



# 2017 YEH BROS CUP

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## WELCOMING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE JAPAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE



It gives me great pleasure to welcome the 2017 Yeh Brothers Cup Tournament to Tokyo.

The Japan Contract Bridge League is honored to stage this invitational tournament, in cooperation with Mr. Chen Yeh, who is himself an enthusiastic bridge player. From the 1st Yeh Brothers Cup held in Shanghai in 2003, it has continued to attract top level bridge players from across the globe and has quickly risen to become one of the most exciting bridge events in the world. The tournament has since been held in different cities in the Asian/Pacific region with much success.

We are pleased that the Yeh Brothers Cup Tournament will be held at the Hotel Chinzanso, one of the most outstanding venues in Tokyo. This venue is well suited to a tournament of this level. We hope that many of you will take advantage of your extended stay to relax and enjoy Japanese tradition and hospitality.

We wish you a most pleasant stay in Tokyo and good luck at the table.

Hiroyuki HOSODA  
President  
Japan Contract Bridge League

## The Daily Bulletin, Operations Manager, and Chief Director

The editors need your help in keeping everyone informed of the happenings at this tournament. Please report anything amusing, challenging, or skillful that happens in your matches (bridge or otherwise) to the Daily Bulletin editors Barry Rigal or David Stern.

The editors may also be contacted via e-mail at [david.stern.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:david.stern.bridge@gmail.com) or [barryrigal@mindspring.com](mailto:barryrigal@mindspring.com). If you're trying to reach someone you can't find, you may leave a message with us and we'll do our best to get it to them. The Chief Tournament Director at the Yeh Bros Cup is Matt Smith, alongside him is Tadayoshi Nakatani as a director, and our Tournament Operations Manager is Akito Omasa.



**Left:** Matt Smith (Chief Tournament Director)



**Above:** Akito Omasa (Tournament Operations Manager)



**Right:** Tadayoshi Nakatani (Director)

## MEET MR CHEN YEH



National Bridge Organisations (NBOs) are charged with the responsibility of promoting and marketing bridge within their countries. They have an obligation to focus on increasing participation in the game, promoting the teaching of bridge, organising national tournaments and selecting international teams. Given that the top echelon of players forms a very select number, they naturally find it difficult to focus time and resources on this small group of players.

Luckily, the game has attracted people who have been successful in their commercial lives and who have a passion for the game that is so loved by all who are likely to read this Bulletin. Some people who spring to mind in this regard are Pierre Zimmerman of Monaco, Shiv Nadar of HCL India, Hans Melcher of the Netherlands and Chen Yeh.

These generous businessmen contribute time, resources and money to promoting the game especially to the elite players, in some cases offering them the opportunity to win tournaments with substantial prize money.

Our generous host at this tournament, Chen Yeh was born 68 years ago (1949) in Shanghai, China. Not long thereafter the family moved to Kaohsiung, Taiwan. He has been married to his wife Sugar for 40 years and they have two sons Po and John, 38 and 36 years old respectively, both of whom are involved in Chen Yeh's widespread business interests. He also has a granddaughter Ning who is the apple of his eye. Regrettably neither of Chen's sons plays bridge and so the longevity of the tournament cannot be guaranteed, although Chen is committed to stage the event as long as possible. Plans are already underway for the 2019 staging of the event in either Singapore or Taiwan and approaches have been made for 2021 as well.

His education includes a double major in Architecture and Five Card Majors. It was during his last year of university studies that he found his love for bridge, a game about which he says "the beauty of bridge is that it helps you to develop excellent skills in logic as well clarity of thinking". He credits the great Patrick Huang for teaching him extensively about the game as well as the logic and skills involved.

Family meant he gave away game away for thirty years during which he established a furniture manufacturing business which then, as China became the major hub for production, transformed into a business sourcing furniture products.

When he returned to his beloved game of bridge, he noted the large number of prestige tournaments in Europe and the USA and lack of such tournaments in Asia, a region where the game was clearly growing. So in 2002 he held the first Yeh Bros Cup in Taiwan. The basics of the tournament have not really changed over its 15 year history but the prize money has more than kept pace with inflation. While the quality of the tournament is pivotal to the tournament, the friendship between the players and the strong social interaction surrounding the tournament is one of the key outcomes that Chen Yeh wishes to see emerge from each edition of the tournament.

This year's edition of the Yeh Cup boasts a total prize pool exceeding \$US300,000. He notes that "the quality of the field this year is testament to the attraction of the tournament, the venue and of course the prize pool. Also, these tournaments don't happen without committed Hospitality Staff, Organisers, Directors, Scorers and of course Bulletin Editors". However overlaying all of this is the commitment of the Sponsor.

While we often see Chen in a wheelchair, he reports that his health is stable and he intends to keep travelling to bridge tournaments in the foreseeable future. Clearly health has not impeded his bridge abilities with recent successes including a Bronze Medal in Chennai, India and a fourth place finish in Wroclaw, Poland.

Chen Yeh believes that the recent cheating scandals have been damaging to the game and that the perpetrators, once convicted, should be treated harshly to ensure the integrity of the game, something he values highly within the game.

On the future of the game he notes that although reports from China suggest good growth in that country, others are struggling to engage younger people into the game. Also because it is a hobby and difficult to derive any income from it, that there will be limited growth going forward, unlike poker where games played for money and tournaments with large prize money serve as an attraction for younger people to engage in the game.

Finally Chen Yeh has asked you all to "please enjoy the tournament and the bridge but equally to enjoy your friendships and your time in the wonderful city of Tokyo".



## WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

International Sport Federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee



Gianarrigo Rona  
President

Dear Bridge Friends,

It is my great pleasure to offer on behalf of the World Bridge Federation and personally my greetings to the players, the authorities, officers, journalists, staff-officials attending the 2017 Yeh Bros Cup which will be held in Tokyo, Japan, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July.

This prestigious invitational event, with the participation of the greatest bridge champions from everywhere in the world, born and grown thanks to the generous support and sponsorship from Mr. Chen Yeh, represents today one of the main meetings of the International bridge calendar.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Chen Yeh, the Local Organising Committee and the Japan Contract Bridge League which host this prestigious competition. I am confident that it will achieve, once again, a great success rewarding the excellent work done by them with passion and dedication.

