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Enter the Dragon



Here's hoping the Dragon brings you luck !

Yesterday's delightfully informal Opening Ceremony was marked by the appearance of a Chinese Dragon, a traditional symbol of power, strength and good luck. Its appearance marked the formal opening of the Championships following speeches of welcome from Derek Zen, President of the Hong Kong CBA, Gianarrigo Rona, President of the World Bridge Federation and Khunying Chodchoy (Esther) Sophonpanich, President of the APBF, with the orchestration being provided by Master of Ceremonies Robert Zajac.

Amidst the excitement as play got under way the tournament was touched by tragedy following the death of Robert (Bobby) Richman who was representing Australia in the Senior Teams.

Australia-Klinger has withdrawn from the Senior Teams Championship.

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Today's VuGraph Matches

| | |
|-------|------------------------------------|
| 10:00 | China v Indonesia (Open) |
| 13:30 | Japan v Australia (Ladies) |
| 16:15 | Thailand I v Japan-Yamada (Senior) |

Today's Matches

Open Team

Round Number: 3

| Table | | | Home | | | Visiting |
|-------|---|---|-----------------|----|--|-------------|
| 1 | 1 |  | New Zealand | 10 |  | Singapore |
| 2 | 2 |  | Chinese Taipei | 9 |  | China Macau |
| 3 | 3 |  | China | 8 |  | Indonesia |
| 4 | 4 |  | Malaysia | 7 |  | Thailand |
| 5 | 5 |  | China Hong Kong | 12 |  | Philippines |
| 6 | 6 |  | Australia | 11 |  | Japan |

Round Number: 4

| Table | | | Home | | | Visiting |
|-------|----|---|-------------|---|--|-----------------|
| 1 | 9 |  | China Macau | 1 |  | New Zealand |
| 2 | 8 |  | Indonesia | 2 |  | Chinese Taipei |
| 3 | 7 |  | Thailand | 3 |  | China |
| 4 | 12 |  | Philippines | 4 |  | Malaysia |
| 5 | 11 |  | Japan | 5 |  | China Hong Kong |
| 6 | 10 |  | Singapore | 6 |  | Australia |

Round Number: 5

| Table | | | Home | | | Visiting |
|-------|---|---|-----------------|----|--|-------------|
| 1 | 1 |  | New Zealand | 8 |  | Indonesia |
| 2 | 2 |  | Chinese Taipei | 7 |  | Thailand |
| 3 | 3 |  | China | 12 |  | Philippines |
| 4 | 4 |  | Malaysia | 11 |  | Japan |
| 5 | 5 |  | China Hong Kong | 10 |  | Singapore |
| 6 | 6 |  | Australia | 9 |  | China Macau |

Ladies Team

Round Number: 3

| Table | | | Home | | | Visiting |
|-------|---|---|-------------|----|--|-----------------|
| 1 | 1 |  | China | 10 |  | Chinese Taipei |
| 2 | 2 |  | Singapore | 9 |  | China Hong Kong |
| 3 | 3 |  | Australia | 8 |  | Korea |
| 4 | 4 |  | New Zealand | 7 |  | Japan |
| 5 | 6 |  | Indonesia | 11 |  | Thailand |

















Round Number: 4

| Table | | | Home | | | Visiting |
|-------|----|---|-----------------|---|--|-------------|
| 1 | 9 |  | China Hong Kong | 1 |  | China |
| 2 | 8 |  | Korea | 2 |  | Singapore |
| 3 | 7 |  | Japan | 3 |  | Australia |
| 4 | 11 |  | Thailand | 5 |  | Philippines |
| 5 | 10 |  | Chinese Taipei | 6 |  | Indonesia |













Round Number: 5

| Table | | | Home | | | Visiting |
|-------|---|---|-------------|----|--|-----------------|
| 1 | 1 |  | China | 8 |  | Korea |
| 2 | 2 |  | Singapore | 7 |  | Japan |
| 3 | 4 |  | New Zealand | 11 |  | Thailand |
| 4 | 5 |  | Philippines | 10 |  | Chinese Taipei |
| 5 | 6 |  | Indonesia | 9 |  | China Hong Kong |

















Senior Team**Round Number: 3**

| Table | Home | Visiting |
|-------|--|--|
| 1 |  Chinese Taipei | 14  Japan - IMAX |
| 2 |  Indonesia | 13  Australia - Australia |
| 3 |  New Zealand - NZ Evennett | 12  Australia - Klinger |
| 4 |  Thailand - Magic Eyses | 11  Australia - Lusk |
| 5 |  Thailand I | 10  Singapore |
| 6 |  China Hong Kong - Winbridge | 9  China - China Evertrust |
| 7 |  China Hong Kong - Tse | 16  Japan - Yamada |
| 8 |  China Hong Kong - Vincent Li | 15  Japan - Sindbad |

