

Bulletin 9 Tuesday 6th May Editor Ron Tacchi

The Long And Winding Road

An interesting and eventful day, both South African teams have proved they are human and have lost a match. Tunisia Open won all three of their matches but the Tunisian Women lost all three. Also the Kenyan Women who did not win a match the previous day were unbeaten.

In the Open Championship **South Africa** are more than a match ahead of **Egypt** who are very closely pursued by **Tunisia**. The other three countries are more than a match behind them, there is almost a another battle between those three for that vital fourth spot.

South Africa currently have a strangle hold on the Women Championship, they are nearly a match and a half ahead of their nearest rivals, **Egypt. Tunisia** are third ahead of **Morocco** but only 12 points separate the four countries behind South Africa.

Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
South Africa	94.65	1
Egypt	73.09	2
Tunisia	71.93	3
Morocco	48.55	4
Kenya	37.15	5
Reunion	34.63	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
South Africa	90.44	1
Egypt	62.23	2
Tunisia	56.57	3
Morocco	53.64	4
Kenya	49.12	5

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Schedule for Tuesday 6th May

Note all times are GMT

Open Championship

R.R (02)		Match (02	.), 09H00	Match (03	s), 12H30	Match (04	l),	15H30
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	Х	Visiting Team	Home Team	X		Visiting Team
TUE	1	1 RSA	х	5 REU	4 TUN	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	х	3	MOR
6	2	4 TUN	x	6 KEN	3 MOR	x	5 REU	² EGY	x	4	TUN
6	3	3 MOR	x	² EGY	² EGY	x	6 KEN	6 KEN	x	5	REU

Women Championship

R.R (02)		Match (02	2), 09H00		Match (03	3), 12H30	Match (04	ŀ),	15H30
Date	Table No.	Home Team	Х	Visiting Team		Home Team	Х	Visiting Team	Home Team	х		Visiting Team
TUE	4	1 MOR	x	5 KEN	I	4 TUN	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	3	EGY
6	5	4 TUN	x	6	I	3 EGY	x	5 KEN	² RSA	x	4	TUN
6	6	3 EGY	x	² RSA		² RSA	x	6	6	x	5	KEN

Results

Open Championship

Session 1	VPs
Morocco - South Africa	2.55-17.45
Tunisia - Egypt	13.28-6.72
Reunion - Kenya	9.09-10.91
Session 2	
South Africa - Egypt	8.8-11.2
Morocco - Kenya	13.75-6.25
Tunisia - Reunion	16.26-2.74
Session 3	
Kenya - South Africa	0-20
Reunion - Egypt	7.71-12.29
Tunisia - Morocco	18.97-1.03

Women Championship

Session 1	VPs
Egypt - Morocco	9.09-10.91
Tunisia - South Africa	2.97-17.03
Kenya - Bye	12-0
Session 2	
Morocco - South Africa	2.41-17.59
Egypt - Bye	12-0
Tunisia - Kenya	2.97-17.03
Session 3	
Bye - Morocco	0-12
Kenya - South Africa	14.39-5.61
Tunisia - Egypt	4.26-15.74

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Important Message From Your TDs

Dear Captains

Please pay full attention

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chers capitaines,

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

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

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

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

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

Il est également très important de comprendre que:

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

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

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

Merci

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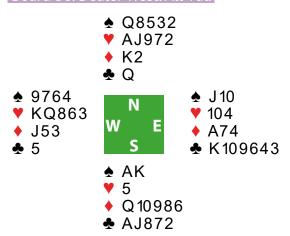




Morocco vs. Reunion - Open

he last session on the first day of the Round Robin in the Open Championship features Morocco against Reunion. Neither team had had a good start, Morocco had one win and one loss but Reunion had yet to win a match but their first two opponents were teams a lot of people would class as the favourites.