Dear bridge players, your participation here gives you the opportunity to enjoy, once again, in peace and harmony, a great bridge event.

Competing against each other in a spirit of sportsmanship and with a high standard of ethics will be your contribution to the success of the 2017 Yeh Bros Cup, showing once again the true values of bridge, showing once again that *In order to defeat hatred we play the Card of Peace.*

I wish you a new exciting, enjoyable and successful bridge adventure.

Un abbraccio  
Gianarrigo Rona



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# 2017 YEH BROS CUP: CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

## 1. Yeh Bros Cup

The 2017 Yeh Bros Cup (Monday 3rd ~ Friday 7th July, 2017 at Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo), which is staged by the Japan Contract Bridge League, includes the Open Teams, Swiss Plate and Open Pairs. Entries from all WBF zones are on invitation basis.

## 2. Laws, Official Language, and Scoring

The laws of duplicate contract bridge (revised 2007) will be used.

The official language of the tournament is English. When Victory Point (VP) scoring is used the WBF 20.00 VP scale will be used.

## 3. Entry Fees

Yeh's Cup: US\$1,000/team, for invited team  
US\$15,000/team, for non invited team

Swiss Plate: Free of charge for non-qualifiers from main event  
US\$500 for new comers

Open Pairs: US\$300 per pair to be paid in 3 phases  
US\$100 for qualifying  
US\$100 for semi-final  
US\$100 for final

Note: Due to limited space in the playing area, new entries for the Swiss Plate will be accepted only at the discretion of the organisers.

## 4. Tournament Format

### A. Open Teams

The Open Teams consist of three stages: Swiss qualifying, Knock-out stage, and Final/Play off.

**Qualifying Stage:** Monday 3rd ~ Tuesday 4th July

A 10-round Swiss movement of 10-board matches:

- The draw for match 1 is pre-determined.
- The draw for team numbers will be conducted at the captain's meeting:

#### Draw for round 1

It is traditional for the first round draw to be East versus West and therefore the draw has been determined as follow

1 v 9      2 v 6      3 v 18      4 v 16      5 v 7      8 v 12  
10 v 13    11 v 17    14 v 15    19 v 21    20 v 26    22 v 25    23 v 24

#### Draw for rounds 2-10

Swiss, no playbacks. Pairings will be made using the algorithm in the JCBL scoring software.

The top 15 teams, not including the pre-seeded number one seed, the Yeh team, will advance to the Knock-out phase of the tournament.

**Knockout Stage:** Wednesday 5th ~ Thursday 6th July

- Four rounds of 32 board (2 stanzas of 16 board) matches in two different brackets.
  - The top 8 seeded teams will start in the upper bracket with knock-out match, losers dropping to the lower bracket.
  - The next 8 teams will start in the lower bracket and be eliminated with a loss.
- After Round 3 there will be one undefeated team in the upper bracket. This team has a bye to the Final with a 6.5 IMP carryover.
- In Round 3, the two losers from the upper bracket will join the four winners from the lower bracket to play two 3-way matches. The two winners will advance.
- In Round 4, the loser of Round 3 in upper bracket and the two winners of Round 3 in the lower bracket will play a 3-way match for a spot in the final.
- In all 3-way matches, the team winning both their matches will be declared winner. Otherwise, total VPs will decide the winner.

**Final and Third-Place Playoff:** Friday 7th July

- Both are 48-boards matches played in three 16 board stanzas.
- The top 4 finishers will receive cash prizes.

### B. Swiss Plate: Wednesday 5th ~ Thursday 6th July

- Non-qualifiers in the Open Teams and teams eliminated in knock-out rounds 1 and 2 play in the Swiss Plate free of charge.

- The Swiss Plate consists of 8-rounds of 10-board matches, with a Swiss draw, no playbacks, pairing made using the JCBL scoring software. The top 3 finishers will receive cash prizes.
- The four first-round losers in the lower knock-out bracket may join Round 4 of the Swiss Plate on the afternoon of Wednesday 5th July.
- They will be assigned a VP score equal to that of the 4th position score at the end of round 3. These 4 teams will match up against each other in round 4, by means of a random draw.
- The draw for round 5 will be based on the results of round 4 including the new teams which have entered the Swiss Plate.
- The 4 second-round losers in the lower knock-out bracket join round 6 of the Swiss Plate on the morning of Thursday 6th July. They will be assigned a VP score equal to that of the 4th position score at the end of round 5. These 4 teams will match up against each other in round 6, by means of a random draw. The draw for round 7 will be based on the results of round 6 including the new teams which have entered the Swiss Plate.

**C. Open Pairs:** Thursday 6th pm ~ 7th July

A total of at most 44 pairs, with two pairs reserved for each competing Team. Team captains are responsible for determining the pairs from their team who will be nominated for entry. The nominations must be given to the Director prior to the start of the knock-out stage of the Open teams.

The four teams qualified for the Finals/Playoff (i.e. the winner of the upper Knockout bracket and the three teams playing in the fourth round of the lower Knockout bracket) will not enter the Open Pairs.

**Open Pairs Qualifying:** Thursday 6th July, 16:20-19:50, 27 boards (3 boards x 9 rounds)

- Pair numbers will be randomly assigned. Two sections of five tables, and two sections of six tables, each with a Howell movement (nine rounds with three boards per round). Scoring in all stages of the Open Pairs and Consolation Pairs will be by IMPs, but with the IMP scale truncated at a maximum of 17 IMPs.
- The top 5 pairs in each section (a total of 20 pairs), advance to the Semi-final.
- The non-qualifiers are eliminated. However the highest scoring non-qualifier (ranked 21st) will advance without charge to play in the Open Pair Consolation on the afternoon of day 5 (Friday 7th July).

**Open Pairs Semi-Final:** Friday 7th July, 09:30 - 13:00, 27 boards (3 boards x 9 rounds)

- Two sections of 5 tables each with a Howell movement.
- The top four pairs from each section together with the host pair (Mr. Yeh and his partner), and the fifth place pair with the higher score will advance to the final, for a total of 10 pairs.
- Non-qualifiers from the semi-final can play the Open pairs consolation free of charge on the afternoon of Friday 7th July.

