

## Editors: Cathy Chua and Robert Zajac Bulletin \#6

## 43rd PABF Championships - Open Series $2^{\text {nd }}$ Round Robin

| Ranking (28/6/05) |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |
| 1 | China | IMP Quotient |  |
| 2 | Indonesia | 290 | 2.0619 |
| 3 | Chinese Taipei | 234 | 1.2777 |
| 4 | Australia | 231 | 1.2121 |
| 5 | China Hong Kong | 228 | 1.1733 |
| 6 | Singapore | 225 | 1.1605 |
| 7 | New Zealand | 215 | 1.1986 |
| 8 | Japan | 202.5 | 0.9238 |
| 9 | China Macau | 169 | 0.7135 |
| 10 | Philippines | 167 | 0.7197 |
| 11 | Thailand | 161.5 | 0.6963 |
| 12 | Korea | 141 | 0.6067 |

## 43rd PABF Championships - Ladies Series $2^{\text {nd }}$ Round Robin

| Ranking (28/6/05) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | China | 272 | IMP Quotient |
| 2 | Japan | 222 | 3.2677 |
| 3 | Indonesia | 221.5 | 1.4900 |
| 4 | Australia | 192 | 1.5176 |
| 5 | New Zealand | 187 | 1.0842 |
| 6 | Singapore | 183 | 1.0177 |
| 7 | China Hong Kong | 167 | 0.9019 |
| 8 | Thailand | 139.5 | 0.6645 |
| 9 | Korea | 128.5 | 0.5536 |
| 10 | Chinese Taipei | 59 | 0.2663 |

## 43rd PABF Championships - Youth Series $2^{\text {nd }}$ Round Robin

| Ranking (28/6/05) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 1 | VP | IMP Quotient |  |
| 2 | Australia | 185 | 1.6809 |
| 3 | Singapore | 176 | 1.0633 |
| 4 | China Hong Kong | 176 | 1.0935 |
| 5 | Chinese Taipei | 170.5 | 1.0464 |
| 6 | Philippines | 170.5 | 1.0961 |
| 7 | Indonesia | 168 | 1.0059 |
| 8 | Thailand | 154 | 0.9246 |
| 9 | Korea | 84.5 | 0.5207 |

## 43rd PABF Championships - Senior Series $2^{\text {nd }}$ Round Robin

| Ranking (28/6/05) |  |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Australia | 324 | IMP Quotient |
| 2 | Japan - Yamada | 296 | 2.1701 |
| 3 | China | 284 | 1.7260 |
| 4 | Chinese Taipei | 282.5 | 1.4994 |
| 5 | China Hong Kong | 270 | 1.2867 |
| 6 | Indonesia | 268 | 1.2722 |
| 7 | Queens \& Knight | 221 | 0.8494 |
| 8 | Japan - Yokohama | 216 | 0.8670 |
| 9 | New Zealand | 212 | 0.7866 |
| 10 | Japan - PS Jack | 210 | 0.7691 |
| 11 | Japan - Wakasa | 207 | 0.8049 |
| 12 | Thailand | 199 | 0.7422 |
| 13 | Korea - Ivy League | 189 | 0.6615 |
| 14 | Korea - Joy Club | 161.5 | 0.5553 |


| Open Series |  | 1RR | Against |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Adj | Total | Rank |
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|  | Team |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |  |  |  |
| 1 | China | 220 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 22 | 23 | 25 |  | 290 | 1 |
| 2 | Indonesia | 190 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 15 |  |  |  | 20 | 15 |  | 240 | 2 |
| 3 | Ch Taipei | 182 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 16 | 13 |  |  |  | 23 |  | 234 | 3 |
| 4 | Australia | 176 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 25 | 9 | 21 |  |  |  |  | 231 | 4 |
| 5 | China HK | 173 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12 | 21 | 22 |  |  |  | 228 | 5 |
| 6 | Singapore | 172 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 21 | 14 | 18 |  |  | 225 | 6 |
| 7 | Japan | 168.5 |  | 15 | 14 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 202.5 | 8 |
| 8 | NZ | 159 |  |  | 17 | 21 | 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 215 | 7 |
| 9 | Philippines | 140 |  |  |  | 9 | 9 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 167 | 10 |
| 10 | Ch Macau | 137 | 8 |  |  |  | 8 | 16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 169 | 9 |
| 11 | Thailand | 132.5 | 7 | 10 |  |  |  | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 161.5 | 11 |
| 12 | Korea | 115 | 4 | 15 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 141 | 12 |


