

Keri Klinger Memorial Declarer Play of the Year

Winner: Espen Lindqvist (Norway)
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The Open World Championships in China were not a great success for Norway, but on this board from the World Open Pairs final, Espen Lindqvist performed with elegance:

Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	2♦	Double	4♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West led the ten of spades, ducked all around. Lindqvist won the spade continuation with his ace, ruffed a spade, discarded a heart on the ace of clubs and ruffed a club with the ten of diamonds. When Lindqvist played his last spade and West followed, Lindqvist ruffed it with the queen of

diamonds, then ran the nine of diamonds successfully. He ruffed another club, removing West's last exit card. and played his last two trumps to reach this position:

♠ —	♠ —
♥ 10 6	♥ 4 2
♦ —	♦ —
♣ 6	♣ K
♠ —	♠ —
♥ K J 8	♥ 4 2
♦ —	♦ —
♣ —	♣ K
♠ —	♠ —
♥ A Q 9	♥ 4 2
♦ —	♦ —
♣ —	♣ K

Lindqvist completed his brilliant performance by leading the queen of hearts and unblocking dummy's ten. When West won with his king, he had to lead into the ace-nine tenace to hand declarer the contract.

Other Shortlisted Candidates:

Marcelo Branco (Brasil) in *Brasileiro 2014* by Ana Roth & Fernando Lema (Argentina),
2014 Brazilian Open Teams Championship final, CHAGAS v d'ORSI, IBPA Bulletin 597.13

Peter Fredin (Sweden) in *13th European Champions Cup* by Jos Jacobs (Netherlands),
LAVEC SMILE v HEIMDAL, IBPA Bulletin 599.6

Jason Hackett (England) in *20th NEC Cup* by Rich Colker (USA),
HACKETT v JAPAN SENIOR, IBPA Bulletin 602.4

Geoff Hampson (USA) in *Tightening Up* by Don Kersey (Canada), 2015 Vanderbilt, IBPA Bulletin
603.7

Vincent Demuy (USA) in *USA2 Open Trials* by Suzi Subeck, FIREMAN v DIAMOND, IBPA Bulletin
605.21

Michel Bessis (France) in *2013 Italian Team Championship* by Jan van Cleeff,
VINCI v LAVAZZA, IBPA Bulletin 606.8