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Will It Be Egypt Or Morocco?

With just two sessions remaining of the Senior Championships, both Morocco and Egypt are sure of the qualification berths for the World Championships The d'Orsi Seniors Trophy to be held in Italy early next year. The main question is whether Morocco can deny Egypt a clean sweep of all four competitions. They had a slightly better day, outscoring Egypt by about three points. They now have a lead of over nineteen points but the final match will be between the two leaders – it could probably decide the result.

	Team	1	2	3	4.1	4.2	4.3	Total	Pen
_	Morocco	63.11	78.12	66.90	12.00	16.73	17.59	253.95	-0.50
nio	Egypt	70.31	72.33	48.77	18.44	13.04	12.00	234.89	
Sel	South Africa	44.42	35.52	54.60	14.80	6.96	15.56	171.86	
	Kenya	47.90	40.37	36.39	5.20	12.00	2.41	144.27	
	Reunion	34.26	33.66	53.34	1.56	3.27	4.44	130.53	

Schedule for remaining matches in the Final Round Robin of the Senior Championship

Match 4	June 13 8.00	Match5	June 13 11.30
Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team
MOR	RSA	EGY	MOR
KEN	EGY	RSA	BYE
REU	BYE	KEN	REU

All information can be found on the website:

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Thanks all, you made it come true

As we all agree that when we achieve success, we usually do so because others have helped, and by that I would like to start off by thanking every person who has put a lot of time and effort into this ♦ABF trials 2021♣ to come together.

I would like to thank my colleagues, the tournament directors, the onsite monitors and the Bulletin editor as they were the main and most important factor for bringing this tournament alive, and I would also like to thank the RealBridge support team who were available for help and support all the time.

I would also like to thank all players for being part of this tournament as representatives for their countries and for their outstanding behavior, their very good competition, their fair play and their sportsman manners.

Another big thanks to the ABF executive council who gave us this opportunity to play our beloved game and to meet each other, even online.

And of course, I put in consideration my family who were there all the time supporting me and for tolerating me being very busy almost all day for over a month now.

Finally, my sincere congratulations to all the winners who have qualified to the World Championships and hard luck to the rest.

See you all very soon.

Waleed El Menyawi



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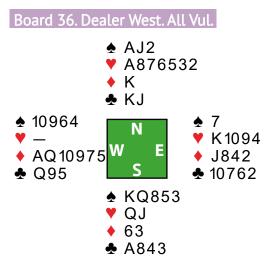






Senior Round Robin 3.5

n the last session of day five of the Senior event Morocco took on Egypt and they were about nine points ahead, so still very close for the race for the top spot/



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wahdan	Hayet	Tanbouli	Ghrari
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Double	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

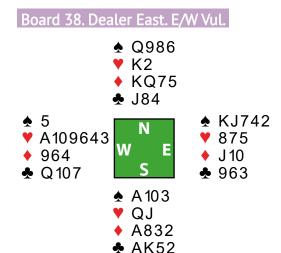
A diamond lead to the ace and the continuation was ruffed by declarer who then crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs. The ♥Q was ducked by East but he took the next round and exited with a spade. Declarer now calmly played ace and another trump and then claimed the rest of the tricks/

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cambournac	Azzam	Khalil	Elkordy
Pass	1♥	Oass	1♠
2♦	Double	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

To make sense of the auction North's Double must have been a support double. West's lead of a small club was won in dummy with the jack. Declarer continued with ace and another trump to the queen in hand exposing the 4-1 break. Now declarer is without resource. To make the contract calls for

an extraordinary reading of the cards, including placing East with the ♥K and four clubs. As I said – not easy. Twelve IMPs to Morocco.



Open Room

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West	North	East	South	
Wahdan	Hayet	Tanbouli	Ghrari	
_	_	Pass	1♦	
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT	
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠	
Pass	3NT	All Pass		

Unsurprisingly West led a heart and dummy's king won while declarer dropped the jack. The ♠9 from dummy was the next card and East, perhaps not appreciating the situation, played small as did the other two players. Declarer now cashed his other seven tricks to a pleasing pile of nine in front of him.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cambournac	Azzam	Khalil	Elkordy
_	_	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led a fourth best ♥6 which declarer took in hand and then took four rounds of diamonds and played the ♥K hoping that they were 5-4 and then the defender left on lead would have to do something good for declarer. The answer was he would do no good at all to declarer as he proceeded to cash five heart tricks and take the contract down. Ten IMPs to Morocco.