| Women's Series Team | $\begin{array}{\|c} 1 R R \\ \text { c/o } \end{array}$ | Against |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Adj | Total |
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|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |  |  |
| 1 China | 197 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 25 | 25 | 25 |  | 272 |
| 2 Japan | 176 |  |  | 9 | 20 |  |  |  |  | 17 |  |  | 222 |
| 3 Indonesia | 159.5 |  | 21 |  |  |  |  |  | 16 |  | 25 |  | 221.5 |
| 4 Australia | 153 |  | 10 |  |  | 16 |  | 13 |  |  |  |  | 192 |
| 5 NZ | 129 |  |  |  | 14 |  |  | 19 |  |  | 25 |  | 187 |
| 6 Singapore | 129 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 14 | 15 | 25 |  |  | 183 |
| 7 Ch HK | 123 |  |  |  | 17 | 11 | 16 |  |  |  |  |  | 167 |
| 8 Thailand | 107.5 | 3 |  | 14 |  |  | 15 |  |  |  |  |  | 139.5 |
| 9 Korea | 106.5 | 5 | 13 |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  | 128.5 |
| 10 Ch Taipei | 46 | 4 |  | 5 |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 59 |


| Youth Series |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1RR } \\ \hline \text { c/o } \end{gathered}$ | Against |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Bye | $\left.\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Ad} \\ \mathrm{j} \end{gathered} \right\rvert\,$ | Total |
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|  | Team |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |  |  |  |
| 1 | Japan | 146 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20 | 21 | 18 |  | 205 |
| 2 | Australia | 139 |  |  | 15 | 14 |  |  |  |  | 17 |  |  | 185 |
| 3 | Singapore | 137 |  | 16 |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |  | 18 |  | 176 |
| 4 | Ch.Taipei | 123.5 |  | 16 |  |  | 20 |  | 11 |  |  |  |  | 170.5 |
| 5 | Philippines | 123.5 |  |  |  | 10 |  |  | 19 |  |  | 18 |  | 170.5 |
| 6 | Thailand | 120 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 8 | 23 |  |  | 154 |
| 7 | China HK | 120 |  |  |  | 20 | 11 | 25 |  |  |  |  |  | 176 |
| 8 | Indonesia | 111 | 10 |  | 25 |  |  | 22 |  |  |  |  |  | 168 |
| 9 | Korea | 55.5 | 9 | 13 |  |  |  | 7 |  |  |  |  |  | 84.5 |


| Senior Series |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { 1RR } \\ \mathrm{c} / 0 \end{gathered}$ | Against |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Adj | Total | Ranl |
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|  | Team |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |  |  |  |
| 1 | Australia | 267 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12 | 20 | 25 |  | 324 | 1 |
| 2 | Chinese Taipei | 242 |  |  | 16 | 7 |  |  | 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 282.5 | 4 |
| 3 | China | 241 |  | 14 |  |  | 14 | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 284 | 3 |
| 4 | Japan - Yamada | 230 |  | 23 |  |  | 20 |  |  |  | 23 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 296 | 2 |
| 5 | Indonesia | 218 |  |  | 16 | 10 |  |  |  | 24 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 268 | 6 |
| 6 | China Hong Kong | 205 |  |  | 15 |  |  |  | 25 |  |  |  | 25 |  |  |  |  | 270 | 5 |
| 7 | Japan - Yokohama | 183 |  | 12 |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  | 16 |  |  |  |  |  | 216 | 8 |
| 8 | Japan - Qs \& K | 179 |  |  |  |  | 6 |  |  |  | 21 |  |  |  | 15 |  |  | 221 | 7 |
| 9 | New Zealand | 178 |  |  |  | 7 |  |  |  | 9 |  |  |  | 18 |  |  |  | 212 | 9 |
| 10 | Japan - Wakasa | 172 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 14 |  |  |  | 11 |  |  | 10 |  | 207 | 11 |
| 11 | Japan - PS Jack | 170 |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  | 19 |  |  |  | 16 |  | 210 | 10 |
| 12 | Korea - Ivy League | 153 | 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12 |  |  |  | 6 |  |  | 189 | 13 |
| 13 | Thailand | 150 | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 15 |  |  |  | 24 |  |  |  | 199 | 12 |
| 14 | Korea - Joy Club | 125 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20 | 14 |  |  |  |  | 161.5 | 14 |


