

Bulletin 6 Satutday 3rd May Editor Ron Tacch

We Await The Champions

The important semi-final phase of these championships is now under way, three of the five sessions have been played. Tomorrow we will find out which teams will be going to Herning for the World Bridge Teams Championships. The successful teams will then have to play two further sessions to determine the zonal champions.

In the Seniors Championship **Egypt** are cruising and lead **Reunion** by 46 points, having won all three sessions. The tussle between **Morocco** and **South Africa** is extremely close, just three points separate them. Could it be the 0,5 carryover will come into play?

The Mixed Champiomship saw **Egypt** take a 72 point lead against **Reunion** after two sessions but a fightback in the third session saw the difference narrowed to only 26. Meanwhile **Tunisia** are 14 points behind **South Africa**, so another very tight match.

Three of the four semi-finals are very close and with 32 boards to play no lead guarantees victory at this stage.

Schedule For Semi-finals & Finals

Segments		Segment (4)	Segment (5)	Segment (1)	Segment (2)
Time		09h00 - 11h15	12h10 - 14h25	15h10 - 17h25	18h00 - 20h15
Saturday	3-May-25	Seniors SF (04) Mixed SF (04)	Seniors SF (05) Mixed SF (05)	Seniors Fin (01) Mixed Fin (01)	The state of the s

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Results

Senior Championship

Team	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	Total
Egypt	57	37	48			142.5
Reunion	46	19	31			96
Morocco	33	30	49			112.5
South Africa	39	24	46			109

Mixed Championship

Team	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	Total
Egypt	53	48	11			112.5
Reunion	14	15	52			81
Tunisia	43	28	40			111.5
South Africa	42	50	33			125

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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Important Message From Your TDs

Dear Captains

Please pay full attention

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

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

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

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

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

Chers capitaines,

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

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

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

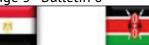
Double / Surcontre / 4 SA / Réponses à 4 SA / Transferts / Stayman / Marionnette, etc. Tant que ces enchères sont artificielles ou conventionnelles,

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

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

Merci

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13th African Bridge Championships

