

Bulletin 4 Thursday 1st May Editor Ron Tacchi

Last Chance To Make Semi-finals

At the end of the day we will know which four teams from both championships will be fighting out the semi-finals and so gain a place to represent ABF in the World Bridge Team Championships in Herning.

The Mixed Teams is still undecided at the lower levels. **Egypt** have a strangle hold and are two matches ahead of **Tunisia**. **South Africa** remain in third but **Reunion** has overtaken **Morocco** for that important fourth place.

In the Senior Teams it is now impossible for Kenya to reach the semi-final stage. The interest here lies in the race for the top spot while **Egypt** are still ahead, the margin to **Morocco** has narrowed to only eight points and with three matches tomorrow and with one of them being Egypt vs. Morocco there could still be a surprise.

Standings

Mixed Team	VPs	Position
Egypt	182.97	1
Tunisia	142.32	2
South Africa	120.48	3
Reunion	11164	4
Morocco	91.99	5
Kenya	70.10	6

Senior Team	VPs	Position
Egypt	166.38	1
Morocco	158.92	2
South Africa	130.04	3
Reunion	115.90	4
Kenya	52.76	5

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Schedule for Thursday 1st May

Note all times are GMT

Senior Championship

R.R (03)			Match (03), 09H00			09Н00
Date	Table No.	Home Team				Visiting Team
THU	1	1	EGY	x	4	REU
1	2	5	5 KEN		3	RSA
	3	6		x	2	MOR

	Match (04), 12H30						
Home X Visiting Team							
3	RSA	x	1	EGY			
4	REU	х	2	MOR			
5	KEN	х	6				

	Match (05), 15H30						
Home X Visiting Team							
1	EGY	x	2	MOR			
3	RSA	x	6				
4	REU	х	5	KEN			

Mixed Championship

R.R (03)			Match (0	ch (03), 09H00		
Date	Table No.	Home Team			Visiting Team	
THU	4	1	EGY	х	4 REU	
1	5	5	5 MOR		3 RSA	
┺	6	6	KEN	x	2 TUN	

Match (04), 12H30					
Home X Visiting Team					
3	RSA	х	1 EGY		
4	REU	x	² TUN		
5	MOR	x	6 KEN		

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	Match (05), 15H30							
		Home Team	X		Visiting Team			
	1	EGY	х	2	TUN			
	3	RSA	x	6	KEN			
	4	REU	х	5	MOR			

Results

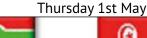
Mixed Championship

Session 1	VPs
Egypt - Tunisia	16.09-3.91
Reunion - Morocco	18.09-1.91
South Africa - Kenya	11.48-8.52
Session 2	
Egypt-Kenya	20-0
Tunisia-Morocco	15.92-4.08
South Africa - Reunion	8.52-11.48
Session 3	
Egypt - Morocco	15.19-4.81
Tunisia - South Africa	6.96-13.04
Kenya - Reunion	8.24-11.76

Senior Championship

Session 1	VPs
Egypt - Morocco	11.76-8.24
Reunion - Kenya	17.97-2.03
South Africa - Bye	12-0
Session 2	
Morocco - Kenya	19.52-0.48
South Africa - Reunion	20-0
Egypt - Bye	12-0
Session 3	
Morocco - South Africa	4.81-15.09
Egypt - Kenya	20-0
Bye - Reunion	

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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.

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.

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

Merci

Schedule For Semi-finals & Finals

Segments		Segment (1)	Segment (2)	Segment (3)	Segment (4)	
Time		09h00 - 11h20	12h10 - 14h30	15h00 - 17h20	17h50 - 20h10	
IFriday I 2-May-25 I		` '	Seniors SF (02) Mixed SF (02)	Seniors SF (03) Mixed SF (03)	Seniors SF (04) Mixed SF (04)	
Segments		Segment (1)	Segment (2) Segment (3)		Segment (4)	
1	lime .	09h00 - 11h20	13h00 - 15h00	15h30 - 17h30	18h00 - 20h00	
		Seniors SF (05)	Seniors Fin (01)	Seniors Fin (02)	Seniors Fin (03)	
Saturday	I 3-May-25 I	Mixed SF (05)	Mixed Fin (01)	Mixed Fin (02)	Mixed Fin (03)	
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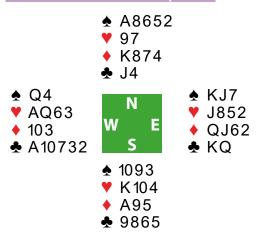




