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WTOT - THE HOTTEST GAME IN TOWN



Players arrived in droves on Sunday to sign up for the World Transnational Open Teams, now underway. Vicky Chediak, dressed in a traditional Indian sari, was part of the staff who helped the players register.

On the same day that the main events began knockout play, the Grand Chola Hotel welcomed 135 squads for the 10th World Transnational Open Teams.

Quarterfinal play in the main events ends today, and some favored teams may be in a bit of trouble. Halfway through the quarterfinals, Bulgaria, No. 1 qualifier in the Bermuda Bowl, were trailing Sweden by 49.5 IMPs. No. 3 Poland was down 25 to France. In the Venice Cup, USA 2 was 27 IMPs behind China.

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SCHEDULE

Quarter Finals

Segment 4	11:00 - 13:20
Segment 5	14:30 - 16:50
Segment 6	17:20 - 19:40

Transnational

Match 6	10:00 - 11:30
Match 7	11:50 - 13:20
Match 8	14:30 - 16:00
Match 9	16:20 - 17:50
Match 10	18:10 - 19:40

Delightful Bridge

By L. Subramanian; A chemical engineer and a certified Energy Auditor. He Has worked in the field of energy conservation, particularly on steam systems. Organized and participated in numerous seminars and conferences on energy. Plays and writes about Bridge as a hobby; has over four decades of experience in the game and has taught and coached many players in their formative years. A regular contributor of Bridge articles to Souvenirs, Bulletins, and Newspapers. Has won many regional championships in India.

His book is aimed at improving the skill level of intermediate and advanced players to the next higher level in the ladder. The forty hands that follow are taken from actual play. The bidding is essentially Standard American or in some cases Precision.

The deals are not meant to test your play, defense, or bidding skills in the game. Rather, they explain how the experts solved the problems as they arose at the table, by their experience and class. If you are able to understand and appreciate the different techniques adopted by the experts, you will certainly gain a new insight into their mind. This is bound to reflect in your performance too.

There is nothing esoteric about the deals. Barring a few, most of the hands require straight-forward technique. They may be the bread and butter type, but you will find them contain many useful ideas. Some of the deals may even puzzle the experts and the world-class as well.

The book is available as an E-book on
<https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/517431>



IMPORTANT

All **Indian teams** in the Transnationals are requested to send a representative to the Hospitality Desk.

All pairs registered (or intending to register) for the upcoming pairs events are requested to make a payment of USD 20 / INR 1200 per pair per event at the Hospitality Desk.



BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

*BBO 1 = VuGraph
BBO 6 is also OURGAME*

11:00

China v USA2	BBO 1
Ireland v USA2 (OT)	BBO 2
France v Poland	BBO 3
England v USA1	BBO 4
Italy v Netherlands (VC)	BBO 5
USA2 v China (VC)	BBO 6

14:30

USA1 v England	BBO 1
France v Poland	BBO 2
Bulgaria v Sweden	BBO 3
Ireland v USA2 (OT)	BBO 4
Denmark v France (VC)	BBO 5
China v USA2	BBO 6

17:20

To be decided



TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS

The qualification stage consists of 15 matches of ten boards each, Swiss movement, with boards duplicated overall. It will be played in three days, five matches per day: Sunday 4th, Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th. Here is the Time Schedule of the three days:

10.00 - 11.30
11.50 - 13.20
14.30 - 16.00
16.20 - 17.50
18.10 - 19.40

At the end of the Swiss the top sixteen teams qualify to the Round of Sixteen. The procedure to determine the bracket is the following: the top four teams will pick their opponents among the teams ranked from nine to sixteen, and will be put into the bracket in the seeding positions one to four. The remaining eight teams will be paired and put into the bracket according to their original seeding.

Each of the KO matches consist of forty-eight boards divided in three stanzas of sixteen each. Here is the time schedule:

Wednesday 7th – Round of Sixteen, Thursday 8th
Quarter Finals, Friday 9th Semi Finals

11.00 - 13.20
14.30 - 16.50
17.20 - 19.40

Saturday 10th Final and Play-Off

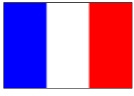
10.00 - 12.20
13.20 - 15.40
16.00 - 18.20

Medical Help Desk

A team of paramedics will be on hand every day to deal with any medical problems you may have. Their desk is located on the first floor close to the escalators.



Bermuda Bowl Round 18



Guadeloupe v Jordan



By Brian Senior

After 17 rounds of the Bermuda Bowl qualifying stage, Jordan lay 22nd and Guadeloupe 20th. We have been concentrating on the heavyweight teams for most of the week but these championships are not only about those teams (as evidenced by UAE's wonderful result against USA1 in Round 17), and it is time to take a look at the only remaining Bermuda Bowl teams not to have been on vugraph previously here in Chennai.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mathieu	Sweidan	Bouveresse	Hallasa
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♥	2♠	3♥
Dble	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ghanem	Gerin	Barakat	Pelletier
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♣	2♥	Dble	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

What would be your choice with the West hand when South opens 1♥? For Jordan, Marwan Ghanem chose to overcall and, when Dominique Gerin raised to 2♥, Sireen Barakat did well to make a competitive double. However, Ghanem did not like to bid a three-card suit in response to the double – personally, I would like even less to rebid that scrappy club suit unless partnership style was that partner absolutely guaranteed some club support for her double. There were two trump losers in 3♣ to go with three top losers in the side suits, so Ghanem was down one for –50.

For Guadeloupe, Philippe Mathieu started with a take-out double, as would I, and that allowed Jean-Pierre Bouveresse to introduce his spades over the heart raise. Jawan Hallasa

re-raised to 3♥ but Mathieu simply jumped to the spade game. Hallasa led the ten of clubs which ran to declarer's ace and Bouveresse took the diamond finesse then led a heart to the ten, jack and queen. Back came a second club. Bouveresse won the king and led a second heart. Fadi Sweidan rose with the king to lead the nine of clubs. Bouveresse ruffed with the jack and Hallasa over-ruffed and returned his remaining trump. Bouveresse ran this to his hand, ruffed the last heart and cashed dummy's remaining trump then ruffed a club to hand to draw the last trump and had the rest for +420 and 10 IMPs to Guadeloupe.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mathieu	Sweidan	Bouveresse	Hallasa
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Ghanem	Gerin	Barakat	Pelletier
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

For Guadeloupe, Jean-Claude Pelletier opened 1♠ and rebid the suit over Gerin's 2♦ response, which was normally game-forcing. Pelletier then showed his clubs over Gerin's 2NT and Gerin showed some spade support, Pelletier raising himself to game. Ghanem led the queen of hearts. Pelletier won the ace and played the king of spades and just lost two diamonds and a spade; ten tricks for +420.

Hallasa rebid 3♣ rather than 2♠ and Sweidan repeated the diamonds. Hallasa's fourth-suit-forcing bid of 3♥ was

doubled and the redouble showed the ace. Sweidan's subsequent bidding clearly shows that he expected a far better hand for his partner's auction, though only the partnership can say if he was justified in doing so. Five No Trump was one too high. Hallasa won the heart lead in hand and played a spade to the king and ace. Bouveresse cashed the top diamonds for down one; -50 and another 10 IMPs to Guadeloupe.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ Q J 9 3 ♥ A K 10 3 ♦ 10 9 7 ♣ J 10	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 5 4 ♥ J 7 6 5 2 ♦ K Q J 4 2 ♣ 3	♠ A 10 8 7 2 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ 5 3 ♣ A 8 4
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>Mathieu</i>	<i>Sweidan</i>	<i>Bouveresse</i>	<i>Hallasa</i>
-	-	-	1♣
Dble	1♠	3♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghanem</i>	<i>Gerin</i>	<i>Barakat</i>	<i>Pelletier</i>
-	-	-	1♣
Pass	1♠	INT	2♣
2♥	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Mathieu dredged up a take-out double on the West hand because he had both majors and Sweidan bid the spades, Bouveresse jumped to 3♥ and was left to play there – should Hallasa have rebid his seven-card suit when holding minimum high-card values, or should Sweidan have made a take-out double of 3♥ because of his two aces when partner might hold a weak no trump? 3♥ was easy, there being just the four top losers, so Bouveresse quickly chalked up +140.

