



THE 7th ASIA PACIFIC BRIDGE CONGRESS FUKUOKA 2012



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Team Rankings

Rank	Group A	VPs
1	Beijing Jinghua	123
2-3	Pan-China Constr Group	112
2-3	Beijing BEIH	112
4	China Geely Automobile	105
5	Japan SAYN	100
6	CBLT1	99
7	Japan NON PROBLEM	92
8	Singapore RYLAI	90
9	Japan KM AT	84
10	Australia Yarralumla	83
11	Japan City Bridge	80
12	Japan C'est si bon	76
13-14	Japan welcome Kyushu	71
13-14	China Hong Kong Spark	71
15	Kuwait	50

Rank	Group B	VPs
1	SHENZHEN NANGANG	101
2	Japan well fitted	97
3-4	Beijing Evertrust Group	94
3-4	HYX CHINA	94
5	AUSTRALIA KLINGER	88
6	Beijing Dazhong Inv	79
7	CBLT2	76
8	Japan MIURA	75
9	China Hong Kong VICO	73
10	Japan TANAKA	70
11	Singapore SMJ	68
12	Korea GLPD	67
13	Japan sacrum	51
14	Japan Gahhahha Honpo	50
15	Japan Papas&Puppies	48

Rank	Women	VPs
1	Japan SUGINO	92
2	Shenyang Olystar B C	89
3-5	Japan SHIMAMURA	85
3-5	Japan TAKEUCHI	85
3-5	Japan Merci	85
6	Japan Naito	79
7	Australia BOURKE	78
8	Australia WOMEN	68
9	Japan Evolution	67
10	Japan Misotoma	60
11	Korea Alpha	52

Rank	Youth	VPs
1	CHN RDFZ 2	111
2-3	CHN RDFZ 1	110
2-3	Beijing Yindi Junior	110
4	Shanghai Weiyu B C	105
5	Japan Youth K	83
6	Chinese Taipei Youth	82
7	Japan Youth A	79
8	Japan Youth B	30

Rank	Seniors	VPs
1	Japan YAMADA	113
2	Japan Lycaon	108
3	MAGIC EYES THAI	102
4	Japan NOSE	101
5	AUSSIES	99
6	Japan PSbridge	74
7	Chinese Taipei Senior	68
8	China Shanxi elderly	54

Today's VuGraph Matches

Match 7
Beijing BEIH vs Beijing Jinghua
Japan NON PROBLEM vs Japan City Bridge
Match 8
Beijing Jinghua vs CBLT1
Japan well fitted vs Beijing Dazhong Investment
Match 9
Beijing Evertrust Group vs HYX CHINA
Australia Klinger vs CBLT2

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Special Notes

Self-Alerting Calls:

- All natural 1NT openings
- Stayman 2♣
- All Doubles
- All bids over 3NT except higher-level openings
- Cue-bids of the opponents' suit

Line Ups (very important):

Line ups for the next match are due NO LATER than 10 minutes AFTER the end of the previous match

Smoking:

There is NO SMOKING in the Hilton Sea Hawk

Appeals Committee Members

Chair:	Tadashi Teramoto	(Japan)
Members:	Fu Zhong	(China)
	Denny Sacul	(Indonesia)
	Alan Sze	(China Hong Kong)
	Poon Hua	(Singapore)
	Julia Hoffman	(Australia)



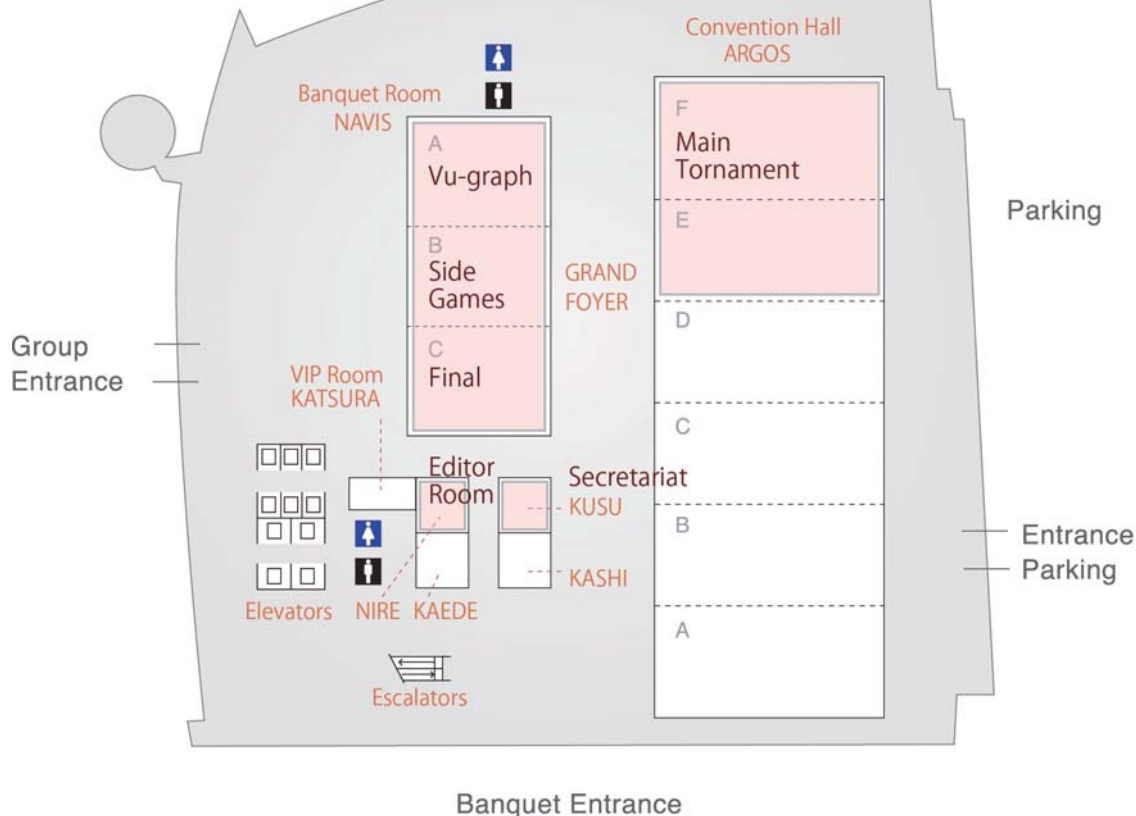
PCs with Internet access will be available for player use in the Navis A Room (where line-ups are submitted, opposite the playing area)

APBF Congress: General Schedule of Events

APBF Congress Championships			Side-Games	
DATE	TIME	EVENT	TIME	EVENT
8/29 (Wed)	10:00-19:00	APBF Teams Qualifying (RR) (See next page for details)	10:00-17:30	Even Chance Team Sectional
8/30 (Thu)	10:00-19:00	APBF Teams Qualifying (RR) (See next page for details)	10:00-17:30	Fukuoka Team Regional (Nintendo 3DS & Wii Cup) (Q1/Q2) [Open/Δ1000MP]
8/31 (Fri)	10:00-19:00	APBF Teams Qualifying (RR) (See next page for details)	10:00-17:30	Fukuoka Team Regional (Nintendo 3DS & Wii Cup) (F1/F2) [Open/Δ1000MP]
9/1 (Sat)	09:00-19:00	APBF Teams Semi-Finals (KO) (See next page for details)	10:00-17:30	Stratified Pairs [Open/Δ1000MP]
9/2 (Sun)	09:00-17:30	APBF Teams Final (KO) (See next page for details)	10:00-17:30	Fukuoka Mayor's Cup (Q1/Q2) [Open Teams]
			10:00-17:30	Stratified Pairs Sectional (Δ100MP /Δ20MP)
			10:00-17:30	Fukuoka Mayor's Cup (F1/F2) [Open Teams]
			10:00-17:30	TV Nishinippon Cup [Open Pairs]
			10:00-17:30	Team Sectional (Δ100MP)
	18:30-22:00	Victory Banquet & Awards Ceremony		

APBF Area Floor Plan

LEVEL 1



APBF Congress: Detailed Schedule (Championship Events)

Date/Time	Open	Women	Senior	Youth
Aug. 29 Wed.	10:00 12:20	Round 7		1st Rd. 7
	14:00 16:20	Round 8		
	16:40 19:00	Round 9		2nd Rd. 1
	19:00 21:00	Happy Summer Night !		
Aug. 30 Thu.	10:00 12:20	Round 10	Round 6	2nd Rd. 2
	14:00 16:20	Round 11	Round 7	2nd Rd. 3
	16:40 19:00	Round 12	Round 8	2nd Rd. 4
Aug. 31 Fri.	10:00 12:20	Round 13	Round 9	2nd Rd. 5
	14:00 16:20	Round 14	Round 10	2nd Rd. 6
	16:40 19:00	Round 15	Round 11	2nd Rd. 7
Sept. 1 Sat.	9:00 11:15	Semifinal 1		
	11:30 13:45	Semifinal 2		
	15:15 17:30	Semifinal 3		
	17:45 20:00	Final 1		
Sept. 2 Sun.	9:00 11:15	Final 2		
	11:30 13:45	Final 3		
	15:15 17:30	Final 4		
	19:00 22:00	Victory Banquet		