| Rank | Player 1 | Player 2 | Round 1 | Round 2 | Total |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Ayako Amano | Kenji Miya kuni | 75.90 | 66.80 | 142.70 |
| 2 | Charmian Koo | Lik Cheung | 55.50 | 73.00 | 128.50 |
| 3 | Gu Xue Hai | Wang Hui Jun | 70.70 | 50.70 | 121.40 |
| 4 | Park Sun-hee | Nam Yoon-sook | 52.90 | 62.00 | 114.90 |
| 5 | Hiromi Nishida | Yoshie Nishda | 54.80 | 56.00 | 110.80 |
| 6 | Takesh Nozaki | Shigeko Nozaki | 50.60 | 57.80 | 108.40 |
| 7 | Park Ok-nam | Lee Young-ae | 62.00 | 45.50 | 107.50 |
| 8 | Yoo Soon-joon | Lee Dong-min | 50.90 | 55.30 | 106.20 |
| 9 | Kim Young-hae | Song In-sook | 52.10 | 53.20 | 105.30 |
| 10 | David Chu | Kim Sun-young | 51.90 | 48.20 | 100.10 |
| 11 | Kim Yoon-Kyung | Pongmoragot Parich | 41.60 | 45.60 | 87.20 |
| 12 | Lee Guk-sung | Nam Keum-sook | 41.10 | 45.40 | 86.50 |

## NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE CONGRESS <br> HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND <br> SPETEMBER 24 TO 0CTOBER 1, 2005 <br> FEATUREING <br> NEW ZEALAND TEAMS (5 DAYS) <br> NEW ZEALAND PAIRS (3 DAYS)

We would love to see as many overseas visitors as possible at this most friendly and competitive Bridge Congress.
For further information ask Richard Solomon (Ladies Team Captain) or any New Zealander here.


China vs Korea PABF Ladies Championship


Australia vs NZ Open Series


HK vs China Seniors Series

The format of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ PABF Simultaneous Pairs will be submitted to the member NCBOs shortly for approval. They are;

Dates: First Friday/Saturday from October 2005 to March 2006, total 6 times
Fees: US\$2.00 per player
Prizes: Overall winners (cumulative of best 4 scores out of 6 matches)
$1^{\text {st }}$ US $\$ 2,000.00$
$2^{\text {nd }}$ US $\$ 1,000.00$
$3^{\text {rd }} \quad$ US $\$ 500.00$
Monthly Winners (top 5 pairs, no more than one pair from one NCBO)
$1^{\text {st }} \quad$ US $\$ 100.00$
$2^{\text {nd }} \quad$ US $\$ 80.00$
$3^{\text {rd }} \quad$ US $\$ 60.00$
$4^{\text {th }} \quad$ US $\$ 40.00$
$5^{\text {th }} \quad$ US $\$ 20.00$
The analysis/comments of hands will be available from PABF/Ecats website.

We hope today's Vu-graph will feature 2 tables:
Open room in English
Closed Room in Chinese

Any Chinese commentators should change their language to Chinese and log into the Closed Room and message the operator to ungag them.

> BBO
> Live commentary in English and in Chinese today

## NEWS RASH

Italian Pair ousted of the European Championship in Tenerife having been found guilty of highly questionable antics by the Appeals Committee: read on!!

