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Welcome To The Open & Women

The second week of the ABF zonal championships begin and we look forward to watching the exploits of the Open and Women teams. They are all hoping to get to the semi-finals so as to have a chance of getting to represent the **ABF** in Herning for the World Championships. In the Open Championship the only team that have won all their matches is **South Africa** and consequently they are in the lead ahead of **Egypt** and ten points behind them is **Morocco** and claiming the fourth position is **Tunisia**.

In the Women championship there are two teams undefeated (they both have had a bye) and they are **South Africa** who are ahead of **Tunisia** but already nearly a match behind is **Morocco** who are just ahead of **Egypt**.

There have been some unexpected results today and some big wins, but this is only day one of five. The Round Robin is a marathon, not a sprint.

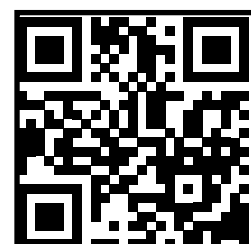
Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
South Africa	48.40	1
Egypt	42.88	2
Morocco	31.22	3
Tunisia	23.42	4
Kenya	19.99	5
Reunion	14.09	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
South Africa	50.21	1
Tunisia	46.37	2
Morocco	28.32	3
Egypt	25.40	4
Kenya	5.70	5

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Results

Open Championship

Session 1	VPs
South Africa - Kenya	17.31-2.69
Egypt - Reunion	19.43-0.57
Morocco - Tunisia	7.45-12.55
Session 2	
Reunion - South Africa	5-15
Kenya - Tunisia	13.04-6.96
Egypt - Morocco	7.71-12.29
Session 3	
South Africa - Tunisia	16.09-3.91
Reunion - Morocco	8.52-11.48
Kenya - Egypt	4.26-15.74

Women Championship

Session 1	VPs
Morocco - Bye	12-0
South Africa - Kenya	18.21-1.79
Egypt - Tunisia	5.4-14.6
Session 2	
Kenya - Morocco	3.91-16.09
Bye - Tunisia	0-12
South Africa - Egypt	20-0
Session 3	
Morocco - Tunisia	0.23-19.77
Kenya - Egypt	0-20
Bye - South Africa	0-12

Local Time

All times quoted within the Bulletins are GMT:

Morocco and Tunisia are one hour ahead.

South Africa is two hours ahead.

Egypt and Kenya are three hours ahead and

Reunion is four hours ahead.

So at 2.00 p.m. it is 3.00 p.m. in Morocco and Tunisia, 4.00 p.m. in South Africa and 5.00 p.m. in Egypt, and Kenya and 6.00 p.m. in Reunion.





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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GMT TIME

Open Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 09H00			Match (02), 12H30			Match (03), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
SUN 4	1	1 RSA	x	6 KEN	5 REU	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	4 TUN
	2	2 EGY	x	5 REU	6 KEN	x	4 TUN	5 REU	x	3 MOR
	3	3 MOR	x	4 TUN	2 EGY	x	3 MOR	6 KEN	x	2 EGY
R.R (01)		Match (04), 09H00			Match (05), 12H30			RR(02) Match (01), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 5	1	3 MOR	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	2 EGY	6 KEN	x	1 RSA
	2	4 TUN	x	2 EGY	3 MOR	x	6 KEN	5 REU	x	2 EGY
	3	5 REU	x	6 KEN	4 TUN	x	5 REU	4 TUN	x	3 MOR
R.R (02)		Match (02), 09H00			Match (03), 12H30			Match (04), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE 6	1	1 RSA	x	5 REU	4 TUN	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	3 MOR
	2	4 TUN	x	6 KEN	3 MOR	x	5 REU	2 EGY	x	4 TUN
	3	3 MOR	x	2 EGY	2 EGY	x	6 KEN	6 KEN	x	5 REU
R.R (03)		Match (05), 09H00			RR(03), Match (01), 12H30			Match (02), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 7	1	2 EGY	x	1 RSA	1 RANK 01	x	6 RANK 06	5 RANK 05	x	1 RANK 01
	2	6 KEN	x	3 MOR	2 Rank 02	x	5 RANK 05	6 RANK 06	x	4 RANK 04
	3	5 REU	x	4 TUN	3 RANK 03	x	4 RANK 04	2 Rank 02	x	3 RANK 03
R.R (03)		Match (03), 09H00			Match (04), 12H30			Match (05), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
THU 8	1	1 RANK 01	x	4 RANK 04	3 RANK 03	x	1 RANK 01	1 RANK 01	x	2 Rank 02
	2	5 RANK 05	x	3 RANK 03	4 RANK 04	x	2 Rank 02	3 RANK 03	x	6 RANK 06
	3	6 RANK 06	x	2 Rank 02	5 RANK 05	x	6 RANK 06	4 RANK 04	x	5 RANK 05
FRI & SAT 9,10 May		Semi-Final and Final								
		EGY +3	KEN +3	MOR +1	REU +4	RSA +2	TUN +1			
09H00 GMT =		12H00	12H00	10H00	13H00	11H00	10H00 AM			
12H30 GMT =		15H30	15H30	13H30	16H30	14H30	13H30 PM			
15H30 GMT =		18H30	18H30	16H30	19H30	17H30	16H30 PM			





