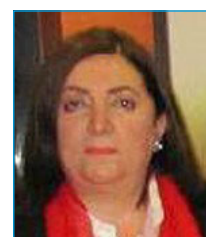




Women Teams Championship Decided



The winning Egyptian Women Team (from left to right) Nadia Taymour, Nessrine Hamdy, Hoda Soliman, Dina El Awady, Marguerite Homsy and Nada Wattar

What a “high-speed pursuit” between Egypt and Morocco Ladies ! Amazing battle between two teams for the title and, I must admit, a battle which delighted many kibitzers and me.

On behalf of the ABF I would like to congratulate Egypt for winning our prestigious Zonal title and, likewise, Morocco, for qualifying to the World “Venice Cup” Teams (together with Egypt) championship in Italy next year. Very well done to both Teams and hard luck to South Africa and Tunisia

Having seen their performance at the table, I would also like to praise the first two great Pairs who led the Butler this time:

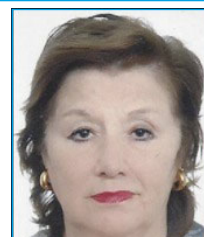
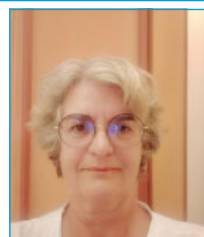
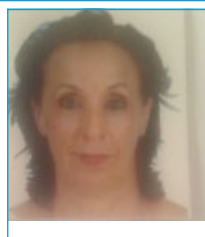
Lalla Hayet Hashimi and Lalla Farida Guerraoui who played 208 boards and achieved 0,68 IMPs/board. Followed by Mrs Nada Wattar and Mrs Guiton Homsy who played 160 boards and achieved 0,42 IMPs/board

And now, we are about to watch two semi-finals today (Saturday) and tomorrow (Sunday), in the Open category, followed by an expected exciting final opposing the best two teams this year.

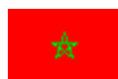
Good luck to the four teams in the Open: South Africa, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia

Bernard Pascal

This message repeated in French on the back page.



The second team qualifying for the Venice Cup (from left to right) Fatim Lahlou, Hayat Hachimi, Farida Guerraoui, Catherine t'Kint, Marie Claire Ohana and Khadija Marrakchi





The final session of the Women Teams was to decide who would be the champions, Morocco started just about three points but ahead Egypt took the match and the title. In the Open, South Africa emerged winners over Egypt by more than a match and will play a four-session semi-final against Tunisia whilst the other semi-final will be contested between Egypt and Morocco

Full Butler scores from the Round Robin will be posted tomorrow. Scores for each Round Robin are currently available on the web site.

Final Round Robin Scores

Open	Team	1	2	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	Total		
	South Africa	83.43	57.98	17.59	20.00	17.97	18.66	7.45	223.08		
	Egypt	60.25	70.96	15.92	10.61	18.97	7.71	12.55	196.97		
	Morocco	45.71	45.22	12.80	19.43	2.03	12.29	13.04	150.52		
	Tunisia	45.93	49.46	7.20	9.39	16.88	1.34	17.45	147.65		
	Reunion	34.7	48.83	4.08	0.00	3.12	16.88	6.96	114.57		
	Kenya	29.98	27.55	2.41	0.57	1.03	3.12	2.55	67.21		
Women	Team	1	2	3	4.1	4.2	4.3	5.1	5.2	5.3	Total
	Egypt	43.05	36.58	39.06	9.09	10.61	10.00	5.00	5.82	15.19	174.40
	Morocco	30.36	31.09	46.55	17.45	11.48	10.00	5.20	10.61	4.81	167.55
	South Africa	36.66	22.31	20.59	10.91	8.52	4.08	14.80	14.18	15.92	147.97
	Tunisia	9.93	30.02	13.80	2.55	9.39	15.92	15.00	9.39	4.08	110.08

The schedule for the
semi-finals of the
Open

Semi-final 1	June 5 8.00	Semi-final 2	June 5 11.30	Semi-final 3	June 5 14.15
Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team
TUN	RSA	RSA	TUN	TUN	RSA
MOR	EGY	EGY	MOR	MOR	EGY

Semi-final 4	June 6 8.00	Final 1	June 6 11.30	Final 2	June 6 14.15
Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team
RSA	TUN	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
EGY	MOR	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

The schedule for
the final session of
semi-finals and the
final.