**Open Pairs Final:** Friday 7th July, 14:00 - 17:30, 27 boards (3 boards x 9 rounds)

- 5 Tables Howell.

**Open Pairs Consolation:** Friday 7th July, 14:00 - 17:30

- 6 tables, Howell.

* Semi-final and final will use Barometer scoring.
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**5. Procedure**

- 5-1 Computer dealt hands will be used throughout.
- 5-2 Screens will be used throughout the event.
- 5-3 Each pair is required to bring two convention cards to the table.

- HUM systems are not permitted in any event.
- Brown Sticker Conventions (BSC) are permitted only in the Knockout and Final/3rd Place Playoff.
- BSC users are required to provide adequate defences.
- All teams must submit convention cards of their players one month in advance, which will be posted on the tournament website. Players are required to alert their artificial bids at table, and upon inquiry to write clear and complete explanations together with the implications. Simply referring to a convention name may not be enough since some names have become generic terms encompassing many different versions. The requirements to play a natural/standard system can be waived by the opposing teams if



both agree to. The mechanism of doing so will be announced at the Captain's meeting. The pair playing against Mr. Yeh will be asked to play a natural/standard (or precision) system, and if necessary, to have a separately filled convention card.

#### 5-4 Time Limit

- 10-boards: 1 hour and 20 minutes
- 16-boards: 2 hours and 10 minutes
- In the event of slow play the director is authorized to provisionally or definitively cancel boards that have not yet been played at either table.

### 6. Tie Breaking

#### 6-1 Swiss Movement

After round 10, ties on Victory Points will be broken in the following order:

- (a) Higher IMP quotient in all matches played by the tying teams
- (b) If there is a two-way tie, the greater number of IMPs obtained in the match between the tying teams (should it have occurred)
- (c) If there is a two-way tie, the great number of total points obtained in the match between the tying teams (should it have occurred)
- (d) Higher Total Point quotient in all matches played by the tying teams
- (e) Successive one board play off until a winner is determined. If the tie involves three or more teams each team plays one board against each other team.

#### 6-2 Knockout Phase (Two-way matches)

The higher total points, and if still tied, the number of boards won (a difference of 10 points is considered a winning board, even though no IMPs are gained). Draw if the tie remains.

#### 6-3 Knockout Phase (Three-way matches)

If no team wins two matches and two or three teams are tied on VPs then IMP quotient will be used, followed by total point quotient, followed by drawing lots. In the event of a three-way VP tie a team falling short at any stage will be excluded from subsequent tie-breaking stages.

#### 6-4 Final and 3rd place playoff

Since there is a carryover of 6.5 imps for the team from the winner's bracket in the Final, a tie is impossible. The winner of the Final is the team with the greater imp total, including fractions of an imp. If there is a tie in the 3rd place playoff, the winner is the team with the higher total points, and if still tied, the greater number of boards won (a difference of 10 points is considered a winning board, even though no IMPs are gained). If the tie remains, two board sudden death matches until a winner emerges.

#### 6-5 Pairs

For any stage of the competition, the pair with the greater number of boards on which they scored positive IMPs will be ranked higher. Drawing lots if the tie remains.

### 7. Alert Procedure

Standard alert procedures with screen shall be used. In case when screens are used, players should ask questions and receive answers in writing. Players might not be protected from misinformation if a misunderstanding occurs due to spoken communication.

### 8. Seating

Teams play according to the schedules as posted. The team with the higher team number is designated as the Home Team and the other team as the Visiting Team. The Home Team sits NS direction in the Open Room and EW in the Closed Room. The Visiting Team sits NS in the Closed Room and EW in the Open Room. There will be blind seating for all matches in the Qualifying and knock-out stages and in the Swiss Plate. Prior to the start of the final and 3rd place playoff, the team captains will draw to determine choice of seating right. The winner of the draw may choose to sit first in any of the three stanzas, then the choice alternates. Team captains are required to submit their line-up within 5 minute of the scheduled finishing time of the previous round.

### 9. Penalties

#### Late Start

- 0~5 minutes:                   1st offense- Warning  
  2nd and subsequent offenses - 0.8 VPs (Swiss) or 3 IMPs (knock-out)

5 ~10 minutes: 1.6 VPs (Swiss) or 6 IMPs (knock-out)  
 10 ~15 minutes: 2.4 VPs (Swiss) or 10 IMPs (knock-out)  
 Over 15 minutes: Forfeiture

**Slow Play**

0~5 minutes: 1st offense- Warning  
 2nd and subsequent offense - 0.8 VPs (Swiss) or 3 IMPs (knock-out)

5 ~10 minutes: 1.6 VPs (Swiss) or 6 IMPs (knock-out)  
 10 ~15 minutes: 2.4 VPs (Swiss) or 10 IMPs (knock-out)

Over 15 minutes: At the discretion of the Director, including possible cancellation of unplayed boards and assigned scores (Swiss) for both teams. If one team is judged to be primarily responsible, slow-play penalties may be assessed if boards are cancelled by the Director.

**Mobile Phone/other Electronic Devices**

Mobile phones and other electronic devices capable of receiving/transmitting data (e.g., tablets, personal computers) are prohibited in the playing area during game time. Players with mobile phones or other electronic devices should surrender their phones and/or devices to the staff at the service desk and receive a number tag which is used to collect the phone and/or devices after the game.

Answering a phone call, texting, receiving/sending email, etc., during play, or possessing a prohibited device in the playing area during game time, shall receive a penalty according to the following scheme:

1st offense: 3 VPs (Swiss) or 15 IMPs (Knock out)  
 2nd offense: 10 VPs (Swiss) or 30 IMPs (Knock out)  
 3rd offense: 20 VPs (Swiss) or Forfeiture of the match (Knock out)

**Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted at any time, except in areas designated as smoking areas by the hotel. Smoking by players during game time, including times when they leave the playing area to go to the toilet, is prohibited.

Penalties for breach of the smoking regulations:

Each offense: US\$50 for the offender to be donated to a youth development program and 2 VPs (Swiss) or 10 IMPs (Knock out) for the team. Offences include leaving the playing area during the session for the purpose of smoking.

