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1st Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 16, 2009 (Monday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Venue: Unit 1103, 11/F, East Ocean Centre, 98 Granville Road, TST, KLN, HK

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)

Thomas Ng – Vice-President (TN)

Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)

Christopher Leung – Treasurer (CL)

Council members:

Leo Cheung (LC)

CC Wong (CC)

SK Luk (SK)

Tony Lau (TL)

WK Lai (WK)

Chan Yiu (CY)

Doris Lo (DL)

Charmian Koo (CK)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	Adopt minutes of the 13 th Council Meeting held on February 16, 2009.		All
2	Since AGM minutes is not ready, will adopt in the 2 nd Council Meeting.		
3	Follow up matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order): Item 2.3: CC will lend one Duplimate machine to Bux for the use in the coming 46 th PABF Championship held in Macau. After the 46 th PABF Championship Bux has to return the Duplimate machine to HKCBA in good order. HKCBA will at least maintain 2 old models of Duplimate machine for the current total of approximate 5000 new cards to be utilized in 3-4 years time. Will review the upgrade of		CC

	current model of Duplimate machines 2 years later.		
	Item 3.3 CL to send the fact sheet of room fee for intercity (about HK\$850+105) to TL to post on web.		CL, TL
4	<u>Financial Affairs:</u>		
4i	After paying deposit for intercity, there are more than HK\$100,000 remain in the account.		
4ii	Council members in charge of sub-committees to submit budget for 2009 to CL for review in the next council meeting.		CL
4iii	Council agreed to take up the right issue of HSBC shares. The total no. of rights entitlement is 4166 shares and the subscription amount is HK\$116,648. DZ will pay HK\$100,000 from his pocket for the expense and the remaining HK\$16,648 will be paid from the account balance of HKCBA.		
	<u>Internal Affairs:</u>		
5	Council Members are assigned with duties for the new term as follows:		
5i	TN – Tournament Operation, Chief in charge		TN
	CC – Tournament Operation, oversee equipment and assign director		CC
	SK – Tournament Operation, sale of equipment (exclude sale in Intercity), running LCSD courses, assign teachers		SK
	LC – Youth Team		LC
	WK – Youth Development		WK
	TL, CC – Web master		TL,CC
	CY – Bridgezette related		CY
	CK – Deal with external parties such as visitors, enquiries, SFOC affairs etc.		CK
	DL – Membership, Master Point		DL
	PC – Prepare announcement for posting on HKCBA website		PC
5ii	Tournament Operation to appoint Appeals Committee. TN will provide committee members' name for adopt in the next meeting.		TN
5iii	DZ to appoint members for the Board of tournament director committee.		DZ

5iv	Confirmed there is no official “not-welcomed” player list as per record.		
5v	Approved David CC Ng to be NPC of HK Open Team for the coming 46 th PABF Championship.		All
5vi	Approved David CC Ng to be NPC of HK Ladies Team for the coming 46 th PABF Championship. Ladies Team members must register as member of HKCBA effective from June 1, 2009 before they can represent.		All
5vii	Approved DZ and Stephen Kwok to be NPC of the two HK Senior Teams for the coming 46 th PABF Championship. Council approved the change members request raised by Stephen Kwok on March 9, 2009. The reason for the request of change in member was that Terence Mak has been very sick and applied to withdraw from the Team, while his partner Shirley Leong will be returning to Canada around end of June and so would be unable to meet the change of original schedule. Paulus CC Lam and CB Chiu will be replacing Terence and Shirley, provided that they must become member of HKCBA effective from June 1, 2009.		All
5viii	LC and WK will draft the budget for 2009 youth development to CL in the next meeting.		LC, WK
5ix	There are total 4 teams registered for the 2009 PABF Youth Trial. Two teams are from HK Youth Team. As there are only 4 teams, there will be no qualifying round. The 4 teams will enter into Semi-final directly. For further details please refer to 2009 PABF Youth Trial COC.		LC
5x	PC will prepare templates for LC, CC, CK and PC for name cards ordering.		PC
6	<u>Tournament Affairs:</u>		
6i	TN has prepared draft tournament schedule for 2009 Bridge Year and distributed to all. In summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be no more “Paul Jones” due to the low level of participation. - “Ladies Pairs” and “Senior Bowl” are added, the criteria for 		TN

