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Time 時間	Event 項目				
10:00 - 12:15	Shenzhen Nanguang Power Open Teams Final Segment 1 深圳南港動力公開組隊制賽決賽第一節				
13:15 - 15:30	Shenzhen Nanguang Power Open Teams Final Segment 2 深圳南港動力公開組隊制賽決賽第二節				
15:35 - 17:50	Shenzhen Nanguang Power Open Teams Final Segment 3 深圳南港動力公開組隊制賽決賽第三節				
10:00 - 18:30	Geely Automobile Open Pairs Final 吉利汽車公開組雙人賽決賽				
12:00 - 18:00	Geely Automobile Swiss Pairs 吉利汽車瑞士式雙人賽 (Online registration closes at 30 July 00:00) (Walk-in registration closes at 30 July 11:30)				
12:00 - 18:00	Inter-City Mixed Pairs 混合式雙人賽  (Online registration closes at 30 July 00:00) (Walk-in registration closes at 30 July 11:30)				
19:30 - 22:30	Victory <mark>Dinn</mark> er & Prize Presentation 祝捷晚宴及頒獎典禮				



	Item	Description	Quantity	Selling price per unit
1	Bidding Boxes	Sets of 4	100	HK\$ 80
2	Bidding Box Inserts	Sets of 4	100	HK\$ 60
3	Boards	Set of 1-32	94	HK\$ 400
4	Polo Shirt	With Inter-City logo	100	HK\$ 60
5	Ballpens	With HKCBA logo	2, 000	HK\$ 5
6	Scorebooks	With Inter-City logo	2, 500	HK\$ 5
7	FujiX 13.3" Ultrabook (FX13UG - 01) Pickup Time: 30 July (21:00-22:00) (Used, with one year warrenty)	Core M7- 6Y75 1.2GHz 8GB RAM 256GB SSD	4	HK\$3, 500
8	Fujitsu 13.3" Notebook (U536K13B) Pickup Time: 30 July (21:00-22:00) (Used, with one year warrenty)	Core i3 6006U 2.0GHz 4GB RAM 128 SSD + 500GB HDD	12	HK\$3, 600
9	Playing Card		-	HK\$ 5
10	Pigeonhole	-	50	HK\$ 5
11	Brother Color Laser Printer (HL - 3170 CDW) (Used)	-	1	HK\$1, 600
12	Canon B&W Laser Printer (LBP6030w) ( <b>Used</b> )	-	1	HK\$ 500

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### Hong Kong Inter-city Bridge Championships 2017 Shenzhen Nanguang Power Open Teams Championships

#### **SF Results**

9	Open SF - Table O1		Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3	Total
В3	大記 Jilin Dingyuan 吉林鼎元		35	29	16	80
A1	Geely Auto		5	28	55	88

9	Open SF - Table O2	C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3	Total
A2	Ambassador		40	20	77	137
C9	*: SHNTBC		33	18	16	67

#### **Scheduled matches**

	Open F - Table O1	C/O	Segment 1 Segment 2 Segment		Segment 3	Total
A2	Ambassador		Н	V	V (blind)	
A1	★∷ Geely Auto	4.5	V	Н	H (blind)	

# Hong Kong Inter-city Bridge Championships 2017 Final Results

#### **Inter-city Ladies Teams Championships**

	<u>Ladies F - Table L1</u>		Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3	Total
A14	Sapphire		58	28	30	116
C14	The Mighty Miseres		34	24	26	84

#### President's Cup Youth Teams Championships

	Youth F - Table Y1		Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3	Total
Y2	Serious Friends		37	21	21 38	
Y1	上海明日之星藍隊	10	14	26	21	71



## President's Cup Youth Teams Champion: Serious Friends

Philip Chan, Eric Moo, Chris Chan, Mark Ng, Francis Chan, Windsor Chan

#### Correction

Before we begin the semi-final coverage, may I correct an error from yesterday's coverage of the Open Round I2 match between Zen and Director Team. On Board 29, where a club slam depended on a two-way trump guess, it was Wei Kan Gan, and not Luwen Koh, who misguessed the clubs for Director Team.

#### Open Semi-Final I - Jilin Dingyuan v Geely Auto

Three Chinese teams, these two plus SHNTBC, and also the multi-national team Ambassador, had made it through to the semi-finals, which would be played over 3 x 16-board sessions. There was no clear favourite so we could hope for two close matches today and an equally close final the next day.

There was only a single IMP swing on the opening board of the match, but Jilin Dingyuan were fortunate not to concede something more serious.

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.

**♠** K J 8 5 3 ♡ A 5 2 ◇ Q **♣** A J 6 4

North East

South

All Pass

West

3♡

Shi Gui Jing Wang **Pass** 3♠ 4♡ 4♠ 4NT **Pass** 5♣ **Pass** 5♡ All Pass West North East South Sun Wei Dong Kang INT |♠ **Pass** 