GMT TIME

Open Teams Schedule of play

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	Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min				
R.R (01))	Match (01), 09H00	Match (02), 12H30 Match (03), 15H30	
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X Visiting Team	Home X Visiting Home X Visiting Team Team	
SUN	1	1 RSA	x 6 KEN	5 REU x 1 RSA 1 RSA x 4 TUN	
Л	2	² EGY	x 5 REU	6 KEN x 4 TUN 5 REU x 3 MOR	
4	3	3 MOR	x 4 TUN	2 EGY X 3 MOR 6 KEN X 2 EGY	
R.R (01))	Match (04), 09H00	Match (05), 12H30 RR(02) Match (01), 15H30	
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X Visiting Team	Home X Visiting Team X Visiting Team	
MON	1	3 MOR	x 1 RSA	1 RSA x 2 EGY 6 KEN x 1 RSA	
_	2	4 TUN	x ² EGY	3 MOR × 6 KEN 5 REU × 2 EGY	
5	3	5 REU	x 6 KEN	4 TUN x 5 REU 4 TUN x 3 MOR	
R.R (02))	Match (02), 09H00	Match (03), 12H30 Match (04), 15H30	
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X Visiting Team	Home X Visiting Home X Visiting Team Team	
TUE	1	1 RSA	x 5 REU	4 TUN X 1 RSA 1 RSA X 3 MOR	
	2	4 TUN	x 6 KEN	3 MOR x 5 REU 2 EGY x 4 TUN	
6	3	3 MOR	x ² EGY	2 EGY × 6 KEN 6 KEN × 5 REU	
R.R (03))	Match (05), 09H00	RR(03),Match (01), 12H30 Match (02), 15H30	
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X Visiting Team	Home X Visiting Home X Visiting Team Team	
WED	1	² EGY	x 1 RSA	1 RANK 01 × 6 RANK 06 5 RANK 05 × 1 RANK 01	
7	2	6 KEN	x 3 MOR	2 Rank 02 × 5 RANK 05 6 RANK 06 × 4 RANK 04	
	3	5 REU	x 4 TUN	3 RANK 03 x 4 RANK 04 2 Rank 02 x 3 RANK 03	
R.R (03))	Match (03), 09H00	Match (04), 12H30 Match (05), 15H30	
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X Visiting Team	Home X Visiting Home X Visiting Team Team	
THU	1	¹ RANK 01	x 4 RANK 04	3 RANK 03 x 1 RANK 01 1 RANK 01 x 2 Rank 02	
0	2	5 RANK 05	x 3 RANK 03	4 RANK 04 x 2 Rank 02 3 RANK 03 x 6 RANK 06	
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SUN	4	¹ MOR	х 6	5 KEN x 1 MOR 1 MOR x 4 TUN
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MON	4	3 EGY	x 1 MOR	1 MOR x 2 RSA 6 x 1 MOR
_	5	4 TUN	x ² RSA	3 EGY x 6 5 KEN x 2 RSA
5	6	5 KEN	х 6	4 TUN x 5 KEN 4 TUN x 3 EGY
R.R (02)		Match (02), 09H00	Match (03), 12H30 Match (04), 15H30
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X Visiting Team	Home X Visiting Home X Visiting Team
TUE	4	¹ MOR	x 5 KEN	4 TUN x 1 MOR 1 MOR x 3 EGY
_	5	4 TUN	x 6	3 EGY x 5 KEN 2 RSA x 4 TUN
6	6	3 EGY	x ² RSA	2 RSA x 6 x 5 KEN
R.R (03)		Match (05), 09H00	RR(03),Match (01), 12H30 Match (02), 15H30
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X Visiting Team	Home X Visiting Home X Visiting Team
WED	4	² RSA	x 1 MOR	1 RANK 01 × 6 5 RANK 05 × 1 RANK 01
-	5	6	x ³ EGY	2 Rank 02 x 5 RANK 05 6 x 4 RANK 04
	6	5 KEN	× 4 TUN	3 RANK 03 x 4 RANK 04 2 Rank 02 x 3 RANK 03
R.R (03)		Match (03), 09H00	Match (04), 12H30 Match (05), 15H30
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X Visiting Team	Home X Visiting Home X Visiting Team Team
THU	4	1 RANK 01	x 4 RANK 04	3 RANK 03 x 1 RANK 01 1 RANK 01 x 2 Rank 02
C	5	5 RANK 05	x 3 RANK 03	4 RANK 04 x 2 Rank 02 3 RANK 03 x 6
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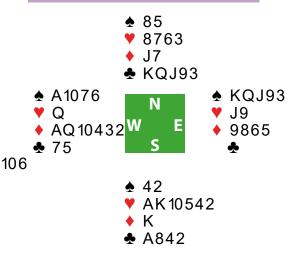




Morocco vs. Egypt - Seniors

here were two matches that held more interest than the others in the final session of the Round Robins. In the Seniors Championship it was Morocco against Egypt as a large win for Morocco could see them overtake Egypt for the lead.

Board 33. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Farrag	Sibony	Azzam	Hayet
_	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♦	2♥	2♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	5♠	All Pass

I am not sure who knew who was saving against who or was bidding positively. 5♥ was an excellent save against 4♠ and an even better bid when East pressed on to the five-level. There is a wellknown Bols Bridge Tip: 'The five level belongs to the opponents'. It is often and incorrectly attributed to Zia but it was Ed Manfield of the USA who coined the expression. 'The Complete Book of Bols Bridge Tips' is a tome that will pay handsome dividends should one read, mark, learn and inwardly digest its contents (still available on Amazon UK). Mr Manfield was right as usual as South cashed the ace of hearts, then the ace of clubs and another to partner's honour to take the first three tricks and the contract one down.

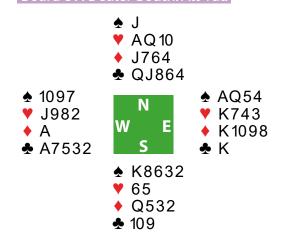
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hayat	Abaza	Berrada	Zein
_	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♦	3♥	4♦	4♥

4♠ All Pass

West implied he was prepared to go to the five-level in diamonds but had some good spades - it might be important if his team ending up defending. West had no problem of letting his partner play in the major-suit contract. With the diamonds favourably placed declarer quickly garnered ten tricks and the same number of IMPs to Morocco.