Ghanem passed with the West cards but Barakat overcalled INT to show the two unbid suits. Pelletier had room to rebid his long clubs and now Ghanem bid only 2♥ when surely he was worth a jump to 3♥. Gerin could show her club support at a comfortable level and Pelletier tried for game before settling for 4♣. The hands fit very well together, but perhaps North should have suspected that the diamond shortage would be useful along with two aces and simply accepted the game try? N/S could perhaps consider themselves a little fortunate that +150 was worth +7 IMPs for Guadeloupe when they had missed a cold game, albeit on low combined values.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 8 6 5 ♥ 6 2 ♦ A 6 3 2 ♣ Q 10 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 2 ♥ Q 9 ♦ K 10 9 8 7 ♣ K 8 7 6	♠ A 9 7 4 3 ♥ K J 10 5 4 ♦ Q J ♣ A
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>Mathieu</i>	<i>Sweidan</i>	<i>Bouveresse</i>	<i>Hallasa</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghanem</i>	<i>Gerin</i>	<i>Barakat</i>	<i>Pelletier</i>
Pass	INT	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Bouveresse/Mathieu had a free run to 4♠ after a pass from North, while Gerin's 11-13 INT opening made life a little more difficult for Barakat/Ghanem. However, Barakat overcalled 2♦, spades and any other suit, then raised the 2♠ response to invite game and Ghanem accepted.

Hallasa led the queen of spades, which Bouveresse ducked, and switched to the four of clubs to the ten, king and ace, giving declarer a chance. Bouveresse led the queen of diamonds to dummy's ace and took a diamond discard on the queen of clubs before leading a heart to the nine, jack and ace. He ruffed the diamond return, cashed the ace of spades and played king then ruffed a heart; ten tricks for +420.

Played from the West hand, there was no obvious safe opening lead. Gerin chose the ten of diamonds and that was won in dummy, also giving declarer a chance. Ghanem played the second diamond to his ace to lead a heart up, but now North's opening bid came into the equation as he misguessed, putting up the ace. Pelletier won the ace and returned the queen of spades, ducked, then played a second spade to the king and ace. Ghanem gave up a heart now and could ruff out the suit but had still to lose another trump trick so was down one for -50 and 10 IMPs to Guadeloupe.

Jordan picked up three small swings over the last few deals but Guadeloupe ran out winners by 38-9 IMPs, 16.58-3.42 VPs.

Criss-Cross

By Brian Senior

Round 11 Board 6 allowed both declarers in the Bermuda Bowl match between Australia and Poland to show off their technique and card-reading skills, though in quite different contracts – and with differing success.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ K 8 3		
	♥ 2		
	♦ A Q 10 9 7 6 4		
	♣ A 4		
♠ Q J 10	N	♠ 2	
♥ Q 9	W	♥ K J 10 8 7 6 3	
♦ K 8	E	♦ J 5 2	
♣ K Q 10 6 3 2	S	♣ 9 5	
	♠ A 9 7 6 5 4		
	♥ A 5 4		
	♦ 3		
	♣ J 8 7		

West	North	East	South
Courtney	Nowosadzki	Wyer	Kalita
–	–	3♥	Pass
4♥	5♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Milne	Mazurkiewicz	Griffiths
–	–	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Both Easts opened with a three-level pre-empt despite the unfavourable vulnerability. For Poland, Jacek Kalita passed as South and, when Michael Courtney raised to 4♥, Michal Nowosadzki overcalled 5♦, where he played. Paul Wyer led the jack of hearts and dummy was a case of good news, bad news, from Nowosadzki's point of view – a couple of aces but only a singleton trump.

Nowosadzki won the ace of hearts and led a diamond to the queen followed by two more rounds of diamonds. Wyer won the third diamond and returned the nine of clubs, overtaken by Courtney with the ten, and Nowosadzki ducked to rectify the count for a possible squeeze. Courtney switched to the queen of spades and Nowosadzki read the position perfectly then showed the technique required to take advantage of the situation. He won the king of spades and ran the diamonds, coming down to bare ace of spades and jack-doubleton club in dummy facing two low spades and the bare ace of clubs in hand. What could Courtney do? If he discarded a club, declarer would cash the ace of clubs then cross to the spade to cash the jack of clubs. If, as in practice, he threw a spade, declarer would cash the ace of spades then come

back to hand with a club to cash the small spade – a perfect criss-cross squeeze and +400 for Poland.

In the other room, Aneurin Griffiths overcalled 3♠ with the South cards and Liam Milne drove to slam. You may say that this is why you should not overcall with such a weak hand – if you can make 3♠ partner will put you in game, if you can make 4♠ he will put you in slam – but on another day 6♠ could have been making.

Krzysztof Jassem led the king of clubs. Griffiths won the ace and led a spade to his ace then took the diamond finesse. When the queen scored he did not draw a second round of trumps, which would have been the correct thing to do had the spades been two-two, but instead left the spade king as a late entry to the hoped for diamond winners. Griffiths played ace of diamonds, pitching a club, and a third round, ruffed and over-ruffed, and Jassem had a club to cash for down one; –50 and 10 IMPs to Poland.

Having found the diamond king onside and judged correctly to play for trumps to be three-one, Griffiths just needed diamonds to be three-two with the pre-empter having the shortage – surely not an unreasonable ask – as his third-round ruff would then have stood up and he could have crossed to the king of spades and started running diamonds, his first discard being the remaining club loser, and the contract would have been made.



Michal Nowosadzki, Poland

Beyond Bollywood

By Micke Melander

India, the seventh-largest country in the world, naturally also has its own movie industry. The legendary "Bollywood" is a portmanteau of Bombay and Hollywood. One of the biggest differences is that Bollywood doesn't have any fixed place as does Hollywood (in California). India produces about 900 Bollywood movies a year, and those watching India v Sweden in the Bermuda Bowl on Wednesday (round 12) might have thought that it was from an episode from Chennai in a soap opera that was beyond even Bollywood!



Frederic Wrang, Sweden

Board 22. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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



Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Manna	Wrang	Majumder
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	5♣*

What to say?

The bidding speaks for itself. We are following a world championship in bridge, both teams competing to make it into the top eight going for the qualifiers. Yet the pair don't even know if they play 1430 or 0314 when asking for key cards. A small question, though – what did South suddenly see in his hand that he didn't have before when he put Four Clubs on the bidding tray?

One might think that this should be a great board for the Swedes; no, it requires two to dance a tango in our Bollywood movie!

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Roy	Upmark	Banerjee	Nyström
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♣	Pass	5♣
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Here we have a pair who find out everything about their hands and carefully and clearly avoid using the old fashioned Blackwood – knowing what damage it might create. Isn't it good to also have the ace and king of trumps when trying to play in a slam? Also in this room, we might ask what South found in his hand when he bid Four Clubs – what's wrong with 3NT? When partner can't bid anything other than Five Clubs over Four Diamonds, what about passing?

Roy, in the West seat, expressed strong doubts about the Swedish auction - and right he was. 2 IMPs to India!

Movies to watch from Bollywood:

Mughal-E-Azam (1960) for those of you who like great reality-based historical movies. It is known to be one of India's most expensive productions. **3 Idiots (2009)** If you want to have a good laugh.