Round Number: 4

| Table | Home | Visiting |
|-------|---|---|
| 1 | 13  Australia - Australia | 1  Chinese Taipei |
| 2 | 12  Australia - Klinger | 2  Indonesia |
| 3 | 11  Australia - Lusk | 3  New Zealand - NZ Evennett |
| 4 | 10  Singapore | 4  Thailand - Magic Eyses |
| 5 | 9  China - China Evertrust | 5  Thailand I |
| 6 | 16  Japan - Yamada | 6  China Hong Kong - Winbridge |
| 7 | 15  Japan - Sindbad | 7  China Hong Kong - Tse |
| 8 | 14  Japan - IMAX | 8  China Hong Kong - Vincent Li |

Round Number: 5

| Table | Home | Visiting |
|-------|--|--|
| 1 |  Chinese Taipei | 12  Australia - Klinger |
| 2 |  Indonesia | 11  Australia - Lusk |
| 3 |  New Zealand - NZ Evennett | 10  Singapore |
| 4 |  Thailand - Magic Eyses | 9  China - China Evertrust |
| 5 |  Thailand I | 16  Japan - Yamada |
| 6 |  China Hong Kong - Winbridge | 15  Japan - Sindbad |
| 7 |  China Hong Kong - Tse | 14  Japan - IMAX |
| 8 |  China Hong Kong - Vincent Li | 13  Australia - Australia |

Championship Diary

In the US Bridge Trials Kranyak defeated Nickell 264-219. In the final they face Fleisher, who posted a 66-14 last set to overcome Spector, 273-251. The winning team will be USA I in the Bermuda Bowl. The defeated semi finalists have dropped into the contest to select USA II.

In Ahmedabad, play is under way in all three sections. India leads in the Open and Senior series, while Pakistan is on top in the Women's event.

If you have a story for Bulletin (a blunder is just as acceptable as a brilliancy) make sure you bring it to my desk on level B1.

The world's first magazine devoted to the game - *Bridge Magazine* - founded in April 1926, has just produced its final printed edition. From July 1 it will be published monthly online. You can subscribe here in Hong Kong for a year by dropping by the Bulletin desk and crossing my palm with silver or in this case US\$15, Euro 10 or \$HK100.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Today's Programme | |
|--------------------------|--|

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10:00-12:15 | RRI-3 (Open, Ladies, Senior) |
| 13:30-15:45 | RRI-4 (Open, Ladies, Senior) |
| 16:15-18:30 | RRI-5 (Open, Ladies, Senior) |
| 19:45-23:30 | Feishang IMP Pairs |

WBF President Gianarrigo Rona's speech at the Opening Ceremony

Dear Friends,

I am honoured and proud to be here with you and both on behalf of the WBF and personally I am very pleased to offer my best greetings to all of you.

I want to thank the PABF President, my dear friend Esther Sophonpanich, who invited me, and my dear colleagues and friends Chen Zelan and Patrick Choy, who pushed me to come. They offered to me the special opportunity to enjoy this event, to meet old and new friends, and to enrich myself of another extraordinary experience.

I am very pleased to congratulate the organiser of this 49th Pacific Asia Bridge Federation, the Hong Kong Bridge Federation and its President Derek Zen, and the Organising Committee, led by my dear friend Antony Ching.

I am confident that it will be a memorable event which have already registered a remarkable goal with the participation of all the active affiliated NBOS. The success of the championship rewards all the effort made by the Organisers with enthusiasm, passion and dedication.

Now the stage is for you, the players, the true protagonists. Competing in spirit of sportsman-ship and high standard of ethics will be your contribution to the success of this event.

I want since now to congratulate the teams which will qualify to compete in the World Teams Championship in Bali, next September, and I hope to meet again in Bali all of you attending the World Transnational Open Teams Championship. The WBF and the Indonesian Bridge Federa-tion will welcome you with open arms.

I wish you to enjoy in friendship and serenity your stay and your play.
Thank you for the attention and good luck.

I am sure that you will enjoy your stay and your play. I wish you an exciting, enjoyable and successful bridge adventure.

Robert Richman 1950-2013



A milestone once thought to be insurmountable was achieved in 2009 when Bobby Richman passed the 10,000 masterpoint barrier, having amassed 10,002.72 master points as at 8 September 2009, making him an Emerald Grand Master.

