



THE 7th ASIA PACIFIC BRIDGE CONGRESS FUKUOKA 2012



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Ino-Teramoto Win APBF Open Pairs

Saturday they led the qualifiers into the APBF Open Pairs final, averaging a mere 63.67 percent over the two sessions. Yesterday they led wire-to-wire, backing up a 64 percent first session with a 56 percent second session to average just under 60 percent for the two final sessions. In second place were Zhou Jiahong and Chen Yinglei, averaging 56.7 percent over the two final sessions. In third place, almost one percent behind second, were Shi Xiao and Li Jianwei with 55.84 percent. The complete championship rankings can be found on page 6, along with those for the Consolation Pairs. The rankings for the afternoon and evening Beginners Cup events are on page 7. Today's Open Teams match-ups are on page 5.



Tadashi Teramoto–Masayuki Ino

Today's VuGraph Matches

Match 1 (10:00)	Match 2 (14:00)	Match 3 (16:40)
SHENZHEN NANGANG vs Japan well fitted	Australia Yarralumla Yabbies vs Japan NON PROBLEM	Pan-China Construction vs Japan City Bridge

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The General Conditions of Contest for the 2012 APBF Congress are on the JCBL website at:

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The Supplementary Regulations for the 2012 APBF Congress are on the JCBL website at:

<http://www.jcbl.or.jp/Portals/0/apbf2012/english/information/SupplementaryRegulations.pdf>

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE for All Captains!

Please report the number of players from your team who will be attending the Closing Ceremony (on Sunday, September 2, at 7:00 pm) to us either at the Hospitality Desk or in the APBF Main Office (the Kusu Room). We need your response by Monday, August 27, at 5:00 pm. Thank you.

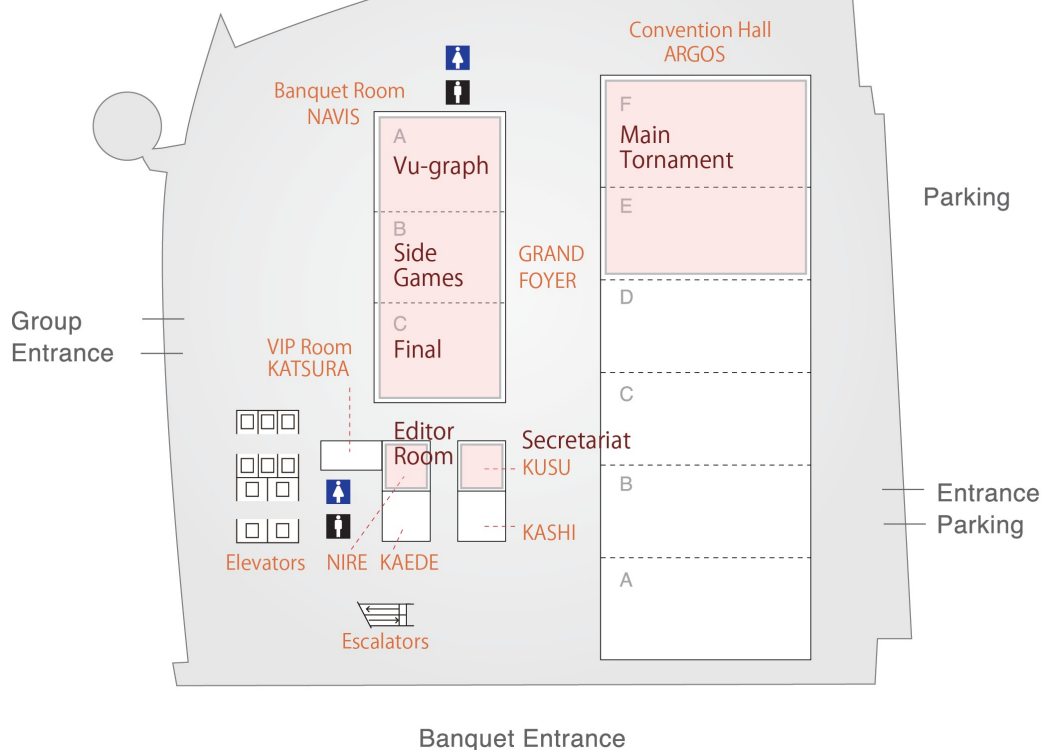
PCs with Internet access will be available for player use in the Navis A Room (where line-ups are submitted, opposite the playing area)

APBF Congress: General Schedule of Events

APBF Congress Championships			Side-Games	
DATE	TIME	EVENT	TIME	EVENT
8/27 (Mon)	10:00-19:00	APBF Teams Qualifying (RR) (See next page for details)	10:00-17:30	Stratified Pairs Sectional (Open /Δ1000MP)
8/28 (Tue)	10:00-19:00	APBF Teams Qualifying (RR) (See next page for details)	10:00-17:30	Stratified Pairs Sectional
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]
			10:00-17:30	Stratified Pairs [Open/Δ1000MP]
9/1 (Sat)	09:00-:00	APBF Teams Semi-Finals (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)
9/2 (Sun)	09:00-17:30	APBF Teams Final (KO) (See next page for details)	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. 27 Mon.	10:00 12:20	Round 1	Round 1	1st Rd. 1	1st Rd. 1
	14:00 16:20	Round 2	Round 2	1st Rd. 2	1st Rd. 2
	16:40 19:00	Round 3	Round 3	1st Rd. 3	1st Rd. 3
Aug. 28 Tue.	10:00 12:20	Round 4		1st Rd. 4	1st Rd. 4
	14:00 16:20	Round 5	Round 4	1st Rd. 5	1st Rd. 5
	16:40 19:00	Round 6	Round 5	1st Rd. 6	1st Rd. 6
Aug. 29 Wed.	10:00 12:20	Round 7		1st Rd. 7	1st Rd. 7
	14:00 16:20	Round 8			
	16:40 19:00	Round 9		2nd Rd. 1	2nd Rd. 1
	19:00 21:00	Happy Summer Night !			
Aug. 30 Thu.	10:00 12:20	Round 10	Round 6	2nd Rd. 2	2nd Rd. 2
	14:00 16:20	Round 11	Round 7	2nd Rd. 3	2nd Rd. 3
	16:40 19:00	Round 12	Round 8	2nd Rd. 4	2nd Rd. 4
Aug. 31 Fri.	10:00 12:20	Round 13	Round 9	2nd Rd. 5	2nd Rd. 5
	14:00 16:20	Round 14	Round 10	2nd Rd. 6	2nd Rd. 6
	16:40 19:00	Round 15	Round 11	2nd Rd. 7	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			



Today's Open Teams Programs

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

Today's Women, Senior & Youth Teams Programs

Women	Senior	Youth
Match 1		
Japan Shimamura- Korea Alpha	Japan Lycaon - AUSSIES	Shanghai Weiyu - Japan Youth B
Japan Takeuchi - Japan Evolution	Chinese Taipei - China Shanxi eld.	CHN RDFZ 1 - Japan Youth A
Australia Women - Australia BOURKE	MAGIC EYES THAI - Japan YAMADA	Japan Youth K - CHN RDFZ 2
Japan Merci - Japan Sugino	Japan PS bridge - Japan NOSE	Beijing Yindi - Chinese Taipei
Japan Naito - Japan Misotoma		
Shenyang Olystar - BYE		
Match 2		
Japan Evolution - Shenyang Olystar	China Shanxi eld - Japan Lycaon	Japan Youth A - Shanghai Weiyu
Korea Alpha - Japan Takeuchi	AUSSIES - Chinese Taipei	Japan Youth B - CHN RDFZ 1
Japan Misotoma - Australia Women	Japan NOSE - MAGIC EYES THAI	Chinese Taipei - Japan Youth K
Australia BOURKE - Japan Merci	Japan YAMADA - Japan PS bridge	CHN RDFZ 2 - Beijing Yindi
Japan Sugino - Japan Naito		
Japan Shimamura- BYE		
Match 3		
Shenyang Olystar - Korea Alpha	Japan Lycaon - Japan YAMADA	Shanghai Weiyu - CHN RDFZ 2
Japan Shimamura - Japan Evolution	Chinese Taipei - Japan NOSE	CHN RDFZ 1 - Chinese Taipei
Australia Women - Japan Sugino	MAGIC EYES THAI - AUSSIES	Japan Youth K - Japan Youth B
Japan Merci - Japan Misotoma	Japan PS bridge - China Shanxi eld.	Beijing Yindi - Japan Youth A
Japan Naito - Australia BOURKE		
Japan Takeuchi - BYE		