*To break any ties the higher ranked team in the Round Robin stage
will have half an IMP carry over*





Open Teams - Egypt v Tunisia

The last round of the fourth day in the Open Event saw Egypt and Tunisia meet for the third time. Tunisia were lying fourth, just a couple of points behind Morocco and about 15 points ahead of Reunion. Ideally they needed to win against the second-placed team to ensure they kept an appreciable gap between them and the fifth position. They also knew that on the Friday Reunion would not have to face either of the top two teams in the final three matches.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ QJ107	♠ 532	♠ AK98
♥ K52	♥ AJ84	♥ 96
♦ A1082	♦ KJ5	♦ 4
♣ 106	♣ A95	♣ KQJ832
	♠ 64	
	♥ Q1073	
	♦ Q9763	
	♣ 74	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Omar	Walid	Ghodhbane	Tarek
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	2♣	All Pass

When East did not interject at the first opportunity West could find no way of advancing. South's response on a mere four points may well have prevented the opposition from reaching the optimum contract of Four Spades. Declarer made the obvious ten tricks but lost ten IMPs to Tunisia.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amiry	Zmerli	Samir	Rebai
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

A slightly pushy game but with the club honours well-placed (and a lot of them) a vulnerable game was worth the risk. Naturally North started with a heart and when they broke 4-4 declarer had nine tricks after he had established the club suit. Can you see how the contract can be beaten? North has to lead a diamond honour. I fear that is beyond a mere mortal like myself.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 10983	♠ Q754	♠ A2
♥ K107643	♥ 8	♥ A952
♦ QJ	♦ 9742	♦ 83
♣ 9	♣ QJ42	♣ K10653
	♠ KJ6	
	♥ QJ	
	♦ AK1065	
	♣ A87	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Omar	Walid	Ghodhbane	Tarek
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♠	Double	Redble*
2♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♥	All Pass		
Redouble		3♠	

The defence presented declarer with an unnecessary overtrick but no great harm done.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amiry	Zmerli	Samir	Rebai
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♠	Double	Redble*
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♥*
4♥	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			
Redouble		3♠	





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Some of you may know that from time to time I have had the opportunity to work with David Bird, a man who has written more bridge books than I have taken successful finesses. He introduced me to the Biltcliffe Coup and ever since he and I have enjoyed reporting on such an event. A Biltcliffe coup has four parts. Firstly you could have passed out the auction in a part-score, secondly the opposition then bid on to game, thirdly you must double the final contract and finally they make the contract. There is the icing on the cake when there was a defence to beat the contract but it was not found. I can report that we have a Biltcliffe Coup with icing! The defence started with a diamond to the king and South then switched to a trump. Declarer now led his club and when North inserted the ♣J but declarer ducked in dummy. North now switched to a spade taken by dummy's ace and a club ruffed with the ♥6. The ♥10 to dummy's ace drew the remaining trump and now when another club was ruffed the fall of ace meant declarer now had two discards for losers in his hand and so just lost a spade but had ten tricks. The defence had several chances to beat the contract. An opening spade lead gives declarer no chance. At trick two South can cash his other diamond honour or switch to a spade. When North wins the club lead a diamond continuation also defeats declarer, but the chance of immortality of taking part in a Biltcliffe coup was hard to resist. 12 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 8763	♠ AQ94	♠ 10
♥ 10542	♥ A9	♥ KJ7
♦ K8742	♦ 106	♦ Q9
♣ —	♣ AK942	♣ J1087653
	♠ KJ52	
	♥ Q863	
	♦ AJ53	
	♣ Q	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Omar	Walid	Ghodhbane	Tarek
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

A natural auction arriving at the best spot. Even when the defence found a club ruff at trick one they could only take two tricks as declarer himself could ruff two clubs in dummy high. There is a lead to hold declarer to ten tricks and that is an un intuitive ♦Q

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amiry	Zmerli	Samir	Rebai
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Is it a good slam or a bad slam. Depends how you measure it. The Hamman method of a making slam being a good slam means it is a bad slam. What are the odds of making the slam, well my limited examination shows that a 4-3 club break is absolutely necessary and the ♥K needs to be onside which makes it somewhere in the low thirties per cent wise – not the best odds for a slam. Of course once West had ruffed the opening lead there was no chance of success and the contract actually finished two light. 12 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 1076	♠ AK92
♥ —	♥ AQJ83
♦ AQ5	♦ 62
♣ J1075432	♣ 98
♠ Q83	♠ J54
♥ K7652	♥ 1094
♦ 93	♦ KJ10874
♣ AK6	♣ Q

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Omar	Walid	Ghodhbane	Tarek
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	2♣	4♥	All Pass

A quiet auction arriving at the correct contract. No stress for declarer as he safely gathered eleven tricks.