At one stage it was thought that the late Tim Seres' huge lifetime masterpoint tally of 8,370.48 would never be broken, but time marches on and records tumble.

Bobby first came to bridge prominence in the 1970s in Melbourne, and became a bridge professional before that line of work was fashionable. His style was to bid a lot, then in the card play he had the ability to visualise the only card to make or break a contract.

His biggest success representing Australia was to finish third in the 1979 World Championships behind the Italians and Americans - as high as Australia has ever come.

Most of his masterpoints came from the ABF's main events and Bobby won every major Open event in Australia at least once.

One of his many purple patches was in 2008. In September in the Pacific Asia Senior Teams at the Gold Coast he won the semi final from New Zealand by 123 IMPs then won the Grand Final from Thailand by 88 IMPs. In the October Spring National Open Teams Bobby won the event after his opponents conceded the semi-final when 115 IMPs behind and in the Spring Nationals Seniors Teams Bobby won again, his opponents conceding the Grand Final when down 88 IMPs. Then in the November GNOT he recorded another win with the opponents conceding the Grand Final down 96 IMPs.



This deal comes from the 2008 NSW State Teams Final:

Dealer East
NS Vul

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|---------|----------|--------|
| Peake | Richman | Neill | Dawson |
| | | I♦ | Dbl |
| Pass | 2♦* | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

This hand is typical of the Richman approach to bridge. Once an opponent opens, placing the opponents high cards should be easier, so Bobby now needs only about 23 points for the vulnerable game.

With unappetising lead choices, Bruce Neill found the dynamic lead of the king of clubs and he continued with the ten to Andrew Peake's jack.

In some games, declarer might misplace the queen of clubs thinking that the opening leader has it. Not Bobby. If Bruce Neill had the ♣KQ10x, he wouldn't make an error by squandering the ten needlessly at trick 2. Therefore, Bobby knew that Peake had the ♣Q.

Peake switched to a diamond to the king, and that was followed by a heart to the ten and queen. Another diamond went to the jack and Bobby rectified the count for the impending major suit squeeze by cashing the ♣A and the last club. The queen of spades, overtaken by the ace was followed by the winning diamonds and Neill had to resign. A neat 600 for a 10 IMP gain against the +140 recorded at the other table.

This all too brief report is based on material from the ABF website.

Enter the Dragon

Enter the Dragon is a Hong Kong martial arts action film starring Bruce Lee, Jim Kelly and John Saxon. This was Lee's final film appearance before his death on July 20, 1973. The film was released on July 26, 1973, six days later. It was the first Chinese martial arts film to have been produced by a major Hollywood studio – Warner Bros. and was produced in association with Golden Harvest and Lee's Concord Production Company. The film is largely set in Hong Kong.

The finished version of the film was significantly different from the original screenplay drafts as Bruce Lee revised much of the script himself, and wrote and directed the film's opening Shaolin Monastery fight sequence. Lee wanted to use the film as a vehicle for expressing what he saw as the beauty of his Chinese culture, rather than it being just another action film.

The film was well received by critics and is regarded by many as one of the best films of 1973. Critics have referred to *Enter the Dragon* as 'a low-rent James Bond thriller', a 'remake of *Doctor No*' with elements of Fu Manchu. It currently holds a 97% approval rating on the review aggregate website Rotten Tomatoes, with 37 reviews counted and an average rating of 7.8/10. In 2004, the film was deemed 'culturally significant' by the Library of Congress and selected for preservation in the US National Film Registry.

In Round 1 of the Open Series China Hong Kong faced off against Indonesia. Would the dragon bring the hosts some good fortune?

Dealer North
None Vul

| | |
|---|--|
| <p style="text-align: center;">♠ K Q 9 6 3 ♥ 4 3 2 ♦ K J ♣ Q J 7</p> <p>♠ 10 7 4 ♠ A 8 2 ♥ A K Q 10 ♥ 8 5 ♦ 7 ♦ A 8 6 4 3 ♣ A K 5 3 2 ♣ 10 9 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ J 5 ♥ J 9 7 6 ♦ Q 10 9 5 2 ♣ 8 4</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">♠ K 10 8 3 ♥ 8 3 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ J 8 6 5</p> <p>♠ 6 2 ♠ A J 9 7 5 ♥ J 7 6 4 2 ♥ 5 ♦ K 10 7 5 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ Q 3 ♣ A K 10 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q 4 ♥ A K Q 10 9 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ 9 7 2</p> |
|---|--|

Open Room

| | | | |
|--------|--------|-------|----------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Karwar | Bubble | Sacul | Yiu |
| | 1♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

South led the jack of spades and declarer ducked, won the next spade and played three rounds of clubs. North won and cashed out, +50.

