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BRIDGE GETS A WINNING HAND



WBF President Emeritus José Damiani (left) and WBF President Gianarrigo Rona (right) with Zeng Peiyan, president of the WBF Congress. Zeng accepted a special award for Jiang Zemin, former president of China and a supporter of bridge.

Boosted by the power of new sponsors and the players' enduring enthusiasm for their game, the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series got off to a rousing start that culminated with the presentation of a major award.

Just after WBF President Gianarrigo Rona presented a special medallion to Zeng Peiyan, president of the WBF Congress, Rona was joined on stage by President Emeritus José Damiani. The two WBF executives then revealed a large crystal trophy awarded to Jiang Zemin, former president of the People's Republic of China and a strong advocate for bridge.

Jiang was not present, but Rona said the award – for the most important living bridge personality – was presented in 1989 to Deng Xiaoping, the leader of China from 1978 to 1992, when he retired. He died in 1997. Deng promoted bridge in China and was known to play enthusiastically. ...continued on page 3

Watching bridge in Sanya

If you want to watch the bridge play during the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series, here's how you do it on OurGame:

Go to the website and follow the instructions:

<http://ourbridge.ourgame.com/>

The main site will be set to jump to the second website:

<http://ourbridge.ourgame.com/flash/loading.swf>

Requirements: Adobe flash plugin.



Find three matches per session on Ourgame and three on BBO!!!

Today's Schedule Mixed Teams Qualification

10:00 - 11:00

11:20 - 12:20

12:40 - 13:40

14:40 - 15:40

16:00 - 17:00

17:20 - 18:20

18:40 - 19:40

20:00 - 21:00



WBF President Opening Speech

Mr. Zeng Peiyan, Former Vice Premier of the State Council of People Republic of China and WBF Congress President, Mr. Feng Jianzhong, Vice Minister of General Administration of Sport and Vice President of the Chinese Olympic Committee, Mr. Wang Lu Vice Governor of Hai Nan Province, Mr. Fan Guangsheng, CCBA Vice President, Mr. Wu Yanjun, Deputy Mayor of Sanya, Mr. José Damiani, WBF President Emeritus, Mr. Ernesto d'Orsi, WBF Past President and Championship Chairman, Authorities, distinguished guests, dear colleagues of the WBF and CCBA, dear friends, dear players,

Welcome to Sanya where we come to participate and enjoy together the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series.



Giannarigo Rona, President of the WBF

In China, thanks to the great and generous support of the Authorities and the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, we have had the opportunity to organise the World Teams Championships on two occasions (Beijing 1995 and Shanghai 2007), the World Bridge Games, when it was incorporated in the International Mind Sports Games (Beijing 2008), the World Youth Teams Championship (Taicang 2012), and now we have the pleasure and the honour to organise the World Bridge Series.

The CCBA's organisational and management capability has been really impressive, showing a movement grown in an exceptional way, which has been centred on the development and diffusion of bridge among the youth. From a sports point of view, no other country has forged ahead as China has done since the Olympiad in Seattle 1984, its debut on the international stage. Today Chinese bridge is an integral part of world elite.

I wish to thank most sincerely the CCBA and its President Mr. Xiang Huaicheng, who honours me with his friendship, and the City of Taicang and its Mayor Mr. Wang Yong, as well as the General Administration of Sports of

China and the Chinese Olympic Committee, here represented by the Vice President Mr. Feng Jianzhong and the Department of Culture, Radio, Television, Publication and Sports of Hainan Province, here represented by Mr. Zhu Hansong, for this great opportunity which has been given to us. Not forgetting my dear friend and colleague Chen Zelan for her invaluable support. I would also to thank our Congress President, Mr. Zeng Peiyan, a great statesmen and enthusiastic and passionate supporter of bridge, and all the eminent personalities who are today here with us.

I am sure that this will be a great event thanks to the Local Organising Committee and the On Site Organizer, Wang Xiaofeng,, the Beijing Lianzhong, by us well known as Ourgame, chaired by my dear friend Eric Yang and the Red Bull Vitamin Drink, chaired by Ms. Wang Rui, all of whom have worked with such commitment, passion, professionalism and enthusiasm towards the success of the event. And we must not forget, of course, all the other sponsor friends who have contributed to the realisation of the championship. To all of them go our most sincere thanks: without their generosity it would have been impossible for us not only to be able to organise this event, but even to be able to consider organising it.

This event was born under the auspices of the IOC, SportAccord, ARISF and IMSA and I am very pleased to express my gratitude to their Presidents: Thomas Bach, Marius Vizer, Raffaele Chiulli and Kirsan Ilyumzhinov for their very kind welcome messages and greetings to the participants, confirming once again that we are true member of the Olympic Family and the Sports World.

Finally I would like to comment on the excellent job done once again by the WBF Championship Committee, chaired by Ernesto d'Orsi and administered by Marc De Pauw, which has contributed so much to the materialisation of this event.

I am sure that Sanya will live up to its reputation, tradition, history and culture for offering a great welcome and a warm hospitality to all of you dear friends, players, officers, journalists and guests.

Together with my colleagues from the World Bridge Federation, I am confident in being able to count on both the dedication and professionalism of our staff, and on the cooperation of all of you. I always repeat that bridge is more than fair play, because it is a way of thinking and not just a way of being, and I am certain that, once again, this event will increase my conviction.