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West	North	East	South
Amiry	Zmerli	Samir	Rebai
1♥	Pass	2NT*	3♦
Pass	5♦	Pass*	Pass
Double	All Pass		
2NT	Jacoby		
Pass	forcing		

South took advantage of the vulnerability with an intervention of 3♦ and his partner took it the maximum. West, having heard Barry Crane's advice on what to lead when having a holding such as his club suit, naturally led a club honour. Unfortunately this time it was the exception which proved the rule. It is the only lead to allow declarer to escape for two off rather than three, so nine IMPs to Tunisia. At the end of the match where the deals had been less than spectacular Egypt had edged by the very small margin of 37-35 or 10.61-9.39 VPs.



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Open Teams - Tunisia v Reunion

The third session of the final Round Robin saw Tunisia take on Reunion. Reunion needed three good wins to have a chance of making it into the semi-finals. They had the advantage of not having to play against one of the two top teams where as their opponents would have one such match and Morocco would have to play both of them. A good result here might just open the door to a semi-final place.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ AK5432	
	♥ KQ10	
	♦ K2	
	♣ K8	
♠ 876	<div>W<div>N</div>E<div>S</div></div>	♠ Q9
♥ AJ984		♥ 32
♦ Q93		♦ 10874
♣ 32		♣ A10975
	♠ J10	
	♥ 765	
	♦ AJ65	
	♣ QJ64	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Omar</i>
–	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The diamond lead went to declarer's king and his ♣K continuation was taken by East's ace. The diamond attack was continued taken by the ace in dummy and a losing trump finesse followed. East persevered with his diamond assault and declarer played low from dummy and ruffed West's queen. A spade to the jack and a heart from dummy ensured the contract. If West does not take his ace then it will disappear as declarer will draw the last trump and cross to dummy via the club suit and then discard his two hearts on the master diamond and good club.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmerli</i>	<i>Lagache</i>	<i>Rebai</i>	<i>Hamel</i>
–	1♠	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
1NT	forcing		
2NT	18+		
3♣	relay		

Again the opening salvo was a diamond, taken in hand, ♣K taken by ace, diamond continuation won by the ace, all as per Open Room. It was now the paths diverged, the ♠J from dummy was overtaken by declarer's king. Had declarer taken a long hard look at his trump intermediaries, or should I say the complete lack of them. It looks at first as though declarer can drop the doubleton queen of trumps but West's pesky ♠8 will then be master. Declarer now crossed to dummy with a club and then attempted to cash another but West ruffed and probably as a knee-jerk reaction he overruffed, had he stopped to reflect he would realise this action was doomed as the trump queen would still be out and he would have to play the heart suit himself from his hand and would thus lose two heart tricks. So what could he do? Obviously just discard a heart. When he next gets in he can draw both outstanding trumps with the king and give up one heart trick, but what if the spade shad not broken, then you were going to lose two trump tricks after overruffing anyway. Ten IMPs to Tunisia.





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Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 92		
♥ KQ7432		
♦ 9		
♣ AJ42		
♠ AKQ75		♠ 1086
♥ J9		♥ 106
♦ AK3		♦ QJ2
♣ KQ9		♣ 108753
		♠ J43
		♥ A85
		♦ 1087654
		♣ 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Omar</i>
–	–	–Pass	
2♦*	2♥	Pass	4♥
Double	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
2♦	multi, wk M or 22-24 bal		

With both the club honours offside there was little declarer could do other than rely on the tried and tested method of a defensive error. Unfortunately the plan did not come to fruition on this occasion and so was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmerli</i>	<i>Lagache</i>	<i>Rebai</i>	<i>Hamel</i>
–	–	–	Pass
2♣*	3♥	Pass	4♥
4♠	5♥	Double	All Pass