Closed Room

| | | | |
|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Athur Lau | Robert | Nick Fung | Taufik |
| | 1♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3♠* | Pass |
| 4♥ | Pass | 5♣ | All Pass |

North led the king of spades and when that held he continued with the queen. Declarer put up dummy's ace and when the jack appeared he could play off the top clubs and claim when the suit divided 3-2.

If North had played a low spade at trick two then declarer would have had to negotiate the heart suit - the winning line being to finesse the ten. +400 gave our hosts a fast 10 IMP start.

Dealer West
None Vul

| | |
|---|---|
| <p style="text-align: center;">♠ 6 2 ♥ J 7 6 4 2 ♦ K 10 7 5 ♣ Q 3</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">♠ K 10 8 3 ♥ 8 3 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ J 8 6 5</p> <p>♠ A J 9 7 5 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ A K 10 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q 4 ♥ A K Q 10 9 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ 9 7 2</p> |
|---|---|

Open Room

| | | | |
|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Karwar | Bubble | Sacul | Yiu |
| Pass | Pass | 1♠ | 2♥ |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | Pass |
| 2♠ | All Pass | | |

South led the queen of hearts and continued with the ace. Declarer ruffed and played four rounds of clubs, pitching two diamonds from dummy as South ruffed in with the queen of spades. The spade continuation was allowed to run to declarer's seven, and when he played a diamond to the king North won with the ace and played another spade. Declarer put in the nine and could now cash a diamond and exit with a diamond for +140.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|
| Athur Lau | Robert | Nick Fung | Taufik |
| Pass | Pass | 1♠ | 2♥ |
| Pass | Pass | DbI | Pass |
| 2♠ | All Pass | | |

Once again South started with two top hearts and declarer ruffed and played a diamond to the king. North won with the ace and returned the two and when declarer played low South took the jack and exited with a diamond. Declarer won, cashed the ace of spades and fatally played a second round of the suit. South won and forced declarer with a heart and that was one down, -50 and 5 IMPs to Indonesia.

Declarer missed a difficult chance to get home - after the ace of spades he must play on clubs, ruffing the third round in dummy (he can even afford to ruff the king!) Then he ruffs a heart and exits with a club and must score one more trick.

Dealer North
EW Vul

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| Karwar | Bubble | Sacul | Yiu |
| | 1♠ | Pass | INT |
| DbI | 2♠ | All Pass | |

East led the seven of hearts and West won with the jack and returned the ace, declarer ruffing and trying the king of diamonds.

West ducked, won the next diamond, cashed the ace of clubs and went back to hearts. Declarer ruffed (allegedly with the nine of spades) and played a club and West won with the jack, cashed the king and played a fourth club for East to ruff. When East exited with the king of hearts West did not ruff with the queen, which would have given declarer something to think about (he must overruff and exit with the four of spades) but there was still a trump trick to come for two down, +100.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Athur Lau | Robert | Nick Fung | Taufik |
| | 1♠ | Pass | INT |
| DbI | 2♠ | Pass | Pass |
| DbI | Pass | 3♥ | All Pass |

South led the two of diamonds and declarer put up dummy's ace, played a heart to the king, a heart to the jack and a diamond to North's king. South pitched the four and two of clubs when North cashed the top spades, ruffed the next spade and exited with a heart.

He could ruff the second round of clubs and cash a diamond for two down, +200 and 7 IMPs to Indonesia, now trailing by just 1 IMP, 12-13.

Dealer East
Both Vul

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| Karwar | Bubble | Sacul | Yiu |
| | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 1♣* | Pass | 1♦* | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 2♦* | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

1♣ Precision
1♦ Negative
2♦ Relay

North led the ace of spades, switched to the king of diamonds and then went back to spades. South took the third round and played a diamond for one down, +100.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|
| Athur Lau | Robert | Nick Fung | Taufik |
| | | Pass | Pass |
| 1♣ | 1♦ | Pass | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3♣ | All Pass | | |

North led the ace of diamonds and declarer ruffed and played a spade. North won and switched to the jack of hearts and declarer won in hand, played a spade, won the next heart in hand and ruffed a spade. He drew trumps and had eleven tricks, +150. Note that if South had held four hearts and the queen of spades he would have been squeezed.

China Hong Kong picked up 7 IMPs.