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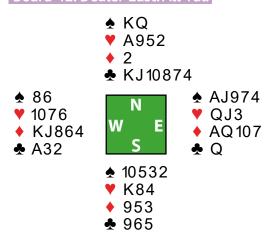








Board 42. Dealer East. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wahdan	Hayet	Tanbouli	Ghrari
_	_	1♠	Pass
1NT	2♣	Double	All Pass

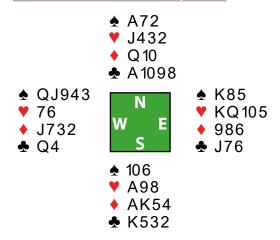
Not sure I agree with West transforming the Double to penalties, even more so when one looks at the result. East led the trump queen, ducked by West though he took the next round and got off lead with a spade to the king and ace. When East exited with another spade declarer took three more rounds of trumps and was pleased to see both defenders discard a heart. Now declarer only lost a diamond and so made plus two for the slightly unusual score of 580.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cambournac	Azzam	Khalil	Elkordy
_	_	1♠	Pass
1NT	2♣	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
3♦	All Pass		

I certainly favour East's rebid of 2♦ and here it led to the best contract. Declarer lost two hearts and a spade to record plus one, unfortunately the score in the other room meant twelve IMPs to Egypt.

Board 44. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



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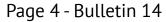
West	North	East	South
Wahdan	Hayet	Tanbouli	Ghrari
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Double	2♠	Double
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

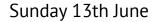
Some would have bid 2NT with North's hand, others might have passed the Double, 3♣ does not seem to get across the hand somehow. With the trumps breaking the contract was not in doubt.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cambournac	Azzam	Khalil	Elkordy
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3NT		
All Pass			

Declarer took his chances. He ducked the first two rounds of spades and then finessed against the •J and then calmly played three rounds of clubs and when the long club was with the short spades declarer had magicked nine tricks, ten IMPs to Egypt.

























Board 45. Dealer North. All Vul.

A2
Q7
AJ2
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Q107
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K53
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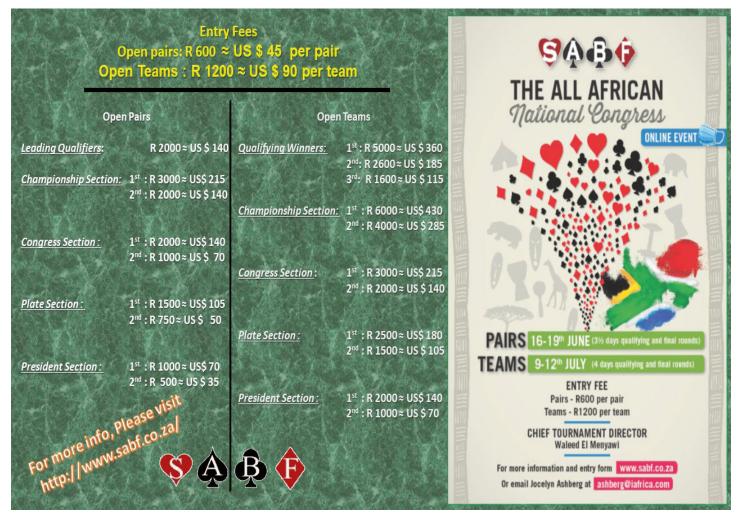
West	North	East	South
Wahdan	Hayet	Tanbouli	Ghrari
_	1♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

South's minor effort did not provoke North into continuing and when the •K fell singleton declarer lost just two hearts and a diamond.

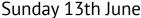
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cambournac	Azzam	Khalil	Elkordy
_	1♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

I can see nothing in the Convention Card that suggests the 1NT bid anything more than would be normal, so I am not in a situation to explain North's bid. Whatever the reason, whether it be the match situation or believing there is a good chance of six club tricks, North had chosen the right time. With an obvious spade lead and the ♣K dropping under the ace South had ten top tricks and the defence dropped another with less than perfect discarding. At the end of the match Morocco had won 46-32 or 13,75-6.25 VPs, thus increasing their lead to 16 points.