## Italy v Israel

## Appeals Committee :

Bill Pencharz (Chairman, England), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Jens Auken (Denmark), Grattan Endicott (England), J ean-Paul Meyer (France)

## Open Teams Swiss "A" Round

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vulnerable.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { \& } 87 \\ & \text { \& } 765 \\ & 7 \\ & \& 97543 \end{aligned}$ | - A 3 <br> - J 10 <br> - J 8543 <br> \& KJ 62 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Q } 6542 \\ & \text { 9 8 4 3 } \\ & \text { Q } 1066 \\ & \& 8 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | - KJ 109 <br> - K Q 2 <br> - AK 92 <br> \& A 10 |  |


| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Roll | Lanzarotti | Bareket | Buratti |
|  |  |  | $2 \downarrow$ |
| Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{}$ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | $3 \boldsymbol{\infty}$ | Pass | $4 \downarrow$ |
| Pass | $4 \boldsymbol{\infty}$ | Pass | $5 \%$ |
| Pass | $6 \downarrow$ | All Pass |  |

Contract: Six Diamonds, played by South
Lead: 『A
Play: $\$ 9$, taken by the King, $\quad$ J-6-2-7, claim
Result: 12 tricks, NS +1370
The Facts: At the end of the play, East called the Director to explain what he had seen.
The Director: Told the facts to the Chief Tournament Director, who decided to call upon the Appeal Committee to hold a Disciplinary Hearing.
Present: All players, the Captain of East/ West, and the Coach of North/South
The Players: The Chief Tournament Director explained to the Committee what the East player had told him. Dummy, North, had leaned across to take a look into East's cards. East had then noticed that North had held his arms crossed, and had signalled with three fingers on his arm. East had seen a signal with three fingers three times. Declarer had then played the $\geqslant$ at trick three, and had let it run, thus making his contract.
East then told the same story in his own words. He had not shown his cards, but North had taken a look into them anyway. East had seen three fingers on three occasions, and he had called the Director after Declarer had successfully finessed in diamonds.
East complained that he had been so shaken about the whole thing, that he could no longer play to his full capacity. They had lost the match 2-25.

- West related the play to the first three tricks:
- West led the マA, East contributing the $\vee 8$;
- West then asked a number of questions, particularly about the PK, which South confirmed having shown in the auction;
- After some thought, South called for the $\downarrow$, East contributing the 6 in tempo;
- South thought for some more time and let the $\geqslant$ run.

East once more showed what he had seen North do: the left arm lay before him on the table, the right hand lay across it, with the middle three fingers pointing downwards. East showed that he had seen the three fingers once across the wrist, once across the forearm and once free on the table in front of the arm.
South was asked to confirm the play as described above, which he did.
South was then asked to explain why he played the diamonds in the manner he did. He gave the following responses:
-The lead of the A was curious because dummy had not made a cue-bid in hearts;
-After all the questions he decided to play diamonds 1-3;
-The first two boards were bad for him and he needed 20VP to qualify for the next round;
-Diamonds are always badly divided in this tournament. He had also found the $Q$ on board 24 (West commented that he had made lots of bids on that board, so finding that Queen was clear-cut).
North explained that all through the day, when dummy, he had laid both arms on the table and rested his head on them. This could not be confirmed by East/West since this was the third board of the match and he had not been dummy on the first two.
North told the Committee he had only $20 \%$ vision in his left eye, and the red honours were all the same to him from that side.
When confronted with East's statement, North denied that he had looked at East's cards.
The Coach of North/South, in name of their Captain (who was absent), explained that he had told his team to win the match by at least 19 or 20VP. He had never heard allegations of this kind in 30 years' work for the federation and this particular team.
West finally added that South had also put his head on his arms while thinking about running the $\$$ J.

## The Committee's Deliberation :

The Committee addressed the issue of their jurisdiction under the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge. Under law 91B: Right to Disqualify, The Director (and on a reference, the Committee) is specifically empowered to disqualify a contestant for cause.