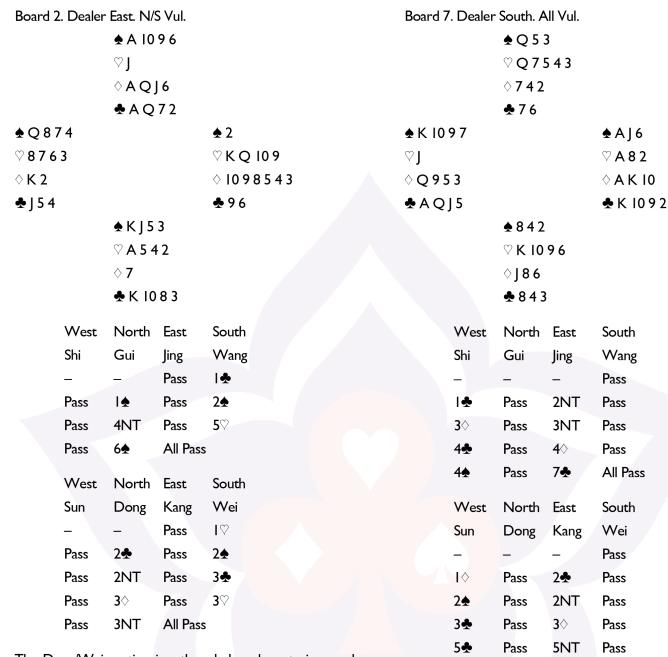
4♡

For Geely, Liping Wang's pre-emptive spade raise bullied Bin Shi into making an overcall at an uncomfortably high level. When Sheng Yue Gui went on to 4, it was clear for Xu Jing to bid on to the five level and, as his partner could have been quite a bit stronger than was actually the case, Jing asked about key cards on the way to 5. Gui cashed the ace of clubs then switched to a spade to dummy's ace, Shi discarding a diamond from hand. He cashed the Kt then played a heart to the queen and ace, won the heart return and ruffed his last club. A spade ruff brought Shi back to hand to run the hearts and at the end of that process he knew that the diamond length had to be with South. A diamond to the queen and king followed by a finesse of the ten brought home II tricks for a rather sweaty +450.

At the other table Yu Wei, for Jilin, tried a tactical INT response rather than support spades, hoping to make his opponents misjudge the situation. However, when Shaolin Sun made a jump overcall and Meng Kang raised to game, Wei stuck with his original decision and left his opponents to play the heart game. At the four level there was no pressure at all. Chunhui Dong led the queen of diamonds and Sun got that wrong by winning in hand but that was only for the overtrick and he soon had ten tricks for +420 but I IMP to Jilin.



**Pass** 



The Dong/Wei auction is rather dark and mysterious and resulted in Dong declaring 3NT on a diamond lead to the king and ace. Dong proceeded to pick up the spades without loss and had 12 tricks for +690.

For Geely, Wang opened a natural I♣ and the spade fit was found immediately. Gui asked for key cards, found two without the trump queen, and bid the spade slam. Here the lead was the king of hearts to dummy's ace. Gui led a spade to the ace and a spade back to the king. He continued with a diamond to the jack, ruffed a diamond, and led a club to the ace, the queen of clubs, and the ace of diamonds. That was ruffed and Shi cashed the ♠Q for one down and -100; 13 IMPs to Jilin.

Were I working at a World or Zonal Championship, I would have access to everyone's convention cards and in some cases some extra system notes. In an open tournament like this one there are no systems on file and, unfortunately, I don't know what an auction means. The Sun/Kang auction is clear enough and resulted in the small slam being reached, Kang making all 13 tricks for +1390. The Shi/Jing auction, on the other hand, is clearly artificial but all we can say is that at the end of it Jing thought he had all the information he required to bid the grand.

6.

All Pass

Seven Clubs is a good contract, as declarer can test the diamonds before falling back on the two-way spade finesse if he has only three diamond tricks. Shi won the trump lead with the queen and played ace of hearts and ruffed one high, led a club to dummy and ruffed the last heart. Now a diamond to the ace put him in dummy to draw the outstanding trump, pitching a spade from hand. The even diamond split now meant Shi had 13 tricks without having to guess the spades, so +2140 and 13 IMPs to Jilin, who led by 28-0.

Geely got on the scoreboard on Board 8 when Sun/Kang made  $3\diamondsuit$  on a five-three fit while Shi/Jing were down two in  $3\spadesuit$  on a four-four fit, so it was 28-5 at the midpoint of the set

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul. ♠ 109 **♡974** ♦ A 10 7 4 ♣ Q 5 3 2 **★** A K 5 4 3 **★**|876 ♡ K 6 ♥ 108532 ♦ 6 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A J 7 4 **%** 108 **♦** Q 2 ♡ A Q J ♦ KQ | 83 **♣**K96 West North East South Shi Gui Jing Wang **Pass**  $1 \diamondsuit$ 2♦ Pass 2NT **Pass** 3NT All Pass West North East South Wei Sun Dong Kang | 🗫 **Pass** Dble 2♠ **Pass Pass** Dble **Pass** 3♦ All Pass

For Jilin, Wei opened a strong club and Sun overcalled I♠. Dong doubled to show his semi-positive and Kang raised to 2♠. With a close to minimum strong club, Wei passed then showed his diamonds in response to Dong's take-out double. Sun led a trump against 3♦, Wei winning dummy's ten and taking a losing heart finesse. To beat the contract, Sun needed to cash two spade tricks then exit with a trump, leaving declarer to open up clubs himself, when he would inevitably lose two tricks in the suit. But Sun returned a trump without cashing the spades. Wei won and cashed the hearts before exiting with the queen of spades. Sun won, cashed the second spade and tried the jack of clubs. However, Wei won the king and led low back to the queen for nine tricks and +110.

In the other room, Wang opened a natural I♦ and Gui could therefore raise diamonds over the overcall. Jing did not compete in spades so Wang tried 2NT — queendoubleton turns out to be a stopper a surprisingly large proportion of the time — and Gui raised to game. Sure enough, queen-doubleton did indeed prove to be a stopper as, with no spade raise from partner, Shi started with the ace of spades but then continued with a low spade to the jack and queen. Wang crossed to dummy with a diamond to take the heart finesse but that failed and Shi had four black tricks to cash for down two and —200; 7 IMPs to Jilin and a lead of 35-5.

