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THE NUMBERS GAME

	Pairs				Teams			
	Open	Seniors	Restricted	Total	Open	Seniors	Restricted	Total
2006	324	98	156	578	244	56	86	386
2007	297	91	180	568	243	45	103	397
2008	332	104	162	598	274	48	96	418
2009	284	106	180	570	246	46	96	388

Considering the GFC (Global Financial Crisis) the marginal drop in the number of pairs and teams is only to be expected. Hopefully things will get back to normal and the upward trend in numbers will resume.

While on the subject of statistics the board dealers in Queensland have been working overtime. In addition to the 16,258 boards dealt before the start of the event and the 4,276 boards dealt during the event the team managed to also deal the boards for the recent PABF, the Coffs Harbour Congress, the ANC, the GNOT as well as all the State and Congress Events - it was a big year for board dealing in Queensland.

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And finally our **SCHWEPPE**s scoring staff looking happier than they did earlier this week.....



LtoR Phil Sellars, Judith Slade, Matt McManus and Ed Barnes – missing computer viruses

MISSING SLAM – NO PROBLEM

Peter Livesey

I am not proud of my actions on this hand but thought my team mates deserved a big round of applause for saving the day.

Dealer: South	♠ K Q 8 6 3	West	North	East	South
Vul: Nil	♥ 9				3♦
	♦ 10 6 5 4	4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♣ 9 7 5				
♠ A 9					
♥ A K J 6 5 3					
♦ ---					
♣ K J 10 4 2					
	♠ 10 5 4 2				
	♥ Q 8 7				
	♦ A Q				
	♣ A Q 8 3				
	♠ J 7				
	♥ 10 4 2				
	♦ K J 9 8 7 3 2				
	♣ 6				

My four heart bid was a bit 'wet'. In retrospect doubling and bidding hearts or clubs over spades to show the other two suits would have been better. I was all ready to score -11 or more imps if the opponents happened to bid the grand slam. The other table took a slight twist – for the better:

West	North	East	South
			3♦
Double	4♥!!	6♠	All Pass

North's (Kamalasara) diamond support afforded him the opportunity to muddy the waters and see where the chips fell. East, convinced that partner must have spade length 'punted' six spades and went -200 for a handy 12 imp pickup.

DEFEATING SLAM – NO PROBLEM

TMS 6 BD 25
 Dealer: South
 Vul: Nil

♠ ---
 ♥ K 8 7 6
 ♦ A K 7 6
 ♣ Q 7 6 4 2

♠ J 8 6 5
 ♥ Q J 10 3
 ♦ J
 ♣ 10 9 8 3

♠ Q 10 4 3
 ♥ A 9 5 4
 ♦ 9 8 5 4 2
 ♣ ---

♠ A K 9 7 2
 ♥ 2
 ♦ Q 10 3
 ♣ A K J 5

Giselle Mundell reports this fine defence which she found at the table:

Giselle, sitting south heard the opponents climb to 6♣. She decided to try the ♦8 lead and hit the jackpot when declarer won the ♦Q and led a low heart from dummy. She rose ace and gave her partner a diamond ruff taking full advantage of an error on the part of declarer. The hand is a bit of an illusion – there are four diamond tricks, two spade tricks, four trump tricks and two spade ruffs in the west hand makes 12

tricks – in fact you make 13 when the spades break 4-4.

IT'S ALL IN THE TIMING

TMS 5 BD 4
 Dealer: West
 Vul: All

♠ J 9 5
 ♥ Q 5 4
 ♦ Q 10 3
 ♣ J 6 5 4

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

♠ K Q 8 6
 ♥ K J 8
 ♦ A J 7
 ♣ A K 8

♠ 4 3 2
 ♥ A 9 3
 ♦ K 5 2
 ♣ Q 10 3 2

The question I am most asked is how can I improve my bridge. The next favourite is what makes a champion player a champion. Have a look at this deal:

Most tables would have seen a 2NT opening by south, Stayman or Puppet Stayman by north and 3NT being the final contract.

I watched this at Table 2 where Madala for Lavazza received a club lead which he ducked. When I watched it replayed at

Helgemo's table (yes there are benefits to being bulletin editor) he won the first club. Here is why those two plays decide the fate of the hand. The plan should be to make four spade tricks, two heart tricks, one diamond and two clubs. However you need to avoid the defence taking two clubs, two hearts and diamond. Given the number of likely entries held by the opponents one has to simply win the first club hoping for a 4-4 club break otherwise the opponents can win the first club, play a diamond to the ♦10 and then go back to clubs. Clearly many defenders are on the ball as 3NT went down 112 times of the 209 times it was played – thanks Bridgemate and the scorers for such accurate statistics.

MAY OLD AQUAINTENCES BE FORGOT – WELL AND TRULY

Nick Hughes

Forcing Pass is all but dead in Australia and non-existent overseas. In round four of the teams we were drawn to meet the Japanese Seniors World Champion Team of Ohno, Yamada, Ino and Hirata. The latter looked at our card and distant memories stirred when he saw our system, “Not you again! Did you used to play with Paul Lavings?” I admitted to this being the case to which he replied “I played against you in Tokyo in the first Epson Teams”. That was in 1984 a mere 25 years ago.

MEET THE PLAYERS – MIGRY CAMPANILE



Migry Campanile is a name that turns up in just about every international tournament around the world. But this isn't strange when one gets to know her and finds that her passion is to do exactly that – travel the world, play bridge and, as I recently found out while trying to get her restaurant reservations in Sydney, fine dining.

Migry was born in Bucharest, Romania and migrated to Israel with her family at age 18. Nowadays she says “I like to think of myself as a citizen of the world jetting around from bridge tournament to bridge tournament”. See I told you so!

Migry learnt bridge from her father in her early teens and immediately fell in love with the game so much so that she soon discovered that bridge was a lot more fun than attending school, strangely enough her parents did not share her views on that issue.