APBF Open Pairs and Consolation: Final Rankings

Final

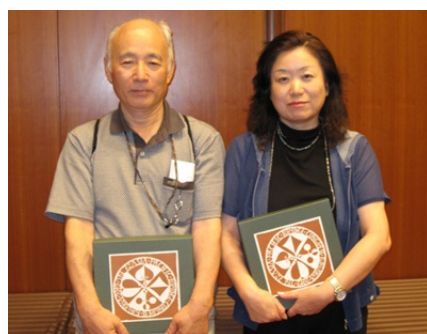
Pair	Score	Rank
Masayuki Ino–Tadashi Teramoto	421	1
Zhou Jiahong–Chen Yinglei	398	2
Shi Xiao–Li Jianwei	392	3
Poon Hua–Loo Choon Chou	387.5	4
Hiroki Yokoi–Takeshi Niekawa	382.5	5
Li Xiaoyi–Liu Haitao	381	6
Toru Henmi–Kikuo Tatai	375	7
K F Mak–Charmian Koo	370	8-9
Derek W P Zen–Alan Sze	370	8-9
Hiroko Yanagisawa–Shugo Tanaka	367	10
Vallapa Svangsopkul–Virat Chinmanas	363	11
Esther Sophonpanich–Somchai Baisamut	362.5	12
Ross Crichton–Pam Crichton	361.5	13
Liu Jie–Hu Linlin	360	14
Bian Jinsheng–Zhu Minrong	359	15
Wang Rui–Gan Xinli	352	16
Daisuke Sugimoto–Yuusuke Kishi	342	17
Brian Senior–Kumiko Ishii	340	18
Hu Ruixuan–Sun Shiyu	337.5	19
Kenji Miyakuni–Yukiko Tokunaga	336	20
Xu Su Hong–Zhao Yan	331	21
Greer Tucker–Margaret Bourke	327	22
Takahiko Hirata–Hiroshi Kaku	321.5	23
Kunio Kodaira–Masako Otsuka	313	24
Yoko Nenohi–Yoshiko Sakaguchi	304.5	25
Sheng Ming–Wu Yuwei	302.5	26
Du Bing–Wang Dade	300	27
Susumu Nabeshima–Aiko Nabeshima	271	28

Consolation

Pair	Score	Rank
Takehiko Tada–Miho Furuta	720.66	1
Seijiro Yajima–Hidenori Narita	710.25	2
Zhuo Di–Liu Jing	702.66	3
Akiko Yanagisawa–Toshiko Kaho	692.41	4
Ryohei Orihara–Naoko Orihara	681.16	5
Toshihiro Katsube–Masako Katsube	667.32	6
Jeannette Collins–Val Brockwell	660.32	7
Leone Moffat–Julia Hoffman	658.55	8
Shunsuke Morimura–Tadashi Imakura	656.34	9
Keiji Kawai–Ken Sakiyama	655.75	10
Fang Zheng Yang–Yin Jiashen	651.32	11
Shozo Yamagata–Noriko Moriwaki	648.5	12
R Brightling–D Hoffman	644.95	13
Hisa Matsumoto–Naoto Matsumoto	641.18	14
Li Le Qing–Ding Jing Heng	639.45	15
Mitsuru Tanaka–Masako Kuwahara	634.25	16
Robert Geller–Setsuko Ogihara	632.5	17
Kazuko Tango–Seiko Hachisu	630.55	18
Hung Cjang Hung–Sohei Murakami	623.84	19
Huang Hao Wei–Lin Chin Yang	620.55	20
Kyoko Sugita–Hiroaki Miura	610.95	21
Haruko Koshi–Yayoi Sakamoto	610.41	22
Lian Sui Sim–Lam–Lam Ze Ying	606.09	23
Kyoko Toyofuku–Yumiko Oda	605.5	24
Yasuko Kosaka–Nobuko Matsubara	604.59	25
Masanori Yamashita–Hisako Yamaguchi	599.05	26
Ryo Matsubara–Mark LaForge	598.82	27
Yuko Ishizuki–Chiwako Kiyoshi	593.66	28
Teruo Miyazaki–Takako Fujimoto	592.75	29
Motoaki Shiga–Hiroyuki Taguchi	591.05	30
Masakatsu Sugino–Akiko Miwa	585.32	31
Kazuko Takahashi–Sumiko Sugino	580.68	32
Nophanai Niyomchoke–Arnond Rotrugsa	576.34	33
Minoru Mizuta–Yumiko Mizuta	573.66	34
Sho Aita–Kengo Nakasuka	559.95	35
Helen Hellsten–Sue Grenside	556	36
Sadako Nakajima–Ryoga Tanaka	554.68	37
Yu Zhi Ye–Yu Chih Hen	553.7	38
Isuzu Watanabe–Yoko Sakakibara	548.16	39
Han Chul Soon–Moon Soon Myung	547.45	40
Takashi Sugimoto–Hisaki Takeda	543.55	41
Shiuan Miao–Rinsei Osawa	537.34	42
W K Wong–York Liao	535.68	43
Kim Sun Young–Yu Min Jung	519.18	44
Cho Jung Soon–Hong Jin Hee	446.95	45
Satashi Hashimoto–Tadahiro Kikuchi	441.76	46
Choi Anhee–Choi Jing Jin	427.84	47
Tomoko Yasui–Hiroko Nagaoka	424.84	48



Tadashi Teramoto–Masayuki Ino



Takehiko Tada–Miho Furuta

Sunday Beginner Cup Results

Afternoon

Names	F	OA-Pt	OA-Rank
Koichi Ishii–Kenya Kitajima	B	288	1:1
Miho Nakao–Kimie Matsuyama	B	264	2:2
Yukiko Ohno–Reiko Mitamura	B	257.5	3:3
Teruyoshi Kotake–Kazuko Kotake	A	253.5	4
Haruki Yamamoto–Mifue Yamamoto	B	244.5	5:4
Yoko Sato–Akiko Kikuchi	A	236	6
Yumiko Shimoda–Sumie Adachi	B	235.5	7-8:5
Haruko Sakamoto–Michiko Kinoshita	A	235.5	7-8
Toshiko Yarimizu–Tomoko Ando	B	234.5	9:6
Shuichi Ishii–Tomoko Ishii	A	232.5	10
Takehiko Takahashi–Mitsuyoshi Higashi	B	227	11:7
Mitsuko Mochizuki–Kyoko Kawauchi	B	226.5	12:8
Miyoko Shoyama–Kayoko Nonaka	A	224.5	13
Takeshi Fujita–Keiko Fujita	B	224	14-16:9-11
Makiko Matsumoto–Hiroko Eto	B	224	14-16:9-11
Akiko Sano–Tadashi Matsushima	B	224	14-16:9-11
Kyoko Kawakami–Sumiko Kitano	A	221	17
Megumi Hiramatsu–Mihoko Sato	A	220.5	18-19
Miho Tanno–Noriko Machida	B	220.5	18-19:12
Reiko Aso–Hideko Ikari	B	217.5	20:13
Fumiko Uchida–Keiko Yamamoto	B	215	21:14
Kumiko Sato–Etsuko Watanabe	B	213.5	22:15
Keiko Watabe–Hiroyuki Watanabe	B	212	23:16
Ritsuko Kajizuka–Suzuko Hashizume	A	208.5	24-25
Taeko Shibata–Tomiko Sugawara	B	208.5	24-25:17
Michio Kawai–Mieko Shibata	A	204	26
Miho Nagao–Machiko Ueda	B	200.5	27:18
Kazuyoshi Takaya –Kazuhide Mitamura	B	199.5	28:19
Yuki Harada–Shoudai Hiwatashi	B	197	29:20
Kiyomi Okukawa–Kazuko Mishima	B	193	30:21
Yoko Wada–Yoko Obana	A	192	31
Kenji Ushijima–Kayoko Ushijima	A	183	32
Shigeo Yoshida–Yasuyo Uegaki	A	166.5	33
Motoko Tahara–Madoka Sirai	B	166	34:22
Nobuo Oyadomari–Tetsuro Takada	B	164.5	35:23
Taeko Katsuki–Keiko Tanaka	B	163.5	36:24
Junko Yasukochi–Harumi Yamazaki	B	157.5	37:25
Satoshi Natsume–Waka Natsume	A	142.5	38
Emiko Shibata–Kayoko Kono	B	132	39:26
Kouichi Iwashige–Satoko Iwashige	B	130	40:27

