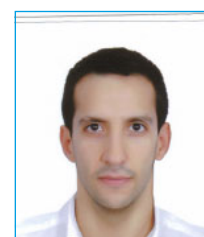
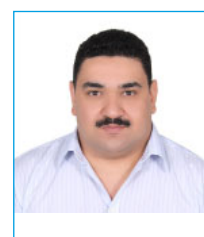
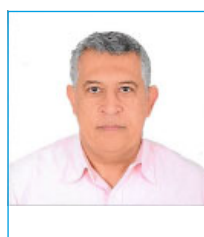




Egypt Crowned Champions



The winning Egypt Open Team (from left to right) Walid El Ahmady, Tarek Sadek, Reda Amiry, Ahmed Samir, Baher Ahmed and Hussein Sherif

A Vibrant final

What a thrilling final both South Africa and Egypt offered us! It was just a matter of a couple of IMPs !

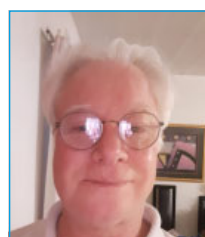
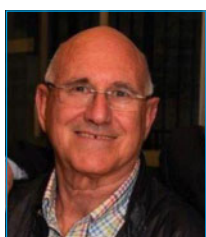
On behalf of the African Bridge Federation, I would like to congratulate Egypt for winning the competition and the prestigious title of Africa Champions and to South Africa who led the Round Robins during five days. Both great teams will represent Zone 8 next year at the Bermuda Bowl.

No wonder why both teams have flown over the Round Robins when we look at their Butlers where the first 6 pairs are either from Egypt or from South Africa. A special mention to the first ranked **Baher Ahmed + Hussein Sherif** (albeit with only 96 played boards) and 1,42 IMPs/board but more impressively **Hennie Fick + Neville Eber** and 1,24 IMPs/board with 160 played boards followed by **Craig Gower + Alon Apteker** and 1 IMP/board with 160 played boards.

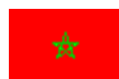
Well done to all and hard luck first to South Africa and then to both Morocco and Tunisia. Tunisia wins the third place and reaches the podium

Good luck to both the Seniors Teams and the Mixed Teams who start their competition tomorrow

Bernard Pascal



The South Africa Team, also going to the Bermuda Bowl (from left to right) Neville Eber, Hennie Fick, Craig Gower, Alon Apteker, Andrew Cruise and Tim Cope





Semi-Final Session Three

Both South Africa and Egypt had substantial leads at the halfway point. Their opposition would need to mount a rally to give them chances in the fourth and final session. As per yesterday we give the South Africa room first.

Board 33. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 9432		♠ K6
♥ AQ9872		♥ 1053
♦ 107		♦ QJ853
♣ 10		♣ AJ9
	♠ A7	
	♥ J	
	♦ AK962	
	♣ 87532	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmerli	Cope	Rabai	Cruise
-	1♣*	1♦	2♦*
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♥	4♣
All Pass			
1♣	2+♣		
2♦	limit raise or better, 4+♣		

A competitive auction which reached the par contract. After the heart lead the doubleton ♠K ensured the contract was not in danger even though there were two trump losers.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Omar	Gower	Ghodhbane
-	1♠	Double	Redouble
4♥	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

I am not a fan of doubling with the East hand, I know it is the modern style, but I am a bit of an old fogey. This particular occasion risks a no-hope game, but also had you kept quiet there is every

chance that they might have succumbed to the same fate. As an aside what would you lead with the West hand against 3NT? – I hope you said the ♥Q. Surprisingly the lead of the singleton diamond restricts the defence to five tricks. A spade or club lead essentially either give the defence a spade ruff or prevent declarer from ruffing two spades in dummy, so a fortunate only two off and five IMPs to Tunisia

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Benali	Amiry	Belkouch	Samir
-	1♠	2♦	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Again a genteel auction to a part-score, nothing to the play, in fact the defence dropped a trick in the play but no great harm done.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Baher	Maitre	Hussein	T'Kint
-	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led a heart to partner's ace and the singleton club was returned, North playing an honour, the winning defence is to duck this. Winning with the ace and giving partner a ruff means the defence has ruffed one of declarer's losers and if he returns otherwise declarer has the transport to draw trumps. The duck basically means that at some point declarer will have to ruff something to get back to hand and that means West has as many trumps as him but East has still two controls in the club suit so declarer cannot enjoy the long club. A very difficult defence which was not found and so declarer had his ten tricks and seven IMPs to Morocco.