The Home Team Comes Through (BB R13)



India v Australia



By T.C. Pant

The Indian open team, lying 10th with a score of 127.67 after 12 rounds (nearly 10 VPs behind the 8th spot), were trying to regain 8th place when they sat down to play their round-13 match against Australia.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 9 4 ♥ A 7 6 2 ♦ K 7 5 4 ♣ 10 9 6</p>	<table border="1" style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ K J 8 6 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 9 3 ♣ A J 8 5 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 7 ♥ K Q J 10 8 3 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ 4 3</p>
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W		E										
	S											
		<p>♠ A 10 5 3 ♥ 9 4 ♦ A J 8 2 ♣ K Q 7</p>										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
S. Mukherjee	Ware	S. Majumder	Wilkinson
5♥	Pass	3♥	4♥*
All Pass		Pass	Dble

In both Rooms, North opted for a 1♠ opening with his 5-5 hand, although it contained only 9 HCPs. 5♥ turned out to be costly. The contract went down four for -800.



Subir Majumder, India

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Milne	A. Banerjee	Griffiths	R. Roy
4♥	1♠	2♥	3♥*
	4♠	All Pass	

Banerjee took 11 tricks in 4♠ for +450, and 8 IMPs to Australia.

Board 2. Dealer E. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 6 ♥ K 4 3 ♦ K J 8 7 5 4 ♣ A 10 4</p>	<table border="1" style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A K 5 2 ♥ A Q J 8 2 ♦ 6 3 ♣ K 8</p>	<p>♠ 8 7 4 3 ♥ 10 9 7 ♦ A 10 2 ♣ Q 6 2</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
		<p>♠ Q J 10 9 ♥ 6 5 ♦ Q 9 ♣ J 9 7 5 3</p>										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
S. Mukherjee	Ware	S. Majumder	Wilkinson
1♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♦	2♥	1♠	2♣
		All Pass	

The damage done by East's 1♠ call had its impact and N/S could not reach the optimum spade contract. Ware took nine tricks in 2♥ for +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Milne	A. Banerjee	Griffiths	R. Roy
3♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
All Pass		4♦	4♠

West led a diamond to East's ace, won the return with the king and played a low club. The 3♦ preempt had its impact when declarer played low in dummy and the contract went one down. Instead of gaining 10, India lost 6 IMPs.

On board 3, the Indian E/W played in 3♠ making for 140, whereas the Australian E/W went overboard with 5♠. South's 3♦ pre-empt was overcalled with 3♠ and when further pre-empted with 5♦, West doubled and East took that out to 5♠. The contract went one down for a 6 IMPs gain to India.

Board 4 was a flat board with N/S in both rooms playing in 3NT and making 10 tricks. On board 5, India gained 1 IMP for an overtrick in his 4♥ contract.

Board 6. Dealer E, Both E/W.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
S. Mukherjee	Ware	S. Majumder	Wilkinson
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♠	All Pass	INT	Pass

In this room West opted not even to invite game with his 10 HCPs and 5-2-2-4 hand. That resulted in the 2♣ contract making with an overtrick for 140 to E/W.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Milne	A. Banerjee	Griffiths	R. Roy
2♥*	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♠	Pass

Once East had opened INT, there was no way they were stopping short of game. They bid 3NT and got a diamond lead. After ducking two rounds, declarer won the third round with ♠A and ran his five spades.



Michael Wilkinson, Australia

The critical suit was clubs.

Declarer can make the contract by playing the ♣Q. If North covers, declarer wins and sees the ♣10 come up from South on the second round of the suit. If North does not cover, declarer must play the ♣J to smother South's 10. In practice, declarer played the ♣Q, and when it held he played a low club, hoping to see the king. That did not happen, so he was down. That was 6 IMPs to India, now trailing by just 1 IMP at 14-13.

(For a more detailed analysis of this deal, see Mark Horton's report in this issue. Editor)

Board 7. Dealer S, Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
S. Mukherjee	Ware	S. Majumder	Wilkinson
2♥	3♥*	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♦*	Dble	4♣
Pass	4♥*	Dble	Rdbl*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	Pass

- 4♦ Cue bid
- Rdbl First round diamond control
- 4♥ Cue bid

Declarer took 11 tricks for 650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Milne	A. Banerjee	Griffiths	R. Roy
Pass	2NT	3♦	1♠
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5♦*
All Pass			6♠

Here, over the 1♠ opening by South, 2NT by North showed a 12-13 balanced hand. East bid his natural 3♦ and when South bid his club suit, North cuebid with 4♦. South went one step further by showing his diamond void and when North now showed slam interest by bidding 5♥, South bid 6♠. Unluckily, the contract had no play, as West led the ♥A and then ♥Q to ♥K, which was ruffed by East. Declarer still had to lose a club trick and that was another 200 to Australia for a juicy gain of 13 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer W. None Vul.

♠ K 9 2 ♥ A 4 ♦ A Q J 8 5 4 ♣ Q 3	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 7 5 ♥ 10 5 3 2 ♦ 7 6 3 2 ♣ A 9	♠ J 8 6 4 ♥ Q 9 8 7 ♦ — ♣ K J 7 6 5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Mukherjee</i>	<i>Ware</i>	<i>S. Majumder</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♥5 to South's jack and declarer won with the ace and played a low heart to dummy's eight, South ducking. Declarer now played a low club to the ♣Q and when North ducked, continued clubs. North won with the ace perforce and returned the ♠10 to the jack and South's ace. The spade return was won by the nine and declarer now played the ♦A and ♦Q, and though South took the red-suit kings, the contract was made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Milne</i>	<i>A. Banerjee</i>	<i>Griffiths</i>	<i>R. Roy</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In this room South found the ♥J lead and declarer won it in dummy with the ace and played the ♣Q, taken by North with the ace. He returned the ♥3 and declarer, confused by the initial lead, played the ♥Q, won by South's king. South continued with a heart and after winning with the 10 North played the ♠7 to South's queen, taken by West with the king. The ♠9 was played from dummy and allowed to run through to South's ace. Now there was no way to make the contract if South returns a spade. However, he



Liam Milne, Australia



Aneurin Griffiths, Australia

gave declarer a chance by playing the ♦10, but declarer missed the bus when he played the ace. That was one down, as South retained his all-important ♣10. That was 10 IMPs to India.

On board 9, E/W in both rooms were in the wrong contracts and went two down for no exchange of IMPs. On board 10, N/S for India gained an IMP for making 12 tricks, whereas the Australian N/S made 11 tricks.

Board 11. Dealer S. None Vul.

♠ K Q ♥ A J 7 ♦ 9 5 ♣ K Q J 10 5 4	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A J 10 9 ♥ Q 9 3 2 ♦ A 8 4 3 ♣ 9	♠ 8 7 6 5 4 ♥ 8 6 ♦ J 10 2 ♣ 6 3 2
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	S											
		♠ 3 2 ♥ K 10 5 4 ♦ K Q 7 6 ♣ A 8 7										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Mukherjee</i>	<i>Ware</i>	<i>S. Majumder</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
INT	Dble	Rdbl*	Pass
2♣	All Pass		

East's redouble was showing a single-suiter. Declarer made his 8 tricks for 90 to India.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Milne</i>	<i>A. Banerjee</i>	<i>Griffiths</i>	<i>R. Roy</i>
2♣	Dble	Pass	1♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

Declarer just lost a spade and two hearts and that was 11 IMPs to India.

Australia gained 4 IMPs on Board 12, when the Indian E/W went overboard and went one down in 3♥, whereas their Australian counterparts stopped in 2♥ making eight tricks.

Board 13. Dealer N. None Both.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
S. Mukherjee	Ware	S. Majumder	Wilkinson
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	Dble	2♠
4♥	All Pass		

The bidding was short and sweet, E/W reaching 4♥. There was nothing in the play, as the defenders could take only three tricks, one each in spades, hearts and diamonds.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Milne	A. Banerjee	Griffiths	R. Roy
	Pass	Pass	2♦*
2NT	3♦	All Pass	

India gained 11 IMPs, when 3♦ went down just one.

On Board 14, India gained another 2 IMPs, when their E/W went down only one in 4♠, whereas their Australian counterparts went two down in 3NT.

