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The Halfway Mark Is Passed

Another interesting day: the Egyptian Open Team won all three of their matches while in the Women Championship both South Africa and Kenya were unbeaten.

In the Open Championship **South Africa** still have a good lead over **Egypt** but it has been cut by about six points. **Tunisia** are nipping at their heels just seven points away and there is a tussle going between the other three teams, more than two matches behind, for the fourth place, currently held by **Morocco**.

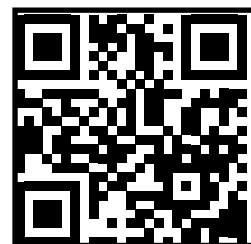
The **South Africa** Women team continues to dominate their event. They are nearly two matches ahead of their closest rivals. The three teams behind are less than two points apart and the current order is **Egypt**, **Kenya** and **Tunisia**.

Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
South Africa	136.44	1
Egypt	121.74	2
Tunisia	114.36	3
Morocco	61.76	4
Kenya	54.82	5
Reunion	50.88	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
South Africa	127.63	1
Egypt	89.93	2
Kenya	88.58	3
Tunisia	87.98	4
Morocco	73.98	5

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Schedule for Wednesday 7th May

Note all times are GMT

Open Championship

R.R (03)		Match (05), 09H00			RR(03),Match (01), 12H30			Match (02), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 7	1	2 EGY	x	1 RSA	1 RANK 01	x	6 RANK 06	5 RANK 05	x	1 RANK 01
	2	6 KEN	x	3 MOR	2 Rank 02	x	5 RANK 05	6 RANK 06	x	4 RANK 04
	3	5 REU	x	4 TUN	3 RANK 03	x	4 RANK 04	2 Rank 02	x	3 RANK 03

Women Championship

R.R (03)		Match (05), 09H00			RR(03),Match (01), 12H30			Match (02), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 7	4	2 RSA	x	1 MOR	1 RANK 01	x	--	5 RANK 05	x	1 RANK 01
	5	6 --	x	3 EGY	2 Rank 02	x	5 RANK 05	6 --	x	4 RANK 04
	6	5 KEN	x	4 TUN	3 RANK 03	x	4 RANK 04	2 Rank 02	x	3 RANK 03

Results

Open Championship

Session 1	VPs
South Africa - Reunion	20-0
Tunisia - Kenya	17.97-2.03
Morocco - Egypt	0.66-19.34
Session 2	
Tunisia - South Africa	17.97-2.03
Morocco - Reunion	12.55-7.45
Egypt - Kenya	15.56-4.44
Session 3	
South Africa - Morocco	20-0
Egypt - Tunisia	13.75-6.25
Kenya - Reunion	11.20-8.80

Women Championship

Session 1	VPs
Morocco - Kenya	3.74-16.26
Tunisia - Bye	12-0
Egypt - South Adrica	10-10
Session 2	
Tunisia - Morocco	14.60-5.40
Egypt - Kenya	8.80-11.20
South Africa - Bye	12-0
Session 3	
Morocco - Egypt	11.20-8.80
South Africa - Tunisia	20-0
Bye - Kenya	0-12





Important Message From Your TDs

Dear Captains

Please pay full attention

As I received several complains about failure to alert a conventional bid by players and these complaints were supported by photos against many teams.

Kindly be advised that all the conventional/artificial bids have to be alerted with fully disclosed- even if from the player's point of view it is clear

Double / Redouble / 4 NT / responses to 4NT / Transfers / Stayman / Puppet etc. as long as these bids are artificial or conventional, they must be alerted.

It has been decided that failure to do this, may result in your team receiving a penalty of 0.25 VP even if no clear damage was done.

As per the WBF/ABF Alert policy: All the players are expected to protect themselves to a large extent. How to protect yourself ? By asking about the meaning of a bid or by checking the CC , especially, when screens are in use.

Especially, when you expect the bidding could be conventional or artificial, like the defensive bids, overcalls over NT, overcalls over strong artificial strong opening ... etc.

Please, Please – Share with your team as soon as you read this

Chers capitaines,

Certains d'entre vous jouent peut-être actuellement, mais vous pourrez lire ceci plus tard. Veuillez y prêter toute votre attention.

J'ai reçu plusieurs plaintes concernant l'absence d'alerte d'une enchère conventionnelle de la part de joueurs, et ces plaintes étaient appuyées par des photos contre de nombreuses équipes.

Veuillez noter que toutes les enchères conventionnelles/artificielles doivent être signalées avec une divulgation complète, même si elles sont claires du point de vue du joueur.

Double / Surcontre / 4 SA / Réponses à 4 SA / Transferts / Stayman / Marionnette, etc. Tant que ces enchères sont artificielles ou conventionnelles,

Il a été décidé que le non-respect de cette règle pourrait entraîner une pénalité de 0,25 PV pour votre équipe, même en l'absence de dégâts évidents.

Il est également très important de comprendre que:

Conformément à la politique d'alerte de la WBF/ABF (tous les joueurs sont tenus de se protéger dans une large mesure), comment se protéger ? (En s'informant sur la signification d'une enchère ou en vérifiant le CC), notamment lorsque des écrans sont utilisés.

En particulier, lorsque vous pensez que les enchères pourraient être conventionnelles ou artificielles, comme les enchères défensives, les interventions sur SA, les interventions sur une ouverture artificielle forte, etc.

S'il vous plaît, s'il vous plaît, partagez ce message avec votre équipe dès que vous le lirez.

Merci





South Africa vs. Kenya - Women

The last match on the second day was the first in the second of three Round Robins. Kenya had a bad first day but on day two after a bye they had a good result against Tunisia. This last match of the day was against the leaders South Africa, so it would not be an easy match for them

Board 33. Dealer North. None Vul.