Tuesday Stratified Pairs: Open/Under 300

A: Open (24pairs); B: U300 (11pairs); Average = 286

Rank	Name	Total
A1	W K Wong York Liao	355.26
A2	Yasuko Gondo Yoko Nishi	335.06
A3	Toshiko Kaho Akiko Yanagisawa	332.4
A4	Mark LaForge Yasuko Kosaka	324.27
A5	Takeki Oishi Tazu Tsuruta	316.7
A6	Hideko Takeuchi Hideko Kobayashi	314.89
A7 B1	Michio Matsumoto Masaki Tashiro	313.9
A8	Susie Moses Leone Moffat	313.5
A9	Shoko Nakanishi Wakako Yachi	313.46
B2	Michio Kawai Yoshiko Hanya	285.74
B3	Michiko Kinoshita Haruko Sakamoto	282.15
B4	Kiyoshi Himeno Sumiko Himeno	257.54



Open: W K Wong – York Liao



V300: Michio Matsumoto – Masaki Tashiro

Today's Open Teams Programs

Open A		Open B	
Match 7			
1 Pan-China Construction - 2 China Geely Automobile 3 Japan C'est si bon - 4 Japan SAYN 5 Japan welcome Kyushu - 6 Japan KM AT 7 Singapore RYLAI - 8 Australia Yarralumla 9 Japan NON PROBLEM - 10 Japan City Bridge 11 China Hong Kong Spark - 12 Kuwait 13 Beijing BEIH - 14 Beijing Jinghua CBLT1 - BYE	1 Beijing Dazhong Inv - 2 Beijing Evertrust Group 3 Korea GLPD - 4 Japan well fitted 5 Japan sacrum - 6 Japan TANAKA 7 Australia KLINGER - 8 Singapore SMJ 9 CBLT2 - 10 Japan Papas & Puppies 11 Japan Gahhahha Honpo - 12 China Hong Kong VICO 13 SHENZHEN NANGANG - 14 HYX CHINA Japan MIURA - BYE		
Match 8			
1 Japan SAYN - 2 Pan-China Construction 3 China Geely Automobile - 4 Japan C'est si bon 5 Australia Yarralumla - 6 Japan welcome Kyushu 7 Japan KM AT - 8 Singapore RYLAI 9 Kuwait - 10 Japan NON PROBLEM 11 Japan City Bridge - 12 China Hong Kong Spark 13 Beijing Jinghua - 14 CBLT1 Beijing BEIH - BYE	1 Japan well fitted - 2 Beijing Dazhong Inv. 3 Beijing Evertrust Group - 4 Korea GLPD 5 Singapore SMJ - 6 Japan sacrum 7 Japan TANAKA - 8 Australia KLINGER 9 China Hong Kong VICO - 10 CBLT2 11 Japan Papas & Puppies - 12 Japan Gahhahha Honpo 13 HYX CHINA - 14 Japan MIURA SHENZHEN NANGANG - BYE		
Match 9			
1 Pan-China Construction - 2 Beijing BEIH 3 Japan C'est si bon - 4 CBLT1 5 Japan welcome Kyushu - 6 China Hong Kong Spark 7 Singapore RYLAI - 8 Japan NON PROBLEM 9 China Geely Automobile - 10 Beijing Jinghua 11 Australia Yarralumla - 12 Japan City Bridge 13 Japan KM AT - 14 Kuwait Japan SAYN - BYE	1 Beijing Dazhong Inv - 2 SHENZHEN NANGANG 3 Korea GLPD - 4 Japan MIURA 5 Japan sacrum - 6 Japan Gahhahha Honpo 7 Australia KLINGER - 8 CBLT2 9 Beijing Evertrust Group - 10 HYX CHINA 11 Singapore SMJ - 12 Japan Papas & Puppies 13 Japan TANAKA - 14 China Hong Kong VICO Japan well fitted - BYE		

Today's Senior & Youth Teams Programs

Senior		Youth	
Match 7			
1 Japan Lycaon - 2 Chinese Taipei 3 MAGIC EYES THAI - 4 Japan PS bridge 5 Japan NOSE - 6 Japan YAMADA 7 China Shanxi eld. - 8 AUSSIES	1 Shanghai Weiyu - 2 CHN RDFZ 1 2 Japan Youth K - 4 Beijing Yindi 3 Chinese Taipei - 6 CHN RDFZ 2 4 Japan Youth A - 8 Japan Youth B		
No Matches		No Matches	
Match 1 (Round 2)			
To Be Announced		To Be Announced	

Monday Stratified Pairs: Open/Under 1000 MP

These pictures of the winners of Monday's Stratified Pairs were inadvertently omitted from yesterday's bulletin.



Open: Brian Senior-Kumiko Ishii



V1000: Yasuko Gondo-Yoko Nishi

Welcome



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16th - 21st APRIL 2013

Hosted by Japan Contract Bridge League

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Contact: Japan Contract Bridge League info@jcbli.or.jp

Bangkok Bridge Festival Championships

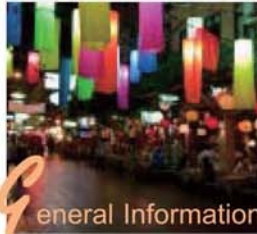
January 29 - February 3, 2013

January is the best time to visit Bangkok, "The City of Angels". Come and enjoy world class bridge; beautiful sights, shopping and good food. All within walking distance from the Montien Hotel where all accomodation and bridge events will be held.

PROGRAM

Day 1 : Tue. January 29th : Registration
 Day 2 : Wed. January 30th
 09.00 - 12.00 : Registration
 13.00 - 18.00 : BBF Pairs
 Championships
 19.30 - 11.30 : Finals and Consolation
 Day 3 : Thu. January 31st
 13.00 - 19.00 : BBF Open Teams
 Championships
 20.30 - 24.00 : BBF Swiss Pairs
 Day 4 : Fri. February 1st
 09.30 - 12.30 : Sunshine Pairs
 13.30 - 19.30 : BBF Open Teams
 Championships
 20.30 - 24.00 : BBF Continuous Pairs
 Day 5 : Sat. February 2nd
 13.00 - 19.00 : BBF Open Teams
 Championships
 20.30 - 00.00 : Happy Hours Pairs
 Day 6 : Sun. February 3rd
 13.00 - 18.30 : BBF Open Team
 Semi Finals and Finals
 14.00 - 18.00 : Consolation Swiss Teams
 19.30 : Victory Dinner

Prices : Cups and gifts will be awarded to the first three placings in each event, as well as 6 prizes for the best accumulated scores in all side events.



General Information

Smoking : Smoking is prohibited inside all hotels and restaurants in Bangkok
Weather : Usually dry and pleasant summer weather
Shopping : Many, shops nearby
Restaurants : Many, many restaurants of all nationalities within walking distance

Cost of Accomodation

Double Room US\$ 75.00 per room
 Including breakfast
 Airport transfer to Hotel : Baht 1,400 per 2 persons
 Baht 1,900 per 4-6 persons

As January is the peak season, rooms must be reserved with Open Teams Registration performance.

Deposits of US\$ 400 (room 200, open team 200)

to be transferred to :

A/C Name : TWBF SWIFT : BKKBTHBK
 A/C No. 101 - 856269 - 2
 Bangkok Bank PCL., Head Office, 333 Silom Road,
 Bangkok 10500, THAILAND

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS ; DECEMBER 24, 2012

Bridge Tournament Entry Fees

BBFC Open Teams	US\$ 400	(per team)
BBFC Open Pairs	US\$ 11	(per player)
Consolation and Finals	US\$ 9	(per player)
Speed Ball Pairs	US\$ 10	(per player)
Swiss Pairs	US\$ 10	(per player)
Continuous Pairs	US\$ 10	(per player)
Happy Hour Pairs	US\$ 14	(per player)



The Montien Hotel,
 Surawongse Road, Bangkok is a five star hotel, right in the heart of Bangkok's commercial district, easily accessible to any parts of the city - skytrain, shops and restaurants.

