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The Race To Herning

After five days of three complete Round Robins we have the semi-finalists who will fight for the right to represent **ABF** at the World Bridge Team Championships in Herning later this year.

Firstly congratulations to South Africa for leading both competitions.

There was excitement in the Open Championship when at one point it seemed that Tunisia might overtake South Africa but they fell back and lost the match. Then with one board to go the Egyptian team was 0.17 VPs behind Tunisia but they gained on the last board to move up to second place.

The Open semi-finalists are South Africa vs. Kenya and Egypt vs. Tunisia.

The Women semi-finalists are **South Africa** vs. **Kenya** and **Egypt** vs. **Tunisia**.

Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
South Africa	217.68	1
Egypt	198.51	2
Tunisia	196.86	3
Kenya	113.46	4
Morocco	93.82	5
Reunion	77.42	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
South Africa	203.10	1
Egypt	167.54	2
Tunisia	162.29	3
Kenya	134.41	4
Morocco	112.66	5

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Revised Schedule For Semi-finals & Finals

Seg	gments	Segment (1)		Segment (2)	Segment (3)
Time		09h00 - 11h15		12h30 - 14h45	15h30 - 17h45
Friday	9-May-25	Open SF (01) Women SF (01)		Open SF (02) Women SF (02)	Open SF (03) Women SF (03)
Segments		Segment (4)	Segment (5)	Segment (1)	Segment (2)
Time		09h00 - 11h15	12h10 - 14h25	15h10 - 17h25	18h00 - 20h15
Saturday	10 May 25	Open SF (04)	Open SF (05)	Open Fin (01)	Open Fin (01)
Saturday	10-May-25	Women SF (04)	Women SF (05)	Women Fin (01)	Women Fin (01)

In both championships

Both RSA and EGY will be the home teams in segments 2,3 & 5

Both KEN & TUN teams will be the home teams in segments 1 & 4

Results

Open Championship

Session 1	VPs
South Africa - Kenya	13.04-6.96
Morocco - Egypt	0.39-19.61
Reunion - Tunisia	0-20
Session 2	
Egypt - South Africa	12.80-7.20
Kenya - Tunisiao	11.76-8.24
Morocco - Reunion	17.31-2.69
Session 3	
South Africa - Tunisia	13.75-6.25
Egypt - Reunion	16.42-3.58
Kenya - Morocco	15.38-4.62

Women Championship

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VPs
13.04-6.96
1.13-18.87
0-12
11.48-8.52
9.69-10.31
12-0
15.92-4.08
12-0
12.29-7.71

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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

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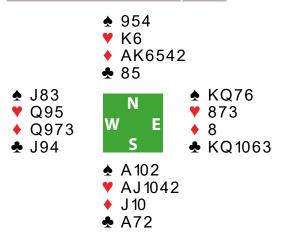




Tunisia vs. Egypt - Open

he standout matches for the last session of day four for both events was Tunisia against Egypt. Both these teams were lying second and third. Winners would be occupying second place with a small chance of attacking the leaders on the final day. We start with the Open match.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yousry	A Ghodhbane	Omran	Fourati
_	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pas	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass	5		

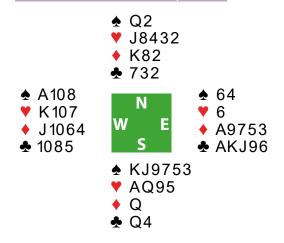
Declarer took the third round of clubs and held his breath and took the diamond finesse, even though the suit was not good for six tricks it was West who had the stopper and so there was no danger from the club suit and nine tricks were safely taken. West covered the second diamond, had he covered the first would declarer have ducked? I hope somewhere declarer was put to the test and passed with flying colours (I checked all the deals and declarer was not tested). The defence could have prevailed by switching to a spade at trick three, and declarer could have ensured the contract by winning the first trick with the ace of clubs and finessing against the queen of hearts in the West hand. If you do that you can expect a knock on the door from the thought police.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
A Meddeb	Ahmady	O Meddeb	Amiry
_	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT*	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♦	All Pass	
1NT	forcing		

