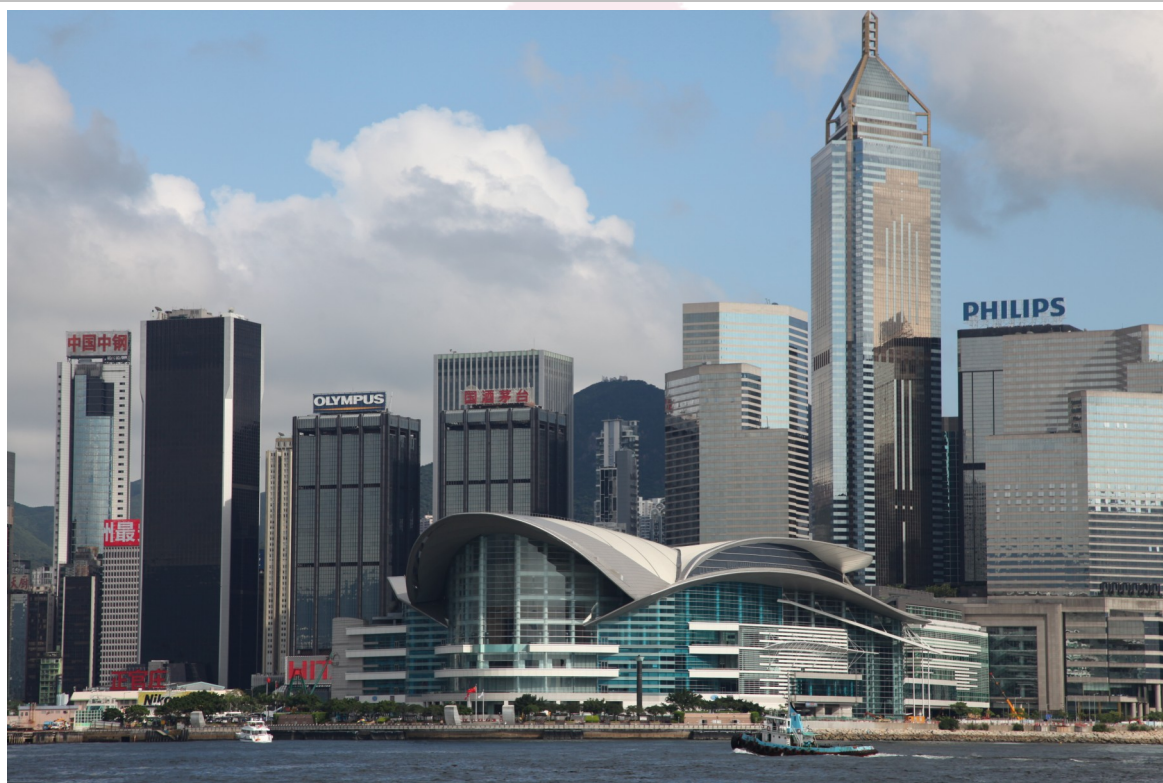




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No Change at the Top



The Hong Kong Convention Centre - have you registered your System?

After 8 rounds **Japan** continues to lead the Open Teams, and they are clear of **Chinese Taipei** and **China**. **Singapore** has charged into fourth ahead of **Australia**, and **Philippines**.

Japan is also on top in the Ladies series but **Indonesia** and **Australia** are close behind. **Chinese Taipei** is next, followed by **Singapore** and **China**.

Australia-Australia continue to show the way in the Senior Teams, which has reached the halfway mark. **Thailand-Magic Eyes** has leapt into second place ahead of **Indonesia**.

These three are well clear of **China HK - Tse**, **China Evertrust** and **Australia-Lusk**.