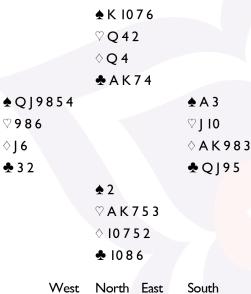
And that was that for a very quiet first set. The set was completed by six flat boards so after 16 deals it was Jilin Dingyuan 35 Geely Auto 5. There were two more 16-board sets to play.

#### Open Semi-Final 2 - Ambassador v SHNTBC

The multi-national team Ambassador led the Shanghai-based SHNTBC by 40-33 after 16 boards, not much of a lead, but any lead is better than being behind.

The set started with a flat 3NT for N/S but there was a major swing on the next board, on which both E/Ws declarer a spade game. Unfortunately, the BBO records are incomplete so all I can say is that SHNTBC picked up 10 IMPs for +420 against −50, and took the lead in the match at 43-40. Board 19 was an easy 4♠ for N/W, with Ambassador picking up an overtrick IMP, then Board 20 was an equally straightforward 4♠ for E/W, flat at +620. Then came a competitive partscore deal.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



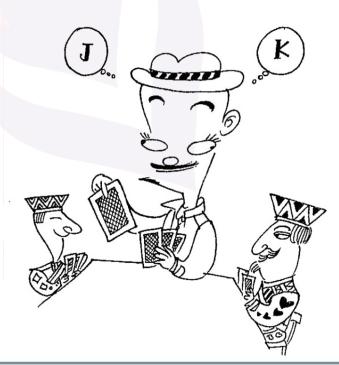
H. Liu Wang Ng Lam INT Dble 2♦ **Pass** 2♡ **Pass Pass** 2♠ 3♦ All Pass **Pass** West North East South X. Liu Sze Sheng Chiu **Pass** 2♦ INT **Pass** 2♡ **Pass** Pass 2♠ **Pass Pass** Dble **Pass** 3♡ All Pass

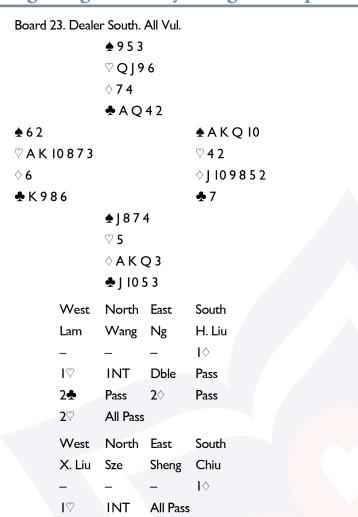
Kelvin Ng doubled the INT opening and Hitao Liu ran via a transfer to  $2^{\circ}$ . Now Cheng Yen Lam competed with  $2^{\bullet}$  and Ng converted to  $3^{\circ}$ , perhaps expecting that a hand with a six-card spade suit would have bid on the previous round. Liu led the two of spades against  $3^{\circ}$ , dummy's

queen winning the trick. Ng led a club up, Wenyi Wang winning the king and giving his partner a spade ruff. Now Liu played three rounds of hearts, Ng ruffing and cashing the top diamonds than playing the queen of clubs to Wang's ace. Back came the king of spades, ruffed and overruffed, and Liu returned a heart. Ng ruffed and the fall of the ♣10 under the jack meant that he had seven tricks for down two; −100.

Ming Sheng did not double the INT opening, nor did he take action over the transfer completion. It was left to Xiaoping Liu to balance with 2♠. Sheng passed again and Abby Chiu competed with a double, Alan Sze responding 3♥. Sheng, who had the best hand at the table, passed for a fourth time so 3♥ it was. Sheng led ace, king and nine of diamonds. Sze played low from dummy and ruffed in hand, drew trumps and led a spade to the king and ace. He had to lose a club but that was all; nine tricks for +140 and I IMP to Ambassador, creeping closer at 42-43.

Board 22 was flat with E/W making 4\gamma+1 for +650, then came another partscore deal.





The auctions were identical up to North's INT, but then Ng doubled for take-out while Sheng did not. Facing a passed partner, X. Liu also passed so Sze was left to play in INT. Facing the double, Lam showed his second suit then the sixth heart when Ng suggested a diamond contract.

Sheng led the queen of spades against INT then switched to the jack of diamonds on sight of dummy's spade stopper. Sze won the ace and ran the ten of clubs then continued with a low club to the queen. He led a spade up and Sheng won the king then returned a diamond to dummy so Sze won and cashed the third diamond then led a heart towards his hand. Liu playe dlow so Sze's jack won the trick and he next exited with a heart to get a club away from the king; eight tricks for +120.

Wang led a spade against  $2^{\circ}$  so Lam cashed three of those, getting rid of the diamond loser, then led a club to the king, losing to the ace. Wang returned the  $^{\circ}$ Q but Lam could win that and take a club ruff. Though he had two club losers remaining along with two trump tricks, he had his contract for +110 and 6 IMPs to Ambassador, who were back in the lead at 48-43.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul. **★**98763 ♡62 ♦8 ♣ Q 9832 **A** 4 2 **♠** | 5 ♥ Q 10 7 5 ♥ J 8 3 ♦ | 952 ♦ A Q 10764 **♣**76 **♣** K 10 **★** K O I0 ∇ A K 9 4 **♦ K 3** ♣ A J 5 4 West North East South Wang H. Liu Lam Ng **Pass Pass** INT Dble **Pass** 24 All Pass North West East South X. Liu Chiu Sze Sheng **Pass Pass**  $| \Diamond |$ Dble 4◊ **Pass Pass** Dble All Pass **Pass** 4♠

Ng opened a slightly off-centre weak no trump and H. Liu doubled. Lam was willing to shoot it out in INT doubled but Wang was not and ran to 2♣. Knowing his partner was weak, Liu did not bid on with his balanced 19-count and Lam in turn chose not to compete when he might have considered a take-out double. Ng led the jack of spades to the king and ace and back came a spade. Wang won and played three rounds of hearts, ruffing, then the queen of clubs to the king and ace. He tried to ruff the last heart now and was over-ruffed, so had ten tricks for +130.