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Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
SUN 4	4	1 MOR	x	6 --	5 KEN	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	4 TUN
	5	2 RSA	x	5 KEN	6 --	x	4 TUN	5 KEN	x	3 EGY
	6	3 EGY	x	4 TUN	2 RSA	x	3 EGY	6 --	x	2 RSA
R.R (01)		Match (04), 09H00			Match (05), 12H30			RR(02) Match (01), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 5	4	3 EGY	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	2 RSA	6 --	x	1 MOR
	5	4 TUN	x	2 RSA	3 EGY	x	6 --	5 KEN	x	2 RSA
	6	5 KEN	x	6 --	4 TUN	x	5 KEN	4 TUN	x	3 EGY
R.R (02)		Match (02), 09H00			Match (03), 12H30			Match (04), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE 6	4	1 MOR	x	5 KEN	4 TUN	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	3 EGY
	5	4 TUN	x	6 --	3 EGY	x	5 KEN	2 RSA	x	4 TUN
	6	3 EGY	x	2 RSA	2 RSA	x	6 --	6 --	x	5 KEN
R.R (03)		Match (05), 09H00			RR(03), Match (01), 12H30			Match (02), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 7	4	2 RSA	x	1 MOR	1 RANK 01	x	6 --	5 RANK 05	x	1 RANK 01
	5	6 --	x	3 EGY	2 Rank 02	x	5 RANK 05	6 --	x	4 RANK 04
	6	5 KEN	x	4 TUN	3 RANK 03	x	4 RANK 04	2 Rank 02	x	3 RANK 03
R.R (03)		Match (03), 09H00			Match (04), 12H30			Match (05), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
THU 8	4	1 RANK 01	x	4 RANK 04	3 RANK 03	x	1 RANK 01	1 RANK 01	x	2 Rank 02
	5	5 RANK 05	x	3 RANK 03	4 RANK 04	x	2 Rank 02	3 RANK 03	x	6 --
	6	6 --	x	2 Rank 02	5 RANK 05	x	6 --	4 RANK 04	x	5 RANK 05
FRI & SAT 9,10 May		Semi-Final and Final								
		EGY +3	KEN +3	MOR +1	REU +4	RSA +2	TUN +1			
09H00 GMT =		12H00	12H00	10H00	13H00	11H00	10H00 AM			
12H30 GMT =		15H30	15H30	13H30	16H30	14H30	13H30 PM			
15H30 GMT =		18H30	18H30	16H30	19H30	17H30	16H30 PM			





Egypt vs. Morocco - Seniors Final

The first of two sessions in the Seniors Championship had defending champions Egypt playing against Morocco. Egypt had a relatively easy match in their semi-final whereas Morocco had to win the last session to inch themselves in front of South Africa by just six points.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 1086543		
♥ K9		
♦ A4		
♣ 543		
♠ KJ92	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q7
♥ J7		♥ AQ65432
♦ 75		♦ J86
♣ AJ1062		♣ Q
♠ A		
♥ 108		
♦ KQ10932		
♣ K987		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Elbaz	Belkouch	Wahdan	Cambournac
–	Pass	3♥	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

The sense of the 4♠ escapes me, surely 4♦ was single suited – it was not alerted. The good news was that the final contract was not doubled. The jack of hearts was led and East overtook with the queen and cashed the ace before switching to the queen of clubs, covered by the king and taken by the ace. West continued with the jack of clubs and East discarded a heart, now declarer could escape for a mere three off vulnerable.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Azzam	Sibony	Farrag
–	Pass	4♥	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	5♦
Double	5♠	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

I assume 4NT was for the minors, but did it creep into North's mind that it might be any two suits

when partner took out of 5♣ into 5♦, but now West had got into the doubling rhythm there was no place left to hide, 5♠ was probably one of the worst hiding places. We will not intrude on personal grief of the play of the hand, we shall just 1400 was written in the out column. 15 IMPs to Morocco.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ KQJ10842		
♥ K107		
♦ A9		
♣ 6		
♠ 9	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A5
♥ AQJ65		♥ 98
♦ Q107		♦ K86432
♣ KQ104		♣ A82
♠ 763		
♥ 432		
♦ J5		
♣ J9753		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Elbaz	Belkouch	Wahdan	Cambournac
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♦	Pass
2♠	3♠	3NT	All Pass

This was never going to be a happy contract and after the spade lead declarer took his only legitimate chance that the king of hearts was trebleton in the South hand. It was not to be and the contract was four off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Azzam	Sibony	Farrag
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♥	4♠	Double	All Pass

Four Spades does not seem such a bad bid to me. If the East and South hands changed places you would be making a slam. With partner contributing nothing of use the contract declarer had to lose five tricks but that was another 12 IMPs to Morocco.





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Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 9765		
♥ QJ954		
♦ 93		
♣ KQ		
♠ J32		♠ AKQ8
♥ 32		♥ A7
♦ KQ874		♦ A65
♣ A73		♣ J542
	♠ 104	
	♥ K1086	
	♦ J102	
	♣ 10986	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Elbaz</i>	<i>Belkouch</i>	<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Cambournac</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

That looks a standard auction to me and on the lead of a heart, with the diamonds behaving, declarer took his eleven top tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hayet</i>	<i>Azzam</i>	<i>Sibony</i>	<i>Farrag</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	1♥	1♠	2♥
Double	Pass	3♥	Double
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

West's Double was not alerted so we will never know if it was a support or value showing one. It would have worked out better if East had bid 2NT and effectively ignored the 1♥ bid but after only 1♠ even the 3♥ did not get across the power of this hand. Declarer made an overtrick but the damage was done when the vulnerable game was bid and made in the other room. 10 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ KQ842		
♥ 83		
♦ J107		
♣ AQ7		
♠ AJ975		♠ 63
♥ QJ		♥ K9642
♦ 432		♦ A6
♣ 1092		♣ J865
	♠ 10	
	♥ A1075	
	♦ KQ985	
	♣ K43	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Elbaz</i>	<i>Belkouch</i>	<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Cambournac</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Had South bid 3♥ (perhaps a slight overbid) instead of 2NT then almost certainly the final contract would have been 3NT. In Five Diamonds, the trump lead was taken by East's ace and a heart returned and ducked to West's jack. Now with the ace of spades to come the contract was one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hayet</i>	<i>Azzam</i>	<i>Sibony</i>	<i>Farrag</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

At this table South remembered Hamman's rule 'Bid 3NT if it is a plausible choice', and therefore bid 3NT. On the lead of the ♣10 declarer won in dummy and set about the diamond suit. East taking the second round. On the heart switch declarer ducked and East took two tricks with the jack and queen before playing another club. Declarer won in hand and had time and communications to set up a spade for his ninth trick. 12 IMPs to Morocco.





