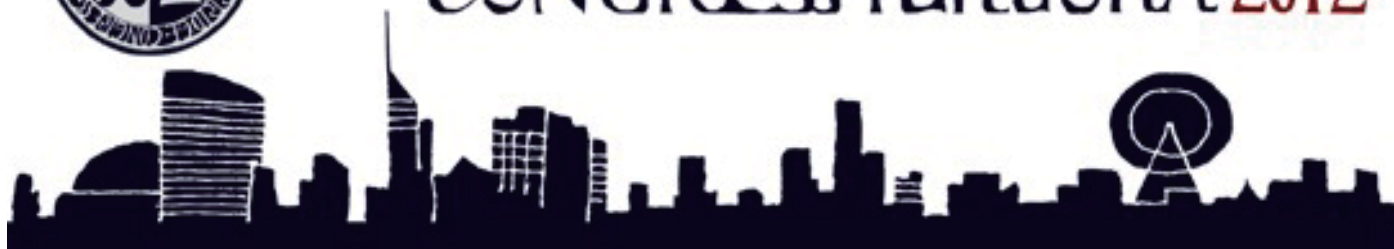




# THE 7<sup>th</sup> ASIA PACIFIC BRIDGE CONGRESS FUKUOKA 2012



Sunday, September 2, 2012

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## Semi-final Results

Group	Teams	1-12	13-24	25-36	Final
Open	China Geely Automobile	23	19	34	76
	Beijing Evertrust Group	28	58	36	122
Open	HYX CHINA	26	36	41	103
	Pan-China Construction Group	4	21	30	55
Women	Japan SHIMAMURA	12	33	40	85
	Japan SUGINO	22	5	37	64
Women	Australia BOURKE	10	11	32	53
	Shenyang Olyster Bridge Club	47	20	15	82
Senior	Japan YAMADA	45	28	33	106
	Japan NOSE	17	51	39	107
Senior	Japan Lycaon	8	16	31	55
	MAGIC EYES THAI	23	43	15	81
Youth	CHN RDFZ 1	28	26	44	98
	Shanghai Weiyu Bridge Club	24	54	22	100
Youth	Beijing Yindi Junior	20	72	70	162
	CHN RDFZ 2	33	12	26	71

## Final Results

Group	Teams	1-14	15-28	29-42	43-56	Final
Open	Beijing Evertrust Group	42				
	HYX CHINA	31				
Women	Shenyang Olyster Bridge Club	57				
	Japan SHIMAMURA	41				
Senior	Japan NOSE	28				
	MAGIC EYES THAI	12				
Youth	Shanghai Weiyu Bridge Club	21				
	Beijing Yindi Junior	52				

## APBF Bridge Congress on the Web

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## Special Notes

Note for knockout matches:

- All matches will be played behind screens
- **All systemic agreements must be Alerted**
- There are NO self-Alerts

Line Ups (very important):

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

Smoking:

There is NO SMOKING in the Hilton Sea Hawk

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Chair:	Tadashi Teramoto	(Japan)
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## Water, Water, Anywhere?

Our supply of bottled water that has been provided free each day here at the 2012 APBF Fukuoka Congress, courtesy of the sponsor, has run out. We apologize for the inconvenience, but when you're out, you're out!

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## APBF Closing Ceremony/Victory Banquet

The APBF Closing Ceremony and Banquet will be held on Sunday, September 2, at 19:00 in the Argos Hall. All players and staff are invited. There will be entertainment featuring local culture of Fukuoka produced by the APBF2012 Fukuoka Committee including "Hakata Kenban,"\* a performance by "geigi "(geisha), as well as a performance by the Hakata Gion Yamakasa Association. You can take pictures with "geigi," so don't forget to bring your camera.

\* A "kenban" is a company which both manages geigi and acts as agent for the Japanese style drawing rooms where the geigi traditionally entertain. It is also used as a term for a performance by their geigis.

\* Kagami-biraki means "opening the mirror" where the "mirror" refers physically to the lid of the sake barrel and symbolically to circular mirrors depicting the sun and used as divine instruments in Japanese shinto religion. The kagami-biraki ceremony is performed at auspicious events, particularly at semi-formal and informal festivities commemorating beginnings.

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## Special Note

The closing time of the Hospitality Desk has been extended from 12:00 to 14:30. If you need any advice or want to buy anything, today is the last chance. APBF special cookies, that have won great popularity among players during the Congress, are almost sold out. There also are free puzzle magazines with JCBL ads available for free. Please drop by and check it out!

## APBF Congress: General Schedule of Events

APBF Congress Championships			Side-Games	
DATE	TIME	EVENT	TIME	EVENT
9/2 (Sun)	09:30-17:00	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		

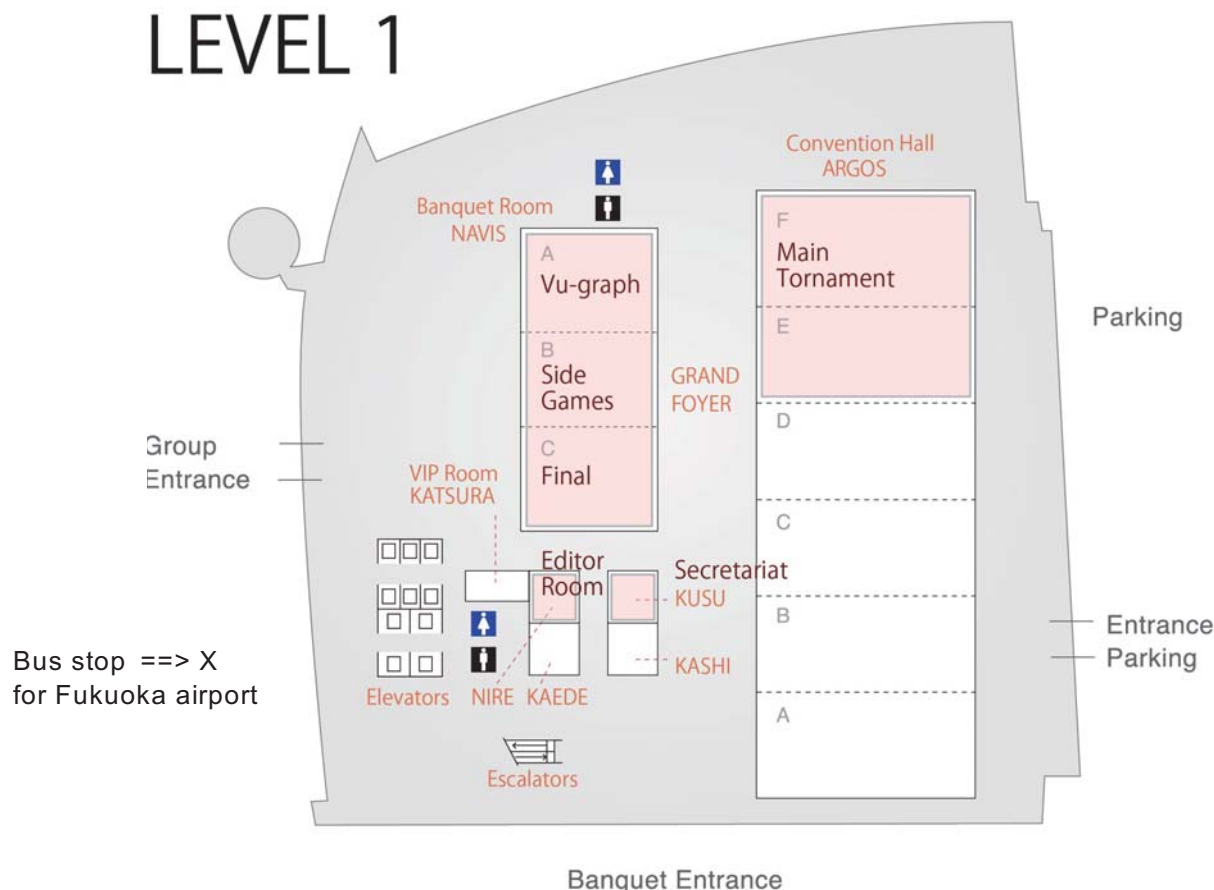
PCs with Internet access will be available for player use in the Navis A Room (where line-ups are submitted, opposite the playing area)

## Complimentary Airport Shuttle

Complimentary Shuttle Bus service from the Hilton Sea hawk to Fukuoka Airport will be provided on Monday, September 3, every 1 hour on the hour from 7:00 to 13:00. Bus capacity is approximately 35 seats, and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The location of the Hilton Bus Stop is shown below.