Back in the day when I was a lad and the sun shone all the time and a Mars bar cost threepence it was forcibly rammed into us that the pre-emptor did not speak again. North is obviously more youthful than I. A phantom sacrifice was on the cards and the cards needed to be played well to escape for one down to minimise the loss. The defence kicked off with the ♦Q which held the trick. Two rounds of spades followed and then the ♦K from West ruffed in hand, East following with the two. You can now be reasonably certain that the diamonds are 3-3 and from East's play in the spade suit that they are 5-3. Would West have bid 4♠ on a five-card suit if he had another four-card suit, he could have doubled instead, East should know that meant spades and a minor as with both minors the correct bid would have been 4NT. All this means is

that there a fair indication that the hearts will split 2-2. It would not be underwritten at Lloyds of London but it will not cost much to return to hand by ruffing a diamond, if both opponents follow as your analysis suggests then you have to decide whether to take one off by ruffing two clubs in dummy or making the rest of the tricks if the trumps break 2-2: This would have worked here but as I said it is not a given and the downside is three off, so declarer took the route of ruffing the spade and then ruffing a club and now the diamond leaving this four-card ending with the lead in hand:

♠ –		
♥ KQ		
♦ –		
♣ J		
♠ 75		♠ –
♥ J9		♥ 106
♦ –		♦ –
♣ –		♣ 108
		♠ –
		♥ A
		♦ 1087
		♣ –

Had declarer noticed the ♣J was good? Because now a heart to the ace and a diamond ruffed high gives you the rest of the tricks but declarer ruffed the ♣J and then promoted a trump for the defence when he had no option but to lead a diamond from dummy. Two off and nine IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ AJ1094		
♥ AQ62		
♦ 109		
♣ 82		
♠ Q86		♠ K2
♥ J5		♥ 973
♦ K754		♦ QJ8632
♣ AQ73		♣ 106
		♠ 753
		♥ K1084
		♦ A
		♣ KJ954

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Omar</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			





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East led a diamond, unerringly won in dummy and declarer now took a losing spade finesse. East now switched to the ♣10, West took his two tricks and played a third round for East to ruff. To avoid this fate declarer ruffed with the ace and played East for the ♥J but unfortunately it was with West. One down, unlucky I hear you cry ♥J offside bot club honours badly place and a doubleton club and, worst of all, an accurate defence. Not that unlucky – try taking three rounds of trumps finishing in dummy and then tell me you are unlucky.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmerli	Lagache	Rebai	Hamel
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♦	1♠	5♦	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

One of the disadvantages of online play is that you cannot say you missorted your hand 'I had one of my hearts amongst my diamonds' does not wash. West's first bid was not going to be the first choice of the bidding panel – some might give it the epitaph 'brave'. However it was the right time, East's bold follow-up brought about an above par situation. Unfortunately teammates had a below par result in the other room. 5♦ was always two off so 12 IMPs to Reunion.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 54		
♥ K942		
♦ A8764		
♣ 83		
♠ A102		♠ Q976
♥ 76		♥ 83
♦ Q53		♦ K102
♣ J9752		♣ KQ64
		♠ KJ83
		♥ AQJ105
		♦ J9
		♣ A10

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Giraud	Ghodhbane	Huseinali	Omar
–	–	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The opening club lead went to the queen and declarer's ace two rounds of trumps ending dummy allowed declarer to play a small diamond towards

the closed hand. East leapt up with the king and switched to a spade. When East changed tack to a spade declarer unerringly put in the jack. He had seen the ♣KQ (West was hardly going to lead low from ♣KJ) and the ♦K give him the ♠A and he would have opened the bidding. Amazing how useful the ability to count to twelve is in the modern game of bridge. Declarer now had ten tricks and his game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmerli	Lagache	Rebai	Hamel
–	–	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣*	Double	4♥
All Pass			
3♣	Bergen		

Again the lead was a club to the queen and ace and again declarer took two rounds of trumps ending in dummy, but rather than playing a diamond he played a spade and now he had a coin to toss, if it had come down heads there would be no story to tell, it came down tails and up went the king and down went the contract. Why not play a diamond first, gather whatever information you can, it always helps. If East rises with an honour then it makes it unlikely he has the ♠A and if it runs round to the West hand he may play something good for you and so spare you the spade guess. Ten IMPs to Tunisia.

At the end of the match Tunisia had won 53-22 or 16.88-3.12. This put an end to Reunion's hope of making the semi-final.





A Mish Mash

I have pulled a couple of deals from the second session of the day from various matches as they are either amusing or perhaps instructive.