**Kibitzers**

Kibitzers will be permitted at the discretion of the Director. No kibitzers will be allowed in the BBO rooms.

**10. Appeal Procedure**

An appeal, or request of a ruling by the Tournament Director must be lodged by the Captain of a team within 30 minutes of the official completion time of a match in which the ruling was made. A deposit of US\$100 must be accompanied with the appeal, which may not be refunded if the appeal is deemed frivolous or without merit.

**11. Prizes**

Prize Money of US\$ 302,000 in total as follows:

<b>Yeh's Cup:</b>		<b>Open Pairs:</b>		<b>Swiss Plate:</b>		<b>Consolation Pairs:</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ US175,000	1 <sup>st</sup>	\$US20,000	1 <sup>st</sup>	\$US8,000	1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ US3,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$ US48,000	2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$US10,000	2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$US4,000	2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$ US2,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$US16,000	3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$US5,000	3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$US2,000	3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$ US1,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$US8,000		—		—		—

DEALS FROM 2015 YEH BROS CUP - SHANGHAI

TEAMS QUALIFYING – ROUND FOUR

USA Ish vs Italy

At both tables the N/S pairs started well, bidding the right game, and surviving the 4-1 trump break to register +420. The E/W pairs responded in kind, bidding their own vulnerable games, and USA Ish led 1-0 after four deals.

Dealer: West  
 Vul: Both  
 Brd 4  
 Yeh Tms QR4

♠ 9 7 4  
 ♥ A 10 2  
 ♦ K J 6 4  
 ♣ A 10 6

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

♠ A J 8 5 3  
 ♥ J 9 7 5 3  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ J 8

♠ —  
 ♥ K Q 8  
 ♦ Q 10 9 5 3  
 ♣ K Q 7 4 3

West	North	East	South
Versace	Martel	Sementa	Fleischer
1♦	1♠	Pass	1NT //
Willenken	Bocchi	Bilde	Duboin
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
-	2	-	3	♣

Marty Fleisher played 1NT on a low club lead to Antonio Sementa's jack. He won his king and advanced the ♦Q, ducked all round, then led a diamond to dummy's seven. Then he cashed ♦A and played a club. Alfredo Versace won and shifted to a spade to the king and ace, and back came a heart that set up the suit for the defenders while declarer had only three diamond tricks and one in each of the other suits.

Giorgio Duboin played 3♣ on the testing low trump lead. He won in hand and advanced the ♥K. Chris Willenken won and shifted to a spade, letting Duboin ruff in hand, advanced the ♦Q, covered all round, then ♥Q and a heart ruff to dummy to play a second trump. The defenders had two club tricks and one trick in each red suit, but declarer had +110 and 5 imps to lead 5-1.

Versace-Sementa then reached a near hopeless game, but lost only two IMPs when three finesses lost and they went down two, against 3♠ down one from the other room. After a quiet 3NT, making overtricks in each room, USA Ish ran into what looks like some very bad luck.

Dealer: South  
 Vul: Both  
 Brd 7  
 Yeh Teams QR4

♠ J 10 9 6 2  
 ♥ 8 6  
 ♦ K 8 6 3  
 ♣ 6 3

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

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

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

Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
-	-	-	-	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
2	-	2	-	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

Duboin played 4♥ as South, and on repeated spade leads he won and took a losing trump finesse, claiming the rest a moment later. It would hardly be unlucky to go down in slam here would it?

No, Martel played 4♥ as North (after a Multi 2♦ by Fleisher) on a diamond lead. Rather than rely on one of the major-suit finesses working, he went after clubs at once, a line that would only fail by comparison to the more straightforward route if West had a doubleton club and the trump finesse failed (if East were short in clubs this line would give up nothing).

Martel ran into the double-whammy as West ruffed in prematurely, cashed his side's spade and diamond winners, and East sat back for his trump king.

Down one and 13 IMPs to Italy.





<p>♠ J 8 7 ♥ 10 ♦ 4 ♣ ---</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 ♥ --- ♦ --- ♣ Q J 10</p> <p>♠ 9 5 3 ♥ Q ♦ --- ♣ 6</p>	<p>♠ --- ♥ 8 4 ♦ 9 ♣ K 9</p>
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If North pitches a club then declarer can endplay North in clubs to lead round to the spade jack at trick 12. If North comes down to the bare spade queen, which looks best, declarer wins and gives up a heart and the defenders can only cash one spade winner. Those 13 IMPs gave Italy a 39-3 win.

### ROUND AND ABOUT

Here are some deals from the ancillary events to reflect the diversity of games in play. First the Swiss Teams. This deal came in the last round and saw Justin Lall extracting not just a quart but a gallon from a pint pot.

Dealer: East  
Vul: N-S  
Brd 18  
Cons Swiss Tms R8

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

<p>♠ Q 4 ♥ J 10 5 ♦ 10 4 3 ♣ 10 9 6 4 2</p> <p>♠ J 8 7 ♥ A K ♦ K 9 5 2 ♣ A Q 8 5</p>	<p>♠ A K 9 5 2 ♥ 4 3 2 ♦ A Q J 8 6 ♣ ---</p>
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West Bathurst	North Auken	East J. Lall	South Welland
		1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Makeable Contracts				
2	-	2	-	NT
3	-	4	-	♠
3	-	3	-	♥
2	-	2	-	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

Normally Roy Welland bids every hand as if it were a 17-count but here he passed throughout and led a trump against 4♠. Before you saw dummy, wouldn't you fancy your chances if you were told you had a trump trick and the ♦K was over the ace?

Lall captured the ♠Q in hand and led ♦A, ♦J, which held. Then he ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club and ruffed a diamond with ♠10. So far so good. Then he led a low heart from dummy to the jack and ace. With no good options Welland exited with a low club and declarer put in the jack, which held. In this ending, declarer had taken seven tricks and needed three more:

<p>♠ --- ♥ Q 9 8 ♦ --- ♣ K 7</p>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ 10 5 ♦ --- ♣ 9 6</p> <p>♠ J 8 ♥ K ♦ --- ♣ A Q</p>	<p>♠ K 9 5 ♥ 4 ♦ Q ♣ ---</p>
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Declarer ruffed another club, and now knew that South had either started with a 4-1-4-4 pattern or 3-2-4-4 shape. To cover both eventualities he exited with his fifth diamond. If trumps had been 4-1 then South would have to ruff and be forced to concede a trick to the ♠9. As it was, South needed to protect his trump trick so could not ruff in, but North could ruff the diamond and South could discard...but what?