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Today's VuGraph Matches

10:00	Australia v Indonesia (Ladies)
13:30	Japan v Singapore (Open)
16:15	China v Singapore (Ladies)

Today's Matches

Open Team RRI

Round Number: 9

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

Round Number: 10

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

Round Number: 11

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

Ladies Team RRI

Round Number: 9

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















Round Number: 10

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














Round Number: 11

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















Senior Team RR2**Round Number: 1**

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

Round Number: 2

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

Round Number: 3

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

Today's programme

10:00-12:15	RR1-9 (Open, Ladies) RR2-1 (Senior)
13:30-15:45	RR1-10 (Open, Ladies) RR2-2 (Senior)
16:15-18:30	RR1-11 (Open, Ladies) RR2-3 (Senior)

Two Chances At Brilliancy

Allen Tan

In Round 4, on Board 29, in the Seniors Division match between Singapore and Thailand 2, my partner, WBF Vice President Patrick Choy was given an opportunity to exhibit a flash of brilliance.

Dealer North
Both Vul

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

West	North	East	South
	Tan		Choy
	Pass	Pass	1♦
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

For an opening lead, I tried the jack of hearts. Declarer ducked this. Patrick could have won this with his king, but instead ducked it as well. This had the effect of forcing declarer to take his two heart stoppers on the first two rounds of the suit being played, thus maintaining defensive communication and allowing us to cash three hearts later on. After taking his queen on the first trick, declarer led a spade. Patrick took his ace and continued with his king of hearts. When he subsequently took his diamond ace, his last heart allowed us to set the contract.

Note that declarer had his own chance at brilliancy. On the first trick, he could likewise have ducked the jack of hearts. If hearts are continued and dummy's ace is played, South would now be left with two options: play small in which case his king would block the suit, or unblock his king under the ace and present declarer with a third round heart stopper, thus cutting defensive communication.

(As it happens it does not matter what South does in this situation. If he plays low he can win the first spade, cash the king of hearts and play any of his remaining cards. If he unblocks the king of hearts under the ace and declarer plays a diamond he must go up with the ace of diamonds at once and play a heart. Editor)

Championship Diary

As expected, Kranyak secured the USA I spot for the Bermuda bowl by defeating Fleisher 270-202. Meanwhile Diamond, trailing 76-154 with 30 deals remaining, withdrew, so USA II will be the winners of the match between Nickell and Fleisher.

Did you solve the picture poser in yesterday's Bulletin? The player on the left is none other than the esteemed president of the Hong Kong CBA, Derek Zen!

Talking of photos, how many of the people depicted in yesterday's picture from 1973 are present here in 2013? We know the answer is more than one (!) - but can you work it out?

Answers to the Bulletin Office (with the names).

The Assael Memorial Bridge Tournament was held in Cesme-Izmir during 1-6 June. Salvador Assael (WIM), who passed last year, had been a key figure in Turkish and International bridge circles over the last three decades. He had won the Blue Ribbon Pairs in 2001 (partnering Nafiz Zorlu). He had many national championship titles, and he was the number one ranked player on the Turkish Bridge Federation Masterpoint Ranking List.

The main event at the championships was The Invitational Calcutta, which had attracted several international bridge celebrities. The winners were Geir Helgemo & Tor Helness (Monaco) from Tony Forrester & Andrew Robson (England) with Agustin Madala and Antonio Sementa (Italy) in third place.

The World of Suzie Wong

One of the reasons I accepted an invitation to come to Hong Kong was because it is the setting for this romantic drama film set in Wan Chai (which, in case you have not realised, is where you are staying). The film starred William Holden and Nancy Kwan and although set in Wan Chai it featured locations from around Hong Kong, sometimes misrepresenting their geographical promiximity for cinematic effect. (Not dissimilar to reporting certain bridge deals.) Locations seen in the film include Tsim Sha Tsui, Central/Sheung Wan (especially around Ladder Street), Yau Ma Tei, Sai Ying Pun, Aberdeen and Telegraph Bay. The film also includes footage of the famous Star Ferry.

If you are still with me I will reluctantly turn to the bridge, which in this case involves two of the Women's teams hoping to make (in their cases) a relatively short trip to Bali, Australia and Japan. They encountered a testing set of boards:

Dealer East
None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ginsberg	Kyoko	Travis	Makiko
1♠	Pass	2♠	1♦
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

If North's 3♣ showed some values (no Lebensohl 2NT) then South should have tried 3NT.