I am sure that this Championship will again renew a great tradition of friendship and solidarity without discrimination and barriers, exalting the true values of Sport in general, and Bridge in particular. Our motto "Bridge for Peace," which is our flag, has to continue to fly higher and still higher, despite the dramatic events that unfold in several parts of the world.

And today, as President of the WBF, together with my predecessor and mentor, the President Emeritus José Damiani, we are particularly happy because you are here to play once again in a friendly sportive atmosphere a very agreeable bridge competition.

Thank you dear friends for your attention and enjoy all together the Championship and your stay in Sanya.

Un abbraccio to you all.

Gianarrigo Rona
WBF President

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At 9:11 p.m., while he was still stage, Zeng declared the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series to be open. He is the former vice chairman of the State Council of the People's Republic of China and counselor of the Chinese Contract Bridge Association.

Zeng's declaration was the culmination of an evening of celebration and praise for the army of people who worked make the tournament in Sanya happen and who will be in action to assure that all bridge players, some of whom traveled long distances to Sanya, have a good time.

There were several performances by dancers, singers and musicians, most displaying local folk culture and custom. The colorful costumes and energetic dances enlivened the celebratory event.

Eric Yang, chairman of a company that specializes in chess and board games, helped lure the Red Bull Vitamin Drink Co. as a sponsor of the 2014 tournament. "We feel honored to contribute to further development and internationalization of bridge," Yang said. "Chess and games are our career. Service to bridge lovers is our goal."

Rona acknowledged the many dignitaries in the audience and offered thanks to the sponsors whose support made it possible for Sanya to host the world championship.

"I am sure that this will be a great event, thanks to the Local Organising Committee and the On-Site Organizer, Wang Xiaofeng, the Beijing Lianzhong, by us well known as OurGame, chaired by my dear friend Eric Yang and the Red Bull Vitamin Drink, chaired by Ms. Wang Rui, all of whom have worked with such commitment, passion, professionalism and enthusiasm towards the success of the event. And we must not forget, of course, all the other sponsor friends who have contributed to the realisation of the championship. To all of them go our most sincere thanks."

Amendments to the General Conditions of Contest

Section 25 Screen Regulations

In section 25.1, the following sentence is added:



A player who removes one or more of his bidding cards from the tray in an apparent attempt to "pass" is indeed deemed to have "passed."

At the end of 25.2 (c), the following sentence is added:

Therefore the tournament director cannot make enquiries on a player's behalf on the other side of the screen during the auction or play.

Section 25.3 (g) is amended as follows:

Failure to do as (f) provides may persuade the Director it was the partner who drew attention to the break in tempo. If so he may well rule there was no perceived delay and thus no unauthorised information. A delay in passing the tray of up to 20 seconds is not normally regarded as significant. If the players have not been randomising the tempo of the auction as desired by section 25.1 paragraph 3, then a delay of less than 20 seconds may well be regarded as being significant.

Video Corner

Soon online: watch our video broadcasts!

Find the links on www.worldbridge.org

also, watch out for us



in the upcoming bulletins!



No smoking or drinking policy

Please be reminded that smoking and drinking is prohibited at any time and in any place during sessions.

If you do, an automatic penalty of 2VPs plus 100US\$ will be applied.





WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION Medical & Prevention Commission

Gabriele PW (Chair), Aubry Y, Capelli G, Jelmoni G, Mikkelsen F, Stomphorst J, Gudge A (Secr.)

After Lille, Bali and Istanbul, we continue the project *Mind & Health play together*, aimed at increasing the level of knowledge and information for the players, on the part of the WBF and to provide the best possible cooperation with the IOC.

Therefore, we invite all players to collaborate in this initiative. We understand that your time is valuable and the rest periods are short so we will try to be brief during the interviews and not disturb you too much.

Given previous experience, in order to make it simple, we hereby publish a list of bookings, taking into account the number of players in **Mixed Teams**, and inviting the players in teams made up of 6 or 5 athletes who are resting in the first two days (Oct. 11 and 12) to come for the interview. On the third day (Oct. 13) we will be available for extra interviews and we kindly ask players who can spare the time to volunteer to assist us in this important work. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Paolo Walter GABRIELE & Prof. Giovanni CAPELLI
The WBF Medical & Prevention Commission

DAY 1 - Saturday 11th October

Phase: MIXED TEAMS QUALIFICATION

MORNING

Round 1

10:00 - 10:20: THAILAND (Mixed Team - Player #1)

10:00 - 10:20: THAILAND (Mixed Team - Player #2)

10:20 - 10:40: BRINK (Mixed Team - Player #1)

10:20 - 10:40: BRINK (Mixed Team - Player #2)

10:40 - 11:00: BROCK (Mixed Team - Player #1)

10:40 - 11:00: BROCK (Mixed Team - Player #2)

Round 2

11:20 - 11:40: CAYNE (Mixed Team - Player #1)

11:20 - 11:40: CAYNE (Mixed Team - Player #2)

11:40 - 12:00: CHIME (Mixed Team - Player #1)

11:40 - 12:00: CHIME (Mixed Team - Player #2)