Reunion vs. Egypt - Seniors

he last session of the third day of the Seniors Championship saw fourth-placed Reunion taking on the leaders Egypt. Although Reunion are comfortably ahead of the fifth placed team they cannot afford to be careless. A couple of results not going there way and they could be in danger.

Board 34. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Breslaw	Azzam	Aouate	Farrag
_	_	`•	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	All Pass		

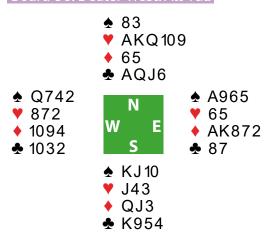
North decided on a trump lead to South's ♥10 and declarer's queen. A small spade to dummy's jack held the trick and now declarer fell from grace when a trump was played to the ace, now there are four top losers, ideally one should unblock the clubs and then try the jack of hearts (you are certain the ♥K is with South) and you would be rewarded with an overtrick. Leaving declarer with no route back to hand after cashing the two top club honours allowed the defence to take their now four top tricks and the contract one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zein	Vigna	Abaza	Lagache
_	_	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The same lead and spade play from declarer but North rose with his ace and continued spades, taken in dummy, Now the jack of spades allowed declarer to discard a diamond loser and when the jack of clubs fell under the second round of clubs declarer played safely cashing the ace of trumps and made the contract. 10 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 36. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Breslaw	Azzam	Aouate	Farrag
Pass	1♥	Double	2◆*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♠2 which East took with her ace and then cashed the ace and king of diamonds, at which point declarer claimed the rest for an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zein	Vigna	Abaza	Lagache
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Again the ♠2 was led and taken by East who tried the ♠7 and for reasons that I do not comprehend declarer played low so it held the trick and now East cashed four more diamond tricks for a surprising two off. 13 IMPs to Egypt.

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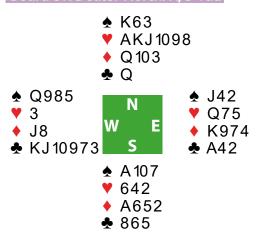








Board 37. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Breslaw	Azzam	Aouate	Farrag
_	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

As in the other match the lead was the ♠2 and West contributed the queen, handing declarer the contract. Why is it wrong to play the queen? If partner has both or neither of the missing two honours it does not matter which card you play. If partner has the king, again it does not matter which card you select but if he has the jack you must play the ♠8. So playing the queen can never, ever, ever gain.

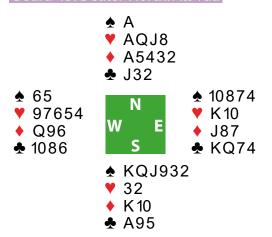
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zein	Vigna	Abaza	Lagache
_	1♥	Pass	2♥

All Pass

I confess I would never have passed the Two Hearts bid, I would rather go down in a vulnerable game with these cards than languish in a part-score. A fortunate 10 IMPs for Egypt.

Board 45. Dealer North. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Breslaw	Azzam	Aouate	Farrag
_	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

North is very strong for his 2♦ bid but in some bidding circles is short of a reverse into hearts. Declarer was not encumbered with the contract and recorded eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zein	Vigna	Abaza	Lagache
_	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

When North valued his hand as having reversing values and later some spade support it was going to be difficult to keep South out of the spade slam. On a club lead declarer played well and took advantage of the favourable split in diamonds. He won the first trick and unblocked the ace of trumps. He followed up with the king and ace of diamonds before ruffing another. Now he could draw trumps and cross to dummy with a heart to cash the winning diamonds. On a heart lead to make the contract you have to play East for precisely king doubleton in the suit – not easy. 13 IMPs to Reunion.

In a match where Egypt had the upper hand they had beaten Reunion 59-22 or 17.72-2.28 VPs.