The 1NT has a wide range and when East intervened South, with a minimum had nothing to say so South when North ventured Two Diamonds South was loathe to continue. What would a double from North had meant? One for the partnership to discuss. Declarer took the opening King of clubs with the ace and played the jack of diamonds, covered by the queen. Now, with the aid of the 3-3 heart break, declarer can easily take eleven tricks. He crosses to the ◆10, comes to hand with the king od hearts and cashes the top trump. Now ace and another heart ruffed, declarer just gives up the losing trump and the defence can take a club trick but that is the last one for the defence. 10 IMPs to Tinisia.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yousry	A Ghodhbane	Omran	Fourati
_	_	1♦	1♠
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3Y	Pass	4♦	All Pass

As unattractive hand from which to lead South is right up there. A spade was chosen and dummy's ace took the trick. Ace and another diamond saw North take the trick with the king. The queen of

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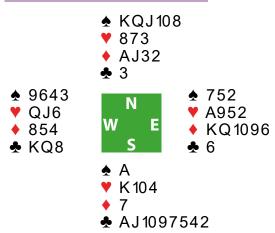






spades was cashed and a club led. Declarer won with the ace and drew the last trump, played a heart towards dummy, South rising with the ace and playing another spade. Declarer ruffed in hand and staked all on crossing to dummy with the last trumps, cashing the king of hearts and then finessing into South's hand in clubs, but his hand was high so three down.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yousry	A Ghodhbane	Omran	Fourati
_	-	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Double	2♣
Pass	2◆*	Double	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

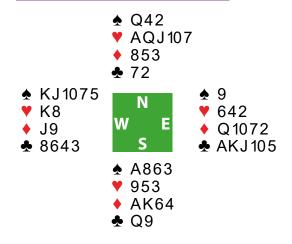
East led the king of diamonds which declarer ducked. East wisely switched and chose a heart, ducked to West who continued the attack in diamonds. Declarer rose with the ace and made the fine discard of the ace of spades and now with the ace of hearts on side declarer escaped for one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
A Meddeb	Ahmady	O Meddeb	Amiry
_	_	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♥	2♦	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
1♣	2+♣		

Declarer immediately took the king of diamonds with his ace and bet the house on clubs behaving and the defence unable to run the diamonds, unfortunately he was wrong on both counts. After ace and another club, West took the queen and fired back the \$\infty\$8 ensuring another four diamond tricks. In the debacle that followed the contract finished 4 light. 7 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yousry	A Ghodhbane	Omran	Fourati
_	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	2♥	Double	All Pass

I do not think East meant his double to be primarily penalties and with the West hand I would not have stood the double after bidding on that meagre collection and being opposite a passed hand. On the king of clubs lead and a switch to a spade declarer rose with the ace and drew trumps with the aid of the finesse. Crossing to dummy with a diamond allowed a spade to be led towards the queen for the vulnerable overtrick and 870 in the plus column.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
A Meddeb	Ahmady	O Meddeb	Amiry
_	Pass	Pass	1◆*
Pass	1♥	2♣	Double*
2♠	3♥	All Pass	
1♦	4+		
Double	support		

Declarer had the same nine tricks but not the good fortune to be doubled. 12 IMPs to Tunisia.

Tunisia had had the much better of the match and finished winners against Egypt 50-10 or 18.09-1.01 in VPs. This put Tunisia second in the standings and bragging rights if they were to meet in semi-finals.