We start with the first board of the second session between Tunisia and Morocco in the Open

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bensaid	Walid	Benali	Tarek
–	Pass	Pass	3♠
Double	4♠	5♥	All Pass

A seemingly sane and sensible auction. South needs to lead a diamond to break the contract but not unsurprisingly chose the ♣K. Now declarer had eleven tricks after he gave up the ace of trumps.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amiry	Maitre	Samir	t'Kint
–	Pass	2♦*	2♠
Double*	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		
2♦	weak multi		
Dble	Pass or correct		

I assume the 3♦ bid showed a good hand with a diamond feature. I am not sure what defensive tricks West expected to make opposite a weak two in hearts. He was fortunate to find a club ruff otherwise there would have been an overtrick. But the first double game swing I have seen this tournament. 14 IMPs to Egypt

My second offering is from South Africa against Tunisia in the Open.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
OpenW	OpenN	OpenE	OpenS
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	3♣*	Double	4♥
5♣	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	
3♣	4♠ good raise		

I can understand East's second double but I am not sure it is right thing to do. You need very accurate defence to beat 4♥ if partner leaves the double in. I am even more sure that the 5♦ bid is not a good one, you can be fairly sure that you have 5-3 club fit but if partner is admitting to clubs why should he have some diamonds. The play was brutal, declarer even took the losing trump finesse so what was slated as five off became six off and 1700 out biggest score of the week and also resulted in 18 IMPs to Egypt, again the biggest score. I always hope for one hand with a 20 IMP swing but it is rare.





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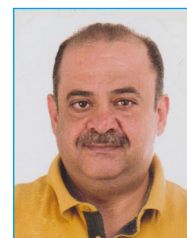
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When you log in to the RealBridge game (using the game link), you will find your team name written on one of the Tables.

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.





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





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.





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.





Roster - Senior Teams

Egypt

Captain
Ashraf Wahdan

Mohamed Tanboli

Ashraf Wahdan

Adel El Kordy

Amr Farrag

Mohamed El Baz

Ayman Azzam

Kenya

Captain
Samina Esmail

Jimmy Deen

Samina Esmail

Bena Shah

Ramula Shah

C V Shah

Aruna Shah

Morocco

Captain
Berrada Said

Said Berrada

Abdelkamel Rerhayé

Abdellah El Ghrari

Jean Hayet

Guy Cambournac

Khalil Bensouda

Reunion

Captain
Patrice Dordhain

Jean-Marc Breslaw

Patrice Dordhain

Denise Bauquier

Danièle Bonet Maury

Claude Drieux

Bernard Sort

South Africa

Captain
James Grant

Micheal Alexander

Maureen Naransky

Larry Chemaly

James Grant

Brian Pincus

Paul Reynolds





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Senior Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 08H00				Match (02), 11H30				Match (03), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
MON 07	1	1 MOR	x	6	BYE	5 KEN	x	1 MOR		1 MOR	x	4 REU	
	2	2 EGY	x	5	KEN	6	BYE	x	4 REU	5 KEN	x	3 RSA	
	3	3 RSA	x	4	REU	2 EGY	x	3 RSA		6	BYE	x	2 EGY
R.R (01)		Match (04), 08H00				Match (05), 11H30				RR(02) Match (01), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
TUE 08	1	3 RSA	x	1 MOR		1 MOR	x	2 EGY		6	BYE	x	1 MOR
	2	4 REU	x	2 EGY		3 RSA	x	6	BYE	5 KEN	x	2 EGY	
	3	5 KEN	x	6	BYE	4 REU	x	5 KEN		4 REU	x	3 RSA	
R.R (02)		Match (02), 08H00				Match (03), 11H30				Match (04), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
WED 09	1	1 MOR	x	5 KEN		4 REU	x	1 MOR		1 MOR	x	3 RSA	
	2	4 REU	x	6	BYE	3 RSA	x	5 KEN		2 EGY	x	4 REU	
	3	3 RSA	x	2 EGY		2 EGY	x	6	BYE	6	BYE	x	5 KEN
R.R (02)/(03)		Match (05), 08H00				RR(03), Match (01), 11H30				Match (02), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
THU 10	1	2 EGY	x	1 MOR		1 MOR	x	6	BYE	5 KEN	x	1 MOR	
	2	6	BYE	x	3 RSA	2 EGY	x	5 KEN		6	BYE	x	4 REU
	3	5 KEN	x	4 REU		3 RSA	x	4 REU		2 EGY	x	3 RSA	
R.R (03)		Match (03), 08H00				Match (04), 11H30				Match (05), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team	
FRI 11	1	1 MOR	x	4 REU		3 RSA	x	1 MOR		1 MOR	x	2 EGY	
	2	5 KEN	x	3 RSA		4 REU	x	2 EGY		3 RSA	x	6	BYE
	3	6	BYE	x	2 EGY	5 KEN	x	6	BYE	4 REU	x	5 KEN	

The schedule for the final Round Robin will be published later as it will depend on standings after the third Round Robin.