Her only bridge-free spell happened when she was 16 and met her first husband-to-be and his gleaming black motorcycle. The combination entranced her to the point of magically removing her from the bridge tables. Once the motorcycle and the marriage crashed a few years later, bridge claimed her back for good.

Migry loves reading generally she reads and re-reads well in excess of her fair share of bridge books. Her favourites are the classics like Reese's "Play These Hands With Me" and she reviews the latest books to come out which is not surprising as she is the editor, ably assisted I am told by her husband Pietro, of the Israeli Bridge Magazine.

In response to the question what is your favourite book she says “well... being the editor of "Israeli Bridge" I am sure you would expect me to choose my own magazine and I would never want to disappoint you! Actually I think we are doing a really good job with it and have achieved most of the goals we had set out for ourselves when we started off on this challenging venture”.

Quite recently she received a parcel with a few books written by the well known Polish player and coach Krzysztof Martens “they make for a very interesting and thought-provoking read and I am working my way through them”.

Migry plays “as often as I can”! The truth is that she is so passionate about the game and loves playing so much that she notes “as far as I am concerned the words "enough" and "bridge" cannot belong in the same sentence”.

Her decision to play in tournaments is her relationship with partner and/or team-mates with whom she is playing. The prestige and location of the competition and how well it fits into her busy competition calendar also plays an important part.

My next question was what do you enjoying most about bridge – and her response – “Did I mention that I LOVE to win? Apart from that I like the way the game always sets out to test us, I love the intellectual challenge it presents. Also it is a great socializing tool and over

the years it has served as a powerful connector to get to know more interesting people all over the world some of whom have become life-long friends”.

Her favourite moment in bridge was when she played the ♦10 play in the last hand of the 2006 NEC final to win the tournament. She claims to have lost 10 kilos in the previous hands in which the opponents did everything right and we did everything wrong and her "comfortable" lead evaporated. The fact that she could still sit there for 5 minutes and figure out a tough to find defence to beat the contract meant a lot to.

Migry rates her strength as good table presence and that helps make the right decision more often than not and as a partner she sees her main task as doing anything she can to get partner to play their best bridge. She is not one for ego-trips and is quite happy to avoid giving "real-time bridge lessons" and support partner especially if he/she is going through a bad set. "I strongly believe that if one plays with an equally gifted player then it is just counter-productive to explain to him the obvious - he or she will know what has happened and feel twice as bad about it. If however I am playing with a pupil, then the time for a lesson is AFTER the session and not during it”.

Her plans? "to continue to have as much fun as possible playing the game that I love and trying to win as much as I can on the way”!

And finally her tips for the improving bridge player

- develop the right attitude to the game, that is as my partner Michael Barel often says: "To give the cards due respect"
- the ability to accept feedback in order to diagnose and change bad patterns
- remembering that the game is supposed to be fun

I first encountered Migry when she wrote a series of articles for the now defunct Bridge Today Magazine entitled "Bridge Around the World". Here is one of those articles.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH 52 CARDS

By Migry Zur Campanile

When I heard that the venue for the 1997 European Championships would be the Italian town of Montecatini Terme, I was quite intrigued. I had never been to an old fashioned, elegant Spa resort like Bath in England, Baden Baden in Germany or indeed Montecatini in Italy and I started wondering what it was going to be like trying to mix bridge and the health treatments of the Spa. On a more personal note, I had just entered one of my non-smoking spells and I knew that it would inevitably lead to a very "tense" time. I was painfully aware of the fact that one of the acknowledged dangers of a prolonged competition is the amount of stress a player can build up and I was afraid that piling on top of it the stress from having stopped smoking would likely make me into a Migrynstein before the end of the event. So the prospect of being able to relieve such pressures and in a medically controlled environment of all places was a very welcome one.

Located less than an hour drive from Florence, Montecatini's long and illustrious history as a health centre goes back a few hundred years and is based around the restorative properties of the local spring. In the summer its population grows from around 25,000 to 150,000 as visitors arrive from all over the world to experience its mineral benefits. Various spa houses supply the eight different types of water which flow from the nearby hills, each one with its own medicinal properties for the treatment of specific complaints such as liver trouble, circulation problems and so on.

The furious pace of the Championships barely left me the time to experience firsthand the "miraculous" properties of the water. Whenever I left the playing area, I would find myself discussing hands with my friends happily smoking away in the adjoining corridors. The

temptation to ask for a cigarette was overwhelming, so I decided to create an alternative for myself and started experimenting with rolling grass into cigarette papers and smoking them. Yes you read right, grass as in the grass of your garden not the other type related to marijuana and such. My idea was that smoking anything would be better than nothing, sort of a conscious placebo effect. Of course they tasted disgusting but still I persisted for a few days, trying new mixes of grass, carefully selecting strands of various types taken from different areas of the nearby park. Their strange smell together with the “homemade” look elicited a lot of interest from my fellow players: some would hesitantly take me aside and warn me to be more careful, while some others would praise my “free spirit” and devil may care attitude. All of them, however, would marvel at my “chutzpah” in smoking the “special” cigarettes in public. Was I not afraid of being caught? To be honest, a part of me was actually looking forward to having a testy Carabinieri having to suffer through a few puffs of my horrible cigs in order to decide what to make of them!

Despite my nicotine deprivation woes, the bridge went quite well and we ended up fighting for the podium, finishing a creditable third, only one VP behind the French Ladies.

Here is a hand from our match vs Denmark in the 13th round of the Championships:

Dealer: East	♠ 10 8 7 4	West	North	East	South
Vul: N/S	♥ 7 6 4	Levit		Migry	
	♦ Q 3			2♣	Pass
	♣ A K 7 5	2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
♠ J 5 2		3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
♥ 2		5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass
♦ K 9 8 4 2	♠ K Q 6				
♣ Q 10 6 2	♥ A K Q J 10 5 3				
	♦ A 7 6				
	♣ ---				
	♠ A 9 3				
	♥ 9 8				
	♦ J 10 5				
	♣ J 9 8 4 3				

South led the ♣9 and I played small from dummy, causing North to insert the ♣K which I ruffed. After drawing trumps in three rounds, it looks like the only legitimate chance apart from finding with South an extremely unlikely original club holding of ♣J-9 stiff, was to devise some sort of squeeze involving the minor suits.