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Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 104	
	♥ K 1042	
	♦ AK6	
	♣ K 1082	
♠ Q93		♠ AJ52
♥ 53		♥ AJ7
♦ Q843		♦ J1075
♣ J974		♣ 65
	♠ K876	
	♥ Q986	
	♦ 92	
	♣ AQ3	



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Elbaz	Belkouch	Wahdan	Cambournac
–	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass.	

Whatever the meaning of 2NT North accepted it as a try for game. Declarer's task was simplified when West chose a trump for the opening lead. East won with the ace and returned a small spade ducked by declarer and taken by West and the suit returned to East's ace. Now with the trumps 3-2 declarer was home free.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Azzam	Sibony	Farrag
–	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

South's Pass was on the timid side but as he mis-guessed the trump suit he only made nine tricks and at least had a positive score but still lost 10 IMPs to Egypt.

At the end of the first session Morocco had a handsome lead of 64-38. Egypt would need to pull all the stops out in the second and final session if they wanted to be champions.

Quiz

I set this quiz during the previous set of championships, I am repeating it for those who were not present in the first week.

During the United States Bridge Federation trials in Schaumburg Illinois, this deal surfaced in the Round of 16:

♠ 64
♥ Q76
♦ AQ1064
♣ K106



♠ AKJ73
♥ A105
♦ K852
♣ A

After a set of bidding misunderstandings South found himself playing 7NT. The good news was the lead was the ♠10. How did declarer play and make his contract without any error from the defence and there are no singleton kings or the like.

If you think you know the answer then drop me an email at abf@vaupillon.com.





Egypt vs. Morocco - Seniors Final

After the first session in the Seniors Championship Morocco had taken a 31 point lead over Egypt and with only 16 boards to go Egypt would be hoping for hands with swing potential.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ Q		
♥ 863		
♦ KJ1096		
♣ 10852		
♠ K98654		♠ AJ32
♥ A109		♥ KQJ5
♦ A		♦ 752
♣ AKJ		♣ 74
	♠ 107	
	♥ 742	
	♦ Q843	
	♣ Q963	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Azzam	Sibony	Farrag
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Double	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

West discovered that partner had an opening bid, four spades to the ace and a heart control. That was enough to decide to bid the grand slam. Only all three spades in the South hand would beat the contract – so it was about 89%, Though there is a less than 1% chance of a heart ruff., so you should really be playing 7NT. Neither of these negative possibilities came to pass so the slam was claimed at trick three.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zein	Hayat	Abaza	Berrada
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	
2♦*	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pas
6♠	All Pass		

Both 2♣ and 2♦ were alerted but no explanation given, I am assuming some form of Drury. If the direct 4♠ bid shows a hand something like East actually held then surely an enquiry after the 5♦ response to RKBC might have allowed the grand to be bid. Obviously the exact same thirteen tricks but a loss of 11 IMPs to Morocco.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ KQJ5		
♥ K54		
♦ J42		
♣ AK3		
♠ A6		♠ 1093
♥ QJ96		♥ A732
♦ Q53		♦ AK108
♣ QJ97		♣ 54
	♠ 8742	
	♥ 108	
	♦ 976	
	♣ 10862	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Azzam	Sibony	Farrag
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	1NT	Double	All Pass

East went for the penalty rather than a doubtful game. On the lead of the ace of diamonds Partner contributed the ♦5 and East continued with a small one to the West's queen. Rather than continuing the diamonds West switched to the queen of clubs, declarer taking the ace. And now attacked spades, West taking the ace. The switch to the queen of hearts allowed the defence to take eight red suit tricks and the ace of spades for three off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zein	Hayat	Abaza	Berrada
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	1NT	Double	All Pass

The king of diamonds lead brought the ♦3 from partner and when East continued with the ace West 'unblocked' the queen of diamonds. The ♦10 lost to declarer's jack and he immediately attacked spades. West took his ace and now attacked with the queen





of clubs. The defence were haemorrhaging tricks at a vast rate but there was no play to give up more so declarer finished only one down and made 9 IMPs for Morocco

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ AQ2	♠ J753	♠ K1084
♥ 32	♥ A1095	♥ Q864
♦ AQ964	♦ 852	♦ KJ
♣ K96	♣ J10	♣ 843

♠ 96		♠ 96
♥ KJ7		♥ KJ7
♦ 1073		♦ 1073
♣ AQ752		♣ AQ752

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hayet</i>	<i>Azzam</i>	<i>Sibony</i>	<i>Farrag</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

On the ♥10 lead, which held the trick, the suit was continued and South took the jack and king and returned a club. Declarer rose with the king, either making the contract or going several off. It was declarer's lucky day as the ace of clubs was with South. Nine top tricks taken.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zein</i>	<i>Hayat</i>	<i>Abaza</i>	<i>Berrada</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Double
2♦*	Pass	2NT	All Pass
2♦	no 4 major, club stop		

East is borderline between 2NT and 3NT, but as I have said before vulnerable games win matches. On the lead of the jack of clubs South encouraged and declarer took the king. Five rounds of diamonds were cashed and South discarded both spades so declarer made an extra overtrick taking the marked finesse against the jack of spades. Another 9 IMPs to Morocco, They had increased their lead by 23 points, making it 54 with only twelve boards to play.