## APBF Area Floor Plan

### LEVEL 1



## APBF Congress: Detailed Schedule (Championship Events)

Date/Time		Open	Women	Senior	Youth
Sept. 2 Sun.	9:30 11:30	Final 2			
	11:45 13:45	Final 3			
	15:00 17:00	Final 4			
	15:00 17:00	Victory Banquet			

### Fukuoka Mayors Cup

60 Teams (9 Qualify)

Rank	Team Name	Names	Total
1	Fu Zhong	Fu Zhong, Hou Xu, Kang Meng, Li Jie, Sun Shaolin, Nie Weiping	164
2	AUSSIES	Richard Brightling, Martin Bloom, David Hoffman, George Bilski	156
3	Korea Alpha	Kim Yoonkyung, Lim Hyun, Park Jungyoon, Park Myungkee	150
4	Japan well fitted	Tadashi Teramoto, Masayuki Ino, Hideki Takano, Kazuo Furuta	149
5	Beijing Jinghua	Zhuo Di, Hu Linlin, Li Xiaoyi, Liu Haitao, Liu Jing	145
6	SHENZHEN NANGANG	Chen Shenghong, Li Jianwei, Shen Jiaxiang, Shi Xiao, Wang Weimin	142
7	Chinese Taipei Youth	Huang Hao-Wei, Hung Chang-Hung, Lin Chin-Yang, Yu Zhi-Ye, Yu Chih Hen	137
8	Singapore RYLAI	Poon Hua, Loo Choon, Chou, Kelvin Ng, Lam Ze Ying, Lian Sui Sim	136
9-10	Japan Youth H	HisakiTakeda, Takashi Sugimoto, Kentaro Murai, Koichiro Hashimoto	134



Winners: Newcomers pairs

### Newcomer Pairs

Under 100 (20 Pairs)

Rank	Name	Total
1	Yuko Masaki – Mika Sakurada	269
2	Tokuhiro Ishihara – Sachie Tsuji	253
3	Yasuko Mashima – Hiroyoshi Fujisawa	250
4	Hideko Mori – Reiko Aso	242
5	Akiko Kikuchi – Yoko Sato	241.5
6	Suzuko Hashizume – Yasuyo Uegaki	230.5
7	Megumi Hiramatsu – Mihoko Sato	229.5

### Notice from APBF2012 Fukuoka Committee



We hope you enjoyed the Happy Summer Night on Wednesday evening. If by any chance you kept a "Happi coat" that is different (like those in the pictures) from the ones we gave to the APBF players here as a gift, please return it to the Hospitality Desk or the Main Office. Those Happi coats were borrowed from our sponsors for the local attendants of the "Happy Summer Night" party and they have to be returned.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. We hope you enjoy the rest of the tournament.



# Convention Regulations for Side (Pair) Games

*(An explanation for foreign players)*

Unlike the NEC Cup, which is an international event, and the Yokohama Swiss Teams, in which all non-brown-sticker conventions are permitted, the side games at the 2012 APBF Congress in Fukuoka are rated as Japanese regional or national events, for which JCBL regulations for domestic events apply strictly. We ask for your compliance with the regulations explained below. If you have any questions about what is allowed, please ask the JCBL staff. Please note that use of unauthorized conventions may be penalized. We thank you for your cooperation.

All side games at this APBF Congress are restricted to "List C" conventions as described below. The use of the Multi-2♦ is strictly prohibited and will be subject to penalty.

## LIST C (Television Nishinippon Cup — Sunday)

### Opening Bids

- 1♣ or 1♦ may be used as an all-purpose opening bid (artificial or natural) promising a minimum of 10 HCP (e.g.: Precision 1♣ and 1♦; Polish 1♣, etc.)
- 2♣ artificial opening bid indicating one of:
  - a strong hand, balanced or unbalanced
  - a three-suiter with a minimum of 10 HCP (e.g., Roman 3-suiter, etc.)
- 2♦ artificial opening bid showing one of:
  - at least 5-4 distribution in the majors with a minimum of 10 HCP (e.g., Flannery, anti-Flannery etc.)
  - a strong hand, balanced or unbalanced
  - a three-suiter with a minimum of 10 HCP (e.g., Roman 3-suiter, etc.)
- Opening suit bid at the two level or higher indicating the bid suit, another known suit, a minimum of 10 HCP and at least 5-4 distribution in the suits.
- Opening notrump bid at the two level or higher indicating at least 5-4 distribution in the minors, 10 or more HCP.
- Opening 3NT bid indicating:
  - any solid suit or
  - a broken minor suit.
- Opening four-level bid transferring to a known suit (e.g., Namyats, etc.).
- Strong opening at the two level or higher, asking Ace, King, Queen, singleton, void, trump quality.

### Responses and Rebids

- 1♦ as a forcing, artificial response to 1♣.
- 1NT response to a major-suit opening bid, forcing for one round; may not guarantee game invitational or better values.
- Conventional responses which guarantee game forcing or better values. May not be part of a relay system.
- 2♣ or 2♦ response to 3<sup>rd</sup>- or 4<sup>th</sup>-seat major-suit opener asking the quality of the opening bid.
- Single or higher jump shifts (including into notrump) to indicate a raise or to force to game.
- All responses to;
  - artificial strong opening bids with 15 HCP or more.
  - opening bids of 2♣ or higher (weak 2s must guarantee 10 opening points: opening points=HCP + number of cards in longest suit).

- All constructive calls starting with the opening bidder's second call.
- Calls that ask for aces, kings, queens, singletons, voids, trump quality and responses thereto.
- All calls after a natural notrump (including those that have two non-consecutive ranges, neither of which exceeds 3 HCP). No conventional responses are allowed over natural notrump bids with a lower limit of fewer than 10 HCP or with a range of greater than 5 HCP.

### Competitive Bids

- Any conventional balancing calls.
- Conventional doubles and redoubles and responses (including free bids) thereto.
- Notrump overcall for either:
  - two-suited takeout showing at least 5-4 distribution and at least one known suit. (At the 4 level or higher there is no requirement to have a known suit.)
  - three-suited takeout (as with a takeout double, at least 3 cards in each of the 3 suits).
- Jump overcalls into a suit to indicate at least 5-4 distribution in two known suits, and responses thereto.
- Cuebid of an opponent's suit and responses thereto, except that a cuebid that could be weak, directly over an opening bid, must show at least one known suit.
- Comic 1NT overcall.
- Defense to:
  - conventional calls (including takeout doubles).
  - natural notrump opening bids and overcalls.
  - opening bids of 2♣ or higher.
- Nos. 5 through 9 under "Responses and Rebids" above apply to both pairs.
- Transfer overcall to show a specified suit at the four level.

### Carding

- All leads and signaling methods are approved except for: a) odd-even signals, b) encrypted signals, c) dual-message carding strategies, except on each defender's first discard, d) any method when the pair using it are deemed to be playing it in a manner which is not compatible with the maintenance of proper tempo.

## LIST D (Fukuoka Mayor's Cup — Saturday and Sunday)

Category 3 of WBF Systems Policy applies



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# Bangkok

## Bridge Festival Championships

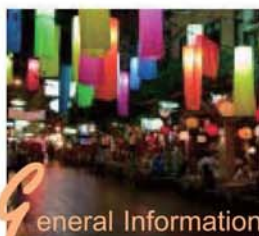
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 09.00 - 12.00 : Registration  
 13.00 - 18.00 : BBF Pairs Championships  
 19.30 - 11.30 : Finals and Consolation  
 Day 3 : Thu. January 31<sup>st</sup>  
 13.00 - 19.00 : BBF Open Teams Championships  
 20.30 - 24.00 : BBF Swiss Pairs  
 Day 4 : Fri. February 1<sup>st</sup>  
 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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 13.00 - 19.00 : BBF Open Teams Championships  
 20.30 - 00.00 : Happy Hours Pairs  
 Day 6 : Sun. February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 13.00 - 18.30 : BBF Open Team Semi Finals and Finals  
 14.00 - 18.00 : Consolation Swiss Teams  
 19.30 : Victory Dinner

**P**rizers : 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  
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As January is the peak season, rooms must be reserved with Open Teams Registration perference.

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

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### Bridge Tournament Entry Fees

BBFC Open Teams	US\$ 400	(per team)
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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)



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 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 : ☐

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# APBF Teams Semi-final: HYX CHINA vs Pan-China Constr. Group

by Barry Rigal



Zhang



Bian



Li



Zhu



Lian



Wu



Sheng



Zhou

## Boards 1-12:

The semi-finals in each of the competitions would be three 12-board segments, all played on one day. That would leave time for a 14-board segment later in the day. Since the Australian and Japanese teams had just missed out on qualifying, we would have the semi-finals comprised of four Chinese teams.

Bd: 1 North  
 Dlr: North ♠ 10  
 Vul: None ♥ K1095  
 ♦ K9874  
 ♣ 865

West  
 ♠ A974  
 ♥ Q64  
 ♦ J103  
 ♣ 972

East  
 ♠ QJ532  
 ♥ J73  
 ♦ 52  
 ♣ K103

South  
 ♠ K86  
 ♥ A82  
 ♦ AQ6  
 ♣ AQJ4

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Bian	Li	Zhu
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dbl
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT

All Pass

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhou	Wu	Lian	Sheng
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Bian Jingsheng might well have considered removing

3NT after the slow route to get there; isn't ♠Axx and ♣KQJx a live possibility where 5♦ is good and 3NT hopeless? In response he could point at the score sheet. The defenders led spades and declarer ran diamonds. East pitched hearts and a small club early, so declarer could bring in the whole heart suit, then finesse in clubs and take 13. In the Closed Room West's heart lead brought that suit in at once; the declarer there might also have taken 13 tricks, but he played safe, taking four clubs, five diamonds, and two hearts to give HYX the early 2-imp lead.

Beijing Evertrust missed game on an auction where Lin-Gan seem to have had a mix-up over a strong club (or perhaps Gan miscounted his points). Geely picked up 7 imps as a consequence.

Bd: 2 North  
 Dlr: East ♠ Q108642  
 Vul: N/S ♥ AK9  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ Q104

West  
 ♠ A9  
 ♥ J8432  
 ♦ 954  
 ♣ AJ2

East  
 ♠ KJ75  
 ♥ 105  
 ♦ KJ863  
 ♣ K5

South  
 ♠ 3  
 ♥ Q76  
 ♦ AQ102  
 ♣ 98763

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Bian	Li	Zhu
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
1NT	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		



# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhou	Wu	Lian	Sheng
		1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

We could see that there would be no holding back in the competitive arena when everybody went for the jugular at once. Pan-China bought the deal a level lower and had the chance to pick up the first significant swing. The defenders led hearts against 2♠x. Declarer won in hand, took an immediate diamond finesse to pitch the club loser, then played a trump to the nine, ten and jack. Bian ruffed the diamond return, ducked a trump, then left trumps alone, losing four spades and two clubs for -200.