Evening

Names	F	OA-Pt	OA-Rank
Kiyomi Okukawa–Kazuko Mishima	B	269.00	1:1
Toshiko Yarimizu–Tomoko Ando	B	266.50	2:2
Miyoko Shoyama–Kayoko Nonaka	A	264.00	3
Akiko Sano–Tadashi Matsushima	B	263.45	4:3
Yoko Wada–Yoko Obana	A	253.50	5
Yoko Sato–Akiko Kikuchi	A	251.50	6
Satoshi Natsume–Waka Natsume	A	250.00	7
Koichi Ishii–Kenya Kitajima	B	247.50	8:4
Haruko Sakamoto–Michiko Kinoshita	A	246.50	9
Haruki Yamamoto–Mifue Yamamoto	B	239.50	10:5
Kyoko Kawakami–Sumiko Kitano	A	232.10	11
Takehiko Takahashi–Mitsuyoshi Higashi	B	231.00	12:6
Takeshi Fujita–Keiko Fujita	B	228.50	13:7
Taeko Shibata–Tomiko Sugawara	B	228.00	14:8
Yukiko Ohno–Reiko Mitamura	B	222.00	15-16:9
Ritsuko Kajizuka–Suzuko Hashizume	A	222.00	15-16
Mitsuko Mochizuki–Kyoko Kawauchi	B	218.50	17:10
Machiko Narutaki–Junko Obana	B	215.00	18:11
Miho Tanno–Noriko Machida	B	214.00	19:12
Kenji Ushijima–Kayoko Ushijima	A	212.85	20
Fumiko Uchida–Keiko Yamamoto	B	211.50	21:13
Yuki Harada–Shodai Hiwatashi	B	210.00	22:14
Yumiko Shimoda–Sumie Adachi	B	199.65	23:15
Michio Kawai–Mieko Shibata	A	196.90	24
Nobuo Oyadomari–Tetsuro Takada	B	188.65	25:16
Motoko Tahara–Madoka Sirai	B	188.10	26:17
Megumi Hiramatsu–Mihoko Sato	A	185.50	27
Makiko Matsumoto–Hiroko Eto	B	183.50	28:18
Emiko Shibata–Kayoko Kono	B	182.05	29:19
Miho Nagao–Machiko Ueda	B	181.50	30:20
Keiko Watabe–Hiroyuki Watanabe	B	181.00	31:21
Kazuyoshi Takaya–Kazuhide Mitamura	B	180.50	32-33:22
Teruyoshi Kotake–Kazuko Kotake	A	180.50	32-33
Reiko Aso–Hideko Mori	B	179.85	34:23
Yoko Ishibashi–Masataka Akashi	B	178.50	35:24
Kumiko Sato–Etsuko Watanabe	B	174.50	36:25
Miho Nakao–Kimie Matsuyama	B	172.50	37:26
Shigeo Yoshida–Yasuyo Uegaki	A	170.50	38
Taeko Katsuki–Keiko Tanaka	B	166.00	39:27
Mitsuko Kubota–Kimiko Nishikawa	B	156.00	40:28
Junko Yasukochi–Harumi Yamazaki	B	125.50	41:29



Koichi Ishii–Kenya Kitajima



Kiyomi Okukawa–Kazuko Mishima

Welcome



Yokohama, Japan



YEH BROS CUP BRIDGE INVITATION

22nd - 26th APRIL 2013

Hosted by Japan Contract Bridge League

Sponsored by Mr. Yeh Chen

Venue: PACIFICO YOKOHAMA Conference Center, Yokohama, Japan



NEC BRIDGE FESTIVAL

16th - 21st APRIL 2013

Hosted by Japan Contract Bridge League

Venue: PACIFICO YOKOHAMA Conference Center, Yokohama, Japan

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Bangkok

Bridge Festival Championships

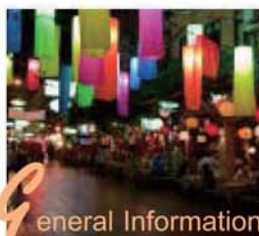
January 29 - February 3, 2013

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

Prizers : 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 perference.

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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ASEAN BRIDGE CLUB OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Bali, 5-9 December 2012

WARMING UP FOR THE WORLD BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP 2013



VENUE Sanur Beach Hotel - Bali - Indonesia

Organizing Committee

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Website: <http://aseanbridge34bali.com>



SPECIAL OFFER! Arita Day Tour

Ladies, don't miss it!

JCBL invites the participants of the 2012 APBF Congress Fukuoka to join us for a special day trip to Arita. The town is internationally renowned for its production of the world's finest porcelains. The sightseeing tour takes you to the main store of Fukagawa Seiji Co, a porcelain manufacturer. In their galleries, you can enjoy rich artistic crafts of their own craftsmen. You can also experience porcelain painting there.



Date: August 29th, 2012, Wednesday

Meeting Time: 7:40 am, at the bus stop of the Hilton Fukuoka Sea hawk (1st floor)

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The APBF Open Pairs Final

by Barry Rigal

First Final Session:

Refreshed, raring, and ready to go, the reporters rumbled raucously into the room, raised their pens and...suddenly, nothing happened.

Bd: 5
Dlr: North
Vul: N/S

North
♠ 2
♥ 75
♦ AQ753
♣ AJ983

West
♠ AK865
♥ KQ96
♦ 96
♣ Q4

East
♠ 1093
♥ A42
♦ K84
♣ K1062

South
♠ QJ74
♥ J1083
♦ J102
♣ 75

Board 5 presented a problem for the E/W pairs, one rarely solved. When the auction began 1♦-Pass-1♥ West typically overcalled 1♠. North joined in with 2♣ and East produced a constructive raise (2♦ or 2♥ according to choice; should there be a difference?). Now what was West to do? Over a 2♥ cue-bid 3♥ might be best, while over a 2♦ cue-bid 2♥ is clearly simplest and best. One way you might stop in a partscore, the other way you are probably locked into a decent 4♠ — though making it is another matter.

Three of the 14 declarers played game and went down; most of the rest of the field played a spade partscore. Where I was watching it was popular to win the heart lead, which looked like a singleton, then cash the top trumps. Now nine tricks were the limit. In 2♠ K F Mak, playing with Charmian Koo, received a diamond lead and continuation and won the second diamond to lead a club to the queen and ace. He ruffed the third diamond, took one top trump, then crossed to the ♥A to take a spade finesse. South covered, so he won, played the top hearts, ruffed a heart, then cashed the ♣K and was in dummy at trick 12 with his ♠86 poised over the ♠J7 for one more trick. Plus 170 was worth 10/13.

Bd: 7
Dlr: South
Vul: Both

North
♠ J85
♥ J106532
♦ J8
♣ J8

West
♠ K43
♥ 987
♦ 643
♣ 9652

East
♠ A9
♥ AK
♦ K102
♣ AKQ1074

South
♠ Q10762
♥ Q4
♦ AQ975
♣ 3

Board 7 was not exciting in the bidding (13/14 tables reached 3NT by East, most after South opened 1♠). Where South was on lead having opened 1♠ he went for the surprise attack of a diamond; wouldn't you? Declarer won and had 11 tricks secure — but wanted more; greed, after all, for want of a better word, is good. And if that is good enough for Gordon Gekko it is good enough for me. Where Margaret Bourke was declarer she ran her clubs pitching diamonds from dummy and was lucky enough to have a North who discarded spades. In the six-card ending South came down to three spades, two diamonds and the bare ♥Q. Now the ♥AK squeezed him without the count. He pitched the ♦Q and now Bourke ducked a diamond, claiming when the ♦A appeared.

Bd: 8
Dlr: West
Vul: None

North
♠ AJ10
♥ K6
♦ AK8753
♣ J3

West
♠ 6
♥ 54
♦ Q9642
♣ Q9875

East
♠ 987542
♥ Q93
♦ J
♣ AK6

South
♠ KQ3
♥ AJ10872
♦ 10
♣ 1042

Board 8 surprised me, and the E/W pairs were probably also exceedingly disappointed by the poor performance of the N/S field here. For example, when Hiroko Yanagisawa and Shugo Tanaka held the N/S cards they bid competently to 4♥ and the defense tried to cash three rounds of clubs. Declarer ruffed, unblocked the ♥K and went to dummy to play

the ♥A. When the ♥Q put in an appearance that was a fast +450 and 12.5/13 MP! Why was that? Well, at another table I saw Esther Sophonpanich and Somchai Baisamut playing against a strong club system. Baisamut (East) overcalled 2♠ over 1♣ and heard 3♥ to his left, 3NT to his right, passed out after much cogitation by South. He was blessed with the natural club lead that sank the contract at once. No fewer than six pairs met this fate. By contrast, when Lui Haitao declared 4♥ as South on an unopposed sequence, he won the singleton spade lead in hand and went for the maximum by cashing ♦AK at once. It would surely have been better to ruff a low diamond at trick three. When Bourke offhandedly ruffed the ♦K with the ♥Q he elected to overruff and lead a heart to the six. Nice idea, wrong moment. Bourke won, cashed her clubs, then gave her partner a spade ruff for down one.

Bd: 10
 Dir: East
 Vul: Both

North
 ♠ K853
 ♥ 10874
 ♦ 6
 ♣ QJ54

West	East
♠ A104	♠ 9
♥ Q32	♥ AKJ95
♦ Q104	♦ AK872
♣ A1093	♣ 72

South
 ♠ QJ762
 ♥ 6
 ♦ J953
 ♣ K86

Board 10 was a deal where declarer was going to stand little chance in 6♥ against silent opponents. The then leaders Zhou Jiahong and Chen Yinglei reached 6♥ after their opponents had overcalled 1♠ and raised preemptively to 3♠. On a spade lead you win and draw trumps, finding the preempter with four of them. If you know he has 4-4 in the majors, might you contemplate the diamond finesse? It's easier with the sight of all four hands, I admit. Brian Senior found the play with far fewer clues. He had propelled himself to 6♥ in a 2/1 auction in which North had doubled spades. On the lead of ♠Q he won and drew trumps, South pitching three spades. It doesn't seem quite clear to finesse on the basis of so little evidence but who are we to argue with success? (We're the bulletin editors, we can argue with *anyone*!) Du Bing and Wang Dade managed to bring home the slam as well.