Sheng opened I in third seat so Chiu doubled. X. Liu's leap to 40 was very aggressive and bullied his opponents into a game which they would probably, but not certainly, have reached under their own steam. Sheng led a heart against 44 so Sze won the ace and played the king of spades from dummy and, when that was allowed to hold, continued with the queen. This time Liu won the ace and returned a spade. Sze won the ten and played king of hearts then ruffed a heart to get to hand to lead a low club to the jack. The friendly club layout meant he had I I tricks for +450 and another 8 IMPs to Ambassador, up by 56-43.



H. Liu did not open the South hand but later bid the clubs then showed a diamond stopper. However, facing a passed partner and with evidence of a misfit, Wang did not go on to game over 3NT. Lam led the jack of diamonds round to the queen and Liu took a heart finesse then led a low spade to the jack and queen. Lam returned the AQ, Ng winning the ace and returning a diamond. Liu had 11 tricks now for +210.

Chiu did open the South hand so it was natural that he should be raised to the no trump game. X. Liu tried a heart lead so Chiu called for the jack and, when that held, led dummy's club. I imagine that he would have run it had Sheng not risen with the ace to push a diamond through. Now, however, he had three club winners. Chiu rose with the ace of diamonds and cashed those three club tricks but then, needing only to repeat the heart finesse for his ninth trick, he lost concentration and attempted to cash the seven of clubs first. That lost to the eight and the diamond

return saw Liu with three winners for one down and -50, so 6 IMPs to SHNTBC when it should have been at least 6 in the opposite direction.

On the next deal Ambassador gained I IMP for an overtrick in a N/S 3NT, but lost an overtrick IMP in INT by N/S on the last board so Ambassador would go into the final set ahead by 60-51.

#### Open Semi-Final 3 - Ambassador v SHNTBC

As it was the closer of the two semi-finals at the end of the second session, we will stick with the match between Ambassador and SHNTBC for the third and final session – 16 boards to decide who would go through to the 2017 Hong Kong Intercity Open Team final. For the record, Ambassador led by 60-51 IMPs, while in the other match it was Jilin Dingyuan 64 Geely Auto 33.

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul. **♠** | 10 7 5 ♡ | 6 ♦93 98743 **★**K93 **A** 8 6 4 ♥ Q 8 7 5 ♥ A 4 2 ♦ A 8 4 ♦ J 7 6 5 2 **♣** J 2 ♣ A 5 **♠** Q 2 ∇ K 10 9 3 ♣ K Q 108 West North East South X. Liu Lam Ng Sheng **Pass** INT Dble Pass 2♣ **Pass Pass** Dble **Pass** 2♦ **Pass** 2NT All Pass West North East South H. Liu Sze Wang Chiu INT **Pass** Dble All Pass

Both Easts opened INT, weak, and both were doubled. Alan Sze stood it on the North cards so INT doubled became the final contract. Xiaoping Liu ran to 24 and saw his opponents scramble their way into 2NT.

Sheng led the king of clubs against 2NT and, when that held the trick, continued with the ♣Q to declarer's ace. Ng led a low heart to dummy's queen followed by two more rounds of hearts. Sheng won the third heart, cashed the fourth round and played ten and another club to Liu, who won and cashed the fifth club. There was still a diamond to come in the ending so Ng was down two for −100.

Chiu too led the king followed by the queen of clubs and Wang led a heart to dummy's queen. He next, however, led a spade to the nine and queen. The clubs were cashed, Chiu and dummy discarding hearts, declarer diamonds, and Sze switched to a diamond to the ten, ducked, Chiu continuing with a second diamond to dummy's ace. Liu cashed the  $\heartsuit$ A then tried to split the spades and when Sze proved to have started with four of those had to concede the last trick for down one and -100 for a flat board.



Both Easts opened INT and both North's balanced with  $2\clubsuit$ , both majors. Wang took the opportunity to show his five-card diamond suit in case it was necessary for his side to compete, but Chiu just jumped to  $4\heartsuit$  and H. Liu doubled. Ng did not bid a second time as East so Sheng responded  $2\diamondsuit$  to ask for his partner's longer major, thinking to bid  $4\heartsuit$  if there was a nine-card fit but, as was actually the case, to only bid an invitational  $3\heartsuit$  if there was only an eight-card fit. X. Liu declined the invitation.

Lam led the two of diamonds against  $3^{\circ}$ , Ng winning the ace and continuing with the  $\diamond 7$ . Sheng put in the jack, throwing a club from dummy, then led his spade and Lam played low. Sheng put up the king so the spade loser had disappeared. Sheng continued by leading the eight of clubs, and Ng won the ace as he could see that the king would be discarded on the  $\diamond K$  if he did not do so. Ng returned the  $\diamond Q$  to declarer's king and away went a spade. Sheng led a club to the king, ruffed a spade and threw another spade on the  $\clubsuit Q$ . When that passed off peacefully, Sheng drew two rounds of trumps ending in hand then discarded the last spade on the ten of clubs; ten tricks for +170.

There is, of course, one loser in every suit, but would the defenders manage to take them in 4% doubled? Haitao Liu also led the two of diamonds to the ace but Wang switched to the jack of hearts. Chiu won the ace and led a spade and Liu grabbed the ace and played a club. That went to the eight, jack and queen and now Chiu led a heart to the eight, cashed the %K and knocked out the ace of clubs to establish ten tricks for +790 and 12 IMPs to Ambassador, who led by 72-51.