Board 39. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Farrag	Sibony	Azzam	Hayet
_	_	_	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

It is easy to overvalue 4441 hands but on this occasion the hands fitted well and the contract had chances. When North led the jack of spades declarer immediately rose with the ace and unblocked both the king of clubs and ace of diamonds. A club was ruffed and the king of diamonds cashed, a spade towards hand was ducked by South and ruffed by North. Now a diamond return by North gave declarer a chance for his contract as it was ruffed in hand. A trump towards dummy would have brought home the contract but declarer tried to cash the ace of clubs and this was ruffed by South who now played the king of spades which allowed North to score both of his trump honours to defeat the contract by one trick.

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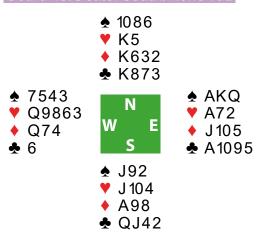


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hayat	Abaza	Berrada	Zein
_	_	-	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	All Pass

A big difference of opinion on the worth of the East hand, one valued it for game and another not even worthy of an invite. As per usual the game contract failed and the part-score made enough tricks for game. Life can be perverse when it wants to be. 7 IMPs to Morocco who were now 20 points ahead of Egypt, the first position was now on a knife edge.

Board 43. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

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

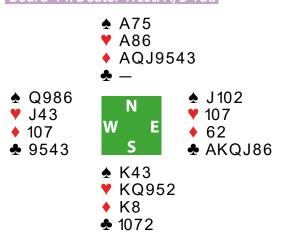
Noth made the neutral lead of a spade taken in dummy. Declarer now tackled trumps, he cashed the ace and when the ▼10 appeared on the next round he ducked in dummy and was rewarded with the sight of the king. It appears to be a 50-50 situation but this is a complex problem as to whether you should play the queen or duck. My limited research suggests that playing the queen is marginally better but you cannot argue with success.

Closed Room

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

Same lead, same continuation but South played the jack of hearts on the second round of hearts (you might be noticing some aspect of restricted choice entering the equation) and declarer put up the queen and down went the contract. Decisions such as these can decide matches. 10 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 44. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Open Room

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

It seems to me that North gave up rather easily, I am not privy to the methods in use but resting at the five-level when thirteen tricks are on top seems to indicate that some further effort was needed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hayat	Abaza	Berrada	Zein
Pass	1♦	2♣	2♥
Pass	3♣	Double	Pass
Pass	Redble*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

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There can be downsides to doubling bids, you have already achieved your aim of letting partner know you want a club lead, but by doubling you give extra opportunities to your opponents, now North's Redouble shows a first round control in clubs and the bidding level has not been raised. The problem for me is North needs to know that South's diamond control is the king not a singleton, if that can be discovered the the grand slam is relatively easy to bid. As an aside 7♦ is better than 7♥ as you can cope with 4-1 heart break and there is less risk of an opening ruff (you are missing five hearts and only four diamonds). The contract obviously made an overtrick and that was 13 IMPs to Egypt and effectively the end of Morocco's hope of taking first place.

Egypt eventually ran out narrow winners and cemented their top of the table position.

Quiz

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

- **♠** 64
- **♥** Q76
- ♦ AQ1064
- ♣ K106



- ♠ AKJ73
- **Y** A 105
- ♦ K852
- **♣** A

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

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

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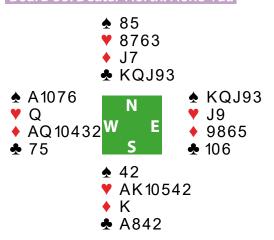




Morocco vs. Reunion - Mixed

he other match with interest was in the Mixed Championship where it was possible that Morocco could overtake Reunion to take the fourth position and so be in the semi-finals. They would need to win about 18-2, not impossible and at least a target to aim for.