		♠ A108542	
		♥ 1097	
		♦ QJ5	
		♣ K	
♠ Q7	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ KJ93	
♥ AK2		♥ J865	
♦ 1083		♦ 962	
♣ A8754		♣ 103	
		♠ 6	
		♥ Q43	
		♦ AK74	
		♣ QJ962	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Esmail	Sorensen	Shah	Nestoridis
–	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

After a standard weak two, West, not unreasonably, balanced with Three Clubs. It was not the happiest of contracts, the defence took the first five tricks with three diamonds and ace and a spade ruff. Had South exited with a trump rather than a heart the result would have been five off rather than the actual four that was recorded at the table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Armstrong	Virjee	Stanton	Haria
–	2♠	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

At this table West decided to balance with a double which East bravely passed. The ♥6 lead was taken by the king. The ace and another let declarer win with the queen in dummy. Declarer played a trump to the ♠10 and jack. East played the thirteenth heart which West ruffed with the queen and was overruffed by the ace. Declarer now correctly tackled trumps allowing East to win with the ♠9

and she got off lead with a club to her partner's ace and the suit was returned and won in dummy. Declarer needed to get back to hand to play trumps again and escape for one off. She had the choice between a small diamond or ruffing a club, when she chose the latter East was able to overruff for an extra undertrick. 11 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 36. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ AK1062	
	♥ K97	
	♦ —	
	♣ J10643	
♠ 8743	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ Q
♥ Q1054		♥ J32
♦ AQ732		♦ 10854
♣ —		♣ K8752
	♠ J95	
	♥ A86	
	♦ KJ96	
	♣ AQ9	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Esmail	Sorensen	Shah	Nestoridis
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
2NT	Inv+, ♠fit		
3♣	any min		

I think declarer was sure that this was a making contract and took her eye off the ball, saving energy for more difficult deals later in the match. She won the opening lead in dummy and took a losing trump finesse, another heart was won in hand and now declarer took one round of trumps and took the club finesse, the club queen was winning the trick but unfortunately for her West ruffed, played back a heart to partner's jack and got another club ruff to take down an impregnable contract. If I had shown you the deal and said declarer was going to lose three trump tricks you would have laughed at me. I can see declarer's reasoning for not drawing all the trumps in that she wanted to be able to come back to hand to repeat the finesse, but to make the contract the finesse was not necessary, just bang out the trumps and play ace and queen of clubs, you do not need the finesse to make the contract.





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West	North	East	South
Armstrong	Virjee	Stanton	Haria
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
2♦	game force		

The same lead, the same losing spade finesse and heat continuation. Here declarer drew trumps and played a club to the queen and when it held played ace and another, with East having discarded a club she could overtake and force out the master club. Had East not discarded a club then declarer ruffs a diamond and exits with a heart forcing East to give a club trick from the ♣Kx left in her hand. 12 IMPs to Kenya

Board 37. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ —	♠ 75	♠ KJ1093
♥ AQ52	♥ KJ103	♥ 9874
♦ A983	♦ Q10	♦ 7642
♣ Q9732	♣ K10864	♣ —
	♠ AQ8642	
	♥ 6	
	♦ KJ5	
	♣ AJ5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Esmail	Sorensen	Shah	Nestoridis
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

South's 2♠ is surely protective for with a strong hand she can double and rebid spades later, if methods allow for it. One could even make a case for North doubling 2♣, if it is taken as negative – good, we have four hearts; if it is taken as penalty – even better. The defence made the best start by leading a club which East ruffed. A diamond allowed West to take her ace and lead another club for West to ruff. Now a heart to East's ace and yet another club ruff. East exited with a diamond to dummy's queen. A trump was led from dummy and on East's jack she played the ace. Did she think East had doubled a freely bid game contract with ♠J10xx and perhaps

the queen of hearts. I think not. Now three off: -800, never looks good on a card.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Armstrong	Virjee	Stanton	Haria
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Double	1NT	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

The opening club lead was ruffed and a diamond came back allowing West to take the ace and give partner another club ruff. East continued with diamonds and so declarer won in hand with the queen. A trump to the queen meant declarer now had only a heart and a trump to lose so made her contract. 14 IMPs to Kenya.

Board 42. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 1076542	♠ A8	♠ K9
♥ 95	♥ AKJ108	♥ 742
♦ AKQ6	♦ —	♦ J8752
♣ 5	♣ J96432	♣ KQ8
	♠ QJ3	
	♥ Q63	
	♦ 10943	
	♣ A107	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Esmail	Sorensen	Shah	Nestoridis
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♠*	Pass	3♥
All Pass			
2♠	♥ & minor, min 5-5		

The problem with 2♠ is that partner's response of 3♥ could be zero or up to 10 or more points. I do not have a guaranteed answer as to how to reach the heart game but it seems that the Michaels bid is not the answer, with my partner we play it as always weak or very strong, if the hand is biddable in its own right then that is what we do, not infallible by any means but it can avoid situations like this hand. On the ace of diamonds lead declarer was quickly scoring up twelve tricks when East returned a spade when she won her club trick, It is always dismal to write 230 in the plus column.





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West	North	East	South
Armstrong	Virjee	Stanton	Haria
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Declarer was assisted when the king of spades was led. Declarer drew trumps and played the clubs by ace and another (65% of losing only one trick) and so made plus one. 9 IMPs to Kenya

Board 47. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K62		
♥ 954		
♦ A109643		
♣ 4		
♠ Q943		♠ AJ108
♥ Q76		♥ AK108
♦ QJ2		♦ K5
♣ J83		♣ K76
		♠ 75
		♥ J32
		♦ 87
		♣ AQ10952

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Esmail	Sorensen	Shah	Nestoridis
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	3♦	Double	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The defence took the first four tricks when North led her singleton club. South took the queen and ace and gave her partner a ruff and then the ace of diamonds was cashed for one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Armstrong	Virjee	Stanton	Haria
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
1♣	2+		
1♥	♠		
2NT	long ♣ 14-17 or 4♠ 17-18		
3♣	pass or correct		
3♠	17-18 option		

A well alerted and explained auction, if only all the players were that good. The ♦8 was led to North's ace and a diamond was returned, North hoping it was a singleton that had been led. Now declarer could avoid the killer club ruff. She crossed to dummy with a heart and drew trumps with the aid of a successful finesse. Now there were ten tricks available. 10 IMPs to South Africa.

