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Dear Friends

Our tournament is over. I hope you enjoyed your time in Vilnius. We have tried to do our best to organize everything as well as possible. Not only at the tournament venue, but we have tried also to show you the charms of Lithuania – our history, tradition, landscape, cuisine, hospitality, etc. I wish that most of you were satisfied, not only the winners.

I hope that this year event has attracted all of you strong enough to make you come back here next year. As we will organize the bridge games of small National Bridge Organizations, and what is more Vilnius will be 2009' European Capital of Culture, it shall be even more interesting than this year.

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BEST PLAYED HAND: Apolinary Kowalski – Poland

The hand was played during the open pairs tournament. After the bidding:

W	N	E	S
Kowalski			
	pass	pass	2♦ ¹⁾
dbl.	rdbl.	pass	2♥
2NT	pass	3♦ ²⁾	pass
3NT	pass...		

¹⁾Polish multi – weak two in any major

²⁾asking for 4 cards in spades

N		E	
♠ J876		♠ A1094	
♥ A8		♥ J94	
♦ 96		♦ 10842	
♣ QJ943		♣ 76	
S		W	
♠ 32		♠ KQ5	
♥ Q106532		♥ K7	
♦ J75		♦ AKQ3	
♣ A8		♣ K1052	

North led ♣Q. South took the trick with the ace and returned the suit – Apek put the ten, and poor North was again in hand with the queen. As the position was more or less clear, he decided to exit with diamond.

Apek cashed three rounds of diamonds, carefully discarding high spots from dummy, leaving the deuce. To the third diamond N was forced to discard a club...

It was obvious, that South has doubleton spade (6♥, 2♠, 3♦ = 11 cards), so declarer now cashed two high spades and finessed the jack. To the ace of spades he discarded the heart from the hand. This was the ending:

N		E	
♠ -		♠ -	
♥ A8		♥ J94	
♦ -		♦ 2	
♣ 94		♣ -	
S		W	
♠ -		♠ -	
♥ Q1065		♥ K	
♦ -		♦ 3	
♣ -		♣ K5	

When the last diamond was played, N was in hopeless position – he parted with the heart, but Apek played a heart and N was forced to lead a club into his tenace – 10 tricks and 98% for EW!

Notice, that this play would work also in the case of changing the positions of heart queen and ace. From the first lead declarer could deduce, that North has either the queen, or ace of hearts.

BEST BID HAND: Rafal Jagniewski – Michał Kwiecień POLAND

Board 56 from open pairs tournament:

W	E
♠AW10	♠854
♥2	♥AKQ75
♦AJ7	♦K102
♣AQJ962	♣K10
W	E
Jagniewski	Kwecień
2NT	3♣
3♥	3NT
4♣	4♦
4NT	5♥
5♣	6♥
6♣	7♣

A few comments to the bids:

- 1NT = 15-17 PC, balanced
- 2NT = transfer to clubs
- 3♣ = minimum
- 3♥ = shortness, game forcing
- 4♣ = slam try
- 4♦ = cue bid, accepts the try
- 4NT = RKCB
- 5♥ = 2 aces without trump queen
- 5♣ = asking for kings
- 6♥ = 3 kings! – Kwecień evaluated his heart suit as worth a few more tricks
- 6♣ = may be a grand?
- 7♣ = you are welcome, partner!