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Yesterday was the opening ceremony for the 32nd Hong Kong Inter-city tournament, followed by an excellent buffet lunch.

The welcoming speech was made by Mr Timothy Fok, President of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong China, and then came the official opening of the championships by WBF Vice-president Patrick Choy. Hong Kong Bridge Federation President, Derek Zen, then put the finishing touches to the lion's eyes and there was a traditional Lion Dance performance, followed by the lunch.

President Fok and President Zen, are pictured above with the typically brightly coloured lion.

Today's VuGraph Matches

09:30 A Geely Automobile v Master Minds
11:40 C Jilin Dingyuan v Wizards
14:30 L Jakarta Ladies v Ping An Ladies
16:40 B Guangzhou Pearl River v Dragon Kiddies

Today's Programme

Time 時間	Event 項目
09:30-11:30	Teams Qualifying Round 4 隊制錦標賽初賽第四場
11:40-13:40	Teams Qualifying Round 5 隊制錦標賽初賽第五場
14:30-16:30	Teams Qualifying Round 6 隊制錦標賽初賽第六場
16:40-18:40	Teams Qualifying Round 7 隊制錦標賽初賽第七場
19:45-23:30	HKES IMP Pairs Championship 香港企管人才資源顧問國際序分雙人錦標賽

Equipment and Souvenir Items for Sale

Item	Amount per Unit
Boards (sets of 32) with or without slightly used cards	HK\$400
Bidding boxes (sets of 4) with slightly used inserts	HK\$60
New bidding box inserts (sets of 4)	HK\$35
New playing cards (per deck)	HK\$5
Souvenir polo shirts	HK\$50
Souvenir bags	HK\$50
Score books	HK\$20
BridgeMate II (1 year old) about 30 available at discount	Ask office
BridgeMate Server (1 year old) 1 available at discount	Ask office
PlayBridgeDealer 4 duplicating machine (1 year old) 1 available at discount	Ask office
Lenovo S210 59-399792 (Intel Pentium 1.80GHz) PC (1 week old) about 5-6 available at discount	Ask office
Samsung Tablets (1 week old) 5 available at discount	Ask office

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3 August 2014**



Scheduled Matches

Hong Kong Inter-city Bridge Championships 2014

Section: A

Inter-city Open Team Championship

Round Number: 4

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)		Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)	
1	1	Geely Automobile	7	Master Minds
2	2	Lu Ning	9	Nomi
3	3	HK Senior Friends	6	Mickey Mouse
4	4	Slam Hunter	10	Last Train
5	5	Guangzhou Xiangxin Technology	8	Xiamen Xiashun

Round Number: 5

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)		Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)	
1	1	Geely Automobile	6	Mickey Mouse
2	2	Lu Ning	7	Master Minds
3	3	HK Senior Friends	9	Nomi
4	4	Slam Hunter	5	Guangzhou Xiangxin Technology
5	8	Xiamen Xiashun	10	Last Train

Round Number: 6

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)		Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)	
1	1	Geely Automobile	5	Guangzhou Xiangxin Technology
2	2	Lu Ning	10	Last Train
3	3	HK Senior Friends	8	Xiamen Xiashun
4	4	Slam Hunter	6	Mickey Mouse
5	7	Master Minds	9	Nomi

Round Number: 7

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)		Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)	
1	1	Geely Automobile	4	Slam Hunter
2	2	Lu Ning	3	HK Senior Friends
3	5	Guangzhou Xiangxin Technology	7	Master Minds
4	6	Mickey Mouse	10	Last Train
5	8	Xiamen Xiashun	9	Nomi



Scheduled Matches

Hong Kong Inter-city Bridge Championships 2014

Section: B

Inter-city Open Team Championship

Round Number: 4

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)		Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)	
1	1	Zen	7	PLUS
2	2	Guangzhou Pearl River	9	CHPIK
3	3	Dragon Kiddies	6	Quezon City Team
4	4	Alexandria Sporting Club	10	Nonsense
5	5	Taizhou Jiangyan	8	Saturday Bridge Fever

Round Number: 5

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)		Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)	
1	1	Zen	6	Quezon City Team
2	2	Guangzhou Pearl River	7	PLUS
3	3	Dragon Kiddies	9	CHPIK
4	4	Alexandria Sporting Club	5	Taizhou Jiangyan
5	8	Saturday Bridge Fever	10	Nonsense

Round Number: 6

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)		Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)	
1	1	Zen	5	Taizhou Jiangyan
2	2	Guangzhou Pearl River	10	Nonsense
3	3	Dragon Kiddies	8	Saturday Bridge Fever
4	4	Alexandria Sporting Club	6	Quezon City Team
5	7	PLUS	9	CHPIK

Round Number: 7

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)		Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)	
1	1	Zen	4	Alexandria Sporting Club
2	2	Guangzhou Pearl River	3	Dragon Kiddies
3	5	Taizhou Jiangyan	7	PLUS
4	6	Quezon City Team	10	Nonsense
5	8	Saturday Bridge Fever	9	CHPIK



Scheduled Matches

Hong Kong Inter-city Bridge Championships 2014

Section: C

Inter-city Open Team Championship

Round Number: 4

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)	Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)
1	1 Ping An	7 Wizards
2	2 Jilin Dingyuan	9 Choi
3	3 Ambassador	6 PTBA PDP Team
4	4 Majority	10 Chinese Club
5	5 Hangzhou Yuyi	8 Thick Toast

Round Number: 5

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)	Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)
1	1 Ping An	6 PTBA PDP Team
2	2 Jilin Dingyuan	7 Wizards
3	3 Ambassador	9 Choi
4	4 Majority	5 Hangzhou Yuyi
5	8 Thick Toast	10 Chinese Club

Round Number: 6

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)	Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)
1	1 Ping An	5 Hangzhou Yuyi
2	2 Jilin Dingyuan	10 Chinese Club
3	3 Ambassador	8 Thick Toast
4	4 Majority	6 PTBA PDP Team
5	7 Wizards	9 Choi

Round Number: 7

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)	Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)
1	1 Ping An	4 Majority
2	2 Jilin Dingyuan	3 Ambassador
3	5 Hangzhou Yuyi	7 Wizards
4	6 PTBA PDP Team	10 Chinese Club
5	8 Thick Toast	9 Choi



Scheduled Matches

Hong Kong Inter-city Bridge Championships 2014

Section: L

DBS Bank Ladies Team Championship

Round Number: 4

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)	Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)
1	1 Lee	7 Tea Time
2	2 JADU	9 Japan HNES
3	3 Jakarta Ladies	6 Bacon's Angels
4	4 Fukien Club	10 School Girls
5	5 Green Tea	8 Ping An Ladies