In 1♠x Wu ploughed a different furrow. He won the heart lead, crossed to the ♦A and ♥Q to ruff two diamonds in hand, then exited with a club. East put up the king and returned a club. Now he could ruff a heart, lead a fourth diamond, and ruff with the ♠A as declarer pitched his last club loser. In the four-card ending West could lead a plain card while declarer had ♠Q1086 left and East has ♠KJ7 and a diamond. East over-ruffed the ♠8 with the jack and played his last diamond for West to ruff with the ♠9 to uppercut the ♠K7 for down one. So the maneuvers in the trump suit included five ruffs, an over-ruff and an uppercut. Still 2-0 for HXX.

Bd: 3	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 1084		
Vul: E/W	♥ A82		
	♦ AK653		
	♣ 104		
West		East	
♠ K76		♠ QJ52	
♥ KQJ93		♥ 1075	
♦ Q107		♦ J92	
♣ 62		♣ AK8	
	South		
	♠ A93		
	♥ 64		
	♦ 84		
	♣ QJ9753		

# Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Bian	Li	Zhu
			Pass
1♥	2♦	Dbl	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	All Pass

# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhou	Wu	Lian	Sheng
			Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Against 3♥ the defenders cashed their five top

winners via the diamond ruff. That should have led a to a comfortable plus for Pan-China, since 1NT couldn't be in any jeopardy. Right? Well, when South led a high club (I'm certainly no expert but a low club feels right to me here) East won and led a heart to the king. When it held he might well have played a second top heart, then switched his attention to spades. Instead, quite reasonably, he tried to steal a spade trick and since that knocks out South's entry how could that be bad? South won and led a low club to North's ten. East ducked this — which might well have been necessary, I suppose — but it allowed North to falsecard by shifting to his lowest diamond and now declarer had to decide whether spades were 3-3 and diamonds 5-2 or whether diamonds were splitting and spades were not. He got it wrong, playing a second heart and letting Wu cash out. Nicely defended and no swing; Pan-China still by 8-2.

In Geely vs Evertrust Both pairs played 3♣ on the N/S cards down one.

On the next deal two balanced 11-counts managed to stop at the one level in each room. HXX picked up the overtrick by playing their 4-3 fit and led 3-0. (Geely were not so disciplined and played 3NT down three to give Evertrust 9 imps.)

Bd: 5	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 10765		
Vul: N/S	♥ 743		
	♦ 65		
	♣ J1076		
West		East	
♠ Q3		♠ AJ9	
♥ KQ109		♥ J862	
♦ A842		♦ K10973	
♣ K53		♣ 4	
	South		
	♠ K842		
	♥ A5		
	♦ QJ		
	♣ AQ982		

# Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Bian	Li	Zhu
	Pass	Pass	1NT

# All Pass

# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhou	Wu	Lian	Sheng
	Pass	Pass	1♣(STR)
Pass	1♦(WK)	Dbl	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	All Pass

Opening a strong notrump at unfavorable vulnerability with hands like North's always upsets me. I can think of no reason why you would want to distort a good hand so suitable for play in a black suit and with such an easy rebid. As I say, I must be getting old. 1NT

didn't get the result it deserved (down four) because when South won the second heart and played ace and another club West ducked. East let go diamonds on the clubs — one can hardly blame him — and the defenders collected +200. Sheng could point to the fact that his opponents could make 4♥, which I suppose they might have reached had East rebid 2♥ over his partner's strength-showing 1NT rebid. But when he didn't, E/W settled for diamonds and +130, giving Pan-China their first 2 imps.

Bd: 6  
Dlr: East  
Vul: E/W

North  
♠ A2  
♥ A982  
♦ Q4  
♣ KJ1074

West  
♠ Q1083  
♥ Q74  
♦ 976  
♣ A65

East  
♠ K54  
♥ J1063  
♦ K10832  
♣ Q

South  
♠ J976  
♥ K5  
♦ AJ5  
♣ 9832

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Bian	Li	Zhu

		Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥

Pass	3NT	All Pass	
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhou	Wu	Lian	Sheng

Pass	1NT	All Pass	
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Another inelegant notrump opening led to a better result for HYX this time. With no other clues we must assume that Zhu's 3♥ was some kind of Puppet response, showing four spades and a raise to 3NT. Li's small diamond lead ran into the sort of holding a pessimist would expect. (Yes, a major-suit lead would have worked better but fourth-highest — unless our name is Marston — is what we live and die by, for better or worse.) After the diamond lead declarer used a diamond entry to dummy to misguess clubs and emerged with an unlikely overtrick when both opponents unnecessarily pitched hearts (West hoping the ♠AK were switched, when he might be beating 3NT, East for no good reason).

Wu's 1NT was 14-16 so South had no good reason to move on. After a diamond lead declarer laid down the ♣K and now had ten top winners, but appears to have claimed only nine of them. That meant a 7-imp gain for HYX, leading 10-2.

Bd: 7  
Dlr: South  
Vul: Both

North  
♠ KQJ52  
♥ J82  
♦ 75  
♣ J86

West  
♠ 10987  
♥ KQ  
♦ Q109  
♣ AKQ9

East  
♠ 643  
♥ A63  
♦ 862  
♣ 7542

South  
♠ A  
♥ 109754  
♦ AKJ43  
♣ 103

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Bian	Li	Zhu
	2♥	Pass	1♥
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
Dbl			All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhou	Wu	Lian	Sheng
1NT	2♥	All Pass	1♥

When Zhang balanced against 2♥ with little justification it set his partner an awkward problem. I suppose it all depends on your point of view but I think bidding 2♠ is manic (but since my fellow editor would have selected that bid, how bad can it be?). 2NT as a scramble might get you to a 4-3 diamond fit but on this day it would get you to 3♣ down 200 (or worse) if the opponents did not compete any further. And since they didn't compete over 2♠ no doubt they wouldn't have done so there either.

In 2♠ the defenders led three rounds of diamonds for the ruff followed by a heart shift to dummy's queen. When Bian avoided splitting his honors on the first trump play from dummy (not challenging, since East by that stage was already marked with the ♥A) declarer had to lose seven tricks for -200.

Zhou's 1NT might also be questionable — except for the fact that we've already seen concrete evidence that the opponents' opening bids don't indicate much in the way of shape or high cards so getting to notrump isn't an especially dangerous move. I like his choice. Reaching 3NT after a double would be very hard facing Jxx or the like. At his second turn Zhang was certainly not tempted to act again. 2♥ was easy to play, but HYX had 3 undertrick imps to lead 13-2.

An overtrick in a delicate 3NT, where both defending sides found different unsuccessful opening leads when the right lead would have made declarer's task challenging made it 14-2. The Evertrust declarer misguessed the play to go down; Geely led 21-9 now.



Bd: 9  
Dlr: North  
Vul: E/W

North  
♠ K10853  
♥ 976  
♦ 109  
♣ 1065

West  
♠ A7  
♥ 83  
♦ QJ542  
♣ AQ82

East  
♠ QJ4  
♥ AQJ104  
♦ K76  
♣ 94

South  
♠ 962  
♥ K52  
♦ A83  
♣ KJ73

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Bian	Li	Zhu
	Pass	1NT	Pass

3NT All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhou	Wu	Lian	Sheng
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Both our auctions saw E/W try to reach 3NT in as misleading or non-revealing a fashion as possible. Pan-China managed it very effectively, but Zhu did extremely well to lead the ♠9. On an auction where his partner had passed initially and East might be (and actually was) concealing a five-card major, I believe he earned his swing. Declarer won the ♠A and finessed in hearts. Zhu won, cleared spades, and declarer had no chance. Had declarer ducked trick one, North has to duck while encouraging a spade continuation in order to set the game.

In the other room the lead and defense against 3NT looks easier. North led a fourth-best spade but no doubt West's 2♠ bid persuaded South that his partner could not hold a five-card suit. Accordingly, when declarer won the ♠Q and led a diamond South ducked. Zhou won his ♦Q and took a heart finesse. South won the first heart (or declarer goes after diamonds) and cleared spades but declarer could take the hearts and then use the club finesse for his ninth trick and a 12-imp pickup. The lead was 26-2.

Had South hopped up with the ♦A to clear spades declarer would have run diamonds, then guess whether to take the heart or club finesse.

For Geely, Jiang-Wang bid 1♥-2♦; 3♦-3♥; 4♥-5♦ for down three, even after a spade lead. Declarer won the ♠Q, led a trump to hand, a heart to the queen, which held, and instead of taking the club finesse now played a second trump to hand and repeated

the heart finesse. Disaster. Gan won his ♥K, cashed the ♦A and cut loose with a spade, leaving declarer with three club losers. Nicely defended, Gan-Xinli.

Bd: 10  
Dlr: East  
Vul: Both

North  
♠ 1085  
♥ J10854  
♦ 10875  
♣ 7

West  
♠ QJ6432  
♥ A9  
♦ 92  
♣ KJ6

East  
♠ AK7  
♥ 7  
♦ A4  
♣ AQ109843

South  
♠ 9  
♥ KQ632  
♦ KQJ63  
♣ 52

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Bian	Li	Zhu
		1♣	1♥
1♠	3♥	3♠	4♦
4♥	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhou	Wu	Lian	Sheng
		1♣	2NT
3♠	4♥	6♠	All Pass

It is a little tough to apportion blame here for missing the grand slam given the opponents' competition. I'm not sure if West should have bid on over the grand slam try; presumably he knew of the diamond control opposite. If the blame is to fall anywhere maybe East could have driven to the grand via a GSF — after all, if the club finesse loses even 6♠ might be in jeopardy. The Closed Room auction was less sophisticated and I don't see how West can do more with confidence. Still, the "If you can bid six I can bid seven with three key cards" argument does carry some weight.,

Both pairs in our other match reached the grand slam. Dong-Shan had a strong-club auction where the opponents only intervened as far as 3♦. Jiang-Wang had to cope with North bidding 4♥ at his first turn and Gan intervening over Jiang's Blackwood inquiry. Not to worry. Wang showed his keycard, Wang asked for specific kings and bid 7♣ over the ♠K response.