REGISTRATION FORM

BANGKOK BRIDGE FESTIVAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
 BANGKOK, THAILAND : January 29 - February 3, 2013

Surname _____ First Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Country _____ Post Code _____
 Arrival (Date/Time) _____ Flight number _____
 Departure (Date/Time) _____ Flight number _____
 E-mail _____ Fax _____
Room Reservations : SGL DBL No. of Nights _____ No. of Rooms : _____
 I will share my room with : Surname _____ First Name _____
I will participate in : Open Teams BBF Pairs Speed Ball
 IMP Pairs Continuous Pairs Happy Hour
PAYMENTS : Deposit : No. of Rooms : Open Teams :



Organising Committee : Contract Bridge League of Thailand
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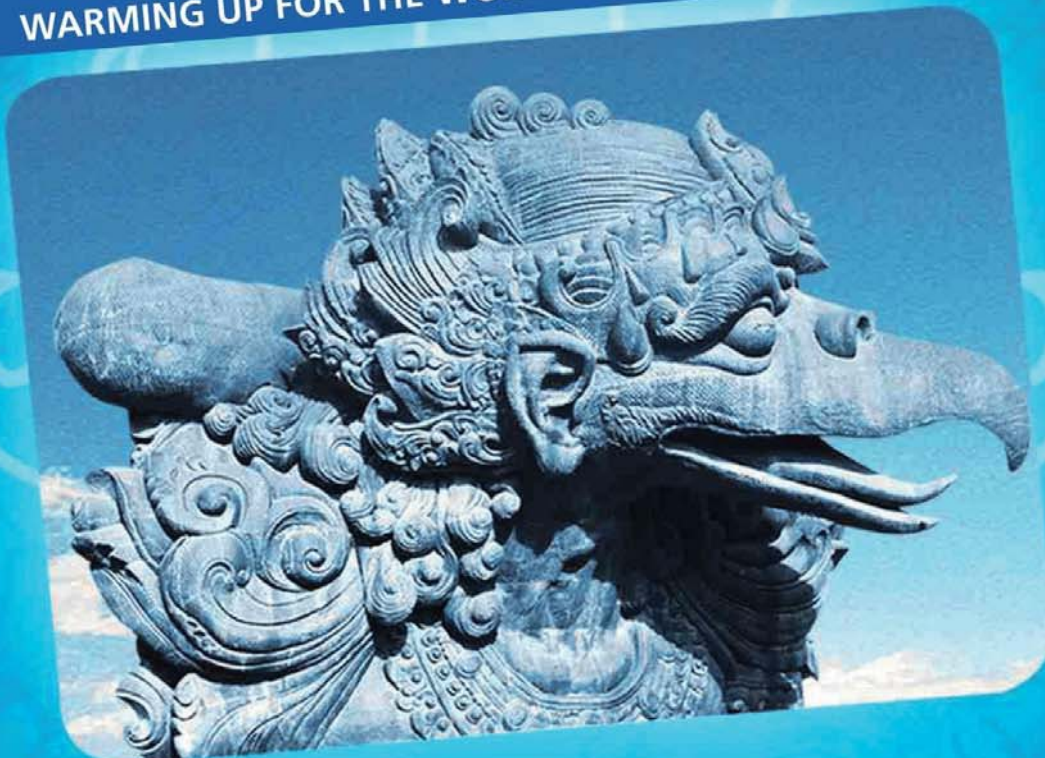
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The APBF Teams Round Robin

by Barry Rigal

Match 4:

The set started with a bang, as it appeared that the Japanese team was still suffering from jet lag...no wait a second, that's the bulletin editors. Well you know what we mean.

Bd: 1 North
 Dlr: North ♠ Q
 Vul: None ♥ 109632
 ♦ AK5
 ♣ 9864

West
 ♠ J92
 ♥ AKQ4
 ♦ J8
 ♣ A732

East
 ♠ 8654
 ♥ J875
 ♦ 1093
 ♣ J10

South
 ♠ AK1073
 ♥ ---
 ♦ Q7642
 ♣ KQ5

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shaolin	K Hatoyama	Meng	M Hatoyama
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	Pass	2♥	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takikawa</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Okii</i>	<i>Weiping</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦(Inv)
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

This was always going to be a difficult hand for standard bidding since reaching game looks distinctly hard, and a pair playing natural methods might well end up in a diamond partscore. Not that 5♦ is laydown by any means on repeated heart leads since it might well need a trump break plus the fall of the ♠J, or something nice in clubs — and it certainly got all of these.

In the Closed Room Fu made the eminently practical decision with three key cards to drive to what he thought was the best game. Declarer ruffed the heart lead, unblocked spades, then led a club to the king and ace. Back came a trump and Weiping left one trump out while playing on clubs, holding himself to 11 tricks for what seemed like no particularly good reason at the time. But that was still 11 imps when 4♠ proved impossible to handle on repeated heart leads. Declarer could ruff, unblock spades, then

come back to hand with a diamond, but the second blockage in diamonds was too much for him. The best chance might have been to steal a club trick if East ducked his ace, but that wasn't going to work today. 11-0, Beijing.

On the second deal Japan slopped a couple of undertricks against 1NT by discarding in what turned out to be declarer's main source of tricks. The lead now stood at 13.

Bd: 3 North
 Dlr: South ♠ Q109
 Vul: E/W ♥ 1074
 ♦ 8752
 ♣ J87

West
 ♠ A
 ♥ AKJ53
 ♦ Q1096
 ♣ 542

East
 ♠ KJ6
 ♥ 862
 ♦ AK
 ♣ AKQ103

South
 ♠ 875432
 ♥ Q9
 ♦ J43
 ♣ 96

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shaolin	K Hatoyama	Meng	M Hatoyama
			Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	7♣	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takikawa</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Okii</i>	<i>Weiping</i>
			Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

The inadequacies of the Closed Room auction are obvious when you consider that the grand slam in clubs might make while the small slam in hearts is defeated. The problem lies in West's third bid. 3♣ told the true story, 2♠ simply confused the picture. By contrast, Meng could find out what he needed to know and then set the final contract. He could win the spade lead, test trumps, ruff a spade, draw the last trump and claim. In 6♥ the trump split meant 13

tricks were easy but 12 imps to Beijing, leading 26-0.

Bd: 4 North
 Dlr: West ♠ J102
 Vul: Both ♥ AK764
 ♦ 873
 ♣ K10

West
 ♠ AQ976
 ♥ 32
 ♦ AK104
 ♣ J5

East
 ♠ K4
 ♥ J985
 ♦ Q96
 ♣ A864

South
 ♠ 853
 ♥ Q10
 ♦ J52
 ♣ Q9732

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shaolin	K Hatoyama	Meng	M Hatoyama
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takikawa</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Okii</i>	<i>Weiping</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

One of the advantages of a light opening system is that a many 10-count like the East one here doesn't have to make game tries (one other solution, an extension to BART, is to use 2♥ as a puppet to 2♠ with a minimum spade hand or good raises, and to make a 2♠ bid show a doubleton and 8-10; but even that wouldn't really help here). And as you can see, the occasional balanced hands with a combined 24 hcp and no fit produce a laydown 3NT. Omelets and eggs, one supposes. 3NT needed nothing more than 3-3 spades on a club lead and duly received this. 10 imps to Japan, down 26-10.

Bd: 5 North
 Dlr: North ♠ J9873
 Vul: N/S ♥ 85
 ♦ 94
 ♣ Q1062

West
 ♠ A1054
 ♥ 10
 ♦ K76
 ♣ KJ983

East
 ♠ 62
 ♥ AJ943
 ♦ QJ82
 ♣ 54

South
 ♠ KQ
 ♥ KQ762
 ♦ A1053
 ♣ A7

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shaolin	K Hatoyama	Meng	M Hatoyama
	Pass	2♥(1)	2NT

All Pass

(1) Hearts and a minor

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takikawa</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Okii</i>	<i>Weiping</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣(STR)
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
All Pass			

Both N/S pairs survived their ugly contracts without too many alarms. The defenders led trumps against 1♥ to kill the diamond ruff in dummy but Weiping emerged with eight tricks by using the ♠J to neutralize one of East's trump tricks. Against 2NT Shaolin led a low diamond. Declarer won in hand, then played the ♠Q, ducked, and a second spade. West won and shifted to the ♥10, ducked to declarer, who won to exit with a low diamond. Had Shaolin ducked this to East for a club shift declarer would have won the ace and exited in clubs, letting West cash a club and diamond winner but then be endplayed. So Shaolin rose with the ♦K and exited with a low club. Declarer could win in dummy, cash a spade, and then lead a heart up, eventually scoring his ♦10 when East was endplayed with a heart at trick 11. Plus 120, no swing; still 26-10 for Beijing.

Bd: 6 North
 Dlr: East ♠ KJ
 Vul: E/W ♥ Q87
 ♦ Q864
 ♣ QJ43

West
 ♠ A10
 ♥ A105
 ♦ K109752
 ♣ AK

East
 ♠ Q8762
 ♥ KJ932
 ♦ A
 ♣ 85

South
 ♠ 9543
 ♥ 64
 ♦ J3
 ♣ 109762

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shaolin	K Hatoyama	Meng	M Hatoyama
		1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takikawa</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Okii</i>	<i>Weiping</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

6♥ is a respectable contract here. On a club lead I suppose you would win, unblock diamonds, then play the ♥K and finesse in hearts. Your plan would be to draw the last trump and hope diamonds provided four discards for the spade losers, which they do today. Both tables missed slam, Shaolin's failure to make a slam try even facing a minimum 5-5 being especially baffling. Yes, there is no easy slam-try for hearts over 3♥ (although that is what 4♣ should be) but you are closer to a slam drive than a sign-off aren't you? In the other room maybe East's 3♥ bid followed by 4♥ was a slam-try but you can understand why Takikawa was having none of it. If slam can make opposite this hand, maybe East really didn't do enough. The score remained 26-10.