There was no exchange of IMPs on boards 15 and 16 and India won the match 48-31 (14.39-5.61 VPs).

Duplimates



The Duplimate dealing machines that will be taken back to Sweden after the Championships have already been pre-ordered. You can, however,

buy a new (not used) Duplimate for Euro 2200 + shipping from Sweden till the end of the Championships. Please email bridge@jannersten.com for details.

Future Events

IMSA Elite Games

The IMSA Elite Games will be held in China from 5th – 12th January 2016

The winning gold, silver and bronze medallists from the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup together with the Chinese team will be invited to compete in this extremely prestigious tournament, provided at least four of the team members are available to participate. If this is not possible then the place will be offered to the next placed team

If the Chinese team qualifies in either category in Chennai, then the next placed team will be invited.

All the details about the games (travel details, accommodation, etc.) will be communicated to the teams involved in due course.

Wroclaw World Bridge Games

The Opening Ceremony for the World Bridge Games in Wroclaw, Poland, will be on 3rd September 2016.

The format of the World Bridge Games has changed and will now include National Mixed Teams and Pairs as well as the previously announced national Open, Women's and Senior Teams.

The Round Robin for all four categories of teams will start on Sunday 4th September and end on Friday 9th September. It will be followed by the Knockout stages starting with a Round of 16 (Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September), quarter-Finals (Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th), semi-finals (Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th) and final (Friday 16th & Saturday 17th).

Registration for the National Pairs Championships – Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed – will start on Monday 12th September and the qualification will be played on Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th September followed by Semi-Finals A & B on Thursday 15th and Finals A&B on Friday 16th with the last session of Final A being played on Saturday 17th September.

Each of the WBF member National Bridge Federations is entitled (and will be invited) to send one National Team to compete in the National Teams Championship but they may nominate as many National Pairs as they wish for the National Pairs Championships.

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Better results needed (BB R18)



USA I v China



By Brent Manley

Going into their 18th-round match with China, USA I was in need of a boost. Over the previous five matches in the Bermuda Bowl round robin, the team had averaged just 7.68 victory points per set on the 20-point scale.

The match did not start well for the Americans.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ K Q 2 ♥ 7 4 ♦ A Q J ♣ K J 5 4 3</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 7 6 5 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ 5 4 3 ♣ Q 9 8 7</p>	<p>♠ J 10 8 4 3 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ 10 9 2 ♣ A 6</p>
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W		E										
	S											
<p>West <i>Sun</i></p> <p>DbI 3♠</p>	<p>North <i>Rodwell</i></p> <p>Pass 2♥ Pass</p>	<p>East <i>Kang</i></p> <p>Pass 2♠ 4♠</p>	<p>South <i>Meckstroth</i></p> <p>1♥ Pass All Pass</p>									

Jeff Meckstroth led the ♦7. Meng Kang put in the queen, which held, and played a heart to his jack and Meckstroth's queen. The ♦8 went to dummy's jack and another heart went to Eric Rodwell's king and Meckstroth's ace. A third round of diamonds was won by the ace. Declarer played a club to the ace, ruffed a heart in dummy, then played the ♣K and the ♠K to Rodwell's ace. Declarer had no trouble taking 10 tricks for plus 420.

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Hu</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
DbI	2♥	2♠	3♥
All Pass			

Linlin Hu was two down in his contract for minus 100, but China had struck first for an 8-IMP gain.

China was leading 13-3 when USA I pulled to within 1 IMP.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠KT 7 5 ♥ 9 5 ♦ A 9 ♣AJ 9 8 7</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A 9 8 ♥ Q 4 ♦ KT 7 5 4 ♣ K Q 4</p>	<p>♠ Q J 6 ♥ T 8 7 2 ♦ J 2 ♣ T 5 3 2</p> <p>♠ 4 3 2 ♥ A K J 6 3 ♦ Q 8 6 3 ♣ 6</p>
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦
DbI	3♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♥

Kang led a low club to Shaolin Sun's ace. The club continuation made life easy for Rodwell. He took the ♣K and played a diamond to dummy's queen and Sun's ace. Too late, Sun switched to a spade. Rodwell won the ace, cashed five hearts and got a bonus when he led a diamond to his king. The fall of the ♦J meant 11 tricks and plus 660.



Meng Kang, China

West	North	East	South
Levin	Li	Weinstein	Hu
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Steve Weinstein led the ♣3, taken by Bobby Levin with the ace. He made the killing switch to a spade at trick two, leaving declarer no chance to make his contract. Xiaoyi Li ducked twice but had to win the third round with the ace. With no choice but to play on diamonds, hoping East had that card. It was, however, Levin. In with the ♦A, he cashed the setting trick with the ♠K. Plus 100 meant 13 IMPs to USA I. The score was now 17-16 in favor of China.

Heading into the final board, China was up 33-22, thanks to a game swing of 10 IMPs on board 23. The last board proved to be pivotal in the match.

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Levin	Li	Weinstein	Hu
INT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Li led the ♦10 and the defenders collected four diamonds, two spades and three clubs for plus 300. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Sun	Rodwell	Kang	Meckstroth
INT	DbI	2♣	DbI
All Pass			

Meckstroth led a low spade to the jack and queen. The ♦A was next, followed by a diamond to the queen and king. A third diamond was ruffed by declarer, who played a spade to the 9 and ace. Rodwell returned a spade to the 10 and king. Declarer cashed three hearts, getting his trick total to five, but when he tried a spade from dummy, ruffing with the 9, Meckstroth overruffed and the defenders cashed out in trumps for plus 800. That was good for 11 IMPs. The match ended in a 33-33 tie – not what USA I wanted, but better than a loss. The Americans were still in a qualifying spot at number 8.

Championship Diary

Jan van Cleeff asked for advice as to the correct use of a phrase in one of his articles.

'Should it be the fireworks started at board 3 or on board 3?'

'It should always be on board 3' said Brian.

'Even if they started on board 4' observed the Editor

Marek Wójcicki reports that in Wednesday's Bermuda Bowl matches Poland defeated Sweden 21-0, Australia 44-4 and Brazil 19-1 and asks if their concession of only 5 IMPs is a record for a single day's play.

Make sure you watch the video in which the Honorary Secretary of the WBF outlines the WBF's Disciplinary Code that comes into effect on 1 January 2016.

Barry Rigal forwarded an email from a spectator who had spotted an interesting possibility on one of the deals. However, when I went to check the details it was clear that at the very least the board number was wrong.

With dark mutterings, I set off prepared if necessary to go through all the hand records when I bumped into Fotis. When I explained my predicament to Fotis he asked me if I could give him any of the suit holdings from the deal, so I offered him ♣AKQ. Within 30 seconds our resident IT wizard's computer had located the deal.

It is reported in this issue - and trust me - it's a cracker.

Yesterday's Bulletin featured a story involving Bob Hamman (which you should read). In the evening he was interviewed by Jan van Cleeff (you can see the video at newinbridge.com). This morning we suggested that when they make the movie Jan should be played by Dustin Hoffman.

Rising to the occasion (BB R19)



USA I v Japan



By Brent Manley

In their quest to make it to the knockout phase of the Bermuda Bowl, USA I was cutting it pretty fine, having fallen from the top of the leader board to the eighth and final qualifying spot, with Japan in ninth place nipping at their heels. With three matches to go, it was time for decisive action.

First up for the Americans was Japan, the team that was only 3.23 victory points away from the qualifying spot.

The teams started slowly and were tied 2-2 after four boards. Japan moved into the lead on this deal.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ J 10 9 7 5 ♥ Q J 8 4 ♦ A 10 8 5 ♣ —	<table border="1" style="width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 4 2 ♥ 9 6 ♦ K J 6 3 ♣ J 10 9 4
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Hiroki Yokoi, Japan

Both South players, Jeff Meckstroth and Hiroki Yokoi, opened the 1-3-3-6 hand INT. The 6-IMP swing went to Japan because Rodwell chose to force game with his 8-count. The ill-fitting hands did not play well in notrump, and Meckstroth was soon one down for minus 100.