The first thing I had to decide was to check the timing of the squeeze, to see if it could work on both players and, if not, towards which player it would have the best chances of success. I knew that North held the remaining top club so it was time to check what happens in spades and, if possible, to hope to turn the ♠J into an additional entry to improve my communications. I cashed the ♠K and, after some thought, South took her ace and exited with another spade. Decision time: which opponent was holding the diamond guard? If it was North then I would have to cash the remaining spades and run all my trumps leaving in dummy ♦K-x and ♣Q and in hand ♦A-x-x. If it was South I would have to take the spade in dummy, play the ♣Q to force out the ♣A and thus transfer the club threat to South, cash the last spade and run my trumps leaving a similar end position but with the ♣10 in dummy this time. Which way to go? Was it a complete guess? Well, the only tiny clue I had was that North had one more heart than South and thus he was a little less likely to hold the diamond guard. It was of course an extremely thin inference but it was better than nothing. So I proceeded to set up the squeeze vs South: I took the spade return in dummy and followed the plan I outlined earlier reaching the following position with my last trump to be played:

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

On the last trump, South has no escape and the twelfth trick came rolling in. At the other table the Danes succeeded in the amazing bidding feat of unearthing their 5-3 diamond fit so they had a lot less trouble in the play: it was a swift one down after the spade lead for a sizeable 14 IMPs swing which helped us to go on to a 19-11 victory.

BOLS BRIDGE TIP

Pietro Forquet - Always be ready to change your plan

I had the pleasure of working with Pietro Forquet, Giorgio Belladonna, Benito Garozzo and Omar Sharif during the Lancia Bridge Tour of Australia in 1976. At one point it was suggested that there should be a rubber bridge with the three famous Italian stars. Forquet's response "as long as the stakes are \$9.99 per hundred". Why such an odd amount, "because it is more easily divisible by three" he said. I reunited with Forquet recently in Monte Carlo when the Italian Bridge Federation invited him to play in the Italian Seniors Team to celebrate his 80th birthday.

Even if you have made a good plan, you should always be ready to change your strategy if, at a certain moment, you discover that it cannot work. Here is an example. You are South, declarer in Four Spades:

♠ J 10 5 4 ♥ A J ♦ A 10 6 3 ♣ 7 6 5	♠ A 9 7 6 ♥ Q 3 2 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ A Q 8	<table style="border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">West</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">North</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">East</td> <td>South</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♠</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	West	North	East	South				1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass	
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			1NT															
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠															
Pass	4♠	All Pass																

West leads the five of hearts and you play the jack, which holds the trick. You then play the jack of spades and let it ride to West's queen. He continues with the four of hearts which you win and you play the ten of spades, both opponents following. On the ace of spades, West discards a small heart and East drops the king of spades. You can count nine sure tricks. What is your plan to make an additional trick?

If the club finesse works there is no problem but if it loses to West's king, you must attack diamonds in order to create a discard for a club. If the diamonds are 3-3, everything is easy, but if East has honour doubleton, the correct approach is to play to the ace, then small to the king and then to dummy's ten. Then the ten of diamonds will provide the tenth trick.

Having made this play, you play the ace and king of diamonds on which West and not East drops the queen.

Now you must pause. What can you deduce from West's queen? It is unlikely that he holds Q-J-x because on the first round he would have split his honours and he also might have preferred a lead from two honours instead of leading from an unguarded king. There is another possibility to consider: West may be clever enough to unblock the suit to ensure that his partner will win the third diamond trick with the jack. But using your judgement you

conclude that West is not of the calibre to make such an excellent defence. Here is the full hand:

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

And this is the position with six tricks to go:

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

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At this point, because you have abandoned the hope of a third diamond trick, you must change your original plan.

You decide to play the queen of hearts and on West's king you discard a club from dummy. West continues with the ten of hearts. If you ruff in dummy and play a club, intending to put in your eight, East will definitely spoil your manoeuvre by playing the ten. So, on the ten of hearts you discard another club from dummy and the losing diamond from your hand.

Now West will regret the heart discard on the third round of trumps as he must play a club giving you your tenth trick and the contract.

This example proves the value of my BOLS bridge tip which is: Even if you have made a very good plan, always be ready to change your strategy once you have discovered that it cannot work.

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FAMILY DYNASTIES

Barbara Travis

My brother Peter Gill has won the National Open Teams for the past 3 years, which is a notable feat. He also receives significant media coverage for his current form. Over the years I, too, have received my fair share of bridge reporting.

The 'third' (and oldest) Gill, John, is less often in bridge news. For him bridge has remained a joyful hobby. However last June he won the Far North Queensland Teams, his first major title since about 1984 when he won the National Youth Teams!

I asked John for a hand that he felt proud of and he produced the following gem:

	♠ 9		
	♥ J 8		West North East South
	♦ A 10 7 5 2		Pass 2♥! Double 4♥
	♣ Q 10 8 4 2		Double Pass Pass Pass
♠ J 6 5 4		♠ Q 8 7 3 2	
♥ Q 9 7 6 2		♥ 5	
♦ Q J 8 6		♦ 3	
♣ ---		♣ A K J 7 5 3	
	♠ A K 10		
	♥ A K 10 4 3		
	♦ K 9 4		
	♣ 9 6		

The opening lead was an unfortunate ♦Q, which ran to the ♦K.

As declarer, John assumed East held five hearts because otherwise there was little reasoning behind the double. He continued with a small heart towards dummy, playing the H8 when East played low.

With South presumably now void in hearts, John could continue on his merry way. He led a spade to his ♠A in order to continue diamonds. The ♦9 was ducked around, and another diamond continued for another finesse. John could discard his ♣6 on the ♦A, then his ♣9 on dummy's last diamond, East ruffing. The spade continuation was won with his ♠K, and then he ruffed his losing spade with dummy's ♥J.