12:00 - 12:20: CHINA PETROLEUM S.A. (Mixed Team - Player #1)

12:00 - 12:20: CHINA PETROLEUM S.A. (Mixed Team - Player #2)

Round 3

12:40 - 13:00: COFCO YALONG BAY (Mixed Team - Player #1)

12:40 - 13:00: COFCO YALONG BAY (Mixed Team - Player #2)

13:00 - 13:20: DIAMOND (Mixed Team - Player #1)

13:00 - 13:20: DIAMOND (Mixed Team - Player #2)

13:20 - 13:40: GEELY AUTOMOBILE (Mixed Team - Player #1)

13:20 - 13:40: GEELY AUTOMOBILE (Mixed Team - Player #2)

AFTERNOON

Round 4

14:40 - 15:00: GLASSON (Mixed Team - Player #1)

14:40 - 15:00: GLASSON (Mixed Team - Player #2)

15:00 - 15:20: HAUGE (Mixed Team - Player #1)

15:00 - 15:20: HAUGE (Mixed Team - Player #2)

15:20 - 15:40: HOUCHE TOU BLUE (Mixed Team - Player #1)

15:20 - 15:40: HOUCHE TOU BLUE (Mixed Team - Player #2)

Round 5

16:00 - 16:20: JILINSHENGQAIOPAIXIEHUI
(Mixed Team - Player #1)

16:00 - 16:20: JILINSHENGQAIOPAIXIEHUI
(Mixed Team - Player #2)

16:20 - 16:40: JOEL (Mixed Team - Player #1)

16:20 - 16:40: JOEL (Mixed Team - Player #2)

16:40 - 17:00: LYNCH (Mixed Team - Player #1)

16:40 - 17:00: LYNCH (Mixed Team - Player #2)

Round 6

17:20 - 17:40: MARVELOUS (Mixed Team - Player #1)

17:20 - 17:40: MARVELOUS (Mixed Team - Player #2)

17:40 - 18:00: MILNER (Mixed Team - Player #1)

17:40 - 18:00: MILNER (Mixed Team - Player #2)

18:00 - 18:20: MOSS (Mixed Team - Player #1)

18:00 - 18:20: MOSS (Mixed Team - Player #2)

Round 7

18:40 - 19:00: PLATINUM CEM (Mixed Team - Player #1)

18:40 - 19:00: PLATINUM CEM (Mixed Team - Player #2)

19:00 - 19:20: PZIM (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 19:00 - 19:20: PZIM (Mixed Team - Player #2)
 19:20 - 19:40: QINGHAI BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
 (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 19:20 - 19:40: QINGHAI BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
 (Mixed Team - Player #2)

Round 8

20:00 - 20:20: RIVERS (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 20:00 - 20:20: RIVERS (Mixed Team - Player #2)
 20:20 - 20:40: ROSSARD (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 20:20 - 20:40: ROSSARD (Mixed Team - Player #2)
 20:40 - 21:00: SAIC (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 20:40 - 21:00: SAIC (Mixed Team - Player #2)

BOOKING LIST Day 2**DAY 2 - Sunday 12th October****Phase: MIXED TEAMS SEMIFINAL A & B****MORNING****Round 1**

09:30 - 09:50: SALVO (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 09:30 - 09:50: SALVO (Mixed Team - Player #2)
 09:50 - 10:10: SANSHA SATELLITE TV (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 09:50 - 10:10: SANSHA SATELLITE TV (Mixed Team - Player #2)
 10:10 - 10:30: SANYA-HONGYE (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 10:10 - 10:30: SANYA-HONGYE (Mixed Team - Player #2)

Round 2

10:50 - 11:10: SHANGAIYITONG (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 10:50 - 11:10: SHANGAIYITONG (Mixed Team - Player #2)
 11:10 - 11:30: SHENZEN (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 11:10 - 11:30: SHENZEN (Mixed Team - Player #2)
 11:30 - 11:50: SHENZEN NANGANG POWER
 (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 11:30 - 11:50: SHENZEN NANGANG POWER
 (Mixed Team - Player #2)

Round 3

12:10 - 12:30: SHENZEN PINGAN (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 12:10 - 12:30: SHENZEN PINGAN (Mixed Team - Player #2)
 12:30 - 12:50: SUZHOUTAIHU (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 12:30 - 12:50: SUZHOUTAIHU (Mixed Team - Player #2)
 12:50 - 13:10: TIANJIN CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOC. TEAM
 (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 12:50 - 13:10: TIANJIN CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOC. TEAM
 (Mixed Team - Player #2)

AFTERNOON**Round 4**

14:10 - 14:30: WEST VIP (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 14:10 - 14:30: WEST VIP (Mixed Team - Player #2)
 14:30 - 14:50: XBA (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 14:30 - 14:50: XBA (Mixed Team - Player #2)
 14:50 - 15:10: YEH MIX (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 14:50 - 15:10: YEH MIX (Mixed Team - Player #2)

Round 5

15:30 - 15:50: ZHIHAOLE (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 15:30 - 15:50: ZHIHAOLE (Mixed Team - Player #2)
 15:50 - 16:10: BEIJING TRINERGY (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 15:50 - 16:10: BRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FUJIAN PROVINCE
 (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 16:10 - 16:30: DALIAN (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 16:10 - 16:30: GOTARD (Mixed Team - Player #1)