	<p>“Senior Bowl” is ages 55 (Born in the year 1955, age limit will be increased year by year up to ages 60) or above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Match Point Pairs” will replace “Continuous Pairs” due to its nature with no relation to the word “Continuous” - Life and Non-life master pairs retrieved. Will take reference to the no. of master points as of October 31. - CY to help follow up on the date of Interport event. - Mixed Pairs will be reduced to 1 day. - Except year rounds event, all other events will be open for pre-registration so as to minimize rental expenses. 		CY
6ii	Update of tournament director list to be provided by board of tournament director committee.		DZ
6iii	TN proposed to charge a membership fee of HK\$100 for players who want to play in all HKCBA events at member price except for all trial events. Players who joined the membership with HK\$100 are different from ordinary members; they are classified as “player” only and have no voting right. “Player” cannot play in all trial events unless they pay an additional HK\$300 to upgrade themselves as ordinary member. The proposal will take effect from June 1, 2009.		TN
6iv	KF Mak will be responsible for checking the status of trophies and report to council.		TN to get update from KF Mak
7	<u>Intercity Affairs:</u>		
7i	AIA will not provide sponsor for intercity in 2009. Still in progress of finding sponsorship for intercity. Currently York Liao and TN have agreed to sponsor for intercity.		
7ii	To organize Celebrity event or not is still to be confirmed depends on the progress of finding celebrities. For Inter-professional, LC will work with Nancy Neumann to organize. HKCBA to pick up the cost of venue as well as arrange refreshment for participants (estimated cost is HK\$5000 to HK\$10,000).		LC to work with Nancy Neumann
7iii	LC proposed HKCBA to sponsor HK Youth Team members to play in the Open Team series in 2009 intercity, and raised to see if there are any issue for HK Youth Team members not playing in the Youth series in 2009 intercity. He proposed a possibility of canceling the Youth series in intercity. The above proposal will be subject to		LC

	decision of the Intercity Organizing Committee.		
8	<u>External Affairs:</u>		
8i	Council approved to lend all the 60 EC scoring machine and the 3 wireless receivers to Bux for the 46 th PABF Championship in Macau, and they must be return to HKCBA after PABF in good order. CC to reply to Bux on this decision.		CC
8ii	The Shanghai/Taipei/Hong Kong/Macau bridge tournament will be held on April 10-13, 2009 in Shanghai. This will be treated as personal event so HKCBA will not be involving.		
9	CC has met with Anthony Ching and the playing card supplier from Japan on March 12, 2009 to discuss and get details of the price of their playing cards.		
	Adopted David CC Ng's Senior Team captain's report for the 2007 PABF Championship.		
	The 2 nd Council Meeting will be held on April 20, 2009.		

2nd Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 20, 2009 (Monday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Venue: Unit 1103, 11/F, East Ocean Centre, 98 Granville Road, TST, KLN, HK

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)

Thomas Ng – Vice-President (TN)

Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)

Christopher Leung – Treasurer (CL)

Council members:

Leo Cheung (LC)

CC Wong (CC)

Tony Lau (TL)

WK Lai (WK)

Chan Yiu (CY)

Charmian Koo (CK)

Apologizes: Council Members:

SK Luk (SK)

Doris Lo (DL)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	Adopt minutes of the 1st Council Meeting held on March 16, 2009.		
2	Adopt minutes of AGM held on February 27, 2009.		
3	<p>Follow up matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order):</p> <p>Item 3 and 4iii done.</p> <p>Item 5ii and 5iii are to be discussed when go through agenda items 5i and 5ii.</p> <p>Item 5viii: LC proposed budget for 2009 youth development and requested a budget of HK\$22,000. Half of it for sponsoring youth team to play in 2009 intercity and the remaining half to be spending on youth team activities.</p> <p>Item 6iii: Council approved to name those who join the new type of membership as “Registered Player”.</p> <p>Item 7ii: LC proposed HK\$2,000 per team for the inter-professional event and target to have 15 to 20 teams. He will send invitation letters out by end of April 2009.</p> <p>Item 7iii and 8i done.</p>		LC
4	<u>Financial Affairs:</u>		
4i	CL to submit 2009 budget in the next council meeting.		CL
5	<u>Internal Affairs:</u>		
5i	<p>Council approved the appointment of Appeals Committee:</p> <p>Chairperson: Derek Zen</p>		

	Members: Anthony Ching, David CC Ng, Eric Tang, Kenny Lau, LH Chin, Peter Chun and Samuel Wan.		
5ii	Council approved Tournament Operation Committee. Coordinator and Communication: Thomas Ng Tournament Schedule, Venue, Format/COC, Pre-registration: David CC Ng Equipment: SK Luk Director Arrangement: CC Wong Trophy, Web info regarding tournament operation: KF Mak Accounting regarding tournament operation and figure analyzing: Ray Cheung		
5iii	DZ to provide names for Board of Tournament Director Committee and tournament director list in the next council meeting.		DZ
5iv	Council approved 2009 PABF Youth Trial winners to represent HK in the 46th PABF Championship U26 series. Representatives include: Arthur Lau, Bubble Ho, Himmy Ng, Kongo Kong, Nick Fung and Wilson Leung. LC will check the membership status of the youth representatives and make sure they have registered as HKCBA members before they represent in the PABF Championship. LC will find NPC for them and the NPC will be given HK\$4,000 as subsidy. NPC is to prepare captain's report and submit to council after PABF. Youth Team will pay for the PABF registration fee. There will not be any subsidy granted for the Youth representatives.		LC
5v	Council disapproved to sponsor for HKCBA Council Cup in 2009 due to budget constraint and lack of sufficient ground for granting the sponsorship.		
6	<u>Intercity Affairs:</u>		
6i	DZ gave updates on the intercity sponsorship progress. Till now we have received several confirmations to sponsor for intercity and the total amount is HK\$280,000. Target is to get at least HK\$350,000 to break even.		DZ
6ii	Patrick Choy agreed to sponsor HK\$100,000 for the celebrity event.		