- The Committee also addressed certain technical issues raised by North/South:
- The Committee rejected the argument that "Diamonds are always badly divided in this Tournament".
- The Committee noted that bidding and making Six Diamonds by normal play was quite likely to win the board as the slam was not straightforward to bid.
- The Committee noted that tackling diamonds (trumps) by leading the Jack was singularly against the odds; except in the specific circumstances when declarer knows that East has exactly three diamonds. In this case the odds are 3-1 in favour of leading the Jack.
- The Committee noted that East's duck of the Jack of Diamonds was correct technique. South could have had five diamonds, in which case it is a normal gambit to lead the Jack to induce a cover with Q10x.


## The Committee's reasons:

In the play of the hand, East/West believed that Declarer had acted upon improper information conveyed from dummy. They suggested how this information was possibly passed.
When asked to explain his reasons for playing the hand in such a fashion declarer gave a number of reasons which the Committee found unconvincing. It was adjudged that the nature of these explanations by a competent player was self-incriminating.

## The Committee's decision :

Lanzarotti-Buratti to be disqualified from the teams event - Law 91B.
Match Score adjusted to 18-0 in favour of the team of East/West.
Matter to be referred to the Credentials' Committee with reference to the Pairs' event in these Championships.

## A look at Day Five Cathy Chua

## Second RR First Match

| Bd 1 | $\uparrow 87$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Dlr N | $\vee 10$ |
| Vul Nil | $\bullet 876532$ |
|  | 9654 |


| ^ AKQ94 |  | ^ J106532 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - 532 |  | - A94 |
| - Q9 |  | - J10 |
| * AQ8 |  | * J10 |
|  | $\uparrow$ - -- |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ KQJ876 |  |
|  | - AK4 |  |
|  | * K732 |  |

NZ vs. ChT

In the Closed Room East opened $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 4 \boldsymbol{\bullet}$ from South and $4 \wedge$ by West bought the auction. +420 to ChT.

In the Open Room East opened $2 \star$, South essayed $3 v$ and when $4 \uparrow$ came back to South he decided not to go quietly. He bid 4NT, doubled and passed back to him. When $5 \bullet$ was doubled North bid 5NT and $6 *$ doubled by South became the final contract. Stephen Burgess must have been pleased to see that the soundness of his doubles increased as the auction developed. This unpleasant spot led to +500 EW and 2 IMPs to NZ. South was right to bid on: he just needed to stay a level lower.

| Bd 20 | - 92 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dlr W | $\checkmark$ AQ |  |
| Vul All | - A1085 |  |
|  | * K9765 |  |
| A K1074 |  | ^ QJ86 |
| - K52 |  | - J1093 |
| - J |  | - Q742 |
| * Q10843 |  | * J |
|  | ^ A53 |  |
|  | - 8764 |  |
|  | - K963 |  |
|  | * A2 |  |

The question on this hand was how to make 3NT by South on a spade lead, North at both tables having opened $1 *$ ?

Both declarers won the third spade and both discarded the $\$ 5$ from table. Now $\star A$ and another club. For NZ Stephen Lester picked clubs, winning cheaply in dummy, of course also picked diamonds and made comfortably when RHO did not cover the $\downarrow 10$. He will still make with the cover via the heart finesse if nothing else. But in the Open Room ChT rose on the second round of clubs. The club layout really tells the diamond layout too and so this declarer played ace of diamonds, ten of diamonds, but that was no longer good enough when MacLeish was alert to the significance of covering the ten. Four diamond tricks had become three.

## Second RR Second Match

Boards one and two provided a difficult start to this match..

| Bd 1 | ค 42 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dlr N | - 9843 |  |
| Vul Nil | - AJ2 |  |
|  | * Q1063 |  |
| ヘ AJ76 |  | A KQ10 |
| - K |  | - Q102 |
| - 83 |  | - KQ1075 |
| * K98754 |  | * J2 |
|  | ヘ 9853 |  |
|  | - AJ765 |  |
|  | - 964 |  |
|  | $\because \mathrm{A}$ |  |

Against Singapore China Macau’s Cheng Kong Mou made 3NT by West after a defensive blunder by Heng and Liao. As this pair is starring for Singapore $-6^{\text {th }}$ on the datums after the $1^{\text {st }} \mathrm{RR}$ - one assumes a rare blunder! Not so expensive as $3 \vee$ doubled was - 300 in the other room.

