, is a squeeze against East in spades and diamonds.

East is marked with the queen of spades and he will need to have one of the diamond honours. If it is the jack, declarer can lead the queen of diamonds from hand, forcing West to cover, and transferring the menace to East.

Having worked that out - perhaps not too difficult - it's important to realise that East must have the ace of clubs, for if West has that card a second spade will spoil the ending.

Then you need to appreciate that you must preserve enough entries to hand. You win the first trick with the ace of spades and draw one round of trumps. Then you play a club to the queen and East's ace. East returns the

This will be the four-card ending:

♠ 6 ♥ — ♦ 9 7 ♣ —	♠ K J ♥ — ♦ 8 ♣ —	♠ Q 10 ♥ — ♦ J ♣ —
♠ 7 ♥ J ♦ 10 ♣ —		

The play of South's trump is a heart breaker for East.

## EUROPEAN JUNIOR BRIDGE & WORLD CUP FOOTBALL



If you look on page 14 of your Brochure you will find that since 1982 the European Junior Bridge championships has been won by only Norway, Great Britain, Italy, France and the Netherlands. In addition Germany and Denmark have won the World Junior Bridge title.

If you check the list of European nations which qualified for the last 16 of the 1998 World Cup Football, you find the same seven nations (reading England for Great Britain) and the extra names of Romania and Croatia. Romania is not here in Vienna, so, to make the comparison complete, Croatia should win the 1998 European Junior title!



# Homepage

von Fritz Babsch

## Ein grandioser Spielort.

Wer den Festsaal im Wiener Rathaus zum ersten Mal betritt, muß einfach von seiner Größe beeindruckt sein. „So einen Spielort werden wir in hundert Jahren nicht mehr haben“, meinte ein Prominenter.

Das Neue Wiener Rathaus feiert heuer seinen 115. Geburtstag. Das riesige, ausladende Gebäude mit seinen eindrucksvollen Höfen und Stiegen ist ein typischer „Ringstraßenbau“ - ein Stilgemisch aus

Gotik und Renaissance, in dem sich die Aufbruchstimmung einer aufstrebenden Stadt manifestiert. Der Entwurf stammt von Friedrich von Schmidt, die Bauzeit betrug elf Jahre. Das Bauwerk wurde im Krieg nur wenig beschädigt.

## Wer sind die Favoriten ?

Prognosen bei Juniorenbewerben sind schwierig, bei Schülern nahezu unmöglich. Talente können sich innerhalb von zwei Jahren enorm entwickeln, meint Panos Gerontopoulos. Dazu kommt, daß die besten Spieler immer wieder wegen Erreichen der Altersgrenze ausscheiden.

Für mich gehören Dänemark, Norwegen, die Niederlande und Polen zu den Titelanwärtern. Diese Teams hatten 1998 bereits gute Ergebnisse in Juniorenbewerben, aber auch in Offenen Turnieren. Gegen die polnischen Junioren habe ich selbst in Bad Griesbach (Bayern) gespielt. Sie hinterließen einen ausgezeichneten, fast professionellen Eindruck; ihr Spiel war sehr aggressiv. Es zeigte sich, daß man auch ohne Verwendung von „Brown Sticker“ - Konventionen (bei der EM sind sie verboten) genug Möglichkeiten hat, um dem Gegner das Leben schwer zu machen.

Die österreichischen Junioren haben zwar immer wieder gute Ergebnisse gebracht, zeigten aber keine Steherqualitäten. In den späten Runden (naturgemäß gegen schwere Gegner) flatterten häufig die Nerven, das Team fiel zurück. Wir hoffen, daß ihnen das diesmal nicht passiert, denn Heimvorteil werden wir in den nächsten Jahrzehnten nicht mehr haben!

## Spezielle Regeln für das Spiel hinter dem Screen!

Die WBF und die EBL haben Zusatzregeln für das Spiel hinter Screens erlassen, die bei uns noch nicht bekannt sind. So dürfen zum Beispiel ungenügende Gebote auch dann nicht angenommen werden, wenn der Schlitten noch nicht weitergeschoben wurde. Zum Glück kommen solche Regelverstöße auf diesem Niveau nur selten vor.

## Erfahrene Turnierleiter.

Als Chefturnierleiter fungiert Antonio Riccardi, ein sehr erfahrener und ruhiger Mann. Sein Assistent ist der junge Niederländer Marc van Beijsterveldt, dem ein ausgezeichneter Ruf vorangeht. Die weiteren Mitglieder der Crew sind Jeff Easterson, Dietlind Kellner, Christian Bernscherer und Robert Schuster. Es ist schwer vorstellbar, daß dieser Crew ein Fehler unterläuft. Das heißt aber nicht, daß es in diesem Turnier keine Proteste geben wird! Turnierleiter und Komitee haben verschiedene Aufgaben: Turnierleiter entscheiden Regelfragen und stellen Fakten fest, das Komitee klärt jene Fragen, die sich auf das Bridge an sich beziehen.

## Das Monster vom Traunsee.

Nicht nur der Loch Ness, auch der Traunsee hat seine Seeschlange. Beim großen Paarturnier in Gmunden vor einer Woche ließ sie sich blicken.

Nehmen Sie an, daß Ihr Partner als Teiler mit 1 Ohne eröffnet und Sie folgendes Blatt halten:

♠ A K D B 10 9 8 7 5

♥ 10

♦ --

♣ B 7 3

Ich nehme an, daß Sie ein Transfer benützen und dann nach Assen fragen. Der Partner meldet „0 oder 3“. Wenn Sie imstande sind, zwischen null und drei zu unterscheiden (etwa durch „Autowood“ - Sie winken mit 5 Pik ab, und der Partner muß mit drei Assen 6 Pik ansagen), können Sie allerdings nicht mehr nach Königen fragen. Also sind Sie Optimist und fragen gleich nach Königen - leider hat der Partner keinen. Sie können aber beruhigt 6 Ohne ansagen.

Preisfrage: Wie groß war der Prozentsatz jener Paare, die 6 Ohne gespielt haben?

Der Partner hatte die unnötige Karo Dame, in Herz leider nur A B 8 7 und auch keine Treff Dame. Ein Abwurfzwang konnte sich nicht entwickeln, denn die roten Figuren standen hinter dem Eröffnerblatt, die Trefffiguren davor.

Trotzdem haben zwei Alleinspieler 7 Pik erfüllt, darunter Jörg Eichholzer, der Kapitän der österreichischen Junioren, Gegen ihn wurde mit Herz König angegriffen; er konnte den Gegner sowohl Herz Dame als auch Herz 9 herausimpassieren. Der sicherste Angriff ist offenbar doch der Atoutangriff!

Ein Drittel des Feldes spielte den Großschlemm, abwechselnd in Pik und in Ohne. Ein weiteres Drittel begnügte sich mit 6 Pik, und das restliche Drittel erreichte nicht einmal Kleinschlemm.

Um die Preisfrage zu beantworten: Ein einziges Paar hat 6 Ohne gespielt.