East led the ten of spades and declarer won in dummy, played a spade to the ace and a diamond to the king. When that held she cashed the ace of clubs and played a club to the king. A diamond went to the queen and ace and West cashed the jack of diamonds and exited with a spade. Declarer discarded a heart and ruffed in dummy - that was ten tricks, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michiko	Bourke	Natsuko	Lusk
1♠	2♥	Pass	1♥
Pass	3NT	2♠	2NT
		All Pass	

West led the seven of spades and declarer put up dummy's ace and played a club to the jack. When that held she cashed the ace and followed that with three more club winners. West pitched two hearts and a diamond so declarer scored +660 and collected 11 IMPs for Australia.

Both teams bid to 7♥ with ♠10 ♥A10986 ♦AK73 ♣Q63 facing ♠AK763 ♥KQ5 ♦108 ♣AK8 but hearts were 5-0 and the contract had to go one down.

Dealer West
Both Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ginsberg	Kyoko	Travis	Makiko
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

East led the eight of hearts and declarer won in dummy, pitched a spade on a heart, crossed to the ace of spades, ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart and was soon claiming +1390.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michiko	Bourke	Natsuko	Lusk
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Dbf	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

East led the eight of clubs and declarer took dummy's ace, ruffed one spade and pitched the other on a heart to flatten the board.

It would not be a crime to reach 7♦ but if East leads a trump preventing the spade ruff declarer needs to play carefully. After drawing trumps declarer can afford to play off four more rounds. Then a club to the ace and a club sees West discard. Declarer ruffs and cashes the top hearts. That squeezes East in the black suits (a good defender would pitch the ♠J from ♠Jx at trick 11).

Dealer East
EW Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ginsberg	Kyoko	Travis	Makiko
		3♣	All Pass

South might have doubled 3♣ but North should certainly have bid 3♠. Declarer lost two diamonds, two spades, a heart and a club, down 2, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michiko	Bourke	Natsuko	Lusk
		3♣	Pass
4♣	4♠	All Pass	

South did well to pass 4♠.

Declarer won the club lead, played a spade to the ace and ran the jack of spades to East's queen. The nine of diamonds went to West's queen, but with the ace of hearts well placed declarer had ten tricks, +420 and 6 IMPs to Australia.

The run of slams continued when both teams reached 6NT with ♠KQ2 ♥AQ84 ♦3 ♣AKJ53 opposite ♠A109 ♥6 ♦AJ108762 ♣Q6. The chances of the diamond suit coming in for one loser are around 36.3% but the ♦K9 were doubleton in front of the ♦AJ10 and the slam rolled home.

Dealer West
NS Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ginsberg	Kyoko	Travis	Makiko
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♥	All Pass

2♥ was 7-9 and constructive and the jump to game might have been construed as showing a useful card in spades. EW were using Bergen raises, so 2♥ suggested only three card support. Give West ♠Q86 ♥Q97 ♦A10872 ♣10852 and the slam has play but is by no means laydown and when does partner ever have the perfect hand?

South led the ten of clubs and declarer won and played a diamond to the king and ace. North returned the seven of clubs and South ruffed and returned the two of spades. North won and gave South another club ruff. When South played back a spade declarer discarded a diamond from dummy and North's ruff completed the rout, three down -150.

Of course with open cards 5♥ is easy - you draw trumps, unblock the clubs and play a diamond to the king. North can win and cash a spade but must then lead a diamond.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michiko</i>	<i>Bourke</i>	<i>Natsuko</i>	<i>Lusk</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Dbl	Pass	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led the six of diamonds and North took dummy's king with the ace and returned the six of hearts.

Declarer won with dummy's seven and played a spade. North took the ace and played another heart but declarer won in dummy, pitched a spade on a diamond, came to hand with a club, ruffed the jack of spades, ruffed a diamond high, drew the outstanding trump and claimed +450 and 12 IMPs to Japan.