Round 6

16:50 - 17:10: GUANGZHOU ZHAOHENG I
 (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 16:50 - 17:10: GUANGZHOU ZHAOHENG II
 (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 17:10 - 17:30: HEILONGJIANG TEAM (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 17:10 - 17:30: HEY HO (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 17:30 - 17:50: MASTER MINDS (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 17:30 - 17:50: MEIKUANGTIXIE (Mixed Team - Player #1)

Round 7

18:10 - 18:30: PAN-CHINA (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 18:10 - 18:30: PERTAMINA EP BLUE (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 18:30 - 18:50: PERTAMINA EP RED (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 18:30 - 18:50: PING AN CHINA (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 18:50 - 19:10: REDBULL (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 18:50 - 19:10: SHANDONGPUSHI TEAM
 (Mixed Team - Player #1)

Round 8

19:30 - 19:50: SOUL (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 19:30 - 19:50: THE LOCOMOTIVE SPORTS ASSOC. TEAM
 (Mixed Team - Player #1)
 19:50 - 20:10: YUNNAN (Mixed Team - Player #1)

Ready....Set.....GlasGow

Mark Horton presents a brief report on last month's fourth Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships from Scotland's second city.

The 28 teams who travelled to Glasgow to contest the fourth Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships were rewarded by a glorious week of sunshine and ideal playing conditions in the Radisson Blu Hotel.

They were split into two groups to play a round robin at the end of which the leading teams would advance to the knock out stage.

Here are a few highlights:

Dealer North. EW Game.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fegarty</i>	<i>Elliot</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Baggs</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	2NT*	3♥*	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♠	All Pass
2NT Red suits			

Don't you just love North's intervention. Thereafter the auction resembled many of my school reports - 'could do better'.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O'Mahony</i>	<i>Kendrick</i>	<i>Large</i>	<i>Mestel</i>
	Pass	2♣*	2♥
3♣	3♠	Dble	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

Was that 2♣ a tribute to a certain Albert Benjamin, denoting an Acol Two Bid in an unspecified suit? Whatever it enabled EW to brush aside some spirited intervention by NS and reach the unbeatable grand slam which was worth 13 IMPs.

A football match between England and Scotland is a continuation of the oldest international fixture in the world, first played in 1872 at Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow. The history of the British Isles has led to much rivalry between the nations in many forms, and the social and cultural effects of centuries of antagonism and conflict between the two has contributed to the intense nature of the sporting contests. Scottish nationalism has also been a factor in the Scots' desire to defeat England above all other rivals, with Scottish sports journalists traditionally referring to the English as the 'Auld Enemy'.

Bridge matches between the two countries are no less keenly fought and there was a full house when the two sides met in Round 5.

Dealer North. NS Game.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Sime</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Murdoch</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣*
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
2♣ Mostly game forcing			

East led the nine of diamonds and declarer ducked, won the next diamond and ran the clubs. When he then took the ♥AK West was caught in a show up squeeze - forced to retain the ♦7 he had to blank the king of spades, +690.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mould	King	Matheson	Small
	1♠	Pass	2♣*
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
2♣	Game forcing		
4♦	Cue bid		
4♥	Cue bid		
4♠	Cue bid		

West led the king of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and drew trumps, West parting with a couple of diamonds. Declarer ran the rest of the trumps and cashed the ♥AK, West coming down to ♠K9 ♦J and East ♠J ♥Q10.

When declarer exited with the ♥9 hoping to endplay East he was one down and Scotland had 13 IMPs.

Suppose East had started out with the ♠K and say ♥Q1074. It is not difficult to see what declarer has in mind but as long as West retains three hearts and two diamond East can happily reduce to say two spades, two hearts and a diamond when declarer must go down.

So perhaps declarer should have got it right.

Dealer West. NS Game

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Holland	Sime	Green	Murdoch
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥
Pass*	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	3♣	Dble	All Pass
Pass	Denies 3♠		

East led the king of spades and switched to the nine of hearts. Declarer put up dummy's ace and played a club to the jack, king and ace. East switched to the seven of diamonds and West won with the king and played the king of hearts ruffed by the six and overruffed by the eight. If East now continues with the ace of spades and a spade West ruffs and plays a heart. Declarer ruffs and East discards, wins the trump exit with the ten and plays a diamond. West wins and plays another heart and that

promotes the lowly ♣3 - a beautiful way to collect +1400. When East missed this and returned a diamond declarer 'escaped' for -1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mould	King	Matheson	Small
INT	Pass	3♥*	Dble
3NT	All Pass		
3♥	Shortage		

North led the four of hearts and South took the ace and returned the ten of diamonds. Declarer won, cashed another diamond then played the queen of clubs for the king and ace. A club back to the jack and a diamond to North's queen allowed to claim the rest, +460, but 12 IMPs to England.

Dealer North. EW Game

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Holland	Narunsky	Green	Kaprey
	1♥	2♣	2♦
3♣	4♥	All Pass	

East made the dramatic lead of the seven of clubs. When you do this type of thing you either end up smelling of roses or in the mire.