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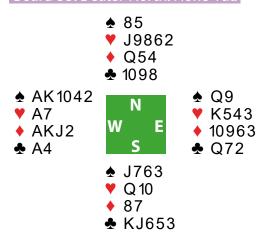




Morocco vs. South Africa - Seniors

t the end of a long day Morocco and South Africa clashed in the Seniors Championships. These two teams are battling it out for second place and hope fully higher things but most importantly ensuring they stay in the top four to have a chance of qualifying for Herning.

Board 33. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South		
Bateman	Belkouch	Bloom	Cambournac		
_	Pass	Pass	Pass		
2♣*	Pass	2◆*	Pass		
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass		
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass		
4NT	Pass	5◆*	Pass		
5♥*	Pass	6♦	All Pass		
2♣	Game forcing				
2♦	Relay not negative				
5♦	0 or 3 controls				
5♥	♦Q ask				

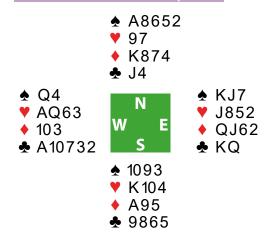
South led the seven of trumps, declarer naturally spurned the finesse and took the top two trumps leaving the queen with the defence. She now played queen, then ace and king of spades. North ruffed the third round with the master trump and declarer, perhaps disappointed at this turn of events may have taken her eye off the ball. She discarded a heart from dummy, a club would have allowed her to set up the thirteenth spade with a ruff in the suit and that could have been used to dispose of the other losing club in hand. Unfortunately the contract failed by one trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sibony	Chemaly	Hayet	Grant
_	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Declarer's simple task was made even easier on a club lead and after a losing diamond finesse was in a position at the end of the hand to safely take the spade finesse and finished with plus three. 11 IMPs to Morocco

Board 34. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bateman	Belkouch	Bloom	Cambournac
-	_	1♦	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
2♣	2/1 GF		

The ♥9 lead went round to declarer's queen and one of dummy's top clubs was cashed, followed by the ace of trumps. Another club went to dummy's other honour and I am confident that declarer did not see the fall of the ♣J. A spade towards hand saw the queen lose to the ace. North could have beaten the contract out of hand by playing diamonds but returned a spade so declarer took the opportunity to cash two spades and discard a diamond from hand. A diamond exit was taken by South who cashed the master trump and exited with a diamond. Declarer ruffed and her hand was high but

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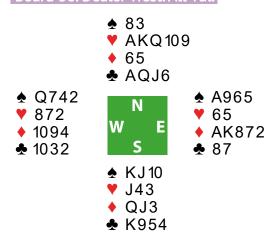
she did not appear to realise the clubs were good as after the ace of clubs was played the next club was ruffed in dummy and so was left with a losing heart to go one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sibony	Chemaly	Hayet	Grant
_	_	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

After North found the lead of a small diamond it looked as though it was just a matter of time before the contract was down. South took the ace and played back a diamond to North's king. All North needed to do was cash his spade ace and in time a trump trick would emerge to defeat the contract. But in a valiant effort to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory North underled his ace of spades and now declarer was home. The queen won in hand and all declarer needed to do was to cross to dummy with a club and cash a good diamond discarding the losing spade. 10 IMPs to Morocco.

Board 36. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bateman	Belkouch	Bloom	Cambournac
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

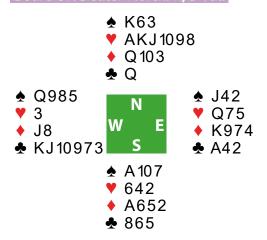
East cashed the ace of diamonds and then switched to a spade to put declarer to the test immediately, declarer failed the test by inserting the ♠10 but he was let off the hook when West did not wish to 'waste' her queen and so played small and thus the contract made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sibony	Chemaly	Hayet	Grant
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The convention card describes 1NT as semi-forcing, a term I find hard to understand, Surely with the South hand if partner has opened One Heart you want to play in hearts, probably at the game level. You do not want to languish in 1NT if partner is minimum. Again the lead was the ace of diamonds and again East switched to a small spade and again the ♠10 was played from dummy, but now West played the queen and returned a spade so the defence took the first four tricks. Did declarer make the right choice? He has seen the and king of diamonds in East's hand so if he had the ace of spades he might well have found a bid over 1♥, so the balance of probabilities points to playing West for the ace. Unlucky − 12 IMPs to Morocco.