To complete the rout, John led a club from dummy and ruffed. East could over-trump, but now had to lead into John's ♥A-K-10. Making 11 tricks was worth 990 and a substantial gain.

Some hands stay with you forever. This hand qualifies as one of those for me:

	♠ 10 6 5 4 2		
	♥ K 10 7 3 2		West North East South
	♦ 6 4		Pass Pass Pass 1NT
	♣ 4		Pass 2♥ Pass 2♠
♠ Q J		♠ 9 7	Pass 3♥ (!!)
♥ A 9 4		♥ Q J	Pass Pass
♦ Q J 10		♦ A 8 7 5 3 2	Pass 4♠
♣ J 10 8 7 3		♣ A 5 2	
	♠ A K 8 3		
	♥ 8 6 5		
	♦ K 9		
	♣ K Q 9 6		

I have never asked my partner why he bid 3♥; at the time my focus was on trying to find a way to avoid four or more losers! Perhaps the bid was a psychological ploy, with my brother Peter being my RHO?

The ♦Q was led to East's ♦A. Peter cashed his ♣A and exited with a diamond.

I worked on the need for an elimination – the only genuine chance was if West held ♥A-x-x and East ♥Q-J.

I ruffed a club in dummy, drew two rounds of trumps (no choice there) and cashed my top clubs. Now I had eliminated the side suits it was time to pray for my miracle in hearts. (Note that my prospects had improved with Peter holding the minor aces, in the sense that he could not hold the ♥A too.)

A heart to the ♥K in dummy held and a small heart now end-played Peter.

The reason I remember this hand fondly is that I played it in the 1980 Youth Championships when I was 20.

The Gill family 'dynasty' of bridge players looks set to continue. My daughter Lauren is 15 and has already represented South Australia in the State Women's Team (2008).

However, when she was 12 and had just finished learning how to play, I asked her to play a one-day Pairs Congress with me. Not only did she bid the following hand really well, she also played it exceptionally well...

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

Playing 4♠, Lauren won the heart lead with dummy's ♥A, discarding a small club. In order to enter her hand she ruffed a heart and took the club finesse. She continued with a club to the ♣A, the ♦A and a club ruff. Next she cashed the ♦K and ruffed a diamond which was over-ruffed. The heart return was ruffed, another diamond was ruffed and over-ruffed, and her RHO was end-played with ♠K-J-6-5 of trumps.

Given that Lauren had been taught to draw trumps, I was very impressed with her ability to recognize a cross-ruff hand so early in her bridge 'career'. She looked at me as if I was stupid and said: "Well, I didn't have enough tricks if I drew trumps!"

The "Gill" family will have its first outing as a team of four at the 2009 Far North Queensland Teams! We are still working out who will play together after 30 years!

Editor: I have known John for 40+ years as we went to school together - also with Malcolm Turnbull. A story about Malcolm is that while in an Economics Lesson the teacher asked Malcolm if he was talking "who me" says Malcolm rocking back on his chair "may G-d strike me down if I was talking" at which point his chair collapsed from underneath him. This same teacher, knowing my penchant for gambling commented on my report "at this stage must be considered an outsider for the event" - I showed him finishing in the top 10% of the State.

Since writing this article Barbara reports that in round two of the teams she played against Peter and then lo and behold in round three she played John. Looking at the scores Peter playing John seems unlikely. Here are photos of the 'dynasty' - John Peter and Barbara.



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LOTS OF HUFF AND NO PUFF

TMS R9 BD 12 ♠ 8
 Dealer West ♥ 10 9 8
 Vul: N/S ♦ Q 8 6 3
 ♣ K 6 4 3 2

♠ Q J 10 3
 ♥ Q 3 2
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ A J 8 7

♠ 9 7 6 5
 ♥ A 6 4
 ♦ 10 5 4 2
 ♣ Q 9

♠ A K 4 2
 ♥ K J 7 5
 ♦ A J 9
 ♣ 10 5

West	North	East	South
R Crichton		P Crichton	
	Jenner-O		Ware
1NT	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	2♦	Double
2♥	Pass	Pass	Double
2♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

It isn't often in an auction that you find four penalty doubles by the same player but here you have it. Griff Ware decided that once partner passed 1NT doubled for penalties then his three top suits all presented penalty possibilities. The defence started with three rounds of trumps but the favourable club spots enabled declarer to escape for -100. Deep Finesse does concur with Griff's action noting that 2♦ and 2♥ can both be made by N/S.

6♥ MAKING AND 6♥X DOWN 4 – REALLY!

TMS R 9 BD 8 ♠ J 7 4 2
 Dealer: West ♥ K Q
 Vul: Nil ♦ 8 5
 ♣ A Q J 9 3

♠ 9
 ♥ A 9 8 6 5 4 3
 ♦ Q 3
 ♣ 10 8 7

♠ K 10 8 6 3
 ♥ ---
 ♦ 9 6 2
 ♣ K 6 5 4 2

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

Kieran's, sitting South reached 6♦ after west pre-empted in hearts. We can all see that the contract is doomed on ♥A and a heart ruff but west chose to lead the singleton spade. Hoping to be in dummy, Kieran rose with the ♠J and the spotlight fell on east who had a chance to save the day.

Had east ducked there is no doubt that Kieran would have finessed the diamond and ultimately gone one down. Had that happened there would certainly been a Bulletin article. But not unreasonable east covered the ♠J forcing Kieran (a) to win in hand and (b) knowing there was a

heart ruff lay down the ♦A and ♦K praying for the actual layout.

But the story continues.....in the other room east doubled suggesting a void in hearts, west found the killing lead after which east continued with a spade around to dummy. Declarer not unreasonably finessed the diamond, west gave his partner the opportunity to overruff dummy in hearts, a spade ruff and yet another heart ruff – 4 down.