On Board 3, both N/S pairs found cheap saves against a cold vulnerable  $4 \clubsuit$ , for a flat board at -100, then...





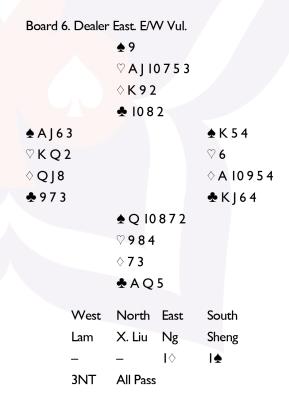
Sze opened the North hand with a weak 2♦ and Liu doubled for take-out then passed his partner's 2♥ response. Chiu led the four of diamonds, Wang rising with dummy's king and continuing with two more rounds of diamonds, ruffing. Next, he ran the nine of hearts to Chiu's jack and Chiu tried the jack of spades. Wang won the queen and played back a spade to the king and ace. He won the club return with the ace and played a heart for the ten and king. There were two more hearts to be lost but Wang had his eight tricks for +110.

There was no weak two bid in the other room so Sheng got to open a Precision  $I \lozenge$  in third seat and Lam doubled. X. Liu redoubled to show strength then competed with  $3 \lozenge$  over Ng's jump to  $2 \heartsuit$ . When Ng risked bidding a third heart, Sheng doubled to complete the auction. Sheng cashed the king of hearts then switched to the four of diamonds. Ng played three rounds of those, ruffing, then ran the nine of hearts to the jack. Sheng returned the nine of spades to the ten and ace and now Liu could have beaten the contract by playing a diamond, which would

have promoted the ♥8 as the setting trick. Instead, Liu switched to a club for the king and ace. Ng came to hand with the ♠Q and played the queen of hearts, ruffed the club return and drew the missing trump before cashing the spades; +730 and 12 IMPs to Ambassador, whose lead went up to 84-51.

Right-hand-opponent opens INT (weak) in fourth seat and plays there. What would you lead from:

Sze led the queen of hearts and found partner with king to four, and the lead defeated the contract by one trick for – 50. X. Liu preferred the four of clubs and that gave declarer his seventh trick for +90 and 4 IMPs to Ambassador. It was 88-51, five boards into the session, and SHNTBC needed to change the momentum of the match, and quickly. Instead, the next deal saw them suffer another self-inflicted disaster.



The Ambassador E/W made short work of this one, Lam jumping to the obvious 3NT and coming to an overtrick for +630. The BBO record does not say what the auction was at the other table, only that E/W played in 5♦ for some reason and were down two for −200 and another 13 IMPs to Ambassador. They picked up another IMP on the next boards, a partscore deal, before finally SHNTBC picked up a partscore swing of 5 IMPs to Board 8. With eight boards to play it was Ambassador by 102-56.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul. **♠**Q875 ♥ A K 5 ♦ A 1082 **♣** K 5 **★**AK964 **♠** J 10 3 ♥ Q 3 ♥ **| 7** ♦ K | 7 6 3 ♦ 0 9 **♣** 5 ♣ A J 10 9 8 3 **♠** 2 V 1098642 ♦ 5 4 ♣ Q 7 4 2 West North East South Lam X. Liu Ng Sheng |♣ **Pass**  $|\diamondsuit$ **Pass** 24 All Pass West North East South H. Liu Chiu Sze Wang 2◊ INT **Pass** 2♡ 3♡ 4♡ 3♠ All Pass

X. Liu opened a strong club and Sheng responded I♦, negative. When Lam overcalled I♠, Liu had a complete minimum so passed, and Ng's spade raise also silenced Sheng, who wasn't inclined to bid at the three level with one queen and no guarantee of there being a heart fit. Liu cashed the ace of hearts then switched to a low trump to dummy's jack. Lam played the queen of diamonds, ducked, then a second diamond to the king and ace. Liu cashed the second heart now before switching to the king of clubs, but Lam could win the ace, lead a spade to his ace and play jack and another diamond, ruffing. There was just the ♠Q to be lost so nine tricks for +140.

Sze's INT opening led to a quite different auction in which H. Liu showed his two-suiter, spades and a minor, and Sze eventually declared 4♥. Wang led the jack of spades, Liu winning the king and switching to his singleton club. Wang won the ace and gave him his ruff and now Liu led a diamond through. There was no way to avoid a diamond loser so the contract was down one for −50 but 3 IMPs to Ambassador.



There is a reason why people pre-empt – pre-empts cause problems for the opposition.

Ng opened  $I \heartsuit$  and Sheng made a weak jump overcall, raised to game by X. Liu. Ng had a good hand, though his suits were not that special, and he bid  $5 \diamondsuit$ . Lam's perference to  $5 \heartsuit$  was doubled by Liu, and that was that. Shen led the queen of spades to Ng's ace and Ng played ace, king and a third diamond, ruffed and over-ruffed. Liu returned the king of hearts so Ng won the ace and with nothing better to do, ruffed another diamond – again over-ruffed. He was forced to ruff a spade, conceded a club, and after cashing the  $\heartsuit Q$ 

Liu forced him again. Ng could take only his hearts so was down four for -1100 and must have feared a big swing away.

In the other room, Wang was in an even worse position because his strong club opening meant that he had not bid either of his suits and, when Chiu looked at his six-five shape and upgraded to a 34 overcall, promptly raised to game by Sze, Wang could not have been very happy. He doubled for take-out, but probably rather hoping that his partner would be sufficiently balanced to just pass it out, and heard the one thing he did not want to hear -5. Now the doubling started. When Wang ran to 50, he did not give a clear message that he had a genuine two-suiter, and H. Liu left him there. Wang won the spade lead and attempted to cash the ace of hearts, ruffed. Chiu returned a club so Sze cashed both of those then played a spade. Wang could ruff but was then in big trouble with no good play available to him. He managed only the top diamonds from here so was down seven for -2000 and 14 IMPs to Ambassador.

