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BON BINI TO ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS

GEZAGHEBBER RICHARDS OPENS 24TH CACBF ZONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



During a true Caribbean cocktail party Mrs. Lizanne Richards-Dindial, gezagvoerder (governor) of the Island of Curaçao opened the 24th CACBF Zonal Bridge Championships. She wished all the players *bon bini* (Papiamentu for welcome) to her island.

Mrs. Richards stressed the fact that the people of Curaçao are a mixture of 51 different cultures and therefore very fit to receive the participants of such a great bridge championship with a background of 21 countries.

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Today's bridge

Open pairs (qualification)
Starting time: 10 a.m.
Playing venue: World Trade Center

Dear Bridge Players

We are pretty sure that you will experience an awesome bridge week in this Caribbean paradise with great hands and lots of success. The Bulletin Staff will do it's utmost to write on all this and on other stories related to bridge (or perhaps not so related). Needless to mention that we would be obliged to hear your horror stories, funny tales and of course, all your brilliancies. So please don't hesitate to hand over all of these to us:

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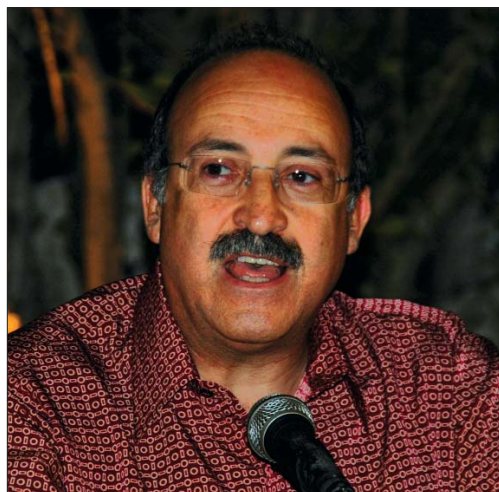


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WWW.TROPICALBRIDGE.COM**

**THE COCKTAIL PARTY,
I.E. OPENING CEREMONY**



Els Maas, President of the Curaçao Bridge Federation



Panos Gerontopoulos, Vice-President World Bridge Federation



Jean-Yves Dabreteau, President Central American and Caribbean Bridge Federation

Nagy Bakir, star of the Curaçao National Open Team, proves to be a great Calypso dancer as well



BERMUDA ON THE RUN

by Onno Eskes (formerly published in the Daily Bulletin of the 2000 Forbis World Championships at Bermuda)

Mutual disbelief will be felt, when on Sunday the island will be flooded with marathon-runners for the annual Bermuda Marathon. If you can't understand that some people actually get some form of satisfaction from running 42 kilometers in a few hours, then try to explain that you are throwing around pieces of cardboard for nine hours a day, fourteen days in a row, and that you really like it!

The Bermuda men's team showed that they are in excellent form for the running contest, as witness this deal from their match against Canada. Joe Wakefield held:

♠ K Q 7 ♥ A K 8 7 ♦ Q 9 8 ♣ 8 6 3

He opened 1♣ and after his partnership bid undisturbed to game:

1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥ - 1♠ - 1NT - 3NT

his left hand opponent suddenly doubled!

Wakefield realized that this must have been based on a nasty club surprise and took the excellent view to run to 5♦. David Sykes had no trouble heading this ball into the goal: he raised to 6♦.

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♠ 9 6 4 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ J 2
♣ 9 7 4 2

♠ A J 10 8
♥ Q 9
♦ K 7 6 5 4 3
♣ A

♠ 5 2
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ A 10
♣ K Q J 10 3



♠ K Q 7
♥ A K 8 7
♦ Q 9 8
♣ 8 6 3

West	North	East	South
Sykes	Maksymetz	Wakefield	Graves
		1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		



David Sykes, Bermuda

6♦ was of course no problem with the diamonds 2-2. More interesting was the play in 3NT, which was bid (and left alone) at the other table. After a club lead declarer cashed three spade tricks before switching his attention to the red suits and going down. That was exactly one spade trick too little. Had he cashed his fourth spade too, South would have been squeezed in three suits!

The Canadians turned out to be quick learners. The next match, Fred Gitelman held:

♠ K 5 ♥ 8 7 5 2 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ K Q J 6

and heard his Taiwanese opponents bid to 5♣. Once bitten, twice shy; Fred passed and noticed happily that 5♣ went down while the opponents were again cold for 6♦.

at Curaçao as well

By the way, David Sykes is playing here on Curaçao again for the Bermuda's, with a different partner though.



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