Place	#	Open Teams	Total	Place	#	Open Teams	Total
1	5	HORWITZ - GILL - DEL'MONTE - GREEN - PEAKE					202
2	1	CAYNE - VERSACE - ZMUDZINSKI - BALICKI - LAURIA - SEAMON					201
3	4	MCGANN - HANLON - APTEKER - GOWER - CARRUTHERS - WEINSTEIN					197
4	3	MELBOURNE - DE LIVERA - HIRST - HACKETT - BAKKEREN - BERTENS					190
5	7	OHNO - YAMADA - INO - HIRATA					188
6	29	GIURA - HUGHES - GENC - PERLEY					187
7	2	BOCCHI - DUBOIN - MADALA - SEMENTA					185
8	13	KANETKAR - BROWN - NEILL - HUGHES					185
9	34	REITZER - CHADWICK - TISHLER - GUE					185
10	91	VAINIKONIS - OLANSKI - KOWALSKI - ZHURAVEL - ORLOVICH - JEDRYCHOWSKI					183
11	12	HAUGHIE - BRAITHWAITE - KLINGER - THOMSON					180
12	14	WARE - WHIBLEY - GRIFFITHS - ROBINSON					180
13	17	WYER - SCHWARTZ - COURTNEY - NUNN					179
14	28	DOECKE - WARE - CLARSON - JENNER-O'SHEA - BROWN					179
15	20	CHUA - HINGE - RODWELL - HOWARD					179
16	19	WIGNALL - WOOLES - SYKES - DEWAR - SCOTT - HAY					179
17	37	DE JONG - ARBER - CHRAPOT - CHIRA					179
18	38	JONES - MILLINGTON - STUCKEY - TARBUTT					178
19	16	RICHMAN - GASPAS - SARTEN - WILKINSON					178
20	18	TRAVIS - REYNOLDS - BIGNALL - APPLETON					177
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21	8	HELGEMO	176	134	176	HENSEN	147
22	21	MORRISON	175	135	109	VALLENDER	147
23	43	DYKE	174	136	194	EASTMENT	146
24	40	MALACZYNSKI	174	137	52	WOLFARTH	146
25	26	BEALE	173	138	155	CALLANDER	146
26	79	GINSBERG	173	139	78	MALINAS	145
27	62	AFFLICK	173	140	82	GOODYER	145
28	32	BEAUCHAMP	172	141	218	RAWICKI	145
29	44	GALLUS	172	142	53	DORMER	145
30	198	ANAGNOSTOU	172	143	73	STRASSER	145
31	9	GOREN	171	144	187	LAM	145
32	6	NADAR	171	145	215	BRINKWORTH	145
33	148	VAUGHAN	171	146	180	CROMPTON	145
34	59	SKIPPER	171	147	63	DAWSON	144
35	22	NIXON	170	148	149	ASHWELL	144
36	237	DORRELL	170	149	98	ADCOCK	144
37	41	HARKNESS	169	150	169	JOHNSON	144
38	23	BURKE	168	151	136	BARNETT	143
39	10	LAVAZZA WHITE	168	152	206	TURNER	143
40	45	DALY	168	153	130	MITCHELL	142
41	11	NOBLE	167	154	95	REID	142
42	48	DAWSON	167	155	99	O'BRIEN	142
43	42	BUTTS	167	156	93	TURNER	142
44	49	HURLEY	167	157	137	MANLEY	142
45	55	WEATHERED	167	158	184	THOMPSON	142
46	24	CORNELL	166	159	175	IVANYI	142
47	39	HOFFMAN	166	160	183	CORDINGLEY	141
48	58	FARANDA	166	161	229	ATKINS	141
49	70	MEYER	166	162	139	FLETCHER	141
50	46	DE LUCA	166	163	203	DAGLISH	141
51	76	GIBSON	166	164	213	FRASER	140
52	35	HUNT	165	165	127	RAWSON	140
53	60	BENHAM	165	166	207	BRENNAN	140
54	69	BELONOGOV	165	167	231	WEBCKE	139
55	238	COOKE	165	168	170	BROOKES	139
56	31	WEBBER	163	169	145	GRAY	139
57	54	PARKER	163	170	114	CHRISTIAEN	139
58	94	GALLASCH	162	171	200	BOWERMAN	138
59	190	BARLOW	162	172	210	SNOOK	138
60	27	LIVINGSTON	161	173	217	ROBINSON	138