Round Number: 5

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)	Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)
1	1 Lee	6 Bacon's Angels
2	2 JADU	7 Tea Time
3	3 Jakarta Ladies	9 Japan HNES
4	4 Fukien Club	5 Green Tea
5	8 Ping An Ladies	10 School Girls

Round Number: 6

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)	Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)
1	1 Lee	5 Green Tea
2	2 JADU	10 School Girls
3	3 Jakarta Ladies	8 Ping An Ladies
4	4 Fukien Club	6 Bacon's Angels
5	7 Tea Time	9 Japan HNES

Round Number: 7

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)	Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)
1	1 Lee	4 Fukien Club
2	2 JADU	3 Jakarta Ladies
3	5 Green Tea	7 Tea Time
4	6 Bacon's Angels	10 School Girls
5	8 Ping An Ladies	9 Japan HNES



Scheduled Matches

Hong Kong Inter-city Bridge Championships 2014

Section: Y

President's Cup Youth Team Championship

Round Number: 4

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)		Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)	
1	1	Hong Kong Youth Team	7	No. 2 Middle School of Dalian Developm
2	2	Shanghai Xing Le Youth Team	9	Joyful
3	3	PTBA Youth-PDP Team	6	Y-Power
4	4	Dalian Jinzhou New District Youth Bridg	10	The Hong Kong University of Science an
5	5	Mianyang Tiny Times Red	8	The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Round Number: 5

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)		Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)	
1	1	Hong Kong Youth Team	6	Y-Power
2	2	Shanghai Xing Le Youth Team	7	No. 2 Middle School of Dalian Developm
3	3	PTBA Youth-PDP Team	9	Joyful
4	4	Dalian Jinzhou New District Youth Bridg	5	Mianyang Tiny Times Red
5	8	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	10	The Hong Kong University of Science an

Round Number: 6

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)		Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)	
1	1	Hong Kong Youth Team	5	Mianyang Tiny Times Red
2	2	Shanghai Xing Le Youth Team	10	The Hong Kong University of Science an
3	3	PTBA Youth-PDP Team	8	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
4	4	Dalian Jinzhou New District Youth Bridg	6	Y-Power
5	7	No. 2 Middle School of Dalian Developm	9	Joyful

Round Number: 7

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)		Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)	
1	1	Hong Kong Youth Team	4	Dalian Jinzhou New District Youth Bridg
2	2	Shanghai Xing Le Youth Team	3	PTBA Youth-PDP Team
3	5	Mianyang Tiny Times Red	7	No. 2 Middle School of Dalian Developm
4	6	Y-Power	10	The Hong Kong University of Science an
5	8	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	9	Joyful



Scheduled Matches

Hong Kong Inter-city Bridge Championships 2014

Section: Z

President's Cup Youth Team Championship

Round Number: 4

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)	Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)
1	1 H.E.A.T.	7 The University of Hong Kong
2	2 Beijing High School Associated to the Re	9 Rose Bowl Girls
3	3 NTU Bridge	6 WYK NVR DIE
4	4 Dalian Jinzhou New District Youth Bridg	10 Diocesan Boys' School
5	5 Mianyang Tiny Times Yellow	8 Rebellion

Round Number: 5

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)	Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)
1	1 H.E.A.T.	6 WYK NVR DIE
2	2 Beijing High School Associated to the Re	7 The University of Hong Kong
3	3 NTU Bridge	9 Rose Bowl Girls
4	4 Dalian Jinzhou New District Youth Bridg	5 Mianyang Tiny Times Yellow
5	8 Rebellion	10 Diocesan Boys' School

Round Number: 6

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)	Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)
1	1 H.E.A.T.	5 Mianyang Tiny Times Yellow
2	2 Beijing High School Associated to the Re	10 Diocesan Boys' School
3	3 NTU Bridge	8 Rebellion
4	4 Dalian Jinzhou New District Youth Bridg	6 WYK NVR DIE
5	7 The University of Hong Kong	9 Rose Bowl Girls

Round Number: 7

Table	Home (NS Open Room/EW Closed Room)	Visiting (EW Open Room/NS Closed Room)
1	1 H.E.A.T.	4 Dalian Jinzhou New District Youth Bridg
2	2 Beijing High School Associated to the Re	3 NTU Bridge
3	5 Mianyang Tiny Times Yellow	7 The University of Hong Kong
4	6 WYK NVR DIE	10 Diocesan Boys' School
5	8 Rebellion	9 Rose Bowl Girls

The 2014 European Team Championships-Open Round F8

England were still very much in the hunt for the medals and, indeed, the title, when they met Sweden in Round 8 of the final, while the Swedes had to disappointed to be back in the middle of the pack.

The Hackett twins bid a thin 3NT on Board 2, doomed to fail after the opening lead had removed declarer's only entry to the long heart suit in dummy. Cullin/Bertheau stopped in a heart partscore in the other room to chalk up +170 and 6 Swedish IMPs. Then came something more substantial.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Bakhshi	Cullin	Gold
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	INT	2♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Jason H	Sylvan	Justin H	Wrang
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♠	All Pass

David Bakhshi's 12-14 INT opening made it very easy for Per-Ola Cullin to show both his majors with a 2♣ Landy overcall, and Peter Bertheau simply jumped to the heart game. Bakhshi led ace then ten of diamonds, Bertheau winning the king and leading a low heart. Bakhshi jumped in with the ace and returned the third diamond. Bertheau called for the nine, imagining that the lead had to be from length once it was proven not to be from shortage. That lost to the jack and David Gold returned a low club. Bertheau put up the king but Bakhshi did not cover so a spade went away from the dummy – had he played the ace South would have been marked with the spade king so declarer would have had

an easy decision to play to ruff out the king rather than take the finesse. But it didn't matter. Bertheau drew a second round of trumps then simply crossruffed, throwing his last club on the queen of diamonds; +620.

Johan Sylvan opened 1♣, natural with four or more clubs or a balanced 11-13 or 17-19, and Justin Hackett had to decide whether to double or overcall 1♠.

Double, of course, loses the fifth spade, so he chose to overcall, but was left to play there. Frederic Wrang led the nine of hearts. Sylvan won and returned the suit so Justin won with dummy's queen and led the ten of spades to the queen and king. When a club came back to North's nine he was in trouble. Justin discarded a low diamond and back came the five of spades. Putting in the nine would have put him back in control of his own destiny, but he viewed to put in the seven and Wrang won the eight. The eight of clubs went to the ten, jack and ruff, and declarer played the heart king, ruffed by South to punch him with another club. Justin had three spade tricks and one in each red suit for down two and -200; 13 IMPs to Sweden.