The boards turned quiet for a while over the next five deals, though the potential for swing was certainly present. Both E/W pairs did well in theory to stay out of an anti-percentage slam in competition, which happened to make when the "weak" hand turned up with a key king and all the suits split. Then the same pairs stayed out of a second consecutive slam on a working finesse. (For the Japanese it was even harder to bid since their opponents got in an opening bid and second action early on in the auction on their combined 10-count.)

But Beijing increased their lead with two small swings, one where Takikawa got careless in a partscore and was punished when she did not protect against a bad trump break; one where Oki ducked an ace in a game and found it cost her three overtricks. With the score 34-11, yet another high-level decision greeted the E/W pairs.

Bd: 12 North
 Dlr: West ♠ 95
 Vul: N/S ♥ KQJ72
 ♦ 54
 ♣ J985

West ♠ Q76432 ♥ A86 ♦ AK3 ♣ 2	East ♠ AKJ ♥ 9 ♦ QJ1096 ♣ A764
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South
 ♠ 108
 ♥ 10543
 ♦ 872
 ♣ KQ103

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shaolin	K Hatoyama	Meng	M Hatoyama
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Takikawa	Fu	Oki	Weiping
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Takikawa's decision to sign off over the slam-suitable 3♠ was where the problem lay. Maybe Hatoyama should have asked for kings and the response of the ♦K would have let her count 11 tricks, but could partner have this hand and not cuebid over 3♠? In the other room Shaolin had no problems when he took control over the splinter raise and simply assumed that the diamond suit would run (or that partner would have the ♣K to let his diamond be discarded). This approach had the merit of simplicity and efficiency, if losing out a little on artistic presentation. 45-11 and one way traffic.

Nothing to see, move along here — well, not exactly. Here comes the seventh cavalry. After an overtrick and undertrick had given Japan 4 imps the charge started in earnest.

Bd: 16 North
 Dlr: West ♠ 42
 Vul: E/W ♥ AKQ
 ♦ AQ65
 ♣ QJ52

West ♠ K953 ♥ J97642 ♦ 8 ♣ K7	East ♠ A1086 ♥ 10853 ♦ J973 ♣ 10
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South
 ♠ QJ7
 ♥ ---
 ♦ K1042
 ♣ A98643

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shaolin	K Hatoyama	Meng	M Hatoyama
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Takikawa	Fu	Oki	Weiping
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Reaching 3NT by North would not be easy for many of us though four pairs managed it in the open field.

In the Closed Room N/S telegraphed the spade weakness. Against game Oki wasn't too worried about setting up a discard for declarer. She cashed the ♠A and continued the suit for a satisfying down one. In the Closed Room Katsuro Hatoyama followed the devil-may-care policy of assuming a spade control opposite. It sounded to Meng as if declarer had the ♠K, so he went passive with a heart lead. Declarer could strip the hand, eliminate spades, then take one top diamond and throw West in with the ♣K to make even against a 4-1 diamond break. 14imps for Japan; the deficit now stood at 16imps.

Bd: 17 North
 Dlr: North ♠ 986
 Vul: None ♥ AJ93
 ♦ K2
 ♣ K532

West
 ♠ AKQ
 ♥ Q1082
 ♦ Q83
 ♣ AQ10

East
 ♠ 1032
 ♥ 764
 ♦ A10976
 ♣ 84

South
 ♠ J754
 ♥ K5
 ♦ J54
 ♣ J976

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shaolin	K Hatoyama	Meng	M Hatoyama
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣(STR)	Pass	1♦(WK)	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takikawa</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Oki</i>	<i>Weiping</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	All Pass	3NT	All Pass

With the diamond suit here the sort of holding that wins or loses matches it was a little surprising to both editors that we didn't instinctively know what to do here. Do you lead the queen or low from hand? And if you lead a card that is covered (a low card by the jack, the queen by the king) what do you do? After much cogitation we think you should lead the queen, ducking if it is covered by the king, but it may be equivalent to lead a low card and duck if LHO plays the jack. In 1NT Shaolin led low to the ten and made nine tricks. Takikawa led out the ♦Q and made seven tricks. 6imps to Beijing BEIH, leading 51-29.

Bd: 18 North
 Dlr: East ♠ 54
 Vul: N/S ♥ A963
 ♦ AKJ94
 ♣ 75

West
 ♠ Q10
 ♥ QJ
 ♦ Q6532
 ♣ K986

East
 ♠ A862
 ♥ 10875
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A432

South
 ♠ KJ973
 ♥ K42
 ♦ 108
 ♣ QJ10

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shaolin	K Hatoyama	Meng	M Hatoyama
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takikawa</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Oki</i>	<i>Weiping</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

In 1NT on a heart lead declarer put up the king and finessed in diamonds twice. When the suit failed to break he went after clubs to develop his seventh trick and was allowed to collect an eighth. In 2NT Weiping received a heart lead from East and set about the hand in identical fashion. But when he found the bad diamond break he needed a spade trick as well as a club trick. Without cashing the last diamond he tried a low spade to the nine, won the heart return, and led a low spade to the jack. Unlucky. The defenders had time to develop clubs and had seven winners now. The margin was down to 51-37 for Beijing.

Bd: 19 North
 Dlr: South ♠ 32
 Vul: E/W ♥ Q973
 ♦ AK32
 ♣ A106

West
 ♠ 86
 ♥ KJ652
 ♦ J765
 ♣ K7

East
 ♠ AQJ10975
 ♥ 8
 ♦ 1084
 ♣ Q9

South
 ♠ K4
 ♥ A104
 ♦ Q9
 ♣ J85432

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shaolin	K Hatoyama Meng		M Hatoyama
Pass	1♦	3♠	Pass
			All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Takikawa	Fu	Oki	Weiping
Pass	1NT	2♣(1)	Dbl
2♦	2♥	2♠	3♥
All Pass			
(1) one suiter			

Oki's cautious approach goaded her opponents into playing their 4-3 fit. (On the surface of it there may

have been some confusion as to what South's double of 2♣ meant.) North took it as Stayman but was that what South meant? With 4♣ making for N/S it would be necessary for Fu to make his contract or suffer embarrassment. On the lead of the ♦8 you would expect declarer to take the queen and ace, then lead a spade toward dummy. Declarer cannot be stopped from maneuvering a ruff in dummy and scoring five plain-suit winners, a ruff, and three trumps. But declarer played a trump to the ten early on and so emerged with only eight tricks. That was 6 imps to Japan when 3♠ lost the obvious three diamond tricks and one in each side-suit. 51-43 now.

An overtrick imp to Beijing on the final deal made it 52-43 for a 17-13 win.

The APBF Teams Round Robin

by Rich Colker

Match 5:

Bd: 1
 Dlr: North
 Vul: None

North
 ♠ KJ10
 ♥ AQ92
 ♦ 7
 ♣ J10875

West
 ♠ A32
 ♥ J86
 ♦ KQ64
 ♣ A63

East
 ♠ Q75
 ♥ 1054
 ♦ 10532
 ♣ K42

South
 ♠ 9864
 ♥ K73
 ♦ AJ98
 ♣ Q9

Open/Closed Rooms

West	North	East	South
Takano	Klinger	Furuta	Beauchamp
Braithwaite	Ino	Robinson	Teramoto
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Against David Beauchamp's (pronounced "Beecham") 2♠ Hideki Takano led a heart. Beauchamp rose with the ace, played a club to the queen and ace, ducked the spade return to the queen, won the diamond return with the ace, and played the ♣9. Kazuo Furuta won the king and returned the ♦2 to the 9, Q, ♠J. Declarer now crossed to the ♥K, ruffed a diamond, pitched the ♦J on the third club, cashed the ♥Q, and played another club. When Furuta ruffed with the ♠7 declarer had to lose only the ♠A; +140.

Against Tadashi Teramoto's 2♠ Andy Braithwaite led the ♦Q (Rusinow). Teramoto won and advanced a "subtle" ♣9 which rode around to the king. Ian Robinson returned a trump to the ace and back came a second trump to the jack and queen, followed by a third trump. Now a club was led to the queen and the defense could hold declarer to eight tricks provided they cashed the ♦K now. Braithwaite thought for a while and led...a heart and Teramoto claimed +140 for a push.