	It has been counted as part of the HK\$280,000 sponsorship.		
7	<u>External Affairs:</u>		
7i	Confirmed that we do not have NCBO's President Report to submit to Patrick Choy for the purpose of drafting the 2009 Zone 6 President Report. Instead WK will work out the list of youth activities in our NCBO to submit for the purpose.		WK
8	<u>A.O.B.</u>		
	<u>HSBC stocks:</u> Require to obtain consent from 75% of HKCBA shareholders to sell HSBC stocks.		
	Currently the HSBC stocks are kept by HSBC. To review the cost of storage for expense control, CL will check how much the current storage fee is, if it is below HK\$500 we will continue to keep it with HSBC, otherwise we will take all out and store somewhere else.		CL
	<u>U21 Youth Team for PABF:</u> HKCBA Council received invitation from PABF Organizing Committee to send team to participate in the U21 series of the 46th PABF Championship. Although we did not plan to send any U21 team before, Council agreed to send one youth team to participate in the event, but HKCBA will not pay for the entry fee and there will not be any subsidy for the U21 representatives. LC will check with PABF Organizing Committee if they can waive the U21 entry fee due to the late invitation. LC will find NPC for U21 representatives and suggested that the NPC for U26 representatives to act as the NPC for U21 representatives as well, however no extra NPC subsidy will be given.		LC
	<u>Open League Issue:</u> TN reported that there is a player played for two teams in the Open League. He was given warning and reminded to play for one team only.		
	As observed that some teams might have difficulty finding player(s) for each round of Open League, TN proposed and Council approved to form an Open League committee to find stand-by player(s) for those teams which do not have enough players for the match. TN to propose names for the Open League committee in the next council		TN

	<p>meeting.</p> <p>To maximize revenue and to fully utilize the venue, it is proposed to maintain 28 teams for Open League 2009-2010. David CC Ng will send email to all existing teams of the Open League to invite them joining Open League 2009-2010. In case any existing team drops out, he will send invitation to new teams so as to achieve the 28 teams' target.</p> <p><u>Chinese Recreation Club to organize Bridge course:</u></p> <p>CK reported that Chinese Recreation Club would like us to help organize Bridge course for the Primary 5 and 6 students. It is agreed by Council to find youth team members as teacher for the Bridge course. Allowance for a Senior teacher is HK\$500 - \$800 per hour and HK\$200 per hour for youth teacher. CK will confirm whether the Bridge course will be organized or not.</p> <p>The 3rd Council Meeting will be held on May 18, 2009.</p>		CK
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3rd Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 18, 2009 (Monday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Venue: Unit 1103, 11/F, East Ocean Centre, 98 Granville Road, TST, KLN, HK

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)

Thomas Ng – Vice-President (TN)

Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)

Christopher Leung – Treasurer (CL)

Council members:

Leo Cheung (LC)

CC Wong (CC)

Tony Lau (TL)

WK Lai (WK)

Chan Yiu (CY)

Charmian Koo (CK)

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Doris Lo (DL)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	Adopt minutes of the 2nd Council Meeting held on April 20, 2009.		
2	<p>Follow up matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order):</p> <p>Item 3, item 7ii: LC proposed HK\$1,500 per team for inter-professional event instead of HK\$2,000.</p> <p>Item 5iii: Details to be provided on agenda item 4i.</p> <p>Item 5iv: Done.</p> <p>Item 8: HSBC stocks storage fee – to be checked and provided by CL.</p> <p>Open League Issue – TN to propose names for the Open League committee.</p> <p>Chinese Recreation Club to organize Bridge course – CK to provide update.</p>		CL TN CK
3	<u>Financial Affairs:</u>		
3i	<p>CL submitted budget to council for approval. Council discussed and recommended the following amendments:</p> <p><u>Income</u> Membership – HK\$30,000 DBS Celebrity Bridge Tournaments – HK\$150,000</p> <p><u>Expenditures</u> Bridge Promotion Course – HK\$0 To remove “Bridge Equipment”, “Expenses for LCSD Course” and “Free Game Bonus” Add “Prize Point” – HK\$4000 Newsletter – HK\$400 Subsidy/ Entry Fee – HK\$17,900 (includes PABF registration fee for open team (HK\$10,000), subsidy for youth NPC (HK\$4000) and</p>		CL