Thanks to some brave bidding the Kenyans had beaten the South Africa team 53-36 or 14.39-5.61 VPs to complete a good day for them.





Tunisia vs. Morocco - Open

At the end of day one Morocco were ahead of Tunisia in third place but the second day's results had favoured Tunisia. They came together and the winners would probably move into third place.

Board 33. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>T Sbili</i>	<i>A Ghodhbane</i>	<i>S Sbili</i>	<i>Fourati</i>
–	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT

All Pass

When West started with three rounds of hearts, declarer could easily gather nine tricks when the ♣10 fell. The contract can be beaten on different leads, strangely, well strangely to my eyes, a diamond lead beats it, basically it gives nothing away and declarer never has enough time or communications to establish that ninth trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Meddeb</i>	<i>Badri</i>	<i>A Meddeb</i>	<i>Ammor</i>
–	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♣ game forcing

Did North bid 4♠ because he thought it was a better contract or was he just embarrassed at having to put his hand down as dummy. It certainly was not the right option as on perfect defence 3NT can go down by one trick but 4♠ has three trump losers and three other top tricks, so three down, 11 IMPs to Tunisia

Board 35. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>T Sbili</i>	<i>A Ghodhbane</i>	<i>S Sbili</i>	<i>Fourati</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♥	2♣	2♥
Double	Pass	3♦	3♥
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♠

All Pass

Who was the most surprised at the 4♠ bid, might even have been declarer. On a diamond lead declarer ruffed, drew trumps in two rounds and eliminated diamonds. Now the jack of hearts was allowed to run and won the trick, a heart towards the king put West in a bind and whatever he played the hearts could be established for two club discards whilst there was still an entry to dummy with the ♠10.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Meddeb</i>	<i>Badri</i>	<i>A Meddeb</i>	<i>Ammor</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♥	3♦	4♥
5♦	All Pass		

South led partner's suit with the ♥2, North's decision to insert the ♥9 was not a good one. Did he really believe his partner would not lead the jack from J10 in hearts, declarer is never going to make three tricks in the suit if you play the king but if you do not he may make two tricks without losing one. Now of course declarer was home, he just drew trumps and conceded a club and a spade. 14 IMPs to Tunisia.





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Board 37. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ —	♠ 75	♠ KJ1093
♥ AQ52	♥ KJ103	♥ 9874
♦ A983	♦ Q10	♦ 7642
♣ Q9732	♣ K10864	♣ —
	♠ AQ8642	
	♥ 6	
	♦ KJ5	
	♣ AJ5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>T Sbili</i>	<i>A Ghodhbane</i>	<i>S Sbili</i>	<i>Fourati</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Double	1NT	2♥	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West took the ♥9 lead with the ace and returned the suit, declarer winning with the jack. A small club to the ace exposed the club position and East covered the continuation of the jack with his queen and North took the king. The queen of diamonds held the trick but West took the second round and exited in the suit. Another club from dummy finessed against the ♣9 and declarer had nine top tricks and took no further risks and spurned the spade finesse.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Meddeb</i>	<i>Badri</i>	<i>A Meddeb</i>	<i>Ammor</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Double	1NT*	2♥	2♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	Double

All Pass

1NT may have ♠ supp

Was there someone in the room with a gun forcing East to bid? He certainly found the jackpot when partner could not have had better cards for him. The defence lost its way at one point and although the contract might have failed by two tricks it only failed by one. 11 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 45. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q	♠ AJ109	♠ K532
♥ AKQ973	♥ —	♥ J854
♦ 74	♦ AKJ9	♦ 10652
♣ AQ32	♣ J10976	♣ 5
	♠ 8764	
	♥ 1062	
	♦ Q83	
	♣ K84	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>T Sbili</i>	<i>A Ghodhbane</i>	<i>S Sbili</i>	<i>Fourati</i>
—	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♥	4♥*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4♥ splinter

I could hear South's heart sinking from here and whilst his dummy had some positives, there was going to be a lot of work done to bring home this contract. Declarer ruffed the opening heart lead and took a losing finesse in clubs. West continued with his hearts and again declarer ruffed. On the lead of a small club from dummy East ruffed in and persisted with hearts and yet again declarer ruffed in dummy. A diamond to the queen followed by the ace of trumps saw declarer in the wonderful position of being able to cash three rounds of diamonds discarding his losing club and so only has a trump to lose to bring home the unlikely contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Meddeb</i>	<i>Badri</i>	<i>A Meddeb</i>	<i>Ammor</i>
—	1♣	Pass	1♠
Double	4♥*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

On the lead of a heart declarer ruffed in dummy and attempted to take three rounds of diamonds but West ruffed in with his singleton trumps and exited with a heart, ruffed in dummy. On the lead of a club from dummy West took the queen and ace and gave partner a ruff and there was still the king of trumps to come. Two down and 13 IMPs to Tunisia.

Tunisia ran out winners against Morocco 62-14 or 18.97-1.03 VPs.