Bd: 2
 Dlr: East
 Vul: N/S

North
 ♠ 97542
 ♥ 63
 ♦ K754
 ♣ J5

West
 ♠ A1063
 ♥ 8742
 ♦ Q10
 ♣ AQ3

East
 ♠ K
 ♥ KQJ1095
 ♦ J32
 ♣ K109

South
 ♠ QJ8
 ♥ A
 ♦ A986
 ♣ 87642

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Takano	Klinger	Furuta	Beauchamp
		1♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Braithwaite	Ino	Robinson	Teramoto
		1♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Both West's made artificial heart raises, after which both East's signed off quickly in game with their ace-less minimums. Both declarers won the ♠Q lead in hand, knocked out the ♥A, won the club return, and eventually pitched two diamonds on the spades thanks to the ♠J falling tripleton. Still no score.

Bd: 3 North
 Dlr: South ♠ 1054
 Vul: E/W ♥ Q10873
 ♦ 98
 ♣ Q83

West
 ♠ A982
 ♥ 9642
 ♦ J104
 ♣ 42

East
 ♠ QJ76
 ♥ A5
 ♦ A5
 ♣ AKJ109

South
 ♠ K3
 ♥ KJ
 ♦ KQ7632
 ♣ 765

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Beauchamp</i>
Pass	1♥	DbI	2♦
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>
Pass	1♥	DbI	2♦
Pass	Pass	DbI	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Finally the actions in the two room produced different results. (Whew! We did *not* want to find out what it is like to report a 20-board match that finishes tied 0-0.) In the Open Room Ron Klinger led the ♦9 against Takano's 4♠ contract. Takano won the ♦A, passed the ♠Q (ducked smoothly by South), and now had to decide whether to play for the ♠K or ♠10 to be doubleton. Eventually he called for the ♠J (we would have, too) and found out the bad news. Next he cashed the ♣AK and called for the ♣J, pitching a heart when Beauchamp followed low. Klinger won and switched to a heart while still holding the ♠10 and Takano was simply down now whatever he tried to do; -100,

In the Closed Room Braithwaite received the same lead, won the ♦A, and called for the ♠Q. When Teramoto covered Braithwaite won, passed the ♠8 successfully, drew the last trump, and played the clubs from the top, pitching a heart on the third round as Masayuki Ino won the queen. But now declarer could get rid of the rest of his heart losers, the

defense taking only one club and one diamond — a four trick difference. Plus 200 was worth 7 imps to Klinger.

Bd: 4 North
 Dlr: West ♠ A1065
 Vul: Both ♥ KQ10742
 ♦ 76
 ♣ 10

West
 ♠ Q9
 ♥ AJ8653
 ♦ AQ103
 ♣ 2

East
 ♠ J843
 ♥ ---
 ♦ K42
 ♣ QJ9543

South
 ♠ K72
 ♥ 9
 ♦ J985
 ♣ AK876

Open/Closed Rooms

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Beauchamp</i>
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	DbI
2♦	All Pass		

After our brief hiatus from the land of Tweedle-dee and Tweedle-dum, we're ba-aack! Perhaps this time, as Mr. Shakespeare once wrote, "the play's the thing." In the Open Room Klinger led the ♣10 to the queen and king. Beauchamp switched to the ♦5 and Takano inserted the ten. When that held he ruffed a heart and called for the ♣J, Beauchamp covering to establish dummy's ♣9 (why, when Klinger figured to be able to ruff the trick cheaply if declarer pitched?). Declarer ruffed with the ♦Q, crossed to the ♦K, then got out with a spade to the nine and Klinger's ten. Klinger cashed the ♠A and led a third spade to Beauchamp's king as Takano pitched a heart. Beauchamp now exited with a trump to declarer's ace and a moment later declarer claimed one more trick for down two, -200.

In the Closed Room Ino also led the ♣10 to the Q, K and 2, but this time South, Teramoto, switched to the ♥9. Braithwaite won the ace and led a second heart, ruffing with dummy's ♦2. Teramoto overruffed cheaply and played the ♣A. Again declarer ruffed cheaply in hand and this time it was Ino's turn to overruff. When Ino next led the ♥K declarer had had enough. He ruffed with the ♦K, crossed to the ♦A, cashed the ♦Q, and got out with the ♠Q. Ino ducked this around to Teramoto's king. He drew declarer's remaining trump and got out with a spade to Ino's ace. Ino now exited with a low heart and claimed the last two tricks with the ♥Q10 sitting over declarer's ♥J6. That was down three, -300, and 3 imps to Japan, trailing now 7-3.

Bd: 5 North
 Dlr: North ♠ QJ863
 Vul: N/S ♥ 65
 ♦ 10654
 ♣ 72

West
 ♠ 1072
 ♥ AQ32
 ♦ AJ9
 ♣ A106

East
 ♠ 94
 ♥ KJ1087
 ♦ KQ8
 ♣ 985

South
 ♠ AK5
 ♥ 94
 ♦ 732
 ♣ KQJ43

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Beauchamp</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Dbl	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Dbl	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Now we're cooking — another huge difference of opinion by the West players about their prospects in a heart contract. This time Braithwaite was right. Declarer had to lose two spades and two clubs in 4♥ so Braithwaite scored up +140 in the Closed Room while Takano was down one, -50, in the Open Room. That was 5imps to Klinger, who now led 12-3.

Bd: 6 North
 Dlr: East ♠ 75
 Vul: E/W ♥ K10643
 ♦ 94
 ♣ AK95

West
 ♠ K83
 ♥ 87
 ♦ Q3
 ♣ QJ10842

East
 ♠ A1062
 ♥ AQ9
 ♦ J10752
 ♣ 7

South
 ♠ QJ94
 ♥ J52
 ♦ AK86
 ♣ 63

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Beauchamp</i>
		1♦	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>
		1♦	Pass
1NT	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

In the Open Room Klinger passed 1NT and now had a shot at collecting more than a heart contract — especially a partial — might be worth. He started a fourth-best heart, ducked to the jack, and back came a heart to dummy's queen. A diamond to the queen and a diamond to the king saw Beauchamp back in. He cleared the hearts and declarer now shifted his attack to clubs, Klinger winning the king and cashing two more hearts before getting out with a spade. Takano erred by winning in hand, playing a spade to the ace, and conceding the rest. Had he won the first spade in dummy and then crossed to the king in his hand he could have forced Klinger, who was also down to all clubs, to concede one more club trick. Down two, -200.

Robinson led the ♣7 against Ino's 3♥ contract. Ino won the ace and played on spades, both to establish a spade trick and to open up communication between dummy and his hand. Braithwaite took the ♠Q with the king and tabled the ♣Q, K, ruff. Robinson cashed the ♠A and got out with a third spade to the jack, Ino pitching a diamond. Now came the ♦AK, Ino pitching a club, followed by a third diamond, ruffed by Braithwaite and overruffed by Ino. When Ino led his last club Robinson ruffed in in front of dummy and Ino could now concede a trick to the ♥A for down one, -50. That was 6 moreimps to the Aussies, whose lead had now grown to 15 at 18-3.

Bd: 7 North
 Dlr: South ♠ J7
 Vul: Both ♥ KJ974
 ♦ Q2
 ♣ A984

West
 ♠ AK43
 ♥ Q1065
 ♦ A54
 ♣ 102

East
 ♠ 952
 ♥ 8
 ♦ KJ93
 ♣ KQ653

South
 ♠ Q1086
 ♥ A32
 ♦ 10876
 ♣ J7

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Beauchamp</i>
		3♣	Pass
1♦	1♥		Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>
1♣(2+)	1♥	1NT(♣)	2♥
Pass			Pass

Furuta's 3♣ bid in the Open Room was a fit-showing jump, so 3NT seemed like the only attainable game. Klinger not unreasonably led the ♠J, hitting Beauchamp where he lived. Takano won, played a club to the king, a diamond to the ace, and a second club. Klinger rose with the ace and switched to the ♥4 to South's ♥A for a heart return. Klinger took the ten with the jack, cashed the ♥K, and got out with a spade. Takano seems to have totally given up here as he pitched away dummy's diamonds (including the jack, which would have been a trick) on the hearts and claimed seven tricks for down two, -200.

Against Ino's 2♥ contract Robinson led the ♣K, ducked, and continued with a low club to dummy's jack. A low spade now drew the king from Braithwaite who shifted to a low diamond to the queen and king. Robinson led a third club, ruffed by Braithwaite (a diamond being pitched from dummy), who cashed the ace and a third diamond as Ino ruffed. Ino drew trumps, finessing Braithwaite for the queen, and conceded a spade for down one, -100, and another 7imps to Klinger, ahead now 25-3.