Board 36. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Boyer	S Sbili	Schilli	T Sbili
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♣	game forcing		

Declarer was favoured with a diamond lead taken by East's ace. The diamond return was won in dummy and the queen of clubs was covered by the king and ace. Now when the jack of diamonds fell under the queen there was an overtrick

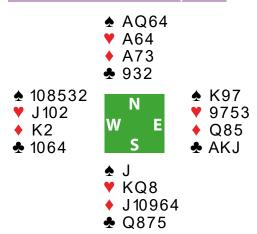
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West	North	East	South
Badri	Huseinali	Ammor	Giraud
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pacc			

When West led a fourth best ♥6 declarer rose with the ace. Letting slip a little bulletin editor's secret we generally watch the play with the double dummy solver working alongside – on this deal it said that now at trick two the ♠8 or ♠Q lead

from dummy could lead to defeat, the queen we can immediately understand why, but when we see the ♠8 we now know this is going to be a difficult hand for the declarer, the defence and the reporter. The king of diamonds was led from dummy and East ducked – one of the first rules of defence you learn is 'cover an honour with an honour', Had East done so then the contract would have no chance, now declarer was in with a shout. He needed to play a diamond to the queen but he tried the queen of clubs and the king and ace were played. When he tried the jack of clubs and discovered the 6-1 split he was without resource and when the defence let a trick slip he was one off. Basically all the double dummy lines finesse against the jack of diamonds in the West hand - very easy when you can see all for hands. 12 IMPs to Morocco.

Board 37. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Boyer	S Sbili	Schilli	T Sbili
_	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

There seems no reason for the auction to continue past 1NT. The jack of hearts lead was taken in hand with the king and the ◆10 was covered by the king and dummy's ace won the trick. A small diamond to hand was allowed to win and declarer then cleared the suit. East continued with hearts, taken in hand with the king and the long diamonds cashed. The jack of spades ran round to East's king an the ace and king of clubs were cashed leaving the rest of the tricks for declarer, so plus two.

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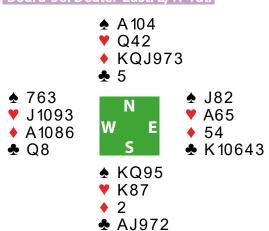


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West	North	East	South
Badri	Huseinali	Ammor	Giraud
_	1♦	Pass	3◆*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
3 ♦	weak		

I would describe 3NT as optimistic, but I am not sure how weak the 3♦ bid can be but I suspect six or seven points is not out of the question. Declarer must have had a sigh of relief when he saw dummy and the lead of the ace of clubs followed by a spade switch allowing the jack of spades to win. Now the diamonds were tackled and obviously good for four tricks declarer was on course for an overtrick. If I was Notrh I would go out and buy a lottery ticket. 10 IMPs to Reunion

Board 38. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Boyer	S Sbili	Schilli	T Sbili
_	_	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Eat led the unbid suit to West's ♥9 and declarer's queen. The king of diamonds caused West to take the ace and continue with hearts to East's ace and the suit was cleared. Declarer came to hand with a spade and when the diamonds did not behave the spades did and so declarer had nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Badri	Huseinali	Ammor	Giraud
_	_	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The same contract but played from a different hand, would this make a difference? As expected the jack of hearts was placed on the virtual baize and declarer ducked, was this the right decision? If declarer assumes that the diamonds can be played without the loss of two tricks (about 53%) the he must not lose four hearts, for that to be the case they must be split 5-2. If West has five hearts then taking the first trick in hand is safe because either the queen is a stop or the ace is doubleton in the East hand. If East has the five hearts then whatever you do depends on the position of the ace of diamonds so playing the king is a 50-50 situation so it would seem that playing the king is a better bet, there is also the additional chance that if diamonds do not behave then four spades and two heart tricks will be enough to make your contract. West continued the heart attack and East took the ace and returned the suit setting up West's long heart. Now when declarer tackled the diamond suit in the normal fashion he was a trick light. When played by South after the heart lead declarer can only make the contract by taking a finesse against the ◆10 on the first round of the suit. 10 IMPs to Morocco

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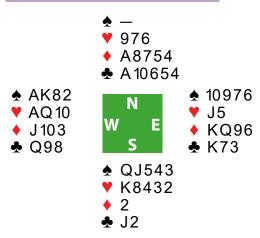