Dealer East
None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ginsberg</i>	<i>Kyoko</i>	<i>Travis</i>	<i>Makiko</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

2♣ Stayman for five card majors

South led the ace of spades and continued the suit, North winning and returning the ten of spades. When declarer discarded a club South ruffed and switched to the four of diamonds. Declarer put up dummy's ace, and played back a diamond. North won with the king and played the five of clubs for the seven, king and ace. When declarer carelessly played the queen of clubs North ruffed and that was two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michiko</i>	<i>Bourke</i>	<i>Natsuko</i>	<i>Lusk</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	2♦*	Dbl*	2♥*
Dbl	2♠	3♠	Dbl
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

2♦ Multilandy

2♥ Pass or correct

Once again the defenders started with three rounds of spades and declarer pitched a club. South ruffed and played a diamond and declarer went up with the ace, drew trumps ending in dummy and played a diamond. When North went up with the king she had escaped for one down, -50 and 2 IMPs for Japan.

Both declarer's had missed an opportunity; it is clear that South is going to ruff the third round of spades, so declarer must ruff and play a club to the ten. When that holds she takes two rounds of trumps ending in hand and plays a club to the queen. Then she cashes the ace of clubs, ruffs a club, crosses to dummy with a diamond to draw the last trump and has ten tricks.

Yet another low scoring encounter, this one going to Australia, 24-14.

Seniors Round 5

Thailand I v Japan-Yamada

Both teams were hoping to move up the table, and they got a set of deals which gave plenty of scope for swings.

Dealer North
None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Makmitree	Hirata	Jariyanunt
	Pass	1♣	4♥
All Pass			

West led the queen of clubs and when East played the three it looks routine to switch to the queen of spades. When West continued with the two of clubs declarer ruffed and played five rounds of trumps, followed by the ace of diamonds, on which West discarded a spade. Declarer played his last trump, blanking dummy's king of spades and then, hoping for a miracle, exited with a spade. East won and played a club and West claimed the rest, down two, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tananachi	Akihiko	Pramual	Kyoko
	Pass	1♣	Dbl
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Here to the defenders started with two rounds of clubs, but declarer simply took his tricks, +140 and 6 IMPs to Japan.

South showed a very good hand and I'm sure North would have raised had he held the ace of spades rather than the king, but I doubt he would have done so holding as little as the queen of diamonds, so on balance I prefer South's approach at the other table, despite the result.

Despite the result I prefer South's action in the open room. What do you think?

Dealer East
NS Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Makmitree	Hirata	Jariyanunt
		Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ace of clubs and sensing no danger he switched to a trump. Declarer won in hand and played the queen of clubs. West won and played a second trump. declarer won with dummy's ace, ruffed a club felling East's jack, drew the outstanding trump and played a diamond to the queen and ace. With the ten of clubs taking care of his losing heart he was home, +620. West needs to switch to red suit at trick two. A heart is simplest, but on a diamond switch East must win and switch to hearts. That holds declarer to nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tananachi	Akihiko	Pramual	Kyoko
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	2♦

West cashed the ace of clubs and switched to the six of diamonds, covered by the queen and ace. East returned the nine of clubs and declarer simply took his tricks, +140. That gave Thailand 10 IMPs and the lead.

Dealer South

EW Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Makmitree	Hirata	Jariyanunt
Pass	3NT*	Dbl	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dbl	4♦*
			All Pass

3NT Gambling

4♦ Pass or correct

East led the king of diamonds and switched to the ace of spades. That was the end of the defence, -550.

The trump pips mean that if East simply plays a second diamond declarer will have to lose three tricks.