Bd: 8	North
Dlr: West	♠ KQ654
Vul: None	♥ Q43
	♦ KJ62
	♣ 4
West	East
♠ J73	♠ A82
♥ 82	♥ J1065
♦ Q103	♦ 874
♣ AKQJ6	♣ 872
	South
	♠ 109
	♥ AK97
	♦ A95
	♣ 10953

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Beauchamp</i>
1♣	1♠	Dbl	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>
1♣	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

As you can see from the diagram above, allowing South to play 1NT was reasonable despite the lack of a club stopper. However, 2♠ does not look like such a bad contract either. In fact, double-dummy there appear to be only two losers: a trump and a club. But of course we can see all 52 cards while declarer can see only 26. Furuta led a club against 2♠ and Takano played ace, then the queen as Klinger ruffed. He crossed to the ♥A and called for the ♠9, rising with the king when Takano followed low. Furuta won the ace and continued the club attack, Klinger ruffing again before cashing the ♥Q and ♠Q, then crossing to the ♦A and ruffing dummy's last club. Sorry, Ron, but Furuta's ♠8 was bigger than Klinger's six-spot so he overruffed and got out with the ♥J. Klinger covered with the king as Takano ruffed, cashed the fifth club, and led the ♦10. Once again Klinger guessed wrong, went up with the king, and lost the last trick to the ♦Q for down one, -50. From 11 tricks to 7 tricks in one easy lesson.

The wasn't much to the play in 1NT. Braithwaite craftily played his clubs from the top, then shifted to a spade to end the defense's claim to their tricks. Plus 90 and 4imps to Japan, now 25-7.

The next two deals were both played in 4♠ at both tables, in every case making 11 tricks. Still 25-7.

Bd: 11	North
Dlr: South	♠ J8
Vul: None	♥ 106
	♦ 7652
	♣ AQ972
West	East
♠ 73	♠ AK1054
♥ KJ73	♥ 984
♦ J3	♦ A1084
♣ J8543	♣ 10
	South
	♠ Q962
	♥ AQ52
	♦ KQ9
	♣ K6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Beauchamp</i>
Pass	Pass	2♦(1 M)	Pass
2♥(P/C)	Dbl	2♠	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Sometimes we get the feeling that the players are not playing the same boards at the two tables. In the Open Room Klinger was content to play 1NT while in the Closed Room Ino invited game with his 7-count. (At least he didn't bid game himself.) Go figure. On a good day Ino's clubs might have been good for five tricks — but that day was not today. Braithwaite got off to an all-too-revealing ♣4 lead, Teramoto taking the ten with the king. He then tried a low spade to the eight and ten. Not a good day at all. Robinson got out with a small spade to dummy's jack and now his spades were all ready to go when he came in with the ♦A — which was now as Teramoto called for a low diamond. Robinson flew with the ace, cashed his spades, and led a heart. Teramoto rose with the ace and cashed the ♦KQ to bring pressure to bear on Braithwaite, who had to guard the ♥K as well as keep as many clubs as dummy (at that point three) — and he couldn't do it. He let go of the ♥K and now declarer could claim down one, -50.

At the other table 2♠ turned out not to be much of a challenge, what with the hearts honors sitting right and the help of the ♦K lead from Beauchamp. Fuiruta won and played the ♥8. Beauchamp rose with the ace, cashed the ♦Q, then switched to the ♠K. Klinger overtook and switched to his low spade. Furuta played ace, king and a third spade. Beauchamp won the nine, cashed the queen, and exited with his now stiff ♦9. Furuta won, cashed his last diamond and trump, then finessed the ♥J for +110, and 2 imps to Japan; 25-9, Klinger.

Bd: 12 North
 Dir: West ♠ AKQ7432
 Vul: N/S ♥ 9
 ♦ K73
 ♣ J3

West ♠ --- ♥ KQJ108754 ♦ A10 ♣ Q54	East ♠ J1065 ♥ 63 ♦ J642 ♣ 1062
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South
 ♠ 98
 ♥ A2
 ♦ Q985
 ♣ AK987

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Beauchamp</i>
4♣(1)	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl

All Pass
 (1) Namyats (a good 4♥ bid)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♣
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

Bridge is such a lovely game. Looking at all four hand it is easy to see that N/S can make 11 tricks in spades with the ♦A doubleton (there would be 12 tricks but for the 4-0 trump split) but with no guarantee on the auction that 5♠ would make it seems reasonable to settle for what rates to be at least +300 defending 5♥. There wasn't much to the defense and N/S quickly came to five tricks in the Open Room for +500.

In the Closed Room Ino had no trouble collecting his 11 tricks for +680 and 4 useful imps for Japan, closing to within 12 imps at 25-13.

Bd: 13 North
 Dir: North ♠ 9
 Vul: Both ♥ 632
 ♦ KQJ1093
 ♣ KQ8

West ♠ AK104 ♥ J8 ♦ A8752 ♣ J2	East ♠ QJ632 ♥ AQ9754 ♦ 4 ♣ 7
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South
 ♠ 875
 ♥ K10
 ♦ 6
 ♣ A1096543

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Beauchamp</i>
	1♦	2♦	Pass
4♥	Dbl	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>
	1♦	2♦	3♣
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Takano had no trouble making 4♠ in the Open Room. Klinger led the ♦Q (Rusinow). Takano won, cashed the ♠K, then played the ♥8 to the queen and king. Beauchamp underled his ♣A to the queen and Klinger tried for a trump promotion by playing another high diamond. But Takano ruffed high, ♠Q, drew trumps, and claimed; +650.

The Aussies in the Closed Room seem to have gone completely off the tracks here. West had enough values to force to game opposite a vulnerable Michaels cue-bid (actually, he had enough to be interested in slam), but allowed East to pass him at the three level after turning down his game/slam try. (East's 3♥ bid showed no interest in whatever West was inviting, so West had no reason to risk bidding only 3♠ — even if he intended it as forcing — since East's disinterest indicated that game would be their

limit. So if his cue-bid had been meant to invite game then 3♠ must be passable. Thus, he must have either misinterpreted someone's bid — either East's 3♥ or his own 3♠ — or he seriously under-valued his hand.) As for East, he heard his partner cue-bid, inviting at least game, and with extra length (being 6-5 instead of just 5-5) chose to bid just 3♥. The Editors both bid 4♥ over 3♦ and both thought we might miss a making slam even then. (Given West's actual hand slam depends on the heart finesse, which rated to work even though in practice it didn't.) Braithwaite made the same 11 tricks as in the Open Room but for only +200. That was 10 imps to Japan, to pull to within 2 imps at 25-23.

Bd: 14 North
 Dlr: East ♠ 7
 Vul: None ♥ J9742
 ♦ AQ762
 ♣ AK

West
 ♠ Q9
 ♥ Q8
 ♦ K1098
 ♣ 98542

East
 ♠ A1064
 ♥ K105
 ♦ 3
 ♣ QJ1063

South
 ♠ KJ8532
 ♥ A63
 ♦ J54
 ♣ 7

Open Room
West **North** **East** **South**
Takano *Klinger* *Furuta* *Beauchamp*
 Pass Pass Pass 2♠

All Pass
 Closed Room
West **North** **East** **South**
Braithwaite *Ino* *Robinson* *Teramoto*
 Pass Pass Pass Pass
 Pass 1♥ Pass 2♣
 Pass 4♥ All Pass

Beauchamp's 2♠ opening warned Klinger against trying for game, and here that was imp-saving information. Against 2♠ Takano led the ♥Q. Beauchamp won, cashed the ♣AK pitching a heart, then led a spade to the king and exited with a spade. In with the ♠Q Takano switched to a club. Beauchamp ruffed, finesse the diamond, and tried to cash the ace. Furuta ruffed, cashed his ♠A, and the defense still had two red-suit tricks to come for +110. (Of course declarer could have avoided a diamond loser by setting up a heart pitch.)

When Teramoto passed in first seat he set the gears in motion for bad things to happen here. Ino opened 1♥ in third seat and when Teramoto showed a good heart raise it is hard to argue with Ino's game bid. It seems like just bad luck that the N/S hands didn't fit as well as they might have and that the red-suit

positions were not more friendly. Ino made nine tricks for -50 instead of +110. 4 imps to Klinger, now ahead 29-23.

Bd: 15 North
 Dlr: South ♠ QJ85
 Vul: N/S ♥ Q5
 ♦ AQJ4
 ♣ Q62

West
 ♠ A943
 ♥ 8643
 ♦ 83
 ♣ KJ4

East
 ♠ 6
 ♥ KJ107
 ♦ 72
 ♣ A98753

South
 ♠ K1072
 ♥ A92
 ♦ K10965
 ♣ 10

Open Room
West **North** **East** **South**
Takano *Klinger* *Furuta* *Beauchamp*
 Pass 1♦ 2♣ Pass
 3♣ Pass Pass Dbl
 Pass 4♠ All Pass 4♦
 Closed Room
West **North** **East** **South**
Braithwaite *Ino* *Robinson* *Teramoto*
 Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
 Pass 2♠ Pass 4♠
 All Pass

Klinger's 4♠ contract looks like an easy way to score up 620, but "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip" as the old English proverb goes. Furuta led the ♦7, a strange looking lead given that East had bid clubs and West had supported them. A singleton maybe? Klinger won in hand, passed the ♠J, which held, then played the ♠5 to the ten, which also held. Now he could not afford to play another round of spades lest West win and play a fourth round, leaving declarer a trick short. So he played on diamonds, Takano ruffing the third round as they split 2-2, and now a heart through sealed Klinger's fate. West retained the ♠A to ruff the fourth round of diamonds before the fifth round could be played for the heart discard. Down one, -100.