61	25	WALSH	161	174	131	NICHOLS	138
62	77	DODDRIDGE	161	175	87	HILL	137
63	92	BEDFORD-BROWN	161	176	117	BEDI	136
64	57	LUONI	161	177	66	EDELSTEIN	136
65	208	FOOTS	161	178	116	CRESSWELL	136
66	80	GEROMBOUX	161	179	202	HILTON	135
67	15	LEIBOWITZ	160	180	107	NORTHEY	135
68	51	MILWARD	160	181	205	CAMPBELL	135
69	96	SCHWABEGGER	159	182	246	REES	135
70	56	DILKS	159	183	192	SLOANE	135
71	36	HEGEDUS	159	184	140	SHARP	135
72	157	TILDESLEY	159	185	128	BLACKHAM	134
73	196	GILFOYLE	159	186	162	LOTH	134
74	242	MASON	159	187	177	WELLS	134
75	30	KONIG	158	188	133	RAE	134
76	61	TUCKER	158	189	201	UTZEN	133
77	67	STEFFENSEN	158	190	225	MONAHAN	133
78	47	TUXWORTH	158	191	195	MELDRUM	133
79	65	STEINWEDEL	157	192	163	COONEY	133
80	75	DANTA	157	193	123	ALEXANDER	133
81	81	MANN	157	194	108	SCHOEN	133
82	85	CLYNE	157	195	138	LINDSAY	133
83	88	CLARKE	157	196	221	SMITH	133
84	181	HOUGHTON	157	197	214	WALKER	133
85	172	SCOTT	157	198	220	MOFFAT	133
86	119	LOCKHART	156	199	233	WALSH	132
87	111	FORAN	156	200	193	STEPHENS	132
88	199	MINCHIN	156	201	189	DELANY	132
89	125	MARSHALL	156	202	151	POWER	132
90	124	LARSEN	156	203	211	MILL	132
91	33	BURGESS	155	204	103	BURROWS	131
92	212	CRAFTI	155	205	164	ALLEN	131
93	232	ABBENBROEK	155	206	89	THOMAS	131
94	101	GRENSIDE	155	207	104	MILLER	131
95	106	FONTES	154	208	209	MOSCHNER	130
96	228	WHITMEE	154	209	121	THEODORE	129
97	83	VALENTINE	154	210	204	KELLY	129
98	86	PHILLIPS	154	211	144	NICOL	128
99	71	MAYO	154	212	153	HEYTING	128
100	224	INGOLD	154	213	141	WOOLER	128
101	72	COLEMAN	153	214	222	WILKINSON	127
102	227	STEWART	153	215	234	JEFFREY	127
103	168	FLANDERS	153	216	158	PIERCE	127
104	154	SAXBY	153	217	120	MCNEE	126
105	113	CORKHILL	153	218	174	ROSE	125
106	90	DICK	153	219	179	ANLEZARK	125
107	112	ALP	152	220	134	BENNETT	124
108	146	WELDON	152	221	244	WALLIS	124
109	74	MOSES	152	222	129	STORR	124
110	152	THOMPSON	151	223	245	PARNELL	124
111	241	FORAGE	151	224	156	O'LOUGHLIN	124
112	186	TAIT	151	225	223	FREDERICKS	123
113	143	BOLAND	151	226	240	BENDT	123
114	97	POWER	151	227	226	GORSKI	123
115	84	HARRISON	150	228	102	FITZPATRICK	123
116	239	LAMONT	150	229	115	TREDREA	121
117	243	BANNER	150	230	132	KUIPER	121
118	185	DEMBO	150	231	110	KANETKAR	121
119	100	SOUTHEN	149	232	219	MCDONALD	121
120	236	LEE	149	233	167	STRUTTON	121
121	126	LUCK	149	234	160	BAKER	120
122	150	DAWES	149	235	166	FERGUSON	120

123	50	MARTELLETTI	148	236	197	EDGE	120
124	105	LEWIS	148	237	235	MICKEVICS	114
125	118	KALIN	148	238	216	ROUGHLEY	114
126	147	CRUICKSHANK	148	239	171	POLLARD	111
127	165	CARTER	147	240	161	KOBLER	110
128	159	KOVACS	147	241	182	ANDERSSON	109
129	173	POTTER	147	242	188	GRANT	107
130	68	ANDREW	147	243	230	FERGUSON	101
131	191	CROWLEY	147	244	178	MOORCRAFT	101
132	135	FELL	147	245	142	GROSS	101
133	64	JAMIESON	147	246	122	SHEIL	98

Place	#	Seniors Teams	Total	Place	#	Seniors Teams	Total
1	1	PUSKAS - P CHAN - J CHAN - JANUSZKE - ZOLLO					187
2	9	KAHN - KAHN - STRONG - MEYDAN					186
3	3	YEZERSKI - GREWCOCK - BOCK - BLOOM					182
4	2	KAHLER - MENDICK - BROCKWELL - RAMSHAW					176
5	6	HUTTON - HUTTON - PETTITT - PETTITT					174
6	4	ROBSON - LEE - HOWARD - WOOD					173
7	12	MALTZ - HOWES - FOSTER - MATHESON					170
8	46	SHEEHY - SHEEHY - GILKISON - MCGREGOR					170

9	7	MARR	167	29	40	PULLING	143
10	22	ROSS	167	30	15	HARMAN	142
11	18	YOUNG	167	31	36	HARRISON	142
12	21	CROCKETT	167	32	38	RIDDELL	141
13	8	KEMPTHORNE	165	33	31	YOUNG	140
14	19	HOFFMAN	164	34	24	NICHOLS	140
15	47	BUCKLEY	163	35	27	KROSCHE	140
16	33	CHURCHILL	157	36	10	SMITH	139
17	41	STRINGFELLOW	154	37	45	HAM	139
18	30	GILLANDERS	153	38	25	ALLAN	138
19	5	SMEE	153	39	43	GILHOOLY	136
20	13	KAHLER	153	40	35	JOYCE	136
21	17	LANDY	152	41	20	MELLINGS	133
22	23	DOWLING	152	42	48	HOUSE	132
23	34	REED	149	43	26	RHODES	128
24	16	FLEISZIG	149	44	39	CONSIGLIERE	124
25	37	DAVIS	148	45	32	HADFIELD	120
26	11	SCHNEIDER	147	46	29	ALLEN	112
27	28	CARMICHAEL	144	47	42	BRAY	96
28	14	RAAPHORST	144	48	44	DUNLOP	89

Place	#	Restricted Teams	Total	Place	#	Restricted Teams	Total
1	52	BOLT - CROSSMAN - CROSSMAN - LEACH					192
2	65	BARDA - BARDA - MURABEN - CAMPBELL - FRASER					187
3	70	CASEY - KELLY - LONG - ROBBINS					186
4	61	GUNNER - GRIEVE - BOYD - MCWILLIAM					183
5	41	WHIDDON - ALLISON - MACQUARRIE - PARKIN					183
6	35	ROGERS - CHRISTIAN - PRINCE - ADAMS					178

7	14	WYLIE	174	39	22	GRAY	147
8	28	SMITH	172	40	66	LLOYD	147
9	58	PERRIN	169	41	31	KULL	146
10	5	LECKIE	169	42	36	BURDEN	145
11	34	KERR	169	43	40	LOOK	145
12	50	HAMILTON	168	44	57	ANDREWS	144
13	38	SCHOLFIELD	167	45	13	OWEN	144
14	39	THATCHER	166	46	7	KELLEY	143
15	56	SWANSON	165	47	59	HUGHES	143
16	68	FRANCIS	164	48	20	CRAWT	143
17	1	MCRAE	163	49	6	BADCOCK	142
18	49	MOLLER	162	50	29	LOGAN	142
19	51	CHAU	161	51	23	IRVING	141
20	12	LISLE	161	52	9	STACEY	141