	<p>PABF registration fee for youth team (US\$500 or HK\$7900). Repair & Maintenance – HK\$10,000 Expenses for Director Course – HK\$0</p>		
3ii	<p>Council approved Youth Development Budget. LC suggested HKCBA to sponsor the Open League entry fee for SSBL team and in return the members from SSBL team will take turns to be helper/assistant in HKCBA's tournament. The sponsorship will be at most HK\$340 x 9 rounds of Open League. Council approved.</p>		
4	<p><u>Internal Affairs:</u></p>		
4i	<p>DZ proposed four members for the Board of Tournament Director Committee – Derek Zen, Anthony Ching, Ronald Hui and David CC Ng. Council approved.</p> <p>DZ to provide the tournament director list in the next meeting.</p>		DZ
5	<p><u>Intercity Affairs:</u></p>		
5i	<p>DZ reported that China Resources confirmed to sponsor HK\$200,000 for intercity. York Liao confirmed to sponsor HK\$50,000.</p>		
5ii	<p>CK and Patrick Choy's assistant Zoe will help organize the celebrity event.</p>		
6	<p><u>A.O.B.</u></p> <p><u>Open League Issue</u></p> <p>DZ has drafted an email and will send to all HKCBA members to update them on the Open League issue. A letter has been drafted by PC for sending to PABF to seek for clarification on the correct interpretation of the second paragraph of section 19 inside the supplementary COC. Another letter has been prepared by PC for Arthur Lau - the tournament director for Open League to formally notify him on council's recommendation.</p> <p><u>Interport</u></p> <p>As the dates for the Interport competition may not be confirmed (it should be around end of July or early August 2009) before the Interport trial, due to the possibility that not all the team members of the winning teams are available to participate in the Interport competition when the exact date is announced, council agreed that</p>		

<p>the winning teams might add and/or change team members if it turns out that any of their original team member(s) is/are unable to join the event. The addition and/or change in team member are to be proposed by the winning team and subject to approval of HKCBA council, provided that they maintain at least 3 original members in the team. If they are not able to maintain at least 3 members in the team, they will be treated as giving up joining the Interport competition and they will be replaced by the next winning team of the Interport trial.</p> <p><u>Ladies Pair</u></p> <p>It was proposed that the Ladies Pair will be held at Ladies Recreation Club (LRC) in October 2009, likely on Monday. The entry fee will be HK\$120 per pair for all, no dinner will be served.</p> <p><u>Open League</u></p> <p>The entry fee per team for Open League 2009-2010 will be increased to HK\$340. Patrick Choy will continue to sponsor HK\$15,000 for the event same as Open League 2008-2009. Quarter final rounds will be added to Open League 2009-2010, the 8 teams with highest VPs accumulated will enter into quarter final rounds.</p> <p><u>Insurance Issue</u></p> <p>LC reported that Bridge players who represent Hong Kong are not representing SFOC, therefore SFOC will not held any responsibility on our representatives. Since HKCBA will not buy any insurance to cover the Hong Kong representatives when they go for external tournaments, it was suggested that all representatives should sign a declaration form to release HKCBA's liability and to protect HKCBA.</p> <p>The 4th Council Meeting will be held on June 15, 2009.</p>		
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4th Council Meeting Minutes

Date: June 15, 2009 (Monday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Venue: Unit 1103, 11/F, East Ocean Centre, 98 Granville Road, TST, KLN, HK

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)

Thomas Ng – Vice-President (TN)

Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)

Christopher Leung – Treasurer (CL)

Council members:

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Apologizes: Council Members:

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Doris Lo (DL)

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1	Adopt minutes of the 3rd Council Meeting held on May 18, 2009.		
2	<p>Follow up matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order):</p> <p>Item 2 – Item 8: CL confirmed that we need to pay a custodian fee of HK\$100. We will continue to keep the HSBC stocks with HSBC.</p> <p>Open League Issue: TN provided names for the Open League Committee: Jacky Chan, William Chan, Jackson Lai and Steven Leung</p> <p>CK to provide update on organizing Bridge course for Chinese Recreation Club in the next meeting.</p>		CK
3	<u>Financial Affairs:</u>		
3i	CL reported that currently there is HK\$430,000 cash in the bank.		
3ii	Council adopted the HKCBA 2009 budget presented by CL.		
4	<u>Internal Affairs:</u>		
4i	DZ provides update on the tournament director list. Two more directors – Jason Ho and WC Li to be added to the existing tournament director list.		TL
4ii	Council approved Shirley Leong to replace Becky Chow as HK Ladies Team 2009 PABF representative. Council agreed not to apply penalty on Becky Chow’s last minute withdrawal. PC to prepare two letters, one to Becky Chow and the other one to David CC Ng to inform them of the decision of Council.		PC
4iii	Council approved to levy tournament fee for Grand Slam Individual 2009-2010.		
4iv	Council approved Ringo Lee’s change of member request for Interport 2009. The final members of Ringo Lee’s team are: Anthony Ching, LT Pang, KL Hui, WC Li, CC Cheung and Ringo Lee. No change request was received from Alan Sze’s team before the deadline June 18, 2009.		
5	<u>External Affairs:</u>		
5i	Council agreed to invite Zone 4 to join PABF. PC to reply to the secretariat of The PABF on the NCBO’s decision.		PC