Kenya vs. Morocco - Women

For the first match of day three I was going to report on the top of the table clash in the Women Championship but there were no double digit swings and the match finished twelve all in IMPs, so I jumped over the barrier and watched the fight at the other end of the table where they battling for third and fourth place.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 9
♥ J1065
♦ K53
♣ 108752

♠ KJ10642
♥ 872
♦ QJ
♣ 94

♠ Q
♥ AKQ
♦ 109872
♣ AJ63

♠ A8753
♥ 943
♦ A64
♣ KQ

W N E S

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Marrakchi</i>	<i>Virjee</i>	<i>Ohana</i>	<i>Haria</i>
–	–	1♦	1♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

We have all made worse overcalls than that by East but it ended in an infraction against Burn's Law. Declarer had two diamond tricks and could set up a club and her spades were just good enough that the ♠87 would eventually come to a trick, so just two off, the big question is whether the opposition have missed a vulnerable game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shah</i>	<i>Nabil</i>	<i>Esmail</i>	<i>Salwa</i>
–	–	1♦	1♠
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♠9 to partner's ace and a diamond was returned for North's king and there was a heart switch. Dummy won and played a diamond, the spotlight now fell on South as his choice of card would decide the fate of the hand. He needed to

play the ace to cut declarer off from hand and those three spade winners, but unhappily for South she played small and now declarer could cash those lovely spades and eventually claim her contract. 7 IMPs to Kenya.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ KQJ109
 ♥ A73
 ♦ QJ97
 ♣ 10

♠ 654
 ♥ J102
 ♦ 653
 ♣ K963

♠ 32
 ♥ Q9854
 ♦ K
 ♣ J8752

♠ A87
 ♥ K6
 ♦ A10842
 ♣ AQ4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Marrakchi</i>	<i>Virjee</i>	<i>Ohana</i>	<i>Haria</i>
–	–	–	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
3♦	forcing		

With the aid of the diamond finesse declarer managed to lose no tricks. If 3♦ is forcing to game then surely 3♠ by East should be a case of 'Fast Arrival' and signify a maximum hand and then North could cue-bid and maybe the slam might be reached.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shah</i>	<i>Nabil</i>	<i>Esmail</i>	<i>Salwa</i>
–	–	–	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
All Pass			
3♦	Natural		

South reassessed her hand after 3♦ and although





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she did not yet know it she was going to play in diamonds. The Blackwood response was for spades so South knew that her partner held the ♠KQ and the ♥A plus four diamonds and so bid the excellent slam and was rewarded with an overtrick when the king of diamonds appeared at the first opportunity. 12 IMPs to Morocco

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ QJ843		
♥ 95		
♦ A752		
♣ 32		
♠ K2		♠ 96
♥ AQ843		♥ 10762
♦ J109		♦ 843
♣ QJ7		♣ K865
	♠ A1075	
	♥ KJ	
	♦ KQ6	
	♣ A1094	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marrakchi	Virjee	Ohana	Haria
–	–	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

South could not hold a much better hand for a super acceptance and so North pushed on to game. West led her jack of diamonds and declarer took it in dummy and took a losing trump finesse. West exited with a trump and declarer cashed the top diamonds. To fulfil her contract all declarer needed to do was to cross to dummy with a trump and discard a heart on the thirteenth diamond and in time ruff a heart in hand for the tenth trick but our declarer likes to live dangerously she. She decided to play ace and another club. The question now is whether East is astute enough to overtake her partner's jack and shoot a heart through. The answer was no and so declarer escaped and made her contract. Had East done a little arithmetic she would have realised that she had accounted for thirteen of declarer's assumed seventeen points and if the remainder was the ace of hearts declarer was home free so a heart from her would break the contract if it was possible.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shah	Nabil	Esmail	Salwa
–	–	Pass	1NT
2♥	2♠	All Pass	

After West's intervention it was North who was playing the contract so it was fortunate they stayed out of game. Of course after the heart lead declarer was held to nine tricks. 10 IMPs to Kenya.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 108		
♥ 874		
♦ AKJ63		
♣ 643		
♠ QJ7653		♠ A4
♥ KQ		♥ 10932
♦ 92		♦ Q8754
♣ 982		♣ 75
	♠ K92	
	♥ AJ65	
	♦ 10	
	♣ AKQJ10	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marrakchi	Virjee	Ohana	Haria
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When West, unsurprisingly, led a spade that left declarer with nine top tricks which she took at the earliest opportunity.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shah	Nabil	Esmail	Salwa
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

West's weak jump overcall put the cat amongst the pigeons and now the chance of finding the optimum game contract of 3NT by South was lost. Whilst in theory one can make eleven tricks in clubs by playing ace and another heart and doing some delicate timing to get a ruff in dummy, declarer was not that bothered and was happy to take ten tricks but 10 IMPs to Kenya.

At the finish Kenya has beaten Morocco by 44-7 or 16.26-3.74 VPs and now had moved up to fourth place.





Tunisia vs. South Africa - Open

This session marked the halfway point in the Round Robins. In the Open Championship South Africa had a good lead after two days and won their first match with a whitewash. Tunisia lying in third were hoping to eat into that lead.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 104	♠ QJ93	♠ AK765
♥ KQJ8762	♥ 1093	♥ A
♦ AK3	♦ 875	♦ 64
♣ A	♣ Q109	♣ K6532
	♠ 82	
	♥ 54	
	♦ QJ1092	
	♣ J874	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fick</i>	<i>O Meddeb</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>A Meddeb</i>
–	–	–	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass
2♥	strong, Acol 2		

I think East was a tad conservative in bidding only six, partner started with an Acol two in hearts and then jumped in the suit, if your ace is not enough to make the suit solid then change partners. If you will not bid seven yourself at least make some encouraging noise to give partner a chance. Declarer claimed thirteen tricks at the off. A careless mistake.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mestin</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Bellazreg</i>	<i>A Apteker</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♦*	Pass	7♥	All Pass
5♦	0 or 3 keycards		
5NT	kings?		
6♦	♦K		

East had the confidence that partner's heart suit opposite the ace would not spring a leak and he was right. Thirteen tricks were soon neatly stacked in front of declarer and 13 IMPs for Tunisia.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 9842	♠ 63	♠ AKJ
♥ 9642	♥ QJ5	♥ K108
♦ 1072	♦ KQ	♦ AJ863
♣ 54	♣ KJ10762	♣ A9
	♠ Q1075	
	♥ A73	
	♦ 954	
	♣ Q83	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fick</i>	<i>O Meddeb</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>A Meddeb</i>
–	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		
3♠	Relay to 3NT		
4♣	slam try ♣		
4NT	no ♣ fit		