If declarer had put up dummy's jack of clubs the mire would have been very deep, but a low club allowed West to win with the ten. The nine of diamonds was ruffed by East and the ten of spades was covered by the king and ace. Another diamond ruff was followed by a second spade and West won and tried to cash a third spade, so declarer was just two down, -100.

You might think that an overcall of 2♣ would not be everyone's choice. On the actual layout EW easily make 4♠ (although even if East starts with a two suited overcall they are not certain to reach it) but give West four spades and you certainly want to be in game.

Unluckily for EW a bid of 2♥ would have shown spades and diamonds, so to show this two suiter East would have to bid 2NT - not ideal.

A simple 1♠ is a possibility, but you can see the attractions of 2♣.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Balkin	King	Holroyd	Small
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

East led the ace of clubs for the two, ten and three. The king of clubs took the next trick, West following with the four. When East continued with a third club a grateful declarer took the rest, +450 and 11 IMPs for England.

Dealer West. EW Game

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Esmail	Kendrick	Deen	Mestel
1♥	2♣	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Bridge is littered with little 'rules' such as second hand low, third hand high, cover an honour with and honour etc but for the most part these are only guidelines which frequently have to be ignored. However, one piece of advice that is invariably sound is that if you have an opening bid and your partner opens the bidding then it is incumbent upon you to ensure that your side gets to game.

This deal looked like the exception that proves the rule, as in theory EW cannot make a game, but it is very easy for the defenders to go wrong. For example, if West declares 4♥ then North must find a spade lead, not impossible, but by no means a certainty.

We'll take a look at the alternative game possibility, 3NT in a moment.

South led the seven of clubs for the ten jack and ace and declarer played a diamond to the king, a spade to the king and a top diamond getting the bad news/good news (if the diamond behave then 3NT is a doddle). Declarer continued diamonds, South winning the fourth round, cashing the master trump and exiting with a spade. Declarer won in dummy and played the queen of clubs, establishing a trick for the nine, but there was still a heart and a club to lose, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fegarty	B Shah	Curtis	R Shah
1♥	2♣	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Naturally South led a club and the ten was covered by the jack and ace. Declarer played a heart to the queen and when that held a second heart went to South's ace as declarer pitched a club. South switched to a diamond and declarer won in dummy, forced out the king of hearts and claimed ten tricks, +630 and 12 IMPs to England 2.

To have a chance of defeating 3NT South must lead a spade at trick one. Say declarer wins and plays a heart. If South takes the ace it is essential to switch to a club. East takes the jack with the ace, but crossing to dummy with a diamond to play a heart sees North win, cash a club and exit with a spade, South getting two spades at the end.

If, as is perhaps more likely, South withholds the ♥A North must duck (not an easy play to find). Then South can win the second heart and play a club, transposing into the first line.

Dealer North. Love All

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Esmail	Kendrick	Deen	Mestel
	4♠	All Pass	

Bidding becomes much tougher when the auction starts at a high level, a reasonable action can easily prove to be disastrous. Here East might/should overcall 5♥ and West might/should double or bid 5♣. When neither was willing to take any action North had no trouble recording +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fegarty	B Shah	Curtis	R Shah
	4♠	5♥	5♠
6♥	6♠	Dble	Pass
7♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Here East did overcall 5♥, which is usually the right thing to do in this situation.

What seems like far too many year ago now I discussed this type of auction with England's number 1, Tony Forrester. His theory is that you should try and decide at what level you would like the opponents to play and bid accordingly. If you decide that it is likely that EW can make 6♥ then one option is to pass over 5♥, reserving the option of bidding 6♠ if West bids 6♥ (I have a feeling West would have bid at least 6♥ and 5♠ is also a possibility).

This particular South hand is awkward to evaluate, but with partner odds on to hold eight spades you know that your side will not get a spade trick. So, unless partner has a bit on the side (a modest laugh is allowed at this point) you are looking at your sides only defensive assets and have to gauge if they might be enough to defeat 6♥/7♥.

When South made the natural looking spade raise and West bid 6♥ North, in the style of the great Rixi Markus, came again and East doubled to make it clear she held a spade loser.

It was a fair shot now for West to bid 7♥. Apart from the fact that it might be cold, it is clear that EW will not get rich defending 6♠ doubled and it is possible that NS might be persuaded to go on to 7♠.

Trusting that the minor suits would produce a trick South doubled to conclude an exciting auction. Right she was, one down, +100, but England had 8 IMPs.

It's a pound to a penny (I thought I'd get that in while the pound is still the currency of choice in Scotland) that at some point during a major championship that the Great Shuffler will produce a set of deals that are designed to wreak havoc.

In this event it proved to be Round 12 and it brought to mind the words of the Maximus Decimus Meridius, General of the Felix Legions at the beginning of the blockbuster movie Gladiator - 'At my signal, unleash hell'.

Substituting for the Romans and German tribesmen were England 2 and Black Swan.