Board 37. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bateman	Belkouch	Bloom	Cambournac
_	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

East led the ♠2 and when dummy played low I was expecting West to calmly insert the ♠8 and watch the contract go down but unfortunately it was the queen that was played by East. Now with the aid of the spade finesse against the jack and the correct view in diamonds the contract rolled home.

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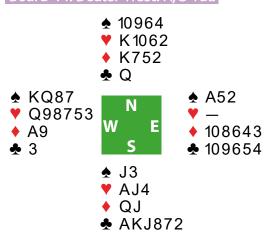


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sibony	Chemaly	Hayet	Grant
_	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Same contract, same lead but this time West correctly played the ♠9 and so the contract failed. 12 more IMPs to Morocco who had scored 44 IMPs in the first five boards.

Board 44. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bateman	Belkouch	Bloom	Cambournac
1♥	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

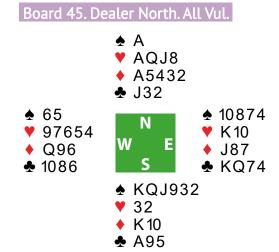
West chose to lead one of her hearts, I was hoping it would be the ♥3 for then South could have one the trick with the ♥4, I've yet to see the first trick won by such a lowly card, but my wishes were not granted, the lead was the ♥7. And as bridge journalists are wont to say 'this did not exactly paralyse declarer'. After declarer unblocked the queen of clubs, played a diamond to the queen, establishing two tricks while East took the ace. When West attacked the spade suit by leading the king the suit was blocked and so declarer had an overtrick but the contract was never in danger.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sibony	Chemaly	Hayet	Grant
1♥	Pass	1NT	2♣
2♥	All Pass		

What could North or South have done differently, perhaps South might have doubled and then bid clubs over North's response which might possibly have led to game. Sometimes it is just not easy.

The contract drifted one off and that was 11 IMPs to Morocco.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bateman	Belkouch	Bloom	Cambournac
_	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Opposite a reverse from partner South's jump to the slam is not without reason. We have all been in worse slams. Even if you get a club lead a successful heart finesse will see you home. Unfortunately for declarer it was a club lead and the heart finesse was not working and so the contract failed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sibony	Chemaly	Hayet	Grant
_	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠*
All Pass			
2♠	forcing		

It was a wheel that fell off the bidding wagon, it was a complete axle. To be playing in a part-score when slam is available dos not normally give you a positive score but 9 IMPs to South Africa. It would have been 13 if game had been reached and 17 if slam had been bid and made. To make Six Spades, say on a club lead, simply take the ace, unblock the ace of trumps, play king and ace of diamonds, ruff a diamond, draw trumps and cross to the ace of hearts to cash the winning diamonds disposing of your losing clubs.

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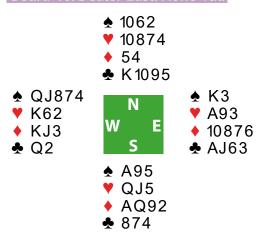








Board 46. Dealer East. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bateman	Belkouch	Bloom	Cambournac
_	_	1 •	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2◆*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♦	game forcing		

On the lead of the \$\, 8\$ covered by the queen and king, declarer ducked but took the continuation. The king of spades lost to South's ace and a third round of clubs was played won by declarer. A diamond towards dummy saw South rise with the ace and now with the spades behaving kindly declarer had her nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sibony	Chemaly	Hayet	Grant
-	_	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	All Pass

It seems that West needed some form of check back to allow him to show five spades and at least invitational values. Bidding past 3NT was not a success. Whilst there is a line to make the contract it was not readily apparent and so declarer failed by one trick. 10 IMPs to South Africa.

After a horrendous start to the session South Africa clawed back a couple of VPs losing to Morocco 66-24, or 18.33-1.67 VPs.