Dealer South
NS Vul

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| Karwar | Bubble | Sacul | Yiu |
| | | | 1♦ |
| 1♥ | Dbl* | Pass | INT |
| 2♣ | 2♦ | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3♥ | All Pass | | |

North led the three of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and played a club to the ten and king. He ruffed the diamond return, played a heart to the king, a club to the queen and exited with a club. He ruffed the diamond exit with the ten of hearts and played the ace of hearts and a heart. North won and tried a low spade, handing declarer an overtrick when he put up dummy's king, +170.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Athur Lau | Robert | Nick Fung | Taufik |
| | | INT | INT |
| 2♦* | Pass | 2♥* | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 5♣ | All Pass |

2♦ Multilandy

2♥ Pass or correct

5♣ was simply too high and the defenders took their tricks for one down and 6 IMPs to Indonesia.

Dealer West

EW Vul

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| Karwar | Bubble | Sacul | Yiu |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ | 3NT |
| 4♠ | 4NT | All Pass | |

I'm not quite sure what South intended with 3NT, but when West led the queen of hearts the absence of a spade stopper was not so important - as the Hideous Hog would say, 'If they don't lead one you don't need a stopper'. Declarer cashed his winners, giving him nine tricks, -50.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Athur Lau | Robert | Nick Fung | Taufik |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ | 3♣ |
| 4♠ | 5♣ | 5♠ | All Pass |

Once again East only raised to 2♠ - facing a known five card suit there is perhaps a case for doing more? There was no way to avoid the loss of three tricks, -50 and that gave Indonesia 4 IMPs and a narrow 26-21 IMP win.

Slings and Arrows

As I reported in the Championship Diary, Kranyak defeated Nickell 264-219 in the semi final of the US Bridge Trials. This dramatic deal from the sixth set had a significant bearing on the final result:

Dealer North
None Vul

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

Closed Room

| | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|------|-------|
| | West | North | East | South |
| | Nickell | Bathurst | Katz | Dwyer |
| | | 1♠ | 3♥ | 3NT |
| | All Pass | | | |

West led a heart and declarer took the second round and cashed his diamonds. When the queen of clubs fell he had eleven tricks, +460.

Open Room

| | | | | |
|--|----------|-------|---------|-----------|
| | West | North | East | South |
| | Kranyak | Levin | Wolpert | Weinstein |
| | | 1♠ | 4♥ | Dbf |
| | Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5♦ |
| | Pass | 6♦ | Pass | 7♦ |
| | All Pass | | | |

By overcalling 4♥ East left South with no option but to double. South might have bid more than 5♦ on the next round, but when North raised South felt he had enough to go on to 7♦.

West led the two of hearts and declarer ruffed, cashed the king of diamonds, East pitching a heart, took the ace of spades and ruffed a spade, West following with the seven and the three, East the five and eight. After ruffing a second heart he cashed the jack of diamonds and played a club. As Hamlet might have said, 'to finesse or not to finesse, that's the question'.

When declarer put in the ten West won and played a spade, forcing out declarer's last trump. That meant he was three down, -150 and 12 IMPs to Kranyak instead of 14 IMPs the other way.



All smiles from the participants of APBF 49!

Test your Defence

This deal from the final of the Canadian National Team Championships posed a tough test for West that neither defender managed to solve. Can you do better?

Dealer West
None Vul

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

| | | | |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| 1♣ | 2♦* | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

2♦ Weak

You lead the king of clubs and your partner plays the ten (upside down count) and declarer the jack. How do you continue?

One West played the ace of clubs, the other a low club. Which of those do you favour?

Time to look at the full deal:

Dealer West
None Vul

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

Neither play was a success, declarer ruffing, unblocking the ace of diamonds, crossing to dummy with a spade and pitching heart losers on the diamonds.

On the reasonable assumption that declarer has eight spades it is clear that to have any chance the defenders must find him with a singleton ace of diamonds. That leaves four cards in clubs and hearts. The winning defence is to switch to a trump. Then declarer must lose three heart tricks.