"Second verse, same as the first." — *Herman's Hermits*. At the other table Braithwaite led the ♥6 against Teramoto's 4♠ to the queen, king and ace. But when declarer played on spades Braithwaite won the second round (a big mistake) and switched to the king and a second club. Teramoto was able to ruff this, draw trumps, and run the diamonds for an easy 10 tricks and 12 imps to Japan, who took the lead for the first time in the match 35-29.

Bd: 16
 Dlr: West
 Vul: E/W

West
 ♠ 3
 ♥ A85
 ♦ KQ652
 ♣ KQ52

North
 ♠ AK974
 ♥ 1073
 ♦ J8
 ♣ A74

East
 ♠ Q108
 ♥ KQJ9
 ♦ 109
 ♣ 10986

South
 ♠ J652
 ♥ 642
 ♦ A743
 ♣ J3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Beauchamp</i>
1♦	1♠	Dbl	3♠
Dbl	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>
1♦	1♠	1NT	3♠
All Pass			

For a relatively conservative, usually right-down-the-middle kind of bidder, Klinger's 4♠ bid on this deal looks odd. Yes, the vulnerability was favorable, but with flat distribution, reasonable defense, and the knowledge from Takano's double that E/W were not likely to have an eight-card heart fit, 4♠ seems just a bit too much. Furuta led two rounds of hearts, which held, and switched to the ♣10, ducked to the ace. When the ♠AK failed to bring down the queen Klinger conceded six tricks to the defense; down three, -150.

Ino received much the same defense, but being one level lower he only went down two; -100. That was 2 more imps to Japan, who led now 37-29. Then...

Bd: 17
 Dlr: North
 Vul: None

West
 ♠ 108632
 ♥ 2
 ♦ A8
 ♣ A9654

North
 ♠ AQ95
 ♥ 1095
 ♦ 762
 ♣ Q83

East
 ♠ J7
 ♥ AKQ84
 ♦ J93
 ♣ K72

South
 ♠ K4
 ♥ J763
 ♦ KQ1054
 ♣ J10

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Beauchamp</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥(♠)	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT(R)	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Against 3NT Beauchamp led the ♦K, A, 6, 3. Furuta then led a low club from dummy and ducked it to South when Klinger followed low. Unable to continue the diamond attack from his side Beauchamp found the killing ♠K switch and continued with a second spade. Klinger won, cashed his third top spade, then switched to a diamond as Beauchamp rattled off four tricks there. When the smoke had cleared, Furuta found himself down four, -200.

In the Closed Room E/W bid to a nice 3♣ contract when Robinson, knowing that Braithwaite had five spades from his earlier transfer accepted the relay to 3♣ when he could have bid 3♠ if he'd had three or more of them. Again the ♦K was led to the ace and now Robinson cashed two top hearts discarding the diamond loser from dummy and exited with a spade. Ino won the nine, led a club to the king, and Robinson got out with the ♠J to Teramoto's king. Thinking his partner had the ♥Q Teramoto placed his ♥6 on the table and Robinson let it ride around to his eight as he pitched a spade from dummy. Now he ruffed a diamond, then tried to ruff a spade in hand without cashing the ♣A first and Teramoto overruffed. He next played the ♦Q, ruffed in dummy, and successfully ruffed dummy's last spade (had Teramoto held the trump length 3♣ would have gone down on this line). The ♣A was then declarer's ninth trick for a useful +110 and 7 imps back to Klinger, Japan leading now by 1 imp at 37-36.

On Board 18 Klinger picked up 1 overtrick imp to tie the match at 37 all, and with the final two deals both being pushes the match ended that way, a 37-37 tie, 15-15 in VPs.

The APBF Teams Round Robin

by Barry Rigal

Match 6:

The match started sedately with both sides staying low on a deal where slam hinges on a winning trump finesse. China Geely drew first blood, a pinprick, when declarer rejected the trump finesse to avoid a possible defensive ruff. They led 1-0.

Bd: 2 North
 Dir: East ♠ 6
 Vul: N/S ♡ Q98643
 ♦ AJ4
 ♣ KJ5

West
 ♠ KJ108
 ♡ K75
 ♦ 76
 ♣ AQ76

East
 ♠ Q543
 ♡ AJ102
 ♦ Q95
 ♣ 94

South
 ♠ A972
 ♡ ---
 ♦ K10832
 ♣ 10832

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Xinli</i>	<i>Ng</i>	<i>Rui</i>	<i>Hua</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦(Pre)	1♡	1NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lian</i>	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Lam</i>	<i>Yang</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1♡	Dbl	Pass
1♠	2♡	2♠	All Pass

You can see why Wang Rui rejected the negative double in favor of bidding 1NT but the defenders swiftly cashed five diamonds against this contract, squeezing dummy and declarer. Declarer pitched two spades and a heart from dummy and a spade and heart from hand to persuade South to shift to a spade, not a club. That allowed declarer to escape for down one. A small victory, maybe, but since 2♠ (reached after a couple of over-enthusiastic two-level actions by North and East) went two down on heart ruffs, China led 3-0 after two deals.

The score remained that way after three deals, when Singapore competed to 3♠ (down in top tricks when the cards lay unluckily) while China overbid to 4♠ but swindled a trick to get out for down one. Time for something more substantial.

Bd: 4 North
 Dir: West ♠ Q106
 Vul: Both ♡ J1042
 ♦ K109
 ♣ 983

West
 ♠ AJ5
 ♡ AQ976
 ♦ A72
 ♣ K10

East
 ♠ 8732
 ♡ 53
 ♦ J6543
 ♣ J7

South
 ♠ K94
 ♡ K8
 ♦ Q8
 ♣ AQ6542

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Xinli</i>	<i>Ng</i>	<i>Rui</i>	<i>Hua</i>
1♣(STR)	Pass	1♦(WK)	Pass
1♡	Pass	Pass	2♣

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lian</i>	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Lam</i>	<i>Yang</i>
1♡	Pass	Pass	2♣
Dbl	Pass	2♦	Dbl
All Pass			

The Open Room auction seems a model of restraint. West showed his values and long suit and had nothing further to say. East might have risked a balancing double if this were take-out, but should it be take-out or a suggestion of defense (and in either eventuality ought it to be a better hand than this)? Or could you not hold any more or you would have acted earlier? The editors are divided, and as we all know editors divided against themselves cannot stand one another...no that's not quite right.

Hua lost a trick in every suit and made +110. This went nicely with the result from the other room where Geely got into a different kind of trouble with their doubles. I think North should have bid 3♣ at his third turn, but perhaps he expected a better hand from his partner. Having said that, 2♦x is not much fun on a spade lead though you can bring it home with careful play. However, Yang led his ♦Q and one can sympathize with his choice even if it worked disastrously. Declarer could now cross to hand in trumps to play hearts up and had a comfortable +380 for 10 imps, and a 10-3 lead.

Bd: 5 North
 Dlr: North ♠ AQ1092
 Vul: N/S ♥ 10
 ♦ Q975
 ♣ A42

West
 ♠ 8
 ♥ J8643
 ♦ A10
 ♣ 109873

East
 ♠ K764
 ♥ AQ52
 ♦ J4
 ♣ KQ5

South
 ♠ J53
 ♥ K97
 ♦ K8632
 ♣ J6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Xinli</i>	<i>Ng</i>	<i>Rui</i>	<i>Hua</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lian</i>	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Lam</i>	<i>Yang</i>
	1♠	1NT	2♠
Dbl	All Pass		

We've all made worse contracts than 4♥ from the East seat; after a spade lead declarer will wrap up 10 tricks in some comfort. So what, if anything, went wrong in the Open Room auction? Maybe West should simply have bid 3♥ over the double — especially if this was constructive, as opposed to his reaching that spot via 2NT. 3♣ collected +140 and E/W might have feared the worst. A gain of 14imps was probably not on their radar, but in the Closed Room East appears to have had a blind spot when he passed his partner's double. With this particular spade holding he knew he would be facing a singleton spade with heart length — or so West might have informed him subsequently. The defense ducked their ♥A and so Gui collected +1070; 17-10 for Geely.



"Don't make me come over there!"

Both N/S pairs then did well to reach slam in the face of competition for a flat board, and China added an overtrick to their total. It was 19-11 after eight deals.