That concluded the serious action for the set. There was time for Pan-China to score 2 undertrick imps by defeating a non-vulnerable 3NT (off the whole heart suit, the ♠A and a diamond finesse) an extra trick, but the margin was 26-4 at the end of the stanza. Beijing Evertrust led China Geely 28-23 at set end.

# APBF Teams Semi-final: China Geely Auto vs Beijing Evertrust Gr

by Rich Colker



Dong



Gui



Yang



Shan



Wang



Ju



Shi



Gan

## Boards 13-24:

Beijing Evertrust began the second segment leading China Geely Auto 28-23.

Bd: 17 North  
 Dlr: North ♠ 107632  
 Vul: None ♥ J74  
 ♦ 95  
 ♣ K87

West  
 ♠ Q  
 ♥ A53  
 ♦ KJ1043  
 ♣ AQJ3

East  
 ♠ A854  
 ♥ Q96  
 ♦ A6  
 ♣ 10952

South  
 ♠ KJ9  
 ♥ K1082  
 ♦ Q872  
 ♣ 64

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dong	Gui	Shan	Yang
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass

3NT All Pass

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Ju	Gan	Shi
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

It looks as though inflation is not just a North American thing; it appears to be running rampant around the world. The West hand looks like a normal Precision rebid of 2♦ over the balanced positive 1♠ response. But Dong Lidang chose to push the envelope by rebidding 3NT in the face of Shan

Sheng's positive response. The problem is not that 3NT will not make (though it may not). Rather, it is that East could easily hold a hand such as ♠xxxx ♥Kx ♦Axx ♣Kxxx where slam is cold in one of the minors, East will not bid again, and 3NT will be off the entire spade suit. (Of course E/W many still not find their slam; in fact they may even end up in 3NT despite the superiority of a minor-suit contract. But at least they would have a fighting chance to find a better spot.) Indeed, in the Open Room Giu Shengyue did lead a spade and now declarer had to scramble for tricks. Dong ducked in dummy as Yang Lixin won the king, and played the ♠J, ducked, followed by a third spade. Dong took the ace, passed the ♣10, and Gui won to cash two more spades for down one, -50. Note that if Shan's ♥Q or ♥6 had been a minor-suit card (even the ♦2) 5♣ would have been cold while 3NT would still have failed. Patience, grasshopper.

In the Closed Room Wang Rui and Gan Xinli had a natural auction to 3NT, the ♠Q perhaps being a mitigating factor here as it might have been in the Open Room. (Perhaps it's all just East's fault for not having the ♠10.) In any case, Here Ju Chuancheng led the ♥4 and when the queen was covered by Shi Zhengjun's king Wang won and played on diamonds, leading low to the ace and low back to the jack. When Ju pitched a spade on the ♦K Wang could see the kanji on the wall. He decided to bet the ranch on the club finesse and so crossed to the ♠A (Shi alertly unblocking the king) and passed the ♣10, at which point the roof caved in. Ju won, played the ♥J followed by a third heart to Shi's ten. Shi then cashed the ♠J, the ♦Q, the thirteenth heart, the ♠9, but when Ju could not afford to overtake he had to concede the last trick to declarer's ♣A. That was down three, -150, and 3imps to Beijing, now 31-23.



Bd: 18  
 Dlr: East  
 Vul: N/S

North  
 ♠ 7532  
 ♥ Q10852  
 ♦ ---  
 ♣ QJ86

West  
 ♠ KQ106  
 ♥ 63  
 ♦ AQ76  
 ♣ A72

South  
 ♠ AJ4  
 ♥ J4  
 ♦ J985  
 ♣ 10543

East  
 ♠ 98  
 ♥ AK97  
 ♦ K10432  
 ♣ K9

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dong</i>	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Shan</i>	<i>Yang</i>
		1NT	Pass

3NT All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Gan</i>	<i>Shi</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

It is more than a bit surprising (maybe it shouldn't be considering Board 1) that Dong chose not to investigate alternate contracts to 3NT — or maybe he was just too influenced by the Hamman Rule: when 3NT is a possible contract, bid it. In any case it is easy to see, looking at just the E/W hands, that 6♦ is where you want to be. Of course looking at all four hands you would certainly revise your estimate and opt for 3NT. So does Dong know something the rest of us don't. Does he have some sort of transcendental pipeline to the universe? Inquiring minds want to know. Against Shan's 3NT Yang got off to the worst possible lead: the ♦5. Shan won the ten (Gui discarding a low heart), passed the ♠9 (maybe this transcendental thing is catching), and led with a second spade to the ace, at which point BBO says declarer claimed 13 tricks. (Well, so everybody at the table is not plugged in to the universe.) We think the BBO score of +520 is wrong (aren't we perceptive) and predict the score will really be +490 here.

Wang's 2♦ bid looks to be Forcing Stayman and now he and Gan started bidding suits up the line. It's extremely surprising (there's a lot of that going around here in the bulletin office) that Wang did not cooperate to explore a high-level diamond contract when Gan bid the suit and instead signed off in 3NT. Forewarned about the dangers of a diamond lead Shi

led the ♣3, his other four-card suit. Gan won the jack with the king, led a spade to the king, cashed the ♦A, getting the bad news, ducked a diamond, ducked the club return, won the next club, and claimed nine tricks for +400. That was 3 more imps to Beijing, ahead now 34-23.

Bd: 19  
 Dlr: South  
 Vul: E/W

North  
 ♠ 5  
 ♥ KQ107  
 ♦ 632  
 ♣ J8762

West  
 ♠ AK10983  
 ♥ 986  
 ♦ Q5  
 ♣ 53

East  
 ♠ QJ7642  
 ♥ A4  
 ♦ K94  
 ♣ AK

South  
 ♠ ---  
 ♥ J532  
 ♦ AJ1087  
 ♣ Q1094

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dong</i>	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Shan</i>	<i>Yang</i>
			Pass
2♦(Multi)	Pass	4♥(P/C)	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Gan</i>	<i>Shi</i>
			Pass
2♦(Multi)	Pass	4♣(1)	4♦
4♥(♠)	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	6♠	All Pass

(1) Asks opener to transfer to his major

Dong and Shan had an uncontested Multi auction to the normal 4♠ contract. Gui led the ♣7 and with not much to the play Shan claimed 11 tricks for +650. In the other room the train appears to have gone off the tracks for Wang-Gan. Everything was fine up until the point where Ju took the save in 5♦. But then Gan appears to have found something extra that wasn't there earlier and inexplicably jumped to slam. Even if Gui's 5♦ bid convinced him that Dong held short diamonds, did that really improve his hand (holding ♦K94) so much that slam now became a good prospect? Perhaps he was anticipating a diamond lead and thought it would provide what was missing for the slam. But if Dong was 6=3=1=3 (with the ♥Q rather than the ♦Q wouldn't he still have to lose a trick in each red suit? (Though if the ♦Q was the ♣Q instead of the ♥Q he'd be cold with or without a diamond lead.) But all this seems just too much of a gamble. Gan did receive the diamond lead he must have hoped for but this time there were no miracles

in dummy and he had to concede a heart loser as well for down one, –100, and another 13 imps to Beijing, now 47-23.

Bd: 20      North  
 Dlr: West    ♠ AK2  
 Vul: Both    ♥ ---  
                ♦ KQJ9654  
                ♣ Q86

West  
 ♠ Q10765  
 ♥ AQ83  
 ♦ 102  
 ♣ 42

East  
 ♠ 43  
 ♥ 1096542  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ AJ103

South  
 ♠ J98  
 ♥ KJ7  
 ♦ A73  
 ♣ K975

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dong</i>	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Shan</i>	<i>Yang</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Gan</i>	<i>Shi</i>
Pass	1♣(Prec)	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Dbl	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Dbl	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Clearly Gui, like everyone else, was in a gambling mood today. When Yang bid 2NT (we'd guess it showed a balanced hand in the 11-12 range since if it was forcing Gui might have looked for a grand) Gui tried to place the final contract — much like he had seen Dong do earlier in the match with his 3NT bids — so as not to convey too much information to the defense. Looking at the N/S hands you would not want to be in 6♦. Even with the double spade finesse working you would still have two club losers — unless you were confident you could find the ♣A singleton or doubleton. Shan led a spade to the 8, 10 and A. Gui drew two rounds of trumps ending in dummy, played a club to the queen and ace, and when the ♣J came back he conceded down one, –100.

Given the length and complexity of the Closed Room auction one would have thought that Ju-Shi might have avoided the poor slam. Not today. We do not know exactly what Shi's 2♥ bid showed here (points, shape, controls, or some combination of these things) but he surely must have shown heart values

at some point (perhaps with his 3NT bid; more likely with his 4♥) which had to decrease the likelihood that slam would make. Perhaps testosterone took over at some point in the auction. After all, once you use up five or six rounds of bidding it may be hard to save face if you sign off and slam later turns out to make. This time the opening lead was a club but the end result was the same; down one, –100, for a push. Still 47-23, Beijing.