At the other table, Ryoga Tanaka (North) bid Stayman and invited game, which Yokoi declined. He took the same number of tricks as Meckstroth for a 6-IMP swing to Japan, now leading 8-2.

USA I took the lead two boards later.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A K 6 3 ♥ 9 7 ♦ A J 8 5 4 ♣ 10 4	<table border="1" style="width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 7 5 4 ♥ J 5 3 ♦ Q 10 9 ♣ A J 7	♠ — ♥ A K Q 10 4 2 ♦ K 7 6 3 ♣ 9 6 3
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	S											
♠ Q 10 9 8 2 ♥ 8 6 ♦ 2 ♣ K Q 8 5 2												
West <i>Chen</i> 1♦ 2♠	North <i>Rodwell</i> 1♥ 4♥	East <i>Furuta</i> Dbl All Pass	South <i>Meckstroth</i> Pass INT									

A trump lead would have scuttled the contract, but Kazuo Furuta led the ♦9 to Dawei Chen's ace. The heart switch was won by Rodwell in hand. He ruffed a diamond in dummy, ruffed a spade to hand, pulled trumps in two more rounds, then led a club from hand, East playing low. When the ♣K won the trick, Rodwell returned to hand with another spade ruff and played a second club from hand. Furuta won the ace and Rodwell claimed 11 tricks for plus 650. At the other table:

West <i>Levin</i> 1♦ 2♠ 1♠ clubs	North <i>Tanaka</i> 1♥ 5♣	East <i>Weinstein</i> Dbl All Pass	South <i>Yokoi</i> Pass 1♠*
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Tanaka and Yokoi managed to avoid doubling the spade contract, which produces only seven tricks because of the 5-0 trump split. On the other hand, the 5♣ contract was no bargain. Steve Weinstein led a low spade to the 10 and ace. Tanaka ruffed and played a club from hand, Weinstein ducking. The ♣K won and declarer followed with dummy's

singleton diamond. Bobby Levin took the $\diamond A$ and played a heart. Tanaka won the $\heartsuit A$ and played a club from hand. Weinstein took the trump ace and played a second spade, won by Levin with the king (North was out of trumps). Another heart put declarer in his hand. He could cash two more hearts and the $\diamond K$ then ruff a diamond to dummy with no way to avoid a spade loser. One down meant a 13-IMP swing to USA 1, now leading 16-8.

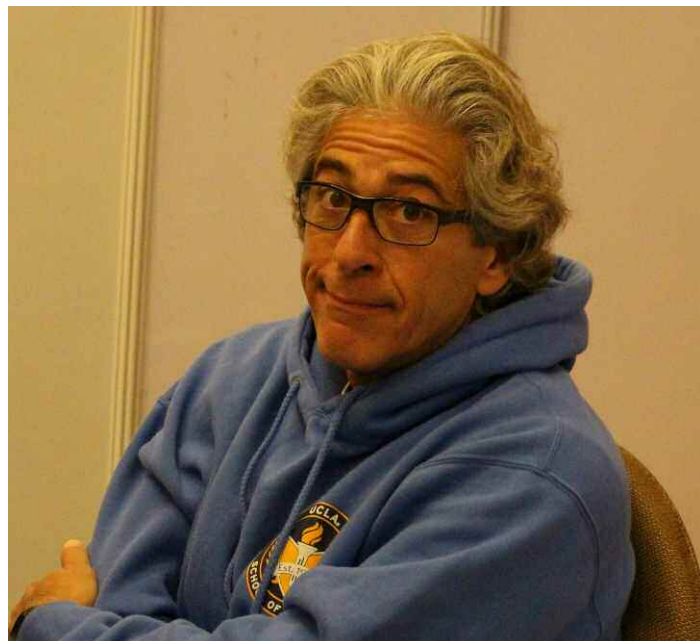
The margin grew on the next board.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	\spadesuit 10 4 2		
	\heartsuit K 8 7		
	\diamond Q 8 6 5 4		
	\clubsuit J 5		
\spadesuit A K J 6		\spadesuit Q 9 8 7	
\heartsuit Q 10 9 4 2		\heartsuit A 6	
\diamond 9		\diamond J 3 2	
\clubsuit 9 4 3		\clubsuit K 8 7 6	
	\spadesuit 5 3		
	\heartsuit J 5 3		
	\diamond A K 10 7		
	\clubsuit A Q 10 2		

West	North	East	South
Chen	Rodwell	Furuta	Meckstroth
1 \heartsuit	Pass	1 \spadesuit	Dbl
Pass	2 \diamond	Dbl	All Pass

Chen's failure to raise to 2 \spadesuit is curious, the 10-point opening notwithstanding. Chen's singleton in diamonds must have convinced him that his partner's double of 3 \diamond was for penalty. Furuta led a diamond, Rodwell winning and playing two more rounds of the suit before playing the $\clubsuit J$ from hand. Furuta covered and Rodwell cashed two more clubs, pitching a heart from hand. From there, he lost two



Bobby Levin, USA 1

hearts and two spades but had an overtrick for plus 280. At the other table, Levin opened 2 \diamond to show five hearts and four spades in an opening hand. They got too high at 3 \spadesuit for one down, but USA 1 gained four more IMPs to expand the lead to 22-8.

There were more IMPs coming for USA 1 on this deal.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	\spadesuit 9 4 2		
	\heartsuit Q 6		
	\diamond K J 10 6		
	\clubsuit A K J 9		
\spadesuit A 8 6		\spadesuit K J 10 5 3	
\heartsuit 9 4 3		\heartsuit 7 5 2	
\diamond A 7 3 2		\diamond Q 9	
\clubsuit Q 5 2		\clubsuit 7 4 3	
	\spadesuit Q 7		
	\heartsuit A K J 10 8		
	\diamond 8 5 4		
	\clubsuit 10 8 6		

West	North	East	South
Chen	Rodwell	Furuta	Meckstroth
Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass	1 \heartsuit
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

Chen hit on the killing lead, but he selected the $\spadesuit 8$, which apparently confused his partner because when Meckstroth played the $\spadesuit 9$ from dummy, Furuta contributed the 10. Meckstroth won the queen, played a club to dummy's ace and ran five rounds of hearts, followed by a diamond from hand. Chen played low and Meckstroth went up with the king, cashing the $\clubsuit K$ for his ninth trick and a miracle plus 400.

At the other table, Yokoi opened 2 \heartsuit with the South hand, playing there. Levin started with a low diamond to the jack and queen. A diamond was returned to Levin's ace and he gave his partner a diamond ruff. Two more spade tricks went to the defenders and declarer finished with eight tricks for plus 110. That was 7 IMPs to USA 1. The lead was 29-8. The Americans scored 4 more IMPs the rest of the way to win 33-8 (15.92-4.08 in VPs). That was good enough for them to move into seventh place in the round robin standings.

In the 20th round, USA 1 played Guadeloupe and came away with a blitz 77-17 for 20 VPs. That moved USA 1 into sixth place and guaranteed the team a qualifying spot with 239.76 victory points. No. 9 Denmark, at 217.82 VPs, could theoretically overtake No. 8 Brazil (221.78) or No. 7 USA 2 (230.31), but not USA 1.

Last up for the Americans was Poland, sitting in third place. Some good play by the Poles and bad luck for USA 1 put the Americans in a hole to start with, and Poland finished their successful run in the round robin with a 43-17 victory. USA 1 achieved their objective, however, staying in sixth place to qualify for the quarterfinal knockout stage against England.