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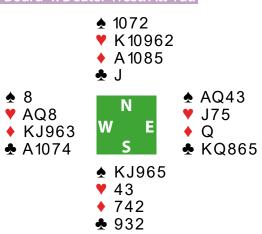




South Africa vs. Kenya - Mixed

On the fourth day of the Round Robin the first session in the Mixed Championships brought South Africa and Kenya together.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
R. Shah	Kaprey	P. Shah	Weers
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣*	All Pass
4 ♣	RKCB for clubs	\$	

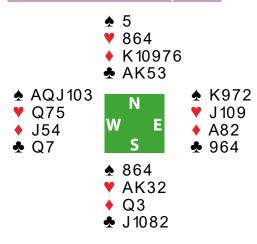
A bidding misunderstanding – always a shame to watch, but would the contract have been made if the slam had been reached, my finessing friend tells me it is so but it requires incredibly accurate timing, I will leave it as an exercise for the reader to determine how $6\clubsuit$ should be played on a spade lead. (Took me a few attempts, even when I could see all the hands)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rosslee	Popat	Hingle	Shah
1♦	1♥	Double	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♠7 taken by South's jack and a heart was returned to North's king. The ♠10 was next and declarer unsuccessfully tried the queen. A switch back to hearts allowed declarer to take the queen and knock out the diamond ace to bring home her contract. 10 IMPs to South Africa

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
R. Shah	Kaprey	P. Shah	Weers
_	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Double	2♠	Double*
Pass	3♦	3♠	Double
All Pass			

We have all made worse bids than Three Spades but the contract was two down in top tricks so would not have been a save even if the opposition had a game available.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rosslee	Popat	Hingle	Shah
-	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	2NT*	3♣	Double
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♣
All Pass			
2NT	minors		

During the play declarer took his eye of the ball and failed to overruff when needed and so failed by one trick. 11 IMPs to South Africa.

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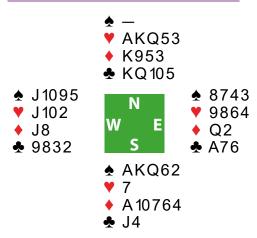








Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
R. Shah	Kaprey	P. Shah	Weers
_	_	_	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Al Pass	

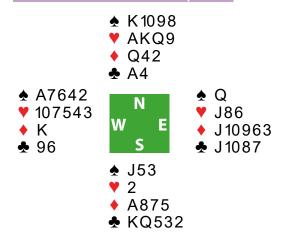
I am trying to find the reasoning of bidding 3NT with a void when you have a powerhouse and a four-card fit for partner's second suit, and I am still trying but to no avail. Declarer made twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rosslee	Popat	Hingle	Shah
_	_	_	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	
4 ♣ `ace a	sking		

I am not convinced of the use of ace asking when you have a void but North was surely worth an effort and was rewarded with the slam bonus when the diamonds broke 2-2. 10 IMPs to Kenya. As an (mildly) amusing aside I discovered that if you play in 7NT by North and East underleads his ace of clubs you make it with a pretty little round suit squeeze against East.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
R. Shah	Kaprey	P. Shah	Weers
_	_	-	Pass
2♥*	2NT*	3♥	5♣
All Pass			
2♥	55, hearts an	d another	
2NT	16-18		

If you can divine that East has the singleton queen of spades you can make your minor-suit game but otherwise you are doomed so South was doomed. I suspect North was preparing his red card for when partner passed as I believe Three Hearts is at least four off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rosslee	Popat	Hingle	Shah
_	-	_	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
1NT*	Pass	2♥	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
1NT	55 majors		

The contract was never in doubt, in fact with divine inspiration you can take twelve tricks. 12 IMPs to Kenya.

The match finished close with South Africa just edging it 36-31 or 11.48-8.52 VPs.