21	10	INNES	160	53	24	MORGAN	139
22	69	DUFFY	159	54	11	PARTRIDGE	139
23	63	FENWICKE	158	55	21	EDDY	137
24	15	STONE	157	56	25	GEORGE	137
25	67	DE MESTRE	155	57	54	JURY	137
26	43	SHER	154	58	17	BINGHAM	136
27	48	LEACH	154	59	26	CURTIN	135
28	4	BELL	154	60	46	MARKS	135
29	8	WALSH	153	61	2	HUNTLEY	130
30	60	LEVIN	153	62	3	MacLACHLAN	129
31	37	BROSNAN	151	63	64	RYAN	124
32	42	WARD	150	64	19	STACK	123
33	30	PARKER	149	65	33	COLLIER	120
34	16	TRAD	149	66	55	ROACH	120
35	62	MURRAY	149	67	53	LAWRENCE	119
36	27	SMALL	147	68	47	WILSON	105
37	18	HUMPHERY	147	69	44	BUTLER	90
38	45	LIER	147	70	32	IVANY	77

Place	#	Novice Teams	Total	Place	#	Novice Teams	Total
1	4	GELDARD - MUNDELL - DEAN - WILLIS					181
2	18	PISKO - SAINT-JAMES - PALFREYMAN - PALFREYMAN					180
3	14	O'GORMAN - JEFFRIES - MURRAY - ROLFE					174
4	3	NILSSON - NILSSON - NILSSON - NILSSON					172
5	16	JONES	167	17	24	GOSNEY	147
6	25	SMITH	164	18	23	PHILLIPS	144
7	5	ACTON	164	19	2	MAYFIELD	143
8	26	ELDRIDGE	162	20	6	MEAKIN	143
9	1	HEER	156	21	28	HOUSE	142
10	12	JAMES	155	22	11	WHITEHOUSE	141
11	19	TRELOAR	153	23	10	BRISTOW	134
12	27	MACKLOW	151	24	21	DUDMAN	131
13	20	HUGHES	151	25	13	STEVENS	131
14	8	WYETH	151	26	15	TREACEY	126
15	7	RENTON	150	27	9	CARTER	120
16	17	TROWSE	148	28	22	ROWELL	103

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS – MORE ON THE SUBJECT

TMS R8 BD 28 ♠ K J 7 6 5 4

Dealer: West ♥ 10 9

Vul: N/S ♦ K 10
♣ 10 9 6

♠ A 10 9 3

♥ A K 8 7 4

♦ Q 6

♣ 8 4

♠ 8 2

♥ 6

♦ A 7 5 4 2

♣ K Q J 7 5

♠ Q

♥ Q J 5 3 2

♦ J 9 8 3

♣ A 3 2

We have been discussing the need to have partnership agreements and to follow them. Occasionally the wheels fall off and you simply have to hope for the best.

West	North	East	South
	Clarson		Doecke
1♥	1♠	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Now I don't know how you play the double in this position but my agreement is that it calls for a lead of partner's suit.

However John Clarson and Mike Doecke had a confusing agreement on this. John, north clearly felt it was for diamonds and played the ♦K opening lead which Deep Finesse confirms is the only lead to beat the hand.

OK so now it is Partnership Understanding is a great asset except when partnership misunderstanding is better!!

SOUTH TERRACE BBQ FRIDAY

12:30pm until 2:00pm

MAINS

Lamb tenderloin Panini with natural yoghurt	9.00
Chicken breast with lemon garlic	9.00
Falafel burger mint Rita	8.00
Fish burger Citrus pepper	9.00
Beef Burger	6.50

Served with Pita wraps, Turkish bread & Salads

DRINKS

Soft Drinks 600ml	3.60
Mt Franklin 600ml	3.20
Pump 750ml	4.20
Vitamin Water	4.80
Apple/Grapetiser	4.20
Goulburn Juices 250ml	3.10
Powerade	4.20
Red bull	5.00
Mother	5.00

SNACKS

Crisps	3.00
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2010 GCC DATES AND SESSION TIMES

NOTE THE PAIRS START ON SATURDAY

Saturday 27 th February	1.00 pm	Pairs Qualifying Round One of Two
	7.30 pm	Pairs Qualifying Round Two of Two
Sunday 28 th February	1.00 pm	Pairs Final Round One of Three
	7.30 pm	Pairs Final Round Two of Three
Monday 1 st March	1.00 pm	Pairs Final Round Three of Three
Tuesday 2 nd March	1.00 pm	Teams Matches One and Two of Twelve
	7.30 pm	Teams Matches Three and Four of Twelve
Wednesday 3 March	1.00 pm	Teams Matches Five and Six of Twelve
	7.30 pm	Teams Matches Seven and Eight of Twelve
Thursday 4 March	10.30 am	Teams Matches Nine and Ten of Twelve
	3.20 pm	Teams Matches Eleven and Twelve of Twelve
Friday 5 March	10.30 am	Mixed Teams Match 1,2 & 3
Finals TBA	10.30 am	Graded Pairs Session One of Two
	1.30 pm	Swiss Butler Pairs – Match 1,2,3 & 4 of Nine
	3.20 pm	Mixed Teams Match 4, 5, & 6 of Six
	3.20 pm	Graded Pairs Session Two of Two
	8.00 pm	Swiss Butler Pairs - Match 5 & 6 of Nine
Saturday 6 March 4	10.30 am	Swiss Butler Pairs – Match 7, 8 & 9 of Nine