Bd: 21      North  
 Dlr: North    ♠ Q87  
 Vul: N/S      ♥ 983  
                ♦ AQ4  
                ♣ A953

West  
 ♠ KJ4  
 ♥ 1072  
 ♦ J93  
 ♣ KQJ8

East  
 ♠ 632  
 ♥ QJ654  
 ♦ K75  
 ♣ 104

South  
 ♠ A1095  
 ♥ AK  
 ♦ 10862  
 ♣ 762

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dong</i>	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Shan</i>	<i>Yang</i>
	1♣	1♥	Dbl
1NT	Pass	2♥	Dbl
All Pass			

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Gan</i>	<i>Shi</i>
	1♦(Prec)	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

It is difficult to find anything to say about Shan's 1♥ overcall except that the vulnerability was favorable and he did have five hearts. Yang's double showed four spades and Dong's 1NT bid is beyond reproach — if anything he had extras. Shan's retreat to 2♥ may have been due to his lack of high cards. In any case he could not have been happy to see Yang's double. Yang led a club to the ace and Gui returned a low diamond, hoping to cash three fast tricks there before they went away on the clubs. Shan ducked this around to the ten and jack, then set about trumps calling for the ten. Yang won the king and switched to a low spade, the jack losing to the queen. Gui cashed the ♦A and still had the contract beaten in top tricks by switching back to spades. Instead he continued with the ♦Q to the king and now Shan played a club to dummy and cashed two more of them pitching his last two spades as Yang ruffed in with his ♥A. That was a fortunate or an embarrassing 470, depending on which side of the table you sat.

In the other room Gan led the ♥5 against 1NT. Shi won, played a low spade to his queen (either spot would have been better but, of course, we can see all 52 cards) and passed a spade to Wang's king. Wang now led the ♣K, Gan dropping the ten when Ju ducked. Wang now got out with the ♥10 to the ace and Ju came off dummy with a club to the queen and ace. Now a spade to the ace allowed Ju to cash the last spade. He came off dummy with a low diamond to the nine and ace, at which point he claimed seven tricks (three spades, two hearts, one diamond and one club) for +90. That was a useful 11 imps to Beijing, pulling away at 58-23.

Bd: 22  
Dlr: East  
Vul: E/W

North  
♠ J75  
♥ AK64  
♦ K985  
♣ 52

West  
♠ AKQ8642  
♥ 9  
♦ A7  
♣ Q73

East  
♠ 10  
♥ QJ753  
♦ J32  
♣ 10964

South  
♠ 93  
♥ 1082  
♦ Q1064  
♣ AKJ8

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dong	Gui	Shan	Yang
		Pass	Pass

4♠ All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Ju	Gan	Shi
		Pass	Pass
1♣(Prec)	1♥		1NT
2♠	All Pass		

Dong's 4♠ opening was reasonable opposite a passed partner so any minus score would surely be partner's fault for putting down *that* dummy. Gui led the ♥A, then shifted to the ♣5. Yang won, switched to a spade, and Dong won and ran all his trumps. He then played ace and a second diamond. Gui won the king and was on lead in the following position:

♠ ---	♠ ---
♥ K	♥ Q
♦ ---	♦ J
♣ 2	♣ ---
♠ ---	♠ ---
♥ ---	♥ ---
♦ ---	♦ ---
♣ Q3	♣ KJ

Gui failed to cash the ♥K and led his club to Yang who had to concede the last trick to Dong, allowing him to escape for down one, -100.

In the other room the defense was more exacting. Ju led the ♥A and switched to the ♣5. Shi cashed the ♣AK, gave Ju a ruff, and Ju got out with the ♠J. Now declarer was out of options. Having only trumps and the ♦A7 left he had to lose a diamond in the end for +110. Still, that was 5 imps to China Geely, who finally got on the scoreboard, 58-28.

On the next board China Geely picked up 1 imp when both tables played a diamond partscore and Geely made an extra overtrick. Then came the second (and last) push when Geely made 2♥ in one room and went -100 in 3♦ in the other. On to Board 25, with Beijing leading 58-29.

Bd: 25  
Dlr: North  
Vul: E/W

North  
♠ 6  
♥ K73  
♦ K76  
♣ KQ9872

West  
♠ AQ2  
♥ J1064  
♦ J10943  
♣ 4

East  
♠ 9875  
♥ Q8  
♦ 852  
♣ AJ63

South  
♠ KJ1043  
♥ A952  
♦ AQ  
♣ 105

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dong	Gui	Shan	Yang
	3♣	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Ju	Gan	Shi
	2♣(Prec)	Pass	2♦(R)
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

We've seen some serious differences here in the way players holding the same cards evaluated their hands, but this one is right up there with the most bizarre of them. What about the North hand says, "I'm a first-seat preempt"? Is it the six-card suit? Perhaps it's the singleton spade. Is the universe sending out ambiguous vibes today? Yang passed and Shan started with the ♥Q. Gui won in dummy, played the ♣10 to the king and ace, won the heart return in hand, crossed to the ♦Q, and played a second club to the king as Dong pitched the ♦J. Next Gui tried to sneak a spade through by leading low to



the king. Dong won, cashed a heart, then switched back to diamonds. Gui won the ace in dummy, ruffed a spade back to hand, knocked out the ♣J and claimed +110.

Ju-Shi had a reasonable auction to a 3NT contract that we would not have been unhappy with, though it is far from great. In fact, on the lie of the cards 3NT rates to go down (and indeed is unmakeable against best defense). Say West leads a diamond. Win the ace and pass the ♣10. If East wins win the diamond return and knock out the ♣A and use the ♥A as an entry to take four clubs, three diamonds and two hearts. The winning defense, of course, is for East to duck the ♣10. Now declarer needs two entries to dummy, one to set up the clubs after the second round loses and a second to get back to run them. Upon winning the second club East returns a diamond and now declarer can't overtake without setting up a fifth trick for the defense and can't afford to win in hand as that leaves only one entry to dummy (the defense now shifting their efforts to hearts). An inferior line, taken at some tables, is for declarer to lead the ♣10 at trick two and rise with one of dummy's honors, which makes it easier for East to duck with, say, ace-jack third. In the Closed Room Wang led the ♦J. Shi won the ace, passed the ♣10, ducked, then played a club to the king and ace. Gan returned the ♠9 to the jack and queen and Wang fell from grace by returning a heart. This allowed Shi to win in dummy and knock out the ♣J while the ♦K was still a potential entry. But he still needed more, since if he overtook the ♦Q with the king he would be a trick short (four clubs and two tricks in each red suit is only eight). The defense was only too happy to cooperate when Gan, in with the ♣J, returned a second spade, setting up a ninth trick for declarer. Now Shi could claim +400, and 7 imps back to Beijing, leading now 65-29.

Now things were about to get interesting — as if they weren't already.

Bd: 26      North  
 Dlr: East    ♠ A10942  
 Vul: Both   ♥ 5  
              ♦ A842  
              ♣ 862

West ♠ K ♥ AK1098732 ♦ K1076 ♣ ---	East ♠ 85 ♥ Q64 ♦ Q3 ♣ KJ7543
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South  
 ♠ QJ763  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ J95  
 ♣ AQ109

#### Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Dong</i>	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Shan</i>	<i>Yang</i>
		Pass	1♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♥	Dbl	All Pass	

#### Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Gan</i>	<i>Shi</i>
		Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	4♠	5♥	All Pass

"Action, action, do we have action? Yowsa, right here in Fukuoka City." The South hand does not meet our minimum requirements for a first- or second-seat opening bid — but what do we know? E/W are cold for 11 tricks in hearts, and Shi's 1♠ opening set the stage for N/S to find their save, good even at the five level. And what's more here it paid off even better when Dong-Shan judged wrongly to press on to 6♥ and Gui was only too happy to tell them of their error before the opening lead. He started with the ♠A, then cashed the ♦A at trick two for a quick down one, -200. In the other room Wang-Gan were allowed to play in 5♥ after Shi passed in second seat and Ju conducted the same defense as in the other room, this time for +650. That was 13 crucial imps to China Geely, who were getting back into the contest, down now just 23 at 65-42.

Bd: 27      North  
 Dlr: South    ♠ Q95  
 Vul: None    ♥ Q109642  
              ♦ ---  
              ♣ J1074

West ♠ J1032 ♥ K83 ♦ --- ♣ KQ9832	East ♠ A4 ♥ 7 ♦ AJ109732 ♣ A65
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South  
 ♠ K876  
 ♥ AJ5  
 ♦ KQ8654  
 ♣ ---

Here BBO developed problems in the Open Room during the auction but the final contract was 6♥x by North. No information at all was available from BBO for the Closed Room on either of the final two boards. But from APBF/JCBL records we know that North declared 5♥x here.

There was more than enough distribution in the way of six- and seven-card suits and voids to go around here. Could anyone know who could make what? It looks like Gui's 2♥ was a negative free bid (non-forcing, non-constructive) and Shan's 5♣ looks a bit

like a blind shot (Dong could have had almost anything for his 2♣ overcall; E/W could have had good play for a slam opposite as little as ♠Kxx ♥xxx ♦x ♣KQJxxx). Shan led the ♦10 (wow!), covered by the queen. ruffed and over-ruffed, and Gui continued with a heart to the ace. Next he led a spade from dummy, inserting the nine when Dong followed low (wow!, again). Shan won the ace, returned a spade to the ten and queen, and now Gui could ruff two of his clubs but had to lose two clubs and the ♥K in addition to the ♠A. That was down three, –500. In the Closed Room we know only that Ju played 5♥x and went down only one (perhaps Gan led the ♦A), –100, and that was 9 imps back to Beijing, ahead 74-19.