When South decided to lead a spade it solved all declarer's problems. He won the lead cheaply and cashed the king and queen of diamonds and when everyone followed all he had to do to generate twelve tricks was to knock out the ace of hearts, no need to bring the club suit home.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mestin</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Bellazreg</i>	<i>A Apteker</i>
–	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

South led a passive diamond, declarer cashed both of dummy's honours and came to hand with a spade to cash three more hearts, South discarding one of each major. Declarer now tackled the heart suit and South immediately rose with the ace and exited





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with a heart. Declarer took two heart tricks and on the last South parted with the ♠10 in tempo. Declarer now took what he thought was the best chance and cashed the ace and king of clubs and when that failed to drop the queen he took the spade finesse and was two down. 14 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A1063	♠ 92	♠ K4
♥ AQJ10	♥ K876542	♥ 3
♦ A85	♦ 1074	♦ KQJ92
♣ 92	♣ 7	♣ AQJ84
	♠ QJ875	
	♥ 9	
	♦ 63	
	♣ K10653	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fick</i>	<i>O Meddeb</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>A Meddeb</i>
–	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♦*	All Pass		
2♠	Gf FSF		
5♦	0 or 3 keycards		
5NT	kings?		
6♦	none		

South led the singleton ♥9 to dummy's ace and declarer took an immediate club finesse which lost to South's king and a club came back for North to ruff. So now declarer was immediately one down, a trifle unlucky perhaps.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mestin</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Bellazreg</i>	<i>A Apteker</i>
–	3♥	4♥*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
4♥	minors		

The pre-empt told declarer a lot about the distribution and on the lead of the ♣7 declarer went up with the ace. Three rounds of trumps were drawn

finishing in dummy and the ace of hearts was cashed. Successful ruffing finesse against the king of hearts meant declarer only needed to set up a club trick from the ♣QJ for the contract. 16 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 94	♠ 87
♥ A96	♥ J1074
♦ Q84	♦ J1053
♣ Q10754	♣ K93
♠ QJ63	♠ AK1052
♥ K52	♥ Q83
♦ K97	♦ A62
♣ J86	♣ A2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fick</i>	<i>O Meddeb</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>A Meddeb</i>
–	–	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The contract can never be legitimately beaten but the lead of the ♥4 eased declarer's task when he won the trick in hand with the ♥9. The ♠9 ran round to West's queen and a club came back to the ♥10, king and ace. Declarer continued with the clubs and took West's jack with the queen. The ace and king of spades were cashed another played to West who got off lead with a club but that just set up two club tricks in declarer's and so he had the rest of the tricks for plus one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mestin</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Bellazreg</i>	<i>A Apteker</i>
–	–	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Same bidding same lead but declarer played the queen of hearts and when West played the king declarer was going to go down. Declarer ducked but the defence pressed on with the heart attack, declarer taking the third round. Now he was going down as he had losers in every suit and declarer could not set up enough tricks. In the end he went down two. 13 IMPs to Tunisia. The question is whether the queen of hearts is the correct card at





trick one, obviously on this deal it was not the right decision but that does not mean it was an incorrect decision. My take is this and I am quite prepared be told I am wrong but I am looking at this heart situation in isolation (playing the queen on this hand maybe correct because it can gain a tempo). East can have 0,1,2 or 3 of the missing honours, if zero or three then it does not matter what card you play except when it is zero and you play small West will not be able to attack the suit from his side. If East has one honour and it is the king then playing small will lose you a tempo, if it is the ♥10 or the jack then you must play small. If East has two honours then if neither of them are the king then you must play small, if one is the king then playing small still gives you a double stop. I think succinctly the way of playing this combination in isolation, and I stress, in isolation, is to play small in dummy and if the suit is attacked again from East finesse against the other minor honour. This only loses to king to four in East's hand.

The final score was 65-24 in favour of Tunisia or 18.21-1.79 VPs. South Africa proved to the rest that they are not infallible, will the other teams take heart from this.

Quite Interesting

During a quiet moment of play I was wondering why we talk of 'Round Robins' so Mr Google came to my rescue and I share it with you:

The term "round robin" is derived from the French "ruban rond," which translates to "round ribbon". This refers to the practice of attaching ribbons to petitions in a circular fashion, with signatures arranged on the ribbons to hide the order of signing and prevent identifying a main instigator.

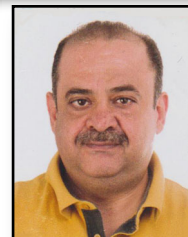
Over time, the term became idiomized to robin. In a single round-robin schedule, each participant plays every other participant once. If each participant plays all others twice, this is frequently called a double round-robin.





Championship Information

Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:



The Followings are some important information from your Head TD which need to be carefully read by each member, captain or coach of any team, please refer to the Conditions of Contest for full details.

1. Play Format: Open, Women, Seniors & Mixed teams

1. Three Complete RR (15 Matches X 16 Boards each; in 5 days)
2. The top four teams will qualify to the Semi-final stage, the first ranked team will choose its opponents from between teams ranked 3rd or 4th.
3. Semi-Final will be five Segments of 16 Boards each, No Carry Over (Check the CoC for tie-breaks).
4. For the Semi-final, Final and play-off sessions, It has been decided that:
5. - The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in segments 3 & 5 in the Semi-final.
6. - The team ranked lower after the RR stage will be the Home team in segments 2 & 4 in the Semi-Final.
7. - The 1st Segment will be blind line up.
8. - The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in segment 3 in the Final or Play-off.
9. - The team ranked lower will be the Home team in Segment 2 while segment 1 will be blind.
10. The Final will be three Segments of 14 Boards each, No Carry Over (Check the CoC for tie-breaks).
11. The first 2 RR will be home and away line-ups.
12. The last Round Robin shall be done according to the final ranking of the teams in the previous played 2 rounds and will be a blind line-up.