<p>6</p> <p>6i</p> <p>6ii</p>	<p><u>Intercity Affairs:</u></p> <p>DBS sponsored HK\$3500. CRC will be invited to distribute prizes for Youth tournament.</p> <p>Update for celebrity event to be provided in the next meeting.</p>		
<p>7</p>	<p><u>A.O.B.</u></p> <p>CL proposed to give CRC and Geely honorable member title due to two reasons: 1) To comply with IRD requirement that revenue needs to be separated into member and non-member portion, and the member portion needs to contribute over 50% of the total. 2) A kind of recognition for CRC and Geely for their generous sponsor, so as to keep them continues sponsoring our event in the future. Council agreed to recognize CRC and Geely. DZ will issue letters for both CRC and Geely and present the letters during the celebrity event to recognize them.</p> <p>Youth Team Sponsor: WK reported that the total amount of sponsor for PABF youth team is HK\$23,000, from which HK\$6,500 was for U26 youth team and HK\$16,500 for U21 youth team.</p> <p>Removal of Regulation from HKCBA website (for PABF Trial only): Tournament Operations will remove the following regulation from HKCBA website concerning 2010 PABF Trial: http://www.hkcba.org/tour_format_year2008.jsp#R06 “Each member of the teams entering the play-off must sign a commitment note prior to the start of the play-off. If at any time any player on the winning team fail to represent China Hong Kong out of his own reasons, that pair will be disqualified and the position taken up by a pair appointed by the Council. The player will be barred from representing China Hong Kong for 2 years.”</p> <p>Open Team of Four: Tournament Operations to provide details on Final’s selection format for approval if total no. of teams is over 17.</p> <p>The 5th Council Meeting will be held on July 13, 2009.</p>	<p>DZ</p> <p>CC</p>	

香港代表隊選拔賽(下)

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二桌叫牌:

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二桌叫牌:

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-	-	4♠	X		-	-	-	
-	-	-						

南北聯手的♣有 11 墩，沒有人叫出。像閉室，北在南加倍後跳叫 4♥，無可厚非。南的加倍，只表示點，這種叫法一直都認為有缺點。南北極配的♣已到四階，仍未叫出，最後只好加倍對方的 4♠。如從四明手看，南北或東西都沒有成局合約。但成約機會最大的是 5♣(由南做莊)，只要首引不是♦，5♣已鐵成，在上述叫牌下，西會首引♦嗎？再看防守，二桌都由東做莊，主打被加倍的 4♠。首引♣，將吃，出♠。南 A，第三墩♥Q。從北的位置看，已知南有六張♣或二張♠。(如三張♠，必放小)，如果南只有一張♥，東就有四張，根本墊不完。實戰上，北上♥A(不知何故) 結果加倍 4♠還被做成，損失可謂不小，如果能叫出 5♣，西攻不出♦的話，賽果將會改寫。

防守較難，有時世界級選手，只要通過簡單分析，就能得出的結論，也會犯錯，我隨便舉一例：此牌發生在香港時間 6 月 13 日凌晨 2 時美國全國賽的一場半決賽，Nickell 隊 - Welland 隊。主打坐東的是 Rodwell。請看叫牌多激進，根本沒有可能打成的牌他打成了。先看叫牌

W	N	E	S
			-
-	1♣	X	XX
2NT	-	3♥	-
3NT	-	4♥	-
-	-		

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

先不說你的破 9 分就開叫，同伴首攻♣2，依次出牌♣2,7,5,A。第二墩♥K，第 3 墩♦5,9,K,2。Rodwell 非常留意你的♦9，第 4,5 墩調將，同伴跟出 2 張將牌，墊一張♣Q，進你手後，你再調將，同伴墊♦3，形勢成爲：

	♠A J 7 4
	♥
	♦
	♣J 10 6
♠10 8	
♥	
♦A 7	
♣K 9 8	

你計算莊家的贏墩♥4 墩，♦已看見 2 墩，♣2 墩再算莊家的牌。♠和♦一共 6 張。你出甚麼？♣很明顯不能出，先來假定莊家的♠: 0 張不可能，如這樣有 6 張♦，最多只輸一墩♦。一張♠，也不可能，如是一張，他早就用明手♣K 墊♠了。如是 3 張，例如 KQx，一定在♥K 到明手時，出一張♠，因爲你開叫，有♠A 的機會最大，明手只有二次進手張。如是 4 張，打法也一樣。如是 5 張也不可能，同伴變成單張，或者同伴會首攻該單張。或者莊家會先出♦K(5 張♠，就是單張♦K 了)，再♥K，所以一定是二張♠。無論他二張是甚麼，你出♠A 都不吃虧，對嗎？實戰中，經長考，回出♠4，莊家♠K，再出對♦，♣K 墊去♠，居然會打成定約，四家牌如下：

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

另一桌叫牌

	W	N	E	S
				-
	-	-	1♥	-
	1NT	-	2♦	
	3♣			

合理定約得 110 分，本該勝 5 IMP 現輸 11 IMP，就因爲一張牌出錯。而且世界級牌手，只要簡單分析，必出 A，居然也會出錯。

Interport Trial

這次選拔賽，吸引 16 隊參加，在近期香港橋壇上，已經是很熱鬧的賽事了。為期 2 日的比賽，16 隊分二組進行單循環，每輪 14 副牌，小組前二名，再進行(A1-B2, A2-B1)一場 28 副淘汰賽，獲勝二隊即代表香港，參加 7 月 25-26 日在廣州舉行的省港澳三角賽。最後結果是 Ringo 隊(今年香港公開組代表隊)及 Alan 隊(去年香港公開組代表隊)獲勝。我由於打足 $7 \times 14 + 28 = 126$ 副牌，只能以我隊為主，報導一些情況。我們香港長青隊在預賽 8 個隊中，最多只能算中上水平。(這點不會有人反對)。第一天四場打完，我們只得 58VP，平均每場 15VP 都不到。關鍵是第 6 場，對方表現”失常”，把我們推上小組第一，給我們一個機會向今年的香港公開組代表隊學習，結果公開組代表隊確比我們老年隊水平高，平均每副牌贏我們 1 IMP, 28 副牌贏 28 IMP。