Bd: 23
 Dir: South
 Vul: Both

North
 ♠ ---
 ♥ AQJ9852
 ♦ J65
 ♣ A107

West	East
♠ KJ72	♠ AQ109843
♥ 74	♥ K63
♦ K74	♦ A3
♣ K432	♣ 8

South
 ♠ 65
 ♥ 10
 ♦ Q10982
 ♣ QJ965

Board 23 saw a couple of extremely unusual contracts by N/S, neither of which fared well. At one table South tried to show the minors over 4♠ in a competitive auction by bidding 4NT to ask partner to pick a minor. He is still waiting. The defenders took seven spades to squeeze the North hand out of its diamonds and now they could take the ♦AK, then shift to a heart for down seven. And that seventh undertrick was vital, of course, since +600 would have been a near zero with 4♠ collecting +620.

At another table Ross Crichton opened 2♠ to show both minors or a strong hand and his wife played 5♣x on a spade lead. Pam could ruff and lead the ♥A, then the ♥J, but East alertly covered. (If he ducks declarer can discard from dummy and get out for 500.) While Pam could score two club ruffs in hand and four trumps in dummy to go with one diamond, that was still -800 and a bottom.

Bd: 26
 Dir: East
 Vul: Both

North
 ♠ 3
 ♥ AQ52
 ♦ AJ10973
 ♣ J8

West	East
♠ AK64	♠ 1097
♥ 964	♥ 7
♦ Q642	♦ 85
♣ 32	♣ K1097654

South
 ♠ QJ852
 ♥ KJ1083
 ♦ K
 ♣ AQ

The last board of the session posed a tricky problem: how to reach a slam when one hand has a critical shortage control in his partner's long suit. I thought Vallapa Svangsopkul and Virat Chinmanas coped well. They bid: 1♠-2♦; 2♥-4♥; 5♣-6♥. The defenders led a top spade, which made the cross-ruff easy, but on any defense declarer can ruff out the diamonds easily enough.

The APBF Open Pairs Final

by Rich Colker & Barry Rigal

Second Final Session:

This time it's serious!

Again the shortage of time (we're under a midnight curfew) forced us into a mixed approach to the deals. The first half of our coverage features a detailed examination of par, the second half a slightly more detailed review of what actually happened at the table as opposed to what *should* have happened.

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ A10964		
Vul: None	♥ KQJ10954		
	♦ ---		
	♣ 9		
West		East	
♠ Q872		♠ KJ5	
♥ 72		♥ A	
♦ Q7		♦ J109532	
♣ K8764		♣ J52	
	South		
	♠ 3		
	♥ 863		
	♦ AK864		
	♣ AQ103		

In contrast to the hands we reviewed in the second qualifying session on Saturday, the final session began with a distributional slam-monster for North. Most bridge books discourage players from reversing with only 10 hcp, but if there was ever a hand that provided a convincing exception to that principle, this has to be it. Any pair that managed to get to 6♥ found that the lucky trump blockage prevented the defense from playing two rounds of trumps, allowing declarer to ruff two spades in dummy, pitch two more on the ♦AK, and claim twelve tricks. Of course if the defense of two rounds of hearts were possible declarer could always win in dummy and test diamonds en route to ruffing the spade, then fall back on the club finesse. Was that +980 we heard you say? Yes it was. Eight pairs bid the slam, six stayed in game.

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ KQJ10		
Vul: N/S	♥ AJ7		
	♦ J42		
	♣ J107		
West		East	
♠ 974		♠ A862	
♥ 85		♥ 1062	
♦ 87		♦ AQ109	
♣ AK9632		♣ Q4	
	South		
	♠ 53		
	♥ KQ943		
	♦ K653		
	♣ 85		

N/S appear to have only four losers in a heart partial, but if the defense gets off to a diamond lead (after an auction like: 1♦-1♥-P-2♦; P-2♥-AP), East inserting the nine, declarer must lose two diamonds, two clubs, and the ♠A. If instead West begins with three rounds of clubs, East must ruff the third to prevent giving South an immediate pitch. South then over-ruffs, draws trump in two rounds, and sets up two spade pitches with a trump as a re-entry to dummy. Even if the defense could somehow work out to play the three top clubs without crashing any honors, declarer could ruff, draw two (not three) rounds of trumps, then knock out the ♠A without fear of a ruff by West (who obligingly started with only two trumps). Then later declarer plays the third trump to dummy, pitches two diamonds on spades, then leads a diamond toward the king and East, with only diamonds left, must concede declarer his ninth trick with the ♦K. At the table hearts took nine tricks somewhat more often than eight; not exactly surprising.

E/W pairs who play weak jumps in competition might put some pressure on N/S by jumping to 3♣ over South's 1♥ overcall in an auction like the example above. If an undisciplined North can't abide by South's 3♥ signoff he might get his side too high. Alternatively, if a timid South cannot stand to overcall 1♥ on that suit E/W might just buy the hand in either 1NT, 2♣ or 3♣, any of which promise to be a good result for their side (1NT should result in +120, 2♣ in +90, and 3♣ in -50 against N/S's +140).

Bd: 3	North		
Dlr: South	♠ Q5		
Vul: E/W	♥ 986		
	♦ A8652		
	♣ A62		
West		East	
♠ 1082		♠ K7643	
♥ KJ102		♥ Q43	
♦ KJ		♦ 93	
♣ K875		♣ Q103	
	South		
	♠ AJ9		
	♥ A75		
	♦ Q1074		
	♣ J94		

At some tables South will open a weak notrump and play it there; at others he will open 1♦ and from there the future becomes murky. If North eschews his five-card support and bids a slightly top-heavy 1NT he'll likely play there and on the normal spade lead there are nine tricks (after knocking out the ♦K and getting a heart shift). If North decides to support diamonds

with his limit-raise strength hand either an invitational 3♦ or an inverted 2♦ will get his side to the three level. And while there appear to be five likely losers (unless West leads a trump or a spade — both pretty unlikely), things may not be as dreary as they seem. Suppose West leads a heart. South wins, crosses to the ♦A, takes the spade finesse, ruffs his third spade in dummy and exits with a trump. The defense can cash two more hearts but must then either offer a ruff-and-sluff or break the club suit to declarer's advantage. (If East leads the first club declarer puts in the nine, forcing West's honor, then leads the second round from dummy; if West leads the suit first declarer ducks to East's honor, then puts in the nine on the return. In either case he loses just one club.)

For the record, 1NT by North for +180 was the most common result, which suggests that maybe a lot of South's opened a Precision 1♦ or a nebulous club here.

Bd: 4
Dlr: West
Vul: Both

North
♠ AQ765
♥ 10865
♦ K2
♣ K6

West
♠ 108
♥ K4
♦ Q643
♣ AQJ82

East
♠ J432
♥ QJ97
♦ A75
♣ 109

South
♠ K9
♥ A32
♦ J1098
♣ 7543

The battle on Board 4 rates to take place at the two level. If West opens a weak notrump North will likely show the majors, in which case (depending on their system) N/S will end up in two of a major. If West opens 1♣ North will overcall 1♠ and now either N/S will end up playing 2♠ or E/W will end up playing 2♣, depending on whether South reopens after 1♣-1♠-Dbl-P; 2♣-P-P. 2♣ is cold provided declarer plays North for the short ♦K (after South shows up with the ♥A and ♠K). 2♠ looks to have six losers (one spade, three hearts, one club and one diamond) but if declarer can manage to win two ruffs in his hand he can escape with eight winners (five trumps and one trick in each of the other suits). Our bets are on E/W having slightly the better of it (but Mr C isn't a gambling man, and this deal shows why; nine N/S plus scores, five small E/W pluses, with +100 being a shared top for E/W).

Bd: 5
Dlr: North
Vul: N/S

North
♠ 106
♥ AJ7
♦ J985
♣ K632

West
♠ KJ82
♥ Q9
♦ 72
♣ AQ854

East
♠ A975
♥ K10832
♦ A
♣ J107

South
♠ Q43
♥ 654
♦ KQ10643
♣ 9

At most tables E/W should buy the contract for some number of spades, where some number is four or more. In fact, two N/S had accidents and played part-scores: one in clubs). Those who settle for game will likely take 10 or 11 tricks, depending on which side the contract is played from. If East opens 1♥ can West bid 1♠ with only four or must he have five or more? If West responds 2♣ to 1♥ can East rebid 2♠ without showing extras? If East raises 2♣ to 3♣ will the spade suit get lost? Inquiring minds want to know.