In case anyone had been in any doubt, this match was well and truly over. Ambassador led by 119-56 with only six boards to play.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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★ A O 8
               ♡ 5
               ♦ Q 4 2
               ♣ AKQ875
                               ★ J 8 5 3 2
♥Q1098432
                               ♥ A K 7
\Diamond 10 9 7 5 3
                               ♦ K 6
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♣ ]
               ★ K 10764
               ♡ | 6
               ♦ A J 8
               ♣ 632
       West
               North
                       East
                               South
               X. Liu
       Lam
                       Ng
                               Sheng
                       INT
                               Pass
       4♣
               Dble
                       4♡
                               All Pass
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West	North	East	South
H. Liu	Sze	Wang	Chiu
_	-	I♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	INT
2♡	3♣	3♡	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
4♡	Pass	Pass	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

Ng's weak no trump allowed Lam to take all the bidding space away from his opponents, jumping to 44, transfer to hearts. Though Liu doubled 44, that hardly showed the strength of his hand and he needed to double again when 4% came around to give his side a chance on the board. As it was, 4% was a stroll in the park for Ng, who just lost two diamonds and a club; +420.

Had Liu doubled 40, Sheng would probably have responded 4. Despite the five-zero trump split, it is hard to see what the defence can do against that, as they have only one heart winner to take and a couple of trumps if repeated heart leads force declarer. The action at the other table showed that 44 was not the only game available to N/S.

Wang opened I♠ on the East cards, which made it unlikely that his opponents would get to the spade game. However, when In was passed round to Sze he doubled and Chiu responded INT, after which some game was always going to be reached. For a moment, it looked as though that game might prove to be 3NT - we will never be sure whether Sze would have bid on over Chiu's 3NT had Liu not come again with 4%. Sze left that round to his partner and Chiu judged well to bid 5♣, doubled by Liu who hoped to collect a spade ruff. Well, Wang did cash a heart then give the spade ruff, but that was it for the defence and Sze scored +550 to give Ambassador 14 IMPs.

SHNTBC gained 11 IMPs on Board 15 when Sze/Chiu stopped in INT+1 while Sheng/X. Liu bid and made 40, but it was far too little, far too late. The final score was Ambassador 137 SHNTBC 67.

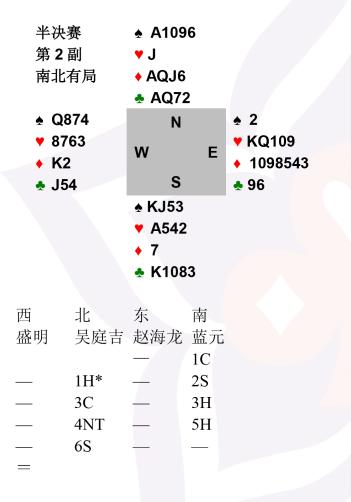
Ambassador would play in the next day's final, where they would face another Chinese team, Geely Auto, who had turned their match with Jilin Dingyuan around in the third segment to win by 82-80 IMPs.

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2017年7月29日

公开团体赛半决赛结果: 吉利汽车上演精彩的逆转好戏, 88 比 80 战胜吉林鼎元; 大使队 137 比 67 淘汰上海无将俱乐部。

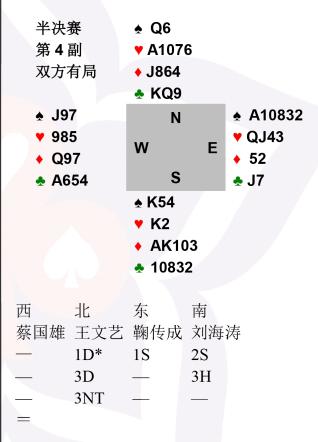
明天吉利汽车将与大使队进行3节48副牌的冠军决战,花落谁家,敬请期待。



西家,上海无将俱乐部队盛明犀利的首攻 D2!很有想象力!庄家上来就面临考验,因 为将牌还存在双向飞牌,第一墩一旦飞牌丢 失给 DK,定约将岌岌可危。

庄家,大使队蓝元苦思良久,最终做出正确的决断,飞牌并成功!迈出这一步非常艰难,但一旦成功定约将变得很轻松,即使打错将牌也没有危险了。蓝元最终也打对了 SQ 位置。6S 超一完成。

大使队鞠传成的阻击获得成功,虽然岩 4,-800,但同伴得到了 1460,大使队赢了 12 IMP。



东家首攻小黑心,暗手 SQ 吃到。两次进到明手跳 CKQ,很愉快的看到 CJ 跌落,庄家共吃到 9墩 S2-H2-D2-C3,王文艺完成定约。

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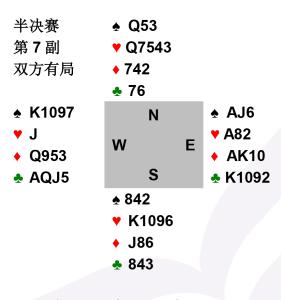
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东家同样首攻黑心,庄家后面仅仅跳了一轮草花大牌后选择了方块飞牌,被防守方赢得先机,东西迟到了S3-D1-C1,定约宕一。



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 静旭
 王礼萍

 2NT\*

3D — 3NT\* — 4C — 4D\* — 7C — =

1C=草花仅保证 1 张 2NT=19-21,均型,无 4 张高花 3D=自然 3NT=逼叫到 4NT

4C=推理出东家必然有4张以上草花 (东家没有高花,方块又不配合)