The next two boards were flat.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 1095
 ♥ Q832
 ♦ 1092
 ♣ K42

♠ J864
 ♥ K1074
 ♦ AKQ
 ♣ A3

♠ A2
 ♥ —
 ♦ 87543
 ♣ Q109876

♠ KQ73
 ♥ AJ965
 ♦ J6
 ♣ J5

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hayet</i>	<i>Azzam</i>	<i>Sibony</i>	<i>Farrag</i>
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

West started with three top diamonds, declarer ruffing the third round. Ace of hearts and another saw West take the king and play ace an another club, taken in dummy. Whe a spade was led from dummy East rose with the ace and the contract was now one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zein</i>	<i>Hayat</i>	<i>Abaza</i>	<i>Berrada</i>
1NT	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2NT	relay		

A fourth best ♥2 was led to South's ace, what should South do now? If think long and hard about returning a heart then no matter what West is holding a small heart is best, you need to avoid the situation where partner cannot lead a heart as it would set up a trick for declarer, simplistically, if declarer has the ♥10 then you must not lead the jack, if he has not got it then it does not matter what you do. You have probably now realised that South returned the jack. Declarer leapt up with the king, took three rounds of diamonds, played ace and another club and when North went in with his king the defence could only take one more heart and so declarer made an unlikely overtrick and 9 IMPs for Egypt.





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Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 82	♠ K 103	♠ J9764
♥ Q1054	♥ KJ	♥ 976
♦ J6	♦ KQ974	♦ A852
♣ KQJ73	♣ A86	♣ 10
	♠ AQ5	
	♥ A832	
	♦ 103	
	♣ 9542	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Azzam	Sibony	Farrag
-	1NT	Pass	2♣
Double	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The opening lead of the ♣10 was allowed to hold the trick. The spade switch was won in dummy and the ♦10 covered by the jack and king, East ducking, but taking the king with the ace and switching to a heart and took West's queen with the king. Declarer now cashed the ♦9 and when the suit did not break he gave up a diamond and had the rest of the tricks for plus one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zein	Hayat	Abaza	Berrada
-	1NT	Pass	2♣
Double	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The first three tricks were identical but declarer rashly decided to cross to dummy again in spades to lead another diamond towards hand and now East took the ace and played a third round of spades and now when diamonds did not break East had spades to cash when the fourth round of diamonds was played. One down, 10 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ KQ10	♠ A732	♠ J9654
♥ A643	♥ K52	♥ Q7
♦ 9752	♦ Q	♦ AK10
♣ Q7	♣ K8654	♣ A103
	♠ 8	
	♥ J1098	
	♦ J8643	
	♣ J92	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Azzam	Sibony	Farrag
-	-	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
2♣	natural or 11 with 3♠		

South led the jack of hearts ducked to North's king and the queen of diamonds came back. Declarer won and unblocked the queen of hearts and played a club towards dummy's queen of clubs but that lost to North's king. A club came back and declarer took the ace and ruffed a club in dummy and after cashing the ace of hearts tackled trumps. North refused to take his ace and when declarer tried to get back to hand with a diamond North ruffed and still had the ace of trumps to come. One down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zein	Hayat	Abaza	Berrada
-	-	1♠	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
1NT	forcing		

The normal meaning of 3♠ after a forcing 1NT is 11 points and three of the major. Again the jack of hearts was led, North taking the king and returning the queen of diamonds. At this table declarer immediately set about trumps, North taking the ace at the first opportunity and easing all declarer's problems by returning a club which ran round to the queen. Now declarer could ruff a club in dummy and retain control and record an overtrick and 13 IMPs for Egypt.





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Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ KJ7					
♥ 7					
♦ AK1052					
♣ 10983					
♠ Q98532	<div>W N E S</div>			♠ 10	
♥ AK964				♥ 103	
♦ 96				♦ QJ43	
♣ —				♣ AKQJ65	
♠ A64					
♥ QJ852					
♦ 87					
♣ 742					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Azzam	Sibony	Farrag
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South made the lead of a small heart and held his breath and played small from dummy and when the ♥10 took the trick he quickly cashed another eight tricks and put the rest of his cards back into the board. Even a club lead does not give the contract away, only a small heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zein	Hayat	Abaza	Berrada
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Surely if East had two spades then he would have bid 3♠ and not 3NT. It was not a happy contract and eventually subsided four off. 12 IMPs to Morocco. With four boards to play Morocco were 18 IMPs ahead.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ AQ4				
	♥ Q1085				
	♦ 742				
	♣ A75				
♠ 76		<div>W N E S</div>		♠ K1095	
♥ 76			♥ K43		
♦ K965			♦ AQ3		
♣ 98632			♣ Q104		
	♠ J832				
	♥ AJ92				
	♦ J108				
	♣ KJ				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Azzam	Sibony	Farrag
—	Pass	1♣	Double
2♣	3♣	Double	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Unsurprisingly East led a club and dummy's jack held the trick. Declarer neatly cashed the king of clubs and came back to hand with the ace of spades to take a heart finesse, East covered the queen with the king and the ace won the trick. Trumps were drawn finishing in hand and the ace of clubs cashed to discard a losing diamond. Now declarer had only three losers and so the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zein	Hayat	Abaza	Berrada
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Double	Redble
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

When West did not lead a diamond declarer had an overtrick and so 10 IMPs to Egypt. Egypt went into the last board 8 IMPs adrift.





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Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K9864		
♥ 7		
♦ 1096		
♣ 10972		
♠ J3		♠ AQ52
♥ A863		♥ J1042
♦ K4		♦ AJ2
♣ KQJ85		♣ A6
♠ 107		
♥ KQ95		
♦ Q8753		
♣ 43		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Azzam	Sibony	Farrag
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

I can understand East's enthusiasm as he was expecting a 15-17 no-trump on the other side of the table. I think the only legitimate hope in the trump suit is doubleton nine in the North hand (a priori just over 6%), but it was not to be and I think declarer was so deflated that he lost focus and an unnecessary trick and so went two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zein	Hayat	Abaza	Berrada
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

At this table West counted his points carefully and opened with 1♣ and East was soon in 4♥ and even with the bad break in the trump suit it was not possible to fail and so with the vulnerable game and the failure in the other room it was 13 IMPs to Egypt and the championship crown. The match was decided on the last board - a very tense affair for all those watching and rooting for their team.