Board 39. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Boyer	S Sbili	Schilli	T Sbili
_	=	=	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3◆*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
1NT	if 16 may hav	⁄e 5 maj	
2♣	non promisso	ory Stayman	
3♣	16 4 card ma	j	
3 ♦	relay		

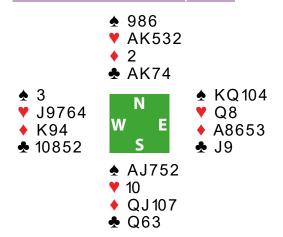
Declarer had a small chance when the opening lead was the ace of clubs and the suit continued. He won in hand and cashed a top trump and now had no play for the contract with the adverse 5-0 trump split and finished one off. To make his contract he must win the club continuation in dummy and try and take a spade finesse and this will expose the trump position and now declarer has a clear view of the situation and will make his contract if South has the king of hearts. A difficult hand to play. Any other defence would have led to an earlier defeat of the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Badri	Huseinali	Ammor	Giraud
_	_	_	2♥*
2NT	3♥	3NT	All Pass
2 💙	5-5 with ♥		

The ♥6 lead went round to declarer's ♥10. The ♦10 held the next trick but North took the second round with the ace. Another heart meant declare only needed to set up a club trick to get the total up to nine. 12 IMPs to Morocco

Board 41. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Boyer	S Sbili	Schilli	T Sbili
_	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Declarer took the opening ♣8 lead in dummy to lead a trump and East split his honours and declarer took the ace and played the queen of diamonds for West to take with the king. Another club was won in hand before ruffing a diamond. The ace and king of hearts was cashed discarding a diamond and a third round ruffed. Declarer's last diamond was ruffed in dummy and there was a neat trump ending as when a heart was lead if East ruffs then declarer overruffs and plays a club forcing East to ruff and concede a tump trick, if he discards then he ruffs and plays a club and East is trump bound and has to concede a trump at the end. Nicely played.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Badri	Huseinali	Ammor	Giraud
-	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	2♦	Double
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The ◆4 was led to the ace and East returned a club taken in dummy. Declarer staked a lot on a kind trump position by coming to hand with the ace of trumps and when he played a small trump from hand he immediately gave three tricks to East in the suit, ensuring the defeat of the contract and when he cashed another round of trumps and led a diamond for his partner's king the contract finished two light. 11 IMPs to Morocco

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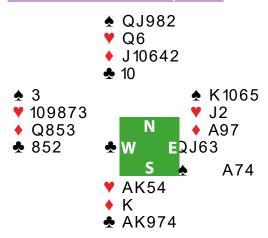








Board 48. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Boyer	S Sbili	Schilli	T Sbili
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
2 ♠ 2NT	5♠ and a 4+ r relay	ninor, max 10)

Is it me or do the spades seem to have behaved unkindly for declarer in this session? The jack of clubs was captured by the ace and the king of diamonds was taken by East's ace. The switch to a heart was taken in hand and a diamond ruffed. Declarer attempted to ruff a heart back to hand but East overruffed and led a diamond now declarer had to ruff in dummy and no matter how declarer wriggles East will come to two trump tricks for one off. Declarer could have made the contract if, when ruffing the first heart had ruffed high—that would have required second sight.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Badri	Huseinali	Ammor	Giraud
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The defence started with the ace and another diamond ruffed in dummy. A heart to the queen and another diamond ruffed. Now the ace of trumps was cashed, followed by two top clubs and two top hearts, declarer's losing diamonds being tossed. East could ruff the second heart but was ruffing with trumps he would have made anyway and so now declarer had only one more trump loser and the contract. Nicely timed play. 10 IMPs to Reunion.

The final result was a narrow win for Morocco 50-45 or 11.48-8.52 VPs.

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:



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.

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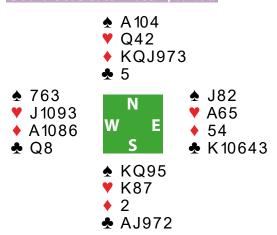




Morocco vs. Tunisia - Women

he third session of the opening Round Robin in the Women Championship pitted Morocco against Tunisa. Morocco started well with a convincing win against Kenya after a bye in the first round. The Tunisians had good bad start beating the Egyptians and had the fortune of a bye in the second round. A good win by either team would put them near the top of the table

Board 38. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Salwa	Ghodhbane	Nabil
-	_	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The jack of hearts went round to declarer's king and a diamond was taken in dummy by the king and the suit continued, West taking the queen with her ace and played the ♥10, covered by the queen allowing East to take the ace and play back a heart for West to cash two more. Even with the spades giving four tricks there was no where declarer could go to find a ninth trick so one off.