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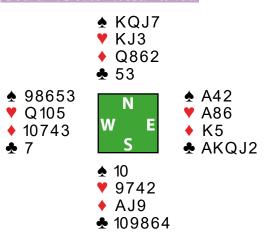




Senior Round Robin 4.1

he first session of the penultimate day had Egypt taking on Reunion. Morocco were only going to score twelve points this round as they were sitting out in the Bye round, so Egypt had the chance to close the gap.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bauquier	Wahdan	Drieux	Tanbouli
Pass	1♦	Double	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Double
All Pacc			

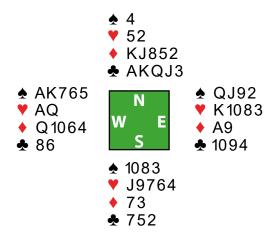
I question East's final bid. He has already shown a balanced 21-22 point hand and his partner has said she does not want to play in game so why distrust her. The bridge gods came down hard and when North doubled the writing was on the wall and the writing was -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amr	Bonet	Elkordy	Sort
Pass	1♦	Double	Pass
1♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

No double, no trouble. And after a diamond lead declarer managed to escape for one down but gained twelve IMPs for Egypt.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Open Room

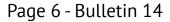
West	North	East	South
Bauquier	Wahdan	Drieux	Tanbouli
1♠	3♣*	4♠	Pass
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

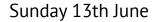
Not finding a double of the final contract was expensive. On perfect defence the contract fails by five tricks, it should certainly fail by four. Not doubling turned 5♣ into a cheap save.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amr	Bonet	Elkordy	Sort
1♠	2NT	3♠	4♣
4♠	All Pass		

Wisely no sacrifice was attempted here. Declarer had two clubs and a diamond to lose but when declarer led a small diamond from hand North failed to split his honours and so dummy's ♦9 won a trick so he made his non-vulnerable game with an overtrick. Seven IMPs to Egypt.

















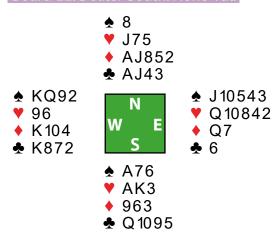








Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bauquier	Wahdan	Drieux	Tanbouli
_	_	_	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

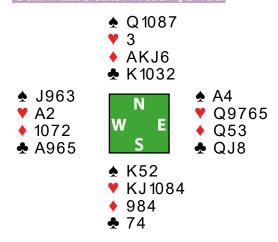
West decided that the fourth-best spade was the one to lead which went to her partner's ♠10 and the ♠4 returned and now West blotted her copybook by winning with the ♠9 and thereby blocking the suit. Declarer won the third round of the suit before trying the ♣Q which was covered with the king and ace. With four club tricks in the bag and the spades blocked declarer looked to the diamond suit to provide the ninth trick and when a small diamond to the eight forced the queen a subsequent finesse against the king garnered nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amr	Bonet	Elkordy	Sort
_	_	_	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

The start was similar to the other table but here West did not block the spade suit, declarer made life difficult for himself when he discarded a club from dummy on the opening spade leads. Now he only had three club tricks, also four spade losers and so he finished one off. Ten IMPs to Egypt.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bauquier	Wahdan	Drieux	Tanbouli
Pass	1♣	1♥	1NT
2♥	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

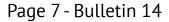
It would never have occurred to me to bid 2♥ with the West hand, maybe I lack imagination or maybe I think: the chap on my right has some hearts we only probably have seven between us, points seem evenly divided I will just keep quiet and see what happens. South rubbed his hands with glee as he executed a penalty double. It was not pretty to watch as declarer was held to five tricks.

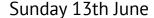
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amr	Bonet	Elkordy	Sort
Pass	1♦	1♥	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
2♥	All Pass		

West managed to restrain himself one time but a second time was just too much. However South was of a generous disposition and declined to double, I am not sure where he thought East was going to find eight tricks. Failure to double cost eight IMPs which Egypt gratefully accepted.

At the end of the match Egypt had run out winners 53-10 or 18.44-1.56 VPs.