He could discard his heart winner, but then North would either have to lead a losing heart to neutralize South's trump winner, or a club, to let East ruff in safely. The same would apply if he pitched his ♣A. After a club discard Auken could lead a heart to Welland's king but he was now trump endplayed at trick twelve. Call it an elopement, or decompression (the reverse of a squeeze since South really wants to discard twice on the same trick) or just plain bridge magic.

### ACCURATE READING

Dealer: West  
Vul: Both  
Brd 20

♠ 10 6 4  
♥ K J 7 4  
♦ K 4  
♣ Q 9 8 6

♠ A J  
♥ 5 3  
♦ Q J 9 5 2  
♣ J 10 3 2

♠ K Q 9 8 7 2  
♥ 10 9 8  
♦ 7 6 3  
♣ K

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

West Bell	North	East Byrne	South
		1NT	Pass
2NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	3♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
3♣ <sup>(♥)</sup>	Pass	4♥	All Pass
<small>(1) Puppet Stayman</small>			
<small>(2) Promises a major</small>			

Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
4	-	3	-	♥
-	1	-	1	♦
3	-	3	-	♣

Michael Byrne playing with Mike Bell reached 4♥ on an unopposed auction after opening the East hand a 14+-17 no-trump.

Had the defenders led and continued spades (North overtaking at trick one and playing the ♠J) then shifting to a club, North falls victim to a squeeze in the minors. But South led his ♣K to trick one. Byrne won and drew trumps, then ducked a spade. North flew up with the ace and returned the suit, South overtaking to play a third spade. North (who had discarded a diamond on the third trump) now pitched another diamond. This was the ending:

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

Byrne played three rounds of diamonds ruffing in dummy, then exited from the board with a low club to force North to win and lead into the club tenace at trick 12.

### DEFEND WITH YOUR LIFE

The USA Ish team may not have been setting the tournament alight, but Chris Willenken and Dennis Bilde worked some magic here:

Dealer: West  
Vul: N-S  
Brd 28  
Yeh Teams QR9

♠ A  
♥ Q 9 5 4  
♦ A 10 5  
♣ J 9 8 6 4

♠ J 8 5 3  
♥ 10 8 7 6 3 2  
♦ 9 8 6  
♣ ---

♠ K 10 6 4  
♥ A K  
♦ Q J 4 2  
♣ Q 3 2

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

West Tanaka	North Bilde	East Yokoi	South Willenken
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦ <sup>(gf)</sup>	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Makeable Contracts				
2	-	3	-	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
-	1	-	1	♥
2	-	1	-	♦
5	-	5	-	♣

Dennis Bilde's lead of ♦9 travelled round to the queen and ace. Declarer tested clubs to find the bad news, North pitching two hearts then a diamond. Willenken now shifted to a low spade to declarer's ace, and a heart was ducked to the jack and king.

Willenken could see the endplay looming on him. To get out of his own way, he shifted to ♠10. Declarer won in dummy pitching a heart from hand, and had reached this ending:

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

Declarer led a low club from dummy, Willenken pitching a diamond, and now West had to decide which hand he wanted to win the fifth club in. He chose to win it in hand, (best) by following with the jack, so Willenken could pitch the ♠K on the fifth club!

Declarer ducked a heart to South now, but squeezed dummy in the process. When he pitched a diamond from the dummy, Willenken could win and exit in diamonds, to the now bare king and now North could take the last two tricks in spades.