Board 33. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Neulat	Abderrahim	Bauquier	Fatim
_	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣*
3♦	4♥	All Pass	
3♣	game try		

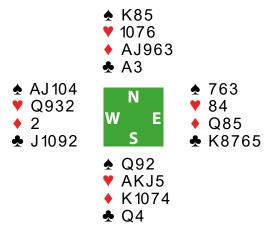
When West did not enter the auction at the first opportunity any chance of the spade suit coming to light was lost. Four Hearts presented no problem to declarer who just lost the obvious three top tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bitton	Boyer	Benyahia	Schilli
_	Pass	Pass	1♥
Double	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

At this table it was North's turn to be overly cautious, I would never have passed with that hand. The major-suit game was cold when the king of diamonds was onside. A double game swing. 13 IMPs to Morocco.

Board 40. Dealer West. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Neulat	Abderrahim	Bauquier	Fatim
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A small club lead allowed dummy's queen to take the trick. Declarer now cashed the king of diamonds and played another getting the bad news in the suit and let East take the trick, who cleared the club suit. Now the contract depended on the heart finesse and as we can see it was destined to fail. Two slices of bad luck, after the club lead the contract will only fail if the diamonds do not come in and the heart finesse also fails.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Bitton	Boyer	Benyahia	Schilli	
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥	
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT	
All Pass				

Same auction, same lead, same queen of clubs, same king of diamonds, same passing diamond to East. This where the difference comes in, East now switched to a heart, thereby giving the contract to declarer. Why did East not continue with clubs, maybe it was partner's ♣2 on the initial lead. I cannot tell you what this means as the convention card has nothing in it with regard to signalling. In the other room West played the jack of clubs on the first trick, showing the ♣10, so there it was easy for East to continue the club attack. 11 IMPs to Reunion.

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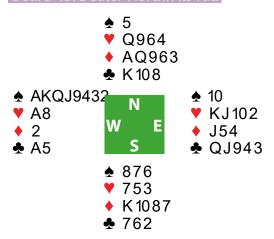






On Board 44, neither table made it past game.

Board 45. Dealer North. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Neulat	Abderrahim	Bauquier	Fatim
_	1♦	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	1♥	2♦
3♦	Double	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

I am not sure East's diamond stopper would have passed the test but West was never going to play in any other denomination than spades. The ace of diamonds was led and declarer ruffed the continuation before drawing trumps in three rounds. Having seen the king of diamonds in the South hand and North's opening bid it was not difficult to place the queen of hearts with North who come under extreme pressure when the rest of the trumps were run, so an easy overtrick.

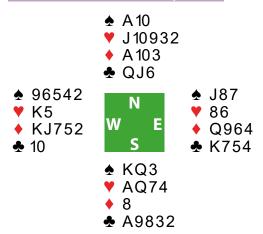
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bitton	Boyer	Benyahia	Schilli
-	Pass	Pass	Pass
2◆*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
2♦	game forcing		
2NT	8+ or two king	gs	

Declarer's troubles were eased when the lead was the ♥9 and dummy' jack held the trick. Declarer quickly played the queen of clubs and when it was not covered played the ace. The ace of hearts was unblocked and dummy entered with the ♠10 to allow the king of hearts to be cashed to discard the losing diamond. Declarer came to hand by ruffing a heart high and then cashed all his trumps and North had to choose between discarding the ace of

diamonds and the king of clubs and chose the wrong one, but it was only for an overtrick and so was of no import. 13 IMPs to Morocco, the overtrick made no difference to the score.

Board 48. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Neulat	Abderrahim	Bauquier	Fatim
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			
3♥	Positive		

Not a bad slam, broadly one of two finesses brings home the prize. On the lead of a trump declarer rose with the ace and played another West winning while East followed suit, a spade followed, the ace in hand winning, now with the king of clubs onside and the ♣10 dropping declarer had the slam.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bitton	Boyer	Benyahia	Schilli
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
2NT	fit, no limit, strong		

When North professed to being minimum South was not of a mind to make any further effort. The same twelve ticks as per the pen Room were soon taken but that was 11 IMPs to Morocco.

Morocco had won 62-37 but only 15.92-4.08 VPs. Heartbreakingly close to being enough to overtake Reunion but it is Reunion who are in the semi-finals.