另一个半决赛桌上,上海无将俱乐部队也叫 到了大满贯。

西 北 东 南 盛明 吴庭吉 赵海龙 蓝元 — 1D\* — 2C — 3H\* — 4NT\* — 5C\* — 5D\* — 5NT\* — 7C —



这本该是一副很平淡的牌, 叫牌过程都是:

半决赛的 4 桌中, 3 桌都是北家打 2D 正成。但在上海无将和大使队的桌上却有了故事。

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2C=16 点以上好牌,或者低限的红心再叫 2D=8 点以上

3S=H5-D4-S 少于 3 张

北家 15 点牌冒充 16 点以上,积极进取。西家首攻 SA,换打 C3 让暗手 C8 吃到。庄家飞将牌到东家 DK,东再出小黑心,庄家顺势做大 SQ,后期在残局庄家奔吃低花的过程中,东西方又都垫了黑心。

在防守方的多次"协助"下,大使队蓝元不可 思议的得到了11墩!5D定约正成。



半决赛中,3 桌都是东家参与争叫显示双高花,西家直奔 4S,定约宕 1。而在大使队蔡国雄和鞠传成的桌上过程如下:

西 北 东 南 蔡国雄 王文艺 鞠传成 刘海涛 1C 1D\* 一 1S X 2S 2NT\* 3S — — =

1D=双高或者双低



棋圣聂卫平加盟吉利汽车并以预赛第一的成绩顺利进入淘汰赛。

2S=问高低限; 2NT=低限; 3H=红心短门

静旭首攻黑心,桌上 S8 大了,庄家章瑜就轻松的树立草花套,并由于 H9 位置有利,让防守方只能吃到 3 墩红心和 1 墩草花。

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 孙少林
 董春辉
 康蒙
 魏宇

 1NT
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 3NT

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康蒙首攻红心,少林 HA 吃到后换攻 DK,庄 家董春辉就另辟蹊径, DA 吃进,兑现 CAQ 后主动打 D10,孙少林忍让,董春辉就再次绕道而行:飞 SJ 完成 9 墩。



这副牌在半决赛的4桌中2成2宕。

章瑜首攻 CJ, 庄家施斌暗手 CA 吃进, 兑现一轮将牌 SK, 再连打 3 轮红心, 垫掉明手的草花。出 D10 到南家聂老 DA。聂老出 CQ, 明手小将吃后调将到暗手 SA, 发现将牌偏 4, 但此时只要方块不是特别恶劣分布, 定约已无危险。庄家打小草花明手将吃, 兑现 DK, 只要防守方都跟出方块就摊牌完成定约。

这手牌的打牌过程里,有2个顺序要点:(1) SAK 是否早期连续兑现,(2) DA 是否忍让。









# Feishang Swiss Team 飛尚瑞士式隊制賽

Rank	Team	Score	Name	Rank	Team	Score	Name
1	41	99.81	bubble ho	20	1.5	50.14	DDC
1 2 3 4 5	35	86.62	Crazy	29 30	15	59.14 59.04	DBS Iris
2		79.30			45		
3	21		Magic Eyes	$\frac{31}{32}$	13 47	58.07	Fantasy YOYO 5
4	44	78.02	Nanguang Power	33	47	56.97 56.29	
3	17	77.07	Mistral	33	42	30.29	BLU Carnival A
6	8	75.53	T.E.A.M	34	25	56.05	Bridge Buddies
7	6	73.70	Oldies	35	23	55.90	Two More
8	46	73.62	CUHK	36	24	54.93	Sichuan Panzhihua Bridge Assoication
9	52	73.10	Xiamen Xiashun	37	26	54.18	TOT
6 7 8 9 10	2	71.55	Haoran	38	5	53.71	Shanghai Rising Stars Red
10		71100	Taoran				
11	49	71.12	Rocky	39	19	52.90	yuanlong
12	7	70.95	HPN	40	11	51.12	Four over One
13	39	70.92	Guangzhou Pearl River	41	16	51.07	Kornhill
				42 43	30		BLU Carnival C
14 15	<u>37</u>	69.76	CCP 4	43	36	49.55	Pearlie Chan
13	53	68.60	CCBA				
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16	28	67.96	Ghost of Red	45	27	47.45	Flora
17	3	67.44	Articuno	46	50	45.63	Sunyoung KIM
18	48	67.29	Emerald	47	9	45.59	Da big Storm
19	33	67.03	Steve H T WONG	48	40	44.71	Shanghai Wei Yu Middle School
20	38	66.20	Harmony				
				49	43	42.29	Potato
21	18	65.75	G M3C	50	34	41.93	Monday 2
22	1	65.65	Bozzetto	51	10	40.93	Vanilla
22 23	29	63.43	Happy Bridge	52	20	32.80	BLU Carnival B
24	4	62.14	Gansu Bridge Association	on 53	14	30.46	Ten Miles Return
25	12	61.00	HK/Taipei Senior				
			<b>P</b>	54	22	27.07	Stinky Tofu
26	32	60.92	KAM KAM				
27	51	60.24	BRIDGE LOVERS				
28	54	60.06	K F MAK				
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## Feishang Swiss Team Winners' photos



# The Champion: Gordon Ho, Bubble Ho, Barney Lui, Leo Lam



#### 1st Runner-up: Vinci Wan, Brian Tang, Gan Wei Kang, Koh Luwen



#### 2nd Runner-up:

Somchai Baisamut, Pavinee Sitthicharoenswat, Khunying Esther C. Sophonpanich, Vallapa Svangsopakul, Asdang Riamsree