Egypt vs. Reunion - Open

We will start the first session in the new set of championships with Egypt's match against Reunion in the Open event. I am hoping for a quiet set of boards this morning as the final session of the Seniors event yesterday had nine boards with big swings. I will be happy with three or four for the opening session.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ AQ10754	♠ 98
♥ J6	♥ AQ5
♦ Q92	♦ AK1074
♣ 52	♣ 743
♠ K6	♠ J32
♥ 983	♥ K10742
♦ 86	♦ J53
♣ AQJ986	♣ K10

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Elahmady</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Amiry</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
All Pass			
2♦	multi		
2♠	Pass or correct		

With the points split nearly evenly amongst the opposition neither of them made it into the auction. The defence started with two rounds of diamonds and a ruff, the ace of hearts and a club return for two tricks. The defence had taken the first six tricks but declarer had the rest for one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ClosedW</i>	<i>ClosedN</i>	<i>ClosedE</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
1♣	2♠	3♦	3♠
Pass	Pass	Double*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
Dble	13+		

On the lead of a heart declarer rose with dummy's ace and immediately took a club finesse and then crossed to the ace of diamonds to repeat the procedure and when the king of clubs appeared declarer

had nine top tricks which were immediately taken. 11 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 92	♠ AKJ7
♥ 108765	♥ AK932
♦ 1085	♦ K2
♣ Q63	♣ A8
♠ Q853	♠ 1064
♥ J4	♥ Q
♦ A63	♦ QJ974
♣ K742	♣ J1095

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Elahmady</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Amiry</i>
-	-	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♠	All Pass
5♦	1 or 4 keycards		

The diamond lead was taken in dummy and then two rounds of trumps ending in dummy. The jack of hearts was led and declarer played the ace and apparently did not see the jack fall as he tried to cash the king which was ruffed by South, now there were not enough tricks and the contract failed by one trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ClosedW</i>	<i>ClosedN</i>	<i>ClosedE</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
-	-	2♣*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6NT	All Pass		
2♣	game force		
2♠	3 italian controls		
3♣	puppet stayman		
3♥	5♥		
5♦	1 or 4 keycards		





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The opening lead was the queen of diamonds taken in hand and declarer played a small heart towards the jack and South's queen took the trick. South now switched to the jack of clubs taken with the ace in hand. The jack of hearts was unblocked and hand reentered with a top spade. The two top hearts were cashed declarer crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs and then cashed three rounds of spades and the defence mangled their discards, so that on the last spade North was squeezed in diamond and hearts for the contract. South decided to hold onto two clubs when he had already seen nine of them and there were two in his hand and one still in dummy – the missing one was the queen and if declarer had that he would have tabled his hand. South needs to guard the diamonds. In fact he could have made life very difficult for declarer when in with the queen of hearts by playing another round of diamonds. 17 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 53	♠ K7
♥ 9753	♥ AKJ6
♦ J95	♦ KQ1082
♣ KQ108	♣ 53
♠ Q8642	♠ AJ109
♥ Q4	♥ 1082
♦ A74	♦ 63
♣ 976	♣ AJ42

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Elahmady</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Amiry</i>
–	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Double	Pass	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♦	All Pass
2♠	7-8, 5♠		

Stopping in the part-score was good as 3NT has 5 immediate top losers. Declarer just lost the obvious two clubs and a spade for plus one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ClosedW</i>	<i>ClosedN</i>	<i>ClosedE</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
–	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The result of the board hung on South's lead – a

club and the contract failed another and then declarer could take his nine tricks. South tried the ♥8 and it was not a success. As foretold declarer rattled off his nine tricks and said thank you. 10 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q5	♠ AJ107632
♥ 32	♥ A6
♦ Q109643	♦ 2
♣ 742	♣ J83
♠ K98	♠ 4
♥ J54	♥ KQ10987
♦ KJ8	♦ A75
♣ AKQ9	♣ 1065

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Elahmady</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Amiry</i>
–	–	1♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
2NT	15+ ♠fit		

On the king of hearts lead declarer took the ace, drew trumps and discarded a loser on the long club and claimed twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ClosedW</i>	<i>ClosedN</i>	<i>ClosedE</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
–	–	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
2♣	game force		
2♠	could be 5♠		

A different evaluation of the West hand, it may have a lot of points but it is still a seven loser hand. The defence slipped up and allowed declarer an extra overtrick but I do not think declarer cared whether the contract was plus three or plus 4. 12 IMPs to Reunion.





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Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Elahmady</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Amiry</i>
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♣8 and dummy's king was allowed to hold the trick. A small spade from dummy saw declarer's ♠7 lose to the ♠10. North now switched to a diamond which did declarer no harm whatsoever and now played the ♣10 which South took with the ace. When South returned a heart declarer had the choice of a successful finesse or in diamonds, the only argument I can see for the heart finesse is that if you choose the diamond finesse and it is wrong you will go two off. I do not know if declarer's logic was the same as mine but he tried the heart finesse and was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ClosedW</i>	<i>ClosedN</i>	<i>ClosedE</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Once more the opening lead was a club which South immediately took and switched to the jack of diamonds and declarer played the queen from hand which held the trick. Ace of trumps and another put South on lead and he tried another club which was won in dummy and now declarer was able to take the diamond finesse and then discard a losing heart from dummy on the ace. The defence had now just the master trump to come and so the contract was made. 10 IMPs to Egypt

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Elahmady</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Amiry</i>
-	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

I am surprised that East did not venture into the auction with his minor two-suiter (can you see that 6♣ can be made by West!). Two Hearts drifted one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ClosedW</i>	<i>ClosedN</i>	<i>ClosedE</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
-	1♥	3♣*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3NT	All Pass
3♣	5-5 minors		
3♥	max pass		

South spurned the winning lead of his partner's suit in preference for a spade which went to North's queen. Now the ace and another diamond from North allowed declarer to make an overtrick in a contract that was destined to fail. 11 IMPs to Egypt.