Bd: 28      North  
 Dlr: West    ♠ AKJ62  
 Vul: N/S     ♥ 1074  
                ♦ K7  
                ♣ AK9

West	East
♠ 97	♠ 853
♥ AQJ985	♥ K62
♦ J108	♦ Q65432
♣ 85	♣ 4

South  
 ♠ Q104  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ A9  
 ♣ QJ107632

Open Room

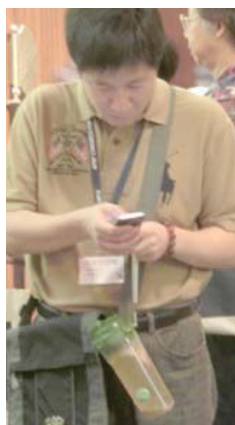
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<i>Dong</i>	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Shan</i>	<i>Yang</i>
2♦(Multi)	DbI	3♥(P/C)	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Closed Room

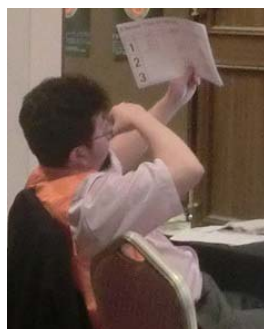
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<i>Wang</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Gan</i>	<i>Shi</i>
	6♣		

To paraphrase Shakespeare, "Something is rotten in the Prefecture of Fukuoka." Dong has shown a six-card major which you "know" must be hearts. Shan has shown what rates to be three of each major with his jump to 3♥. You have three of the little darlings yourself, so how many does that leave for partner? One you say? Bravo. Now partner has no aces or kings in the black suits, yet has bid 4♣ freely in response to your double. Is it possible that he does not have even one of the two missing red-suit aces (most likely diamonds)? No you say. Again, bravo. Can that be all he has — just one ace? Surely he has a useful queen or two as well. Now, what would one expect to make opposite such a hand? Say he holds something like ♠Qx ♥x ♦Axxx ♣Qxxxxx or ♠Qxx ♥x ♦Axxx ♣QJxxx. Surely 6♣ (or 6♠) is cold opposite such a hand (ten black-suit tricks plus the ♦AK). And yet North here screws up all of his courage and bids...5♣. Sheesh! Dong led the ♠9 against 5♣ and a moment later Yang was scoring up +640. In the Closed Room Ju declared 6♣ making six, +1370, for a 12-imp gain to Beijing that brought the final score for the set to 58-19 and the running score for the match to 86-42.

## Images of Our Game



"So many buttons, so little time."



"Maybe, if I look at it this way..."



"Why does no one ever call?"



"This just can't be happening to me."



"Is it always my fault?"



"Look, he's bidding 7♠!"



"That was our one good result!"



"Hang on ... OK now I need to find a phone booth."

# APBF Teams Semi-final: Japan YAMADA vs Japan NOSE

by Barry Rigal



Kataoka



Yamada



Ohno



Enomoto



Yoshida



Togawa



Nose



Hirata

## Boards 25-36:

Japan YAMADA (a squad based on the Japan Senior team from Lille) went into the final set leading by 5 imps. The set began with a deal where the partner of a weak notrump opener had thoughts of slam was wisely played in game at both table for +450. Then Nose equalized the match:

Bd: 34  
Dlr: East  
Vul: N/S

North  
♠ ---  
♥ AKQ107  
♦ K98  
♣ Q10643

West  
♠ A87  
♥ 86  
♦ J72  
♣ AJ875

East  
♠ QJ9653  
♥ 92  
♦ AQ105  
♣ 9

South  
♠ K1042  
♥ J543  
♦ 643  
♣ K2

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kataoka	Yamada	Enomoto	Ohno
1♣	1♥	1♠	2♥
2♠	4♥	4♠	Dbl

All Pass

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Togawa	Hirata	Nose
2♥	Pass	2♦(Multi)	Pass
3♠	Dbl	4♠	All Pass

deal where I would have preempted and somebody didn't. Enomoto sucked his opponents into doubling him, as I must admit I would have done too. With the ♦K onside and the suit behaving I don't think even repeated ruff and discards would help the defense's cause. The defense actually cashed two hearts and played a diamond and declarer was under no pressure. Hirata had done well to bid game in the Closed Room where 3♠ was more obstructive than constructive. Nose did equally well not to double. But here, of course, partner was known to have a spade void. It was 73-all now.

In our Women's match Shimamura conceded -590 in 4♠x, which didn't have to be a bad result since Sugino played 6♥ down four undoubled for -400. 5 rather sweaty imps to Sugino, closer at 45-32.

Next both tables bid accurately to a 3NT contract with nine top tricks on the normal lead (a game that was missed by Sugino to give Shimamura a 53-32 lead) before Yamada regained their lead.

Bd: 36  
Dlr: West  
Vul: Both

North  
♠ K1093  
♥ Q2  
♦ AKQJ98  
♣ J

West  
♠ Q75  
♥ KJ  
♦ 53  
♣ AK10876

East  
♠ 42  
♥ 103  
♦ 10742  
♣ 95432

South  
♠ AJ86  
♥ A987654  
♦ 6  
♣ Q

Eight days into the tournament we finally come to a



# Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kataoka	Yamada	Enomoto	Ohno
1♣	1♦	Pass	1♥
2♣	2♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠

All Pass

# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Togawa	Hirata	Nose
1♣	Dbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥

All Pass

I'm delighted to see an auction that I can recommend for restraint and good judgment; the N/S sequence in the Open Room meets all those criteria, and Ohno's decision not to cue-bid over 4♦ is understandable (her side had no tricks). Looking at bad trumps and no heart control North knew what to do. On East's heart lead declarer flew with the ♥A and played West for the ♠Q to collect +650.

In the other room Togawa's initial bid looks suspect and complicated the auction considerably. I don't know if Nose's bid of 6♥ was an absolute signoff or offered a choice of slams. If you use keycard for spades — highly dangerous since 3♠ might surely deliver only three and a probe for 3NT — then maybe one can offer the choice here. As you can see, 6♥ was absolutely hopeless while 6♠ (facing a singleton heart and doubleton club) might actually have come in. Not today of course. Yamada led by the 13 imps they had picked up here.

In Sugino-Shimamura, when Sato-Lin played 6♠ down a trick while Takahashi-Sugino stopped in 4♥, it was 53-45 now.

Bd: 37  
 Dlr: North  
 Vul: N/S

North  
 ♠ AKJ932  
 ♥ 87  
 ♦ QJ9  
 ♣ 97

West  
 ♠ 1085  
 ♥ J953  
 ♦ 10742  
 ♣ QJ

East  
 ♠ 6  
 ♥ AKQ10642  
 ♦ K8  
 ♣ 1054

South  
 ♠ Q74  
 ♥ ---  
 ♦ A653  
 ♣ AK8632

# Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kataoka	Yamada	Enomoto	Ohno
	1♠	Dbl	Rdbl
2♥	2♠	3♥	4♥
Pass	4♠	5♥	5♠

All Pass

# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Togawa	Hirata	Nose
	1♠	2♥	3♥
Pass	3♠	4♥	6♠

All Pass

This time the inappropriate double came from Enomoto and it worked far better than it had a right to — although this time it was really Ohno's fault for a combination of actions that didn't give her partner a chance. Arguably the simplest way to bid the hand is to bid 5NT at some point and drive to 7♠ facing any hand with ♠AKxxxx. That would have worked fine here but in any event bidding 5♠ over 5♥ was sure to end the auction and produce an unsatisfactory result. Nose's penchant for jumping to slam (of which more later) worked just fine today. Admittedly he had a difficult call and knew of good hearts to his right, so it was close to the percentage action, I think. In 6♠ declarer followed a fairly safe line by ruffing the heart, crossing to a trump, ruffing a heart and leading a diamond to the queen and king. Since declarer in the other room made 13 tricks Nose had 12 imps to trail by 1 imp.

The fourth consecutive big swing in the Women's semi-final came when Sato-Lin bid to 6♠ and Kawashima-Tsubaki saved for -1100. Well-done, but still 9 imps away when their teammates stopped in 5♠; +710, 62-45, Shimamura.

After a flat game the fireworks started up again.

Bd: 39  
 Dlr: South  
 Vul: Both

North  
 ♠ 74  
 ♥ 1083  
 ♦ Q42  
 ♣ KQ854

West  
 ♠ KJ1098  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ KJ  
 ♣ J10976

East  
 ♠ AQ653  
 ♥ AJ654  
 ♦ A73  
 ♣ ---

South  
 ♠ 2  
 ♥ KQ92  
 ♦ 109865  
 ♣ A32

# Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kataoka	Yamada	Enomoto	Ohno
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	7♥	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Togawa	Hirata	Nose
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dbl
4♠	All Pass		

The auction from the Closed Room is not unreasonable; Yoshida didn't really have a fit-jump available, but if he had a heart splinter available to show a spade raise that might have been sensible. Hirata must have been tempted to bid on but really had no reason to jeopardize the plus score.

After what looks like a bidding accident got E/W to the grand slam the defenders against 7♠ led the ♣A (I suppose it might go away from one hand or the other) and declarer had a high cross-ruff. Three aces and kings plus ten trumps made 13. On a spade lead declarer can just about manage to set up hearts before running out of trumps. It does require a modicum of care but, be that as it may, Nose now led by 16, 102-86.

Both tables missed slam in the Women's match, Shimamura picking up two overtricks to lead by 19 and another four on the next deal, where both tables in the Seniors had made 1NT. The merry-go-round started up again very quickly.