The Championship officials and staff

Inter Professional Tournament results

| Rank | Team | | VP Total | Round | | | | | |
|------|--------------------------|----|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | Education Union | 1 | 82.48 | 17.03 | 10.61 | 19.85 | 12.80 | 9.39 | 12.80 |
| 2 | Fukien Athletic Club 2 | 5 | 76.64 | 15.74 | 5.40 | 20.00 | 16.09 | 10.61 | 8.80 |
| 3 | Civil Service | 4 | 74.35 | 19.52 | 9.39 | 19.34 | 3.91 | 12.80 | 9.39 |
| 4 | HSBC 2 | 8 | 67.36 | 4.62 | 17.31 | 16.42 | 7.20 | 10.61 | 11.20 |
| 5 | Club de Recreio | 12 | 64.38 | 11.76 | 12.29 | 13.74 | 10.00 | 9.39 | 7.20 |
| 6 | HSBC 1 | 13 | 64.02 | 3.27 | 13.28 | 16.09 | 10.00 | 7.20 | 14.18 |
| 7 | Fukien Athletic Club 1 | 10 | 62.64 | 8.80 | 14.60 | 6.26 | 10.61 | 11.76 | 10.61 |
| 8 | HK Medical Association 1 | 15 | 58.41 | 14.60 | 7.71 | 3.58 | 9.39 | 13.74 | 9.39 |
| 9 | China Light & Power | 3 | 56.94 | 0.48 | 3.91 | 12.29 | 8.24 | 14.18 | 17.84 |
| 10 | Les Artistes | 7 | 56.46 | 15.38 | 14.60 | 0.66 | 9.39 | 5.82 | 10.61 |
| 11 | HK Dental Association | 11 | 55.73 | 8.24 | 16.73 | 0.15 | 10.61 | 14.18 | 5.82 |
| 12 | JSA 1 | 14 | 55.51 | 13.28 | 5.40 | 0.00 | 8.80 | 12.29 | 15.74 |
| 13 | HK Medical Association 2 | 6 | 53.77 | 4.26 | 2.69 | 16.73 | 17.59 | 8.24 | 4.26 |
| 14 | JSA 2 | 9 | 41.09 | 11.20 | 3.27 | 2.16 | 12.80 | 6.26 | 5.40 |
| 15 | Rotary Club | 2 | 32.29 | 2.97 | 13.74 | 3.91 | 2.41 | 4.26 | 5.00 |



The Champion:

Sing Leung, Ben Law, Wilson Leung, and Charlie Lee (From left to right)

1st runner-up:

Simon Chan, Sukon Hung, Jackson Lai, Li Qun Hua, Ray Cheung and Tai Yau (From left to right)



























2nd runner-up:

Ricky Chu, Simon Hui, Chris Chung and Vincent Fung (From left to right)























Rebullida Cup Open Team Results

| Round Number: 1 | | Home | | IMPs | Visiting | |
|-----------------|---|---|--------------|------|--|--|
| Table | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 |  New Zealand | 22-37 | 12 |  Philippines | |
| 2 | 2 |  Chinese Taipei | 7-38 | 11 |  Japan | |
| 3 | 3 |  China | 30-22 | 10 |  Singapore | |
| 4 | 4 |  Malaysia | 13-28 | 9 |  China Macau | |
| 5 | 5 |  China Hong Kong | 21-26 | 8 |  Indonesia | |
| 6 | 6 |  Australia | 15-26 | 7 |  Thailand | |

| Round Number: 2 | | Home | | IMPs | Visiting | |
|-----------------|----|---|--------------|------|--|--|
| Table | | | | | | |
| 1 | 11 |  Japan | 17-14 | 1 |  New Zealand | |
| 2 | 10 |  Singapore | 28-22 | 2 |  Chinese Taipei | |
| 3 | 9 |  China Macau | 11-48 | 3 |  China | |
| 4 | 8 |  Indonesia | 46-17 | 4 |  Malaysia | |
| 5 | 7 |  Thailand | 36-42 | 5 |  China Hong Kong | |
| 6 | 12 |  Philippines | 42-45 | 6 |  Australia | |

















DBS Bank Ladies Team (President's Cup) Results

| Round Number: 1 | | Home | | IMPs | Visiting | |
|-----------------|---|---|--------------|------|--|--|
| Table | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 |  Singapore | 66-14 | 11 |  Thailand | |
| 2 | 3 |  Australia | 13-33 | 10 |  Chinese Taipei | |
| 3 | 4 |  New Zealand | 25-23 | 9 |  China Hong Kong | |
| 4 | 5 |  Philippines | 19-37 | 8 |  Korea | |
| 5 | 6 |  Indonesia | 25-23 | 7 |  Japan | |

















| Round Number: 2 | | Home | | IMPs | Visiting | |
|-----------------|----|---|--------------|------|--|--|
| Table | | | | | | |
| 1 | 11 |  Thailand | 23-38 | 1 |  China | |
| 2 | 10 |  Chinese Taipei | 24-31 | 2 |  Singapore | |
| 3 | 9 |  China Hong Kong | 28-48 | 3 |  Australia | |
| 4 | 8 |  Korea | 10-50 | 4 |  New Zealand | |
| 5 | 7 |  Japan | 56-38 | 5 |  Philippines | |