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Board 36. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10854		♠ 2									
♥ 942		♥ AQJ8653									
♦ QJ4		♦ 9									
♣ 962		♣ K843									
♠ AQJ73	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K96
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ —	♥ K107										
♦ AK1053	♦ 8762										
♣ AQ7		♣ J105									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmerli	Cope	Rabai	Cruise
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	6♣	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

West took one last bid but it was the wrong one, if you examine all four hands you will see that 7♣ is cold, it is not a contract you should or would want to be in, and even more amusingly you can take thirteen tricks without using the ace of hearts. Not an easy hand to bid and even when you see the East and West hands you are not completely sure where you want to come to rest, the only thing you are sure of is that you do not want to be in 6NT. With no way to enter dummy twice the contract was doomed and declarer did well to get out for one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Omar	Gower	Ghodhbane
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♥	All Pass
5NT	pick a slam		

A better slam than 6NT, either a 3-3 break in hearts or an unlikely ♥109 doubleton, so less than 40% - not good odds for a slam. However the sun was shining on South Africa today and the slam rolled home. 17 IMPs to South Africa.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Benali	Amiry	Belkouch	Samir
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Disciplined bidding led to the best contract but not the best result.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Baher	Maitre	Hussein	T'Kint
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

There is no meaningful Convention Card for East/West so I cannot tell if the 1NT was forcing or even if they were playing 2 over 1 but it got them to the same contract and a flat board.

Board 37. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ AQJ10		♠ 932									
♥ J10		♥ A963									
♦ 1087		♦ KQ3									
♣ AKJ2		♣ 853									
♠ K76	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 854
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ K875	♥ Q42										
♦ 2	♦ AJ9654										
♣ Q10976		♣ 4									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmerli	Cope	Rabai	Cruise
—	1♣*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	5♦
All Pass			
1♣	2+♣		
1♠	transfer to 1NT		
2NT	17-18		

With three tens North upped his hand to a 17 point no-trump hand. A heart lead from West defeats the contract out of hand. However, West had been brought up not to underlead kings and tried a club instead, theoretically to make his contract declarer needs to immediately finesse in clubs but that did not look a good option to declarer so the ace was played. The seven of diamonds was innocently played from dummy and when East fatally failed to split his honours declarer had hope. He came





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to hand with the trump ace and took a successful spade finesse and followed up with cashing the club ace and ruffing one back to hand. Another spade finesse and when the suit broke 3-3 he could discard another heart on the thirteenth spade – I East ruffed it was with the master trump. The reason East must split his honours is that gives him a small trump to ruff the thirteenth spade so declarer will still have two losing hearts in his hand if he overruffs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Apteker</i>	<i>Omar</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>
–	1NT	Pass	3♣*
Double	Redble	Pass	3♦
All Pass			
3♣	transfer to ♦		

South did well to only bid 3♦ as that was what he made, he did not take the best views in spurning winning finesses, but it made no difference it was still ten IMPs to South Africa

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Benali</i>	<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Belkouch</i>	<i>Samir</i>
–	1NT	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦	All Pass	
2NT	transfer to ♦		

South was not interested in taking a chance on a vulnerable game and so declarer made the ten tricks allotted to him.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baher</i>	<i>Maitre</i>	<i>Hussein</i>	<i>T'Kint</i>
–	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

South valued his hand more highly – it only needed to something reasonable to happen the diamond suit for the vulnerable game to be viable – not only was it viable there was no defence to it and so eleven IMPs to Morocco.

Board 38. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ AKQ10876		♠ –
♥ KQ		♥ 107542
♦ 862		♦ AQ973
♣ A		♣ 987
♠ J94		♠ –
♥ 963		♥ 107542
♦ KJ54		♦ AQ973
♣ KQ4		♣ 987
		♠ 532
		♥ AJ8
		♦ 10
		♣ J106532

At four pairs played in the spade game. I must confess to not seeing any way of reaching the excellent slam.