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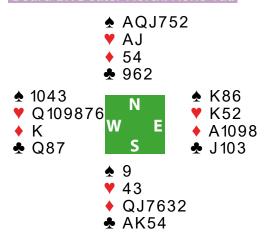




Tunisia vs. Egypt - Women

he second important match at the end of the third day in the Women Championship saw Tunisia and Egypt battle it out for the second place.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hamdy	Trabelsi	Arabi	Hedia
_	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

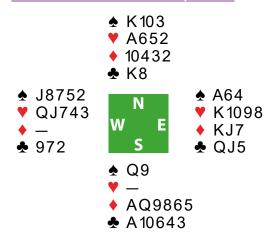
East found the best opening lead of the jack of clubs taken in dummy and a losing trump finesse followed. Another club was taken, won in dummy. Declarer came to hand with the ace of hearts and drew trumps before playing a small diamond. East rose with the ace felling partner's king. Some simple arithmetic would have generated the answer that West and North between have two more diamonds, if it is North then it is probably a good idea to duck as that will not allow declarer access to the winning diamonds, if it is West it is probably a good idea not to fell it under your ace. All was not lost as the defence still had a club and a heart to cash. But East came to declarer's rescue by playing two rounds of hearts thus a no hope contract was made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Soliman	J Ghodhbane	ElAwady
_	1♠	Pass	1NT*
2♥	2♠	3♥	Double*
All Pass			
1NT Double	forcing negative		

North led the ◆5 to declarer's ace. A small trump from hand enabled North to rise with the ace and lead a top spade to be covered with the king and ruffed by South. The defence still had the ace and king of clubs to come – there was no entry to North's hand to cash a winning spade, so the contract was one off. 8 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hamdy	Trabelsi	Arabi	Hedia
_	_	_	4NT*
Pass	5♦	Double	Pass
5♥	Double	All Pass	
4NT	minors		

I can see that East might have thought she was being talked out of something but sometimes as a famous English lady international used to say 'When you are fixed, stay fixed'. You are going to need an awful lot from partner to be able to make a five-level contract and your minor-suit honours do not look as though they are pulling their full weight. The defence got off to a good start with ace and another club allowing North to ruff the

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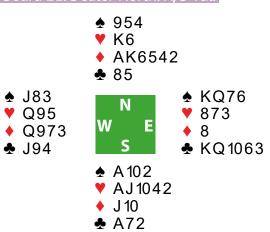
third round. With the ace of trumps and two spades to come that was four off. 1100 out, rarely a good result.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Soliman	J Ghodhbane	ElAwady
_	_	_	1♦
2◆*	3♦	4♥	5♦
All Pass			
2♦	majors		

The heart lead was taken in dummy and a diamond was played to the queen, this meant that a trump trick had to be lost but with the only other loser being a spade the contract was assured. 12 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hamdy	Trabelsi	Arabi	Hedia
_	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Double	Pass
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

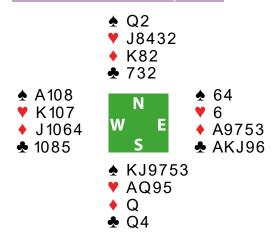
Might South have risked 2NT, her hand is worth 15 points with those three tens and all points seem to be working well and partner has made a free bid. When declarer took the heart finesse, quite naturally, in the wrong direction she two losers in each of the black suits and so made the eight tricks required for the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Soliman	J Ghodhbane	ElAwady
_	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Double	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South had obviously read my musings in some previous life. West led his stronger black suit and the \$\, 4\$ was presented and East won the trick and declarer ducked the second round and continued the suit. The jack of diamonds won the next trick but West covered the next diamond lead so declarer won in dummy and played ace and another diamond and so had nine tricks. 10 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hamdy	Trabelsi	Arabi	Hedia
_	_	1♦	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♣	2♥
3♦	3♥	4♣	4♥
5♦	All Pass		

It appeared as the contestants had not been given any Pass cards. When the music eventually stopped South played ace and another heart allowing declarer to discard a losing spade. The jack of diamonds ran to South's queen and another heart played and ruffed in hand. A spade to the ace and trumps were drawn with the aid of a finesse. Declarer realised that if the club finesse was wrong then crossing to dummy with a trump and losing to South's club queen would lead to a big vulnerable defeat so she cashed the ace an king of clubs and was fortunate enough to see the queen of clubs fall and thus the contract was made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Soliman	J Ghodhbane	ElAwady
-	-	1♦	1♠
3◆*	Pass	Pass	Double*
Pass	3♥	All Pass	
3♦	invite ♦ 8-1	1	
Double	negative		