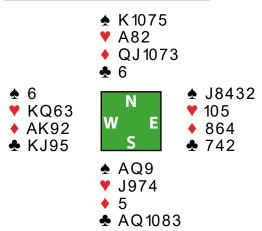




Senior Round Robin 5.2

Round Robin in the Senior event Morocco, who had a nine-point lead over Egypt were facing Reunion. They had lost ground in the previous round as they had a Bye but the roles would be reversed next round.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Breslaw	Ghrari	Dordhain	Hayet
1♦	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	1♠	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

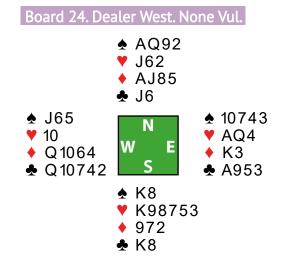
West's spade lead was won in hand with the ♠9 and cashed the ace and queen of spades, West discarding two small diamonds. A diamond forced West to win and he is now effectively thrown in. He tried a small club but that was won in hand by the ♣8. West was put back in with a club when declarer played the queen. West now tried the ♥K but declarer took it with dummy's ace, cashed the ♠K and led a heart and covered East's ♥10 with the jack. Now West could only make two tricks, the ♥Q and the ♠A, no matter how he tried. Very nicely played by declarer.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Said	Bonet	Rerhaye	Sort
1♦	Pass	Pass	Double
Redouble	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

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East started with a spade won by dummy's ♠9. West took the diamond with the ace and played a small one which declarer took in hand. An unsuccessful finesse of the ♣Q allowed West to lead the ♠K ruffed in dummy. Ace of clubs and another ruffed in hand was followed by cashing the ♥A. Declarer can in fact make three of the remaining tricks by ruffing a diamond with the ace and then leading a club and discarding his heart – East is now trump bound and whatever West leads declarer throws his remaining diamond and East must ruff and lead into the trump tenace. However declarer tried a heart and now only made two more tricks and was two off. Thirteen IMPs to Morocco



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Breslaw	Ghrari	Dordhain	Hayet
Pass	1♦	Double	Redouble*
2♣	2♥	3♣	4♥
All Pass			

The redouble was alerted but no explanation given, I assume it must show hearts otherwise there is no rational explanation for North's bidding. East led a small club and West did well to rise with the king and immediately cashed three rounds of spades to discard the losing club. The lead of a small heart from hand saw East rise with the ace and play another spade. Declarer ruffed in dummy with the ♥7. Declarer, perhaps wisely, decided to settle for ten tricks and played a diamond to the ace to take the marked finesse against the ♥J.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Said	Bonet	Rerhaye	Sort
Pass	1♦	Double	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

A club was led to the ace and West returned a small trump, hoping to cut down on ruffs in dummy, unfortunately for the defender declarer had nothing to ruff and it also ensured the defence had only one trump trick when it ran round to the jack. Now declarer had ten tricks but no game bonus. That was six IMPs to Morocco.

That is the end of the report on this match as the only other swing above one was a swing of three IMPs, but of note it was the first whitewash – Reunion had not scored a single IMP so Morocco won 30-0 or 16.73-3.27 VPs.

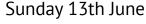
With Egypt only winning by with 13 VPs Morocco had increased their lead to nearly 14 points.



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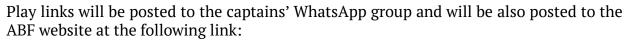


Championship Information

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

Play Links

Each category will have its own playing link (Open teams link – Women teams link .. etc) For security reasons, each category will play a different deals than the other categories.



https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoo/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display_page12

Click the Match number, official start time or Session open time of your category to join the game.

The game will be open to players 30 minutes before the official start time.



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 N/S and E/W, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the E/W 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 N/S and E/W), minimum 10 minutes 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.

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 keep 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.

Headphones / Earphones

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

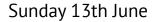
It is mandatory for each player to have his own headphones/earphones which are connected to his device during play

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.

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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 broadcast via RealBridge kibitzer website...

https://kibitz.realbridge.online/

At the RealBridge kibitzer website, you can find the live broadcast matches and also all the other matches scheduled for broadcast.

For security reasons, all broadcast matches will be delayed by 30-45 minutes.

Smoking, Eating and Alcohol, Mobile and electronic devices

As mentioned before in Mr. Pascal's email.

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.

In addition, opponents should see the head, the neck and the chest of the player at all moments without interruption.







NO

NO YES

Every player has the right to call the Director and the local "Monitor" if it is not the case (i.e. if he/she cannot see his/her opponent as instructed by the CTD)

All Africa Pairs tie-break procedure

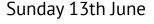
If two pairs or more have the same cumulative score after the end of the 2nd session or 4th Session, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- A. The pair with the higher score in the 2nd / 4th session shall determine the final ranking.
- B. Mutual boards between the tied pairs if applicable

Open Teams

- Only in Open teams category, the top four teams will qualify to the semi-final stage after playing 3 complete RR according to the published schedule.
- The top ranked team after the 3 complete RR stage will chose its opponent in the semi-final and the

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remaining 2 teams will play against each others.