It seems trite to observe that if East had passed 3NT his side might have taken the first ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tananachi	Akihiko	Pramual	Kyoko
Pass	2NT*	Dbl	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♦

West led the nine of clubs and declarer won in dummy and ran the jack of hearts. West won with the queen and played a club for East to ruff. The aces of spades and diamonds meant one down, -50 and 12 IMPs to Thailand

Dealer South

None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Makmitree	Hirata	Jariyanunt
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	2♥
3♦	3♥	All Pass	

Even though North was facing a passed hand it is still generally correct to take a second bid (in the land of my birth 2♥ would be quite popular, but to illustrate the wonderful diversity of bridge in France a raise without four trumps might lead to an appointment with Madam Guillotine).

Passing made it easy for East to protect and 3♥ was simply too high. Declarer had to lose five tricks, -50 and 6 IMPs for Japan.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tananachi	Akihiko	Pramual	Kyoko
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	All Pass	

With an awkward lead East tried the three of diamonds. Declarer played low from dummy and the unsuspecting West put in the ten. Declarer won with the queen and played a club to the queen and king.

West switched to a trump and declarer won with dummy's seven and played a club to the jack and ace. When East continued with the ace and another spade declarer won and cashed his clubs. When West released a heart declarer had recorded 10 tricks, +170.

Dealer North
Both Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Makmitree	Hirata	Jariyanunt
1♠	1♦	Dbl	1♥
Pass	2♣	2♠	4♦
	4♥	All Pass	

West led the queen of spades and East took the ace and switched to the seven of diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart to the queen and king. The diamond return was taken in hand and declarer knocked out the ace of hearts and claimed, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tananachi	Akihiko	Pramual	Kyoko
1♠	Pass	1♣	1♥
Pass	2♠*	3♠	Pass
	4♦	All Pass	

2♠ Good heart raise

Having shown his support for hearts North felt it was safe to introduce his diamonds. With the benefit of hindsight it would have been safer to simply bid 4♥. East led the ace of spades and switched to ace, king and another heart, West's ruff giving the defenders a fourth trick, +100 and 12 IMPs to Thailand, now comfortably ahead 40-18.

Dealer East
None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Makmitree	Hirata	Jariyanunt
1♦	1♠	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Dbl*	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♠*	Dbl

North started with his three top spades and declarer ruffed, cashed the king of hearts, unblocked the clubs and played the nine of hearts. When the jack appeared he overtook in dummy, drew trumps and cashed his clubs. While this was going on North discarded the seven of spades and then blanked the king of diamonds. I suggest that at this point readers of a nervous disposition look away now.

Declarer took the diamond finesse and was one down, -50.

I have seen a world champion go down in similar fashion, playing for an overtrick - and that was in the final of the Bermuda Bowl!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tananachi	Akihiko	Pramual	Kyoko
1♦	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Dbl	Pass
4♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♦	All Pass	5♣	Pass

North cashed two spades and waited for the setting trick, +50 and a flat board.

Thailand I emerged as convincing winners, edging them nearer to the leaders.

Rebullida Cup Open Team RRI Results

Round 6

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Thailand	19-69	0.84-19.16	New Zealand
2	Philippines	42-32	12.80-7.20	Chinese Taipei
3	Japan	36-25	13.04-6.96	China
4	Singapore	56-23	17.17-2.83	Malaysia
5	China Macau	38-33	11.48-8.52	China Hong Kong
6	Indonesia	38-49	6.96-13.04	Australia

Round 7

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	New Zealand	43-25	14.60-5.40	Australia
2	Chinese Taipei	44-22	15.38-4.62	Malaysia
3	China	65-22	18.44-1.56	China Hong Kong
4	Thailand	12-14	9.39-10.61	Philippines
5	Indonesia	27-24	10.91-9.09	Singapore
6	China Macau	31-14	14.39-5.61	Japan

Round 8

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	China Hong Kong	56-25	16.88-3.12	New Zealand
2	China	10-28	5.40-14.60	Chinese Taipei
3	Australia	35-26	12.55-7.45	Malaysia
4	Japan	48-33	13.97-6.03	Thailand
5	China Macau	18-37	5.20-14.80	Indonesia
6	Philippines	41-70	3.42-16.58	Singapore