Board 39. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K1043		♠ A5
♥ KQ		♥ AJ976
♦ J92		♦ A5
♣ KQ98		♣ A1076
♠ 96		♠ QJ872
♥ 10853		♥ 42
♦ KQ1043		♦ 876
♣ 42		♣ J53

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmerli</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Rabai</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1NT	Double	Redble*
2♦	Pass	2♥	All Pass
Redouble		single suit	

This North/South play a 14-16 no-trump. It was unlikely that East/West could find the playable heart game and when they rested in the part-score they must have been disappointed when they took eleven tricks

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Apteker</i>	<i>Omar</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1NT	Double*	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Double	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	
Double	5+m	4♥ or any strong	





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When West showed four hearts East was not stopping out of game and there was no defence and declarer took eleven tricks and that was ten IMPs to South Africa.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Benali</i>	<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Belkouch</i>	<i>Samir</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♣*	1NT	All Pass
1♣	2+♣		

After a spade lead the defence took four spade tricks and a heart so an overtrick for declarer.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baher</i>	<i>Maitre</i>	<i>Hussein</i>	<i>T'Kint</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♣*	1NT	All Pass
1♣	2+♣		

Identical auction, identical result, flat board.

Board 41. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 109753		♠ Q2
♥ 2		♥ 764
♦ 10752		♦ 863
♣ K63		♣ Q9875
♠ J4		
♥ AK53		
♦ AKJ		
♣ AJ102		
	♠ AK86	
	♥ QJ1098	
	♦ Q94	
	♣ 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmerli</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Rabai</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♥
Double	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

An aggressive double by North after aggressive bidding from the opposition. South led the ace of clubs and switched to the queen of hearts taken by the ace. Declarer can out for two off by exiting with a spade as that cuts the communication between the defenders but tried to cash a second heart, an optimistic manoeuvre as South had opened

One Heart, which was ruffed by North. A spade to South's honour and another heart cashed and with the ♣K still to come that was -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Apteker</i>	<i>Omar</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♥
Double	1♠	Pass	2♠
Double	3♠	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

No double – no trouble. When South cashed two rounds of spades declarer could escape for two off as there was now no way for North to ruff a heart. Twelve IMPs to South Africa.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Benali</i>	<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Belkouch</i>	<i>Samir</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♥
Double	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Again the defence only took four tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baher</i>	<i>Maitre</i>	<i>Hussein</i>	<i>T'Kint</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♥
Double	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

North led his partner's suit to declarer's king. The ace of clubs and another was ducked but a third round brought the king from North while South discarded the ♠8 then the ♠6. Now North switched to a spade but it was too late as South now held the ♠AK bare and so the spades could no longer be cashed and in the end game South's ♦Q fell and declarer had an overtrick and eight IMPs to Egypt





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Board 42. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 8532			
♥ —			
♦ AJ106532			
♣ Q4			
♠ QJ4		♠ AK10	
♥ AKJ953		♥ 42	
♦ 7		♦ KQ8	
♣ AKJ		♣ 87532	
♠ 976			
♥ Q10876			
♦ 94			
♣ 1096			



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmerli	Cope	Rabai	Cruise
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	3♦	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

A speculative double by South and we will not intrude on the private grief of the defence which only managed one trick – not even the ♦A scored. The rare score of 1190.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Omar	Gower	Ghodhbane
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♥	2♦	Pass*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	Double	All Pass	
Pass	denied 3+♥		

Not the world's best contract but it became untenable after North's Lightner Double and South heeded the call and led a heart immediately ruffed by North who cashed the ♦A for one down and 16 IMPs to Tunisia.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Benali	Amiry	Belkouch	Samir
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♥	3♦	Pass	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Do you think East's 4NT was natural and if so did West take it as so – interesting questions which actually lead us to an interesting contract. North got off to the best start for the defence by cashing his ♦A and then exited with a spade to dummy's king. Declarer now tackled trumps and when South followed small he inserted the jack and was now one down as South must take two trump tricks as declarer does not have any entries to dummy.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Baher	Maitre	Hussein	T'Kint
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Double	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♥*	All Pass
2♦	artificial GF		
5♣	1 or 4 keycards		
5♦	queen ask		
5♥	No!		