The Swedes bought the contract at both tables on Board 5 and a pair of +110s gave them 6 IMPs. There was a chance for England to recover those points and more on Board 6.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Bakhshi	Cullin	Gold
—	—	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble	Pass	2♦
Dble	Pass	2♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Jason H	Sylvan	Justin H	Wrang
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♦
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Gold opened 1♦ and Bakhshi's double was a transfer, showing four or more spades. The Swedish E/W pair never considered game possibilities and settled in 2♥. After a diamond lead, the friendly lie of the cards meant that there was a club and a heart to be lost; +200.

Wrang did not open the bidding but came in with a 2♦ overcall at his second turn. However, E/W had had an opening bid and response before N/S got involved and were soon in game, though perhaps not the best one.

Sylvan led a diamond, of course. Jason Hackett won in hand and led the queen of spades to the king and ace. A low club was won by his king and he now cashed the ten of spades.

With the contract making on an even spade split, Jason turned his attention to how to make if the spades were not evenly divided. On the first round of clubs, Sylvan had followed with the six, high-low to show an odd number, and Jason decided to trust his signal. The ten of clubs from hand lost to the now bare ace, and back came the queen of diamonds to dummy's king. Jason cashed the spade jack, throwing a heart from hand, then led a heart. A finesse of the queen would have meant nine tricks, but he had convinced himself that Wrang would not have the king as he would then have opened his ten-count with a decent six-card suit. Jason put in the ten, losing to the jack. Sylvan cashed his spade winner then exited with a club and Jason had to cash a forlorn ca eof hearts, losing the last two tricks to Wrang's king and a diamond winner; down one for -100 and 7 IMPs to Sweden when it might have been 10 the other way.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Bakhshi	Cullin	Gold
1♣	1♦	1♥	Dble
3♠	4♥	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Jason H	Sylvan	Justin H	Wrang
1♣	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Bertheau's 1♣ opening was either natural or a weak no trump and Cullin's 1♥ response a transfer. Gold could suggest hearts by doubling and Bakhshi duly bid 4♥ over Bertheau's 3♠. But Cullin had a fifth spade so raised to 4♠ in turn, and that ended then auction. Bakhshi led the king of diamonds.

Bertheau won and gave up a heart, Bakhshi winning the queen and cashing the queen of diamonds then leading a heart, ruffed in dummy. Declarer played the winning ten of diamonds, ruffed and over-ruffed, then a spade to the king and ace followed by the jack of spades. He tried running the jack of clubs now, losing to the queen, but had the remainder for +420.

When Jason opened 1♣, Sylvan had the perfect system bid with which to launch the North hand. Two Hearts showed four hearts with a longer minor, and also had the merit of shutting out Justin from the auction. Wrang had a very easy raise to 4♥, and that ended the auction. After a low club lead there were four top losers for -50, but that was worth 9 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Bakhshi	Cullin	Gold
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Jason H	Sylvan	Justin H	Wrang
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

England got very lucky on this deal when systemic requirements got Gold/Bakhshi to slam from the wrong side of the table. Two Diamonds was a transfer so Gold jumped to 3♥ to show his heart support and sound values and Bakhshi checked on key cards then bid the slam. Bertheau led the queen of diamonds and Gold covered, very reluctantly. When the king lost to the ace it appeared that the contract would be down, but Cullin did not have a diamond to return so, after drawing trumps, Gold was able to take the necessary discards on his spades and had 12 tricks for a very fortunate +1430.

At the other table, Sylvan could bid a natural 2♥ and Wrang splintered in response. Sylvan too checked for key cards then bid the slam but the difference was that he had the king of diamonds protected from the opening lead. On a trump lead he won, took a second round, then unblocked the spade before playing a third trump to dummy and cashing the spades. There was a club to be lost but Sylvan had 12 tricks for +1430 and a flat board.

This deal provided the only major swing of the big match between Monaco and Poland, two sides both fighting for the medals.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Balicki	Helness	Zmudzinski
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Two Hearts was natural and game-forcing, so the 3♥ raise was more encouraging than would have been a jump to game. After an exchange of cuebids, Cezary Balicki asked for key cards and bid the slam. A club lead to the king and ace meant that he could come to all 13 tricks for +1460.

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Fantoni	Nowosadzki	Nunes
—	—	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The 2♠ opening showed at least five spades in an unbalanced hand, 1013 HCP. Two No Trump asked and 3♦ was natural. Fantoni saw a misfit and, with quite a few high cards missing, settled for an easy game. A club lead to the king and ace meant that he had all 13 tricks for +720 but 1 IMPs to Poland.

The rest of this match was very quiet and Poland came out on top by just 2 IMPs, 21-19 IMPs, 10.61-9.39 VPs.

Meanwhile, our main match had seen England well beaten by Sweden. The Swedes won that one by 45-2 IMPs, 18.44-1.66 VPs, and dealt a serious blow to England's hopes.



Cute Ending

I couldn't find a way to make my contract on this deal from the second final session of the Mixed BAM at the Las Vegas Nationals last week, but the play had a cute ending.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brian Senior		Nevena Senior	
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

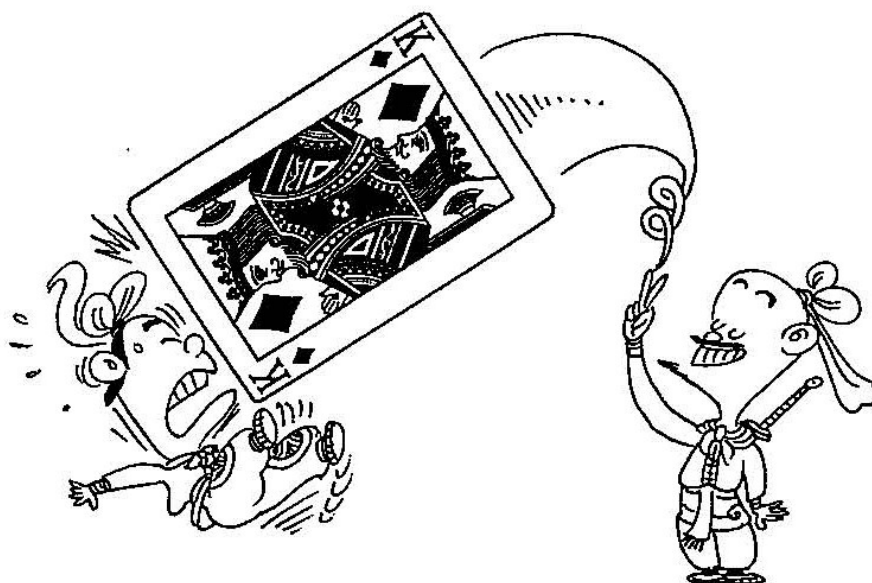
Some might have bid over 1♠ with the North cards but our North passed in tempo and, when we reached 3NT, led the three of hearts, attitude, to the ten and

king, rather than risk leading into a possible ♣KQ10 holding.