- The semi-final match will be played in 4 Sessions, 16 boards each, scored in IMPs.
- The final match between the semi-final winners will be played in 2 Sessions, 16 Boards each.
- Play-off between the semi-final losers will be played in 2 Sessions, 16 Boards each to determine the 3rd placed team.
- In all the knock out stages, there shall be a carry-over = 0.5 IMP to the team who scored more VPs in the RR stage.

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.

Alert

All ALERTABLE bids must be self-alerted (press the alert button before making the bid). And give a full writing disclosure of the bidding, vocal explanation won't be taken into the TD consideration.

NOTE: – Players will not be allowed to alert their partner's bid, only self-alert will be allowed and the written explanation will be shown to both opponents but not to partner.

Undo

Undoes are allowed according to the followings:

- 1. The undo button is activated from the beginning
- 2. Click the undo button to stop the play.
- 3. Call the TD
- 4. No Action from any party will be taken before the arrival of the TD.
- 5. The TD will instruct the opponents whether to accept the undo or not.
- 6. The TD will keep counting the undoes for each player, only 2 undoes are allowed for each player during one session.
- 7. If the opponents accept before the TD arrival, play continues. but all parties forfeit their rights to any kind of rectification later on.

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- 8. If the opponents don't accept the undo before the arrival of the TD, play stops and the TD decides what is to be done.
- 9. The TDs reserve the right to adjust the score of the board for any unauthorised information that might arise from using the undo process.

System Policy

- 1. The objectives are to ensure that ABF Championships can be properly operated and adequately administered, with a fair and equal chance for all competitors, while at the same time affording proper consideration to progress and innovation; to ensure that players are in no doubt as to what is expected of them with regard to preparation and filing of systems material for ABF Championships.
- 2. Additions or amendments to this policy will normally be put into effect only after four months' notice.
- 3. References to High Card Points in this document are Milton Work Points.
- 4. In the following 'Weak' means 9 points or less and 'Strong' means 16 points or more.

2. POLICY

2.1 HUM Systems

For the purpose of this Policy, a Highly Unusual Method (HUM) means any System that exhibits one or more of the following features:

- a. By partnership agreement an opening call of Pass shows at least the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, even if there are alternative weak possibilities
 - b. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be weaker than pass.
 - c. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be made with 7 high card points or less.
- d. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either three cards or more, or two cards or less in a specified suit
- e. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either three cards or more in one specified suit or three cards or more in another. EXCEPTION: one of a minor in a strong club or strong diamond system.

2.2 Classification of Systems

In order to facilitate recognition and handling, systems material will be identified by one or more of the following:

- i. a WBF coloured sticker;
- ii. the appropriate named (hand printed or typed) colour;
- iii. a check mark on a system card next to the appropriate colour in keeping with the following descriptions:

Green Natural methods.

Blue Forcing Club/Forcing Diamond, where one club/one diamond is artificial, shows a hand with 13 high card points or more and is always forcing.

Red This category includes all systems that do not fall under the classifications of Green, Blue or Yellow (as defined herein).

Red 1 would be a system where one club shows one of three types – a natural club suit, a balanced hand of a specific range, or a Strong Club opener; or which uses specialised and artificial responses to an opening bid of one club.

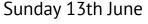
Red 2 would be a system in which the basic one level methods (other than the no trump range and minimum suit-length requirements) vary according to position, vulnerability and the like; or a system that uses conventional 'weak' or 'multi-meaning' bids (with or without some weak option) in potentially contestable auctions, or a system where the opening bids are transfers to another suit.

Yellow Highly Unusual Methods ('HUM') as defined above.

3 .Systems allowed at ABF Championships

The use of both HUM systems and 'Brown Sticker' systems are prohibited.

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Samina Esmail
Bena Shah
Ramula Shah
C V Shah
Aruna Shah
Morocco
Captain Berrada Said
Said Berrada
Abdelkamel Rerhaye
Abdellah El Ghrari
Jean Hayet
Guy Cambournac

Reunion
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Patrice Dordhain
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