North led ace and another diamond, declarer pitching a club. A heart to the ace revealed the heart distribution, could West engineer catching south's trumps. He started by cashing the ace and king of clubs before entering dummy with the ♠10. A club was now ruffed to bring his trumps to the same length as South. Another spade won in dummy and the ♦Q led, was does South do, if he ruffs dummy is entered with a spade and any card through south gives him two more tricks, if he discards his spade then again any lead will allow declarer to win a heart cheaply and then exit with a small one so that South leads into the tenace. Well played and 13 IMPs to Egypt. At the end of the session South Africa had increased its lead over Tunisia to 145-66 and Egypt to 121-36 over Morocco.

Both Morocco and Tunisia graciously conceded and also they would be there for the play-off for third place,





The Final

The final was to be contested over two sessions of sixteen boards. Both teams had displayed their class by the way they overcame the opposition in the semi-finals, neither opponent had a chance as both teams were dealt hammer blows in the first session from which it was almost impossible to recover. Let's hope we have a tough and close match.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ AK1065	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ QJ72
N		E				
W		S				
♥ A63		♥ K1094				
♦ KJ432	♦ 75					
♣ —	♣ A93					
♠ 8		♠ 943				
♥ 52		♥ QJ87				
♦ 10986		♦ AQ				
♣ KQJ1072		♣ 8654				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tarek	Gower	Walid	Apteker
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
3♦	4♠, 10-13		

On the lead of the ♣K declarer won in dummy and discarded a heart. A small diamond from dummy brought the ace from South who returned a club to be ruffed by declarer. When the ♦K felled the queen declarer could claim.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eber	Amiry	Fick	Samir
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass
3♣	4♠ 10-11		
3♦	trial bid		

West did not take such an optimistic view of his hand as at the other table. Had the ♦Q been in North's hand then he would have been right. The coin toss on this hand went to Egypt along with 13 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ AK102	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ Q953
N		E				
W		S				
♥ AQ83		♥ J976				
♦ AK6	♦ 8					
♣ A6	♣ K743					
♠ J8764		♠ —				
♥ K10542		♥ —				
♦ 52		♦ QJ109743				
♣ 10		♣ QJ9852				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tarek	Gower	Walid	Apteker
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

- 2♦ wk M or 22-24
- 2♥ pass or correct
- 2NT 22-24
- 3♠ minor suit ask.

Not many systems have machinery for bidding a 7-6 minor hand opposite a game forcing opening. I assume the 3NT bid denied a four-card minor. Was North a trifle gourmand, maybe, but he does seem to have a good fist of controls and the two aces and a king in his partner's suits. Another coin toss and again the coin fell for Egypt when the ♣K was offside.





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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Samir</i>
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	
2♣	GF		
2♦	0-1 Italian Ctrl		
2♥	relay		

I have no idea how to bid these hands should be bid, I can only applaud those who reach the right contract. West tried his best by leading his singleton club but declarer rose with the ace and drew trumps and gave up a club and claimed – he did not need those major suit aces ☺. 14 IMPs to Egypt

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 107		♠ Q2			
♥ Q109		♥ J6542			
♦ 873		♦ Q104			
♣ Q9875		♣ KJ3			
♠ A9653	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q2
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S					
♥ A73	♥ J6542				
♦ AK96	♦ Q104				
♣ 10	♣ KJ3				
		♠ KJ84			
		♥ K8			
		♦ J52			
		♣ A642			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tarek</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Walid</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	3♣*	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	3NT	All Pass

East's only legitimate hope was to find South with ♥KQ doubleton, but it was not to be. South led a club to the ♣10, queen and king and North could not be kept off lead and a club through saw declarer fail by one trick

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Samir</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1♠	2♣	Double	3♣
Double	Pass	4♥	All Pass
2♣	2+♣		