I led a diamond at trick two and, when North pitched an encouraging club, could see that making the contract was very unlikely. I won the ace, unblocked the spade and, even though the ace was almost certainly offside, led a club to the queen. North won her ace and continued with a second heart, ducked to South's jack. Back came the ten of clubs. I won the king and exited with my last club. Can you see what is going to happen?

North cashed the clubs and I came down to king-jack of spades and one card in each red suit, dummy to ♥A9 ♦QJ. North was forced to lead into the spade tenace and on two rounds of spades away went dummy's diamonds. South was squeezed, the low diamond in hand being a threat against him. The contract was still one down, of course, but that was enough to win the board for the good guys.

It does not help the defence for North not to cash the last club. If she leads a spade a trick earlier, there is no squeeze, true, but declarer can set up a diamond for his eighth trick and the result is unchanged.



Weakest Opening?

What is the weakest hand you have ever opened?

This deal came up during the second session of the Mixed BAM qualifying last week at the 2014 ACBL Nationals in Las Vegas.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

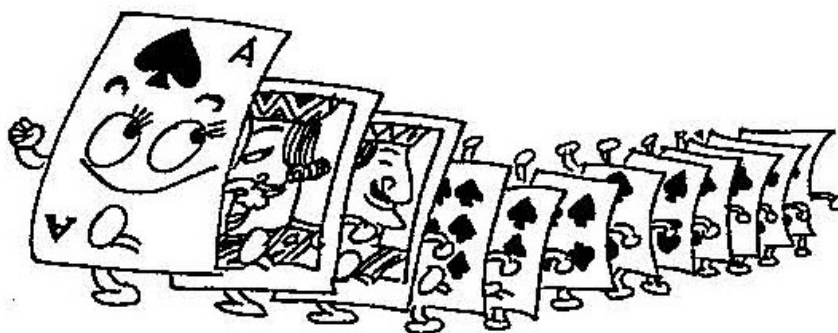
Late in the session we moved to a table where South was bemoaning the fact that his previous opponent, young Dutch star Tim Verbeek, had just opened 2♦ against him, third in hand on the West cards. It was difficult for me to give him too much sympathy as I had made exactly the same opening bid myself.

At my table, North doubled, my wife, English ladies world champion, Nevena Senior, raised to 3♦, and South bid 3NT. After much soul-searching, North raised to 6NT. The play was a thing of rare beauty. There is a double dummy line to make 12 tricks after a diamond lead, but declarer didn't get close. He won, crossed to hand with a heart and took the club finesse. That lost and Nevena returned a diamond. Declarer came back to hand and finessed the ten of spades, losing to the jack, and back came a club. He

made the mistake of cashing the third club before taking the queen of diamonds and didn't even look at Nevena's card so didn't know that his ten was now a winner. A second losing spade finesse resulted in down three as Nevena had the thirteenth club to cash. Obviously, this result won us the board.

This may be the weakest hand I have ever opened – if not, it must be mighty close, but it is not the weakest suit with which I have opened a weak two bid. That honour falls to a hand I held many years ago in a tournament on Sicily. In those days, the Italian Bridge Federation, in its infinite wisdom, had a rule that, in a pairs event, any one-level opening bid, even in third seat, had to conform to the Rule of 18 (HCP plus the number of cards in your two longest suits added together equals 18 or more). So you could open 1♠ on a small doubleton as a psyche, but only with something like opening values, and could neither psyche nor make a lead-directing light opening with a weaker hand.

So, again at favourable vulnerability, I picked up, ♠Jxxx ♥xxx ♦xx ♣Qxxx. After two passes, I opened with a natural weak 2♦! The next hand overcalled 3♣ and that ended the auction. It turned out that he had overcalled on a 2-2-4-5 19-count and they were cold for 6♦ and 6NT. When the first thing dummy put down was ♦KQJ10xx, up went an Italian arm with a scream for the director. Over came top WBF director, Antonio Riccardi. He listened to my opponent, looked at the deal, looked at me, who he knew well, and I explained that I couldn't open at the one level but the prohibition didn't extend to the two level. He told the opponents that there was nothing he could do, it was just a perfectly legal psyche, and walked away from the table, shaking his head and smiling to himself.



Open Round I – Hong Kong Senior Friends v Guangzhou Xiangxin Technology

The opening round of the Open Teams saw a clash between teams representing Hong Kong and Guangzhou, and the match served up a mixture of good and not-so-good bridge. I think this first example qualifies under the not-so-good heading...

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Junqiang	Li	Youping	Yeung
1♠	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Tse	Lin	Ling	Pang
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Where Xiangxin Technology were North/South, the Hong Kong East/West pair had the auction to themselves after Roger Ling's normal INT response on the East cards. Le Lin led the king of clubs and continued with the queen in response to L.T. Pang's nine. Edmund Tse ruffed and played a diamond to the nine and queen, won the spade return with dummy's ace and played second diamond to the king and ace. Now he cashed the king of spades before switching to winning diamonds. South could ruff the fourth diamond and cash his second trump trick before playing a heart through, but Tse had eight tricks for his contract; +110.

Playing strong club, it is possible to pass with the East hand, and that was Huang Youping's choice in the other room. Peter Yeung bid a balancing INT and Vincent Li transferred to hearts. Now Youping competed with 2♠, safe in the knowledge that he had already limited his hand so partner would not get

over-excited. When that came back round to Li he cuebid 3♠, a serious overbid which can only be explained by his expecting a stronger hand for the INT overcall. When Yeung responded 3NT, Youping doubled, knowing that he had the hearts stopped and that his opponents were very light on high cards to be in a no trump game.

Cai Junqiang led the five of diamonds to the nine and queen, and Yeung tried a heart to dummy's jack. At this point the defence can take eight tricks – two in each major plus five diamonds – but Youping judged to duck. Yeung led a spade to the queen and king – again, East could have risen with the ace to return a diamond and the contract would have been down three – and now Junqiang followed the safe route to set the contract by playing ace then jack of diamonds to declarer's king. Yeung played a spade to the nine and ace and a heart back put West in to cash his diamond winners. That was two down, still –500, but not as bad as it might have been with –1100 a possibility at one point. That was worth 9 IMPs to Xiangxin Technology.

It was the Hong Kong team who led at the mid-point in the match, courtesy of a number of medium-sized swings. Then the teams exchanged slam swings.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Junqiang	Li	Youping	Yeung
–	3♦	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Tse	Lin	Ling	Pang
–	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Given an uncontested auction, Ling/Tse stopped peacefully in the cold heart game, where Ling made 12 tricks for +680. In the other room, Li's aggressive pre-empt with the North cards worked out very badly for his side when it added momentum to the auction and his opponents bid the heart slam.