Pakistan 2 Southern Hemisphere 1 Rest of the World 0

By Mark Horton

This deal from Round 13 proved to one of the most fascinating of the event so far.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

	♠ 9 6 4		
	♥ K 5 4		
	♦ K 10 8 3		
	♣ K 7 4		
♠ A Q 10 7 5	N	♠ K J 3	
♥ J 3	W E	♥ Q 9 8 2	
♦ 9 5	S	♦ A 6 2	
♣ Q J 9 8		♣ A 6 5	
	♠ 8 2		
	♥ A 10 7 6		
	♦ Q J 7 4		
	♣ 10 3 2		

Virtually the whole field attempted 4♠ on the EW cards, with varying degrees of success (only an initial club lead is sure to let it make assuming declarer makes no mistake).

A few pairs attempted 3NT, but only three succeeded.

In the Venice Cup match between Pakistan and Australia this was the auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dossa	Fuller	Bokhari	Biltoft
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♣ Checkback			
3♣ 4♥ and 3♠			

South led the queen of diamonds and declarer took the third round of the suit discarding a club from dummy, cashed the king of spades, overtook the jack of spades with the queen and ran the queen of clubs. When it held declarer played off the spades to reach this position:

	♠ —		
	♥ K 5		
	♦ K		
	♣ K 7		
♠ 7	N	♠ —	
♥ J 3	W E	♥ Q 9 8	
♦ —	S	♦ —	
♣ J 9		♣ A 6	
	♠ —		
	♥ A 10		
	♦ J		
	♣ 10 3		

When declarer played the last spade North saw what would happen if she threw the king of diamonds - declarer would exit with a heart and after cashing two tricks in the suit the defenders would have to lead a club. Taking her best shot, she discarded the seven of clubs, hoping declarer might play her to have started with the ♣K1074, but declarer was not to be denied, and rather than attempt an endplay she continued with the nine of clubs to land her contract.

Only two other declarers were successful - remarkably in the same match, that between the seniors representing New Zealand & Pakistan (which gives you a clue as to my choice of title).

The bidding and play followed a similar course with some variations.

At the table where Ibrahim was at the helm for Pakistan North refused to pitch a club, so declarer exited with a heart to leave NS choosing who would be endplayed.

When Stuckey declared for New Zealand he pitched a low heart on the third round of diamonds. When he played the queen of clubs North covered and after taking the ace declarer played a club to the ten for ten tricks.

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Great Australian Trap (BB R16)



Brazil v Australia



By Micke Melander

Round 16 of the round robin in the Bermuda Bowl gave the world of bridge some more interesting boards to see and the Australian trap set by Courtney against Villas-Boas is for sure one of the best so far in these championships. But let's have a look at the first swing of the match before that.

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ J 9 4 ♥ 9 8 6 5 ♦ 3 ♣ 9 8 6 5 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K 10 6 5 3 2 ♥ A K 3 ♦ A K ♣ Q	♠ 8 ♥ Q 10 7 4 2 ♦ J 8 6 ♣ J 7 4 3
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Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Ware</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
2♥*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass	3♠	Pass
2♥ Double negative			

In the Open Room, East finally gave up when West signed off for the third time. The question remained: Would he have bid differently with the queen of hearts or J10 in the suit? Wilkinson led a heart and declarer got his eleven tricks.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Courtney</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Wyer</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>
4♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
		6♠	All Pass

A stone-age ACOL auction brought the Australians to slam, when West denied any controls but could produce some trump support. And yes, declarer was a bit unlucky that West didn't have the jack of hearts in his hand instead of those four low hearts when South at that table also led a low heart. One off was 11 IMPs to Brazil.

Australia got a swing back from a great trap a few boards

later.

Board 21. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

♠ Q 10 9 8 7 ♥ Q 3 ♦ 6 ♣ A 10 7 5 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K J 3 ♥ A 6 ♦ 10 9 7 3 2 ♣ J 6 2	♠ 6 2 ♥ 9 5 4 2 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ K 9 8 3
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Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Ware</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
2♥*	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	4♣	Dble
2♥ Michaels			

Declarer knew about West's distribution and we could therefore foresee that he would probably find the queen of spades and diamonds but go wrong in trumps, but still make his contract – if playing carefully.

Barbosa led the ten of spades. Wilkinson made a great play when he refused the finesse to save an entry to dummy, winning in hand with the ace. A heart to the ace followed and the expected finesse lost to West queen of hearts. When Barbosa continued the attack in spades, declarer finessed, played a diamond to the ace, pulled trumps and used his last entry in spades to finesse in



Michael Courtney, Australia

diamonds after no queen appeared on the first round. Declarer's reward was twelve tricks.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Courtney	Chagas	Wyer	Villas-Boas
	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♥*	Dble	2NT*	Dble
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
2♥ Michaels			
2NT Which minor?			

Courtney set up an Aussie trap for Villas-Boas that fell into.

Courtney led the ace of clubs and continued with a second round, forcing declarer to ruff. A heart to the ace was followed by the wrong guess in trumps. When Courtney now continued with a third club, declarer lost trump control thanks to the 4-1 break. There was no way to escape losing a second heart and a club for one down and 13 IMPs away.

Villas-Boas could have safety-played trumps by playing a heart to the king instead of taking the finesse. If hearts were 4-2 with the queen onside, he still had a heart loser but would have been in control since he could cash a diamond, cross to dummy in spades and take the 'proven' finesse in diamonds to simply give away two hearts whenever East wanted to have them for ten tricks. The only case when this line is clearly wrong is when hearts are 3-3, but when West makes a Michaels cuebid, how likely is that to be?

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Barbosa	Ware	Brenner	Wilkinson
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

After an artificial auction, the Australian pair eventually

reached 3NT. How Barbosa determined that 3NT was probably going down is a complete mystery. He might have thought that his shortness in diamonds and black honour holdings over South's would be enough.

East gave some help to declarer by leading the jack of hearts. With a spade, probably four hearts and at least three diamonds it looked very promising for declarer. But what on earth had West doubled on?

Ware won with the king of hearts and tried the diamond finesse to the ten, losing to East's jack. The ten of hearts came back, giving declarer eight sure tricks. But when he couldn't find a ninth and got no more help from the defence, he was one off.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Courtney	Chagas	Wyer	Villas-Boas
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

The Brazilians stopped in 2NT. Villas-Boas got the same number of tricks to make his contract after a spade was led from West. Still it requires a lot of hair on your chest to be brave enough to double as Barbosa did – 6 IMPs to Brazil.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Barbosa	Ware	Brenner	Wilkinson
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♦	All Pass

This could have been and was close to being a real horror show for the Australian team for several reasons. The first one was in this room when Barbosa was looking for a grand slam, before stopping in Six Diamonds. Seven would have been right if North doesn't lead a trump, especially when Barbosa immediately found the right line.

Ware led a low club and declarer won and cashed two more rounds of clubs, pitching spades from dummy. He

could easily ruff two spades in dummy and a heart in his hand before cross-ruffing the remaining tricks high to score all of them for +1390.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Courtney	Chagas	Wyer	Villas-Boas
		Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♦	All Pass

In this room Wyer walked on very thin ice when he got a spade led from South and took the finesse, losing to North's king. Chagas returned a heart whereupon declarer won with the ace, played a club to the ace and ruffed a club. A diamond to the ace and a second club ruff followed. Declarer then played the jack of spades, which South covered with the queen and declarer could claim. What if Villas-Boas had not covered – would there have been another finesse in spades? If not, declarer would have been going down when trumps were 4-1... This wasn't the story, however, and 1 IMP to Brazil for that extra trick.

Board 31. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Barbosa	Ware	Brenner	Wilkinson
			INT
Pass	3♠*	Dble	3NT
All Pass			

We might guess that Three Spades was a game raise showing exactly 3-4 in the majors and asking partner to pick which game to play – four of a major or 3NT. Brenner doubled for the lead, which helped declarer solve the spade suit for no loser when Barbosa followed partner's advice and led the eight of spades. Wilkinson, believing that East was long in spades, naturally thought West had the length in diamonds (if any of them had that) and therefore played the king of diamonds and a diamond, which solved that suit for no losers.

Declarer then tried the club finesse with the ten – which lost to West's jack.