Bd: 6
Dlr: East
Vul: E/W

North
♠ 10842
♥ 832
♦ 973
♣ Q96

West
♠ 3
♥ 1095
♦ Q1086
♣ AKJ54

East
♠ KQJ6
♥ KQJ6
♦ 52
♣ 873

South
♠ A975
♥ A74
♦ AKJ4
♣ 102

Everyone wants to open the East hand; no one wants to open 1♣. Traditional wisdom (from the days when four-card majors were *de rigeur*) is that you should open it 1♥; your editors would both open 1♥ playing five-card majors, and at least one of them would pass a 1NT response even if it were forcing — but he'd prefer you didn't tell his clients that. Maybe today 1♣ seems normal (given the modern trend toward minor-suit devaluation) but somehow it just feels wrong being mis-descriptive, anti-positional, and (literally) mis-leading. Those who open 1♣ will find partner getting really excited and for the remainder of the auction they deserve to squirm and wriggle until partner lets them off the hook (if he ever does). A possible 1♣ auction might be: 1♣-Dbl-2NT-P; 3♣-P-3♦-P; 3NT-AP (where shows an invitational or better club raise). North will lead a spade and the contract will fail with the ♣Qxx offside. And it will be hard to

fault West's decision to bid on after the 3♣ signoff. After all, give East a mere 9-count for his opening bid (♠xxxx ♥x ♦AKx ♣Qxxxx) and 5♣ is almost laydown. Add the ace of either major and slam is certain. Other Wests may elect to overbid to show spade shortness (via a splinter of some sort) and those pairs will be even more likely to end up in 3NT going down. Top scores go to those who manage to stay low. They say the meek shall inherit the earth. We don't know about that, but on this deal they should certainly inherit the matchpoints.

Bd: 7
Dlr: South
Vul: Both

North	♠ QJ5		
	♥ Q1042		
	♦ Q107		
	♣ 864		
West	♠ AK1063	East	♠ 74
	♥ A85		♥ KJ9763
	♦ J984		♦ A652
	♣ J		♣ 2
	South		
	♠ 982		
	♥ ---		
	♦ K3		
	♣ AKQ109753		

On this deal the first thing that strikes you is South's club suit. But N/S can only take 9 tricks in clubs (if E/W get their spade ruff) and have no shot at making 3NT; indeed, E/W can take the first 9 tricks in that contract. So upon further consideration we turn to what E/W can make, and that is 4♥ as the traveler indicates. Three pairs made ten tricks here and two were in game, one of them doubled. South leads a top club and switches to, say, a spade. East wins the ace in dummy, plays ace and a heart, winning as cheaply as possible, crosses back to dummy with a spade, finesses in hearts again, draws the last trump, and gives up two diamonds, eventually taking six hearts, two spades and two diamonds. Lots of +620s E/W, a few +500s and +200s (no spade ruff) for those unlucky enough to be playing a N/S pair who can find their 5♣ save — more than half the field.

Bd: 8
Dlr: West
Vul: None

North	♠ 73		
	♥ AQ73		
	♦ A63		
	♣ AJ73		
West	♠ AQ1085	East	♠ 94
	♥ 86		♥ K954
	♦ KQJ87		♦ 1094
	♣ Q		♣ 9654
	South		
	♠ KJ62		
	♥ J102		
	♦ 52		
	♣ K1082		

N/S win the high card race 23-17, but the best they can do is +110 for 3♣ — if E/W allow them to play there. Smart E/W pairs will compete to 3♦ for +110 their way but even smarter N/S pairs will attain par in 4♣x for -100. In fact 2NT by South down two was the most common result here.

Bd: 9
Dlr: North
Vul: E/W

North	♠ 5		
	♥ Q4		
	♦ AJ753		
	♣ J8532		
West	♠ Q109862	East	♠ KJ4
	♥ J952		♥ 8763
	♦ 8		♦ Q2
	♣ K4		♣ AQ76
	South		
	♠ A73		
	♥ AK10		
	♦ K10964		
	♣ 109		

N/S can make either 3NT or 5♦, though in the latter case if the defense starts with three rounds of clubs declarer must guess whether or not to ruff high and play West for the trump queen and length (since he has the shorter clubs, East having opened 1♣ in second seat). Of course the vulnerability is all wrong for E/W to consider saving in 4♠ over 3NT (and in any case N/S could press on to 5♦). Five pairs did make 5♦ here — our guess is that few were tested by the club lead.

Bd: 10
Dlr: East
Vul: Both

North	♠ ---		
	♥ 62		
	♦ J107654		
	♣ K9754		
West	♠ Q109873	East	♠ K2
	♥ 1087		♥ AQ4
	♦ Q3		♦ AK98
	♣ J3		♣ A1082
	South		
	♠ AJ654		
	♥ KJ953		
	♦ 2		
	♣ Q6		

Lots of distribution around the table, but "it is a tale...full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." E/W have the only eight-card fit (6-2 spades), but the adverse spades split 5-0 so you'd think that any attempt to play in that suit would result in a less-than-satisfactory ending. But you'd be wrong. When East opens the inevitable 2NT (or the equivalent, such as 2♦ in some systems) he will become declarer, almost

certainly in 4♠. Deep Finesse says the contract is cold, but having now gone through a good many of the permutations on defense about the only thing we can tell you for sure is that virtually every time South gains the lead in a situation where he might possibly defeat the contract (because declarer made an intuitive play that won't work) he must make an incredibly counter-intuitive play in order to retain his advantage — and we failed to do so every time! That's why we get to be editors not players; two pairs did make 4♠ here perhaps on a heart lead? Meanwhile one played 3NT and racked up 630; fun but not as much fun as defending 5♥x-4, as one E/W pair discovered.

The bulletin team (in this case specifically the sleep deprived one) had roused himself from his slumbers and come down to finish off the pairs final. Greeted by the news that his only pre-tournament pick of Tadashi-Ino were leading the field he decided to focus his attention on a batch of consecutive tables that he could keep an eye on at the same time (Barometer scoring being in use). I'm not sure if it is remarkable or not, but just in case, let me make the following observation: I watched 12 deals at three tables and saw precisely one pair of identical auctions. It was regularly the case that the three tables produced different opening bids at each of the three tables, and more often than not it was the case that if the first positive call was the same as that at the next table, the second bid was not the same. That is what makes the game fascinating; every call pretty much made sense — but that doesn't mean the final contact did.

Bd: 17	North	
Dlr: North	♠ AKQ2	
Vul: None	♥ 6432	
	♦ 93	
	♣ A74	
West		East
♠ 8753		♠ J96
♥ KJ9		♥ Q87
♦ J2		♦ KQ876
♣ KJ53		♣ Q8
	South	
	♠ 104	
	♥ A105	
	♦ A1054	
	♣ 10962	

Board 17 is a good example of what I mean. The three results I saw featured a 1NT opening bid by North and two 1NT rebids by South, but at one of them East had overcalled 1♦ and at one of them he'd passed. Ino came off worst here when he passed over 1NT and led a fourth-highest diamond. Declarer played low from dummy and Teramoto "expertly"

followed the odds by ducking — the right play if declarer's doubleton diamond included the king or queen but not the nine. As it was, Ross Crichton scored his ♦9 at trick one and drove out the heart honors, scoring +120 and 11/13. At the other two tables West led a high spade against South's 1NT. Declarer won in hand and played on hearts. Seven tricks look easy now, but both declarers let the defense come to seven tricks before they did. Minus 50 was worth just 2.5 MP for N/S.

Bd: 18	North	
Dlr: East	♠ 109642	
Vul: N/S	♥ A1085	
	♦ 106	
	♣ 95	
West		East
♠ AKQ3		♠ 875
♥ K9		♥ Q3
♦ QJ2		♦ K9874
♣ Q874		♣ K106
	South	
	♠ J	
	♥ J7642	
	♦ A53	
	♣ AJ32	

On this deal Ino was back in the hot seat as East. He passed and heard 1♥ to his left, double from his partner, then 3♥ to his right. He passed, as did his LHO. When his partner balanced, how many diamonds was he worth now? Ino bid only 4♦; cowardly, perhaps, but right on target today. After a spade lead the defenders had three aces and a ruff and he needed to play the club suit in double-dummy fashion (low to the king after stripping the hand) to escape for down one and an above-average score (because at the other two tables I was watching — one where South opened 1♥, one where he passed — West bid 1NT and East bid 3NT, down 100, without the option on a heart lead. Minus 100 was worth 10.5 MP for N/S.