In Australia-NZ, always a match of regional pride, Bach played a dodgy $4 \boldsymbol{A}$ as West and that failed, as did NS's undoubled $3 \bullet$ for 3 IMPs to Australia.

| Bd 2 | ヘ --- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dlr E | - QJ9543 |  |
| Vul NS | - J84 |  |
|  | * KQ54 |  |
| ^ 109843 |  | a J752 |
| - AK2 |  | - 10876 |
| - 2 |  | - K105 |
| * A863 |  | * J2 |
|  | - AKQ2 |  |
|  | - --- |  |
|  | - AQ9763 |  |
|  | - 1097 |  |
| west | north east | south |
| Cheng | Heng Lai | Liao |
|  | Pass | $1 *$ |
| 14 | 2- 2^ | Pass |
| Pass | 3\% Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass |  |  |

Heng wasn't happy about leaving it in, but it was a good contract, although only 3 pairs were in it. Two made, while the declarer to go down received the only lead to give losing possibilities: a low club. In the other room 5 doubled failed by a trick (it made the other two times it was played) for 13 IMPs to Singapore.

In the NZ-Australia match BurgessMacLeish were the only pair to stop in a diamond part-score. In the other room Hinge-Nagy reached a dreadful 4v-300 and 10 IMPs to the baddies. (Was there anything in the job description about Bulletin Editors being impartial? Not that I recall).

Board 3 and more angst for the Aussies:

| Bd 3 | ^ KQ86 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dlr S | - A985 |  |
| Vul EW | - QJ5 |  |
|  | * 105 |  |
| A J32 |  | - 9 |
| - K72 |  | $\checkmark$ QJ104 |
| - K109 |  | - A832 |
| * J764 |  | * AKQ2 |
|  | A A10754 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 83$ |  |
|  | - 764 |  |
|  | * 983 |  |

NS were the only pair to play in $1 *$ down four, -200 . Did a trick go west, so to speak, for the defence? There are 10 top tricks, only two losers for now, so $5 \&$ looks like the spot. But in the other room Klinger-Neill were the only EW pair to play $4 \mathbf{v}$. I guess that fits into a theme mentioned in an earlier bulletin: it's better going for the 8 card fit at a higher level than taking the tap in the length of a Moysian...Just the one down and 7 IMPs to NZ.

I was explaining to Gabby Feiler of the Australian Youth team earlier today that I wanted a special section in the Bulletin called Possum Pages. It would be named after the Adelaide Sunday Mail’s insert for children. And that's what our Daily Bulletin's Possum Pages would be: a special place for children where adults would know they shouldn't go. Pardon me, did I say children? I meant Youth, of course.

Well, we don't have a Possum Page - my cohort Robert Rozac likes to play it straight, he won't let me do anything I think is REALLY funny. But be aware that the next two hands are for the very youthful and perhaps the seriously deranged. Others should view with extreme caution.

| Bd 10 | - 2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dlr E | - AKJ9875 |  |
| Vul All | - AKJ7 |  |
|  | * 7 |  |
| - AQ104 |  | A 387 |
| - 6 |  | - 42 |
| - 942 |  | - 1086 |
| * A9642 |  | * Q10853 |
|  | ^ K9653 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ Q103 |  |
|  | - Q53 |  |
|  | \& KJ |  |

Gabby, sitting North, signed off in 5 after finding out 2 aces were missing. Hapless West doubled that, only to have it sent back. When in with the $\because \mathrm{A}$ after declarer guessed clubs he didn't realise the spade was running away and the net result was +1600 .