### 3rd Runner-up:

Peng Jianfeng, Le Lin, Shen Jiaxiang, Chen Shenghong, Shi Xiao, Wang Rui



## Geely Automobile Open Pairs Qualifying 吉利汽車公開組雙人賽初賽

	Rank	Pair	Score	0/0	Name		Rank	Pair	Score	%	Name
N-S	1	12			Alfred Lam - Michael Wu	E-W	1	106			Christopher Leung - Zoe Li
	2	11 122	1726.3		Eric Moo - John Lai Siew Luie Soh - Kah Loong Chue	-	2				
-	2 3 4	91	1703.3		Derek Zen - Maurizio Di Sacco		1 2 3 4	$\frac{102}{27}$	1734.4		Roma Chulani - Manu Chulani Mark Ng - Sing Leung
	5	45			David C C Ng - Wing Ho Lo		5	67	1677.4		Windsor Chan - Philip Chan
	6	133			Roger Ling - Edmund Tse		6	23			Edward Cheung - William Chan
-	7 8	127 14			S N Wong - W K Chan  Jopet Maliwat - Nonot Carreon	H	6 7 8 9	31 64	1665.8 1664.4		Reide Cheng - Ming Chan Steve Wong - Benny Kwok
	9	121		55.8	Samuel Choi - Sunny Lau		9	32	1630.5		W K Lai - K F Mak
	10	43	1607.6		Simon Chan - Jack Chen		10	30	1626.7		Abhinav Gorawara - Ramesh Viswanath
	11	89			Sukon Hung - Jackson Lai	1	11	71			Jerome Cheung - Kelvin Yim
	12	82 42			Xiaoguang Yang - Rongguang Mai Lincoln Yue - Man Fu Ko		12	21			Xu Deng - Yu Yong Fung
	$\frac{13}{14}$		1578.6	54.3	Joanne Hui - Peter Wong		13 14	66 25	1597.2 1594.8		
	15	46			Kelvin Ko - Antony Au		15	24	1582.9		Mick Yeung - C H Wong
	$\frac{16}{17}$				Billy Fung - Kon Wong		16	141	1565.1	53.7	Yoon Kyung Kim - Mirye Chang
	17 18	53 125			John Tsang - Vincent Li S. L. Chiang - K. H. Law		17 18		1545.8		Douglas Tsang - Marco Fung Jeff Luk - Johnny Lai
	$\frac{10}{19}$				York Liao - D M Chiu		19	61	1519.8		Ricky Lai - Sunny Lam
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	23	2			Scott Wang - Luke Martin		23	153		51.7	W K Wong - Louis Ming Tat Ching
	24				Rocky Tam - Kyungmi Kim		24		1487.7		Tony Yip - Barney Lui
	25	52	1473.8	50.6	Helen Yeung - Joyce Tung		25	104	1487.4	51.1	Jun Cheng - Bubble Ho
	26				Ivan Loy - Derek Wong		26	62	1481.2	50.9	Frankie Chan - Victor So
	27				Andy K O Leung - Louis Chan		27	101	1479.6		Dave Pang - Ray Cheung
	28				Kin Wai Chu - Sunny Chung		28	33	1467.2	50.4	Stephen Lee - Derek Leung Martin Fok - Zoe Chan
-	$\frac{29}{30}$	$\frac{88}{90}$	1433.3		Roy Fung - Sum Yeung Edward Ng - Marina Lee		29 30	72 108	1456.4 1455.4		York Kwan - Kuan Hsuan Chen
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	32	5			Hongbin Song - Yongchuan Li		32		1447.1		Barry Chan - P H Cheng
	$\frac{33}{34}$	15 132			Peter Yu - Alan Mok Phil Manalang - Suena Manalang		33 34	69 113	1440.4 1423.1	49.5	Chad Law - K Y Tam Curtiss Yeung - Patrick Tang
	35				Jenny To - Bacon Lam		35	143	1416.2		Boaz Szeto - Anita Au
	36	9	1427.8	49.0	Kit Chan - F H Chow		36	111	1414.4	48.6	Lin Yang - Bao Ji Dang
	37		1418.3	48.7	Guo Wei Ma - Chong Song Zou		37		1409.1	48.4	Chris Fung - Kowoon Han
	38	7			Jing Yuan Gong - Yao Dong Zhang		38	103			Charlie Lee - Walter Cheung
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	46	74			Inkyung Koh - Younhee Kim		46	149			Patrick Wu - K W Tam
	47	92			Luwen Koh - Wei Kang Gan		47	115	1317.9		W H Fok - Chuen Ho Ko
	$\frac{48}{40}$	48			S Y Ho - Albert Hsu	-	48	149	1312.2		Gurley Payne - Winnie Mohsenzadh
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	51 52		1299.8 1275.4		Frederick Mak - Ronald Ling Kevin Lam - William Cheung		51 52	145 26	1214.4 1207.1		Victor Cheng - Sophia Sin Hsu Joyce - Hsu Zen Hou
	53				Arthur Luk - James Tsang	H	53	70	1207.1	41.4	Chun Yu Lo - Karl Kwan
	54	8	1233.5	42.4	Chiyomi Fukumori - Patrick Yu		54	144	1177.8	40.4	Brian Wong - Justin So
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	56	41	1083.6		Charmain Ng - Laura Lee		56	35			Larry Fong - Enoch Chan
	57	3	1080.4	37.1	Eugene Chung - Simon Cheung		57	110	1003.6	34.5	Kamna Sharma - Ajay Sharma

# Geely Automobile Open Pairs Qualifying Top Qualifiers' Photos



N-S Top Qualifier: Michael Wu, Alfred Lam



E-W Top Qualifier: Zoe Li, Christopher Leung



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