Bd: 19	North	
Dlr: South	♠ J86	
Vul: E/W	♥ 10832	
	♦ K	
	♣ AKQ83	
West		East
♠ 1032		♠ AK954
♥ KJ6		♥ 94
♦ AJ10985		♦ 43
♣ 4		♣ J1072
	South	
	♠ Q7	
	♥ AQ75	
	♦ Q762	
	♣ 965	

On to the next round. Here it was hard for N/S to stay low; they generally competed to 3♥ over the making 2♠. Ino as East led a top spade against 3♥ and shifted to a diamond. Teramoto won the ace and continued the suit. Declarer unsuspectingly pitched a spade, won in dummy, crossed to the ♣A, and took a heart finesse. That saw him run into a diamond overruff with the ♥9. Now on perfect defense the ♠K should have been the entry for not one but two club ruffs. The defense could have set 3♥ no fewer than three tricks but, in fact, they only collected +100 for 9.5 instead of the full 13/13.

Bd: 20	North		
Dlr: West	♠ K976		
Vul: Both	♥ Q943		
	♦ Q8		
	♣ K63		
	West	East	
	♠ J2	♠ 10543	
	♥ A6	♥ 85	
	♦ KJ1043	♦ 9762	
	♣ J1095	♣ Q74	
	South		
	♠ AQ8		
	♥ KJ1072		
	♦ A5		
	♣ A82		

On the following deal it was very hard for Teramoto to avoid the trap his opponents set for him. Sitting West he heard N/S bid: 2NT (19-20 but who's counting?)-3♣; 3NT-4♦; 4♥-4♠; 5♣-5♥; P. Declarer has shown both majors and 4♦ transferred to hearts, with 4♠ being a cue-bid. It sounded like N/S were off the diamond suit so he led the ♦J. This was not fatal to his chances of holding declarer to 11 tricks but when Ino let go a spade on the run of the red suits the defenders had a zero. On a top club they would have had a top; -650 would have been worth just 2 MP.

Bd: 22	North		
Dlr: East	♠ K10		
Vul: E/W	♥ AK63		
	♦ Q93		
	♣ K832		
	West	East	
	♠ AJ97652	♠ 43	
	♥ 4	♥ 109872	
	♦ K1084	♦ AJ75	
	♣ A	♣ 109	
	South		
	♠ Q8		
	♥ QJ5		
	♦ 62		
	♣ QJ7654		

This deal produced some of the most disparate results of any in the first two days. Where I was watching the West players opened 1♠, then heard a double to their left and 2♣ to their right. They bid 2♠

and had to decide what to do when 3♣ came back to them. Both passed — unduly pessimistic, I think — and conceded -130 or -150, depending on how well they defended. At the third table Susumu Nabeshima heard his wife Aiko compete to 3♠ and he awarded himself a fourth. His opponents suggested he play 8♠ instead, and he had the last laugh by collecting +990.

Bd: 24	North		
Dlr: West	♠ A653		
Vul: None	♥ 6		
	♦ AJ9		
	♣ AQ752		
	West	East	
	♠ J2	♠ 10874	
	♥ KQ10753	♥ A8	
	♦ K5	♦ 1042	
	♣ J43	♣ K1086	
	South		
	♠ KQ9		
	♥ J942		
	♦ Q8763		
	♣ 9		

Holding the South cards Ino heard Somchai Baisamut — who on the small sample of deals I've seen him play appears to be almost as aggressive a preempter as Ino himself — open 3♥ and Teramoto double. Opting for caution Ino bid only 4♦ and the defenders led the ♥K, then shifted to a spade. Ino's reasonable line was to ruff a heart in dummy and play ace and a second diamond to kill the spade ruffs. Alas for him, that lost his overtrick when West won his ♦K and cashed a heart. But +130 was still average. By contrast, Ross Crichton was living a little more dangerously. Although the opponents had bid, rebid, and raised hearts he found himself in 3NT. But not to worry. West led a top heart and with that suit now blocked he could not be prevented from taking nine tricks when the diamonds were as friendly as could be.

Bd: 25	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 98		
Vul: E/W	♥ K54		
	♦ 94		
	♣ AK9752		
	West	East	
	♠ 742	♠ AKJ5	
	♥ Q976	♥ 1032	
	♦ J752	♦ AK10	
	♣ 104	♣ J63	
	South		
	♠ Q1063		
	♥ AJ8		
	♦ Q863		
	♣ Q8		

The three opening bids I saw with the North cards were 1♣ (understandable and successful), 3♣ — Ino at work (see what I mean about those preempts) — and a mini notrump from K F Mak, a call also not low

on testosterone. Ino heard a double on his left and 3♥ on his right, down 200 when no one could double. The other opening bidders reached game but Mak was doubled in 1NT. He rescued himself to 2♣ and was allowed to play there for +110. Is it always too tough to bid game on such auctions?

Bd: 26 North
 Dlr: East ♠ A85
 Vul: Both ♥ A64
 ♦ 864
 ♣ K842

West
 ♠ 104
 ♥ KQJ953
 ♦ J2
 ♣ A95

East
 ♠ KQJ632
 ♥ 10
 ♦ AQ1093
 ♣ 10

South
 ♠ 97
 ♥ 872
 ♦ K75
 ♣ QJ763

The field did far better than the three E/W pairs I was watching here. While most Easts played 4♠, eight making ten tricks and one eleven, at all three tables I watched West insisted on hearts and East allowed himself to be overruled. On a club lead two declarers ruffed a club, played a spade, and now could not do better than take nine tricks against accurate defense. I guess with 6-5 you not only have to come alive, you also have to end up as declarer.

Bd: 27 North
 Dlr: South ♠ AJ8
 Vul: None ♥ Q7654
 ♦ Q94
 ♣ A10

West
 ♠ KQ1073
 ♥ 9832
 ♦ K
 ♣ 982

East
 ♠ 952
 ♥ AKJ
 ♦ A10
 ♣ QJ654

South
 ♠ 64
 ♥ 10
 ♦ J876532
 ♣ K73

The South cards can be handled in a number of ways you might think. You could pass, say no-bid, use the green card...surely you jest. One of the three tables I was keeping an eye on (Teramoto) did pass but the other two actions chosen were a weak 2♦. Kishi-Sugimoto ended up defending 4♠x for +300 against the second place pair, Zhou and Chen, while Hirata-Kaku bid 3♦-3NT and were charmed to receive a low club lead to the ten. That meant +400 and perhaps the mistaken belief that while crime doesn't always pay, it does sometimes. Just for the record, Miyakuni-Tokunaga made 3NT here — as E/W.

As for Teramoto's original pass, he ended up backing into the auction at the three level; I guess some hands are just too good to pass. Nothing bad happened: his opponents played 4♠ down 100 when the defenders took all their ruffs.

The final results showed Ino-Teramoto winning by close to two tops; the Crichtons won a somewhat low-scoring second set with about a 60% game.

More from Lille...

**Old men forget yet all shall be forgot;
But he'll remember with advantages...**

by Barry Rigal

When we ran this defensive problem a day or two ago we remarked that after a top club lead gets discouragement, a spade shift might be best in theory and certainly works in practice.

<p>♠ 62 ♥ AKJ2 ♦ AQ52 ♣ Q103</p>			
♠ A ♥ 9876 ♦ KJ73 ♣ 9765		♠ 543 ♥ 10543 ♦ 1096 ♣ AKJ	
<p>♠ KQJ10987 ♥ Q ♦ 84 ♣ 842</p>			
West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT 4♠	Pass All Pass	4♥(♠)

We thanked our source of the deal, Steen Moller, but we didn't realize that like so many oldies, he had had a small senior moment. He had neglected to tell us that the play in question (not found in either room of his senior match) had in fact been found by his partner's wife in the Women's series. That's the last time he gets invited to Dorthe Scholtz for dinner.

Mark Horton's Best Bid Candidate

Bd: 11	♠ K872	
Dir: South	♥ J52	
Vul: None	♦ J876	
	♣ 105	
♠ J653 ♥ 7 ♦ 102 ♣ AK9764		♠ A4 ♥ A10863 ♦ AKQ4 ♣ Q8
	♠ Q109 ♥ KQ94 ♦ 953 ♣ J32	

Open Room

West <i>de Wijs</i>	North <i>Multon</i>	East <i>Muller</i>	South <i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣(1)	Pass
1♥(2)	Pass	1♠(3)	Pass
2♣(4)	Pass	2♦(3)	Pass
2♥(5)	Pass	2♠(3)	Pass
2NT(6)	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥(7)	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣(8)	Pass	6♣	All Pass

- (1) 16+
- (2) 4+♠, GF
- (3) Relay acceptance
- (4) 4+♣
- (5) 4♠, 5+♣
- (6) Short hearts
- (7) 4=1=2=6/4=1=1=7
- (8) 3 controls

Declarer won the heart lead, ruffed a heart, drew trumps, came to hand with a diamond, ruffed a heart and could establish and reach a long heart. North had pitched a diamond on the third trump so that was +940.