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Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

		♠ KJ1097	
		♥ A10	
		♦ 105	
		♣ 9853	
♠ 3			♠ 542
♥ KQJ62			♥ 7
♦ J9872			♦ AQ63
♣ J7			♣ AQ1062
		♠ AQ86	
		♥ 98543	
		♦ K4	
		♣ K4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Elahmady</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Amiry</i>
2♥*	2♠	4NT	5♠
All Pass			
2♥	55 with hearts		

I am not sure, have I mentioned before about the five-level belonging to the opponents – I must check out previous bulletins. Five spades goes off even with both aces being favourably placed for declarer.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ClosedW</i>	<i>ClosedN</i>	<i>ClosedE</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♦	3♠	5♦	Double
All Pass			
2♥	55 with♥		
2♠	Pass or correct		

East was hoping for the right hand opposite, imagine five diamonds to the king and the king of clubs and with the singleton spade the minor suit game would be made, but South's Double told him all was not going to be well. Declarer had no option but lose the two outstanding aces and the two outstanding kings. Two off. A blot on the copybook – up until this point the E/W column was positive for every board. 11 IMPs to Reunion

At the end of the match more than 100 points had been exchanged with Egypt coming out on top against Reunion 77-24 or 19.43-0.57 VPs.





South Africa vs. Egypt - Women

The second session in the Women Championship saw the previous runners-up South African team take on the bronze medallists Egypt. South Africa had a good start with a convincing win over Kenya but Egypt went down to Tunisia only scoring 5.4 VPs. So plenty of motivation for both teams.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A9742	♠ KQJ53	♠ 108
♥ 3	♥ KQ9	♥ A875
♦ 75	♦ QJ8	♦ 964
♣ AQ975	♣ 43	♣ J862
	♠ 6	
	♥ J10642	
	♦ AK1032	
	♣ K10	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ELAwady</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
1♦	Pass	1NT	Double
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	
1NT	forcing		
2♣	relay		

Dummy took the king of hearts lead with the ace and played the jack of clubs covered by the king and ace. A small spade towards dummy brought the jack from North. Her queen of diamonds held the next trick and partner overtook the jack to play a third round, ruffed by declarer. The queen of clubs was now cashed but when declarer cashed the ace of trumps that was her last trick as North could ruff a club lead and then draw trumps and cash two heart tricks. Three off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nestoridis</i>	<i>Arabi</i>	<i>Sorensen</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The opening diamond lead was won in hand and East took the heart to dummy's queen with her

ace and switched to a club allowing West to take three immediate tricks for one down. 14 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A975	♠ K832	♠ J64
♥ 1053	♥ 96	♥ Q82
♦ 96	♦ AKJ87	♦ 1054
♣ QJ85	♣ 64	♣ K973
		♠ Q10
		♥ AKJ74
		♦ Q32
		♣ A102

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ELAwady</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
2♥	<9		
2♠	art GF		
2NT	values in ♠		

West started with three rounds of diamonds, declarer winning the third round and pitching a spade from dummy. Declarer now tried three rounds of hearts, East taking the third and now exited with a small spade, declarer quessed to insert the ♠10 and when the club finesse was successful she had her vulnerable game. Had East exited with a small club declarer could not have made her contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nestoridis</i>	<i>Arabi</i>	<i>Sorensen</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
Double	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Only in need of nine tricks declarer did not strive or take risks for the tenth trick and so just fulfilled her contract. 10 IMPs to South Africa.





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Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ AJ		
♥ KJ82		
♦ 9853		
♣ J85		
♠ Q 1053		♠ 92
♥ 3		♥ Q 1076
♦ AQJ		♦ K 10742
♣ AK973		♣ 106
	♠ K8764	
	♥ A954	
	♦ 6	
	♣ Q42	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
ELAwady	Stanton	Soliman	Armstrong
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♠
All Pass			

East is obviously not a member of the Mafia (MAFIA – Majors Always First In Auction), had she been so she might have replied 1♥ and then could have protected with 2♦ which may well have led to a better result. Even though the defence found their club ruff declarer made her contract with a slight help from the defence.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nestoridis	Arabi	Sorensen	Hamdy
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

At this table East was a Mafia member, now North thought her side was being talked out of something and realising the opposition had bid three suits it must be likely that partner has values in that suit – and partner indeed she did, unfortunately they were ruffing values. Our worst breach of Burn's law these championships, they always excite bulletin writers. Declarer managed to scramble four tricks so escaped for four light – but, no double, no trouble – well not too much: 7 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K3		
♥ A 105		
♦ KQJ96		
♣ Q98		
♠ AJ 107		♠ Q98652
♥ 872		♥ Q963
♦ 54		♦ 3
♣ J 1063		♣ 52
	♠ 4	
	♥ KJ4	
	♦ A 10872	
	♣ AK74	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
ELAwady	Stanton	Soliman	Armstrong
–	–	Pass	1♦*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♠*
Double	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Double	6♦
All Pass			
1♦	4+♦		
2♦	♦fit, 11+		
3♠	shortage		
5♠	2 keycards + ♥Q		

The lead of the ace of spades saved declarer from having to make a decision as to the location of the queen of hearts. Declarer could claim at trick two.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nestoridis	Arabi	Sorensen	Hamdy
–	–	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦*	2♠	3♠*
Double	3NT	All Pass	
2♦	forcing		
3♠	asking for stopper		

When East led a spade West took the ace and returned the suit and declarer took the king and ran five rounds of diamonds and induced a discard from the hand with the queen of hearts and so made twelve tricks. 10 more IMPs for South Africa.





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Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 2		♠ 87
♥ 432		♥ 10875
♦ 10875		♦ KQ63
♣ Q10732		♣ AJ9
♠ KQJ65	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A10943
♥ AK6		♥ QJ9
♦ AJ94		♦ 2
♣ 6		♣ K854

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ElAwady</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	5♦	All Pass
1NT	forcing		
2NT	forcing18+		
3♣	shape asking		
3♦	have a minor		
3♥	which one?		
3NT	♦		

Declarer won the opening club lead in dummy and played a spade, South going up with the ace and giving her partner a ruff. The club return was ruffed in hand and two rounds of trumps were drawn leaving North with one. To make her contract declarer must now take two more rounds of trumps as this will squeeze South in the majors. This is actually her most realistic chance of making the contract as she knows South has still three spades, if she holds the ♥QJ as well she will be a squeeze victim. Unfortunately declarer tried ruffing a spade in dummy but now there was no play for the contract.