下面我舉一些實戰牌例，有許多都是可以減少錯誤，從而改寫賽果。

(1) 先說決賽第一副

前不久 Samuel Wan 先生在講座中提到的重要一條” Count, Count, Count, ……” 對防守方更要仔細計算。

Bd 1	N/Nil	♠ Q J 10 7 4	
		♥ Q 5 3	
		♦ 9 8 3	
		♣ A 7	
♠ 8 6 5			♠ A 3 2
♥ K 9 8 2			♥ 7
♦ J 7 4			♦ A K Q 6 5 2
♣ Q 6 4			♣ K J 10
		♠ K 9	
		♥ A J 10 6 4	
		♦ 10	
		♣ 9 8 5 3 2	

在我們這桌，我坐東，在第 2 家位置開叫 1♦，下家 1♥，上家 1♠，我叫 2♥，下家加倍，一路 pass 到我，只好叫 3♦，最後對方叫到 4♥，無人敢加倍，下二。拿了正分，以為這副牌不輸嗎？非也，另一桌類似的叫牌，最後由西主打 3NT，首攻♥，你是南，看了明手的牌，你可以估計莊家已有 8 墩牌，莊家的♦只要是 Jx 或 3 張小，就有 6 墩♦，1 墩♠，1 墩♥，只要有時間，發展一或 2 墩♣是輕而易舉的事(你無♣大牌)。如果你連打 3 墩♥，給了莊定時效，你的♥好了，能拿到嗎？同伴看不到你有無除♥外的進手張，而你知道自己沒有，所以在拿到第一墩♥，甚或第 2 墩♥後，必需要轉攻♠K。這副牌的防守，實在並不難。如果首攻♠，只有 7 墩牌的莊家，即使首攻♥，也只有 8 墩牌。明手攤牌後，實在不應該再錯。最後莊家居然取到 10 墩牌，輸 8 IMP(原來下一可勝 4 IMP，來回相差 12 IMP)

(2)

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

這副牌，我們的叫牌出現問題，我坐東：

W	N	E	S
		1NT (15-17)	-
2♠ (minor)	-	3♦ (4張)	-
4♣	-	5♣	-
5♦	-	-	-

問題是同伴的 4♣。我認爲他是沒有♥或♠的第一輪控制。他認爲 4♣是告訴我形狀，在 5♦後我應該叫 6♦。而我認爲，如果他扣叫過♥，我一定會叫 6♦。此牌輸 13 IMP，這牌是我和同伴最大分歧的地方。上半場我們輸 16 IMP。

(3)

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

這副牌，南北打強梅花制。南有 17 點以上，北有 8 點以上。二桌都由南主打 3NT。從西的角度看一同伴最多 3-5 點。所以首攻最好不要幫助莊家，最適合的助攻當然是♣J。實戰中首攻♥2，依次出牌爲♥2,5,7,J。第 2,3 墩，莊家出♠A,J，同伴第 3 墩時墊♣3(自然訊號,不歡迎♣)。同伴坐西，只要數一下莊家的贏墩和點，同伴持下面 2 種情形的牌，都可以擊敗定約 (a) 東有♦QJ10x 或 (b) 有♣K 及♦J10xx。二種情形，都要求西轉攻♦，實戰中，同伴回♣J，送出 10 IMP

(4) 決賽最後一副

Bd 30	E/Nil	♠Q 6	
		♥K 10 9 4	
		♦	
		♣K J 10 6 5 3 2	
♠A 10 4			♠7
♥A 8 3			♥J 7 6 5 2
♦Q J 9 2			♦A K 10 5
♣A Q 7			♣9 8 4
		♠K J 9 8 5 3 2	
		♥Q	
		♦8 7 6 4 3	
		♣	

在我們桌上的叫牌:

W	N	E	S
			3♥
-	3♠	-	-
-			

我奇怪西為什麼持 17 點在平衡位置也不叫牌，他的意思不叫取得正分且三階叫牌風險太高。如果加倍，4♥是打不成，要得負分，另一桌恰是 4♥正成，輸 8 IMP。四明手時，4♥是打不成。實戰中能找到這路線的(首攻♦,回♣,再♦)，大概非世界級的選手莫屬，記得預賽中也有一牌。

Bd 1	N/Nil	♠K 5	
		♥A 10 9 4	
		♦10 7 4 2	
		♣10 9 6	
♠A Q 6 2			♠J 9 4
♥5 3			♥K Q J 6
♦A Q 6 3			♦8 5
♣Q J 2			♣K 8 7 5
		♠10 8 7 3	
		♥8 7 2	
		♦K J 9	
		♣A 4 3	

這是預賽第一輪的第一副牌，我們桌上的叫牌:

W	N	E	S
	-	-	1♦ (第 3 家輕開叫)
-	1♥	-	-
-			

同伴拿著 15 點，在平衡位置不叫牌，那次因為是第一場，我就沒有問甚麼理由不叫。另一桌東西叫 3NT 成約，我們雖拿正分(1♥下一)仍輸 8 IMP。阻擊叫確實給對方造成困難，有時你雖有 18 - 20 分(你假定阻擊的人 8 分左右吧)剩餘的 12 - 14 分，你只有假定同伴有 7 分左右，決定你叫還是不叫。世界級強

手, 不也是常遇到這種情況嗎? 有時就是” 叫得好” , 有時就是災難. 但是在一階不叫的還甚少見.