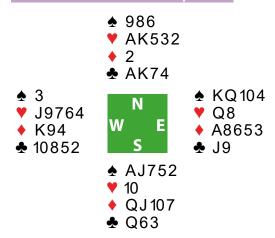
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West	North	East	South
Marrakchi	Ferdous	Ohana	Landa
-	_	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East started with a third and firth ♣3 to the ♣9 and queen. West returned a diamond and dummy's

jack won, declarer continued with diamonds and West took the ace before switching to the jack of hearts which declarer took in hand with the king. Declarer crossed to dummy with the ace of spades and cashed the king of diamonds getting the bad news but declarer had another string to her bow and cashed three more spades and played ace and another club. East now had to concede a heart trick to dummy when she had ♥A5 left in her hand. Well read. 10 IMPs to Tunisia

Board 41. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Salwa	Ghodhbane	Nabil
_	1♥	2♦	Double
Redble	All Pass		

I am not sure what West's Redouble meant but on the surface it did not look good for declarer, there were an awful lot of losers and not many winners available. South led a her singleton \$10, I would have led a trump (and not just because I can see all four hands - theoretically it should make no difference to the result) and partner took her king and cashed the ace of clubs and proceeded to try and cash the ace of hearts. I hope it was a mechanical error but South ruffed this. The error was compounded when, too late, she tried a trump. Now declarer won in dummy and played a good heart, discarding a losing club. South could ruff this but it would be with her natural trump trick The seemingly impossible had happened the result changed from -1600 to +760.

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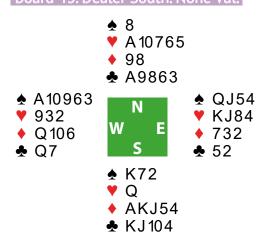


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marrakchi	Ferdous	Ohana	Landa
_	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

East was paying with fire when doubling the final contract and probably pinpointing the position of trumps and honours. Her partner led her trump to dummy's ♠9, queen and ace. The queen of diamonds was allowed to run to East's ace and the trump king was cashed, probably with the idea of cutting down on ruffs in dummy. The club switch was taken in hand and two top hearts were cashed and declarer fell from grace when she discarded a diamond and not a club so now East could ruff the second round of clubs and give partner her diamond trick for one off.. If declarer had parted with a club then on cashing the second club what does East do, if she ruffs, declarer overruffs and draws the outstanding trump and the ◆J10 are worth a trick if declarer does not ruff then declarer now discards a diamond and plays a heart from dummy and if East does not ruff, declarer ruffs and exits with her diamond and whoever wins the trick is basically leading into South's spade tenace. 12 IMPs to Tunisia, could have been 19 the other way -probably a pivotal board in the match.

Board 43. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Salwa	Ghodhbane	Nabil
_	_	_	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

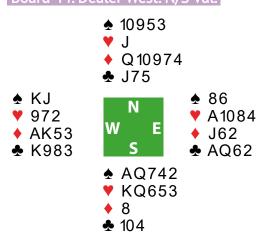
The fourth best ♠6 was led and taken by declarer's king. Now all depended on the club suit, when declarer started with the king there was no possibility of error so declarer gratefully took her nine top tricks and moved on to the next board.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marrakchi	Ferdous	Ohana	Landa
-	_	_	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

South thought her hand to be worth more in a suit contract than in no-trumps and I heartily agree with her. The ace of spades lead did not harm declarer. The heart continuation was won in dummy and when the trumps were 2-2 it would take a 5-1 diamond break to defeat the contract. Nicely bid. 11 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 44. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

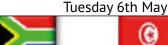


Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Salwa	Ghodhbane	Nabil
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The ♦10 lead gave declarer a sporting chance, especially when dummy's jack held the trick. Declarer made life a little difficult for herself when she cashed four club tricks finishing in hand. She tried cashing the ace and king of diamonds but there was still a master outstanding, The next effort was to play a heart and duck North's jack. The queen of diamonds was cashed and North had to exit with a spade and eventually the defence had to lead a second round giving declarer her contract and her partner a nervous time.