Dealer East. NS Game

♠ K 9 5 2 ♥ K J 10 5 3 ♦ — ♣ J 10 9 8	♠ A Q 6 ♥ 8 4 2 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ A Q 6 3 <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 10 8 3 ♥ A Q 9 7 6 ♦ Q ♣ 7 5 4 2	♠ J 7 4 ♥ — ♦ K J 10 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♣ K
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Curtis	Moore	Fegarty	Free
		5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

West led the jack of clubs and declarer put up dummy's ace, felling the king. A heart to the six and ten confirmed the worst and West continued with the nine of clubs. Declarer won in dummy and returned a club and West won and cashed another trick in the suit before exiting with the five of spades. Putting in the queen now should allow declarer to escape (if that is the right word) for -1100 but he played low from dummy and East won with the jack and returned the king of diamonds. West ruffed and played a spade. It would not help declarer to play the queen now as the defenders have the tempo. He went up with the ace and pitched a spade on the ace of diamonds. West ruffed and exited with a spade and still had a trick to come, down five, -1400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Packer	Kendrick	Tearne	Mestel
		5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South led the eight of spades and North won with the queen, cashed the black aces and exited with a heart. Declarer ruffed and played a diamond - unfortunately it was the ten rather than the king - so he was three down, -500.

Looking on the bright side it only cost an IMP.

Dealer South. Game All.

♠ K 9 8 6 4 ♥ K J ♦ 9 5 ♣ A J 9 6	♠ A J 7 2 ♥ 6 4 ♦ A K Q J 8 3 ♣ K <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 10 ♥ 10 3 ♦ 10 7 6 4 2 ♣ Q 8 4 3 2	♠ Q 5 3 ♥ A Q 9 8 7 5 2 ♦ — ♣ 10 7 5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Curtis	Moore	Fegarty	Free
		2♦*	2♠*
1♠	Dble	3♠	5♦
Pass	3♦	All Pass	
Pass	6♦		
2♦	Hearts		

My regular reader (Mrs Trellis of North Wales) will know that I am not a fan of doubling with the type of hand North holds.

2♠ clearly showed the minors, but South is somewhat short of high cards and when he jumped to game on the next round North took him seriously.

East led the three of spades but although declarer was allowed to get rid of a heart on the queen of clubs the contract was still one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Packer	Kendrick	Tearne	Mestel
1♠	3NT	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

4NT Good support for both minors

Why North would want to bid 3NT over 1♠ is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma; but perhaps there is a key. If the defence lead a spade and South is kind enough to hold the ace of clubs and a diamond entry then 3NT will make.

4♠ will go down but you can understand why South took out the double.

When East led the three of spades for the king and ace declarer could ruff out the queen of spades establishing a discard for a losing heart, +600 and 12 IMPs to England.

Dealer East. Game All

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Curtis	Moore	Fegarty	Free
1♠	2♥	1♦	Pass
3♦	3♥	Dble*	2♠*
All Pass		4♦	Dble

Dble Support double
2♠ Good raise in hearts

With nothing to speak off in the way of high cards and no distribution West's decision to support diamonds proved to be unsound when East bid 4♦.

With an early Christmas present in the bag South led the eight of hearts and North won with the jack and returned the five of clubs. Declarer won, cashed a second club and exited with a club. South won and played another heart and declarer ruffed and, with fingers crossed, ruffed a club with the six of diamonds. The queen of spades was covered by the king and ace and declarer went back to dummy with a spade, ruffed a heart and exited with a spade, ensuring one more trump trick as South, down to ♦AKJ9 was forced to ruff. Two down meant -500.

Had North been able to overruff the six of diamonds the penalty would have been in four figures.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Packer	Kendrick	Tearne	Mestel
Pass	2♥	1♦	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3NT

East cashed the king of clubs followed by the black aces and exited with a spade. Declarer won with the king and cashed the top hearts, one down, -100 and 12 IMPs to Black Swan.

No doubt declarer thought West's failure to respond pinpointed the ♥Q (West looked certain to have the ♠QJ).

This deal from the mentally draining Round 12 illustrates to perfection the old adage, 'There is not always a Lightner at the end of the Tunnel'.

Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Curtis	Moore	Fegarty	Free
2♥*	Pass	4♥	4♠
Pass	4NT*	5♥	5♠*
Pass	Pass	6♥	Dble

2♥ Hearts and a minor
4NT RKCB
5♠ 2 key cards

North led the ace of clubs for the six, nine and eight.

Given that West might have held ♣J8432 the commentators speculated on the possibility that North might play a second club, hoping that South could ruff it, but that would hardly explain South's double.

However, North did not play a club.

Unfortunately North chose to exit with a spade and declarer was soon claiming, +1660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Packer</i>	<i>Kendrick</i>	<i>Tearne</i>	<i>Mestel</i>
2♥*	2♠	3♠*	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♥	Dble
All Pass			

Perhaps thinking his partner was doubling on power North allowed himself to be lulled into false sense of security. His lead of the two of spades did not trouble the scorers, +1660 and another dull, flat board.

...and so, ladies & gentlemen, as the muffled mobile of time goes off in the theatre of destiny, and the surgeon of fate realises he's sewn his phone inside a patient once again... I leave you with this thought - try beating 6♦ by EW.

The quarter final line ups produced these results:

England v Scottish President	54-51
Canada v Wales	46-76
Chairman v Australia	101-27
Scotland v India	60-62

Dealer West. Game All.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duncan</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Gordon</i>	<i>Green</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
2♣	Game forcing		

East led the two of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a club to the ace and a diamond to the

king and ace. West continued with the jack of diamonds (essential) and when it was allowed to hold (fatal) he continued with a club for the queen and king. At this point declarer can ruff a club, finesse in hearts and play two more rounds, pitching a diamond on the third and ruffing the fourth before exiting with a diamond. West, down to trumps has to ruff and surrender three trump tricks.