Just two boards later, a Roman Key Card disaster gave West a chance to get that 1600 back. Or some of it, at any rate:

| Bd 12 | A Q76 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dlr W | - AQ9 |  |
| Vul NS | - AKQ6 |  |
|  | - K106 |  |
| A A4 |  | ^ J109532 |
| $\checkmark 876$ |  | - --- |
| - J43 |  | - 10985 |
| * J9874 |  | * A52 |
|  | ^ K8 |  |
|  | - KJ105432 |  |
|  | - 72 |  |
|  | $\cdots$ Q3 |  |

After a strong 2NT opening by North, Matthew Porter, South, transferred and then invoked RKCB via 4NT. After a 5 a response from partner he knew Gabby held the heart queen which was irrelevant, but only 2 aces which was, of course, to the point. Did I say RKCB disaster? Well, only in the bidding. The play was another thing. Against mostly $4 \vee$, but several times $6 \vee$, the field led the $\wedge J$ or the $\wedge A$ if played the other way up. West won the ace and had to guess which minor to shift to: +1430 to Australia.

## Second RR Third Match

BBO featured Philippines-Singapore. I watched the closed room of that match.

| Bd 1 | $\boldsymbol{\imath}$ J72 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Dlr N | $\bullet$ K43 |
| Vul Nil | $\bullet$ Q7652 |
|  | $\boldsymbol{*}$ K7 |


| - 53 | ^ K1094 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\checkmark$ Q10875 | - 962 |
| -108 | - AKJ4 |
| * Q954 | * J10 |

^ AQ86
$\checkmark$ AJ

- 93
~A8632
North played 3NT after East had opened $1 \star$. That steered Martin away from the diamond lead and, having chosen to try the spades, he
did hugely well to begin with a low one. Single-dummy, at least, 3NT is not so bad. My inclination as a mere kibitzer was to let the six hold in dummy and run a club to East. Instead declarer won in hand to try the heart finesse. He covered the diamond ten, East shifted to a club and declarer thought he didn't have a good plan left. Playing on diamonds is the best plan now, but in practice declarer drifted around and went down eventually.

Still, kind defence in the Open Room let Heng-Liao bring home $2 v$ and gain 2 IMPs for Singapore.

We see North with problems on the next board too.

| Bd 2 | A J |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dlr E | - AKQ643 |  |  |
| Vul NS | - 7 |  |  |
|  | * J10842 |  |  |
| A 1097542 | ^ K8 |  |  |
| - 1052 | - 987 |  |  |
| - KJ | - Q10843 |  |  |
| - K5 | * AQ9 |  |  |
|  | ^ AQ63 |  |  |
|  | $\checkmark \mathrm{J}$ |  |  |
|  | - A9652 |  |  |
|  | * 763 |  |  |
| west | north | east | south |
| La Guardia | Tan | Anastasio | Chua |
|  |  | Pass | 1 |
| 2^ | $3 \vee$ | 3^ | 3NT |
| Pass | ? |  |  |

Do you pass or bid? Continuing with 4* saw South raising to five. Off 3 trump tricks, -100. Again Heng-Liao saved the day, buying $2 \boldsymbol{A}$ in the other room, one down and holding the loss to 4 IMPs.

In the Australia-Japan clash, won handsomely by Australia, Japan stayed in partscore while Australia reached $4 \bullet$ for a gameswing.

And, again, North's decision:

| Bd 4 | ^ J9 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dlr W | - AK876 |  |  |
| Vul All | - --- |  |  |
|  | * AJ10863 |  |  |
| A 106 | ^ KQ84 |  |  |
| - 4 | - 10532 |  |  |
| - AJ10632 | - Q9 |  |  |
| * KQ75 | * 942 |  |  |
|  | ^ A7532 |  |  |
|  | - QJ9 |  |  |
|  | - K8754 |  |  |
|  | \& --- |  |  |
| west | north |  | south |
| La Guardia | Tan | Anastasio | Chua |
|  | 1* | Pass | $1 \wedge$ |
| 2 | 2 | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | ?? |  |  |

Maybe Tan had board 2 in his head as he passed 3NT. La Guardia did super well by beginning with a small diamond, rather than the jack/ten. On the other hand, she did lead the six and that makes South's diamonds that little bit better. South can win the first diamond and that is his eighth trick, but he would have no conceivable ninth, so he began by ducking the queen and nine of diamonds. East shifted - at the speed of light, I might say - to a club. Well, that shocked me, if Martin will forgive me saying so. Declarer had only to continue clubs from the top after West put in the queen to make, but instead he cashed hearts and eventually went down.