2. Teams Events ... Last RR

The last Round Robin for all categories shall be done according to the final ranking of the teams in the previous played rounds.

3. Please click the link below for instructions

[Alert Procedures - Undo Procedures - General Instructions](#)

Note that : « Systems Policy Change: Please note that as of January 1st 2025 the use of a written defence against the Multi 2 Diamonds (or 2 Clubs) is no longer permitted in WBF events

5. Play instructions and Schedule of play ...

A. When you log on to the RealBridge game (using the game link), you will find your team





name written in one of the Tables.

B. All team members are required to sit at their table (all together) in Pairs NS and EW, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the EW pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.

C. In the schedule of play you will find Home team (the team mentioned first) and Visiting team (the team mentioned second)

D. The visiting team has to sit first at their table (Pairs NS and EW) and the Home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

6. Request a review

1. First step is to review the TD ruling with the Head TD

2. Second step is apply for an official review by submitting a review form through the TD in charge of your case.

3. A request for a review of a Tournament Director's ruling must be lodged within 30 minutes of the first posting of the official score for the Session in which the board was played that is the subject of the ruling. All such requests must be lodged by the team's Captain or his designee, or by one member of the pair in the Pairs events.

4. When lodging a Request for Review the appellant must make a monetary deposit with the ABF monitor. The amount of deposit required will be US \$ 100 (or the equivalent in Euro)

5. The case will be reviewed by a person who was not involved in the original decision. The Reviewer will check that the TD has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied and that other TDs were consulted where appropriate. In matters involving the judgement that was exercised by a player following unauthorized information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgmental view to be obtained. Finally, the Reviewer will check that the ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the TDs was within the bounds of reasonableness. The fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Head TD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

7. Time delay and hesitation

- It is very important to know that the TDs have the tools to produce a board report which includes the time for each bid / play by each player, so please be bare that in mind when calling the TD for a possible hesitation or before denying it.

- It is also very important to know that the TDs also have the tools to produce a session time report which includes the exact time taken by each player in a session, in case of time delay, the penalty will be given according to this report.

8. Home & Visiting teams

- When you log in to the RealBridge game (using the game link), you will find your team name written on one of the Tables.
- All team members are required to sit at their table (all together) in Pairs NS and EW, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the EW pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.





- In the schedule of play you will find Home team (the team mentioned first) and Visiting team (the team mentioned second)
- NO LINE-UP will be needed from the teams, the visiting team has to sit first at their table (in Pairs NS and EW), minimum 10 min before the official start time, and the Home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

9. Headphones / Earphones

In order to minimize the noise in the venue as much as possible...

- It is mandatory for each player to have his own headphone / earphone which is connected to his device during play
- Use the table chat / private chat as much as possible and don't use vocal chat.
- Any vocal explanation will not be taken into the TD consideration in any case.
- You need to be very careful when using the table chat as you might give an unauthorized information to your partner which could results in adjusted score by the TD.

10. Kibitzers

- Kibitzers are not allowed by any means at 1) the playing venue, 2) RealBridge online playing room.
- All players are required to immediately leave the playing area when they finish their session, players are also kindly asked to keep their seats and not roam around the playing area.
- All the matches will be broadcasted via RealBridge kibitzer website...

<https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>

- At the RealBridge kibitzer website, you can find the live broadcasted matches and also all the other matches scheduled for broadcast.
- For security reasons, all broadcasted matches will be delayed by 30-45 min.

11. Smoking, Eating and Alcohol, Mobile and electronic devices

We must act as if we were playing these championships "live", therefore, the following is strictly forbidden during play:

- Mobile phones and any other electronic devices, Mobile phones will be collected and there will be a regular check each session by the monitor.
- Eating (even if only biscuits)
- Drinking Alcohol
- Smoking
- Going to the WC without permission
- Talking loudly during or at the end of any board if the player is unhappy about his/her partner's bid, hand play or defense.





Roster - Open Teams

Egypt

Captain

Yehia El Shazly

Walid El Ahmady

Reda Amiry

Ahmed Samir

Aly El Selehdar

Ahmed Omran

Ahmed Yousry

Kenya

Captain

Sejal Shah

Sejal Shah

Kamal Shah

Punam Shah

Bijal Shah

Bhanumati Shah

Warren Stanley

Morocco

Captain

Khalil Bensouda

Khalil Bensouda

Andre O'Hana

Said Badri

Mohammed A Ammor

Tariq Sbili

Said Sbili

Reunion

Captain

Christian Giraud

Christian Giraud

Philippe Lagache

Narguis Huseinali

Patrick Hamel

Marie-Thérèse Boyer

Patrick Schilli

South Africa

Captain

Robert Stephens

Robert Stephens

Hennie Fick

Alon Apteker

Craig Gower

Noah Apteker

Neville Eber

Tunisia

Captain

Wissem Belazreg

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Anas Mestiri

Omar Meddeb

Ahmed Medeb

Anis Ghodhbane

Moez Fourati

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Roster - Women Teams

Egypt

Captain

Ayman Azzam (NPC)

Hoda Soliman

Dina El Awady

Nadia Taymour

Nessreine Hamdy

Nada Moussa

Christina Kiami

Kenya

Captain

Samina Ismail

Samina Ismail

Sumitra Shah

Samira Soni

Rupal shah

Vina Verjee

Trupti Haria

Morocco

Captain

Fatim Lahlou

Fatim Lahlou

Samira Teber

Graziella Nabil

Salwa Ayad

Khadija Marrakchi

Marie Claire O'Hana

South Africa

Captain

Tas Nestoridis

Roz Bernstein

Sharon Lang

Vanessa Armstrong

Carol Stanton

Lotte Sorensen

Tas Nestoridis

Tunisia

Captain

Hedia Sellami

Hedia Sellami

Ferdous Trabelsi

Jalila Ghodhbane

Maissa Farhani

Halima Mejri

Najeh Linda





RealBridge Playing Instructions

First : Log in , Lobby, at the table and Settings

1. To join any RealBridge game you will need a **LINK**

2. All the play links will be available on ABF website

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwop/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display_page24

AND you might also receive it by mail.