However, when declarer played the jack of spades it was covered by the queen and king and East pitched the seven of clubs. Now it was impossible to survive the 5-0 trump break for as soon as West came in with a trump he could exit with the ten of clubs and had to score another trump, one down, -100.

To be sure of defeating 4♠ East must overtake the jack of diamonds with the queen and give West a ruff. Given that declarer was known to hold four diamonds this is a difficult but perhaps not impossible play to find.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>King</i>	<i>Peterkin</i>	<i>Small</i>	<i>Sanders</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

3NT Balanced raise

Here East led the four of clubs and declarer won with the jack and cashed the ace of spades, East discarding the nine of clubs. Declarer unblocked the ace of clubs and continued with a spade to the jack and king. Declarer pitched a diamond on the club return and played the six of spades for the five and seven followed by a diamond to the king (if declarer ducks this the defenders are helpless). West won and played the jack. When it held he exited with a heart (a trump into the tenace sees East get squeezed in the red suits) and declarer played four rounds of the suit, catching West's trumps for +620 and 12 IMPs.

At the point where West played the jack of diamonds it is clear for East to overtake and play another diamond when East's ruff will be the setting trick.

India's Malhotra played the hand to perfection on a club lead.

He won with the jack, played a heart to the ace, a spade to the queen, unblocked the ace of clubs, took a heart finesse, cashed the king of clubs pitching a diamond took the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart and exited with a diamond, not caring who had the ace.



Dealer North. Love All.

♠ A 8 7		♠ K 10 5 3			
♥ K 4		♥ Q 10 8 5 3			
♦ K J 10 5		♦ Q 9 4			
♣ A Q 9 4		♣ 10			
♠ J 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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	♠ Q 9 6 2
N					
W E					
S					
♥ A J 9 7 2		♥ 6			
♦ A 8 6 3		♦ 7 2			
♣ 8 3		♣ K J 7 6 5 2			

It is of passing interest that neither East or West saw fit to enter the auction. (Bakhshi and McIntosh got all the way to 4♥ - on a good day it might have made.)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Thakral</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Bendre</i>	<i>Rees</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♥	Dble	3♥	5♣
All Pass			

East led the three of hearts and West won with the ace and switched to a low diamond. Declarer saw his opportunity and went up with the king, pitched a diamond on the king of hearts, ruffed a diamond, crossed to dummy with a trump, ruffed a diamond, went to dummy to ruff the last diamond and played ace of spades and a spade. Even if West had held the king he would have been endplayed.

That was a well played +400 and 10 IMPs to Wales.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tedd</i>	<i>Datta</i>	<i>Salisbury</i>	<i>Nandi</i>
	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The semifinals these scores:

Chairman - England	46-35
India - Wales	68-92

East led the five of hearts and West took the ace and returned the seven to declarer's king. Declarer played a club to the jack and tried to slip a diamond past West - no joy as up went the ace and the defenders cashed their hearts for one down, -50.

The significance of this result was that as the last national team standing Wales were the new Commonwealth Nations Team Gold Medallists.



Welshpride

Richard Anthony Priday - 1922-2012

Tony Priday, the first Gentleman of English Bridge, learned to play when he was an 11 year old attending Seaford Preparatory School. He went on to Winchester College and then joined the King's Royal Rifle Corps, rising to the rank of Major. Waiting to embark on D-day, in charge of a unit of four anti-tank guns, he was sitting on a motorbike when another army motorcyclist lost control and ran into him. He spent nine months in hospital. Five of his men were killed whilst he was in hospital.

In 1947 he joined the family timber company, Sydney Priday & Snewin, eventually becoming its Managing Director. He eventually retired in 2001.

He had an outstanding bridge career, making his first appearance for England in 1955.



He appeared 30 times for England in the Camrose Trophy, with a record of won 24, drew 3 and lost 3, his last appearance coming in 2002. He won the Gold Cup on seven occasions between 1964 and 1976.

His first appearance for Great Britain was in the 1961 European Championships in Torquay when the team took gold, going on to finish third in the following year's Bermuda Bowl.

Altogether he played in eight European Championships, taking silver in 1971 and in 1976 he was a member of the team that finished third in the 1976 Bridge Olympiad.

He was an independent assessor of the technical evidence at the British Bridge League inquiry into the allegation of cheating by Terence Reese and Boris Schapiro during the 1965 World Teams Championship in Buenos Aires.

He became the bridge correspondent of The Sunday Telegraph when it was launched in 1961 a post he held for 36 years.

That same year he was a member of the Great Britain team that toured South Africa after winning the European championship, and they refused to play against all-white teams.

In 1970, in partnership with Nico Gardener, he won the Sunday Times Invitational Pairs.

In 1983, Priday partnered Claude Rodrigue in a match between teams representing Great Britain and the USA, shown by the BBC. The British team of Priday, Rodrigue, Nicola Gardener (now Smith) and Pat Davies won by 32 IMPs over 78 deals in seven sessions (the Americans were Neil Silverman, Matt Granovetter, Jacqui Mitchell, and Gail Moss). It was featured in a book that described Priday thus: 'He is tall, grey-haired, distinguished and impeccably dressed ... He is also amusing, polite and might appear ripe to be mugged at the Bridge table ... Beneath the velvet lurks a mind of iron...'