(5) 再說二副送我們上小組第一的牌

Bd 21	N/NS	♠Q 10	
		♥7 5	
		♦Q 8 7 6	
		♣A K J 7 6	
♠J 9 6 4			♠K 8 2
♥10 6 3			♥9 8
♦J 5			♦K 10 4 3 2
♣Q 10 4 3			♣9 8 2
		♠A 7 5 3	
		♥A K Q J 4 2	
		♦A 9	
		♣5	

一般主打失誤比較少, 這副牌二桌均由南主打 6♥. 首攻均為♦J, 依次為♦Q, ♦K, ♦A, 然後出♣A,K 墊♦9, 再出♦回手, 出♠, 要猜♠K 在那一邊, 二位莊家都猜對, 最後要將吃一輪♠, 再大將吃♣或♦. 我隊莊家用♦回手, 成功將吃♠, 成約. 在我們桌上的莊家, 用第 4 張♣回手. 我坐東乘機墊去一張♠, 在莊家將吃第 3 張♠時, 我超將吃, 下一. 其實這副牌並不難, 留意♦的號碼, 你剩下的♦9,8,7,6 只有一張♦10 比它大, 故調三輪或四輪將(上述打法, ♥4-1 分配時已打不成), 送♦9, 你已有♦3 墩, ♣2 墩, ♠1 墩, ♥6 墩. 唯一當東家忍讓時, 再猜♠也不晚, 猜對自然成約, 此牌打成與否, 相差 17 IMP.

第 6 輪 23 副

Bd 23	S/Both	♠A K 10 6 5	
		♥K 9	
		♦10 8 3	
		♣J 6 3	
♠J 9 8 2			♠
♥J 8 7 4			♥5 2
♦6			♦K Q J 9 7 5
♣K 8 7 4			♣A Q 10 5 2
		♠Q 7 4 3	
		♥A Q 10 6 3	
		♦A 4 2	
		♣9	

叫牌

W	N	E	S
			1♥
-	1♠	2♦	4♠
-	-	5♣	-
-	X	-	-
-			

我坐東，南首攻♠，將吃，送♦J，南進手，是否應該考慮我的牌，必是 5530, 6520, 6610 三種之一。即使我是 6520, ♥有 K, 你也拿不到 2 墩♥。所以必然回♥A, 實戰回♣9, 應該下一變成打成, 雖然此牌南北間 5♠ (甚至 6♠) 是鐵牌。但二桌都只叫到 5♣被加倍, 一成一宕值 14 IMP.

下面這牌, 對我們很運氣, 同伴少答一關鍵張, 我停 5♠, 另一桌叫到 6♠. 要看你打那一條路線。首攻♦, 你可以將吃♥, 但要用將牌回手, 再將吃第 3 墩♥, 然後用♦A 墊去一張♥, 就可以了, 如果你用♣A 回手 被將吃後就打不成。你也可以不走將吃的路線, 首攻♦後, 調二輪將, 停於明手飛♣K, 飛到就成功了, 因南北將牌 2-3 分佈, 這副牌我打成 5♠, 另一桌未打成 6♠, 我們勝 13 IMP. 如他們打成 6♠, 來回差 26 IMP.

Bd 26	E/Both	♠ 8 7 4	
		♥ K Q 7	
		♦ Q 5	
		♣ K 9 4 3 2	
♠ K 6 2			♠ A Q J 9 5
♥ 9			♥ A 6 4 2
♦ A 9 8 4			♦ K
♣ Q J 10 8 7			♣ A 6 5
		♠ 10 3	
		♥ J 10 8 5 3	
		♦ J 10 7 6 3 2	
		♣	

最後, 我希望多練習讀牌, 牌讀準了, 失誤自然會減少.

Open League – Tie Break

Dear All HKCBA Members,

As a lot of our member may know by now, there was an incident regarding tie-break procedure that caused some controversial discussion. As your Chairman, I feel I do have the responsibility to tell you what had happened, how the council had reacted, the reason we came to the final conclusion and the follow up action that we are going to take.

On the completion of round robin of open league, two team ended up tied for fourth place. Team A had 486 VP but was deducted procedural 1VP so ended up 485VPs, and Team B actually scored 485VP. The condition of contest required that tie breaks be determined on result of the direct match, and if that again ends up a tie, then use IMP quotient to determine. As Team B beat Team A in their direct match (and, incidentally, a higher IMP quotient), so the tournament Director initially decided that Team B should be ranked fourth. However afterwards he was alerted of existence of a clause in PABF supplementary condition of contest, which reads: “Victory Point penalties, where applicable, shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the Round Robin. The VP penalties shall not affect individual matches for the purposes of tie-breaking procedures in any manner, but may determine a team’ s ranking” .