3. Click the link and you will be redirected to the log on page of our game which looks like the next figure ...

Notice that your video should appear in the right bottom corner of the page and mic volume showing that it works.

4. If you can't see your video then you need to allow your browser to use your cam and mic, do as follows to allow it

5. From Goggle Chrome and just before the address bar, press the lock icon

6. Allow cam and allow mic.

7. Write your name in the required field and press login – nothing else is to be done- **NO ID number will be used, (leave it blank)**

8. When you logged in you will see the lobby which almost looks like the following figure (**but this figure includes extra buttons for TDs**)

Notice the lobby chat window to the right.

Keep an eye to the Lobby chat

- For important announcements





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9. Each table labeled with a team name, find your table and chose where to sit (Sit N, Sit S, Sit E or Sit W)
10. Get familiar with the buttons at your table and call the TD using the button for help.

Volume control for your partner.

Volume control for left-hand opponent. You have a separate volume control for each player. This only affects what you hear.

Private chat with left-hand opponent. You can chat privately only with the opponents, not partner

Table 1
Rd 1 / 3

WEST
6m

Stephen Peterkin

Disabling/enabling your video.

Disabling/enabling your microphone. Use this when you're on the phone!

Hide / unhide the other players' videos. Use this if you have a poor connection.

Redial. Restarts audio and video connections. Use it if the connection fails, or if your video or audio gets out of sync.

Volume control for right-hand opponent.

Private chat with right-hand opponent.

Alert

Last trick Undo
Auction Director
Claim Leave

Andy Bowles

Settings

"Detailed cards" shows pictures of cards; "Simplified cards" are schematic and have larger symbols

The orientation of dummy's cards when you are defending.

The orientation of dummy's cards when you are declaring.

Choose the way you make bids and plays. With "Two taps", the first tap selects the card, then the second tap confirms. "Double click" means that you make two fast clicks.

Display style

- ☒ Detailed cards
- ☐ Simplified cards

Deal animation

Slide

As defender, see dummy

- ☐ Facing declarer
- ☒ Facing me

Animation duration

As declarer, see dummy as

- ☐ Vertical suits (facing declarer)
- ☒ Horizontal hand

Input style

- ☒ One click or tap
- ☐ Two taps (tablet)
- ☐ Double click (mouse)

OK Cancel

This controls how a new hand arrives at the beginning of each deal. Choose an effect, or set to "None" to have the hand simply appear.

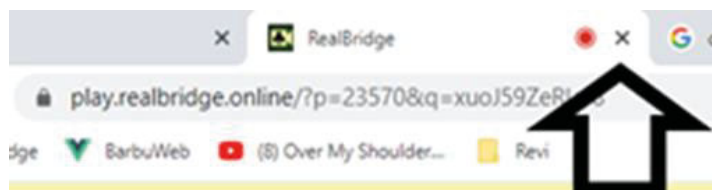
If you have an animation enabled, use the slider to control how long the animation lasts.





11. After we play all boards



Leave RealBridge, close the tab. See the small X? just click it.



12. Can Use and Can't use

Can Use	Can't use
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows laptop Windows desktop MacBook or another Apple laptop iMac or another Apple desktop Chromebook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smartphone Old iPads, older than 2018.

You must use one of these web browsers (you probably are using one of them!):

Can Use ü	Can't use û
<p>Edge, Chrome, Firefox, Safari. The logo must look like one of these – exactly as below. If it looks different, you are using an out-of-date version. <i><u>If you are choosing amongst your browsers, we advise that you chose something other than Firefox.</u></i></p>	<p>Internet Explorer (notice the gold band) The old EDGE (see shape of the e)</p>
	

Second : Bidding, Play, Alert and System

13. **At the start** of any session, All the team members are required to be seated at the same table (Table with the **team name label**), the system will automatically move the EW pairs to the opponents table when we start the session **and will send them back to their home table when both tables finish playing the boards.**

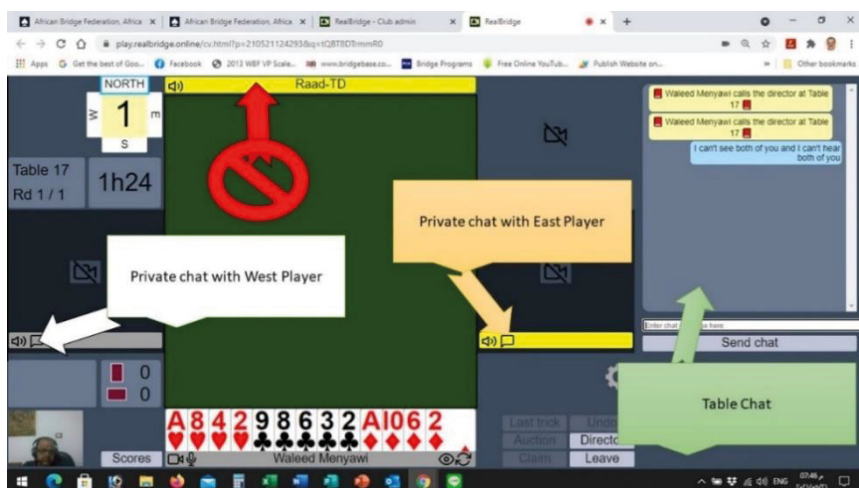
14. **Private chat and Table chat**

- It is strongly recommended to use the chat rather than the vocal chat; the TDs will not take into consideration any vocal explanation if you have any case.
- I will show you now, 2 figures and will appoint to you where to find the table chat (where the 4 players can see your chat) and where to find the private chat where you can chat privately with one of your opponents (not your partner of-course 😊).