Closed Room

West <i>Nunes</i>	North <i>Drijver</i>	East <i>Fantoni</i>	South <i>Brink</i>
		1♥(1)	Pass
1♠(2)	Pass	2♣(3)	Pass
2♦(4)	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass
(1) 14+ (or a good 12/13), 5+♥ or 11-13 with 5+♥ and 4♠			
(2) 0-9, 4+♠			
(3) 14-17 nat or 17+ unbal			
(4) 6-9			

South led the ♠10 so that was +460 and 10 imps to The Netherlands.

Rule of Restricted Choice

by Marek Wójcicki

It's the quarterfinal of the Open Teams, Italy against Poland, the last board of the third segment. Put yourself in the position of Giorgio Duboin. Sitting West you have: ♠Q64 ♥A2 ♦AQJ10 ♣AK105. This is the slightly matchpoint-oriented bidding:

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Zaremba</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Zak</i>
2NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	7♥	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

You are placed in the highest possible contract. North leads the ♥7 (Polish style, 2nd and 4th):

♠ Q64 ♥ A2 ♦ AQJ10 ♣ AK1 5	♠ AK98752 ♥ QJ10 ♦ 98 ♣ 4
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The queen is played from dummy and South plays

the four (reverse count). How do you continue?

You see that the contract is not a good one. With the ♠K onside 7♠ will make with correct play (after a black suit lead, with spades 2-1, you discard dummy's diamond on the club honor, check if the ♦K falls, and then finesse the heart, which is slightly better than the 50 percent chance of the diamond finesse). But how do you make 7NT?

South has not led a heart from the king, so the Rule of Restricted Choice says that the chances that the ♦K is offside are higher than 50 percent. Is there a way to take 13 tricks when the diamond finesse does not work?

Duboin found it — the double squeeze. The ♦98 are the threat against the king in the North hand and the communication in clubs is comfortable. He cashed the ♠Q as both opponents followed. Then he cashed the ♥A (maybe the king was second). Then a spade to the ace and a diamond from dummy, to give some hope to supporters of the Polish team. The ♦A from hand ended those hopes, and Duboin played the spades. Before the last spade the position was:

♠ —	♠ 2
♥ —	♥ J
♦ —	♦ 9
♣ AK105	♣ 4

When the last spade was cashed no red king appeared. Now the ♣A and ♣K and the squeeze worked. The complete deal:

Bd: 16	♠ 10	
Dlr: West	♥ 8763	
Vul: E/W	♦ K54	
	♣ Q9872	
♠ Q64		♠ AK98752
♥ A2		♥ QJ10
♦ AQJ10		♦ 98
♣ AK105		♣ 4
	♠ J3	
	♥ K954	
	♦ 7632	
	♣ J63	

This play earned 13 imps for the Italian team. Had he gone for the straightforward diamond finesse, Poland would have gained 17 imps. The match score after the board was 90-82, Poland.

The Decisive Board

by Phillip Alder

Obviously, when a 64-board match is won by only 7 imps, several deals could have reversed the result.

But this board from the final session settled the issue (rotated to make South declarer).

Bd: 58	♠ 7	
Dlr: North	♥ AQ10943	
Vul: Both	♦ A106	
	♣ Q52	
♠ AJ103		♠ Q6542
♥ 875		♥ KJ62
♦ J8543		♦ 2
♣ 7		♣ K96
	♠ K98	
	♥ ---	
	♦ KQ97	
	♣ AJ10843	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marsal	Chambers	Wenning	Schermer
	2♥(1)	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠(2)	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

(1) Constructive, 10-13

(2) Splinter bid

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Elinescu	Landen	Wladow
	2♥(1)	Pass	2NT(1)
Pass	3♥(3)	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

(1) 5♥, 4+m or 6♥, 10-14

(2) Asking

(3) One-suiter with short ♠

At both tables, West led a low diamond. In the Open Room, John Schermer put in dummy's ten, then played a spade to his king. West won the ace and gave his partner a diamond ruff. East then led the ♠Q but declarer ruffed in dummy and ran the ♣Q successfully to make his contract.

In the Closed Room, declarer also won with dummy's ♦10, but then called for the ♣Q. When Steve Landen (East) played low smoothly, South became worried that West would win from a singleton or doubleton king and give his partner a diamond ruff. Then cashing the ♠A would result in one down. So South reasonably went up with the ♣A and continued with the ten. However, East won his king, led a spade to the king and ace, and received a diamond ruff for down one. Plus 600 and +100 gave the USA Seniors 12 Imps — and the match.

Brilliancy Missed?

by Mark Horton

This deal — the penultimate one of the quarter-finals — caught my attention because a member of our

staff who was watching it said that although the computer indicated it was makeable he could not see how (and believe me this guy can play the spots off them).

Bd: 31 ♠ 98
 Dlr: South ♥ AQ98
 Vul: N/S ♦ J98
 ♣ J1097

♠ J4 ♠ AKQ753
 ♥ K65 ♥ J1043
 ♦ Q10652 ♦ —
 ♣ K43 ♣ A62

♠ 1062
 ♥ 72
 ♦ AK743
 ♣ Q85

The popular contract was 4♠ (a small number of pairs attempted 3NT and one made it on the lead of the ♥Q) with South leading a top diamond. After ruffing declarer can count on another five trump tricks and two clubs. The other two tricks required must surely come from hearts and quite a few people tried an immediate ♥J, which usually led to defeat. In the match between the Seniors from Denmark and the USA Peter Schaltz drew two rounds of trumps with the ace and the jack, then played a low heart. When North put in the eight he won with the jack, drew the missing trump and played a heart to the king and ace. He could now use the ♣K as an entry to lead towards the ♥10 for +420 and 10 Imps. That almost won the match for Denmark.

Suppose declarer follows a different course after ruffing the diamond lead: he simply draws trumps in three rounds and plays a heart to the king and ace. The club return is taken in dummy and declarer cashes two more trumps to bring about this ending:

♠ —
 ♥ Q9
 ♦ —
 ♣ 109

♠ — ♠ —
 ♥ 6 ♥ 104
 ♦ Q10 ♦ —
 ♣ 4 ♣ A62

♠ —
 ♥ —
 ♦ K7
 ♣ Q8

If either defender had discarded a heart declarer would be able to play a heart to establish a tenth trick. But he now has to decide whether hearts were originally 3-3 or the actual situation exists. In the latter case the winning line is to play the ace and another club, endplaying whichever defender wins and ensuring a trick for either the ♦Q or the ♥10. Well, one small clue might be the order in which

South played his hearts. In the Monaco-Netherlands match Helgemo played the two (upside down) on the first round as did Romanski (for the Polish Seniors), while Upmark falsecarded with the seven (upside down) against the USA, as did Meckstroth in the other room. On that scanty piece of evidence it looks as if it is down to a guess. Perhaps, but the odds of an initial 4-2 break are much higher and I'm not sure they have changed much.

What I can tell you is that the result of several of the quarter-final matches would have changed if a few declarers had found the winning line.

The Mirror Cracked from Side to Side

by Mark Horton

The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side is a work of detective fiction by Agatha Christie. It is set in the fictional English village of St. Mary Mead and features Miss Marple. It was dedicated by Christie: "To Margaret Rutherford, in admiration." The actress played the fictional detective in a number of films.

The title of the novel comes from the poem *The Lady of Shalott* by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. It is referred to by name several times in the novel, with these lines being frequently quoted:

*Out flew the web and floated wide-
 The mirror crack'd from side to side;
 "The curse is come upon me," cried
 The Lady of Shalott.*

Bridge players are well aware of hands that contain a mirrored distribution. On this deal from Round 10 of the Transnational Mixed Teams declarer failed to overcome her problem — but it took some cunning defense to crack the mirror.

Dlr: West ♠ KQ7
 Vul: Both ♥ 54
 ♦ Q106
 ♣ KQJ43

♠ AJ32 ♠ 8654
 ♥ AK82 ♥ J963
 ♦ A4 ♥ KJ
 ♣ 762 ♣ A106

♠ 109
 ♥ Q107
 ♦ 987532
 ♣ 95

West	North	East	South
Brown	Melbourne	Djurovic	Travis
1NT(1)	Pass	2♣(2)	Pass
2♦(3)	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

- (1) 14-17
 (2) 5-card Stayman
 (3) No 5-card M, at least one 4-card M

E/W did well to stop short of the hopeless game, but their mirror distribution made even 3♥ a problem. South led the ♠10. Declarer went up with the ace, cashed the top hearts, and when the queen failed to appear she cashed the ♦A, played a diamond to the king, and exited with a spade. North won, cashed another spade and exited with the ♣4. When declarer failed to put in the ten South won the nine, cashed the ♥Q, and exited with a club.

A Lead Disappears

by Brent Manley

The Americans had a 165-148 lead, but it all went away on Board 19.

Bd: 19	♠ QJ9		
Dlr: South	♥ J874		
Vul: E/W	♦ A107		
	♣ K54		
♠ 62		♠ AK108753	
♥ AQ5		♥ K932	
♦ J96		♦ —	
♣ QJ1097		♣ 83	
	♠ 4		
	♥ 106		
	♦ KQ85432		
	♣ A62		

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♥	4♠	5♦
5♠	Dbl	All Pass	

Hamman could have made his contract by playing North for his actual holding in spades, but after ruffing the opening diamond lead, he made the normal play of cashing a high spade. The contract could not be made from there, Hamman losing two clubs and a spade for one down; –200.