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The defence cashed the two top clubs and the ace of diamonds and with the king of hearts and the ace of spades the contract was one off, scant reward against the vulnerable game in the other room. 11 VPs to Egypt

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul. ♠ 105 654 97653 ♣ Q83 Q4 A73 AQ1097 83 W E AJ42 K108 65 ♣ AJ942 ★ KJ9862 KJ2 O

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hamdy	Trabelsi	Arabi	Hedia
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♠	Double
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

♣ K 10 7

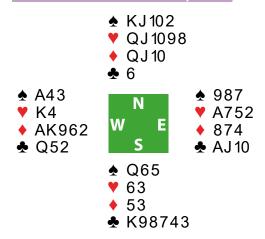
The cards were son handily placed that it is possible for declarer to make twelve tricks but declarer played safely for eleven.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Soliman	J Ghodhbane	ElAwady
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♠
All Pass			

I do not believe East meant to pass, it must have been an unfortunate mechanical error. The play is of little interest, the contract failed by two tricks but that was 8 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hamdy	Trabelsi	Arabi	Hedia
_	_	_	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North made the obvious lead of the queen of hearts taken in hand with the king. Declarer immediately tackled the diamond suit by playing ace and another. North won and continued hearts but declarer ducked and took the next round. The good diamonds were cashed and now declarer could take the club finesse in safety as South could not play another heart and so the contract was safe.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Soliman	J Ghodhbane	ElAwady
_	_	_	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Yet again declarer beat the queen of hearts with her king and now got her timing wrong by taking the club finesse. South won and now had a heart to lead to set up the suit and so when declarer set about diamonds North could not be prevented from gaining the lead and cashing good hearts to take the contract down. Declarer needs to attack diamonds first as the club finesse will always be into the South hand and if that fails you can see what actually happened. 10 IMPs to Egypt.

With a plethora of swings Tunisia just shaded Egypt by two points and so won 10.61-9.39 in VPs and so remained in second place.

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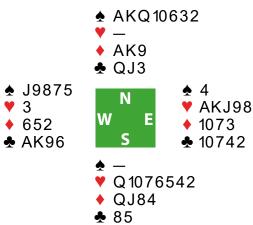




South Africa vs. Kenya - Open

he first session of the last day of Round Robin matches had first placed South Africa against fourth placed Kenya in the Open Championship. Kenya needed a good result if they were to remain the top quartet.





Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sejal	N Apteker	Stanley	Stephens
_	_	Pass	3♥
3♠	Double	All Pass	

Not only was Burn's law broken the trumps did not split kindly at 7-0. I will not regale you with the massacre but declarer managed three tricks and so was just -1400.

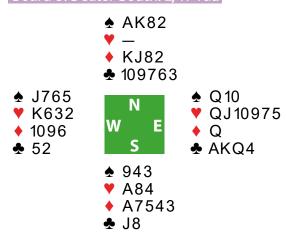
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eber	Bhanumati	Fick	Shah
_	_	2◆*	2♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	All Pass	
2	multi		
5♣	king asking		

I fear the root of all the problems lie with South's adventurous bid of 2♥. The person it will deceive most is partner. He might actually believe you have some points, a bad assumption on this deal. However maybe North should think that if South has hearts in abundance then East's multi is based on spades and so his suit may not be as solid as he

thinks it is. Basically it is a hand where whoever ends up playing the contract they are in for a bad time. Declarer could not avoid losing four tricks and so was two off. 17 IMPs to South Africa

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Open Room

•			
West	North	East	South
Sejal	N Apteker	Stanley	Stephens
_	_	-	Pass
Pass	1◆*	1♥	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			
1♦	11-16, 4♦		
2♥	9-11, good rai	ise in 🔷	

Dummy had the wrong ace, had the ace of hearts had been the ace of clubs then the contract would have had a chance but with two clubs and a spade to lose the low point-count game could not succeed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eber	Bhanumati	Fick	Shah
_	_	_	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♥	1NT
2♥	3♣	3◆*	3NT
Pass	Pass	Double	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble All _I	pass
3♦	game try		