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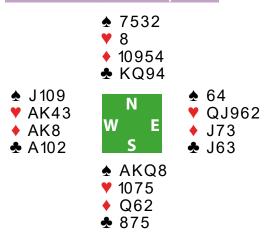




South Africa vs. Reunion - Seniors

he first match in the third and final Round Robin in the Seniors Championship brought together Reunion and South Africa, two teams fighting over third place but still capable of moving up in the standings.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Giraud	Grant	Huseinali	Chemaly
_	_	-	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♥	All Pass
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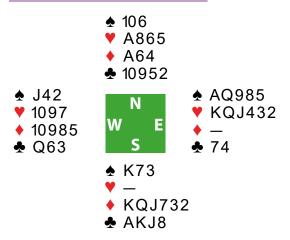
South tried three rounds of spades, the third ruffed by declarer who drew trumps in three rounds. With little or no hope of succeeding in his contract declarer played the ace and king of diamonds and exited with a third and so in the end game he only lost one more trick for one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Minwalla	Breslaw	Pincus	Aouate
_	_	_	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
4♥*	4♠	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		
4♥	18-19 bal		

This is not a good advertisement for four-card overcalls, but the there are probably not many out there. As is normal in these types of auctions West made the good lead of a trump, won in hand. A small club was won in dummy by the queen and a small heart went to West who continued with a trump and probably had a faint look of surprise on his face when partner followed suit. Declarer ruffed a heart in dummy and tried a small diamond to the queen taken by West with the king and played a third round of trumps Declarer still had two diamonds, a heart and a club to lose for three off. 12 generous IMPs to South Africa.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

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West	North	East	South	
Giraud	Grant	Huseinali	Chemaly	
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♦	
Pass	3♦	3♠	5♦	
Double	All Pass			

I do not normally double a contract unless I have some defensive tricks and I do find it difficult to locate them in the West hand (and I suspect his partner is also looking for them). The ♠2 was the lead taken by East's ace. The king of hearts came back and South discarded a club, won with the ace. A small trump back to hand exposed the trump situation, but it was no problem to declarer who Played king and another spade which he ruffed in dummy. The ace of diamonds was unblocked and declarer came back to hand with a club and drew trumps. When the queen of clubs did not drop he had no overtricks, just his doubled contract.

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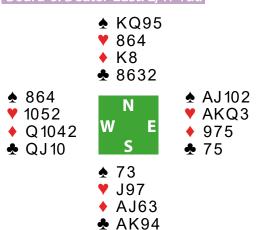


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Minwalla	Breslaw	Pincus	Aouate
Pass	Pass	1♥	Double
Pass	1NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

I have some sympathy with North's stab at a slam – surely those two aces opposite a hand that can bid like that are worth something. Not a great slam but being 99% certain the ace of spades would be onside it would only require something good in clubs but it was not to be and so the contract was one down. 13 IMPs to South Africa

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Giraud	Grant	Huseinali	Chemaly
_	_	1♦	All Pass

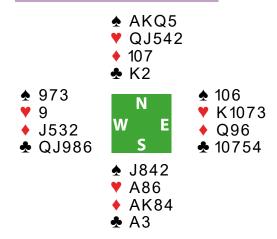
There is not a lot one say about his other than declarer fulfilled his contract on the nose – If I were a betting man I would have a wager that something more interesting happened in the Closed Room.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Minwalla	Breslaw	Pincus	Aouate
_	-	1♦	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

I have no problem with the spade protective overcall but I fail to understand the Three Spades bid. Any contract that breaks Burn's Law is not going to be a happy experience. I will not inflict more pain by narrating the play of the cards but just say that the defence was accurate and scored more tricks than declarer and 12 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

- 1			
West	North	East	South
Giraud	Grant	Huseinali	Chemaly
_	_	_	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5 ♠ *	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
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5♠	2keycards ar	nd ∳ Q	

Against the slam West led his singleton ♥9 to queen, king and ace. Trumps were drawn in three rounds and the jack of hearts was cashed. Declarer ducked a heart and still had two entries to dummy to ruff out the hearts and get back to cash the established one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Minwalla	Breslaw	Pincus	Aouate
-	_	_	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5 ♠ *	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
3♥	fit spades		

The same lead and the same play to the first five tricks but declarer did not continue to set up a heart trick and ducked a diamond to West so there was now no way to make the contract, 17 IMPs to South Africa who had racked up 54 unanswered IMPs over the first seven boards.