It was the action at the other table that resulted in the disaster for USA.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
			3♦
Pass	3NT	4♠	4NT
Dbl	All Pass		

Had Meckstroth run to 5♦, the biggest minus for his side would have been –650 if the Swedes had bid on to 5♠ and if Cullin had taken the right view in trumps — not a sure thing. Meckstroth has nine tricks in diamonds, so 5♦ doubled would have been only

–300. Either way, it would have avoided the calamity that occurred.

Cullin eschewed the spade lead that would have handed Rodwell his contract. Instead, he led a low heart to his partner's ace. The ♠6 went to the jack and king, and Cullin cashed the ♥K before going into a long huddle. He could cash the ♠K to assure the contract's defeat or he could try for more, risking a disaster for his side. Cullin had to bet on Bertheau's holding the ♥Q and another spade. If he was missing the ♥Q, Rodwell was going to take 10 tricks. If Bertheau had started with only one spade, at least the contract would be down. After long thought Cullin played a low heart to his partner's queen. Another spade through meant seven down, –1700, and 18 imps to Sweden, who now had the lead, 166-165.

Mamma Mia

by Micke Melander

Bd: 22	♠ AQ875		
Dlr: East	♥ 107		
Vul: E/W	♦ Q2		
	♣ J654		
♠ —		♠ 109	
♥ J932		♥ AKQ854	
♦ AJ9		♦ 65	
♣ AK10973		♣ Q82	
	♠ KJ6432		
	♥ 6		
	♦ K108743		
	♣ —		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmud'ski</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Petersson</i>
		1♥	3♣(1)
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	6♠	Dbl	All Pass
(1) ♠+♦			

Here Zmudzinski and Balicki weren't on speaking terms with each other. 4♠ for Zmudzinski was exclusion blackwood but for Balicki it was just a splinter. From there the bidding went out of control and the Poles took the money when Ahlesved finally sacrificed against 6♥ with 6♠.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Buras</i>
		2♥	4♦(1)
4♥	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♥	6♠	Pass	Pass
7♥	Dbl	All Pass	
(1) Leaping Michaels (♦+♠)			

In the Open Room Bertheau set up a trap for

Narkiewicz knowing the other side most probably had a huge fit in spades. First he tried to buy the hand in 4♥. When they bid 5♠, he gave the impression of sacrificing in 6♥. then, after 6♠, he finally bid 7♥, which should be makeable if partner has some support or club shortness. *Mamma Mia*, it was laydown from the East when North couldn't get in to give his partner a ruff to beat the contract. The Poles' +100 in the Closed Room didn't amoun to much against the Swedes' +2470 at the other table. That was 20 imps to Sweden — one of the highest scores in this championship.

England – Russia: Women's Final

by Mark Horton

I'll sign off with a nice example of technique, all the more impressive because it came near the end of a long match and 12 days play.

Bd: 28 ♠ QJ65
 Dlr: West ♥ A93
 Vul: N/S ♦ 982
 ♣ J1 9

♠ 92 ♥ J10862
 ♦ K107 ♣ KQ7

♠ A1087
 ♥ KQ5
 ♦ AJ3
 ♣ A43

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Khonicheva</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♦(1)
Pass	2♥(2)	Pass	2♠(3)
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) 18-19 bal, no 5-card M

(2) 4-card ♠

(3) 4-card ♠

West led the ♥10. Declarer won dummy's ace and advanced the ♠Q. When that held she played a spade to the ten and drew the outstanding trump as West discarded the ♥2. Now declarer followed the principle of elimination by cashing her top hearts, East discarding an encouraging diamond. She exited with the ♦J. West put up the king and returned the seven for the eight, queen and ace. Declarer exited with a diamond, not caring who won; +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Senior</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣(1)
1♥	Dbl	Pass	2♣(2)
Pass	2♦(3)	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

(1) 12-14 bal, may be 5♦; or 4=4=1=4 11-15; or any 16+

(2) GF+

(3) Minimum

West led the ♥J and the first variation in the play did not come until trick seven, when it was East who won the ♦J with the queen. She switched to the ♣6 and East won with the queen and played the ♦10 (a thoughtful deceptive card). All declarer had to do now was to win this and exit with a diamond, but when she ducked — playing West for the doubleton ♦10 — West could exit with the ♦K to endplay declarer. One down, –100, and 12 imps to the Champions.

Three Step(ping-stone)s to Heaven

by Barry Rigal

Bd: 3 ♠ KQ873
 Dlr: South ♥ QJ4
 Vul: E/W ♦ KQ64
 ♣ 8

♠ A942 ♥ 102
 ♦ 85 ♣ Q10752

♠ 10
 ♥ K873
 ♦ 107
 ♣ AKJ963

♠ J65
 ♥ A965
 ♦ AJ932
 ♣ 4

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
			1♣(1)
Pass	1♥(♠)	1♠	2♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

3NT doubled by Cullin would have been no fun at all on a club lead but Narkiewicz quite reasonably started with a low diamond to dummy's ten. East ducked the first heart (necessary) but won North's ♥J at trick three and returned the ♠J — ducked by West. (Yes, a club shift or an unlikely overtake of the ♠J by West would have worked.) Given this reprieve, Cullin made no mistake: he finessed in hearts and cashed the last heart winner, squeezing West:

♠ Q873
 ♥ ---
 ♦ KQ
 ♣ 8

♠ A94
 ♥ ---
 ♦ 8
 ♣ Q1075

♠ 65
 ♥ ---
 ♦ AJ92
 ♣ 4

♠ ---
 ♥ ---
 ♦ 7
 ♣ AKJ963

West has a card to spare and at the table he pitched a club. Cullin led a diamond to the king and ace, won the club return, cashed the second spade and threw West in to lead spades: a stepping-stone to his diamond winner. Had West kept a club winner and pitched a spade, Narkiewicz could have won the ♦A and played a club. But declarer can finesse and all West can take is one club and one spade.

If it wasn't for bad luck...

by Barry Rigal

...we'd have no luck at all. That was certainly the way the Poles would have felt about the seventh set.

Bd: 7 ♠ A72
Dlr: South ♥ A8732
Vul: Both ♦ J43
♣ 107

♠ J	♠ 10854
♥ 1094	♥ J
♦ AKQ92	♦ 10876
♣ AKQ8	♣ 9643

♠ KQ963
♥ KQ65
♦ 5
♣ J52

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
			1♠
DbI	2♥(♠)	Pass	2♠
3♦	All Pass		

It is hard to criticize Narkiewicz for his pass of 3♦; the ruffing value in hearts was surely going to be worth a trick or two but was that really enough here? Perhaps West would have gone on to game whether or not that was justified.

In the other room N/S had a different auction altogether, in which the E/W players were sucked into doing more bidding:

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
			1♠
DbI	2♦(♥)	Pass	3♥
DbI	RdbI	3♠	Pass
4♦	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	DbI	5♦	Pass
Pass	DbI	All Pass	

The key to the auction was East's decision to show both minors at his second turn. Now when the big heart fit came to light Nystrom took out a little insurance against 4♥ and was rewarded with +750 instead of -790.

Best Defense in Lille?

by Micke Melander

Fredrik Nyström demonstrated that he isn't just an Olympic Champion but also an illusionist creating magic. But first, before looking at what happened, let's put you in Balicki's position as declarer to try to solve the problem. Here are the N/S hands, rotated to make South declarer.

♠ AKQ83
♥ 9
♦ KQ1094
♣ A10

♠ 65
♥ KJ108743
♦ J75
♣ 2

The contract is 4♥ with the ♣6 opening lead. Neither opponent was in the auction.

You win the first trick with the ♣A, East following with the queen, indicating the jack but not the king. You think for a while and finally play a trump to the king, West wins the ace and plays back the ♣4. You call for the ten from dummy and the jack appears from East as you ruff. You continue with the ♥J, realizing that you probably misguessed solving the trump suit since West follows suit and East wins the trick with the queen. East cashes the ♦A and returns the ♠9, which you win in dummy. Now what? The full deal:

♠ AKQ83	
♥ 9	
♦ KQ1094	
♣ A10	

♠ J10742	♠ 9
♥ A6	♥ Q52
♦ 63	♦ A82
♣ K864	♣ QJ9753

♠ 65
♥ KJ108743
♦ J75
♣ 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Balicki</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Balicki got the impression that Nyström had the singleton ♦A, and instead of playing a diamond back to hand he tried to cash the ♠K and ruff a spade to return to his hand and pull the defenders last remaining trumps. Pure magic when Nyström's singleton was in spades rather than diamonds.

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happy summer night

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Place 1st Floor Argos Room

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