Looks as though the contract should trivially fail and East led the singleton queen of diamonds taken in hand with the king. A small trump towards

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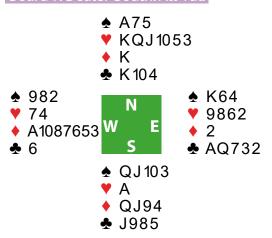






dummy and East played his queen, he now needed to attack hearts, declarer needs to be tapped otherwise the ace of hearts and the long diamond will dispose of the two losing spades in declarer's hand. Unfortunately East chose to counterattack in spades and as East only had two of them even though the suit was established there was no route to cash it. An unlikely game contract succeeded. 11 IMPs to Kenya.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sejal	N Apteker	Stanley	Stephens
_	_	_	1◆*
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♥
1♦	11-16 4+•		
3♥	forcing		

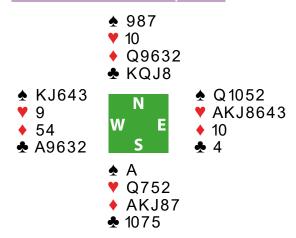
3NT would have turned out as a better result rather than 4♥. The ♦2 was taken by West's ace and a club returned, East taking two tricks and giving partner a ruff. West continued with a diamond and when declarer discarded a spade East ruffed and calmly waited for the king of spades to take a trick, three off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eber	Bhanumati	Fick	Shah
_	_	_	Pass
3♦	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Dacc			

The effect of West's pre-empt basically force the opposition into 3NT, a contract that had the benefit over 4♥ of making. When the defence did not take their club tricks declarer made two overtricks. 14 IMPs to Kenya

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sejal	N Apteker	Stanley	Stephens
_	Pass	1♥	1NT
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Double	All Pass	

The ▼10 lead was taken in dummy with the king and a trump led, South playing the ace followed by ace and another diamond ruffed in dummy. Declarer has a simple route home for his contract, just ruff a heart high, cross to dummy with a trump an ruff another heart high and a trump to dummy and it is high. Mistakenly he took a round of trumps and now he could not set up the hearts and have an entry to them so he was left with a lot of losing clubs and so finished two light.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eber	Bhanumati	Fick	Shah
_	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Whenever I open 4♥ there is always some one who says 4♠. When South led the ace of diamonds the contract was no longer breakable. To do that South must cash the ace of spade and underlead his diamond honours to North's queen and then ruff a spade. If you do that and it works you get your name in the bulletin, if it turns out declarer had the singleton queen you get a lot of cross looks from your teammates. Declarer just goes about trumps and when they are fully drawn he concedes a spade and claims the contract. 15 IMPs to South Africa.

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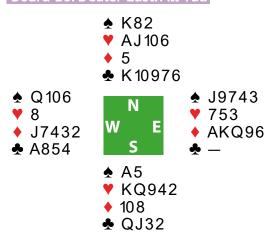








Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sejal	N Apteker	Stanley	Stephens
_	_	Pass	1♥*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
1♥	11-16, 5+♥		
2NT	GF, 3+ ♥		
3♣	artificial, any	minimum	

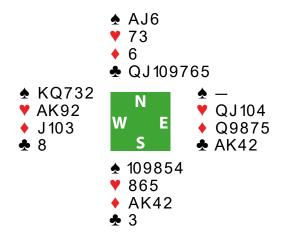
The diamond lead was taken by East who switched to a spade but the contract was now impregnable – trumps drawn and club conceded. Can you see the double defence to beat it. Club lead, ruffed, underlead the diamond honours to partner's jack and he can cash the ace of clubs and give another ruff. You wait ages for the coup where you underlead your top honours for an entry to partner's hand and then like the fabled Clapham omnibus two come along at once.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eber	Bhanumati	Fick	Shah
_	_	1♦	Double
2♥*	3♥	4♠	All Pass
2♥	9-10, 3♠		