Bd: 41	North
Dlr: North	♠ 2
Vul: E/W	♥ 862
	♦ 108542
	♣ AKQ3

West	East
♠ A9863	♠ Q4
♥ 97	♥ AK1053
♦ K963	♦ AJ7
♣ J4	♣ 986

South
♠ KJ1075
♥ QJ4
♦ Q
♣ 10752

# Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kataoka	Yamada	Enomoto	Ohno
1NT	Pass	1♥	1♠
	All Pass		

# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Togawa	Hirata	Nose
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Both tables led clubs against 1NT. At both tables North shifted to a low diamond to the 7, Q and K. Hirata simply ducked the ♥9 around to South, who cashed out the clubs and let declarer have the rest. What was the problem? Plus 120 looked normal enough, but Kataoka as West won the first diamond, played back a second diamond, and cashed a top heart when the bad break in diamonds came to light as South discarded the ♠7. Apparently believing the hearts were 4-2 he led the ♠Q from dummy, covered by the king and ducked. The defenders took a second club, letting North kill the diamond entry to the hearts. Declarer now played a spade to the ten and ace, then passed the ♥9 to South. Ohno could cash a spade, then lead a club to Yamada who had the rest; -200, 8imps to Yamada, down 94-102 now.

Shimamura's lead went up to 28 here when they made 1NT in one room and beat it in the other.

Bd: 42	North
Dlr: East	♠ QJ108
Vul: Both	♥ A53
	♦ 42
	♣ A1076

West	East
♠ 976532	♠ A4
♥ J9	♥ KQ1042
♦ 7	♦ A865
♣ 8542	♣ KJ

South
♠ K
♥ 876
♦ KQJ1093
♣ Q93

# Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kataoka	Yamada	Enomoto	Ohno
Pass	2NT	1♥	2♦
All Pass		Pass	3NT

# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Togawa	Hirata	Nose
Pass	2NT	1♥	2♦
		All Pass	

The South players had a tough call at their second turn. 3♦ looked likely to run into heart ruffs so it was by no means safe, which meant that one might as well gamble on notrump. And what was the chance of making exactly eight tricks there? Ohno tried 3NT, Nose passed, and both Easts led a top heart. In one

room Kataoka had been asked to unblock and did so; in the other Yamada had asked for encouragement and Yoshida gave it, allowing East to continue with a low heart to the jack. Yoshida played back a club and in desperation declarer finessed and Hirata won his ♣K and cleared spades. That was down two, while 3NT also went down three when declarer could manage only three spade tricks and one trick in each side suit. Nose's lead was 11 at 105-94.

In the Women's semi-final after the same start Sugino did correct to 3♦ and brought it home (after a heart lead declarer wins and plays a spade; to set the game East must win the ♠A, cash one heart, then lead a low heart for partner to ruff for the club shift). 3NT went two down in the other room so Shimamura led 73-52.

Bd: 43  
Dlr: South  
Vul: None

North  
♠ Q1073  
♥ ---  
♦ A532  
♣ A10752

West  
♠ 95  
♥ KQ63  
♦ KQ108  
♣ J96

East  
♠ AJ2  
♥ A5  
♦ 9764  
♣ KQ83

South  
♠ K864  
♥ J1098742  
♦ J  
♣ 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kataoka	Yamada	Enomoto	Ohno
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1NT(!)	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Togawa	Hirata	Nose
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

In the Closed Room there was no easy way into the N/S auction. After a diamond lead Togawa ruffed two diamonds and a club in dummy and two hearts in hand. With seven tricks in the bag he led a third heart and had the option of ruffing high (with ♠Q10 left and bare ♠K in dummy) or ruffing low and risking getting no more tricks. Playing the percentages he ruffed high and managed to make +110. That only made 1 imp difference, given the contract in the other room (and yes, the bidding is not uninteresting). Yamada led a low club to the first trick, an interesting choice since partner was marked with club shortage. Declarer won in dummy and led a diamond to the

jack, queen, and ace. Yamada accurately shifted to the ♠10, and from thereon in declarer was dead. The textbook play had held the loss on the board to 2 imps — sigh. Nose led by 13 imps now, with one deal to go. Surely that was enough; cometh the hour, cometh the board.

The Shimamura team tied up their match, making 2♣ with the N/S cards and making 3NT as E/W on a low club lead when the shift to ♠10 was not found.

Bd: 44  
Dlr: West  
Vul: N/S

North  
♠ A109  
♥ A72  
♦ KJ75  
♣ K82

West  
♠ KJ742  
♥ J106  
♦ A98  
♣ Q10

East  
♠ 863  
♥ K9854  
♦ Q10642  
♣ ---

South  
♠ Q5  
♥ Q3  
♦ 3  
♣ AJ976543

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kataoka	Yamada	Enomoto	Ohno
1♠	1NT	2♠	5♣
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Togawa	Hirata	Nose
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Both Souths stayed true to the traditions they had been following in this set, Nose thinking of a number and adding one, Ohno taking the low road with some excuse (the opponents bidding a suit in which she had two cards). Today, of course, she found that on a spade lead she had 12 easy tricks when she guessed diamonds. By contrast, when Yoshida stolidly led his heart sequence against 6♣ Hirata could win and play back a diamond for a swift one down; 12 imps — not enough. It was Nose by a nose, 107-106.

Even after the ♦A lead 6♣ is unmakeable, as Lin found out in the Women's semi-final, so long as the defense shifts to hearts. On a minor-suit continuation declarer runs all but one of the clubs and crosses to the ♠A with dummy holding the ♥A and ♦J7, while declarer has ♥Q3 and a trump. East is caught in a ruffing squeeze. Just for the record, all the tables that were in slam went down; no surprise there, I suppose. The 12 imps to Sugino made the final result 85-64.



## APBF Congress Player-Pair Datums by Group

### Group A

Rank	IMP	Member1	Member2	Team	Rds
1	1.56	Hou Xu	Li Jie	Beijing BEIH	8
2	1.34	Hiroko Yanagisawa	Shugo Tanaka	Japan NON PROBLEM	5
3	1.17	Gan Xinli	Wang Rui	China Geely Automobile	14
4	0.79	Zhuo Di	Liu Jing	Beijing Jinghua	12
5	0.78	Misuzu Ichihashi	Ken Mizutani	Japan City Bridge	5
6	0.72	Kang Meng	Sun Shaolin	Beijing BEIH	11
7-8	0.68	Li Rui	Zhang Yizhuo	Pan-China Construction Group	13
7-8	0.68	Sheng Ming	Wu Yuwei	Pan-China Construction Group	12
9	0.65	Gui Shengyue	Yang Lixin	China Geely Automobile	14
10-11	0.63	Ng Kelvin	Poon Hua	Singapore RYLAI	5
10-11	0.63	Li Xiaoyi	Liu Haitao	Beijing Jinghua	12
12	0.51	Fu Zhong	Nie Weiping	Beijing BEIH	9
13	0.43	Ariya Tangsoonthorntham	Chayanont Junnavech	CBLT1	6
14	0.36	Kenichi Asaoka	Tsuneo Sakurai	Japan SAYN	14
15	0.28	Mark LaForge	Fu Cheung	China Hong Kong Spark	6
16	0.21	Setsuko Ogihara	Robert Geller	Japan City Bridge	10
17	0.17	Chalernpol Wongwaiwit	Piya Thongdhammachat	CBLT1	7
18	0.06	Hiroki Yokoi	Takeshi Niekawa	Japan NON PROBLEM	5
19	-0.03	Lam Ze Ying	Lian Sui Sim	Singapore RYLAI	13
20	-0.18	Seijiro Yajima	Hidenori Narita	Japan SAYN	14
21	-0.25	Ibrahim Al-Qattan	Numan Al-Turki	Kuwait	13
22	-0.28	Kumiko Matsuo	Misuzu Ichihashi	Japan City Bridge	7
23	-0.31	Pam Crichton	Ross Crichton	Australia Yarralumla Yabbies	14
24	-0.36	Masayuki Ohashi	Takumi Seshimo	Japan C'est si bon	14
25	-0.37	Katsuro Hatoyama	Michiko Hatoyama	Japan KM AT	11
26	-0.39	C C Mok	Bubble Ho	China Hong Kong Spark	14
27	-0.47	Kiyoko Oki	Makiyo Takikawa	Japan KM AT	9
28-29	-0.49	Katsuko Miyake	Teruyoshi Hara	Japan C'est si bon	6
28-29	-0.49	Kai Hiraki	Takeshi Niekawa	Japan NON PROBLEM	8
30	-0.50	Arnond Rotrugsa	Nopantai Niyomchoke	CBLT1	10
31-32	-0.51	Loo Choon Chou	Ng Kelvin	Singapore RYLAI	5
31-32	-0.51	Andy K O Leung	Fu Cheung	China Hong Kong Spark	5
33-34	-0.55	Toshihiro Katsube	Masako Katsube	Japan welcome Kyushu	11
33-34	-0.55	Julia Hoffman	Christopher Quail	Australia Yarralumla Yabbies	14
35	-0.61	Hiroki Yokoi	Shugo Tanaka	Japan NON PROBLEM	5
36	-0.63	Hiroshi Tanaka	Shozo Yamagata	Japan welcome Kyushu	6
37	-1.01	Akiko Miyata	Takayo Otsuka	Japan KM AT	8
38	-1.49	Masako Hashimoto	Teruyoshi Hara	Japan C'est si bon	8
39	-1.64	Salman Naser	Abdul-Aziz Al-Dashti	Kuwait	13