Bd: 9 North
 Dlr: North ♠ KJ9654
 Vul: E/W ♥ Q6
 ♦ 94
 ♣ J87

West
 ♠ 82
 ♥ A9
 ♦ KQJ32
 ♣ A642

East
 ♠ A107
 ♥ KJ1087
 ♦ 6
 ♣ Q1095

South
 ♠ Q3
 ♥ 5432
 ♦ A10875
 ♣ K3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Xinli</i>	<i>Ng</i>	<i>Rui</i>	<i>Hua</i>
	2♠	Pass	3♠

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lian</i>	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Lam</i>	<i>Yang</i>
	2♦	Pass	2♠
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The Multi has many obstructive benefits, but occasionally players miss out on the opportunity to preempt facing that bid. Here Yang's failure to bid 3♠ instead of 2♠ looks like a mistake. It let Lian into the bidding easily and East was happy to take a shot at 3NT. After repeated spade leads Lam won the second, led a diamond to dummy, and was in no position to misguess hearts because of the awkward entry position. Even after finding the ♥Q inside, Lam still needed to develop a trick from clubs — and as the cards lay he was not sure to do so. Fortunately for him, North discarded a diamond on the hearts (had he come down to two spades, one diamond and two clubs declarer had some losing options left). As it was, Lam led the ♣Q, covered all around, and a second club, and North had to give declarer a club trick in the end.

In the other room declarer misguessed the play to the first trick by ducking the diamond lead in 3♠, then later misguessed clubs. He ended up down four. No big deal. Still 9imps to RYLA, leading 20-19.

A quiet three deals followed, both E/W pairs overreaching to a hopeless game, down one, then both N/S pairs bidding accurately to slam, off just a losing finesse. Only overtricks and undertricks exchanged hands over six deals, to make the score

22-22 before Geely came through at the finish.

Bd: 16 North
 Dlr: West ♠ K42
 Vul: E/W ♡ 7
 ♢ AQ94
 ♣ 108642

West East
 ♠ A9865 ♠ QJ103
 ♡ 82 ♡ AJ6
 ♢ 62 ♢ KJ1087
 ♣ AJ75 ♣ K

South
 ♠ 7
 ♡ KQ109543
 ♢ 53
 ♣ Q93

Open Room
West North East South
Xinli Ng Rui Hua
 Pass Pass 1♦ 3♥
 Dbl Pass 4♠ All Pass

Closed Room
West North East South
Lian Gui Lam Yang
 Pass Pass 1♦ 3♥
 Pass Pass 3♠ Pass
 5♠ Pass 6♠
 All Pass

Lian's combination of underbid and overbid propelled her partner to the five level. I'm not sure what compelled East to bid slam anyway. 5♠ can be made by unblocking the ♣K and routinely careful play in the trump suit to generate enough entries to dummy to play diamonds twice towards hand. But 6♠ was hopeless as the cards lay and duly registered 12 imps for Geely, leading 35-22.

Both of our tables missed an opportunity here, but to be fair it was a hard one.

Bd: 17 North
 Dlr: North ♠ KQ64
 Vul: None ♡ AQJ
 ♢ 43
 ♣ Q1063

West East
 ♠ 932 ♠ J10875
 ♡ 1087 ♡ K5
 ♢ KQ1098 ♢ J762
 ♣ 97 ♣ J2

South
 ♠ A
 ♡ 96432
 ♢ A5
 ♣ AK854

Open Room
West North East South
Xinli Ng Rui Hua
 Pass 1♣ 1♥ 1♥
 Pass 1♠ 1♠ 2♦
 Dbl 2♥ Pass 4♥

All Pass

Closed Room
West North East South
Lian Gui Lam Yang
 Pass 1NT Pass 2♦
 Pass 2♥ Pass 3♣
 Pass 4♥ Pass 4NT
 Pass 5♣ Pass 5♦
 Pass 5♥ All Pass

In Group A five pairs bid and made slam, one went down in 6♥, and one played 3♦xx for -600. I'm sure there's a story there. In Group B no one bid 6♥ but no fewer than five pairs bid and made 6♣, clearly the higher percentage slam.

With the ♠Q being superfluous to requirements, it is a slam we should all hope to reach. But the South hand is only good for slam facing good or short hearts, and it is easy to see that the five level might not be safe. In the Closed Room Gui appears to have lied about holding the trump queen at his final turn; having shown a minimum with three hearts at his previous turn that was surely unnecessary. In the Open Room I'm not sure what South should have done except to bid 3♣ over 2♥. But it would still have been hard to reach slam scientifically, wouldn't it?

Bd: 18 North
 Dlr: East ♠ QJ7
 Vul: N/S ♡ K93
 ♢ AQ8
 ♣ J852

West East
 ♠ K1043 ♠ 5
 ♡ 10 ♡ AQ874
 ♢ KJ10763 ♢ 4
 ♣ A3 ♣ K109764

South
 ♠ A9862
 ♡ J652
 ♢ 952
 ♣ Q

Open Room
West North East South
Xinli Ng Rui Hua
 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
 2NT Pass 3♣ Pass
 3NT Pass 4♣ All Pass
 All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lian</i>	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Lam</i>	<i>Yang</i>
		1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

I'm still trying to decide what part of my body they would have to threaten to chop off before I would open the East hand 1♥. A finger? No, I'd still pass. A leg? No, I'd cave. Maybe both of my thumbs would be about the right degree of menace. Each East opened 1♥ with, as far as we are aware, no imminent threat of de-digitation, and it turned out remarkably well when Xinli was able to construct an auction that let his partner out at 3♣. The defenders led a diamond to the queen, shifted to a spade to the ace, then finally played trumps. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed out the ♦A, played the ace and ruffed a heart, then discarded two hearts on West's winning diamond and spade. Now he led a diamond from dummy and it appears North forgot to ruff in, allowing declarer to pitch his ♥Q and claim when South could not ruff in.

3NT was an even smellier contract, and even North's club lead didn't let declarer come to more than eight tricks. In fact when West settled for seven tricks by not taking the heart finesse Geely had 6 imps to lead 41-22 and gained another overtrick imp to lead 42-22 going into the final deal.

Incidentally, 3NT on Board 18 came even closer to making at some tables. When Makito Hirada opened 1♥ he managed to reach 3NT as East without ever bidding clubs. And since all the other three suits had been bid, Richard Brightling led his ♣Q. Declarer won and tried the ♦K, which North ducked — not entirely unreasonably. Now came a club to the ten, the ♣K, and a fourth club. David Hoffman knew the whole hand now and could see that his partner might not. To clarify the position he took both diamonds to set up dummy and shifted to the ♠Q, forcing South to win his ace and get out with a heart, giving declarer

two hearts, one diamond and five clubs only.

The theme of misplaced passes facing takeout doubles still had one more gory chapter left.

Bd: 20	North
Dlr: West	♠ J87632
Vul: Both	♥ 75
	♦ J105
	♣ 92

West	East
♠ 4	♠ AK105
♥ KQ94	♥ 103
♦ 962	♦ K873
♣ KJ1054	♣ Q87
South	
♠ Q9	
♥ AJ862	
♦ AQ4	
♣ A63	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Xinli</i>	<i>Ng</i>	<i>Rui</i>	<i>Hua</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1NT
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

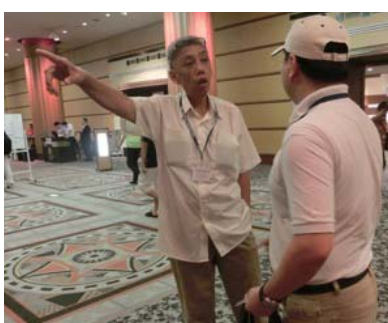
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lian</i>	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Lam</i>	<i>Yang</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Given the piles of ordure we have seen opened today, maybe Xinli's initial double was a stretch. But his second double, for takeout presumably, made East think he had untold riches on defense based on his trump stack. So he did, but what his side was missing was aces. With just one heart and one club trick on the side, all the Easts in either room could get was their three trump tricks, and that was +670 for Singapore RYLAI, for a loss of 11 imps. The match finished 42-33, a 17-13 win for China Geely.



"Can't wait for Happi."



"Director's decision is final!"



"Bridges used to be so simple."

What Is Happy Summer Night?

No doubt you have seen in the Congress schedule (on page 4 of the bulletin) that Wednesday evening at 7 pm (or 19:00, following the third bridge session) is Happy Summer Night! This is a welcome party presented by the 2012 APBF Fukuoka Committee in the form of a Japanese summer festival and you are invited. Just wear your Happi* (the brightly colored Japanese-style coat you will find in your congress bag imprinted with Japanese characters, a “mock” face, and other symbols with traditional Japanese meaning) — your free entry ticket to the festival.

The festival will be held from 7 pm to 9 pm on Wednesday night (the 29th) in the first floor Argos Room of the Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk. There will be fun things to do, a free sumptuous buffet dinner, a wealth of local color to experience, and a chance to meet other congress attendees and make new friends. So come, enjoy yourself, and wear your Happi*.

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