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West	North	East	South
Marrakchi	Ferdous	Ohana	Landa
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Double	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Double
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Basically declarer had three losers and there was no way to dispose of any of them and so the contract finished down one. 10 IMPs to Tunisia

When the final whistle blew Morocco had lost 10-67 to Tunisia or 0.23-19.77 in VPs. This put Tunisia into a very strong second place in the standings.

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.

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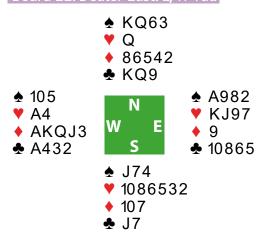




Tunisia vs. Kenya - Women

he final session of the first of three Round Robins had Tunisia playing Kenya. At the end of the first day Tunisia were doing well in second position but had a bruising loss against South Africa in the morning, whereas although Kenya did not have a good first day they were rested as they started the day with a bye.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Smira	Ghodhbane	Rupal
=	_	Pass	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass
1♦	4+		

North chose a small diamond taken in hand. A small trump was won by North and, too late, switched to the king of spades. That fell to the ace and declarer cashed the ace of trumps and ran the diamonds discarding three spades in dummy. Now the contract was secure.. North needed the initial lead to be a spade to defeat the contract.

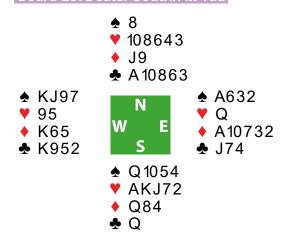
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West	North	East	South
Esmail	Hedia	Shah	Landa
_	-	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♦	Double	5NT	All Pass

I do not follow the reasoning behind the 5♦ bid,

why spurn a known fit when the diamond suit may well be very useful for some discards – another old adage 'play in the 4-4 fit not the 5-4 or 5-3 fit'. The defence started with a small spade to North's queen and declarer's ace. Declarer played ace and another club. North took the trick and cashed his top spade and played another for South's jack. Now in theory with the queen of hearts showing up declarer had the rest of the tricks but I think declarer had a sleepy moment and did not realise that the fifth diamond was not good and so failed by three tricks instead of one. 14 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Smira	Ghodhbane	Rupal
_	-	_	1♥
Pass	3♣*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
3♣	Bergen		

With trumps 2-1 declarer has a myriad of ways of making her contract, as the play went it turned out that a diamond trick was established.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Esmail	Hedia	Shah	Landa
_	_	_	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

I suspect many might agree with me that the North hand is worth more than 2♥ and as we saw above there are a simple ten tricks. 10 IMPs to Kenya

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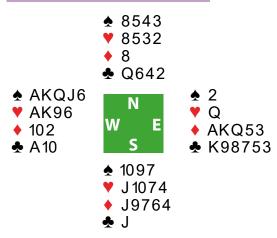








Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Smira	Ghodhbane	Rupal
_	_	4NT*	Pass
7♣	All Pass		
4NT	minors		

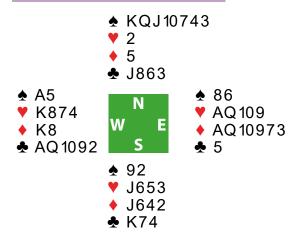
The convention card says 'value for minor suit game – pick suit'. West might have need a bit hasty – it is very annoying to go down in a suit slam without a ruff when 7NT is cold. Declarer lost a trump trick and so was one down. If she had been given a copy of the hands in advance she could have made her contract on a heart lead via a trump coup. I will leave the reader to play that through – spoiler alert – you must overtake the queen of hearts at trick one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Esmail	Hedia	Shah	Landa
_	_	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