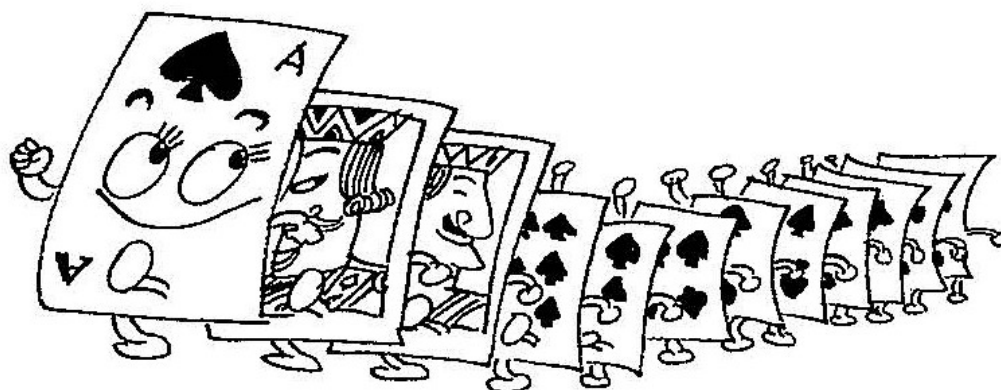
J.P. Morgan Senior Team (PABF Senior Cup) Results

Round Number: 1

| Table | Home | IMPs | Visiting |
|-------|--|----------|--|
| 1 |  Chinese Taipei | 43-2 16 |  Japan - Yamada |
| 2 |  Indonesia | 48-6 15 |  Japan - Sindbad |
| 3 |  New Zealand - NZ Evennett | 27-51 14 |  Japan - IMAX |
| 4 |  Thailand - Magic Eyses | 14-19 13 |  Australia - Australia |
| 5 |  Thailand I | 0-0 12 |  Australia - Klinger |
| 6 |  China Hong Kong - Winbridge | 24-59 11 |  Australia - Lusk |
| 7 |  China Hong Kong - Tse | 64-6 10 |  Singapore |
| 8 |  China Hong Kong - Vincent Li | 41-15 9 |  China - China Evertrust |

Round Number: 2

| Table | Home | IMPs | Visiting |
|-------|---|---------|---|
| 1 |  Japan - Sindbad | 38-51 1 |  Chinese Taipei |
| 2 |  Japan - IMAX | 6-77 2 |  Indonesia |
| 3 |  Australia - Australia | 68-18 3 |  New Zealand - NZ Evennett |
| 4 |  Australia - Klinger | 0-0 4 |  Thailand - Magic Eyses |
| 5 |  Australia - Lusk | 22-27 5 |  Thailand I |
| 6 |  Singapore | 47-20 6 |  China Hong Kong - Winbridge |
| 7 |  China - China Evertrust | 7-30 7 |  China Hong Kong - Tse |
| 8 |  Japan - Yamada | 33-6 8 |  China Hong Kong - Vincent Li |



Ranking of 2 Rounds results

Open Team RRI

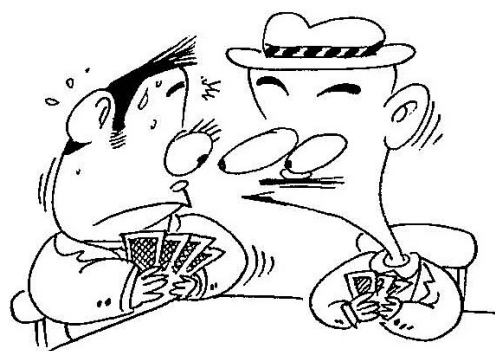
| Rank | Team | VPs |
|------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 | China | 30.01 |
| 2 | Indonesia | 28.06 |
| 3 | Japan | 27.79 |
| 4 | Philippines | 23.06 |
| 5 | Thailand | 21.28 |
| 6 | China Hong Kong | 20.28 |
| 7 | Singapore | 19.47 |
| 8 | Australia | 17.87 |
| 9 | China Macau | 16.25 |
| 10 | New Zealand | 15.12 |
| 11 | Chinese Taipei | 11.36 |
| 12 | Malaysia | 8.65 |