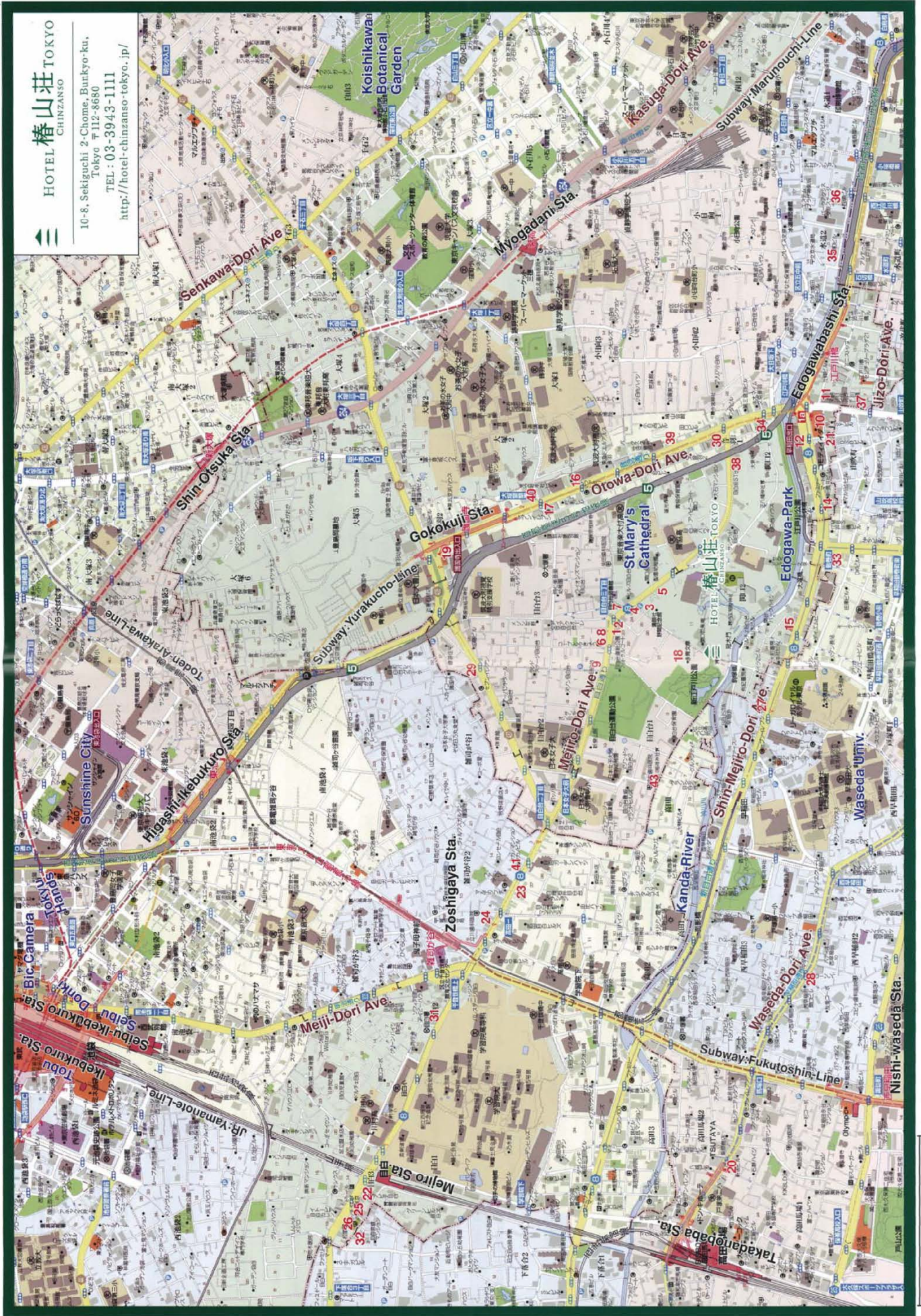
## RESULTS of 2015 YEH BROS CUP

<b>OPEN TEAMS</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	<b>China Open:</b> Sun Shaolin, Hu Linlin, Li Xiaoyi, Liu Jing, Hou Xu, Kang Meng
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	<b>RedBull:</b> Zhang Ligang, Sun Yanhui, Simon De Wijs, Bauke Muller, Liu Li, Lu Yiping
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	<b>Poland:</b> Michał Nowosadzki, Krzysztof Buras, Jacek Kalita, Grzegorz Narkiewicz
	4 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>RedBull:</b> Noberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Lorenzo Lauria, Agustin Madala, Alfredo Versace, Antonio Sementa
<b>OPEN PAIRS</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Michael Byrne – Mike Bell
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	Paul Hackett – Tom Hanlon
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	Terje Lie – Eric Saelensminde
<b>PAIRS CONSOL- ATION</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Ivan Nanev – Rosen Gunev
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	Dennis Bilde – Chris Willenken
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	Barry Myers – Sally Brock



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## Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo Neighborhood Guide

### Restaurants

Name	Type	Telephone	Address	Opening hours	Remarks & Closed on
5 Ononoha	Café	3942-1077	Sekiguchi 2-11-13	9:30-16:30 LO	Mon
6 Shinkaiya	Soba	3941-2866	Mejirodai 3-15-2	11:00-20:30 LO	Fri
7 Tavema I	Italian	6912-0780	Sekiguchi 3-18-4	11:30-14:00 (weekdays) 17:30-21:30 (weekdays) 12:00-21:30 (Sat, Sun, Nat. Holidays)	Tue
9 iz	Bar	3947-1136	Mejirodai 3-16-4	11:30-15:00 (Lunch) 18:00-26:00 (Bar)	Mon
10 Yanagi	Sushi	3260-1365	Sekiguchi 1-48-12	11:00-14:00 LO (weekdays, Sat) 17:00-21:30 LO (weekdays, Sat) 11:00-20:30 LO (Sun, Nat. Holidays)	Wed
10 Nonbei	Japanese Pub	3260-4911	Sekiguchi 1-47-12	17:00-2:30 LO	Open Daily
11 Benkei	Soba	5206-5540	Sekiguchi 1-10-11	11:30-14:00 17:00-23:00 LO 17:00-22:00 LO (Sat, Sun, Nat. Holidays)	Open Daily
11 Rakuraku	Chinese	3235-0607	Sekiguchi 1-10-10	11:00-4:00	Open Daily
12 Tensen	Tempura	5261-2751	Sekiguchi 1-23-6	11:45-13:30 LO 18:00-21:00 LO	Sun, Mon, Nat. Holidays
12 Kaika	Indian	5228-7829	Sekiguchi 1-23-6	11:00-15:00 17:00-22:30 LO (Tue-Sun)	Open Daily
14 Manpuku Gyoza Bo	Chinese	3268-1968	Sekiguchi 1-44-3	11:00-15:00 LO 17:00-23:00 LO	Open Daily
16 Royal Host	Family Restaurant	3943-3009	Oiowa 1-15-15	7:00-23:30 LO	Open Daily
17 Hana no mai	Japanese Pub	5978-6500	Oiowa 1-17-11	11:30-14:00 (weekdays) 16:00-1:00 (weekdays) 15:00-0:00 (Sat, Sun, Nat. Holidays)	Open Daily
19 Sokaro	Yakitori	6902-0980	Oiowa 2-11-20	11:30-13:30 LO (Fri) 18:00-23:30 LO (Mon-Fri) 17:30-22:30 (Sat)	Sun
20 Café Cotton Club	Café Restaurant	3207-3369	Takadanobaba 1-17-14	11:30-4:00 LO	Open Daily
21 Hatsutomi	Udon	3260-9234	Sekiguchi 1-48-5	11:00-15:00 17:00-22:15 LO	Sun, Nat. Holidays
23 Yamachan	Robata	3984-8839	Takada 1-36-22	17:00-22:30 LO	Sun, Nat. Holidays
24 Toritsaune	Yakitori	3986-7117	Zoshigaya 2-5-4	17:00-22:30 LO	Sun, Nat. Holidays
25 Yosuko	Chinese	3952-4121	Mejro 3-4-12	11:30-15:00 (weekdays) 17:00-21:30 LO 11:30-21:30 LO (Sat, Sun, Nat. Holidays)	Open Daily
25 Le Mont St. Michel	French, Galette	6915-3857	Mejro 3-4-15	11:30-14:30 LO (weekdays) 18:00-22:30 LO (weekdays) 11:30-22:30 LO (Sat, Sun, Nat. Holidays)	Open Daily
27 Gantetsu	Ramen	6302-1281	Nishiwaseda 1-10-4	11:30-15:00 (weekdays) 18:00-21:00 (weekdays) 11:30-16:00 (Sun)	Mon
28 Ippudo	Ramen	5272-0039	Nishiwaseda 2-15-7	11:00-2:00	Open Daily
30 Bar Feathers	Spanish Bar	5978-4500	Oiowa 1-25-13-2F	17:00-1:00 LO	Sun, Nat. Holidays
31 Le Vin Quatre	French	5954-1977	Mejro 2-3-3	11:30-13:30 LO 18:00-21:00 LO	Wed
32 Den no ji	Oden	3954-3855	Shimoochiai 3-2-16	17:00-21:30 LO	Sun
35 Hashimoto	Eel Restaurant	3811-4850	Suido 2-5-7	11:30-14:00 16:30-19:30 LO	Thu