Another spade went to declarer's nine and there was no



Paul Wyer, Australia

way for the defence to keep declarer from getting a trick in hearts to make his contract.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Courtney	Chagas	Wyer	Villas-Boas
			INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In this room Courtney kicked off with his longest and strongest, the six of hearts, which went to the two, ten and jack. A diamond to the ace came next and when declarer ran the jack of diamonds to West's queen he cleared the hearts and could sit and wait for declarer to finesse in clubs to bring the contract down.

Declarer missed the chance for an endplay: cash the spades, finish diamonds in dummy and play a heart to West, who will be able to cash some heart winners but will have to lead into declarer's ♣AQ at the end.

In any case, it was 12 IMPs to Australia, who lost the match 26-25 IMPs and scored only on the reported deals. At board-a-match scoring, it would have been a huge win for Brazil.



Diego Brenner, Brazil

Madras Mallard

By Mark Horton

I'm sure you are all aware that Madras is the former name of Chennai and that the mallard or wild duck is a dabbling duck which breeds throughout the temperate and subtropical Americas, Europe, Asia, and North Africa, and has been introduced to New Zealand, Australia, Peru, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, the Falkland Islands and South Africa.

I'm equally certain that you will be less familiar with the Bombay duck, which, despite its name, is not a duck but a lizardfish. It is native to the waters in Maharashtra, and a small number are also found in the Bay of Bengal. They are also caught in the South China Sea. The fish is often dried and salted before it is consumed, as its meat does not have a distinctive taste of its own. After drying, the odour of the fish is extremely powerful, and it is usually transported in air-tight containers. Fresh fish are usually fried and served as a starter. In Mumbai, Konkan, and the western coastal areas in India, this dish is popularly known as Bombil fry.

I suspect it may be unclear to you why I am introducing the following deal with this long-winded preamble, but had we been playing in Mumbai the title of my article would have been Bombay Duck.

shout when he selected the nine of spades. When declarer played dummy's king West ducked - winning would give declarer a vital entry to hand.

The ten of diamonds was covered by the jack and king and now it was East's turn to make an important duck, as winning would give declarer the rest of the diamond suit.

When declarer continued with the eight of diamonds, East found the essential play of winning and returning his remaining spade.

When declarer played dummy's queen West ducked for the second time, winning the next spade, East correctly pitching a diamond, and switching to the six of hearts for the seven nine and jack (the fourth defensive duck).

When declarer continued with a heart to the queen East took the ace and exited with the two of hearts, declarer winning with dummy's king and exiting with a heart, East taking the ten as West disembarassed himself of the ten of spades.

When East returned a low club declarer put up dummy's king, but now the defenders had the last three tricks for one down and a well deserved 4 IMPs.

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 8 6 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ J 4 ♣ Q J 9 8</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ 9 5 ♥ A 10 9 2 ♦ A 7 6 5 ♣ A 7 6</p>	<p>♠ J 4 3 2 ♥ Q 7 ♦ K Q 9 8 3 ♣ 4 2</p> <p>♠ K Q 7 ♥ K J 5 3 ♦ 10 2 ♣ K 10 5 3</p>
N						
W E						
S						

In the Open Room North played in 2♦, which could not be defeated, +90.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Nowosadski</i>	<i>Mihov</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦*	Dble
1♥*	INT	All Pass	
1♦	11-GF 3+♦, 3 only with 4432		
1♥	Spades		

On the convention card it says '1♣-(x)-transfers' from which one can infer that 1♥ was a transfer to spades.

East found the only lead to keep the defenders in with a

World Championship Book 2015

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Final & Play-Off	Thursday 24 th ~ Saturday 26 th August



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Qualification	Monday 21 st ~ Wednesday 23 rd August
Knock-Out	Thursday 24 th ~ Saturday 26 th August



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RESULTS

Bermuda Bowl QF

Team	c/o	I	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Tot	5	Tot	6	Total
BULGARIA	8.5	10.0	18.5	34.0	52.5	21.0	73.5						73.5
SWEDEN	0.0	57.0	57.0	43.0	100.0	23.0	123.0						123.0
CHINA	16.0	77.0	93.0	8.0	101.0	34.0	135.0						135.0
USA2	0.0	37.0	37.0	35.0	72.0	38.0	110.0						110.0
ENGLAND	11.0	33.0	44.0	41.0	85.0	16.0	101.0						101.0
USA1	0.0	37.0	37.0	10.0	47.0	52.0	99.0						99.0
POLAND	0.0	43.0	43.0	37.0	80.0	22.0	102.0						102.0
FRANCE	8.0	56.0	64.0	40.0	104.0	23.0	127.0						127.0

Venice Cup QF

Team	c/o	I	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Tot	5	Tot	6	Total
DENMARK	0.0	48.0	48.0	52.0	100.0	18.0	118.0						118.0
FRANCE	2.33	53.0	55.3	35.0	90.3	22.0	112.3						112.3
USA1	16.0	19.0	35.0	30.0	65.0	22.0	87.0						87.0
ENGLAND	0.0	44.0	44.0	40.0	84.0	19.0	103.0						103.0
ITALY	0.0	48.0	48.0	53.0	101.0	14.0	111.0						111.0
NETHERLANDS	4.67	47.0	51.7	32.0	83.7	33.0	121.7						121.7
USA2	4.0	47.0	51.0	23.0	74.0	20.0	94.0						94.0
CHINA	0.0	48.0	48.0	35.0	83.0	38.0	121.0						121.0

d'Orsi Trophy QF

Team	c/o	I	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Tot	5	Tot	6	Total
USA1	0.0	49.0	49.0	53.0	102.0	56.0	158.0						158.0
NORWAY	1.67	25.0	26.7	38.0	64.7	24.0	88.7						88.7
IRELAND	11.0	32.0	43.0	37.0	80.0	17.0	97.0						97.0
USA2	0.0	34.0	34.0	40.0	74.0	20.0	94.0						94.0
POLAND	4.5	50.0	54.5	54.0	108.5	13.0	121.5						121.5
ENGLAND	0.0	26.0	26.0	31.0	57.0	36.0	93.0						93.0
AUSTRALIA	10.0	45.0	55.0	79.0	134.0	18.0	152.0						152.0
SWEDEN	0.0	37.0	37.0	25.0	62.0	44.0	106.0						106.0