South led the ace of clubs and continued with a diamond which ran round to declarer's ♦10, the ♣J was ruffed and ace and another trump played, when they broke 3-2 declarer could claim ten tricks and twelve IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 652		♠ AQ1087			
♥ KJ2		♥ A10			
♦ AK9864		♦ 3			
♣ 6		♣ AJ982			
♠ K	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ AQ1087
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♥ 876	♥ A10				
♦ QJ75	♦ 3				
♣ Q10753	♣ AJ982				
		♠ J943			
		♥ Q9543			
		♦ 102			
		♣ K4			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tarek</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Walid</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
–	–	1♣	Pass
3♣*	3♦	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

A diamond to North's ace was followed by a heart taken by declarer who played a spade to dummy's king. A club back to the ace, spurning the finesse, saw declarer cash two top spades discarding dummy's losing hearts and his hand was now high on a crossruff apart from the outstanding king of trumps.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Samir</i>
–	–	1♠	Pass
1NT	2♦	3♣	All Pass

With your favourite partner would 3♣ be forcing, with mine it would, but obviously not with this partnership. Declarer made the same eleven tricks but lost 10 IMPs to Egypt.

At the end of the first session where there were few opportunities for swings saw Egypt take a slender lead 38-25 over South Africa.





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Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q94		♠ KJ2
♥ 53		♥ J97
♦ AJ9		♦ Q107654
♣ J9832		♣ Q
♠ 76		♠ A10853
♥ AQ8642		♥ K10
♦ K		♦ 832
♣ K1074		♣ A65



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tarek	Gower	Walid	Apteker
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

A thin game but as usual with a nine-card fit there is frequently a play for the contract. In response to North's overcall a spade was led to the jack and ace – first hurdle overcome. A diamond to the ace and North exited with a diamond to dummy's queen. A successful trump finesse ensued – second hurdle overcome – and then finding the trumps 2-2 so as to leave one in dummy to ruff the losing club – third hurdle overcome. I suspect declarer was breathing hard as I am certain he is not a renowned hurdler.

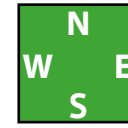
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cope	Hussein	Cruise	Baher
-	-	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
2♦	wk2 in ♦		
2♥	natural F1R		
4♣	3+♥, ♣ shortage		

With no spade overcall to help him West had no clue as to the distribution of the spade honours and this time made the wrong decision and so the contract was one down and with it ten IMPs for Egypt.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ KQ7642		♠ 85
♥ -		♥ 1087432
♦ 52		♦ J8
♣ AJ653		♣ K102
♠ 1093		♠ AJ
♥ A965		♥ KQJ
♦ K93		♦ AQ10764
♣ Q84		♣ 97



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tarek	Gower	Walid	Apteker
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

East chose to lead a club to partner's queen and declarer's ace. Declarer now took an immediate diamond finesse which lost to West's king. West now had the choice of trying to cash his ace or playing partner for the ♣K. He tried the ♥A and was quickly disabuse as now declarer brought home twelve tricks and the slam.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cope	Hussein	Cruise	Baher
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
All Pass			
4♥	cue support ♠		

The first seven bids the same as the other room but North would go no further. Declarer played carefully for eleven tricks but lost eleven IMPs to South Africa.





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Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tarek	Gower	Walid	Apteker
—	1NT	2♠*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
2♠	♠ and a m		

After West found a raise it was easy for East to try for the vulnerable game, especially as his cards would be well-placed over the strong no-trump opening bid. Even though the trumps were 4-0 after a heart lead declarer was not too troubled and took a successful club finesse and proceeded to crossruff for a certain ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cope	Hussein	Cruise	Baher
—	1NT	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠	All Pass
2♣	♣ and another suit		
2♦	pass or correct		

When West could not find another bid the game was missed – not easy to find, a lot depends on your methods for overcalling an opening NT bid. Declarer duly made the same ten tricks but lost ten IMPs.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tarek	Gower	Walid	Apteker
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West elected to start with the ♥J which declarer ducked and East took with the king. A spade was returned to queen, king and ace and the singleton club from dummy was led with East jumping up with his ace. Another spade was led which South won with the jack. The ♣K felled the queen and now with trumps 3-2 the contract was safe and declarer sneaked an overtrick by leading up to the diamond honours.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cope	Hussein	Cruise	Baher
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	All Pass
1NT F1R			

West's opening bid inhibited the opposition from entering the fray and though it failed by one trick it gained twelve IMPs.