At first sight, 6♥ requires that declarer picks up the spades without loss via a double finesse but, of course, it was not so bad as that after the lead of the king of diamonds. Youping won the diamond ace and returned the suit, South being allowed to hold the trick with the eight. Yeung tried a club, won by dummy's ace, and Youping ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond and ruffed another club, discovering the club layout in the process. The run of the hearts squeezed South in the black suits so that only the simple spade finesse against the king was required and Youping had 12 tricks for +1430 and 13 IMPs to Xiangxin Technology.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Junqiang	Li	Youping	Yeung
—	—	Pass	1♥
3♣	Dble	4♣	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Tse	Lin	Ling	Pang
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

This time it was Youping/Junqiang's more aggressive bidding that cost their team, preventing their opponents from exploring slam prospects. Junqiang was not deterred by his weak suit from making a weak jump

overall and, when Youping could raise over the negative double, North/South simply bid to game, making 11 tricks for +650 when the spade king proved to be offside.

The West hand was below Tse's tolerance level for a weak jump in the other room so he passed and heard his opponents bid uninterrupted to the fair slam – with a diamond discard coming on the clubs, the small slam is pretty much flat out on the spade finesse when played by South to protect the diamond position. Perhaps, after the previous deal, there was a certain symmetry about the aggressive pre-emption once again working out badly for its users; down one for –100 and 13 IMPs back to Hong Kong Senior Friends.

Incidentally, I think both auctions might have gone better if North's first response had clearly agreed hearts. In the competitive auction, North can bid 4♣ over 3♣ to show a good 4♥ bid – his actual negative double followed by 4♥ did not get the fourth heart across to partner. In the uncontested auction, I see no benefit in introducing that diamond suit if there is the alternative available of simply agreeing hearts in a game-forcing fashion, perhaps via a Jacoby-style 2NT response? As in the other room, North lost his fourth heart by his chosen action on the first round.

The score was 37-26 in favour of Xiangxin Technology when one more high-level decision came along:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Junqiang	Li	Youping	Yeung
—	—	—	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
4NT	5♣	5♥	Pass
6♥	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Tse	Lin	Ling	Pang
—	—	—	1♦
2♦	2♠	3♥	Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Pang opened the South hand at the one level and that allowed everyone to get their bidding over with at a relatively low level. Tse showed his two-suiter via the cuebid overcall and Lin showed both black suits in turn. Ling could show his heart support along the way and that enabled Pang to pass to limit his hand, showing the extra diamond length (if not, perhaps, quite this length) at his next turn.

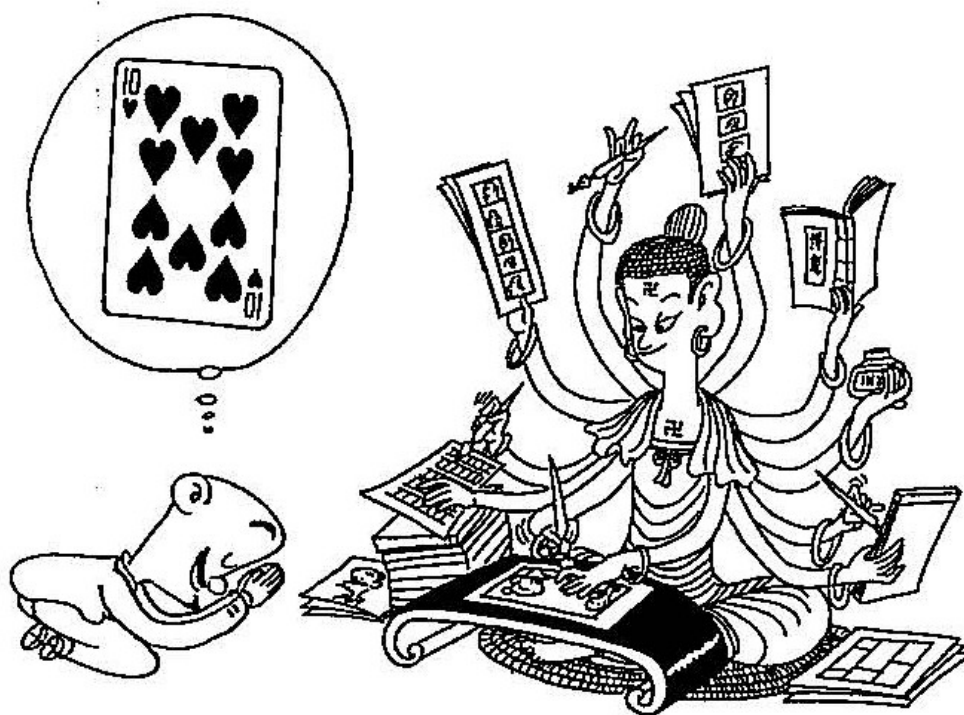
Ling led a heart against 4♠, Tse winning and continuing with the other top heart. Lin ruffed and led a diamond to the ace, pitched a club on the diamond king, and continued with three top clubs. The third of these was ruffed with the eight and over-ruffed and now a diamond ruffed with the ace and the last club, ruffed with the seven, meant just one spade to be lost; +650.

Yeung's pre-emptive opening, as so often, added momentum to the auction. Junqiang did not wish to

overstate his hand by coming in immediately over 3♦ on what was effectively an 8 HCP hand after the diamond opening but, when his opponents got to the spade game, he showed his two-suiter with an unusual 4NT bid. That may have surprised Li, looking as he was at ♣AKQxx, but he took the push to the five level, showing his clubs along the way, and now Youping competed with 5♥. Junqiang raised to 6♥, knowing that a 5♠ bid was coming if he passed, and Li doubled.

Yeung cashed the ace of diamonds and could not read the position so switched to the two of clubs. Three rounds of clubs allowed dummy's diamond to go away, but South to get a ruff, so the contract was down three for -500 and 4 IMPs to Xiangxin Technology. Had South cashed a second diamond before switching to the club, he would then have been able to over-ruff on the third round of clubs for down four, -800, and 4 IMPs the other way.

The match ended in a 39-28 IMP win for Hong Kong Senior Friends, converting to 13.04-6.96 VPs.