10.30 am Walk In Events

THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS

Friday 06-Mar-09				Saturday 07-Mar-09		
10:00 Teams Championship Preliminary Finals Open Finals Seniors & Part Afternoon	13:30 Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs Matches 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 of 9 Entries Close 12:00 Thursday	10:30 Graded Pairs Entries Close Thursday 12:00	10:30 Seres- McMahon Mixed Teams Matches 1 & 2 & 3 of 6 Entries Close 12:00 Thursday	10:30 Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs Matches 7 & 8 & 9 of 9	09:30 Teams Championship Final Open	10:30 Walk-In Pairs Walk-In Teams
14:00 Teams Championship Finals Novice Restricted	20:00 Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs Matches 5 & 6 of 9	15:20 Graded Pairs Entries Close Thursday 12:00	15:20 Seres- McMahon Mixed Teams Matches 4 & 5 & 6 of 6	20:00 Dinner Dance		
14:15 Teams Championship Finals Open						



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THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Easy

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Diabolical

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THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT – SOLUTION TO BULLETIN 5 THURSDAY

Easy

6	7	4	3	2	5	8	9	1
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7	2	5	8	1	4	9	6	3
1	8	9	2	6	3	4	7	5

Diabolical

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4	2	5	1	8	7	9	6	3
1	5	8	3	7	2	4	9	6
7	6	4	5	1	9	8	3	2
2	3	9	8	6	4	1	7	5

1. Which city is known as The City of a Hundred Towers? The correct answer was Pavia, Italy. Several other cities (none listed among the possible answers) claim the title, too, among them Prague, in the Czech Republic, and Ascoli Piceno in Italy, but the betting is that Pavia was the first to be known by the name. Indeed, Pavia was known as Civitas Centum Turrium as far back as the year 1100. The mania for building towers in Pavia was all about pride of family - building a tower, evidently, was the mediaeval equivalent of "he who dies with the most toys, wins". By the year 1300, many of the towers had already tumbled down, but the name persisted. A map of the town made in 1525 shows that some 50 of the towers were still standing.
2. Which city is known as The City of Dreaming Spires? The correct answer was Oxford, England. It was the poet Matthew Arnold who was responsible for this most apt description of the beautiful university town. In his poem 'Thyrsis' he described Oxford as "that sweet city with her dreaming spires". The spires are much older than the poem!
3. Which city is known as the City of Legions? The correct answer was Caerleon-on-Usk, Wales. Caerleon on Usk (in Welsh Caerllion ar Wysg) is in Gwent in Wales and local legend has it that this is where King Arthur held his court. Caerleon was also a garrison town for the Roman

legions. The City of Legions monicker probably has more to do with the Romans than it does with Arthur, come to think of it. I mean, you couldn't refer to a handful of knights at a Round Table as legions, could you? Just as a passing note of trivia, the Welsh word for the Usk is Wysg, which has the same Celtic root as the Scottish 'uisge', which we all know is the root word for whiskey. Actually, both 'wysg' and 'uisge' mean 'water'.

4. Which city is The City of Refuge? The correct answer was Medina, Saudi Arabia. Medina is known as the City of Refuge because it was to Medina that Mohammed fled when he was forced out of Mecca in 622. It is also known as the City of the Prophet, for obvious reasons. Under Mosaic Law in ancient Israel, the cities of Ramoth, Kedesh, Bezer, Shechem, Hebron and Golan were designated as Cities of Refuge for those who were suspected of murder. The asylum seekers were tried and, if the crime of homicide was proved against them, asylum was withdrawn and the next of kin of the murderers' victims were allowed to have their way with them. Something of a precursor to the mediaeval concept of sanctuary in churches and monasteries, wouldn't you say?
5. The city which bears the nickname City of Dreadful Knights is in the U.K., and that's all the help you're getting from me. Which one is it? The correct answer was Cardiff, Wales. Politicians in power have always had a lavish hand with the pork barrel, and seemingly David Lloyd George, who served as Prime Minister of the British Coalition Government during the First World War, was no exception. After the war, he scattered honours and titles around like so much confetti, and Lord Salisbury (who seems to have forgotten that he was descended from Robert Cecil who was ennobled for services rendered to Tudor monarchs!) alleged "that the government had fixed prices for the sale of titles". A Royal Commission was established to look into the matter, and revealed the fact that three people who had connections with influential South Wales newspapers were among the recipients. Some wag revised the title of James Thomson's poem 'The City of Dreadful Nights', and henceforth Cardiff became known by the humiliating soubriquet of 'the City of Dreadful Knights'.
6. Which city is known as The City of the Violet Crown? The correct answer was Athens, Greece. Ion (which means 'violet' in Greek, I'm told) was a legendary King of Athens, and therefore, Athens was the city of the Violet Crown! That's according to Aristophanes and Lord Macaulay, anyway. When I was a youngster, one of my favourite authors was Geoffrey Trease, who wrote historical novels for children. One of his best was set in Athens and it was called 'The Violet Crown'.
7. Which city is known as The City of the Three Kings? The correct answer was Cologne, Germany. Frederick Barbarossa removed the bones of the Magi from Milan (how they got there is anybody's guess!) and turned over the relics to the Archbishop of Cologne in 1164. The magnificent Cologne cathedral (the largest Gothic cathedral in Europe) was built, starting in 1268, as a fitting final resting place for the Three Wise Men who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus in Bethlehem. Their gilded shrine, designed in the thirteenth century by Nicholas of Verdun, is the largest reliquary in the world and is still a magnet for pilgrims. The coat of arms of the city of Cologne bears three crowns, in honour of the Three Kings.
8. A British author dubbed this The City of Magnificent Distances. Which city is it? The correct answer was Washington, D.C.. It was Charles Dickens who gave Washington this soubriquet, and he was being sarcastic! However, when you think about it, it makes sense!
9. This city is known as The City of Saints. Which one of these choices is the correct one? The correct answer was Montreal, Canada. Montreal got this nickname because so many of its streets are named for saints, which is not surprising since it was founded in the 1600s as a missionary post by Maisonneuve and Jeanne Mance of the Society of Notre Dame.
10. European Capitals starting with the letter V – Answer: Vienna, Vilnius (Lithuania), Valetta (Malta), Vatican City and Vaduz (Liechtenstein)