Name	Type	Telephone	Address	Opening hours	Remarks & Closed on
36 Ishibashi	Eel Restaurant	3813-8038	Suido 2-4-29	11:30-13:30 LO 18:00-19:30 LO	Sun, Mon, Nat. Holidays
37 Freshness Burger	Hamburger	5227-2733	Sekiguchi 1-7-5	8:00-22:00 9:00-21:00 (Sat, Sun)	Open Daily
38 Sekiguchi Bakery	Bakery Café	3943-1965	Sekiguchi 2-3-3	8:00-18:00 8:00-17:00 (Sun, Nat. Holidays)	Open Daily
40 Uchouten	Ox tongue Japanese	3945-8985	Oiowa 2-1-2	11:30-14:00 (Mon-Wed) 17:30-23:00 LO (Mon, Tue) 17:30-1:00 LO (Wed-Fri) 17:30-22:30 LO (Sat)	Sun, Nat. Holidays

### Others

Name	Type	Telephone	Address	Opening hours	Remarks & Closed on
1 Dr. Suzuki	Physician	3941-1590	Mejirodai 1-23-7	9:00-12:30 15:00-18:00	Sun, Nat. Holidays Wed, Sat PM closed
2 Post office		3941-2552	Mejirodai 1-23-8	9:00-17:00 ATM 9:00-18:00 (weekdays) 9:00-17:00 (Sat)	Sat, Sun, Nat. Holidays
3 Noma Museum	Museum	3945-0947	Sekiguchi 2-11-30	10:00-17:00 (16:30 Last entry)	Mon, Tue
4 Mikasaya	Stationery	3941-9324	Mejirodai 1-24-9	7:30-19:00 9:00-19:30 (Sunday)	Open Daily
8 Aeon my basket	Supermarket	5978-6833	Mejirodai 3-15-28	8:00-24:00	Open Daily
10 Seibundo	Bookstore	5261-7448	Sekiguchi 1-47-12	10:00-22:00 10:00-20:00 (Sun, Nat. Holidays)	Open Daily
10 Comody Iida	Supermarket	3287-2891	Sekiguchi 1-47-12	9:00-23:00	Open Daily
11 Seven Eleven	Convenience store	9280-9117	Sekiguchi 1-10-10	24 hours	Open Daily
11 Mizuho	Bank	3269-2211	Sekiguchi 1-21-10	9:00-15:00 ATM 6:00-26:00 (weekdays) 8:00-22:00 (Sat) 8:00-21:00 (Sun, Nat. Holidays)	Sat, Sun, Nat. Holidays
15 Seven Eleven	Convenience store	3207-3301	Sekiguchi 1-29-3	24 hours	Open Daily
18 Eisei-Bunko	Museum	3941-0850	Mejirodai 1-1-1	10:00-16:30 (16:00 Last entry)	Mon
22 Tanakaya	Liquor store	3953-8888	Mejro 3-4-14	11:00-20:00	Sun
26 Matsumoto Kiyoshi	Drug store	5988-7073	Mejro 3-5-15	10:00-21:00	Open Daily
29 Showa Shell	Gas Station	5940-5253	Mejirodai 2-4-11	24 hours	Open Daily
33 Sunkus	Convenience store	5292-1075	Waseda Tsunakicho 865	24 hours	Open Daily
34 Natural Lawson	Convenience store	3941-2351	Oiowa 1-26-1	24 hours	Open Daily
38 Hatoyama Hall		5976-2800	Oiowa 1-7-1	10:00-16:00 (15:30 Last entry)	Mon
40 Gunrindo	Japanese Confectionery	3941-8281	Oiowa 2-1-2	9:30-13:00	Sun
41 Quick Boy	Repair Shoes & Bags	3995-9129	Zoshigaya 2-2-2	10:00-20:00 10:00-19:00 (Sun, Nat. Holidays)	Open Daily
43 Iwai Drug Store	Drug store	5229-0352	Nakazatocho 6-7	10:00-21:00	Open Daily

\* Opening hours and days are subject to change without notice.