I find the 6♣ bid a little bit agricultural and if I had had the West hand with this bidding I would have tried 7NT. The good news about missing the grand slam was that it cost only 4 IMPs when Kenya took 16 IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Smira	Ghodhbane	Rupal
_	3♠	Double	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Taking the lead of the king of spades with the ace declarer cashed dummy's two top trumps getting the news about the 4-1 break. She now staked all on the diamonds being good for six tricks by drawing trumps. However it was unlikely that North had four diamonds so it would cost nothing to cash two diamonds first. When that suit fails to break one goes into 'Plan B' mode, basically take another diamond and discard a club - you must keep that spade. Now take a successful club finesse and cash the ace discarding dummy's spade. Now you can ruff your spade in dummy, come to hand with a diamond ruff and ruff a club. You have eleven tricks and still the king of hearts in your hand. You stand up and take a bow as the kibitzers burst into spontaneous applause.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Esmail	Hedia	Shah	Landa
_	3♠	Double	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

At this table a more sober approach was taken and West was not troubled with the idea of having to make twelve tricks and was content with ten and that brought 12 IMPs to Kenya.

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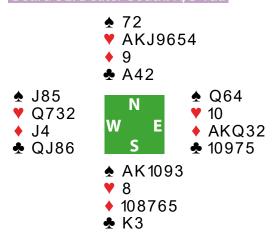








Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Smira	Ghodhbane	Rupal
_	_	_	Pass
Pass	1♥	2♦	2♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

When South showed some values North bid what she thought she could make, and she was right. She only lost a diamond and a trump for plus one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Esmail	Hedia	Shah	Landa
_	_	_	Pass
Pass	1♥	2♦	2♠
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

It is difficult to say that anyone should have done more but the same eleven tricks were available at this table so 10 IMPs to Kenya.

The margin of victory for Kenya over Tunisia was 62-30 or 17.03-2.97 VPs.

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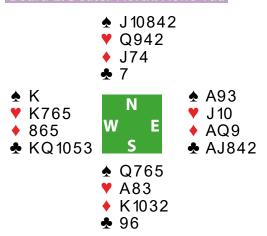




South Africa vs. Morocco - Open

he first session of the second day in the Open Championship had South Afria, currently top of the leader board playing against Morocco who were lying third.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
T Sbili	N Apteker	S Sbili	Stephens
_	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♣	3 response Sta	ayman	

South chose the better lead of a small spade, perforce taken by dummy's king. Two rounds of clubs were cashed ending in hand before the jack of hearts was passed to North's queen. The jack of spades was returned and allowed to hold the trick, another spade which was taken by declarer's ace and South correctly unblocked the queen. Declarer now took three rounds of clubs ending in dummy and played for his last hope that the king of diamonds was onside and now he suffered the ignominious result of going two off and never getting to make his ace of diamonds.

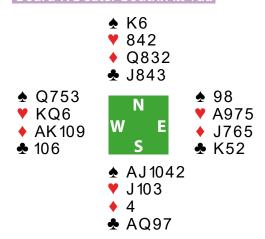
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
A Apteker	Ohana	Gower	Bensouda
_	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
ZNIT	All Dace		

The defence started with the same lead and North played the ♠8 on the first round. Declarer took three

rounds of clubs ending in hand and like the other room passed the jack of hearts to North's queen. The jack of spades was returned and ducked by declarer but overtaken by South with the queen and returned the ♠7, North unfortunately played the ♠10 ensuring the spades were blocked, a moment's thought and one would have realised that a) partner had led fourth best and b) declarer had denied a four card major. Now declarer took the remaining clubs and played a heart and South had now the choice of leading into the diamond tenace or giving declarer access to the master heart in dummy. 11 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
T Sbili	N Apteker	S Sbili	Stephens
_	_	_	1♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
2♠	Double*	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
Dble	spade honour		

I suspect that now East will think twice about protecting in the fourth position. I do not know what the agreements were for a protective double but I suspect it might be slightly more than appeared as dummy. It was a hopeless contract after the king of spades and another. With the hearts breaking kindly declarer had the chance of the diamond finesse working but it was not to be so the contract finished four off.