Senior Team RRI

| Rank | Team | VPs |
|------|---------------------|-------|
| 1 | Indonesia | 38.33 |
| 2 | China HK-Tse | 35.41 |
| 3 | Chinese Taipei | 31.73 |
| 4 | Australia-Australia | 30.64 |
| 5 | Australia-Lusk | 25.97 |
| 6 | China HK-Vincent LI | 19.83 |
| 7 | Japan-Yamada | 18.05 |
| 8 | Singapore | 16.41 |
| 9 | Japan-IMAX | 15.74 |
| 10 | Thailand I | 11.48 |
| 11 | Thailand-Magic Eyes | 8.52 |
| 12 | China Evertrust | 8.35 |
| 13 | Japan-Sindbad | 8.15 |
| 14 | China HK-Winbridge | 6.29 |
| 15 | NZ Evennett | 5.10 |
| 16 | Australia-Klinger | 0.00 |

Ladies Team RRI

| Rank | Team | VPs |
|------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 | Singapore | 31.37 |
| 2 | New Zealand | 28.70 |
| 3 | China | 25.97 |
| 4 | Japan | 23.99 |
| 5 | Chinese Taipei | 22.97 |
| 6 | Indonesia | 21.01 |
| 7 | Australia | 20.00 |
| 8 | Korea | 16.51 |
| 9 | China Hong Kong | 14.39 |
| 10 | Philippines | 10.80 |
| 11 | Thailand | 6.69 |



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| World wide Bridge Contest results |
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Leaders after 8 rounds Average: 180.0

| Place | Pct | Score | Pair | |
|-------|-------|--------|------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 61.53 | 221.50 | B-24 | Helen Yeung - Karl Kwan |
| 2 | 60.42 | 217.50 | A-13 | Terence Chan - Antony Mok |
| 3 | 57.50 | 207.00 | B-31 | Wong Hoi King - Peter Yu |
| 4 | 57.50 | 207.00 | B-37 | Sing Leung - Alan Mok |
| 5 | 56.67 | 204.00 | A-14 | K Y Tam - Abby Chiu |
| 6 | 56.39 | 203.00 | A-7 | John Tsang - Peter Chow |
| 7 | 55.00 | 198.00 | A-17 | Kenneth Wong - Yoon Kyung Kim |
| 8 | 55.00 | 198.00 | B-26 | K W Tam - Bacon Lam |
| 9 | 54.31 | 195.50 | A-1 | Billy Fung - Ko Chuen Ho |
| 10 | 53.89 | 194.00 | B-27 | Michael Yik - Chiyomi Fukumori |
| 11 | 52.50 | 189.00 | A-18 | S Y Ho - Jenny To |
| 12 | 52.36 | 188.50 | A-15 | Ricky Lai - W H Fok |
| 13 | 50.56 | 182.00 | B-33 | Henry Lam - David C C Ng |
| 14 | 50.42 | 181.50 | A-16 | York Kwan - Baron Ng |
| 15 | 49.58 | 178.50 | B-28 | Ramon Gao - Leo Lam |
| 16 | 49.44 | 178.00 | B-38 | S F Fung - Matthew Leung |
| 17 | 49.17 | 177.00 | B-22 | John Zollo - Jody Zollo |
| 18 | 48.61 | 175.00 | A-2 | Rocky Tam - Gordon Ho |
| 19 | 48.06 | 173.00 | A-11 | Patrick Wu - Michael Wu |
| 20 | 47.64 | 171.50 | B-25 | Fu Cheung - Irene Ho |
| 21 | 47.22 | 170.00 | A-4 | Arthur Lau - Kongo Kong |
| 22 | 46.53 | 167.50 | A-6 | Walter Cheung - Charlie Lee |
| 23 | 46.53 | 167.50 | B-23 | Andy K O Leung - L H Chin |
| 24 | 46.25 | 166.50 | B-21 | Li Yongchuan - Tu Guanghua |
| 25 | 45.97 | 165.50 | A-3 | Louis Shen - Ernie Wong |
| 26 | 45.56 | 164.00 | B-34 | Kelvin Ko - Wilson Leung |
| 27 | 45.28 | 163.00 | A-12 | Alan Sze - Barney Lui |
| 28 | 44.72 | 161.00 | B-36 | C W Ling - William Ho |
| 29 | 43.89 | 158.00 | B-32 | Paul So - Mary Yuen |
| 30 | 42.64 | 153.50 | A-5 | Chad Law - Percy Wong |
| 31 | 41.25 | 148.50 | B-35 | Johnny Tam - Javy Choy |
| 32 | 37.64 | 135.50 | A-8 | Josiah Li - Y C Tong |

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