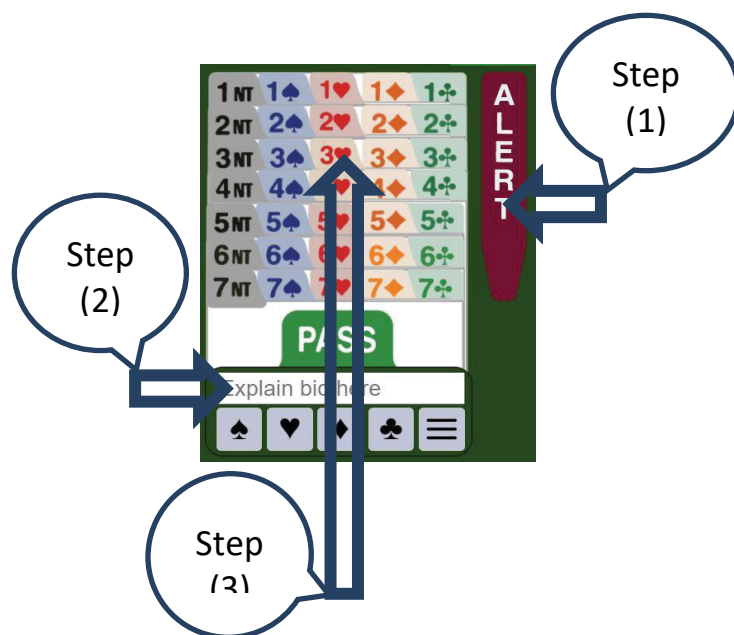
When you are at Full Screen mode



When you are at normal view (NOT Full Screen mode

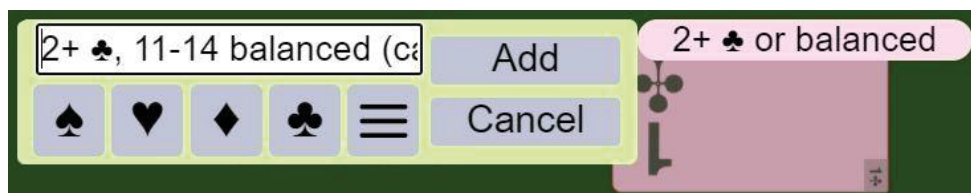
15. Self-alert and self-explanation proper procedure:

1. Click alert (if required)
2. Write / Put in explanation
3. Make bid

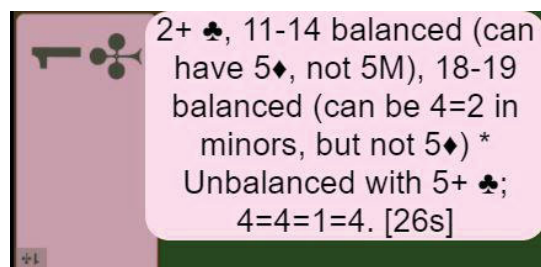




If you make a **mistake** or need to **explain your bid further** after you have bid, you can click on the bid and add more text.

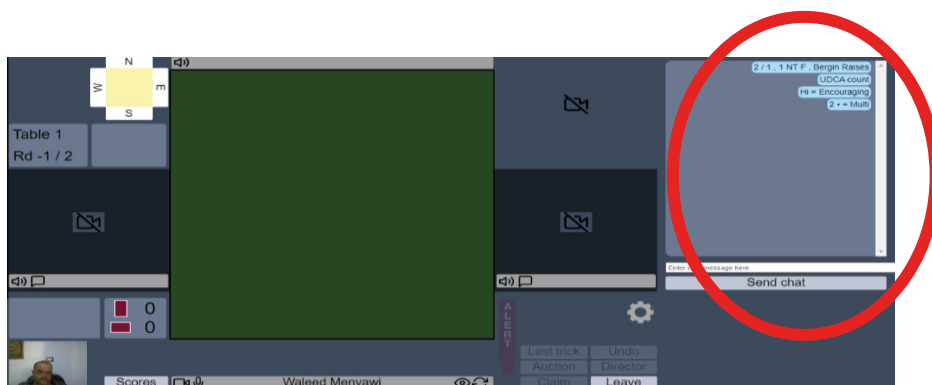


The added text will appear after an asterisk *. The time in seconds between when the bid was **made** and the added explanation was **submitted** is presented after the added text in the square brackets, for this example, 26 seconds. The character limit on explanations is 200 characters.



16. System

All teams are required to write a brief about their system at the table chat box before the start of first board in each match.





How to load your system card (convention card)

Step 1

Copy the link to your system card/convention card from where it is on the web, like this:

Team	Link to card	Added/Updated	Copy link
CALEDONIA	CC Sam Purich & Jen Middleton.pdf	18 Apr 2025 21:24	Copy link
CALEDONIA	McQuaker-McGowan WBF 2025.pdf	8 Apr 2025 21:13	Copy link
CALEDONIA	adamson mlina wbf Feb 2025.pdf	5 Apr 2025 17:08	Copy link
CASTELLS	Hoja de convenciones Maria Manóvilis- Laura Castells 20240130.pdf	16 Apr 2025 11:07	Copy link

- Find your card.
- Click the **Copy Link** button next to the system card name.

Step 2

When sitting at the table, click the System Card/Convention Card icon to the right of your grey name-band at the bottom of the window.

This box appears:



Step 3 Paste your system card/convention card link into the box. To paste the link:

- On Windows, right-click in the box. Then do **Paste**.
- On a Mac, hold down **Ctrl** and click in the box. Then do **Paste**.
- On an iPad, long-press in the box. Then do **Paste**.

Click OK.