The king of hearts held the first trick and South switched to ace and another spade allowing North to play a third round of trumps to leave declarer with two losing hearts and so one off. 11 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sejal	N Apteker	Stanley	Stephens
_	-	_	1NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
1NT	14-16		

The heart lead was taken in hand with the jack, declarer played a spade towards the ten which lost to the queen, declarer's plan being either two spades or four clubs would give him his contract, unhappily for him it was not to be and so he only made eight tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eber	Bhanumati	Fick	Shah
_	_	_	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Declarer won the small heart lead in hand and ducked a diamond to East and took the heart return in hand. Another diamond ducked and yet another heart won by declarer. Now ace and the thirteenth diamond forced East to part with his heart and now when declarer played clubs, even though they did break he could exit with the fourth round and Esat would have to give dummy a spade trick and the contract. 10 IMPs to Kenya. Eleven boards played and already more than 100 IMPs have changed hands.

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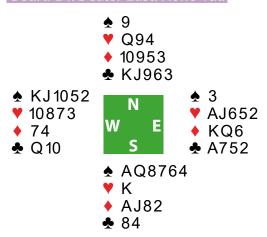








Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sejal	N Apteker	Stanley	Stephens
_	_	1♥	1♥
2♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
2NT	short spade		

The ace of spades was cashed and the club switch went to queen, king and ace, declarer then cashed the ace of trumps. The queen of diamonds was taken by South's ace and the club continuation was won by North's jack. The defence still had a master trump to come but had North cashed it and played another then declarer would have been two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eber	Bhanumati	Fick	Shah
-	_	1♥	1♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
Double	All Pass		

East won the opening heart lead with his ace and switched to the king of diamonds, taken by the ace. Declarer now played the ace and ♠6 of trumps, West winning with the jack. Another diamond taken by East and returned for West to ruff. A club to East's ace and West still had two trump tricks to come for a three trick defeat. 11 IMPs to South Africa or 13.04-6.96 VPs.

Whilst not a great result for Kenya it was enough to keep them in fourth place 14 points clear of the next team.

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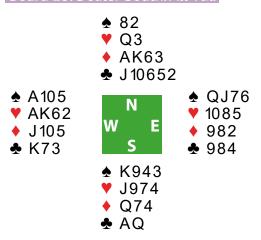




Tunisia vs. Kenya - Open

he penultimate session of the Round Robin in the Open Championship Tunisia needed a good win against Kenya to be close to South Africa, who they were facing in the final match, to have a chance of leading the standings, likewise Kenya craved points to keep them in the fourth spot.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sejal	A Ghodhbane	Stanley	Fourati
_	_	_	1 ◆*
1NT	Double	All Pass	
1♦	3+♦		

Inspecting his magnificent diamond stop West bid 1NT. West cashed the ace of diamonds and continued with a club to partner's ace. The defence cashed three more rounds of diamonds and exited with a club. Declarer now had to lose a spade and two hearts for two vulnerable undertricks.

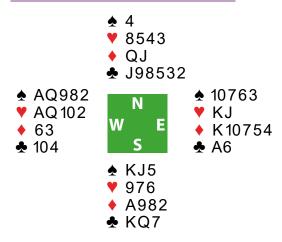
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bellazreg	Bijal	Mestiri	Shah
_	_	_	1♣*
Double*	1♦*	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	All Pass	
1♣	2+♣		
1♦	no 5 major		

The queen of spades was headed by the king and ace and the small heart return ran round to the ▼10 and jack. The ace and queen of clubs were next, West taking the king, cashing a top heart and

played a spade to partner's ♠10 and a heart back for West to take two more tricks to hold declarer to his contract. 9 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sejal	A Ghodhbane	Stanley	Fourati
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The queen, then the jack of diamonds was led, South taking dummy's king with the ace before switching to the king of clubs. Dummy's ace took the trick and declarer cashed the ace of trumps and took three rounds of hearts discarding dummy's losing club. A club was ruffed and a trump from table held trump losers to one and so the contract was made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bellazreg	Bijal	Mestiri	Shah
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North chose to lead a club to dummy's ace, three rounds of hearts were cashed discarding a club and a club ruffed in dummy. Now declarer came back to hand with the ace of trumps and played a diamond and South took dummy's king with the ace and put his partner in with a diamond for him to play a heart and South could ruff and still have the king of trumps to defeat the contract. 10 IMPs to Kenya.

