



NEC Bridge Festival

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Michael Novosadzki–Dominik Filipowicz Win Asuka Cup Masaki Shiratori–Reiko Tani Win JCBL Cup



Asuka Cup Winners



JCBL Cup Winners

Top Finishers in Asuka Cup and JCBL Cup

Rank	Asuka Cup		JCBL Cup	
	Pair	Score	Pair	Score
1	Michael Novosadzki–Dominik Filipowicz	2740.54	Masaki Shiratori–Reiko Tani	45.00
2	Neville Francis–Magnus Moren	2661.14	Tomohiro Kiyama–Kazumi Saito	44.00
3	Harumi Shibano–Yoshiyuki Nakamura	2655.26	Tadayoshi Nakazawa–Etsuko Nakazawa	42.00
4	Tom Hanlon–Hugh McGann	2642.99		
5	Toshiko Sumikoshi–Justin Howard	2633.09		
6	Bill Jacobs–Ben Thompson	2555.32		
7	Kyoko Matsuo–Toru Shimoichi	2530.35		
8	Ying Xiaoying–Xi Mang	2527.39		
9	Yuichi Masamura–Yumiko Oda	2515.56		
10	Sumit Mukherji–Subir Majumdar	2515.44		

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Domo Arigato

On behalf of all the participants, we would like to thank our corporate sponsors, especially **NEC**, for once again joining with **JCBL** to produce a bridge event of the highest quality and competitiveness. The **NEC Bridge Festival** attracts the best players in the world, many of whom consider the NEC one of their best bridge experiences. Once again, congratulations to the sponsors and especially to the **JCBL** staff.

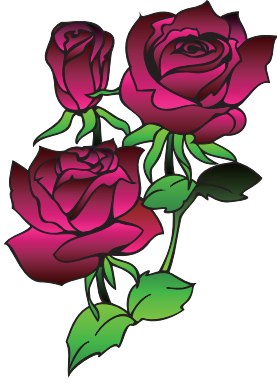
As always Yokohama, and especially the Pacifico, are wonderful places for this event. Each year we marvel at the developments in the area, and this year is no exception. The Convention Center is a terrific playing venue. The weather this year was mixed — warm, cold, dry, rainy — but Japan is a welcome relief for those of us who will return home to less hospitable climates. As always, everyone has been warm and friendly and it is our continuing great pleasure to return each year to reunite with our many good friends to share the happy times and the fun and excitement of this tournament. Your kindness and generosity warm our hearts. Although this year, for the first time, today is *not* Valentine's Day, we would still like to take this opportunity to wish everyone love and joy — for every day in the year.

The significant prizes and broad participation continue to make the **NEC Bridge Festival** an important event on the bridge calendar, and one which continues to grow in prestige. This year's field of 47 teams in the NEC Cup included many world-class teams as well as many improving Japanese teams. The quality of bridge this year exceeded that of many previous years and we take away a number of spectacularly well-played and well-defended deals. We hope our role here has in some small way contributed to the tournament's and JCBL's continued success.

The Bulletin Editors are grateful to those who provided us with deals, stories and other material to help us keep you informed. Many thanks to *Nakatani-san* for his leadership and friendship. Thanks also to *Richard Grenside*, tormented Director, who as ever ran a smooth and pleasant tournament; to *Sue Grenside* for her friendship and good humor (and for keeping Richard in check); to *Omasa-san*, for his awesome technical, computer, and directing support; to *Nakamura-san* for his wonderful pictures (which as usual we subjected to our peculiar sense of humor), for suffering with us into the wee morning hours (he continues to be the unluckiest person in Japan to have been assigned this task again this year) so that you would have daily bulletins fresh with your morning coffee, and for his help with many other things too numerous to list here; to *Suzuki-san* and *Tashiro-san* for their hard work and help with many things, both technical and otherwise; to *Hayashi-san* for his work with BBO and to BBO itself; to *Koike-san* who helped to direct the events this weekend; and to the many who provided us with moral support during our long work sessions. Thanks also to the many volunteers who perform the myriad functions critical to making this tournament a success, while we remain oblivious to what is going on around us, absorbed in our work. As you know, we consider all of you part of our extended family here in Japan. And finally, many thanks to the players, who produced such exciting bridge.



Warmest regards, Rich, Barry, and the Bulletin Staff



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<http://www.jcbl.or.jp/home/English/nec/tabid/662/Default.aspx>

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Yeh Bros Cup フローターチーム/ペア募集

Yeh Bros Cup スイスチーム/オープンペアのフローターを以下の通り募集します。

記

1. 募集数・日時

スイスチーム：1チーム

4月24日・25日 午前9時30分-午後6時40分

オープンペア：8ペア

4月25日 午後4時20分-午後7時50分 オープンペア予選

26日 午前9時30分-午後5時30分 オープンペア準決勝・決勝

2. 申込：4月23日（火）正午までに、Yeh Bros Cup 大会事務局へ（045-228-6466）

☆フローターをお願いするチーム・ペアを前日までに決定して連絡します。

☆開始時の状況により、ご参加いただけないことがありますのでご了承ください。

☆フローターは参加料無料で、入賞した場合は賞金を授与します。

以上

Narita Bus Schedule

From the Intercontinental
(120 minutes)
¥3,500

06:40
07:40
08:40
11:40
12:40
14:10

From the YCAT
(100 min)
¥3,500

Every 15-20 minutes from
05:15 to 19:30

A Blast From the Past

Frank van Wezel and Hans van de Konijnenberg live in the Netherlands. They both collect books, magazines and daily bulletins about bridge. They especially enjoy reading daily bulletins from the pre-internet era because these bulletins contain a lot of wonderful photographs, marvellous sketches, splendid deals and tremendous stories and anecdotes. If you enjoy this type of material (as we do) surf right over to their web site (www.bridgedailybulletins.nl) — and enjoy!

Important Information for Captains and Players in the Yeh Bros Cup

1. All captains are requested to attend the Captains' Meeting at 21:00 (9 pm) on Sunday, April 21st, in Room 511 of the Pacifico Yokohama Conventions center.
2. Play will commence in Room 503 on Monday, April 22nd, at 9:30 am.
3. Line-ups for Round One must be advised by 9:20. Subsequent line-ups to be completed and submitted within five minutes of the official finishing time of the previous match.
4. Payment of entry fees of \$500 or 50,000 Yen to be paid at the Captains' Meeting.
5. Entry to the pairs is to be completed by 9:30 on Monday, April 22nd. Advice as to the number of pairs permitted per team will be given at that time.
6. The draw for team numbers will be carried out at the Captains' Meeting. Any captains not present will be allocated a team number by the chairman.
7. All players should note the systems and conventions restrictions, to be published in full in Monday's bulletin.
8. Playing times will be strictly monitored to ensure no delay in start times.
9. Yokohama is a non-smoking city. Smoking is only permitted in the designated smoking rooms.
10. Mobile Phones are not permitted in the playing area. Players may lodge their phones at the service desk.
11. Programs and T-shirts will be distributed at the Captains' Meeting after payment of the entry fee.

REMEMBER, CAPTAINS' MEETING at 9:00 PM, ROOM 511