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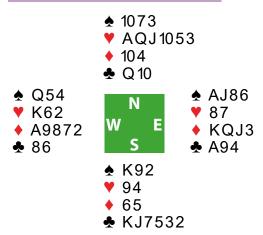








Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Giraud	Grant	Huseinali	Chemaly
_	2♥*	Double	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

On the lead of the VJ declarer ducked and North continued with the queen of clubs taken in dummy. with the ace. Declarer took five rounds of diamonds, South keeping hold of two spades and his clubs and now when declarer took the losing spade finesse it looks a sthough declarer is two down but the play record stops and it has been scored as three down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Minwalla	Breslaw	Pincus	Aouate
_	2◆*	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
3♦	All Pass		
2♦	Multi		

It was a good stop as no game is makeable and unless North leads a club, which he did not, declarer will make an overtrick and score 10 IMPs to South Africa.

On the final board of the match Reunion recovered 10 IMPs but it was not enough to avoid the whitewash. They had lost 75-11 which 20-0 in VPs. It was a session where IMPs were lost rather than won.

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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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Reunion



Roster - Senior Teams

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Egypt
Captain
Ayman Azzam
Amr Farrag
Ayman Azzam
Khaled Abaza
Ahmed Zein
Mohamed El Baz
Ashraf Wahdan
Kenya
Captain

Bhanumati Shah
Bhanumati Shah
Saleem UD Deen
Samina Ismail
Vimla Virjee
Sumitra Shah

Morocco	
Captain	
Abdellatif Belkouch	
Abdellatif Belkouch	
Pierre Sibony	
Jean Hayet	
Guy Cambournac	
Hayat Hachimi	
Med Said Berrada	

Captain
Philippe Lagache
Philippe Lagache
Jean-Marc Breslaw
Geneviève Vigna
Catherine Aouate
Narguis Huseinali
Christian Giraud
South Africa
Captain
Brian Pincus
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Roster - Mixed Teams

Egypt
Captain
Baher Ahmed (NPC)
Manal Sallam
Rita Ghosn
Farida Botrous
Moaz Hammam
Hany Dagher
Ahmed Nayer
Kenya
Captain
Sejal Shah
Sejal Shah
Warren Stanley
Kamal Shah
Karima Popat
Raksha Shah
Paresh Shah
Morocco
Captain
Tazi Abderrahim
Tazi Abderrahim
Rokia Hamamsi
Fatim Lahlou
Elie Levy
Lamia Benyahia

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Richard Bitton













Roster - Open Teams

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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

Wissem Belazreg

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

South Africa
Captain
Tas Nestoridis
Roz Bernstein
Sharon Lang
Vanessa Armstrong
Carol Stanton
Lotte Sorensen
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Marie Claire O'Hana













RealBridge Playing Instructions

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

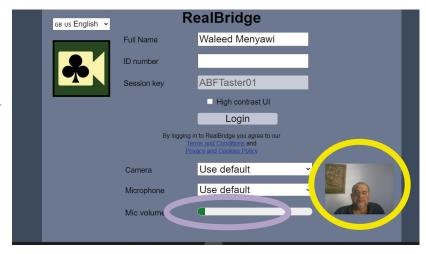
- 1. To join any RealBridge game you will need a LINK
- 2. All the play links will be available on ABF website

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



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

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Notice the lobby chat window to the right.