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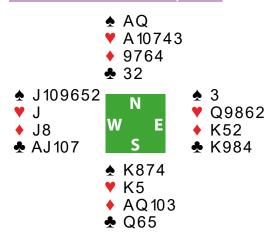








Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sejal	A Ghodhbane	Stanley	Fourati
2♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

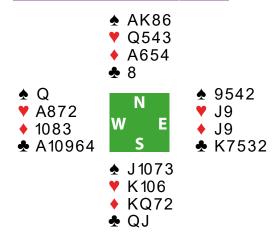
The jack of spades was taken in dummy by the ace and a low diamond was taken by the queen. The ace of diamonds was cashed along with the king of hearts. A heart to the ace allowed the queen to spades to be cashed and a diamond off dummy was taken by East. When East led the ♣9 West took the trick with ♣10 and now led a spade into South's tenace giving him two spade tricks plus the good diamond for an unexpected game made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bellazreg	Bijal	Mestiri	Shah
2 ◆*	Pass	2 ♠ *	All Pass
2♦	multi		
2♠	pass or correct	-	

The ♣5 lead did not harm declarer and the jack in dummy won. A small trump from dummy brought the queen from North. A diamond went to South's queen and another club played, won in dummy and the jack spades saw North's queen take the trick and another diamond gave South the lead and when a third round was played the jack of hearts was discard and now declarer had only a trump to lose and another remarkable success of a contract. 12 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sejal	A Ghodhbane	Stanley	Fourati
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

A passive lead of a diamond saw declarer win and lead the jack of trumps upon which the queen appeared and so was won in dummy, The other top trump was cashed and a club ducked to West who continued the passive defence with another diamond taken in hand. A club was ruffed with \$\delta\$8 and a finesse against the \$\delta\$9 was taken and when declarer played a heart west rose with the ace and played a club and now declarer had lost control and went down. He needed to tackle the hearts before taking a third round of trumps as the trump in dummy was defence against another club lead.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bellazreg	Bijal	Mestiri	Shah
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The same diamond lead and jack, queen and king of trumps but now declarer played a strange spade to his jack, setting up a trump loser. A small heart towards the queen held the trick and on a club back East rose with the king and now needed to play another club to defeat the contract but played the jack of hearts to partner's ace and now declarer was in control and only had a trump to lose. 10 IMPs to Kenya who had beaten Tunisia 46-40 or 11.76-8.24 IMPs.

The result left them nine points ahead of Morocco who they would be playing in the final match so scoring six points would get Kenya into the final four.

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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 <u>Conditions</u> 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 3^{rd} or 4^{th} .
- 3. Semi-Final will be five Segments of 16 Boards each, No Carry Over (Check the <u>CoC</u> 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 <u>CoC</u> 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

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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 <u>official review</u> 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.

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- 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.

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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

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

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Tariq Sbili Said Sbili







Moez Fourati









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

South Africa
Captain
Tas Nestoridis
Roz Bernstein
Sharon Lang
Vanessa Armstrong
Carol Stanton
Lotte Sorensen
Tas Nestoridis
Tunisia
Tunisia Captain
Captain
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Khadija Marrakchi

Marie Claire O'Hana















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

RealBridge GB us English ~ Waleed Menyawi Full Name ID number ABFTaster01 Session key High contrast UI Login By logging in to RealBridge you agree to our Use default Use default

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

Waleed Menyaw

Notice the lobby chat window to the right.