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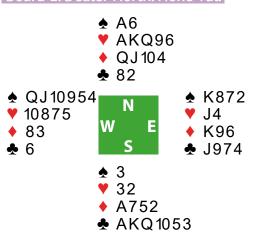




Morocco vs. South Africa - Seniors

orocco and South Africa squared off in the first of five sessions in the semi-final of the Senior Championship. By virtue of having finished ahead in the Round Robin, Morocco had a carryover of 0.5 so as to break any tie.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Minwalla	Berrada	Pincus	Hayat
_	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

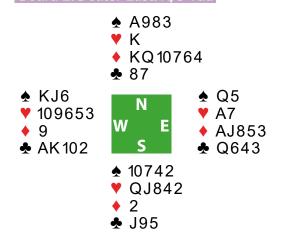
South had faith that his club suit would be sufficient for the slam. East's lead of the ♠2 is the type that gets you into the bulletin when it works and much blandishment from team mates when it fails, as you can see he is in the bulletin, you might work out why. Declarer took the obvious route of winning the opening lead and then tested the clubs and found them wanting. A heart back to hand and a successful diamond finesse. The remaining club honour was cashed along with three rounds of diamonds and the contract now rested on a 3-3 break in the heart suit which was not to be so an unlucky one trick defeat – no spade lead, no defeat.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Chemaly	Sibony	Grant
_	1NT	Pass	2 ♠ *
Double	Pass	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			
2♠	transfer 뢒		
4♣	RKCB for ♣		
4♠	2 keycards		

The actual explanation of 4♠ given at the table was '2 keycards if it is RKCB' obviously a small hint of doubt in West's mind. The opening lead was taken in dummy and two rounds of trumps drawn. Declarer then played three top hearts, East ruffing the third and overruffed by declarer, now the last trump was drawn and a diamond conceded to bring the slam home. 14 IMPs to South Africa

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Minwalla	Berrada	Pincus	Hayat
_	_	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South's ♠7 lead ran round to the queen and the ace of hearts felled the king and another heart brought the jack from South. A spade was taken by North's ace and the suit was cleared. The ♥10 set up a heart trick and with the defence only able to take one more spade trick the contract was made.

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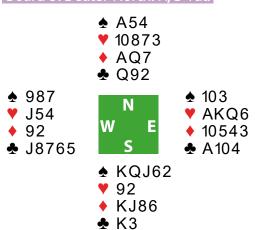


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Chemaly	Sibony	Grant
_	-	1♦	Pass
1♥	2♦	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

You are vulnerable against two unlimited hands and you decide to make a natural call in the suit with which they opened. You may have realised I am not a fan of that bid. It only went for 800, if the defence had been perfect (and it was difficult) it could have been 1100. 9 IMPs to Morocco.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Minwalla	Berrada	Pincus	Hayat
_	1♦	1♥	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Double	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

I will wager a large sum of money that West's Double was not natural, it probably meant I do not have a top honour in hearts, which would also mean that a Pass shows an honour so both those bids need to be alerted. I keep banging on about alerts but it is the rules of the game. There was not much to the play. Declarer had ten tricks and the contract.

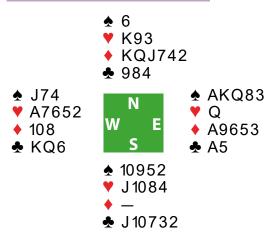
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Chemaly	Sibony	Grant
-	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Double	2◆*
All Pass			
2♦	Forcing check	kback	

There was obviously some confusion as to the meaning of the 2♦ bid. Did someone forget or was

the confusion caused by the Double and a lack of agreement in such an auction. The result of the contract was relatively unimportant, though eight tricks were taken, as there was a vulnerable game in the other room. 11 IMPs to Morocco.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Minwalla	Berrada	Pincus	Hayat
-	_	1♠	Pass
1NT*	2♦	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
1NT	forcing		

South led the jack of hearts. Declarer took the ace, drew trumps in four rounds and took the top ten tricks available.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Chemaly	Sibony	Grant
_	_	1♠	Pass
2♣*	2♦	Double	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass
2♣	game forcing		

I would not force to game with the West hand and I can see why East would press on to slam if there was game forcing hand with spades opposite. The contract does not appear to have many losers but also does not appear to have many winners. Declarer won the opening heart lead in dummy and played to ruff some diamonds in dummy but unfortunately the ace of diamonds was ruffed and now as we can see there was no play for the contract and it finished two down. 13 IMPs to South Africa.