## TEAM ROSTERS: 2017 Yeh Bros Cup

#	TEAMS	PLAYERS
1	Netherlands	Simon de Wijs, Bauke Muller, Bas Drijver, Sjoert Brink
2	Kranyak	John Kranyak, Vincent Demuy, John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge
3	Japan 2	Kyoko Shimamura, Makiko Sato, Megumi Takasaki, Yuki Fukuyoshi, Akiko Yanagisawa, Toshiko Kaho
4	Japan 3	Kotomi Asakoshi, Tadashi Teramoto, Masaaki Takayama, Takeshi Niekawa, Shugo Tanaka, Hiroaki Miura
5	IsPolta	Ehud Friedlander, Inon Liran, Ron Pachtman, Piotr Zatorski, Massimiliano Di France, Andrea Manno
6	Beijing BEIH	Deng Zhuodi, Kang Meng, Sun Shaolin, Liu Jing, Liu Yinghao, Yin Jiashen
7	India	Bendre Kaustubh Milind, Majumder Debabrata, Mukherjee Sumit, Nandi Kaustabh, Kirubakara Moorthy, Ramaratnam Krishnan
8	Pharon	Justin Hackett, Jason Hackett, Tom Hanlon, Paul Hackett, Alex Hydes
9	Chinese Taipei	Herstein Liu, Edward Yeh, Mou Chen, David Yang, Jiang Gu
10	France	Thomas Bessis, Frederic Volcker, Ola Rimstedt, Mikael Rimstedt
11	China Open	Jin Zhan Jie, Bi Shu Guang, Wei Yu, He Wen Jiong, Jing Xu, Shi Bin
12	Singapore	Kelvin Ng, Poon Hua, Loo Choon Chou, Zhang Yukun, Fong Kien Hoong, Lam Cheng Yen
13	PD Times	Marc Chen, Fu Zhong, Li Jie, Hou Xu, Patrick Huang, Zhao Yanpei
14	Germany	Helmut Häusler, Martin Rehder, Christian Schwerdt, Julius Linde
15	Australia	Justin Mill, Peter Hollands, Andrew Peake, Peter Gill, David Beauchamp, Matthew Thomson
16	BulGer	Roy Welland, Sabine Auken, Jerry Stamatov, Dylan Danailov
17	Sweden	Frederic Wrang, Fredrik Nyström, Johan Upmark, Johan Sylvan
18	Monaco	Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Pierre Zimmermann, Krzysztof Martens, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace
19	Shanghai Finance	Shan Baisong, Huo Shiyu, Shi Haojun, Wang Xiaojing, Li Xiaoyi, Chen Jun
20	YBM	Chen Yeh, Ya Lan Zhang, Juei Yu Shih, Ping Wang, Dawei Chen, Diego Brenner
21	Poland	Piotr Gawryś, Michal Klukowski, Krzysztof Jassem, Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Krzysztof Buras, Grzegorz Narkiewicz
22	Kokish	Eric Kokish, Fred Gitelman, Curtis Cheek, Huub Bertens
23	Japan 1	Akihiko Yamada, Kyoko Ohno, Masayuki Ino, Kazuhiko Yamada, Kazuo Furuta, Hiroshi Kaku
24	Norway	Allan Livgard, Terje Aa, Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist
25	Pertamina Indonesia	Taufik Asbi, Beni J Ibradi, Franky Karwur, Robert Parasian, Julius A George, Kurniadi Djauhari
26	Pepsi	Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco, Jacek Pszczola, Josef Blass, Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki

### Draw for Round 1

1 v 9      2 v 6      3 v 18      4 v 16      5 v 7      8 v 12  
10 v 13    11 v 17    14 v 15    19 v 21    20 v 26    22 v 25    23 v 24

**Draw for rounds 2-10:** Swiss, no playbacks

## LUNCH

Every day the organisers will order 40 Japanese box lunches (bentos) and 40 sandwich sets. These will be available for 1000Yen each outside the playing area. First come, first served.

# 2017 Yeh Bros Cup Schedule

SUNDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> July					
19:00	<b>Captains' Meeting</b>				
MONDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> July					
09:30 – 10:50	Qualify Swiss Round 1	Bds 01-10	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LUNCH</b></p> <p>Every day the organisers will order 40 Japanese box lunches (bentos) and 40 sandwich sets. These will be available for 1000Yen each outside the playing area. First come, first served.</p> </div>		
11:10 – 12:30	Qualify Swiss Round 2	Bds 11-20			
	<i>Lunch Time</i>				
14:00 – 15:20	Qualify Swiss Round 3	Bds 21-30			
15:40 – 17:00	Qualify Swiss Round 4	Bds 01-10			
17:20 – 18:40	Qualify Swiss Round 5	Bds 11-20			
19:00	<b>** Welcome Dinner **</b>				
TUESDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> July					
09:30 – 10:50	Qualify Swiss Round 6	Bds 21-30			
11:10 – 12:30	Qualify Swiss Round 7	Bds 01-10			
	<i>Lunch Time</i>				
14:00 – 15:20	Qualify Swiss Round 8	Bds 11-20			
15:40 – 17:00	Qualify Swiss Round 9	Bds 21-30			
17:20 – 18:40	Qualify Swiss Round 10	Bds 01-10			
WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> July					
09:30 – 11:40	Knockout 1, Seg. 1	Bds 01-16	09:30 - 10:50	Consolation Swiss Rd 1	Bds 01-10
12:00 – 14:10	Knockout 1, Seg. 2	Bds 17-32	11:10 - 12:30	Consolation Swiss Rd 2	Bds 11-20
	<i>Lunch Time</i>		12:50 - 14:10	Consolation Swiss Rd 3	Bds 21-30
15:30 – 17:40	Knockout 2, Seg. 1	Bds 01-16	15:40 - 17:00	(4 teams) Cons. Swiss R4	Bds 01-10
18:00 – 20:10	Knockout 2, Seg. 2	Bds 17-32	17:20 - 18:40	Consolation Swiss Rd 5	Bds 11-20
THURSDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> July					
09:30 – 11:40	Knockout 3, Seg. 1	16 bds	09:30 - 10:50	(4 teams) Cons. Swiss R6	Bds 21-30
12:00 – 14:10	Knockout 3, Seg. 2	16 bds	11:10 - 12:30	Consolation Swiss Rd 7	Bds 01-10
	<i>Lunch Time</i>		12:50 - 14:10	Consolation Swiss Rd 8	Bds 11-20
15:30 – 17:40	Knockout 4, Seg. 1	16 bds	16:20 - 19:50	Open Pairs Qualification	Bds 01-27
18:00 – 20:10	Knockout 4, Seg. 2	16 bds			
FRIDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> July					
09:30 - 11:40	Final & Play-off, Seg 1	Bds 01-16	09:30-13:00	Pairs Semi-Final	Bds 01-27
	<i>Lunch Time</i>			<i>Lunch Time</i>	
13:10 – 15:20	Final & Play-off, Seg 2	Bds 17-32	14:00-17:30	Pairs Final & Consolation	Bds 01-27
15:35 – 17:45	Final & Play-off, Seg 3	Bds 33-48			
19:00	<b>** Victory Dinner **</b>				
VENUE LOCATIONS					
<b>Hotel</b>	Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo (the former Four Season Tokyo)				
<b>Captain's Meeting</b>	Bamboo Room, Hotel 2F				
<b>Welcome Dinner</b>	Wisteria Room, Hotel 1F				
<b>Yeh Cup Bridge</b>	Ballroom, Hotel 1F				
<b>Victory Dinner</b>	Jupiter, Plaza 4F (in the Plaza, located at another part of Chinzanso)				