He came to the conclusion that when facing tie-break, one should first take away the procedural penalty, and if that still comes to a tie, then one will use the result of direct match and so on. Having consulted with some other Tournament operation members, he decided to reverse his original decision and informed both Team A and B of his final decision.

Naturally Team B was upset, and when they further looked into this clause mentioned above, they did not see any mentioning that procedural penalty should be taken away, hence they appealed on the decision made by the Director. However, as time is of essence, since the play off stage will occur in a week’ s time the matter was brought to my attention 5 days before the play off Saturday.

My first decision is that this appeal should not go to appeal’ s committee, as this is an operational matter. Likewise it will be too much of a pressure to ask Tournament Operation Committee to decide on this issue, so it was decided that the full council need to hold an emergency meeting, and decided it once and for all.

As we are follow PABF rules (and ultimately WBF), I asked Anthony Ching whether similar situation had occurred during either WBF or PABF tournaments, if so then we had a clear prior case to follow. Unfortunately the answer was in the negative, so we

were forced to decide on our own interpretation of the clauses, despite the fact that I was told that during original drafting of the condition of contest, the Director' s final interpretation was the correct one, however, I won' t be able to verify this one way or the other.

We unanimously agreed that regarding result on individual match, the clause is clear: say if Team C beats Team D by 16:14, but was penalized 3VP on procedure and it happened they are tie for first. If the tie break has to be decided on direct match result, then the match is still 16:14, and not 13:14, i.e. it is the overall score that is reduced, not affecting the individual match. However, we are little bit puzzled by the last sentence: "but may determine a team' s ranking" . However, we couldn' t see any mentioning of first taking away the procedural penalty before calculating tie break so we were forced to come to the conclusion that it was not meant to be. We believe, law or condition once written, had a life of its own and it should be interpreted according to what was written, and not what it was intended to be when drafting, as there might be several discussions when various possibilities were raised, and one could only follow the final written form to draw a conclusion.

So in the end, the Council unanimously agreed that Team B should be rank fourth and recommended the Director to follow the Council' s interpretation of the Law. The rest is history.

One more step the Council still needs to take is for us to write to PABF, asking for a confirmation, one way or the other, on our interpretation of this rule, as this situation may come up this Summer in Macau or in other future tournaments, at least then, everybody will be told beforehand what the rule of game is. This letter will be issued by the Association in due course.

I understand Team A was disappointed on the outcome but hopefully that they recognize this was an unfortunate event and there was no any bad intention. What can be done in future is all of us (all players included) to spot on what might happen beforehand, and raise the issue with the Council. I am sure if this rule was decided and declared before the last round robin match started, then everybody will simply accept without questioning. Let' s all work together to achieve this goal, and let the best team win.

Best wishes

Derek Zen

P.S. Subsequent to our letter to PABF for clarification, we received reply from PABF secretary confirming that our interpretation is the correct one, in addition, they changed the working in the condition of contest so as to avoid any future misunderstanding.

Schedule

Jul- Sep 2009



JUL 2009		Event Name	Venue	Director
3	Fri	IMP Pairs #2	Mariners Main Hall	Jason Ho
7	Tue	Match Point Pairs #1	Mariner Seven Seas Lounge	Ben Lam
11	Sat	Open League #1	Mariners Main Hall	Arthur Lau
17	Fri	Ladder Team #1	Mariners Conference Room	Doris Lo
31	Fri	HK Open Pairs - Qualifying S.3 - if necessary	Mariner Main Hall	R. Hui

AUG 2009		Event Name	Venue	Director
1	Sat	HK Open Pairs - Qualifying S.1 & S.2	Mariner Main Hall	R. Hui
2	Sun	HK Open Pairs Final	Mariner Conference Room	R. Hui
8	Sat	Open League #2	Mariners Main Hall	Arthur Lau
11	Tue	Lorraine Sung Team S.1	Mariner Main Hall	R. Hui
14	Fri	Lorraine Sung Team S.2	Mariner Main Hall	R. Hui
19 - 23		Hong Kong Inter-city 2009	Regal Kowloon, TST	Anthony Ching
29 - 31		39th World Team Championships	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Others

SEP 2009		Event Name	Venue	Director
1 - 12		39th World Team Championships	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Others
4	Fri	Match Point Pairs #2	Mariner Seven Seas Lounge	Ben Lam
12	Sat	Open League #3	Mariners Main Hall	Arthur Lau
15	Tue	Tom Wong Swiss Pairs S.1	Mariner Seven Seas Lounge	Ben Lam
18	Fri	Tom Wong Swiss Pairs S.2	Mariners Conference Room	Ben Lam
25	Fri	Ladder Team #2	Mariners Conference Room	Doris Lo
26	Sat	HK Open Team - Qualifying S.1 & S.2	Mariners Main Hall	Jason Ho
27	Sun	HK Open Team - Qualifying S.3 & S.4	Mariners Main Hall	Jason Ho