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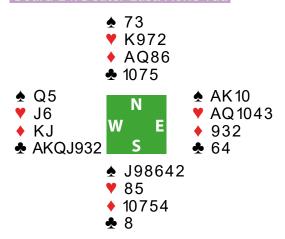








Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Minwalla	Berrada	Pincus	Hayat
_	_	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♣	game forcing		

On a spade lead declarer just took his eleven top tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hayet	Chemaly	Sibony	Grant
_	_	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

Played from the West hand 6NT is a playable contract and when North cashed the ace of diamonds twelve tricks were immediately available. 11 IMPs to Morocco.

After a to and fro set of boards South Africa had eked a slim lead of 6 IMPs, but with five more sessions of sixteen boards to play it is still anybody's game.

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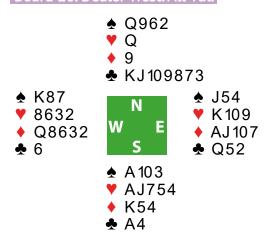




Tunisia vs. South Africa - Mixed

s the match between Tunisia and South Africa was the closest after the first session we shall watch them in this second session of the Mixed semi-final.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Child	Halima	Kinderen	Lakhdhar
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
3♥	5 ♥		

There are some drawbacks to allowing five-card majors in an opening 1NT. But here you end in 3NT that lives or dies on the club suit. After the lead of a diamond, you have nine tricks if the clubs behave otherwise you fail, as is the case here, by two tricks.

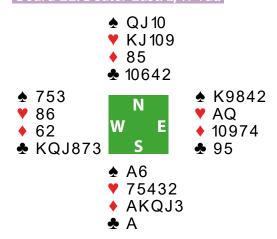
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Kaprey	A Ghodhbane	Weers
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The Three Clubs was alerted as showing clubs but I think they were trying to say spades and clubs. Even with an unusually well filled in convention card I cannot tell what South would have replied if she held both majors. If the 3♠ showed only three cards then I still think North made a good choice. Declarer was in with a chance when West elected

to lead the singleton club. Dummy's ♣8 held the rick when East withheld her queen. A small spade to the ♠10 brought the king and a diamond to partner's ace allowed a club to be returned and ruffed by West. Now declarer had the rest of the tricks. 13 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Child	Halima	Kinderen	Lakhdhar
_	_	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

I suspect East's face allowed a small smile when dummy arrived. It is basically a 50% slam, there is one loser in the trump suit or there are two. Today was not declarer's lucky day, the slam was slated to be one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Kaprey	A Ghodhbane	Weers
_	_	2 ♠ *	4◆*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
2♠	spades and	a minor	
4 •	red suits		

South's self-restraint stood her in good stead on this deal. Her opponent on the other table had called heads and she called tails and the coin came down showing tails. 11 IMPs to South Africa.

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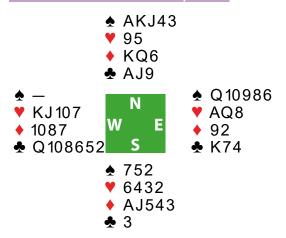








Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Child	Halima	Kinderen	Lakhdhar
_	_	-	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Declarer won the opening ◆9 lead and cashed the ace of trumps and got the bad news of the 5-0 split. The ace of clubs was cashed and a club ruffed, a diamond back to hand and another club ruffed, now declarer was bound to make three of the four remaining trumps for one off if the exit card was a heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Kaprey	A Ghodhbane	Weers
_	-	_	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♣	4♠	Double	All Pass

A club was led and declarer took the ace and ruffed two of them using diamonds for transport. The ace of trumps brought about the bad news and now declarer tried cash a third diamond but East ruffed and played ace and another heart to partner's king and a club came back and East could overruff whatever declarer played and East still had a heart exit so declarer had to play trumps from hand and thus failed by two tricks. 9 IMPs to Tunisia

On a set of boards that were fairly flat Tunisia were outscored 28-50 by South Africa leaving South Africa in the lead by 21.

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Championship Information

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

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



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

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

2. Teams Events ... Last RR

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

3. Please click the link below for instructions

Alert Procedures - Undo Procedures - General Instructions

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

5. Play instructions and Schedule of play ...

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

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name written in one of the Tables.