Roster - Mixed Teams

Egypt

Captain
Gamal Abbas

Somaya Wahdan

Manal Sallam

Maud Khouri

Ahmed Harb

Moaz Hammam

Mohamed Heshmat

Morocco

Captain
Yans Roger

Roger Yans

Chadia Sekkat

Barbara Balogh

Abderrahim Tazi

Laila Lamrani

Ismail Chamar

Reunion

Captain
Patrick Hamel

Christian Giraud

Narguis Huseinali

Patrick Hamel

Michel Lemarinel

Danièle Michaux

Régine Wan Hoi

Tunisia

Captain
Abdeljelil Trabelsi

Abdeljelil Trabelsi

Ferdaous Trabelsi

Meriem Dorai

Hassouna Abdelmalek

Hedia Baccar

Moncef Daghmouri





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Mixed Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 07	1	1 EGY	x	4 TUN	3 REU	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	2 MOR
	2	2 MOR	x	3 REU	4 TUN	x	2 MOR	3 REU	x	4 TUN
R.R (02)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE 08	1	4 TUN	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	3 REU	2 MOR	x	1 EGY
	2	3 REU	x	2 MOR	2 MOR	x	4 TUN	4 TUN	x	3 REU
R.R (03)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 09	1	1 EGY	x	4 TUN	3 REU	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	2 MOR
	2	2 MOR	x	3 REU	4 TUN	x	2 MOR	3 REU	x	4 TUN
RR (04)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
THU 10	1	4 TUN	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	3 REU	2 MOR	x	1 EGY
	2	3 REU	x	2 MOR	2 MOR	x	4 TUN	4 TUN	x	3 REU
R.R (05)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
FRI 11	1	1 TBD	x	4 TBD	3 TBD	x	1 TBD	1 TBD	x	2 TBD
	2	2 TBD	x	3 TBD	4 TBD	x	2 TBD	3 TBD	x	4 TBD
		EGY		KEN	MOR		REU	RSA		TUN
08H00 GMT =		10H00 AM		11H00 PM	09H00 AM		12H00 PM	10H00 AM		09H00 AM
11H30 GMT =		01H30 PM		02H30 PM	12H30 PM		03H30 PM	01H30 PM		12H30 PM
14H15 GMT =		04H15 PM		05H15 PM	03H15 PM		06H15 PM	04H15 PM		03H15 PM





Le championnat des « Dames » a rendu son verdict

Quelle course-poursuite nous a-t-on offert entre nos Dames de L'Egypte et du Maroc ! Quelle belle et étonnante bataille pour le titre continental et, je dois l'admettre, une bataille qui a tant plu aux « kibitz » et à moi.

Au nom de la Fédération Africaine de Bridge, je voudrais féliciter L'Egypte pour le titre prestigieux de Championne d'Afrique et, tout aussi chaleureusement, le Maroc pour leur qualification à la « Venice Cup » (avec L'Egypte) des championnats du monde en Italie l'année prochaine. Bien joué à ces deux équipes et « hard luck » à l'Afrique du Sud et à la Tunisie

Ayant suivi d'assez près leur performance à la table, je tiens à citer les deux premières paires au « Butler » pour ces championnats d'Afrique « Dames » : Lalla **Hayet Hashimi** et Lalla **Farida Guerraoui** lesquelles ont joué 208 donnes avec 0,68 Imps/donne suivies par Mme **Nada Wattar** et Mme **Marguerite Homsy** lesquelles ont joué 160 donnes avec 0,42 Imps/donne

Et ce week-end, nous sommes sur le point d'assister aux deux demi-finales « Open » Samedi et une Finale de choc entre nos deux meilleures équipes continentales, Dimanche.

Bon vent aux quatre demi finalistes en « Open » : l'Afrique du Sud, L'Egypte, le Maroc et la Tunisie

Bernard Pascal

