

The 2002 International Bridge Press Association AWARDS



The IBPA Personality of the Year

Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

The Digital Fountain Hand of the Year

Digital Fountain is a technology company specializing in data delivery. Its Chief Executive Officer and President is Cliff Meltzer, the husband of Rose Meltzer who in Paris, 2001 became the first woman to win the Bermuda Bowl. Further details about Digital Fountain can be found on

their website: www.digitalfountain.com

Player: **Sebastian Kristensen (Den)**

Journalist: **Otto Charles Pedersen (Den)**

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Danish Tournament Sep 2001

The other hands on the short-list were:

Geir Helgemo (Norway) by Jan Martel (USA) also Bulletin 441 page 10; Daniela von Arnim (Germany) by Brent Manley (USA) Bulletin 442 page 12; Sabine Auken (Germany) by Christian Farwig (Ger) Bulletin 442 page 6; Michal Kwiecien (Poland) by Mark Horton (Eng) Bulletin 445 page 11; Krzysztof Jassem (Poland) by Richard Colker (USA), Bull 446 page 11.

The Romex Award for Best Auction

Sponsored by George Rosenkranz (Mexico)

Players: **Anton Maas & Bep Vriend (Net)**

Journalist: **Jos Jacobs (Net)**

See: Bulletin 447 page 6.

The European Mixed Teams Championship

The other auctions on the short-list were: Huub Bertens & Ton Bakkeren (Net) by Patrick Jourdain (Wales) Bulletin 449 page 9; Knud-Erik & Ellen Jensen (Den) by Charles Otto Pedersen (Den) Bulletin 445 page 15; Jon Cooke & Martin Garvey (Eng) by Peter Burrows (Eng) Bulletin 443 page 14; Hajdu-Szilagyi (Hungary) by Mark Horton (Eng) Bulletin 444 page 6.

The Fr. Joseph Hahn & Arthur Kong Award for Best Defence

Sponsored by Rita Shugart (USA)

Player: **Tony Forrester (Eng)**

Journalist: **Andrew Robson (Eng) in The Times**

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Other defences on the short-list were: Paul Soloway (USA) by Patrick Jourdain (Wales) Bulletin 442 page 13; David Berkowitz (USA) by Irina Levitina (USA) Bulletin 443 page 3; Morten Bilde (Den) by Villy Dam (Den) Bulletin 443 page 15; Andrew Robson (Eng) by Jos Jacobs (Net) Bulletin 445 page 9; Bobby Richman & Ishmael Del'Monte (Australia) by Richard Solomon (NZ) Bulletin 449 page 16.

The okBridge Award for a Junior

Player: **Mikhail Krasnosselski (Russia)**

Journalist: **Michael Rosenblum (Russia)**

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European Junior Teams, Torquay

The other Juniors on the shortlist were:

Vincent Demuy (Can) by Ib Lundby (Den) Bulletin 440 page 3; Krzysztof Buras (Pol) by Andrzej Aleksanddrzak (Pol) Bulletin 441 page 5; L. H. Chin (Hong Kong) by Brian Senior Bulletin 449 page 5; Romain Tembouret & Jean-Francois Grias (France) by Patrick Jourdain (Wales) Bulletin 451.

Copies of the hands that won the Awards are available in the Press Room.

Lost bag

Someone took a bag belonging to Tournament Director Pierra Collaros during the Senior Pairs. If you took the bag by mistake, please turn it in to any tournament director.

A Question of Sport

This would make a good quiz question: If you have recently traveled to Kenya, Egypt, Ivory Coast, Poland, USA and Canada, what sport might you have been engaged in?

And for a bonus point how old would you be?

Of course, you have instantly got the first part right - it can only be Bridge. However, you are unlikely to get part two correct as the winning answer is nine!

Well at least it was, as on Tuesday England's Shivam Shah celebrated his tenth birthday.



Shivam has won enough master points on his travels to be a life master (although he doesn't yet have the title officially) and has already partnered Zia in a competitive event.