- B. All team members are required to sit at their table (all together) in Pairs NS and EW, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the EW pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.
- C. In the schedule of play you will find Home team (the team mentioned first) and Visiting team (the team mentioned second)
- D. The visiting team has to sit first at their table (Pairs NS and EW) and the Home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

6. Request a review

- 1. First step is to review the TD ruling with the Head TD
- 2. Second step is apply for an <u>official review</u> by submitting a review form through the TD in charge of your case.
- 3. A request for a review of a Tournament Director's ruling must be lodged within 30 minutes of the first posting of the official score for the Session in which the board was played that is the subject of the ruling. All such requests must be lodged by the team's Captain or his designee, or by one member of the pair in the Pairs events.
- 4. When lodging a Request for Review the appellant must make a monetary deposit with the ABF monitor. The amount of deposit required will be US \$ 100 (or the equivalent in Euro)
- 5. The case will be reviewed by a person who was not involved in the original decision. The Reviewer will check that the TD has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied and that other TDs were consulted where appropriate. In matters involving the judgement that was exercised by a player following unauthorized information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgmental view to be obtained. Finally, the Reviewer will check that the ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the TDs was within the bounds of reasonableness. The fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Head TD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

7. Time delay and hesitation

- It is very important to know that the TDs have the tools to produce a board report which includes the time for each bid / play by each player, so please be bare that in mind when calling the TD for a possible hesitation or before denying it.
- It is also very important to know that the TDs also have the tools to produce a session time report which includes the exact time taken by each player in a session, in case of time delay, the penalty will be given according to this report.

8. Home & Visiting teams

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

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

9. Headphones / Earphones

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

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

10. Kibitzers

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

https://kibitz.realbridge.online/

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

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

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

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

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Roster - Senior Teams

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

Saleem UD Deen
Samina Ismail
Vimla Virjee
Sumitra Shah
Morocco

Bhanumati Shah

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

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

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

Reunion
Captain
Patrick Hamel
Patrick Hamel
Régine Wan Hoi
Marie-Thérèse Boyer
Patrick Schilli
Denise Bauquier
Jean-Luc Neulat
South Africa
Captain
lmitiaz Kaprey
Imitiaz Kaprey
Diana Rosslee
Gregory Hingle
Lorraine Weers
Chris Child
Anton Der Kinderen
Tunisia
Captain
Mohamed Rebai (NPC)
Halima Mejri
Jalila Ghodhbane
Maissa Farhani
Mohamed Ali Lakdhar
Moez Fourati
Anis Ghodhbane

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Roster - Open Teams

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Captain

Yehia El Shazly

Walid El Ahmady

Reda Amiry

Ahmed Samir

Aly El Selehdar

Ahmed Omran

Ahmed Yousry

Kenya

Captain

Sejal Shah

Sejal Shah

Kamal Shah

Punam Shah

Bijal Shah

Bhanumati Shah

Warren Stanley

Morocco

Captain

Khalil Bensouda

Khalil Bensouda

Andre O'Hana

Said Badri

Mohammed A Ammor

Tariq Sbili

Said Sbili

Reunion

Captain

Christian Giraud

Christian Giraud

Philippe Lagache

Narguis Huseinali

Patrick Hamel

Marie-Thérèse Boyer

Patrick Schilli

South Africa

Captain

Robert Stephens

Robert Stephens

Hennie Fick

Alon Apteker

Craig Gower

Noah Apteker

Neville Eber

Tunisia

Captain

Wissem Belazreg

Wissem Belazreg

Anas Mestiri

Omar Meddeb

Ahmed Medeb

Anis Ghodhbane

Moez Fourati

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Roster - Women Teams

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

Marie Claire O'Hana















RealBridge Playing Instructions

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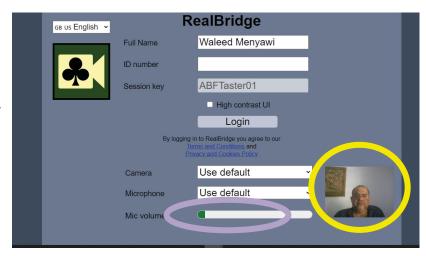
- 1. To join any RealBridge game you will need a LINK
- 2. All the play links will be available on ABF website