He was famous for his impeccable demeanour at the bridge table, one player saying in an overheard conversation 'I'm surprised he is playing for Britain. He is much too polite to be a bridge player.'

He was non-playing captain of many England and Great Britain teams which included the 1987 Bermuda Bowl when Great Britain lost to the USA in the final.

Earlier this year, in May he set a record that will be hard to beat when he partnered Bernard Teltscher in Senior Home Internationals, there combined ages being a modest 182 years.

A Vice-President and a former Vice-Chairman of the English Bridge Union, he was made an honorary Life Member in 1997. He was also a past Chairman of the British Bridge League.

In 1966 he married Jane Juan, who won that year's quadrennial World Women Pairs Championship and was one of the Great Britain women who won multiple European Championships and the 1964 Olympiad. Jane died from a brain tumour and in 1995 he married Vivian. They moved to Marbella, on the Mediterranean coast near Gibraltar, where their typical afternoon included a session of bridge the local club.

To enjoy a typical day in the life of Tony Priday go to:

<http://www.ebu.co.uk/documents/miscellaneous/tony-priday.pdf>

Give power to the mind

For some time now, World Bridge Federation officials and others involved with bridge have been working hard to establish the game as a true sport. Believers are mostly members of the club, so to speak.

The 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series is expected to lend credibility to the assertion that bridge is indeed a sport even if running, jumping and throwing are not elements of the competition.

has been working on since the announcement last year that the city had been selected to host the 2014 event.

She said the city worked with the WBF, the CCBA and the National Sports Bureau to make sure the city was ready for the influx of players. "We have worked hard to make the championship succeed," she said.

In all, Xu noted, 17 city departments have been involved in the preparations for the championship and seven new departments



Participants at the Friday press conference at the Sheraton: Secretary General Wang Xiaofeng of the Chinese Contract Bridge Association; Chairman Eric Yang, Beijing Lianzhong Co. Ltd; Sanya Vice Mayor Xu Zhenling; WBF President Gianarrigo Rona, WBF President Emeritus José Damiani and former WBF President Ernesto d'Orsi.

A key player in the recruitment of Red Bull as the sponsor of the event was Eric Yang, chairman of Beijing Lianzhong Co. Ltd. He was one of several officials – including WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and President Emeritus Jose Damiani – who took part in a press conference on Friday at the Sheraton Hotel.

Yang said Red Bull, producers of the world's best-known energy drink, have traditionally associated the company with different kinds of events, including Formula 1 racing and cliff diving.

When Yang approached Red Bull about sponsoring the World Bridge Series, he made the case that bridge "is a sport that is challenging, competitive and has a huge following in the world."

Red Bull embraced the idea and even created a slogan for sponsorship of a bridge tournament: "Give power to the mind."

Said Yang, "Red Bull knows that sponsoring mind sports will give a very good return."

Yang also noted that OurGame was brought in as "a fresh new broadcasting system" so that anyone, anywhere, who is interested in the championship can view matches online. "People all over the world can experience the fierce atmosphere of this high-level tournament." OurGame is another of the many sponsors of the Sanya tournament.

Others on the podium at the press conference were Secretary General Wang Xiaofeng of the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, Vice Mayor Xu Zhenling of the Sanya Municipal Government and former WBF President Ernesto d'Orsi.

Wang said a lot of work has been done to promote bridge in China, including training for those with bridge aptitude and revision of the selection process. Talented players have a chance to play abroad – they are regularly seen at major tournaments in the U.S. – to give them the experience they need to compete in high-level events.

Wang he is hopeful that success by Chinese teams and pairs will result in more attention to such tournaments by the news media.

Vice Mayor Xu outlined the preparations that the city of Sanya

were established for marketing and promotion of Sanya and the tournament. The city also recruited and trained 100 university students as volunteers to assist with the tournament.

The 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series, she said, is "a good chance for promotion of the city's image."

Rona said his first contact with China came in 1986 when, as president of the Italian Bridge Federation, he took a national team to Beijing to compete for the Great Wall Trophy.

Numerous other encounters with Chinese players and bridge officials only strengthened his friendship and admiration for the organization and its officials.

"The CCBA's organizing the managing capability has been really impressive," Rona said.

The WBF president gave special thanks to this year's sponsors. "Without their generosity, it would have been impossible for not only to be able to organize this event, but even to be able to consider organizing it."

Rona credited Damiani for his foresight and work to "open the door of bridge to China."

Damiani said he is proud of his contributions in that area and noted that when it comes to teaching bridge to the young, "China is the leader in that field."

When the press conference was opened for questions, Rona was asked why Sanya was chosen for the 2014 tournament.

Rona said the WBF receives numerous requests from various cities and organizations interested in hosting the world championships. The offer from Sanya was greeted cautiously, he said, because the city "is not so well known."

That changed with the first visit to the city by WBF officials. "As soon as we came," Rona said, "we realized that Sanya could be an idea place because we could combine a comfortable venue with a fantastic place. There was also very strong support from the local authorities."