### Group B

Rank	IMP	Member1	Member2	Team	Rds
1	1.42	Lian Yong	Zhou Jiahong	HYX CHINA	8
2	1.20	Dong Lidang	Shan Sheng	Beijing Evertrust Group	13
3	0.98	Ju Chuancheng	Shi Zhengjun	Beijing Evertrust Group	12
4	0.69	Tadashi Teramoto	Masayuki Ino	Japan well fitted	14
5	0.66	Ian Robinson	Andy Braithwaite	AUSTRALIA KLINGER	14
6	0.65	Wang Weimin	Zhang Bangxiang	SHENZHEN NANGANG	12
7-8	0.64	Chen Shenghong	Shen Jiaxiang	SHENZHEN NANGANG	7
7-8	0.64	Bian Jinsheng	Zhu Minrong	HYX CHINA	14
9	0.52	Ron Klinger	David Beauchamp	AUSTRALIA KLINGER	14
10	0.51	Minoru Mizuta	Yasushi Kobayashi	Japan MIURA	9
11	0.39	Li Jianwei	Shi Xiao	SHENZHEN NANGANG	8
12	0.31	Hideki Takano	Kazuo Furuta	Japan well fitted	14

Rank	IMP	Member1	Member2	Team	Rds
13	0.16	Takashi Maeda	Nobuyuki Hayashi	Japan Papas&Puppies	9
14	0.10	Abby Chiu	Alan Sze	China Hong Kong VICO	11
15-16	0.01	Cho Eun Joo	Hwang Man Suk	Korea GLPD	10
15-16	0.01	Liu Pei Hua	Lim Teong Wah	Singapore SMJ	13
17	-0.20	Kenji Miyakuni	Yukiko Tokunaga	Japan TANAKA	14
18-19	-0.24	Hiroaki Miura	Kotomi Asakoshi	Japan MIURA	10
18-19	-0.24	Kikuo Tatai	Toru Henmi	Japan Papas&Puppies	8
20	-0.34	Fabian Tan	Marvin Lai	Singapore SMJ	13
21	-0.38	Akira Matsuda	Mutsue Kokubo	Japan Gahhahha Honpo	8
22	-0.39	Kim Sun Young	Yang Sung Ae	Korea GLPD	9
23	-0.40	K.Y. Tam	Percy Wong	China Hong Kong VICO	11
24	-0.43	Ken Sakiyama	Naoto Matsumoto	Japan sacrum	6
25	-0.44	Xu Su Hong	Zhao Yan	Beijing Dazhong Investment	14
26	-0.47	Phailin Nimityongskul	Kasemsuk Koomtako	CBLT2	9
27	-0.48	Akio Yamasuge	Shoichi Kojitani	Japan Gahhahha Honpo	10
28	-0.49	Hiroko Sentsui	Shintaro Sentsui	Japan sacrum	14
29	-0.50	Pichai Nimityongskul	Chongchana Chantamas	CBLT2	10
30	-0.51	Li Le Qing	Ding Jing Heng	Beijing Dazhong Investment	14
31	-0.62	Mariko Matsukawa	Ryo Namiki	Japan Gahhahha Honpo	10
32	-0.74	Kim Dae Hong	Kwon Soo Ja	Korea GLPD	8
33	-0.75	Hiroyuki Taguchi	Motoaki Shiga	Japan Papas&Puppies	11
34	-0.83	Ryoga Tanaka	Sadako Nakajima	Japan TANAKA	12
35	-1.09	Primprapai Bisalbutra	Tassamon Dardarananda	CBLT2	5
36	-1.55	Hu Wenhui	Naoto Matsumoto	Japan sacrum	5

#### Women

Rank	IMP	Member1	Member2	Team	Rds
1	0.87	Kyoko Shimamura	Kumiko Sasahira	Japan SHIMAMURA	5
2	0.76	Akiko Yanagisawa	Toshiko Kaho	Japan Merci	8
3	0.70	Kyoko Shimamura	Natsuko Nishida	Japan SHIMAMURA	5
4	0.43	Junko Tsubaki	Kazuko Kawashima	Japan SUGINO	10
5	0.39	Fhoebe Lin	Makiko Sato	Japan SHIMAMURA	10
6-7	0.37	Greer Tucker	Margaret Bourke	Australia BOURKE	10
6-7	0.37	Inez Glanger	Marcia Scudder	Australia BOURKE	10
8	0.28	Akiko Kawabata	Yumiko Kawakami	Japan TAKEUCHI	8
9	0.21	Kazuko Takahashi	Sumiko Sugino	Japan SUGINO	10
10	0.19	Jin Jing	Wang Lin Lin	Shenyang Olystar Bridge Club	8
11	0.06	Kim Yoonkyung	Lim Hyun	Korea Alpha	7
12	0.05	Mitsuko Yoshioka	Tomoyo Asari	Japan Misotoma	10
13	0.01	Liu Shu	Zhou Tao	Shenyang Olystar Bridge Club	8
14-15	-0.07	Hideko Kobayashi	Hideko Takeuchi	Japan TAKEUCHI	7
14-15	-0.07	Chang Mirye	Sung Kyunghae	Korea Alpha	6
16	-0.15	Midori Ito	Toyoko Saito	Japan Evolution	5
17-18	-0.18	Kazuko Tango	Seiko Hachisu	Japan TAKEUCHI	5
17-18	-0.18	Ayako Miyakuni	Sakiko Naito	Japan Naito	10
19-20	-0.26	Keiko Matsuzaki	Kimi Makita	Japan Naito	10
19-20	-0.26	Hiroko Onishi	Mizuko Tan	Japan Evolution	5
21	-0.27	Yumiko Oda	Kyoko Toyofuku	Japan Merci	7
22	-0.32	Jeanette Collins	Val Brockwell	Australia WOMEN	10
23	-0.35	Yoko Nenohi	Yoshiko Sakaguchi	Japan Merci	5
24	-0.39	Park Jungyoon	Park Myungkee	Korea Alpha	7
25	-0.47	Helen Hellsten	Sue Grenside	Australia WOMEN	10
26	-0.53	Mayumi Katagiri	Soyoko Yamamoto	Japan Misotoma	10

## Senior

Rank	IMP	Member1	Member2	Team	Rds
1	0.80	Makoto Hirata	Tadashi Yoshida	Japan YAMADA	14
2	0.79	Esther Sophonpanich	Somchai Baisamut	MAGIC EYES THAI	9
3	0.75	Apisai Makmitree	Denny Sacul	MAGIC EYES THAI	11
4	0.74	Akihiko Yamada	Kyoko Ohno	Japan YAMADA	14
5	0.69	Shunsuke Morimura	Tadashi Imakura	Japan Lycaon	14
6	0.66	Hiroya Abe	Yoshiyuki Nakamura	Japan Lycaon	14
7	0.47	Hideo Togawa	Toshiro Nose	Japan NOSE	14
8	0.26	Richard Brightling	David Hoffman	AUSSIES	14
9	0.20	Teruo Miyazaki	Kunio Kodaira	Japan PSbridge	10
10	0.03	Vallapa Svangsopkul	Virat Chinmanas	MAGIC EYES THAI	7
11	-0.19	Martin Bloom	George Bilski	AUSSIES	14
12	-0.25	Hikoe Enomoto	Hisami Kataoka	Japan NOSE	14
13	-0.46	Takako Fujimoto	Masakatsu Sugino	Japan PSbridge	8
14	-0.54	Yan Huasheng	Zhang Jian	China Shanxi elderly	10
15	-0.69	Feng Chian	Shi-Jing Yang	Chinese Taipei Senior	6
16	-0.70	Feng Chian	P.Y. Teng	Chinese Taipei Senior	8
17	-0.82	HsingMao Chan	Miin Wu	Chinese Taipei Senior	10
18	-1.33	Akiko Miwa	Masako Otsuka	Japan PSbridge	8
19	-1.36	Shu Liang	Wu Xiaoling	China Shanxi elderly	8

## Youth

Rank	IMP	Member1	Member2	Team	Rds
1	1.02	Wei Hongji	Yin Jiashen	CHN RDFZ 1	10
2	0.81	Fang Zhengyang	Jia Shengbai	CHN RDFZ 2	9
3-4	0.46	Fang Jianxiang	Cao Jiahao	Beijing Yindi Junior	9
3-4	0.46	Hu Ruixuan	Sun Shiyu	CHN RDFZ 2	10
5	0.35	Fan Yewen	Wu Weixiang	CHN RDFZ 1	9
6	0.29	Chen Siyuan	Wang Kaiwen	Shanghai Weiyu Bridge Club	8
7	0.23	Gu Sijia	Miao Benjie	Shanghai Weiyu Bridge Club	8
8-9	0.19	Shen Che	Yin Yichen	CHN RDFZ 1	9
8-9	0.19	Hisaki Takeda	Takashi Sugimoto	Japan Youth A	8
10	0.13	Gan Lu	Zhang Zhaoyu	Beijing Yindi Junior	8
11	0.10	Huang Hao-Wei	Yu Zhi-Ye	Chinese Taipei Youth	6
12	-0.04	Kengo Nakasuka	Sho Aita	Japan Youth A	14
13	-0.09	Hung Chang-Hung	Lin Chin-Yang	Chinese Taipei Youth	5
14	-0.11	Si Nian	Zhou Yi	CHN RDFZ 2	9
15	-0.29	Daisuke Sugimoto	Koichiro Hashimoto	Japan Youth K	11
16	-0.39	Yu Chih-Hen	Yu Zhi-Ye	Chinese Taipei Youth	5
17	-0.42	Dong Jinhao	Xu Chenghao	Shanghai Weiyu Bridge Club	5
18	-0.44	Yuusuke Kishi	Yuusuke Noguchi	Japan Youth K	11
19	-0.89	Rinsei Osawa	Tatsuya Inaba	Japan Youth B	10
20	-1.52	Satashi Hashimoto	Tadahiro Kikuchi	Japan Youth B	12