Keep an eye to the Lobby chat

For important announcements



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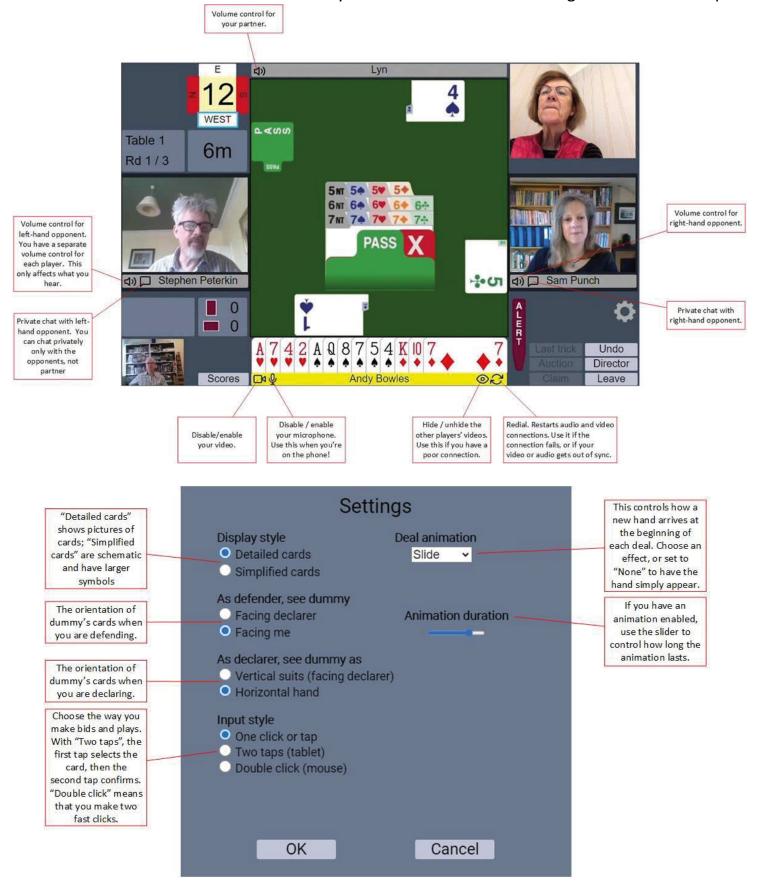








- **9.** Each table labeled with a team name, find your table and chose where to sit (Sit N, Sit S, Sit E or Sit W)
- **10.** Get familiar with the buttons at your table and call the TD using the button for help.



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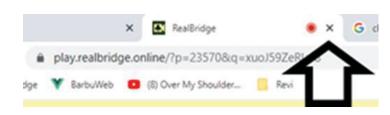




11. After we play all boards

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

12. Can Use and Can't use



Can Use	Can't use
 Windows laptop 	Smartphone
 Windows desktop 	 Old iPads, older than 2018.
 MacBook or another Apple 	
laptop	
 iMac or another Apple desktop 	
Chromebook	

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

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

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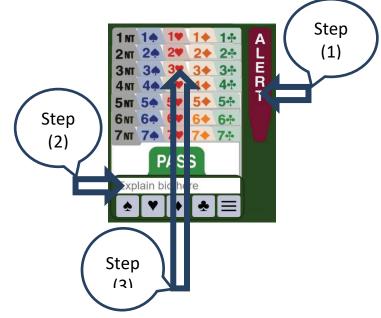
When you are at Full Screen mode



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



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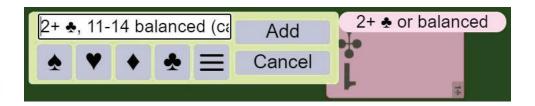




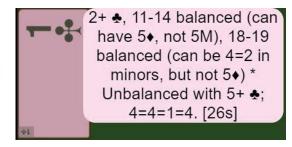




If you make a **mistake** or need to **explain your bid further** after you have bid, you can click on the bid and add more text.



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.



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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:

- 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:

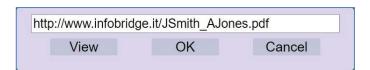
Step 3 Paste your system card/convention card link into the box. To paste the link:

- 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.