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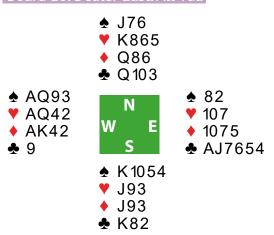


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
A Apteker	Ohana	Gower	Bensouda
_	_	_	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Here the opposition kept their powder dry. After cashing the ace of diamonds the defence took three rounds of hearts and East returned a diamond which declarer ruffed. Declarer crossed to dummy with the king of spades and proffered the jack of clubs which was covered and declarer took his ace. Declarer cashed another club and played ace and another trump hoping for a 3-3 break and his contract but he had to lose three more tricks when the unfavourable division came to light. Two off. 12 IMPs to South Africa

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
T Sbili	N Apteker	S Sbili	Stephens
_	_	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

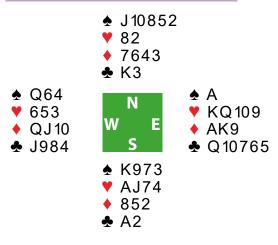
South led the ♣4 and North ducked this, potentially giving away a trick but declarer came to his rescue and played a small spade to the ♣9 and North finally made his jack. A good switch to the ♣10 held the trick and the queen followed, taken by declarer in hand. Three rounds of diamonds followed, the third won by North who played a club to his partner's king, a heart came back and declarer finessed but that lost to North's king and when a heart was returned dummy eventually had play away from the ♠AQ giving another trick to South. Two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
A Apteker	Ohana	Gower	Bensouda
_	-	Pass	Pass
1♦	All Pass		

Spoiler alert – I will tell you the result and ask you to find a way for it to have happened – 1 → +5!!! Declarer was given a helping hand with the lead of the ♥8, taken by the queen, basically declarer crossruffed and took a successful spade finesse and when he went to ruff the fourth round of spade North declined to ruff in front of dummy and that came to twelve tricks. 9 IMPs to South Africa

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

•			
West	North	East	South
T Sbili	N Apteker	S Sbili	Stephens
_	_	_	1♣*
Pass	1◆*	Double*	Pass*
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
1♣	11-13 bal or a	ny 17+	
1♦	0-7 any		
Pass	11-13		
2NT	17-18		

Declarer followed the adage 'fourth best of my longest and strongest' and so led a heart, the only suit to give declarer his contract. Now declarer had time to set up the clubs before the defence could establish enough tricks. An unlucky lead.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
A Apteker	Ohana	Gower	Bensouda
_	_	_	1♣*
Pass	1♠	Double	2♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

The par contract and declarer lost two trumps and two heart tricks and so fulfilled his contract. Not much else could be done but 8 IMPs to Morocco.

The final result was a win for South Africa 56-21 or 17.45-255 VPs, a victory which kept them at the top of the standings.

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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 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.

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

9. Headphones / Earphones

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

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

10. Kibitzers

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

https://kibitz.realbridge.online/

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

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

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

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

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Roster - Open Teams

Egypt
Captain
Yehia El Shazly
Walid El Ahmady
Reda Amiry
Ahmed Samir

Kenya

Captain	
Sejal Shah	
Sejal Shah	
Kamal Shah	

Aly El Selehdar

Ahmed Omran

Ahmed Yousry

Punam Shah Bijal Shah

Bhanumati Shah

Warren Stanley

Morocco

Captain

1	
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

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

Marie Claire O'Hana















RealBridge Playing Instructions

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

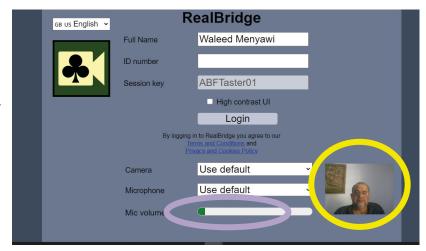
- 1. To join any RealBridge game you will need a LINK
- 2. All the play links will be available on ABF website

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

AND you might also receive it by mail.

3. Click the link and you will be redirected to the log on page of our game which looks like the next figure ... Notice that your video should appear in the right bottom corner of the page and mic volume showing that it works.