OpenTeams A Round 1 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Geely Automobile	10 Last Train	67 – 23	18.55 – 1.45
2	2 Lu Ning	8 Xiamen Xiashun	37 – 46	7.45 – 12.55
3	3 HK Senior Friends	5 Guangzhou Xiangxin Technology	39 – 28	13.04 – 6.96
4	4 Slam Hunter	7 Master Minds	56 – 13	18.44 – 1.56
5	6 Mickey Mouse	9 Nomi	21 – 52	3.12 – 16.88

Open teams B Round 1 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Zen	10 Nonsense	76 – 17	19.93 – 0.07
2	2 Guangzhou Pearl River	8 Saturday Bridge Fever	43 – 8	17.45 – 2.55
3	3 Dragon Kiddies	5 Taizhou Jiangyan	48 – 26	15.38 – 4.62
4	4 Alexandria Sporting Club	7 PLUS	47 – 7	18.09 – 1.91
5	6 Quezon City Team	9 CHPIK	23 – 53	3.27 – 16.73

Open teams C Round 1 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Ping An	10 Chinese Club	81 – 16	20.00 – 0.00
2	2 Jilin Dingyuan	8 Thick Toast	53 – 35	14.60 – 5.40
3	3 Ambassador	5 Hangzhou Yuyi	54 – 27	16.26 – 3.74
4	4 Majority	7 Wizards	44 – 54	7.20 – 12.80
5	6 PTBA PDP Team	9 Choi	46 – 24	15.38 – 4.62

Ladies Teams L Round 1 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Lee	10 School Girls	42 – 36	11.76 – 8.24
2	2 JADU	8 Ping An Ladies	11 – 41	3.27 – 16.73
3	3 Jakarta Ladies	5 Green Tea	59 – 47	13.28 – 6.72
4	4 Fukien Club	7 Tea Time	69 – 16	19.43 – 0.57
5	6 Bacon's Angels	9 Japan HNES	26 – 40	6.25 – 13.75

Youth Teams Y Round 1 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Hong Kong Youth Team	10 The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	64 – 38	16.09 – 3.91
2	2 上海興樂青年隊	8 The Chinese University of Hong Kong	50 – 35	13.97 – 6.03
3	3 PTBA Youth-PDP Team	5 綿陽小時代紅隊	44 – 38	11.76 – 8.24
4	4 大連金州新區一隊	7 大連開發區二中	30 – 52	4.62 – 15.38
5	6 Y-Power	9 Joyful	21 – 30	7.45 – 12.55

Youth Teams Z Round 1 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 H.E.A.T.	10 Diocesan Boys' School	71 – 22	19.07 – 0.93
2	2 北京人大附中隊	8 Rebellion	57 – 46	13.04 – 6.96
3	3 NTU Bridge	5 綿陽小時代黃隊	67 – 17	19.16 – 0.84
4	4 大連金州新區二隊	7 The University of Hong	43 – 69	3.91 – 16.09
5	6 WYK NVR DIE	9 Rose Bowl Girls	54 – 48	11.76 – 8.24

OpenTeams A Round 2 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Geely Automobile	9 Nomi	57 – 23	17.31 – 2.69
2	2 Lu Ning	6 Mickey Mouse	68 – 31	17.72 – 2.28
3	3 HK Senior Friends	7 Master Minds	33 – 32	10.31 – 9.69
4	4 Slam Hunter	8 Xiamen Xiashun	53 – 13	18.09 – 1.91
5	5 Guangzhou Xiangxin Technology	10 Last Train	67 – 36	16.88 – 3.12

Open teams B Round 2 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Zen	9 CHPIK	35 – 20	13.97 – 6.03
2	2 Guangzhou Pearl River	6 Quezon City Team	39 – 21	14.60 – 5.40
3	3 Dragon Kiddies	7 PLUS	70 – 33	17.72 – 2.28
4	4 Alexandria Sporting Club	8 Saturday Bridge Fever	30 – 37	7.97 – 12.03
5	5 Taizhou Jiangyan	10 Nonsense	16 – 63	1.13 – 18.87

Open teams C Round 2 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Ping An	9 Choi	67 – 32	17.45 – 2.55
2	2 Jilin Dingyuan	6 PTBA PDP Team	68 – 27	18.21 – 1.79
3	3 Ambassador	7 Wizards	23 – 26	9.09 – 10.91
4	4 Majority	8 Thick Toast	31 – 10	15.19 – 4.81
5	5 Hangzhou Yuyi	10 Chinese Club	74 – 22	19.34 – 0.66

Ladies Teams L Round 2 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Lee	9 Japan HNES	24 – 35	6.96 – 13.04
2	2 JADU	6 Bacon's Angels	35 – 26	12.55 – 7.45
3	3 Jakarta Ladies	7 Tea Time	100 – 2	20.00 – 0.00
4	4 Fukien Club	8 Ping An Ladies	44 – 51	7.97 – 12.03
5	5 Green Tea	10 School Girls	20 – 32	6.72 – 13.28

Youth Teams Y Round 2 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Hong Kong Youth Team	9 Joyful	84 – 6	20.00 – 0.00
2	2 上海興樂青年隊	6 Y-Power	44 – 35	12.55 – 7.45
3	3 PTBA Youth-PDP Team	7 大連開發區二中	35 – 16	14.80 – 5.20
4	4 大連金州新區一隊	8 The Chinese University of Hong Kong	21 – 66	1.34 – 18.66
5	5 綿陽小時代紅隊	10 The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	34 – 30	11.20 – 8.80

Youth Teams Z Round 2 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 H.E.A.T.	9 Rose Bowl Girls	80 – 1	20.00 – 0.00
2	2 北京人大附中隊	6 WYK NVR DIE	56 – 34	15.38 – 4.62
3	3 NTU Bridge	7 The University of Hong	57 – 22	17.45 – 2.55
4	4 大連金州新區二隊	8 Rebellion	13 – 118	0.00 – 20.00
5	5 綿陽小時代黃隊	10 Diocesan Boys' School	43 – 39	11.20 – 8.80

OpenTeams A Round 3 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Geely Automobile	8 Xiamen Xiashun	34 – 12	15.38 – 4.62
2	2 Lu Ning	5 Guangzhou Xiangxin	34 – 64	3.27 – 16.73
3	3 HK Senior Friends	10 Last Train	67 – 12	19.61 – 0.39
4	4 Slam Hunter	9 Nomi	11 – 12	9.69 – 10.31
5	6 Mickey Mouse	7 Master Minds	51 – 31	15.00 – 5.00

Open teams B Round 3 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Zen	8 Saturday Bridge Fever	31 – 38	7.97 – 12.03
2	2 Guangzhou Pearl River	5 Taizhou Jiangyan	32 – 27	11.48 – 8.52
3	3 Dragon Kiddies	10 Nonsense	30 – 37	7.97 – 12.03
4	4 Alexandria Sporting Club	9 CHPIK	50 – 32	14.60 – 5.40
5	6 Quezon City Team	7 PLUS	17 – 61	1.45 – 18.55

Open teams C Round 3 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Ping An	8 Thick Toast	60 – 13	18.87 – 1.13
2	2 Jilin Dingyuan	5 Hangzhou Yuyi	28 – 61	2.83 – 17.17
3	3 Ambassador	10 Chinese Club	70 – 24	18.77 – 1.23
4	4 Majority	9 Choi	84 – 17	20.00 – 0.00
5	6 PTBA PDP Team	7 Wizards	19 – 46	3.74 – 16.26