One down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nestoridis</i>	<i>Arabi</i>	<i>Sorensen</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>
–	–	–	1♠
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

On the lead of the ♣3 dummy played the ♣9 and South let that win the trick. A spade from dummy saw South insert the ♠9 but declarer's queen took the trick. A diamond to the king and the ♠8 was led and held the trick, declarer could now enter hand and establish another spade trick and so make two overtricks and 11 IMPs for South Africa.

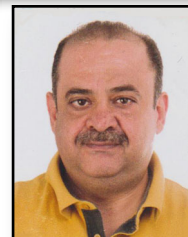
At the end of the match Egypt had not scored a single IMP so South Africa had won 61-0 or 20-0 in VPs. had





Championship Information

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



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

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

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

2. Teams Events ... Last RR

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

3. Please click the link below for instructions

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

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

5. Play instructions and Schedule of play ...

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





name written in one of the Tables.

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

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

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

6. Request a review

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

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

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

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

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

7. Time delay and hesitation

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

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

8. Home & Visiting teams

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





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

9. Headphones / Earphones

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

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

10. Kibitzers

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

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

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

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

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

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





Roster - Open Teams

Egypt

Captain

Yehia El Shazly

Walid El Ahmady

Reda Amiry

Ahmed Samir

Aly El Selehdar

Ahmed Omran

Ahmed Yousry

Kenya

Captain

Sejal Shah

Sejal Shah

Kamal Shah

Punam Shah

Bijal Shah

Bhanumati Shah

Warren Stanley

Morocco

Captain

Khalil Bensouda

Khalil Bensouda

Andre O'Hana

Said Badri

Mohammed A Ammor

Tariq Sbili

Said Sbili

Reunion

Captain

Christian Giraud

Christian Giraud

Philippe Lagache

Narguis Huseinali

Patrick Hamel

Marie-Thérèse Boyer

Patrick Schilli

South Africa

Captain

Robert Stephens

Robert Stephens

Hennie Fick

Alon Apteker

Craig Gower

Noah Apteker

Neville Eber

Tunisia

Captain

Wissem Belazreg

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Anas Mestiri

Omar Meddeb

Ahmed Medeb

Anis Ghodhbane

Moez Fourati

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Roster - Women Teams

Egypt

Captain

Ayman Azzam (NPC)

Hoda Soliman

Dina El Awady

Nadia Taymour

Nessreine Hamdy

Nada Moussa

Christina Kiami

Kenya

Captain

Samina Ismail

Samina Ismail

Sumitra Shah

Samira Soni

Rupal shah

Vina Verjee

Trupti Haria

Morocco

Captain

Fatim Lahlou

Fatim Lahlou

Samira Teber

Graziella Nabil

Salwa Ayad

Khadija Marrakchi

Marie Claire O'Hana

South Africa

Captain

Tas Nestoridis

Roz Bernstein

Sharon Lang

Vanessa Armstrong

Carol Stanton

Lotte Sorensen

Tas Nestoridis

Tunisia

Captain

Hedia Sellami

Hedia Sellami

Ferdous Trabelsi

Jalila Ghodhbane

Maissa Farhani

Halima Mejri

Najeh Linda





RealBridge Playing Instructions

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

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

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

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

AND you might also receive it by mail.

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

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

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

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

6. Allow cam and allow mic.

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

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

Notice the lobby chat window to the right.

Keep an eye to the Lobby chat

- For important announcements





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

Volume control for your partner.

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

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

Table 1
Rd 1 / 3

WEST
6m

Stephen Peterkin

Scores

Disable/enable your video.

Disable / enable your microphone. Use this when you're on the phone!

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

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

Volume control for right-hand opponent.

Private chat with right-hand opponent.