The lead had changed hands a couple of times throughout and never did one team seem to have a hold on the match. After 30 boards Egypt were ahead by thirteen IMPs. On board 31 South Africa gained twelve IMPs and were now only one IMP behind. They needed to find one IMP on the final board as if they tied then the match would have been awarded to South Africa as they were the higher ranking team at the end of the Round Robin. It was not to be the last hand was a flat part-score with no room for a flamboyant action. Well done to Egypt.

In the play-off for third place Tunisia defeated Morocco by 62-38. There will be a report tomorrow on some of the more interesting deals.





Championship Information

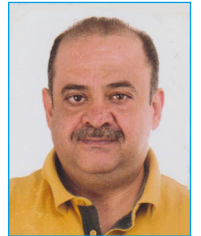
Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:

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. Play links will be posted to the captains' WhatsApp group and will be also posted to the ABF website at the following link:

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.



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 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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 07	1	1 MOR	x	6 BYE	5 KEN	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	4 REU	1 MOR	x	4 REU
	2	2 EGY	x	5 KEN	6 BYE	x	4 REU	5 KEN	x	3 RSA	5 KEN	x	3 RSA
	3	3 RSA	x	4 REU	2 EGY	x	3 RSA	6 BYE	x	2 EGY	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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE 08	1	3 RSA	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	2 EGY	6 BYE	x	1 MOR	6 BYE	x	1 MOR
	2	4 REU	x	2 EGY	3 RSA	x	6 BYE	5 KEN	x	2 EGY	5 KEN	x	2 EGY
	3	5 KEN	x	6 BYE	4 REU	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	3 RSA	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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 09	1	1 MOR	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	3 RSA	1 MOR	x	3 RSA
	2	4 REU	x	6 BYE	3 RSA	x	5 KEN	2 EGY	x	4 REU	2 EGY	x	4 REU
	3	3 RSA	x	2 EGY	2 EGY	x	6 BYE	6 BYE	x	5 KEN	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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
THU 10	1	2 EGY	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	6 BYE	5 KEN	x	1 MOR	5 KEN	x	1 MOR
	2	6 BYE	x	3 RSA	2 EGY	x	5 KEN	6 BYE	x	4 REU	6 BYE	x	4 REU
	3	5 KEN	x	4 REU	3 RSA	x	4 REU	2 EGY	x	3 RSA	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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
FRI 11	1	1 MOR	x	4 REU	3 RSA	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	2 EGY	1 MOR	x	2 EGY
	2	5 KEN	x	3 RSA	4 REU	x	2 EGY	3 RSA	x	6 BYE	3 RSA	x	6 BYE
	3	6 BYE	x	2 EGY	5 KEN	x	6 BYE	4 REU	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	5 KEN
R.R (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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
SAT 12	1	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	6 BYE	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	5 Team Ranked (5)	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)
	2	2 Team Ranked (2)	x	5 Team Ranked (5)	6 BYE	x	4 Team Ranked (4)	5 Team Ranked (5)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)	5 Team Ranked (5)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)
	3	3 Team Ranked (3)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)	2 Team Ranked (2)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)	6 BYE	x	2 Team Ranked (2)	6 BYE	x	2 Team Ranked (2)
R.R (04)		Match (04), 08H00				Match (05), 11H30							
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
SUN 13	1	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	2 Team Ranked (2)						
	2	4 Team Ranked (4)	x	2 Team Ranked (2)	3 Team Ranked (3)	x	6 BYE						
	3	5 Team Ranked (5)	x	6 BYE	4 Team Ranked (4)	x	5 Team Ranked (5)						





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

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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 Team Ranked (1)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)	3 Team Ranked (3)	x	1 Team Ranked (1)	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	2 Team Ranked (2)
	2	2 Team Ranked (2)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)	4 Team Ranked (4)	x	2 Team Ranked (2)	3 Team Ranked (3)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)
		EGY		KEN	MOR		REU	RSA		TUN
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14H15 GMT =		04H15 PM		05H15 PM	03H15 PM		06H15 PM	04H15 PM		03H15 PM