Ladies Teams L Round 3 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Lee	8 Ping An Ladies	30 – 53	4.44 – 15.56
2	2 JADU	5 Green Tea	54 – 22	17.03 – 2.97
3	3 Jakarta Ladies	10 School Girls	69 – 33	17.59 – 2.41
4	4 Fukien Club	9 Japan HNES	5 – 33	3.58 – 16.42
5	6 Bacon's Angels	7 Tea Time	106 – 14	20.00 – 0.00











Youth Teams Y Round 3 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 Hong Kong Youth Team	8 The Chinese University of Hong Kong	38 – 26	13.28 – 6.72
2	2 上海興樂青年隊	5 綿陽小時代紅隊	101 – 17	20.00 – 0.00
3	3 PTBA Youth-PDP Team	10 The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	35 – 54	5.20 – 14.80
4	4 大連金州新區一隊	9 Joyful	1 – 74	0.00 – 20.00
5	6 Y-Power	7 大連開發區二中	70 – 13	19.77 – 0.23


Youth Teams Z Round 3 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 H.E.A.T.	8 Rebellion	57 – 29	16.42 – 3.58
2	2 北京人大附中隊	5 綿陽小時代黃隊	42 – 31	13.04 – 6.96
3	3 NTU Bridge	10 Diocesan Boys' School	55 – 64	7.45 – 12.55
4	4 大連金州新區二隊	9 Rose Bowl Girls	5 – 80	0.00 – 20.00
5	6 WYK NVR DIE	7 The University of Hong	29 – 50	4.81 – 15.19

OpenTeams A after R3 Rankings

Rank	Team	vps
1	 1# Geely Automobile	51.24
2	 4# Slam Hunter	46.22
3	 3# HK Senior Friends	42.96
4	 5# Guangzhou Xiangxin Technology	38.57
5	 9# Nomi	29.88
6	 2# Lu Ning	28.44
7	 6# Mickey Mouse	20.40
8	 8# Xiamen Xiashun	19.08
9	 7# Master Minds	16.25
10	 10# Last Train	2.96











Open teams B after R3 Rankings

Rank	Team	vps
1	 2# Guangzhou Pearl River	43.53
2	 1# Zen	41.87
3	 3# Dragon Kiddies	41.07
4	 4# Alexandria Sporting Club	40.66
5	 10# Nonsense	30.97
6	 9# CHPIK	28.16
7	 8# Saturday Bridge Fever	26.61
8	 7# PLUS	22.74
9	 5# Taizhou Jiangyan	14.27
10	 6# Quezon City Team	10.12


Open teams C after R3 Rankings

Rank	Team	vps
1	 1# Ping An	56.32
2	 3# Ambassador	44.12
3	 4# Majority	42.39
4	 5# Hangzhou Yuyi	40.25
5	 7# Wizards	39.97
6	 2# Jilin Dingyuan	35.64
7	 6# PTBA PDP Team	20.91
8	 8# Thick Toast	11.34
9	 9# Choi	7.17
10	 10# Chinese Club	1.89











Ladies Teams L after R3 Rankings

Rank	Team	vps
1	 3# Jakarta Ladies	50.87
2	 8# Ping An Ladies	44.32
3	 9# Japan HNES	43.21
4	 6# Bacon's Angels	33.70
5	 2# JADU	32.85
6	 4# Fukien Club	30.98
7	 10# School Girls	23.93
8	 1# Lee	23.16
9	 5# Green Tea	16.41
10	 7# Tea Time	0.57

Youth Teams Y after R3 Rankings

Rank	Team	vps
1	 1# Hong Kong Youth Team	49.37
2	 2# 上海興樂青年隊	46.52
3	 6# Y-Power	34.67
4	 9# Joyful	32.55
5	 8# The Chinese University of	31.41
6	 3# PTBA Youth-PDP Team	29.76
7	 10# The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	27.51
8	 7# 大連開發區二中	20.81
9	 5# 綿陽小時代紅隊	19.44
10	 4# 大連金州新區一隊	5.96

Youth Teams Z after R3 Rankings

Rank	Team	vps
1	 1# H.E.A.T.	55.49
2	 3# NTU Bridge	44.06
3	 2# 北京人大附中隊	41.46
4	 7# The University of Hong	33.83
5	 8# Rebellion	30.54
6	 9# Rose Bowl Girls	28.24
7	 10# Diocesan Boys' School	22.28
8	 6# WYK NVR DIE	21.19
9	 5# 綿陽小時代黃隊	19.00
10	 4# 大連金州新區二隊	3.91

期待已久的 2014 年香港城市桥牌锦标赛今天盛装开幕，赛场仍然是在前几届城市赛举办的酒店，位于港岛繁华地段铜锣湾的富豪香港酒店。与前几年的城市赛相比，今年在参赛规模上有较大的增长，团体赛的总参赛队达到了 60 支，创了近年的参赛规模之最，其中公开团体赛 30 队，女子团体赛 10 队，青年团体赛 20 队。据城市赛筹备委员会主席程志荣先生介绍，由于场地有限，有不少队伍由于报名较晚而被婉拒。

说一件事情就足以证明场地紧张到何等程度：程志荣先生的住的房间被征用为赛场！他的房间安排了青年赛的一个赛桌。

尽管赛场比较拥挤，但丝毫没有减轻牌手们参加比赛的热情。每年的城市赛都不仅是香港桥牌界的一个盛会，还会吸引很多大陆的桥牌爱好者前来助兴，今年来到的香港的大陆队伍到达十五、六支，依然是城市赛的重要参与者。

历届城市赛上大陆的队伍都有上佳的表现，比如多次在城市赛上夺冠的吉利汽车队，今年虽然以香港队伍身份参赛，但队员是由桂生悦老总挂帅，戴建明、杨立新、王锐、甘信立等名将领衔，可谓是阵容豪华。

可不，在首日的 3 轮比赛中，作为 1 号种子队的吉利汽车队分别以 18.55、17.31 和 15.38 战胜对手，并以累积 51.24vp 排名公开团体赛 A 组榜首，显示了强劲的实力。

♠ 864
♥ Q8653
♦ J
♣ J973

♠ Q92
♥ J7
♦ K10963
♣ 865

♠ A1073
♥ 942
♦ A52
♣ Q42

♠ KJ5
♥ AK10
♦ Q874
♣ AK10

开室叫牌过程：

西	北	东	南
	桂生悦		戴建明
			2NT
—	3♦	—	3♥
—	3NT	—	4♥
—	—	—	

西家首攻草花小牌，并且东家扑了♣Q，让庄家戴建明很轻松。他简单利用明手将牌和草花的两次上手，从明手拉小黑桃打双飞，轻松完成 4♥ 定约。

第 1 轮 第 15 副 南北有局

♠ AJ10964
♥ 10
♦ 10
♣ AKQ84

♠ --
♥ AK8652
♦ Q2
♣ J9765

♠ K8532
♥ J743
♦ J5
♣ 103

♠ Q7
♥ Q9
♦ AK987643
♣ 2

由于方块 2-2 分布，这副牌南北有 6♦ 定约。开室的吉利汽车队叫到 4♠ 定约，尽管黑桃 5-0，分配恶劣，但北家桂生悦还是准确的完成了定约。对手在闭室叫到了 5♦ 定约，但出人意料的居然宕 1。吉利汽车赢得 12imp。