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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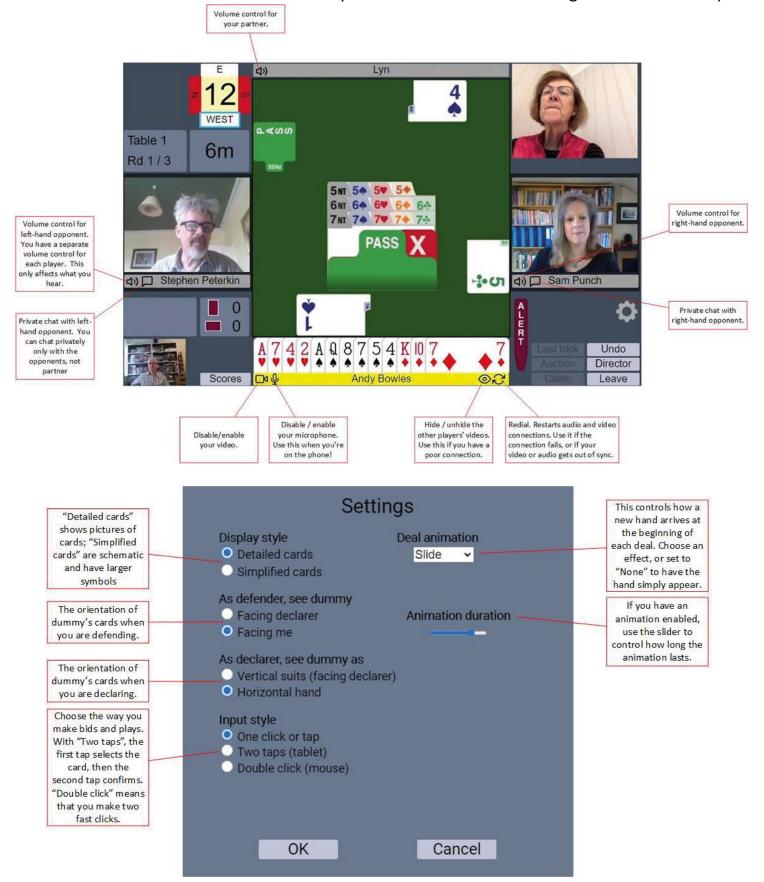








- **9.** Each table labeled with a team name, find your table and chose where to sit (Sit N, Sit S, Sit E or Sit W)
- **10.** Get familiar with the buttons at your table and call the TD using the button for help.



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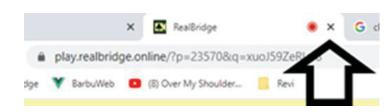




11. After we play all boards

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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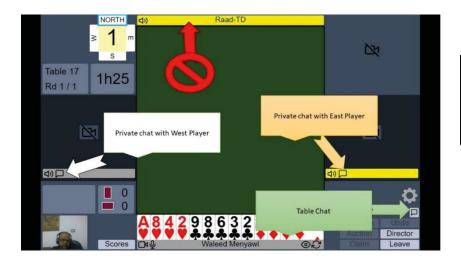












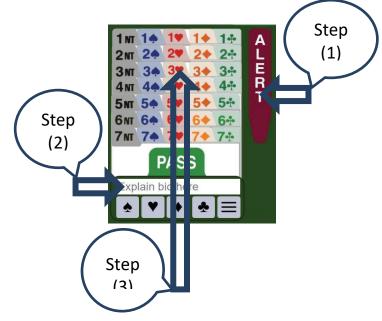
When you are at Full Screen mode



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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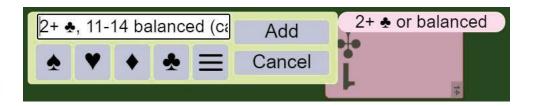




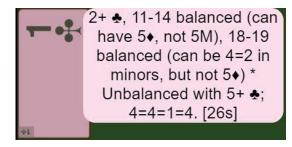




If you make a **mistake** or need to **explain your bid further** after you have bid, you can click on the bid and add more text.



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:

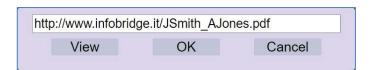
Step 3 Paste your system card/convention card link into the box. To paste the link:

- 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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