In the other room $4 \vee$ was the contract. Quiogue held the North cards and received $\bullet$ Q opening lead. He ducked and pitched a spade preparing for the cross-ruff. As far as I can see there isn't much the defence can do about that. If Heng shifts to a trump declarer now has the tempo to draw trumps and play clubs from the top. (perhaps there are other options?). The short 99 lets that work. If, as happened, he continues diamonds then a cross-ruff ensues. At this table West had doubled diamonds and so declarer was aware of the possibility that this was not the suit to cross-ruff. Against Australia the Japanese declarer tried the cross-ruff of the minors and the over-ruff led to his demise.

| Bd 9 | ^ Q74 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dlr N | - Q8542 |  |  |
| Vul EW | - Q | - AKQ5 |  |
| ^ K98 | ^ AJ62 |  |  |
| $\checkmark 9$ | $\bullet$ J7 |  |  |
| - J109876 | - AK532 |  |  |
| * J73 | -106 |  |  |
|  | A 1053 |  |  |
|  | - AK1063 |  |  |
|  | - 4 |  |  |
|  | - 9842 |  |  |
| west | north | east | south |
| La Guardia | Tan | Anastasio | Chua |
|  | $1 \vee$ | 2 | 4 |
| 5 | All Pa |  |  |

5 down in the Closed, while a systemic misunderstanding of a dangerous sort in the other room: after the same start to the auction over 2 South bid 3NT and got to play it there! Three down and a lucky break for Singapore who were 27 IMPs down, but now got nine back.

| Bd 10 | - 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dlr E | - 109872 |  |
| Vul All | - J962 |  |
|  | *) 394 |  |
| ^ KJ96 |  | ค Q1052 |
| - K4 |  | $\checkmark$ AQ |
| - 854 |  | - AK73 |
| * A1087 |  | * Q65 |
|  | - A874 |  |
|  | - J653 |  |
|  | - Q10 |  |
|  | - K32 |  |

An interesting $4 \boldsymbol{A}$, but opinion has it that there isn't quite a path to 10 tricks and so it proved in the Closed Room. A defensive error in the Open Room led to +620 and 12 IMPs to Singapore who were on the way back after a poor start. They won the match wel in the end and one cannot help feeling, not for the first time this event, that the Philippines start well, but run out of steam. A pity!

## Quiz Solution 3

Yesterday you accepted the challenge of having 38HCP and still failing to come up to 7 tricks in 1NT from your worse enemy.

Today you found out you have lost the bet for this was the layout:
^ AKQJ1098
$\bullet-$

* AKQJ109
- AKQ432
- AKQ5432
$\therefore$ -

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\bullet J1098765
* J109876
*-
* 8765432
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* 8765432

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West leads his longest and (ahem) strongest suit and South declarer simply does not have the tempo to set up his diamonds.

Your worse enemy gleefully accepted your handshake and it only remained for both of to progress to more ambitious levels.


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\hline 6 & & 17:15 & JPN - CHI & IND - NZL & PHI - CHT & CMA - AUS & THA - CHK & KOR - SIN \\
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\hline 5 & & 13:30 & WAK-AUS & CHT - PSJ & NZL - CHI & THA - YAM & IND-YOK & CHK - JOY & Q+K - IVY \\
\hline 6 & & 16:35 & NZL - AUS & IVY - CHT & JOY - CHI & YAM-WAK & IND - THA & CHK - Q + K & YOK - PSJ \\
\hline 7 & & 18:40 & AUS -Q+K & CHT - JOY & CHI - THA & IVY - YAM & PSJ - IND & WAK-CHK & YOK-NZL \\
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The bulletin staff wishes to sincerely apologize to the players for the schedule mix-up in yesterday's bulletin```