Alert

Last trick Undo
Auction Director
Claim Leave

Settings

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

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

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

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

Display style

- ☒ Detailed cards
- ☐ Simplified cards

As defender, see dummy

- ☐ Facing declarer
- ☒ Facing me

As declarer, see dummy as

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

Input style

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

Deal animation

Slide

Animation duration

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

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

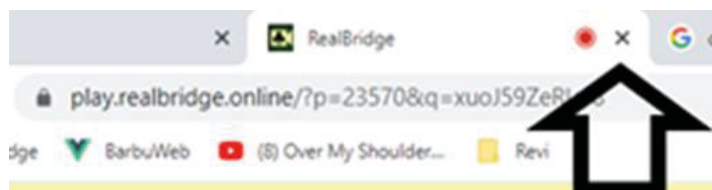
OK Cancel





11. After we play all boards



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



12. Can Use and Can't use

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

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

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

Second : Bidding, Play, Alert and System

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

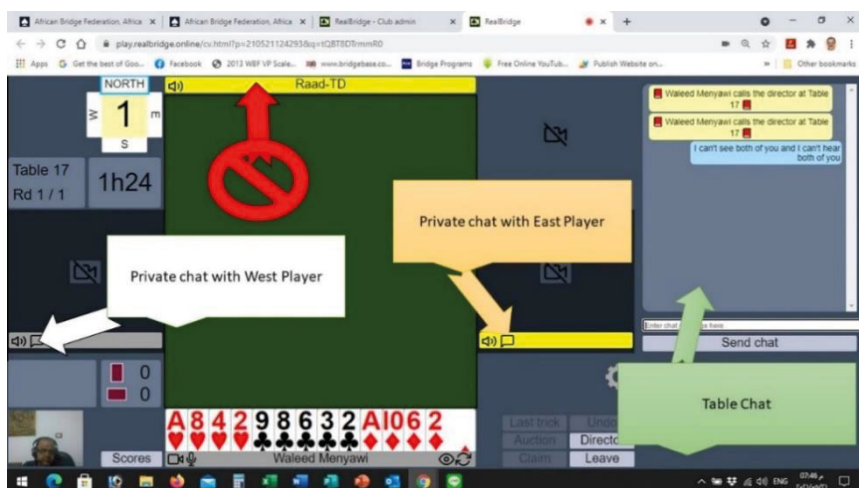
14. **Private chat and Table chat**

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





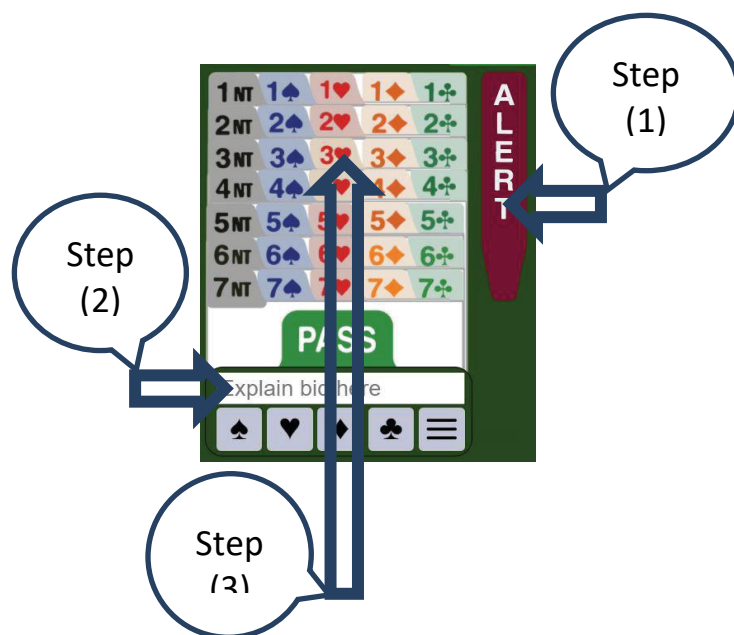
When you are at Full Screen mode



When you are at normal view (NOT Full Screen mode

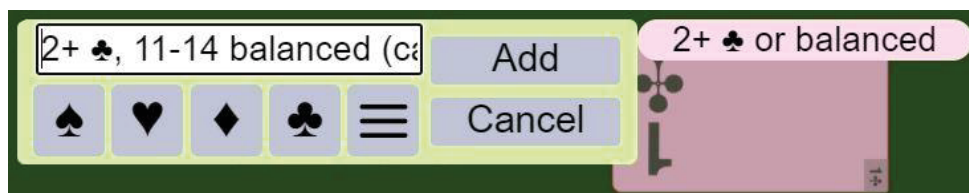
15. Self-alert and self-explanation proper procedure:

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

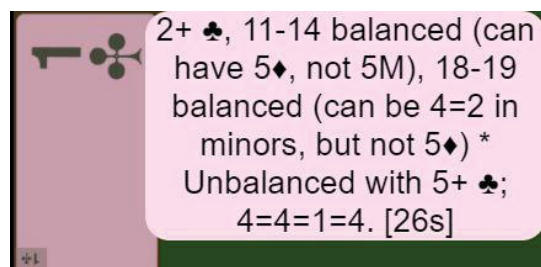




If you make a **mistake** or need to **explain your bid further** after you have bid, you can click on the bid and add more text.

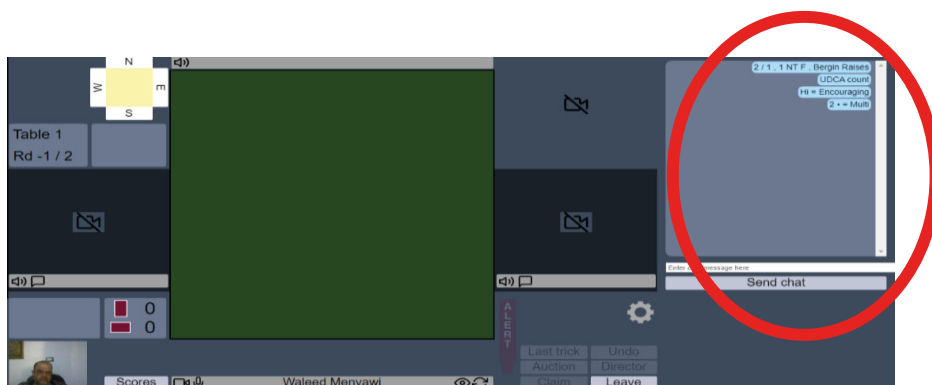


The added text will appear after an asterisk *. The time in seconds between when the bid was **made** and the added explanation was **submitted** is presented after the added text in the square brackets, for this example, 26 seconds. The character limit on explanations is 200 characters.



16. System

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

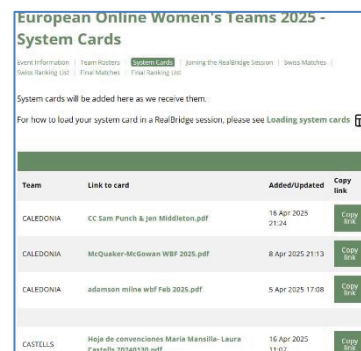




How to load your system card (convention card)

Step 1

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



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

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

Step 2

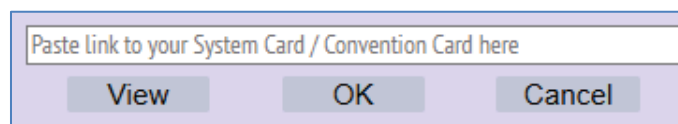
When sitting at the table, click the System Card/Convention Card icon to the right of your grey name-band at the bottom of the window.

This box appears:



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

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



Paste link to your System Card / Convention Card here

View OK Cancel



http://www.infobridge.it/JSmith_AJones.pdf

View OK Cancel

Click OK.