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



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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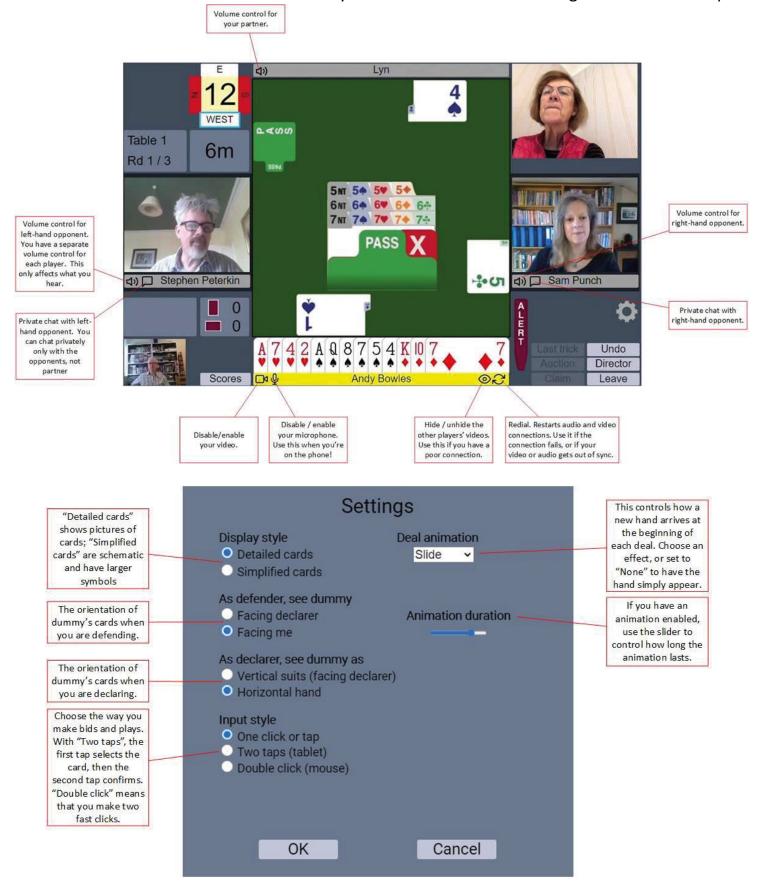








- **9.** Each table labeled with a team name, find your table and chose where to sit (Sit N, Sit S, Sit E or Sit W)
- **10.** Get familiar with the buttons at your table and call the TD using the button for help.



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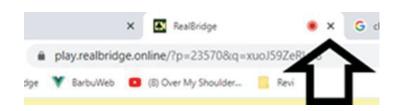




11. After we play all boards

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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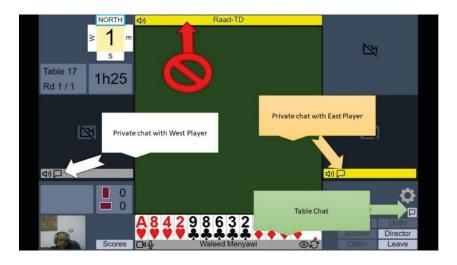












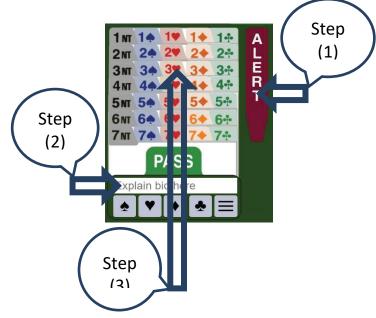
When you are at Full Screen mode



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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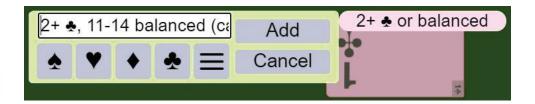




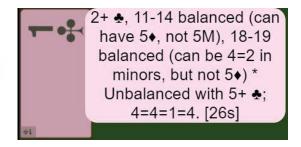




If you make a **mistake** or need to **explain your bid further** after you have bid, you can click on the bid and add more text.



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:

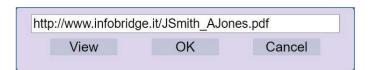
Step 3 Paste your system card/convention card link into the box. To paste the link:

- 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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