DBS Bank Ladies Team (President's Cup) RRI Results

Round 6

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Japan	45-35	12.80-7.20	China
2	Thailand	24-39	6.03-13.97	Australia
3	Chinese Taipei	14-19	8.52-11.48	New Zealand
4	China Hong Kong	33-32	10.31-9.69	Philippines
5	Korea	11-73	0.00-20.00	Indonesia
6	Singapore	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 7

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	China	15-18	9.09-10.91	Indonesia
2	Singapore	31-20	13.04-6.96	New Zealand
3	Australia	33-13	15.00-5.00	Philippines
4	Korea	26-34	7.71-12.29	Chinese Taipei
5	China Hong Kong	29-37	7.71-12.29	Thailand
6	Japan	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 8

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Philippines	27-48	4.81-15.19	China
2	Australia	32-31	10.31-9.69	Singapore
3	Indonesia	15-10	11.48-8.52	New Zealand
4	Thailand	9-67	0.15-19.85	Japan
5	China Hong Kong	73-40	17.17-2.83	Korea
6	Chinese Taipei	0-0	12.00-0.00	

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

Round 6

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Australia-Lusk	49-32	14.39-5.61	Chinese Taipei
2	Singapore	25-46	4.81-15.19	Indonesia
3	China Evertrust	64-16	18.97-1.03	NZ Evennett
4	Japan-Yamada	31-55	4.26-15.74	Thailand-Magic Eyes
5	Japan-Sindbad	33-66	2.83-17.17	Thailand I
6	Japan-IMAX	49-14	17.45-2.55	China HK-Winbridge
7	Australia-Australia	47-26	15.19-4.81	China HK-Tse
8	China HK-Vincent Li	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 7

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Chinese Taipei	36-28	12.29-7.71	Singapore
2	Indonesia	40-37	10.91-9.09	China Evertrust
3	NZ Evennett	10-71	0.00-20.00	Japan-Yamada
4	Thailand-Magic Eyes	67-21	18.77-1.23	Japan-Sindbad
5	Thailand I	49-46	10.91-9.09	Japan-IMAX
6	China HK-Winbridge	23-23	10.00-10.00	Australia-Australia
7	China HK-Tse	0-0	12.00-0.00	
8	China HK-Vincent Li	53-27	16.09-3.91	Australia-Lusk

Round 8

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	China Evertrust	40-39	10.31-9.69	Chinese Taipei
2	Japan-Yamada	23-37	6.25-13.75	Indonesia
3	Japan-Sindbad	63-6	19.77-0.23	NZ Evennett
4	Japan-IMAX	22-42	5.00-15.00	Thailand-Magic Eyes
5	Australia-Australia	78-13	20.00-0.00	Thailand I
6	China HK-Winbridge	0-0	3.61-0.00	
7	Australia-Lusk	48-44	11.20-8.80	China HK-Tse
8	Singapore	17-24	7.97-12.03	China HK-Vincent Li

Ranking after 8 Rounds results

Open Team RRI

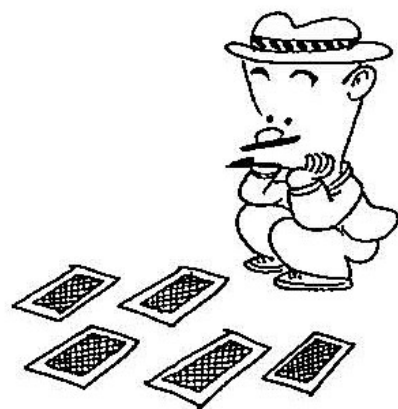
Rank	Team	VPs
1	Japan	107.01
2	Chinese Taipei	94.97
3	China	91.40
4	Singapore	88.03
5	Australia	86.67
6	Philippines	80.31
7	New Zealand	76.40
8	Indonesia	76.34
9	Thailand	71.53
10	China Macau	67.41
11	China Hong Kong	62.05
12	Malaysia	49.88