Transnational Open Teams

After Match 5

TEAM	VP		
1 CANADA MIXED	78.47	44 SINGAPORE	56.19
2 ZIMMERMANN	77.20	45 ALPHA	55.84
3 NETHERLANDS	75.65	46 CANADA	55.81
4 SHREE CEMENT	74.95	47 COGITO	55.64
5 GERMANY	74.82	48 TRUE GRIT	55.30
6 GORDON	73.87	49 MALANI	54.96
7 DOCUSHA T KOTHARI	73.04	50 ORIENT XPRESS	54.95
8 ENFIELD	72.84	51 CORNELL	54.71
9 P D TIMES	72.48	52 ATHA GROUP	54.60
10 ARGENTINA	71.71	53 ARUN JAIN	54.42
11 KARTIKEYA	70.21	54 BAJAJ	54.03
12 BURAS	69.95	55 KDI	54.00
13 FORMIDABLES	69.24	56 KIWIS	53.85
14 CHINA HENGYUANXIANG	67.34	57 YEH BROS 2	53.78
15 SARTHAK BEHURIAS	67.16	58 INDIAN SENIORS	53.27
16 SAMADHAN	66.73	59 SASA	53.16
17 EVENNETT	65.33	60 POTENTIATE	53.09
18 BULGARIA SENIORS	65.07	61 SATISH MODI	52.78
19 INTEGRA	64.36	62 ARDAS IV	52.50
20 PAKISTAN	64.35	63 PROMILA SARAF	52.02
21 CHENNAI ACES	64.23	64 I DOCTORS	51.81
22 BANEET	62.94	65 K H POWER	51.69
23 RAJSRIYA	61.82	66 DECCAN SABARI EXP	51.52
24 INDIA OPEN	61.76	67 SYMPHONY	51.48
25 KOSMOS	61.51	68 BANGALORE BLUE	51.38
26 BANGLADESH	61.22	69 AJ DIAMENT	50.62
27 ASKGAARD	61.05	70 ZEN	49.83
28 AUSTRALIA	60.98	71 TRICON INFOTECH	49.78
29 BRASIL	60.77	72 TWEM	49.31
30 LUCKNOW BLUE	60.69	73 SANKEY	48.49
31 BLADES	60.49	74 BLUE DIAMONDS	48.23
32 BRIDGE24PL B	60.22	75 RAGHAVENDRA	48.21
33 BANGUR CEMENT	60.08	76 ABCD INDIA K	48.19
34 BRAHMAPUTRA	59.47	77 BRIDGE LOVERS	48.19
35 PODDAR DEVELOPERS	59.29	78 MANGO	47.90
36 INDONESIA SENIOR	59.26	79 PROTEA POPPIES	47.79
37 CHINA SENIOR	59.08	80 PEGASUS INDIA	47.48
38 POLAND LADIES	58.81	81 AUS WOMEN	47.09
39 TRANSTASMAN	58.40	82 ANDROMEDA	46.64
40 NAVIN	58.22	83 CONSTILLATION	46.45
41 YBM	57.81	84 TEXAN ACES	46.13
42 NIPPON SENIOR	57.61	85 MANOHARS FRIENDS	46.11
43 INDIAN CHAIN	57.15	86 SUNDAR 6	45.33
		87 ALUMNI CLUB	43.91

88 PCBA	43.84
89 SHAH	43.27
90 GUPTA	43.21
91 TALLURI	42.19
92 AGRESAR	42.18
93 SPAJKS	41.41
94 BISWAJIT GHOSH	41.25
95 ABA	40.70
96 CHANDIGARH BRIDGE	40.59
97 EQUNAMITY	40.25
98 CHOUDHARY COMBINES	40.03
99 UNCLE JOHN	39.70
100 SPARK	39.48
101 MOHIT MEHTA	39.29
102 NDPANI	39.06
103 CHARIS	39.03
104 ANAND MUMBAI	38.90
105 BANGALORE HOPEFULS	38.89
106 ARISTOS	38.87
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120 ABJACS	33.28
121 AIR BUS COCHIN INDIA	33.24

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Open Pairs, Session (2) 05:30 pm

Friday, November 6th
Pan Arab Inter Club – 10:30 am

Open Pairs, Session (3) 05:30 pm

Saturday, November 7th
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Mixed Pairs, Session (1) 05:30 pm

Sunday, November 8th

Pan Arab Inter Club – 10:30 am

Mixed Pairs, Session (2) 04:30 pm
Gala Dinner 09:00 pm

(* Pan Arab Inter- club's time schedule is subject to modification by The Organizing Committee according to number of participants.

PRIZES

OPEN PAIRS Guest (US\$) Jordanian (JD)

1st Pair 2000 1000

2nd Pair 1200 600

3rd Pair 800 400

4th Pair 600 300

5th Pair 500 250

6th Pair 400 200

7th Pair 300 150

8th, 9th Pairs 200 100

Best Ladies Pair 150 80

Best Mixed Pair 150 80

Best Improvement 150 80

MIXED PAIRS Guest(US\$) Jordanian (JD)

1st Pair 1200 500

2nd Pair 800 300

3rd Pair 600 250

4th Pair 500 200

5th Pair 400 150

6th Pair 300 100

7th Pair 200 100

Best Improvement 100 50

ENTRY FEES

Event	Guest (US\$)	Jordanian (JD)
Open Pairs	120	40
Mixed Pair	60	25
Pan Arab	400 PER TEAM	

ACCOMMODATION:

Single or Double room 145 US.\$

Bed and breakfast, all taxes inclusive.



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December 1 - 6, 2015



Bangkok Bank

ASEAN BRIDGE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Contract Bridge League of Thailand invites you to come to Bangkok for some exciting Bridge (ASEAN and Non-ASEAN) and enjoy our "City of Angels" ... food, shopping, sightseeing and great hospitality.

Schedule

- 1st December**
 - 5 pm : Delegates Meeting
 - 6 pm : Opening Ceremony
- 2nd December** : Open Pairs
Captains Meeting
- 3rd December** : Mixed Teams
- 4,5,6 December** : Open / Ladies
Senior / Youth Teams
- 6th December**
 - 8 pm : Victory Dinner,
Prize Presentation

Bridge Tournament Entry Fees

Open Pairs	US \$ 100
Mixed Teams	US \$ 150
Open/Ladies/Seniors Teams	US \$ 400
Youth Teams	US \$ 150



Venue & Accommodation

The Montien Hotel,
Surawongse Road, Bangkok, THAILAND

- **Single / Double Room**
Including breakfast
US \$ 80.00 per room



- **Airport transfer to Hotel :**
- Baht 1,400 per 2 persons
- Baht 1,900 per 4-6 persons

Organising Committee :

Contract Bridge League of Thailand

Chairperson : Esther C.Sophonpanich
 President : Chayawat Pisessith
 Tournament Director : Anthony Ching
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RED SEA INTERNATIONAL

21 Bridge FESTIVAL

EILAT - ISRAEL

NOVEMBER 12-22, 2♥15



Tournament Program

Mixed Pairs	November 12,13
M.P. Pairs	November 14
National Simultaneous	November 15
IMP Pairs	November 16,17
Open Pairs	November 18,19,20
Teams	November 21

Participants from All Over the World

Including European and World Champions.

Entrance Fee

€16 per session.

Total Prize Money in Excess of €25,000

Special Accommodation Packages

Daily Social Events



Further information and registration:

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2016 Asia Bridge Open Congress

(Apr 15th – Apr 24th, 2016 Beijing, China
Beijing Ditan Gymnasium)



Events and Schedule

Open Teams, Ladies Teams, Senior Teams, Junior Teams, Youngsters Teams, Girls teams	Apr 20-24
Open Pairs, Ladies Pairs, Senior Pairs, Youth Pairs	Apr 18-19
Mixed Pairs	Apr 19
Individual	Apr 17
CCBA Open Teams	Apr 16-19
IMP Pairs	Apr 20-21
Swiss Teams	Apr 22-23
Pairs event in every evening	Apr 16-24

Entry Fees

Event	Entry Fee	Event	Entry Fee
1. Open Teams	US\$1000	7. Open Pairs	RMB800
2. Ladies Teams	US\$1000	8. Ladies Pairs	RMB600
3. Senior Teams	US\$600	9. Senior Pairs	RMB600
4. Junior Teams	US\$400	10. Youth Pairs	RMB400
5. Youngsters Teams	US\$200	11. Mixed Pairs	RMB600
6. Girls teams	US\$400	12. Individual	RMB300
Players who are not from China Mainland having registered in the team events as well as players from China Mainland having registered in CCBA Open Teams can participate in the Pair events of the same category of the team event and individual event without paying entry fees.			
13. CCBA Open Teams	RMB3000	15. Swiss Teams	RMB800
14. IMP Pairs	RMB400	16. Pairs event in every evening	RMB400

Prize:

Total prize: RMB 500,000 and above

CCBA Open Teams, Open Pairs, Ladies Pairs, Senior Pairs, Youth Pairs, Mixed Pairs, IMP Pairs, Individual, Swiss Teams: The prize money will be RMB 300,000 and above in total.

Pairs event in every evening: in addition to RMB 20,000 as the prize money, 70% entry fee will be reward to the top 1/3 pairs.

Hotel



Hainan Hotel 4 Stars

(Headquarter hotel, 2 minutes to the venue by walking)



Sheraton Beijing Dong Cheng Hotel 5 Stars

(14 minutes to the venue by walking)

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