在 B 组广州珠江队的桌上，杨小光和马智威勇敢的叫到了 6♦，但被对手牺牲了。

叫牌过程：

西	北	东	南
	杨小光		马智威
			1♦
1♥	X	2♥	3♦
3♥	3♠	—	5♦
—	6♦	—	—
6♥	X	—	—
—			

虽然被对手牺牲，但 6♥X 定约宕 4，广州珠江队还是赢得了 14imp，对手在闭室南北叫的是 5♠定约，宕 2。

第 1 轮 第 16 副 东西有局

♠ AK6
♥ 8
♦ K10982
♣ J763

♠ J10953
♥ KQJ1094
♦ Q4
♣ --

♠ Q7
♥ 6
♦ AJ73
♣ AQ10854

♠ 842
♥ A7532
♦ 65
♣ K92

这副牌，吉利汽车队在开室惩罚对手 3NT，宕 3，+800。闭室，西家王锐主打 4♠定约正好完成，+620。双得分，16imp。

这副牌 4♠防守正确的话是可以防宕的。北家需要用 AK 调光明手的将牌，再换出红心赢得红心的将吃。

如果东西打 4♥定约，庄位基本上都是在西家，而首攻草花定约也有问题。

东西方成局的最佳定约是东家主打 4♥定约，但似乎很难有哪个叫牌体系能将庄位转到东家去。

第 2 轮 第 19 副 东西有局

♠ J73
♥ QJ62
♦ J8
♣ 10932

♠ A1065
♥ A3
♦ K943
♣ AQ5

♠ 982
♥ K1098
♦ Q1072
♣ K6

♠ KQ4
♥ 754
♦ A65
♣ J874

在吉利汽车的赛桌上开闭室都是打 3NT 定约，但吉利汽车完成定约，而对手打宕，关键之处在于方块 J 的定位。吉利汽车队赢得 12imp。

第 3 轮 第 4 副 双方有局

♠ KQ7642
♥ 963
♦ Q
♣ 542

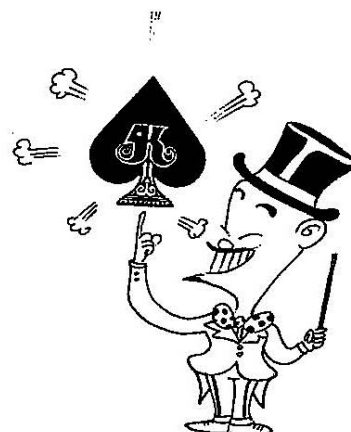
♠ AJ8
♥ A10852
♦ 7432
♣ 9

考考你：你拿着北家的牌，上面的叫牌过程之后，首攻♦Q，同伴♦K 超吃并继续兑现♦A 后打出♦5，庄家♦9，你用小将牌将吃。现在你该出什么？

叫牌过程显示庄家应该至少 7 张以上的草花，通常应该 8 张以上。前 3 轮方块你得到什么信息了？庄家应该至少 4 张方块。不对吗？方块 J 不应该在你的同伴手上吧？这样计算下来，庄家是不是最多高花 1-2 张？

面对明手的 2 个高花 A，你和同伴还有可能高花赢墩吗？答案应该很明显：没有可能！

这样说来，此时应该出将牌？



质疑声是：万一卖了同伴的将牌怎么办？还是回到前面的推理，庄家应该 7411 或 7420，但更像 8410 牌型，那样的话南家最多是双张将牌，更像是单张。所以，出将牌不会出卖你的同伴。即使同伴将牌是 Kx，庄家难道不会去飞牌吗？

正确答案：回将牌！

你的奖励是多宕敌方 1 墩。不值钱对吗？的确不太影响输赢，但如果你在桌上做了这样的防守，你得到的还会有大家的掌声和同伴的称赞。整手牌如下：

第 3 轮 第 4 副 双方有局

♠ --	♠ KQ7642
♥ Q	♥ 963
♦ J986	♦ Q
♣ KQJ108763	♣ 542
	♠ AJ8
	♥ A10852
	♦ 7432
	♣ 9
	♠ 10953
	♥ KJ74
	♦ AK105
	♣ A

下面这副牌桂生悦先生很好的利用了敌方暴露的信息完成了小满贯定约。

第 3 轮 第 5 副 南北有局

♠ A9762
♥ AQ10
♦ K954
♣ 10

♠ 4
♥ 98653
♦ 862
♣ Q864

♠ Q108
♥ 2
♦ 1073
♣ AKJ972

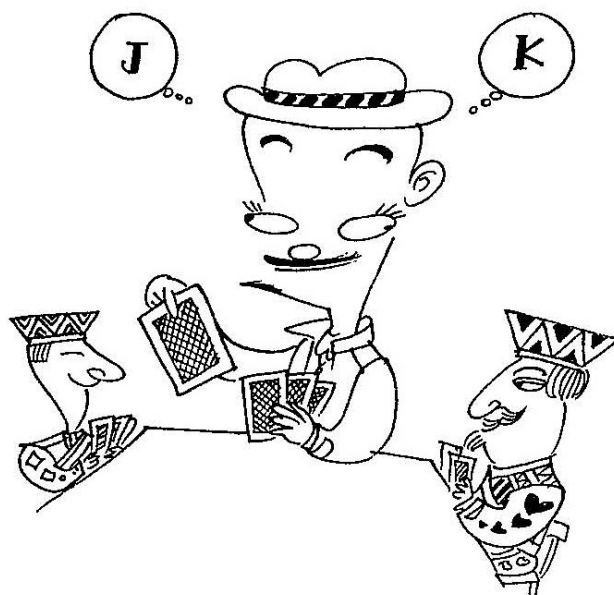
♠ KJ53
♥ KJ74
♦ AQJ
♣ 53

开室叫牌过程：

西	北	东	南
	桂生悦		杨立新
	1♠	2♣	3♣*
5♣	5♠	—	6♠
—	—	—	—

东家的 2♣ 叫品泄露了机密，桂总沉着的飞掉了东家的将牌 Q 完成定约。对手在闭室只叫到 5♠。

在广州珠江的赛桌上，东家黎永传发出的声音是 3♣。如果你是庄家，你还敢说有信心完成这个满贯吗？



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