Senior Team RRI

Rank	Team	VPs
1	Australia-Australia	114.86
2	Thailand-Magic Eyes	108.98
3	Indonesia	105.45
4	China HK-Tse	93.18
5	China Evertrust	92.44
6	Australia-Lusk	88.90
7	Chinese Taipei	83.34
8	Japan-IMAX	83.00
9	Thailand I	80.81
10	Japan-Sindbad	78.25
11	Japan-Yamada	76.99
12	China HK-Vincent Li	73.69
13	Singapore	57.35
14	China HK-Winbridge	28.87
15	NZ Evennett	27.52
16	Australia-Klinger	0.00

Ladies Team RRI

Rank	Team	VPs
1	Japan	108.33
2	Indonesia	104.14
3	Australia	99.51
4	Chinese Taipei	93.49
5	Singapore	90.18
6	China	89.01
7	New Zealand	83.86
8	China Hong Kong	73.89
9	Philippines	59.29
10	Korea	50.06
11	Thailand	42.64



Speedball Pairs results

Rank	Pair	Score	%	Name	Extra
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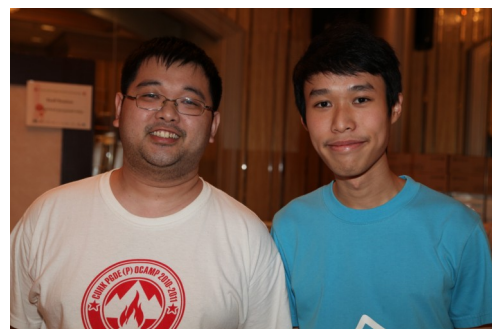
1	9	341.5	64.7	John Tsang - Gordon Ho	
2	3	306.8	58.1	Billy Fung - Andy K O Leung	
3	26	304.8	57.7	Fan Huaiyu - Zang Peijie	
4	4	304.6	57.7	Arsene Yiu - Percy Wong	
5	29	285.4	54.0	Fu Cheung - Baron Ng	

6	1	284.6	53.9	LH Chin - Charlie Lee	
7	22	281.5	53.3	K Y Tam - Abby Chiu	
8	28	277.4	52.5	Tan Wen Yuan - Soh Siew Luie	
9	5	277.1	52.5	Helen Yeung - Karl Kwan	
10	11	276.2	52.3	Chris Fung - Tony Lau	

11	27	266.6	50.5	Bacon Lam - Norris Wong	
12	12	262.6	49.7	Wilson Mok - Pearie Chan	
13	8	261.4	49.5	Dave Pang - Kelvin Ko	
14	30	259.2	49.1	Edward Cheung - Mark Ng	
15	25	255.9	48.5	Alan Sze - Jim Lee	

16	32	253.6	48.0	Himmy Ng - Vicky Kam	
17	31	246.9	46.8	William Tai - Derek Lok	
18	23	231.4	43.8	Auramani - Budi Gunawan	
19	7	227.8	43.1	Philip Chan - Barney Lui	
20	2	227.1	43.0	Ben Lam - Jerome Cheung	

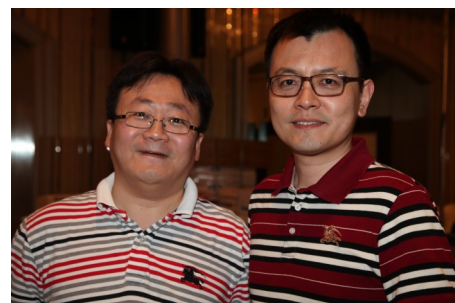
21	21	224.7	42.6	Ricky Lai - Terence Chan	-4.5
22	10	224.0	42.4	Rajan Gupta - Kishin Chainani	
23	6	220.4	41.7	York Kwan - Zia Wai	
24	24	208.0	39.4	Jacky Liu - Harry Yung	



The Champion:
John Tsang and Gordon Ho



1st runner-up:
Andy K O Leung and Billy Fung



2nd runner up:
Fan Huaiyu and Zang Peijie

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