Keep an eye to the Lobby chat

- For important announcements



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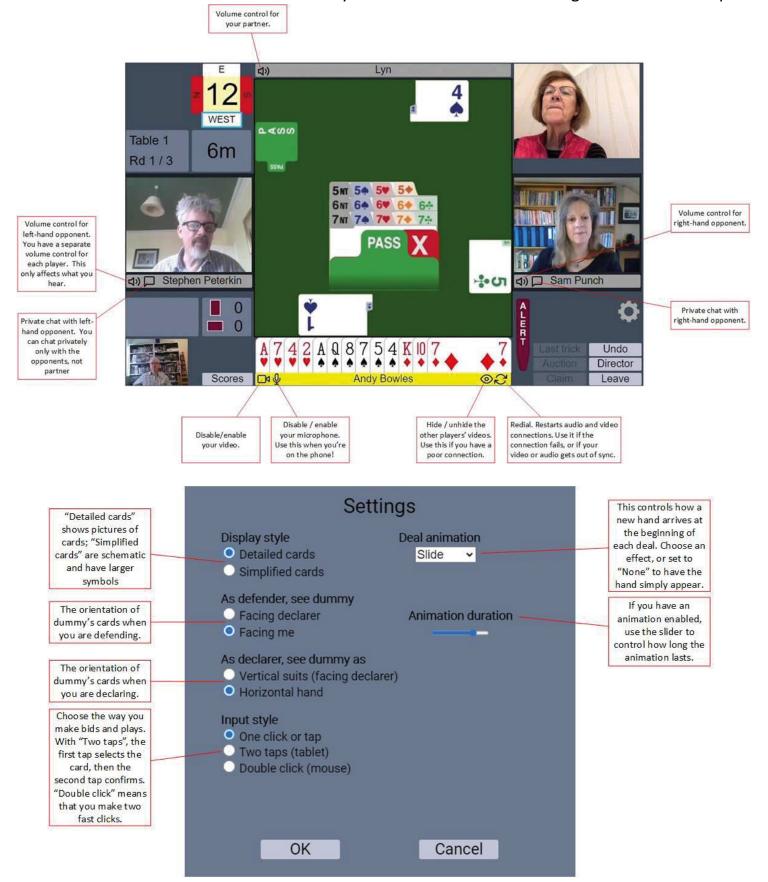








- **9.** Each table labeled with a team name, find your table and chose where to sit (Sit N, Sit S, Sit E or Sit W)
- **10.** Get familiar with the buttons at your table and call the TD using the button for help.



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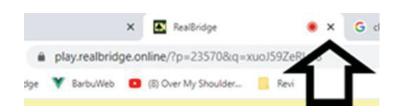




11. After we play all boards

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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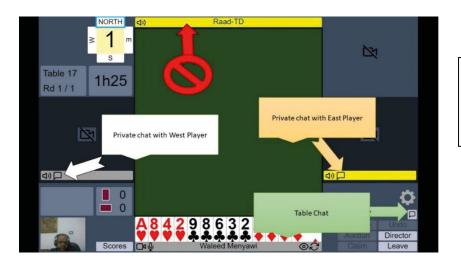












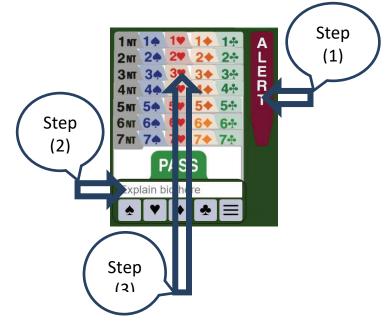
When you are at Full Screen mode



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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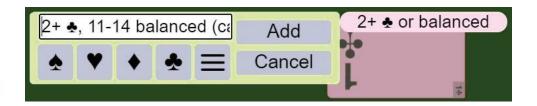




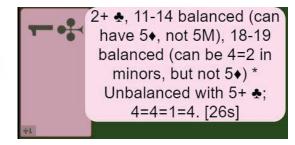




If you make a **mistake** or need to **explain your bid further** after you have bid, you can click on the bid and add more text.

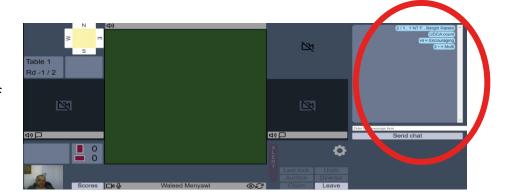


The added text will appear after an asterisk *. The time in seconds between when the bid was **made** and the added explanation was **submitted** is presented after the added text in the square brackets, for this example, 26 seconds. The character limit on explanations is 200 characters.



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:

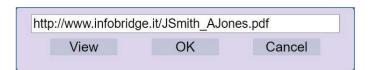
Step 3 Paste your system card/convention card link into the box. To paste the link:

- 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.

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